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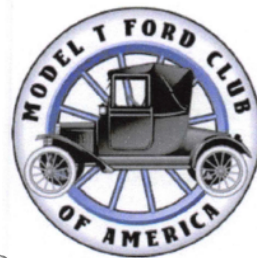


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October has been a very quiet month for touring. We had planned to tour this past week-end at the Nelson's Octoberfest Tour but Mother Nature decided to step in. Mind you I'm really appreciative of the phenomenal amount of rain she gave us. No more worries about fires for his year.

We did have a great time though....albeit with-out any Model T's to tour. There was a great turnout of members and we had a lot of fun socializing and catching up what's going on in our lives. Special thanks to Steve and Jeanne Nelson for putting on a great spread. No one left the function hungry.

I had the honor of awarding our special "hard luck" award to Richard and Nanette Chuck. This is a fun award that we give to the person/couple that has the honor of being put on the trouble trailer during our overnight tours. We all try to get it....Ha! Ha! But we only have the one award to give out. There are many names on it already and more will be added with time. Richard and Nanette display it proudly!!

November 6<sup>th</sup> is our "Vintage clothing swap and tour" at our home. It's looking to be a lot of fun and another good social. If the weather is good we can plan on doing a "T" tour. I'll keep you posted as we get closer.

Happy touring thoughts,

*Mike*

## CHAPTER INFORMATION

The Pedal Pusher is a monthly publication of Redwood Empire Model T Club (REMTC)  
P.O. Box 1058, Forestville, CA 95436

The Dues are \$30 a year  
for an individual or for a couple.  
Students - no fee - includes only the  
emailed REMTC newsletter.  
Charter members at age 85 - Honorary

The club holds a general meeting on the  
first Thursday of the month at the  
Round Table Pizza Restaurant's meeting room  
on Marlow Rd., in Santa Rosa.  
Members and guests are welcome to attend.

**REMTC Website**  
[www.remtc.org](http://www.remtc.org)

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1997 – Ted Grosman  
1998 – Lloyd Butler  
1999 – Ron Mazzucchi  
2000 – Gwen Brown  
2001 – Don Fluit  
2003 – George Jones  
2007 – Steve Nelson  
2008 – Jeannine Clary  
2009, 2010 – Bill Newlin  
2002, 2004, 2012 – Chris Rich  
2013, 2014 – Steve Vining  
2015, 2016 – Richard Chuck  
2017 – Don Johnson  
2005, 2006, 2011, 2018, 2019 – Andy Clary  
2020, 2021 – Mike Chirhart

October 7, 2021

# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

## Redwood Empire Model T Club

Held at Round Table Pizza, Marlow Center, Santa Rosa, CA

**President:** Mike Chirhart called the meeting to order at 7:02.

**Attendance:** There were 24 members in attendance including all board members and all but 2 chairpersons. We welcomed two of our 3 new members: David Ryberg from Windsor and Mark Hogan from Sebastopol.

**Secretary's Report:** Jean Chirhart read the minutes to last month's meeting. Motions to approve were made by Dianna Shimkowski and Don Johnson. The motion passed. She thanked Jeannine Clary for doing them.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cindy Vining said there was income from the Ukiah tour and the expenses were for 2 refunds, pictures for the flash tour, the trouble truck, repairs to club cooler and to Jay's printing for 3 badges. We still have money! Motions to approve were by Andy Clary and Chris Rich. Motion passed.

**Tour Report:** Larry Summerfield was not present, but Mike Chirhart gave thanks to those who attended the flash tour by Larry and Robin Summerfield. This tour ended up at Walnut Park in Petaluma. We drove along some of the back roads that even Gwen Brown had not been on! October 23 will be the Octoberfest Tour by the Nelson's. November 6 from 11-2 will be the Vintage Clothing Swap and sell day at the Chirhart's with the men taking a tour for lunch. The Clary's & Pete Rich will loan us 3 clothes poles.

**Special Events:** Christmas dinner signup sheets are out. You can pay by check made out to REMTC and mailed to Jean Chirhart, or if you have to, you can use the PayPal that is on the website. Either way, Jean needs the meal choices. The Villa Restaurant is located at 3901 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa CA. In August or September 2022, there will be a 100 year celebration of the Wohler Bridge on the Russian River. A request for our cars to be there was made, and Mike Chirhart thought that it would be good to have a tour with Vintage dress that day. The San Diego Club has invited us to join them April 18-20, 2022 for a Yosemite tour. This is just before the Tulare Swap Meet. After the Swap meet, there will be a Sequoia National Park tour Hosted by the Horseless Carriage Club of Southern California. Check out the flyer or contact Steven Chase.

**Sunshine Report:** Dianna Shimkowski had no reports but Steve Cavalli was present and said there is a new spot of cancer on this other hip and he is in some pain. But Steve is enjoying life and says he is in good spirits.

**Librarian Report:** Patty Girman mentions that everything is safe in her closet and would love for some activity.

**Webmaster Report:** Steve Vining reported several people's pictures have been uploaded to the website. He is thinking of redoing the site saying that after these many years it could use a refresher. Maybe it will spur more people to attend our meetings.

**Editor's Report:** Nanette Chuck was not present for a report.

**Membership Report:** Ted Shimkowski introduced our two new members who were at the meeting and said that Harry Plevney from Sebastopol had also joined.

**Historian Report:** Jeanne Nelson said she has received pictures from the Ukiah tour and thoroughly enjoyed the story from the Girman's. She would like to get pictures from the Flash Tour and a write up.

**Old Business:** We may have a silent auction with items from Fern Newlin at the Christmas Party.

**New Business:** Steve Cavalli said he saw several others of our members at the San Jose History Park. He also enjoyed seeing the pre-1910 cars. There will be a board meeting most likely on Oct. 26 at 5:30pm at Mike Chirhart's home. Board will need to RSVP.

**Model T Moments:** Steve Nelson talked a little more about the Octoberfest. We will tour first then have lunch at their place of Brats, sauerkraut, and potato salad. Bring your own beer! Mike Chirhart said his car is all apart and ready to get painted! Also that Jean bought a blanket to go with it while in Vermont. Regarding not having the Scholarship raffle today—he wants more items to come in.

**Dessert:** Thank you to Pam Johnson for the delicious Halloween cupcakes. Meeting was adjourned at: 7:40pmdllsd

Respectfully submitted by,

*Jean Chirhart* REMTC Secretary



"DO NOT GO WHERE THE PATH MAY LEAD; GO  
INSTEAD WHERE THERE IS NO PATH AND  
LEAVE A TRAIL" ... Ralph Waldo Emerson



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



David Ryberg - 2nd

Andrew Clary - 3rd

Pam Johnson - 7th

Diane Burns - 14th

Betsy Randolph - 19th

Nancy Byl -



*Dudley & Kelly Stone -*

*John & Rochelle Berizzi - 30th*

## TOURS and EVENTS

**NOVEMBER 6, 2021**

Vintage Clothing Swap and Garage Day T Tour

**DECEMBER 5, 2021**

Christmas Banquet at the VILLA Restaurant 5PM

**Please remit your menu choices and dinner payment  
before November 29th.**

Join the fun! Silent raffle, singing and more.

## 2021 Meeting Dates

**MEMBERS & GUESTS, PLEASE JOIN US**

JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup> – ZOOM

FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup> - ZOOM

MARCH 4<sup>th</sup> - ZOOM

APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> - ZOOM

MAY 6<sup>th</sup> - ZOOM

JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup>– Chirhart's yard, REMTC provided pizza

JULY 1<sup>st</sup> – Table Pizza - dessert: Dianna Shimkowski

AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup> – Round Table Pizza - dessert: Jeannie Clary

SEPTEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> - Round Table Pizza - dessert: Chris Rich

OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup> – Round Table Pizza - dessert: Pam Johnson

**If you haven't had your COVID vaccinations,  
a mask is required.**

**NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> – Round Table Pizza  
dessert: Gwen Brown**

DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> – dessert: Patty Girman





Sonoran Desert Tour in Arizona on October 2021  
*Submitted by Steven Chase*

## REMTC Welcomes New Members

Mark & Colleen Hogan  
will be touring in their 1917 black Touring

David & Mici Ryberg  
will be touring in their 1925 black Coupe  
and their 1926 black Touring

Harry & Karen Plevney  
Will be touring in their 1923 black & maroon Sedan

## Nomination of Officers

It's getting to be that time of the year when we start looking for candidates for the Board Members and Chairpersons positions.

This success of this club is due to the fact that we have had a lot of support from you our members. So please consider supporting our club by volunteering for one of these positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tour Chairperson, Newsletter Editor, Historian, Sunshine Chairperson, Membership, Librarian, Webmaster.

If you are interested in making this club even better, please contact me at 707-545-5883 and let me know what position you are interested in.

Thank you, *Mike Chirhart*, REMTC President



## VINTAGE CLOTHING SWAP

AND

## GARAGE DAY T TOUR

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER SIXTH, 2021**  
**11 AM TO 2 PM**

Meet at Chirhart's 3885 Holland Avenue, Santa Rosa  
707-545-5883

**LADIES:** Swap clothing items will not be priced or tagged. Donations accepted.  
We ask for 10% of donation to go to club scholarship fund.  
Anyone wishing to sell items will need to have price tags and name on each item.  
Items may be brought to our REMTC meeting in advance  
or come early on the 6th to set up. Loan of clothing racks needed.  
Snacks will be provided  
Event Hosts: Jean Chirhart & Dianna Shimkowski

**GENTLEMEN:** Model T Tour to a restaurant.  
Event Hosts: Mike Chirhart & Ted Shimkowski



# Christmas Party

December 5, 2021

The Villa Restaurant

5:30 till 8:00

Cost: \$50



Dinner includes Salad, Entre, desert of Ice Cream and Beverage service.

Please select your choice of Entre by inserting the number of meals for each entre.

Prime Rib

Served with Baked Potato, Steamed Vegetables & Au Jus

Chicken Piccata

Sautéed in Lemon Butter & Capers, Served with Rice and steamed Vegetables

Broiled Salmon

Broiled to Perfection, Served with Rice Pilaf and Steamed Vegetables

Pasta Primavera

Pasta with Seasonal Vegetables in a Marinara Sauce

Bring an unwrapped gift for boy or girl

Vintage clothing optional

There is a \$10 corkage fee if you bring your own bottle and any alcohol you may wish to purchase will be on your tab.

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending\_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost \$\_\_\_\_\_ Check #\_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to:

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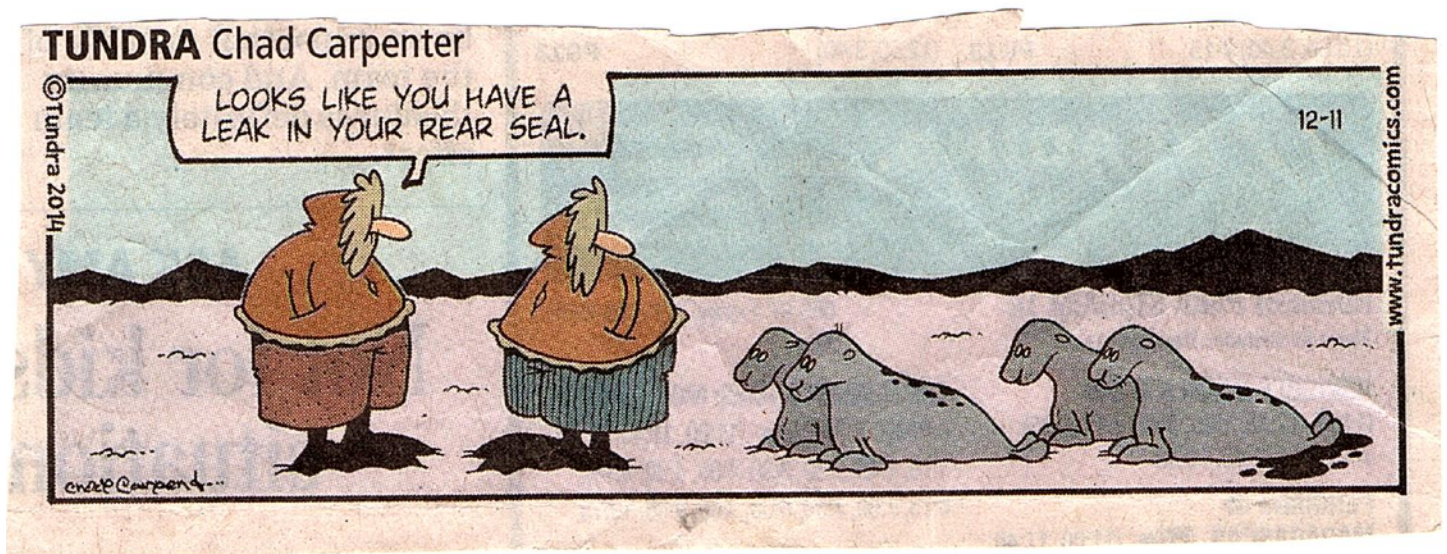


Nelson's

October 23rd, 2021







*Submitted by Steve Nelson*

## London Times:

### A Well-Planned Retirement

Outside England's Bristol Zoo there is a parking lot for 150 cars and 8 buses. For 25 years, its parking fees were managed by a very pleasant attendant....The fees for cars (\$1.40), for buses (about \$7).

Then, one day, after 25 solid years of never missing a day of work, the attendant just didn't show up. So zoo management called the city and asked them to send another parking attendant. The council did some research and replied that the parking lot was the zoo's own responsibility. The zoo advised the council that the attendant was a city employee.

The city council responded that the lot attendant had never been on the city payroll.

Meanwhile, sitting in his villa somewhere on the coast of Spain, or France, or Italy, is a man who'd apparently had a ticket booth installed completely on his own, and then had simply begun to show up every day, commencing to collect and keep the parking fees, estimated at about \$560 per day -- for 25 years. Assuming 7 days a week, this amounts to just over \$7 million dollars .....

**and no one even knows his name!**

*Submitted by Jean Chirhart*

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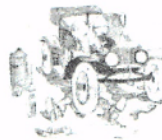
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