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President's Message

Redwood Empire Model Ters,

Well, the *Overnighter* is in the "rear-view mirror" and it was a good one! I really enjoyed traveling to a unique part of California, which we seldom visit, despite how close it is. Many thanks to Mike and Jean Chirhart for planning and organizing the tour. Great job! We had a variety of interesting stops on the tour. As I said at the banquet, I am impressed that Mike could come up with a route for Model T's into Old Town Sacramento. That couldn't have been easy but it certainly worked. Thanks also to Pat O'Halloran for handling the trouble-truck duties. He managed to stick with the group on narrow levee roads, even during the inevitable U-turns, and navigated the Sacramento streets without issue. Thanks as well to Steve Nelson for his suggestion to visit the *Dutra Dredging Museum*. That was a great start for the tour because it gave us the background and history of how the delta/estuary was developed and managed today. *The Ryde Hotel*, while lacking in some aspects, provided a great venue for post tour get-togethers (including cornhole), the Road-e-o and, most importantly the large parking lot for our trailers. Having such a convenient place for breakfast and dinner was certainly a plus.

Earlier in the month, we had the *Packard Tour*, organized, and led by Tim McCallister with assistance from Ted Shimkowski. Who knew that we had such a gem in our own backyard? Great job by Tim.

Coming up, we have the *T&A Tour* on October 7 organized by Andy Clary, Steve Vining and Steve DePaoli. Mark your calendars. Also, rumor has it that Chris Rich might be hosting a flash tour. Stay tuned.

That's it from here. I hope to see you at the meeting and on the road,

John Girman

CHAPTER INFORMATION

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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

Round Table Pizza, Marlow Road, Santa Rosa, California

September 7, 2023

Attendance: 24 members in attendance

President: John Girman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. He talked about he and Patty going to their 60th reunion this past month. He also told the group about the 100-year-old car calendar criteria. Nanette has said the cutoff date is September 30th. Please dress in period clothes if planning to be in the picture.

Secretary's Report: Sandy O'Halloran had no Old or New Business for August 2023. There was a motion to accept the minutes as recorded by James Harris and seconded by Dianna Shimkowski. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Patty Girman was absent. John Girman read the Treasurer's Report. John also shared that the bank that we use in the club, *Bank of the West* has been bought out by BMO. Unfortunately, Patty hasn't been able to get into the bank online. She will be going to the bank in the next day or so and get the problems fixed.

Sunshine Report: Dianna Shimkowski said Con Faraudo is recovering from previous surgery. Jimmy Long has had a hip replacement.

Tour Report: Mike Chirhart reminded all of the upcoming *Packard Tour* which will be on Saturday September 9th. He then shared that a couple folks from our club have decided not to attend the *Delta Overnight Tour* which includes the trouble truck driver. He and John Girman visited the hotel again to confirm its suitability for the tour. *Airport Car Show* on September 16 8am to 2pm \$25 for 2 admissions. The *T&A Tour* is currently a mystery. We will find out information regarding it soon. Please see the Pedal Pusher or website for more detailed tour information.

Webmaster Report: Steve Vining was not present. However, all recent pictures have been uploaded and the pictures now load more quickly.

Editor's Report: John Girman shared all is well with the editor.

Membership Report: Ted Shimkowski shared that there has been no activity.

Historian Report: Jeanne Nelson was absent.

Scholarship Report: Andy Clary suggested that we work on the history of our Model T's. When did you get it and any history of previous owners.

Old Business: Dianna shared that rumors regarding *Cattlemen's* restaurant closure are true, however, she has been told our Christmas dinner is still on. Closure will take some time and all reservations are going to be honored.

New Business: Jeannine Clary has asked if anyone has any ideas for something we might do at our club meetings. Please let's talk about it. We have had trivia but just think about other things we might do to liven up our meetings. We need a New Board Election committee for next year's board. Andy Clary and Tim McCallister volunteered to do that.

Model T Moments: Dave Ryberg will be heading to Texas to pick up his Model T. There is a 1914 Brass for sale on Lone Pine Road. Andy Clary put 2 new tires on his Model T, so he has two used tires if interested give him a call. John Girman has amp issues on his car. Suggestions are it might be the gauge.

Dessert Provided by: Sandy & Pat O'Halloran

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn by Linda Solomon, 2nd by Tim McCallister, motion carried. Adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

 *Sandy O'Halloran,*

REMTC Secretary

OCTOBER
BIRTHDAYS



October 2023
Anniversaries

Robin Summerfield

Fran Faraudo

Jeannette Harm

Patrick O'Halloran

Pete Rich ~ Judy Smith

Fred Byl ~ Fern Newlin

Jack Mulkey

Rochelle Berizzi

Dannel Jones

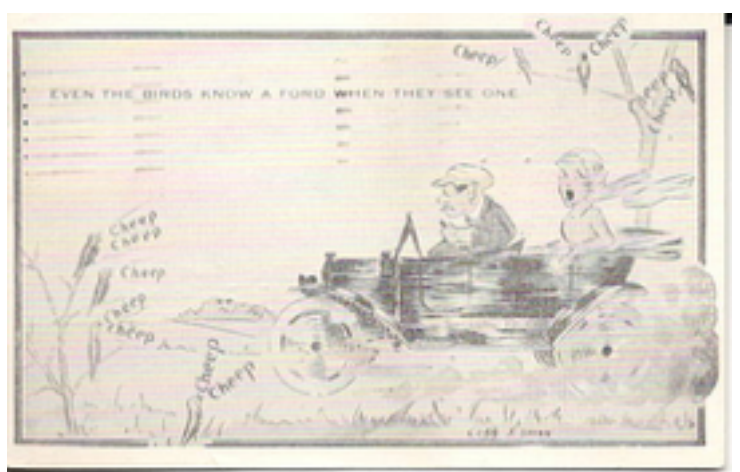
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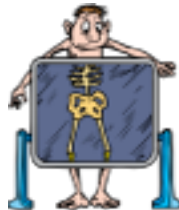


Submitted by
Gail Sharpsteen

REPAIRS and RESTORATION
Get well



As reported by our *Sunshine Lady*,
Dianna Shimkowski



Con Faraudo is recovering from back surgery.

Jimmy Long has had a hip replacement.

Patty Girman has been slowly recovering from Covid.

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

THE RUNNING BOARD

information provided by *Mike Chirhart*, Tour Chairman

7th Saturday, OCTOBER 2023

2023 T & A Friendship Tour

See the flyer (last page) in this Newsletter for details

Hosted by Steve Vining and Andy Clary

NOVEMBER 2023

Rain or Shine Tour - in planning

Nominees for 2024 Board Positions to be posted in Newsletter
Volunteers for Chairperson positions to be posted in Newsletter

DECEMBER 2023

Thursday, December 7th

Election of Officers at the monthly meeting

Sunday, December 10th

Christmas Dinner

at Cattleman's Restaurant in Petaluma

September 9, 2023

Packard Museum Tour

Hosted by Tim McCallister and Ted Shimkowski

by Dianna Shimkowski

Saturday arrived with a morning haze, hinting the arrival of Autumn. Twelve T's gathered together, along with some modern cars, filled with anticipation of the Packard Museum private tour. After some mingling and some hot drinks to warm our internal engines, we started our motorized engines and headed toward the Museum. What a sight to behold! Inside was a spectacular array of 16 pristine Packards, showcased in their magnificent elegance. They stood proudly in their own celebrity surrounded by tasteful wall murals, posters, glass cabinets filled with replicas of so many authentic antique vehicles, and even a video presentation of more eye candy. The only thing missing was the sound of engines purring! We were graced by the presence of the owner, an 84 year old German immigrant to the United States prior to WWII, who exuded his pride and passion for preserving the history of these beauties. Thank you to our new member Tim, and seasoned mentor Ted, for setting up this much admired exhibit.

Then, off we went for a short drive through backroads of Penngrove where we were accompanied by the warmth and reminder of our waning summer. We enjoyed lunch on the patio at Twin Oaks.



Photos by:
Cyrus Estes





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**Packard
Museum
Tour**



THE SACRAMENTO DELTA TOUR

September 20th - 24th, 2023

by Steven Cavalli

This year's REMTC Overnight Tour was second to none! Our sincere thanks go out to Mike and Jean Chirhart for doing the extensive "leg work" to make it happen!

On Wednesday afternoon, October 20, eleven Model T's and their expectant occupants arrived at the Ryde Hotel in Walnut Grove. The Ryde Hotel is a Delta Landmark. It was built in the late 1920's, and though badly in need of a facelift and some deferred maintenance, it still provided an ambiance of days gone by when a wealthier clientele might have frequented the place.

The Ryde Hotel has a rich history, mystery, and even some controversy associated with it. During the prohibition era it was a popular destination for celebrities, politicians, and the center of scandals. Hidden tunnels were rumored to exist beneath the hotel, leading all the way to the river, allowing guests to escape easily in the event of a raid! An earlier version of the Hotel built in 1886 reportedly even hosted a brothel!

Thursday morning was overcast with the typical Delta fog but soon cleared up providing a beautiful 83 degree day for touring. The tree covered levee roads, though often intimidatingly steep on either side, provided an unending view of the Sacramento River and the surrounding rich reclaimed farm land.

Thursday's highlights included the fascinating Dutra Museum of Dredging, the Rio Vista Museum, (formerly a blacksmith shop), and lunch at the famous Foster's Bighorn Restaurant with its copious display of taxidermied heads of every imaginable African beast, including several Wildebeests and an elephant! On the way back we even got to cross the River on one of the few remaining automobile ferrys!

Friday was a shorter touring day that allowed us ample time to wander through The Sacramento Train Museum with its rich display of early steam locomotives and elegant turn of the century dining cars! Lunch was on our own, then on to the California Automobile Museum that surprised many of us with its rich display of beautifully restored 1904-1909 Ford runabouts and touring cars!

Early Saturday morning Mike and Jean got us out in the Hotel parking lot for some fun car games, one of which required us to drive blindfolded!

We were back on the road by 11 a.m. to tour the historic town of Locke, one of the oldest surviving Chinese settlements in California! Built between 1893 and 1915 the narrow street and deteriorating clapboard buildings were very similar to other gold rush towns of the area. Struggling to survive, the town still had a few thrift stores, an ice cream parlor, and a gambling hall. The very informative Locke museum provided a rich history of Chinese contributions to the development of the Delta and early California. Forty-two people (most of them Chinese) actually still live there!

We were back in our cars by noon and on our way to historic Clarksburg to visit the old Sugar Beet Mill (circa 1934). The huge red brick factory now hosts a unique community of 15 wineries offering tastings of over one hundred wines. Lunch was on our own at 2 food trucks on the grassy area behind the Mill.

THE SACRAMENTO DELTA TOUR - *continued*

Saturday evening found us back at the Hotel for our final farewell banquet and awards ceremony. Mike and Jean came up with an interesting bunch of prizes for the winners of the games. A good time was had by all. The evening ended with a round of applause for Mike and Jean for organizing such a wonderful tour.

Tour participants included the Girmans, Vinings, Plevneys, Cavallis, McEacherns, Nelsons, Byls, Clarys, Chirharts, Pappakostas', Dudley Stone, Chris Rich and Joan Henderson. Many thanks to Pat O'Halloran for driving the trouble truck.



*Photos by
Steven Cavalli*



2023 Model T and A Friendship Tour

Saturday, October 7th

We will be meeting at the *Washoe House* at 9am and be leaving at 9:30

We will be traveling through the back roads to the
Bear Valley Visitor Center, Pt Reyes National Seashore.

Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy in the shade.

After lunch, we will drive up the coast
to visit the unique shop and collection of Steve DePaoli's *Fairlane Farms*.

We will be serving treats and Root Beer floats

Look forward to seeing everyone there!

Election of Officers for the 2024 Board and Volunteers for Chairpersons

Positions Available:

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Roster
Tour Director
Scholarship

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