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President's Message

Redwood Empire Model Ters,

We had a nice day and a nice turn-out for the visit to Sturgeon's Mill. It's always great to see that mill in operation. We're fortunate to have an operating mill in our "backyard." I guess our Model T's aren't the only old piece of equipment still in operation. That was the first tour in Model T's for two of our members: Steve DePaoli (driving); and Dave Ryberg (riding). Since my Model T is still not on the road, I rode with another member. Unfortunately, the Model T I was riding in had a loose connection at the fuel filter and ran out of gas on the hill just before the saw mill. Now, at this point, I want to squash the nasty rumor that having me in a Model T and going uphill on a tour is a problematic situation. I swear I had nothing to do with this and the problem was easily fixed. With a new fuel filter connection, we made it to the mill in time for lunch. Thanks to Andy and Jeanine for putting the tour together.

I can't believe it's November already and Thanksgiving is coming up. I'm thankful that REMTC is up and running. We've had a good year, especially considering we were coming out of all the Covid strangeness. Many club members worked to make that happen. It looks like all the club's officers and chairpersons are willing to serve another term. I guess that means that REMTC was not too hard on them this past year. We can still accept nominations at the next membership meeting.

Next up is the Christmas dinner on December 11 at 5:00 pm. Dianne has been working with Cattleman's and the menu is looking good. Traditionally, this is REMTC's most attended event of the year and this year looks like no exception. We've had a lot of sign-ups already and, if you haven't signed up, get your reservation in now.

John Girman

CHAPTER INFORMATION

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The Dues are \$30 a year for an individual, or for a family in the same household.
Students - no fee - includes only the emailed REMTC newsletter.
Charter members after 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.

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Redwood Empire Model T Club

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 6, 2022

Round Table Pizza, Marlow Road, Santa Rosa, California

Attendance: 28 members in attendance.

President: John Girman called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm, and reminded us Halloween is just around the corner.

Secretary's Report: Sandy O'Halloran read the Secretary's Report for September 2022. It was accepted by Andy Clary and seconded by Dianna Shimkowski. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Patty Girman shared the monthly Treasurer's Report. There was no income this month.

Sunshine Report: Dianna Shimkowski reported that she sent a card to Robin Summerfield, her sister has passed away. Pam Johnson has had knee surgery and Dianna will send her a card this month.

Tour Report: Mike Chirhart reported on upcoming tours and events. Upcoming tour-mentioned was the October 15th tour that will be hosted by Andy Clary - going to the Sturgeon's Mill. Please see the monthly newsletter and emails for more details. Mike also spoke about next year's overnigher. He has the information for the last 20 years' tours taken by the club. Call him if you want ideas for the upcoming one. We also talked about an upcoming tour on April 29, 2023 at the cultural center in Sebastopol. Steve Vining shared that the T & A Tour was a fantastic tour. Many thanks to Bob and Linda Solomon for having us over, and for the Root Beer Floats. Also, the Wohler Bridge event was a really fun event. There are more than 100 photos on the website of this event. There may be a flash tour in November.

Special Events: Vince was not present. No report.

Librarian's Report: Jeannine Clary has no comment.

Webmaster Report: Steve Vining said there is a glitch on the website. Google needs proof we are a 501C. Steve will get this information to them as soon as possible.

Editor's Report: Nothing to report.

Membership Report: No new members.

Historian Report: Jeanne Nelson appreciates the pictures on the website.

Scholarship Report: Andy Clary said he spoke with Healdsburg High School and will be meeting with Casa Grande next. There was some discussion about how decisions about scholarships will be made. Where the scholarship monies go will be decided by the club. More information will be shared next month.

Old Business: Christmas dinner at Cattlemen's cost will be \$65 per person. Prime Rib, Salmon, Teriyaki Chicken and Vegetarian Pasta available. A discussion pursued regarding the club subsidizing the cost this year for all members. Steve Cavalli made a motion that the subsidized amount should be \$15 per person, there was no second, motion failed. Linda Soloman made a motion for \$10, seconded by Mark Hogan, motion failed. Jeannine Clary made a motion for \$5, seconded by Patty Girman. The motion passed by a vote of 10 – 9. Motion carried and there will be a \$5 subsidy per person for the Christmas dinner. Next, we talked about possibly having a brunch instead of a dinner next year. No decision made.

New Business: Steve Vining showed us the new windbreaker jackets available. Jeanne Nelson made a motion to use the old club logo on the jacket. Tim McAllister seconded; motion passed. Jackets will be available with snap buttons. The cost will be \$40. There are also hats available in green or tan for \$15.

Model T Moments: Patty Girman thanked Jeanne Nelson and Sandy O'Halloran for the research they did regarding past newsletters and board meeting minutes. Patty Girman participated in that research.

Dessert Provided by: The Vinings

Meeting Adjourned: at 8:03 pm, Motion to accept, Dianna Shimkowski. Seconded by Jeannine Clary.

Respectfully submitted by, *Sandy O'Halloran*, REMTC Secretary

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



David Ryberg

Andrew Clary

Robert Dunne

Pam Johnson

Diane Burns

Betsy Randolph

Nancy Byl



Dudley & Kelly Stone

John & Rochelle Berizzi

REMTC needs your help

REMTC Newsletters

We are missing the newsletters from the years **2000, 2001 and 2004.**

If you have any of these and are willing to let us make copies, please contact
Patty Girman,
or
Sandy O'Halloran.

FOR SALE

There is a 1916 (brass) touring car for sale at the old Llama farm on Lone Pine, off Hwy 116 about 1/2 mile on the left coming from Hwy 116. Easy to see from the road. Except for the steering wheel, it looks intact. However it is pretty worn out. He is asking around \$6k. Oregon plates.

Mark Hogan

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Darrel and Catherine Jones

Who will be driving a blue 1925 C-Cab TT Truck - stake bed

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL Annual Dues

REMINDER: DUES are DUE

PAY YOUR DUES TODAY

Renewal Form is on the last page of this newsletter

GENERAL MEETING DESSERTS FOR 2022

**PLEASE BRING DESSERT FOR 40 PEOPLE,
AND IF NEEDED, BRING PAPER PLATES AND PLASTIC
FORKS.**

**IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE MEETING,
PLEASE CALL A SUBSTITUTE.**

JANUARY 6TH -

FEBRUARY 3RD - JEANNINE CLARY

MARCH 3RD - DIANNA SHIMKOWSKI

APRIL 7TH - FRAN FARAUDO

MAY 5TH - SANDY O'HALLORAN

JUNE 2ND - JEAN CHIRHART

JULY 7TH - CYRUS ESTES

AUGUST 4TH - PAM JOHNSON

SEPTEMBER 1ST - SEBASTIAN AMBRA

OCTOBER 6TH - CINDY VINING

NOVEMBER 3RD - GWEN BROWN

DECEMBER - 1ST - PATTY GIRMAN

PLANNING AN OVERNIGHTER TOUR

By Mike Chirhart

It's not too early to start planning for next years overnight tour.

Those of you who have been on them and those that have done them know how much fun they are.

We have new members and some that have been with the club for awhile who have not yet done a tour. Do you have a favorite place you like going to? Or a area you grew up in or have visited that has a lot of sights and history to share? How about turning it into a tour.

Here's some facts on our previous tours.

1. They are normally done in September or October after school starts but not always.
2. They are usually Wednesday through Sunday. We drive up on Wednesday and drive back on Sunday with touring on the other three days. We have a final awards dinner on Saturday night. The tour can also be shortened to Thursday through Sunday.
3. Tours normally have stops for museums, natural sights and other points of interest.
4. We like to keep them with-in a 4 or 5 hour drive from Santa Rosa.

We know there are costs involved traveling up to the tour sight to check it out. The club offers a \$400.00 stipend to cover costs you would incur. We also offer a \$400.00 stipend to cover the cost for the trouble truck driver.

I have most of the tour guide books that our members put together from past tours.

If any of you are interested please contact me and I can show you the guides and share with you Jean and My experience with our tour.

Let's start now so we have lots of time to plan.

2023 OFFICER NOMINEES

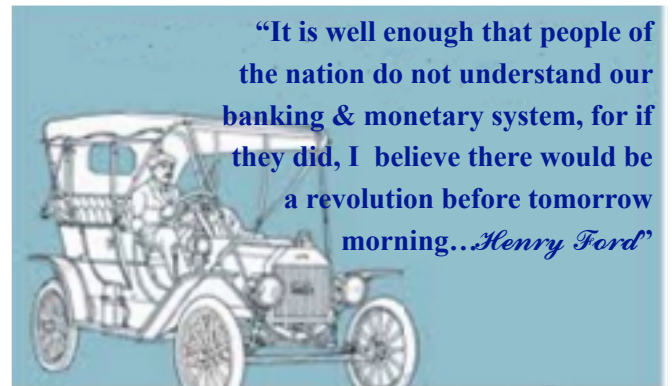
The Officer Nominees for 2023 are:

President	John Girman
Vice President	Steve Vining
Secretary	Sandy O'Halloran
Treasurer	Patty Girman

And the Past President is: Mike Chirhart

Editor's Note

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THE RUNNING BOARD

2022

November 2022

FLASH TOUR

In the planning stages

Watch for an email announcement

December 2022

Sunday, December 11, 2022 CHRISTMAS DINNER

Cattleman's Restaurant

in Montgomery Village Mall

Dear REMTC members,

It seems too early to be thinking about Christmas but the holiday dinner will be here before we know it. Please find a form below for you to fill out with your dinner selections to be mailed to Patty Girman with your payment. This event is being held at Cattleman's in Santa Rosa and you will find the details on the form. Dianna has been working with the restaurant and four choices are provided. This is always a fun event and we look forward to seeing you there.

Dianna and Patty

2023

April 29, 2023

The California State Old Time Fiddle Association, District 10

at the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center

Saturday April 29, from noon to 6pm

In addition to the usual fiddle contest, it is planned that

there will be a heritage type exhibits that will include quilting,

the Penngrove small engine club, blacksmithing, a pie contest and raffle, among other activities.

Hope to get the West County Historical Society involved with a couple of films

*I was hoping that the **REMTC** would be interested in showing off their cars at this event. ..Mark Hogan*

REMTC CHRISTMAS PARTY



December 11, 2022

CATTLEMAN'S

Montgomery Village
2400 Midway Drive
Santa Rosa
5:00 till 8:00 p.m. Cost: \$60



Dinner includes appetizer platter, salad, entrée, Ranch-style beans, baked potato, seasonal vegetable, cake & coffee, soda or tea. There is a \$10 corkage fee if you bring your own wine; your server will run an individual bar tab at your own cost.

Please select your choice of Entrée by inserting the number of meals for each entrée.

9oz Prime Rib

Teriyaki Chicken Breast

Grilled Salmon served with dill sauce and lemon

Vegetarian pasta served with a seasonal sauce

Name _____

Number Attending _____ Total Cost \$ _____ Check # _____



Please mail to:

**Patty Girman
8565 Oak Circle
Cotati, CA 94931**



Must have your food choice and payment by **December 1st**

Bring an unwrapped gift for boy or girl – These will be taken to Toys for Tots
Vintage clothing optional



Chirhart



Pappakostas



O'Brien



Cavalli



/Chase

2022 California Rendezvous Tour Paso Robles

By Mike Chirhart

What do you have when 4 car clubs from Southern California, La Jolla, Salinas Valley and The Bay area get together....**A LOT OF VINTAGE CARS!!!**

Fifty-four cars show up for this tour. There were Overland's, Reo's, Buick's, a Locomobile, a Cadillac, a Rambler, a Packard, a Marmon, a Dodge, an Apperson, a couple of Pierce Arrow's and **27 Model T's**. What a collection of cars. It was fun watching all of the cars pulling into the Paso Robles Inn.

R.E.M.T.C had a nice representation with 15 members showing up. They were Fred and Nancy Byl, Steve and Debbie Cavalli, Steve Chase, Mike and Jean Chirhart, Andy and Jeannine Clary, Bob and Jayne Jones, Donna Jones, Vince O'Brien and Carol Graves and Jim and Margie Pappakostas.

Day 1 our first stop was at the Brass Works. We watched how they rebuilt and built everything in brass for all of the vintage cars, planes and other special requests. Then it was off to the V6 Ranch for Lunch and a tour of the town of Parkfield, known for its earthquakes. After a lecture on the San Andreas Fault we were off to a wine tour at the Hearst Winery and then back to the resort.



Day 2 had us driving on some beautiful back country roads over to Morro Bay where we toured the Morro Bay Maritime Museum and had a great seafood lunch. With all of the cars pulling into the parking lot at the museum we made quite an impression on the people visiting the area. After lunch it was off to the Town of Templeton and the Templeton Historical Museum where we had a chance to look at the history of this quaint town and how it has change through the years. After a wonderful day of touring it was back to Paso Robles.

Day 3 was our "Wine-day Country Tour". We drove along some beautiful roads with many curves going past many boutique wineries and finally ending

up at the Pasolivo Olive Oil Ranch where we had a chance to sample the many Olive Oils and spices. We had our box lunch and then we headed off to the Estrella Warbird Museum that was opened exclusively for our tour. From the vintage planes to the military machinery to the huge car collection it was too much to see in the 2 hour time frame we had. After that it was back to the Inn to get ready for our awards dinner.

We all walked over to The Backyard Restaurant where we were treated to a great BBQ. It was our last night of socializing and saying goodbye to all of the new friends we made. Many awards were passed out and the Model T's got their fair share. We ended the night watching a Laurel and Hardy movie with them demolishing many Model T's.... We all had a great laugh!!

I was impressed by the multi-club tour and how well it went. A special thanks to Jim Skilicorn of the SVHCC, Vince O'Brien and Steve Chase for organizing the tours.



All of the people who attended the tour were impressed with this tour and are already looking forward to the next multi-club tour. I can't wait!!!



Sturgeon's Saw Mill Tour

October 15, 2022

By Mike Chirhart

The day started out cool and foggy with some mist coming down. A good start to breaking in our 1912 Touring on its inaugural run. A lot of wiping off moisture on all of that brass!!

Jean and I pulled into the Washoe house and met up with eleven other members and 5 other cars.

The Clarys, O'Hallorans, Nelsons, Steve Cavali and family, and Steve Vining showed up with their cars. John Girman, Dave Ryberg, and Steve DePaoli were also there riding with Steve Vining.



We took off for a leisurely drive through the backroads of Sonoma County and Sebastopol and finally ended up at Sturgeon's Saw Mill later in the morning. Along the way, we drove down Sanders Lane and waved to Cindy Vining, taking pictures, as we passed by.

When we arrived at Sturgeon's Saw Mill, we were missing one car. It turns out that Steve Vining had a fuel problem... Too much going on the road, and not enough into the carburetor, or something like that. With a little work, he was able to fix it and met up with us at the Mill. It was a coincidence that he had John Girman (whose car broke down on the Cooker Tour) and Dave Ryberg, our trouble truck driver, with him. I guess those two weren't his lucky charms....Just kidding guys!!!

The mill was packed with cars. Seems like other car clubs had the same idea too as we saw cars from the 30's and a group of Lotus cars.



Sturgeon Mill is always a fun place to visit...watching the old steam operated machines mill and cut lumber, the blacksmith working the fire pit, the shrill sound of the steam whistle.

We even had a chance to watch a team of horses demonstrate how they haul logs down from the hills.



While having our lunch at the Mill, we were entertained by the Bohemian Ukuleles playing a variety of Hawaiian themed songs. With full stomachs and the music of the tropics playing in the background, we said our good-byes and headed back home.

This was a nice Fall tour. Changing colors, a little nip in the air, some fog but still great weather.



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Redwood Empire Model T Club

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- I am emailing a photo _____ Please take a photo for me _____
Roster photos should be of the applicants face not your Model T. No sunglasses please!
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All memberships expire annually on December 31st

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Address: _____ City & State: _____ Zip: _____

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Year of your Model T	License #	Your Model T's Body Style, and Color
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_____	_____	_____
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