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REDWOOD EMPIRE MODEL T CLUB

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President's Message

Redwood Empire Model Ters,

Well, the nights are getting colder so it's no surprise that Thanksgiving will be upon us soon. I'm thankful that we have a Model T club with all its activities. I'm thankful also that we have members in the club that step up to serve as officers, committee chairpersons and to plan events and tours. It's been a full year. Consider doing your part to help the club and volunteer for a role in the club, if you haven't already done so. Our club will only stay healthy if members step up. Let Andy Clary or Tim McCallister know if you can serve as an officer or committee chairperson.

We had a good turnout for the T&A Tour. We toured a nice route and enjoyed some great weather. We were wise to go toward the coast because it got a little toasty coming back inland. Fortunately, there were root beer floats at the DePaoli's to help us cool down. Thanks to Andy Clary and Steve Vining for setting up the tour and to Steve and Cece DePaoli for hosting the post-tour party with an assist from Cindy Vining.

The next thing on the calendar is the Christmas dinner on December 10. Dianne Shimkowski and Patty Girman have been working with Cattleman's in Petaluma to make this a great event. Traditionally, this is REMTC's most attended event of the year so check out the notice in this newsletter, get your check in soon and make your menu selections.

That's it from here. I hope to see you at the next meeting.

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.

REMTC Website
www.remtc.org

NATIONAL AFFILIATION

REMTC is an official non-profit chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America (MTFCA),
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2023 BOARD MEMBERS

- President.....John Girman
- Vice PresidentSteve Vining
- Secretary..... Sandy O'Halloran
- TreasurerPatty Girman
- Past-PresidentMike Chirhart

CHAIRPERSONS

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| Tours.....Mike Chirhart | Historian.....Jeanne Nelson |
| MembershipTed Shimkowski | Newsletter Editor.....Nanette Chuck |
| Sunshine Reporter..... Dianna Shimkowski | Roster.....Richard Chuck |
| Scholarship.....Jeannine Clary | Webmaster.....Steve Vining |
| Scholarship.....Andy Clary | Webmaster.....Cyrus Estes |

Redwood Empire Model T Club
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Round Table Pizza, Marlow Road, Santa Rosa, California

October 5, 2023

Attendance: 26 members in attendance.

President: John Girman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Secretary's Report: Sandy O'Halloran read the Old or New Business for September 2023. There was a motion, to accept the minutes as recorded, by Dianna Shimkowski and seconded by Don Johnson. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Patty Girman was absent. John Girman read the Treasurer's Report.

Sunshine Report: Dianna Shimkowski said she sent a card to Jimmy Long who is recovering from hip replacement surgery. Also, a card was sent to Patty Girman who has been under the weather.

Tour Report: Mike Chirhart was absent. John Girman shared how everyone enjoyed the *Overnighter*. The restaurant was good, the roads were good. There was a large parking area. We should change the name to the "Stairmaster Hotel" as the hotel didn't have an elevator. Many thanks to Mike and Jean Chirhart for their great job planning this *Overnighter*. Also, a "shout out" to Pat O'Halloran for doing a great job as Trouble Truck driver. It was quite a task wheeling around the delta. The *T & A Tour* will be meeting at the Washoe House at 9am, leaving for Tomales Bay at 9:30. Bring your own lunch. Please see the *Pedal Pusher* or website for more detailed tour information.

Webmaster Report: Steve Vining says he has more pictures to upload.

Editor's Report: John Girman shared Nanette Chuck will be continuing to write our newsletter through the end of this year then we will be needing to find a new editor.

As secretary of the club, I can say there are not enough positive adjectives to describe the wonderful job Nanette has done as the newsletter editor. Her work will be sorely missed. Thank you, Nanette.

Membership Report: Ted Shimkowski introduced our latest new member, Tony Stilman. Welcome!

Historian Report: Jeanne Nelson wants to thank Steve Cavalli for the pictures of the overnighter. It is greatly appreciated.

Scholarship Report: Andy Clary says, "Nothing new this month."

Old Business: We discussed the board positions that will need to be filled soon. The Nominating Committee will be talking with potential club members. John Girman suggested that each board member write a description of the duties for their position. He will be writing one and sending it to the other board members as an example.

Dianna Shimkowski reminded us about the Christmas dinner at Cattlemen's. The cost is \$60 per person and is due by November 30 along with your dinner choice. *Please see the signup form in this Newsletter.*

New Business: Jimmy Long will be looking into planning a "Drive a Lizzy Day", a class for those who want to learn to drive a Model T. More to follow. John Girman shared a couple things regarding our tour safety.

1. *In most areas, We shouldn't be stopping on urban streets corners to wait for the next Model T, when on a tour, as it becomes dangerous with all the traffic. We should plan stops in our tour instructions for cars to catch up.*
2. *If you need to reach someone on a tour, call the navigator, not the drivers.*
3. *Let's slow our tours to **30 MPH** so we can stay together. Once the cars in the back get too far behind, due to stop lights or whatever, it becomes very difficult for them to catch up.*
4. *Let's get better flashing lights for our cars.*


Model T Moments: John Girman shared Dave Ryberg got his Model T back to California.

Tony Stilman (our newest club member) said he bought a 1921 TT Truck from a person in Novato. Rumor is that it was used to haul Hills Brother's Coffee in San Francisco. He is looking forward to learning the "ins and outs" of owning a Model T.

Steve Vining asked John Girman how he was able to do so well on one of the games at the Overnighter. John said, "It was just luck."

Jeannine Clary gave us a trivia quiz.

Dessert Provided by: Cindy Vining

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



David Ryberg

Andrew Clary

Nancy Byl

Diane Burns

Robert Dunne

Pam Johnson

Betsy Randolph

November 2023 Anniversaries

Dudley & Kelly Stone

John & Rochelle Berizzi

Welcome New Member
Tony Stilman

Tour Safety by John Girman

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4. Let's get better **flashing lights** for our cars.

GENERAL MEETING DESSERTS FOR 2023

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

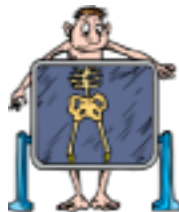
IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE MEETING,
PLEASE CALL A SUBSTITUTE.

JANUARY 5TH - - - Jeannine Clary
FEBRUARY 2ND - - Donna Jones
MARCH 2ND - - - - Bob and Stella Dunne
APRIL 6TH - - - - Dianna Shimkowski
MAY 4TH - - - - - Jean Chirhart
JUNE 1ST - - - - - Linda and Bob Salomon
JULY 6TH - - - - - Tim and Teresa McCallister
AUGUST 3RD - - - - Sebastian Ambra
SEPTEMBER 7TH - Sandy O'Halloran
OCTOBER 5TH - - - Cindy Vining
NOVEMBER 2ND - - Pam Johnson
DECEMBER 7TH - - Patty Girman

REPAIRS and RESTORATION **Get well**



As reported by our *Sunshine Lady*,
Dianna Shimkowski



Jimmy Long is recovering
from hip replacement surgery.

Patty Girman has been
under the weather.

THE RUNNING BOARD

information provided by *Mike Chirhart*, Tour Chairman

NOVEMBER 2023

Flash Tour Saturday November 4th

meet at Piner High School at 8:30 am for Pancake Breakfast
followed by a tour led by Andy Clary

Watch for “**Drive A Lizzy**” learn to drive a T - hosted by Jimmy Long

CONTACT the Election Committee

Call: **Andy Clary** or **Tim McCallister**

to submit your nominee for the following positions
or to volunteer for a position
and to read a job description

Nominees needed for 2024 Board Positions

President - position open (*your name here*)

Vice President - position open

Secretary - position open

Treasurer - Patty Girman

Past President - John Girman

Volunteers needed for Chairperson positions

Tours - position open

Membership - Ted Shimkowski

Newsletter Editor - position open

Roster - Patty Girman

Sunshine Reporter - Dianna Shimkowski

Historian - Jeanne Nelson

Webmaster - Steve Vining

Scholarship - John Girman

DECEMBER 2023

Thursday, December 7th

Election of Officers at the Monthly Meeting

Sunday, December 10th - Christmas Dinner

at Cattleman's Restaurant in Petaluma

Flyer (on next page of Newsletter) and dinner choices need to be submitted by November 30th

REMTC CHRISTMAS PARTY



December 10, 2023

CATTLEMAN'S

5012 Petaluma Blvd. N
Petaluma
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 # _____



Make your check to REMTC

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



cartoon Submitted by Gail Sharpsteen

OLD BONES

TO NEW BONES



Measure where the side padding should go and how far apart the straps should be. Replace windshield brackets. New wood and metal bows. New padding, vinyl top, and finish trim.

Photos by Nanette & Richard Chuck



so many tacks, and a few screws too.



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Quote of the Day

Submitted by Steve Vining

Philosophical question of the day:
What is the optimal
number of Ts to own?

Correct answer:
The correct number to own
is one more than you already have!

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