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Presidents Message

Here it is, November already.

If someone volunteers to be president next year, I only have one more of these left. Yes, we still need volunteers to serve as officers next year. If I have to do it again I'm gonna have to get a salary.

A little housekeeping: The Christmas party is zooming up on us, so lets get those sign ups in. That means it is also time to start thinking about getting your dues in.

I'll try to be a little deeper and more sentimental in the last message next month.

We're going to have either a Shop Day or Flash Tour on November 15th . We'll see what the weather is like.

-Andy

2025 Board Members & Chairpersons

Board Members

President.....Andy Clary
Vice President.....Sebastion Ambra
Secretary.....Jeannine Clary
Treasurer.....Patty Girman
Past President.....John Girman

Chairpersons

Historian.....Jeanne Nelson
Membership.....Ted Shimkowski
Newsletter.....Cyrus Estes
Roster.....Patty Girman
Scholarship.....John Girman
Sunshine.....Dianna Shimkowski
Tours.....Dave Ryberg
Webmaster.....Steve Vining

Chapter Information & National Affiliation

The Pedal Pusher is a monthly publication of the Redwood Empire Model T Club (REMTC). The club holds a general meeting on the first Thursday of each month in the meeting room of the Round Table Restaurant located on Marlow Rd. in Santa Rosa. Members and guests are welcome to attend.

REMTC website: www.remtc.org
Dues for an individual, or a household, are \$30 per year. Student memberships (no fee) include only the emailed REMTC newsletter.

Charter members above the age of 85 have an honorary membership.

REMTC is an official non-profit chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America (MTFCA).

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National dues are \$50 per year, and include a subscription to the Vintage Ford magazine.

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General Meeting Minutes

Round Table Pizza, Marlow Rd, Santa Rosa, CA
September 4th, 2025

President

Andy Clary called this meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Attendance

22 members in attendance. Chairperson absent: Jeanne Nelson & Steve Vining. All board members were in attendance.

Secretary's Report

Jeannine Clary read the secretary's report, with approvals by Tim McCallister & Mark Hogan.
Birthdays and anniversaries were announced.

Treasurer's Report

Patty Girman reported on our current finances, with approvals by Diana Shimkowski & Jean Chirhart.

Tour Report

Dave Ryberg thanked Jeannine for the Coffee Tour, and reported on our up-and-coming tours & events.
The 11th is the Garage Day at Andy's, and the 18th is the Jim Town Tour. Our Christmas luncheon will be at
Cattlemen's in Rohnert Park on December 6th .

Sunshine Report

Dianna Shimkowski reported that Steve Nelson had a knee replacement, and that a card has been sent.

Scholarship Report

John Girman reported that he and Andy Clary had a meeting, and noted that our club could give out three awards,
but recommended giving out two. Casa Grande, Petaluma & Healdsburg are the schools who have responded back to him.

Editor's Report

Cyrus Estes reported that he has added a couple of emails to send our newsletter to.

Membership Report

Ted Shimkowski reported that there was no new activity.

Webmaster Report

With Steve Vining absent, there was no Webmaster Report.

Historian Report

With Jeanne Nelson absent, there was no Historian Report.

Old Business

Dianna Shimkowski reported on the up-and-coming Christmas Luncheon at Cattlemen's Restaurant in
Rohnert Park, starting at 11:30 am. Note that if you would like to have wine with your lunch, please bring a bottle.
There will be a \$15.00 corkage charge.

New Business

John Girman suggested a drawing to pick which schools to present awards to. This was agreed upon
with the club and we proceeded with the drawings. Casa Grande and Healdsburg were the winners.

We also plan on having a "Hands on Day" at each of these schools.

Model T Moments

John Girman mentioned that the Restaurant on our tour in Rio Vista with all the animal heads is up for
sale for 12 million dollars. Con Faraudo sold his '15 Touring. Tracy Long and her dog came in Third place in the
country for agility maneuvers. Mike Chirhart mentioned the "Fountain Head Museum" in Fairbanks Alaska
that had a wonderful display of cars, with dressed up manikins in each car. Cyrus Estes mentioned that
he rebuilt the carburetor on the '26 coup, but is still having some issues with the choke, or something.

Dessert

Various sweet treats provided by Dave & Mici Ryberg.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM. Minutes respectfully submitted by Jeannine Clary, REMTC Secretary.

November Birthdays



Andy Clary -- Bob Dunne -- Dave Ryberg
Pam Johnson -- Betsy Randolph
Nancy Byl -- Diane Burns

November Anniversaries



Dudley & Kelly Stone

Sunshine

Joe Konvalinka and Jimmy Long both had surgeries.
Steve Nelson had a knee replacement.
Cards have been sent.

2025 Meeting Desserts



JANUARY 2ND ----- JEANNINE CLARY
FEBRUARY 6TH ----- JEAN CHIRHART
MARCH 6TH ----- DIANNA SHIMKOWSKI
APRIL 2ND ----- CINDY VINING
MAY 1ST ----- CYRUS ESTES
JUNE 5TH ----- JAMES HARRIS

JULY 3RD ----- NO MEETING
AUGUST 7TH ----- CHRIS RICH
SEPTEMBER 4TH -- -SEBASTION AMBRA
OCTOBER 2ND --- DAVE & MICI RYBERG
NOVEMBER 6TH ----- DONNA JONES
DECEMBER 4TH -- SANDY O'HALLORAN

**Club membership renewal dues
are due by January 1st.**

**A renewal form is at the back of
this newsletter.**



The Running Board

Dates of Importance

Nov. 15th: Shop Day/Flash Tour

Either a shop day, or a flash tour, depending on the weather.

Dec. 6th: REMTC Christmas Party

At Cattleman's of Rohnert Park, starting at 11:30 am.
See the included flyer/sign-up sheet for details.
Food choice & payment due by November 24th.

Jimtown & Them Sum Tour

On 10/18, Dave & Mici Ryberg put on a wonderful tour up the Alexander Valley to the Jimtown store. The old Jimtown store and restaurant had been sold some time ago, so it's now under new ownership and this was the first time our group visited the new establishment. There were 7 cars that participated in the tour, and we met at the park across from Cardinal Newman High School. The weather was picture perfect.

The drive up into the Alexander Valley is always so picturesque, and Saturday was no exception. The vineyards were starting to change to fall colors and warm temperatures. The drive took a little over a half-hour to arrive at Jimtown, where the group took a lunch break, sat outside, and enjoyed the scenery while we all ate. Upon finishing lunch, a group photo-op was conducted in front of the store. Afterwards, we drove west on Litton Springs Rd., crossing under the freeway and taking us into the Dry Creek Valley towards the general store on Dry Creek Rd.

Dave had planned out a specific route, but folks were told they could choose whatever route back home that suited their needs. Dianna and I chose to continue up Dry Creek Rd. to the Kokomo winery where we needed to pick up some wines, only to have our car stall upon pulling into the parking lot. Before I could begin to assess why the car had stalled, we were greeted by numerous folks that were wine tasting. They were thrilled to see the Model T, and proceeded to ask numerous questions. Not wanting to be rude, we gladly answered all their questions, while in the back of my mind I kept wondering,

“Can we make it back home?”

After everyone left, I got back in the car and it instantly started, much to my amazement. So we took care of our business at Kokomo and proceeded to drive home on West Side Rd. only to go about 4-5 miles when suddenly the car lost all power, and we coasted to the side of the road. Not knowing if the problem was fuel or spark related, I checked out the carburetor and confirmed it had fuel, but repeated attempts at starting the car were unsuccessful. About this time I was getting worried, and figured I might need Steve Vining to come rescue us with his flatbed trailer. I gave it one more try, and upon switching the ignition to magneto, the car instantly started. I switched back to battery and it continued to run well, so we climbed in and took off only to have it stall again about 2-3 miles down the road. After the car sat a couple of minutes and further checks didn't reveal any obvious problems, I tried starting the car and it started instantly. So we took off again and thankfully it continued to run and took us all the way back to Rohnert Park without problems. Thankfully we were back home again.

I parked the car, figuring I needed time to relax before seeing what ails it. Like we always say, driving a Model T is “an adventure” and we were happy to be back home again without having to bother anyone to rescue us. Thank you again to Dave and Mici for hosting the tour and providing coffee and donuts, that's what keeps this club running!

Respectfully,
Ted



REMTC CHRISTMAS PARTY



December 6, 2025

CATTLEMAN'S

4619 Redwood Drive
Rohnert Park
11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Cost: \$65 each



Dinner includes appetizer platter, all-you-can-eat salad, entrée, Ranch-style beans, baked potato, seasonal vegetable, Sourdough bread, cheesecake & coffee, soda or tea. There is a \$15 corkage fee if you bring your own wine.

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

Teriyaki Chicken Breast

Grilled Salmon served with dill sauce and lemon

10oz Sirloin

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 **November 24th**

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



REMTC Renewal and Roster Information

Dues of \$30 (single/couple at the same address) are due by January 1st and delinquent February 1st

NEW MEMBERS BE SURE YOU HAVE SENT IN A PHOTO of your face (not your Model T) & (No sunglasses please) to jrgplg@aol.com

Youth/Student (under 18 years or full-time student) are Free. Honorary (Charter members over the age of 85 years) are Free

Business Cards Ads are \$25. Advertisement runs from January to January in the Pedal Pusher newsletter

**Please make your check payable to REMTC
Mail to: 8565 Oak Circle
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Name: _____

Spouse or Partner Name: _____

Address: _____ City & State: _____ Zip: _____

His Cell Phone: _____ Her Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birthday (Month and Day - NOT Year) Your: _____ Partner: _____

Anniversary Month /Day _____

Would you like to receive your Newsletter by mail: or Email? (Circle one)

Model T (s) owned: FILL OUT COMPLETELY, mark if "no changes". Year Body Style/Color

Our members are encouraged to join the National Model T Ford Club of America (MTFCA) because Redwood Empire Model T Club's (REMTC) affiliation with the National club requires at least 51% member participation. Membership in MTFCA includes the Vintage Ford magazine which lists national tours, and Model T information. Model T Ford Club of America (MTFCA) Membership # _____

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