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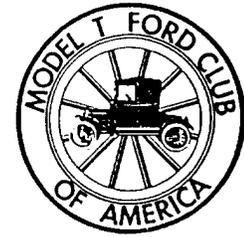
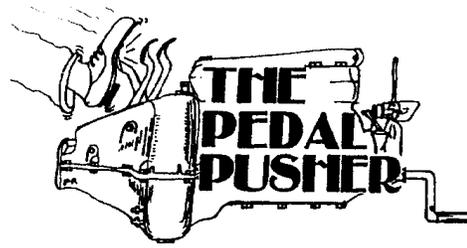


## *“Moment in Time” Annual Overnight Tour September 13th ~ 19th October 21st ~ Fall Color Tour*

*Watch [remtc.org](http://remtc.org) for flash tours*

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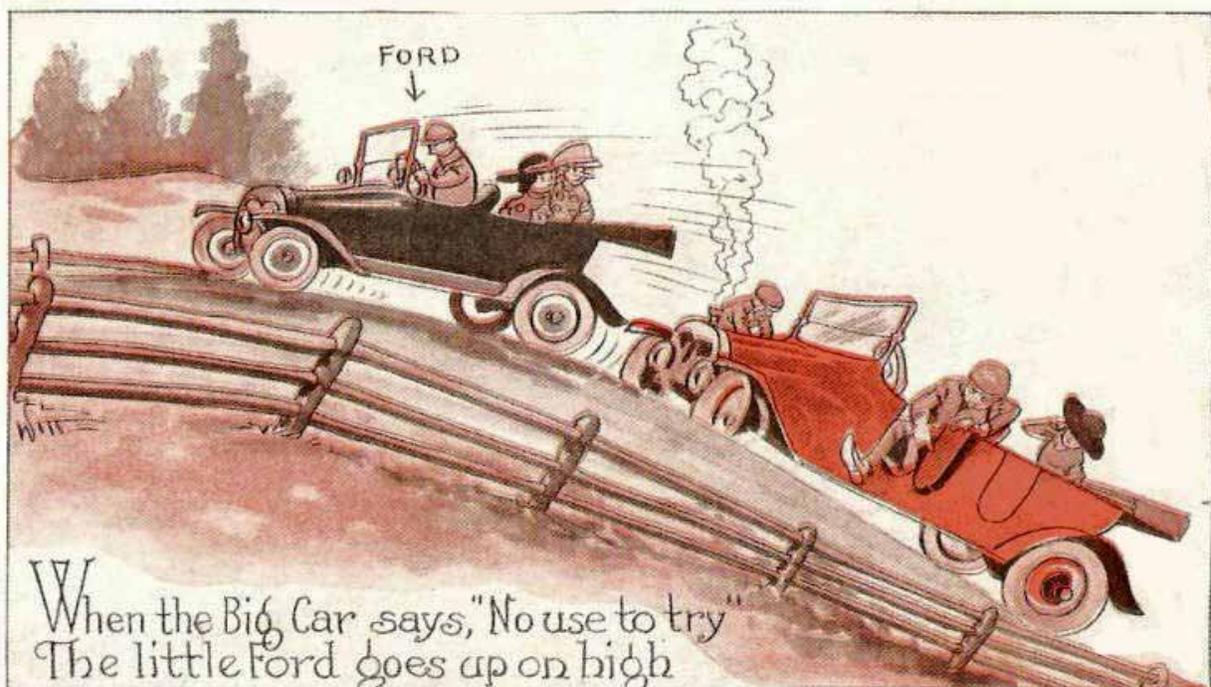
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## President's Message

### August Activities

We have had two marvelous tours this past month. Each tour took us along Highway 128 through beautiful Alexander Valley. However, we drove two completely different routes to get there and return. As an added pleasure, Pam and I hosted riders in our back seat for each of the tours. The flash tour, August 5<sup>th</sup>, Pam and I had new members, Cory Kelly and her son Chris, ride with us. Chris's husband John rode with George Jones. The Geyserville National Tour trial run, August 19, we hosted a tour visitor, Don, a Santa Rosa firefighter while his father-in-law rode with Mal and Gwen. Sharing the back seat of your T with others gives them a new perspective of the operation of our T's.

Coming up; I understand that our overnight tour, Moment in Time, hosted by Dudley and Kelly Stone is shaping up and looks to be an outstanding event. Hope to see you there.

See you down the road,

Don Johnson

## *Redwood Trees* to Pacific Seas 2018 National Tour Update

At last check we had 25 of the 100 rooms reserved; and the official announcement of the event does not come out until the Sept/Oct issue of the Vintage Ford. I think this is good news, but we will have to wait and see. There has been some minor confusion about there being 2 national tours in 2018. Mike Vaughan will address that in the next issue of the Vintage Ford. We are in final negotiations with Sturgeon's Saw Mill; this has been a long process, but we are down to getting the last documents signed. The mill tour will be on Friday the last day of the event. The tour committee is fine tuning the tours and the format of the tour book. Thanks to all of the volunteers that are helping with the notification flags. I believe the kits are complete and will be getting sewn together over the next few weeks. We have our first pass at defining all of the different tasks that will need to be done. After the first of the year, you will be hearing a lot more about the task list and we will be asking for volunteers for all of the different tasks. The budget is holding its own so far - thanks to some very generous members. Thanks again for a lot of the help and support from all of you.

Steve Vining  
Chairman -REMTTC's National 2018 tour



## *REMTC General Meetings for 2017*

The meeting place is Round Table Pizza on Marlow Road. 6:00 pm for dinner and 7:00 pm for meeting. We meet on the first Thursday of each month unless otherwise noted.

## *REMTC Tours for 2017*

*September 14-16* — “Moment in Time” Tour — Hosts, Dudley & Kelly Stone

*October* — 21st. Fall Color Tour — Rich Family

*November* — Open

*December 2nd. Quail Inn, Oakmont* — Christmas Party

*Note: Because of the trial runs for the National Tours in 2018, date and times will be flexible. We will keep you updated by emails and on REMTC.org of any changes.*

## *Model T's For Sale*



***1915 Model T Runabout:*** formerly owned by Lou Colombano who passed away last year. This car won many local car show awards. Very nice older restoration with a Ruckstell and outside brakes. Asking \$16,500

***1930 Model A Deluxe Roadster:*** Car has dual side mount, spare tires, rumble seat and trunk on the back.

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If interested in either car, contact Bill Colombano at 707-425-5592 evenings.

***1919 Model T center door sedan,*** solid car with nice interior, \$12,500. Call Pete Rich for details: 707-887-8735 or modelt@sonic.net

***For sale: 1926 touring*** with a Z head, leakless water pump and rocky mountain brakes. Asking \$10,000 or offer. If interested contact Larry Summerfield: **707-527-0797** or **lsummer104@aol.com**

Redwood Empire Model T Club  
General Meeting held at Round Table Pizza, Marlow Rd., Santa Rosa  
August 3rd., 2017



President, Don Johnson, called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**Attendance:** 34 members were in attendance. All board members were present except Ginny Rich & Vince Gregoire.

**Secretary's Report:** The July 6, 2017 meeting minutes were read by Pam Johnson. Minutes were approved as corrected by Mike Chirhart and Jeannine Clary.

**Treasurer's Report:** Reports for June and July were read by Steve Cavalli and approved by George Jones and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete Rich.

**Tour Reports:**

**"Redwood Trees to the Pacific Seas" Tour Report:** Steve Vining reported that things are starting to happen nationally. Ten rooms were reserved off "Save the Date" flyer. January 2<sup>nd</sup> is the start of registration with the registration form in the Nov/Dec Vintage Ford magazine. Steve modeled our T-shirt for the National Tour. Jean Chirhart asked if we had raffle tickets. Several members thought we did and are looking for them. Jeanne Nelson and Gwen Brown need help making red & green flags.

**Tours:** Chris Rich reported Flash Tour, 8/5 starts at the Coddington Mall and meet there at 9:30am. On 8/19 meet at the Doubletree at 8:30am for the Geyserville/Alexander Valley tour. Chris has been keeping in contact with Dudley for the "Moment in Time" tour. Reminders: 10/21 Fall Color Tour; November-no tour yet; 12/2 Christmas Dinner. Interested in doing a tour? Call Chris Rich. Chris recognized the August birthdays (lots of them) and there were no anniversaries. He thanked Jean Chirhart for bringing the dessert. Don Johnson handed out flyers for the Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club's field meet on 8/12. Reminder of Santa Clara's club event at Kelly Park in San Jose on 9/9. In Oakland on 9/10 is the Great Gatsby event.

**Sunshine Report:** Sandy O'Halloran reported no cards were sent out last month.

**Librarian Report:** Pete reported there was nothing new with the library.

**Webmaster:** Steve Vining reported he is pleased with web pages for the National Tour in 2018.

**Editor's Report:** Another great newsletter by Ginny Rich with help from Sandy O'Halloran.

**Historian Report:** Jeanne Nelson reported she still needs more pictures.

**Membership:** Larry Summerfield reported Jim Emmons is our newest member.

**Special Events:** No report.

**Old Business:** No old business.

**New Business:** Steve Vining reported we had not made room reservations for the General Meetings for this following year. Don Johnson will follow up on this as it is the President's job.

**Model T Moment:** Forty-three years ago Pete asked son, Chris, to loosen the bolts on the muffler without telling him the tail pipe would fall off and cover him with soot. Pete is still driving that car. Steve Nelson reminded us to be careful as young people don't seem to recognize hand signals when we are turning. Steve Cavalli cautioned to look out for motorcycles passing on the right.

**Motion to adjourn** made by Steve Nelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rich Randolph.

**Dessert:** Provided by Jean Chirhart

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm



Please Note: If you didn't get a roster for 2017, call or e-mail Ginny and we will send one out to you. If you would like a roster in PDF form for your desktop, just let me know.  
 ginnylee@sonic.net

### September 2017 Dessert

Please bring dessert for 40. Also bring paper plates and plastic forks if needed. If you can't make the meeting you are signed up for, please call a substitute.

Sept.	Pam Johnson
October	Donna Jones
November	Linda Salomon
December	Sherrie Hasse

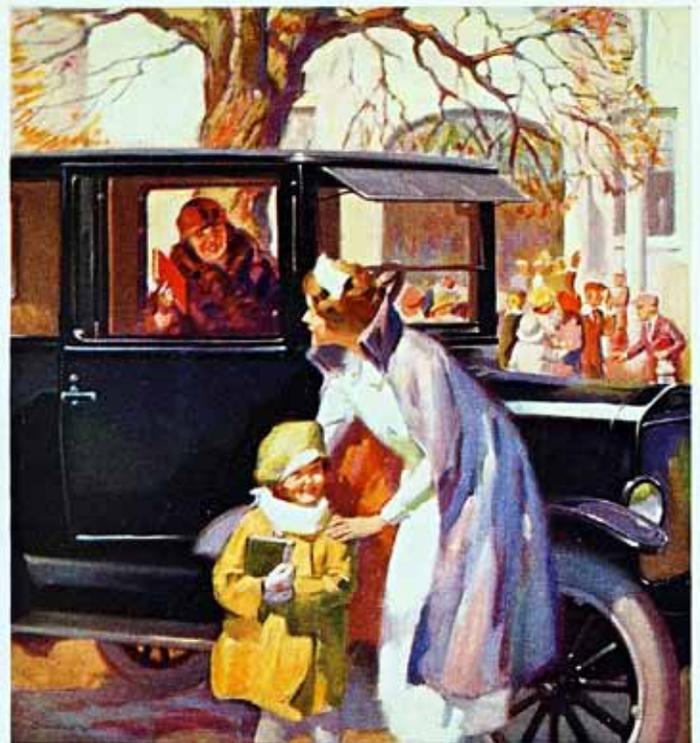
Kids are back in school ~ Drive safely and watch crosswalks.

### September Anniversaries

Meyer, Max & Laura	05
Rich, Pete & Ginny	05
DePaoli, Steve & Cece	06
Salomon, Robt. & Linda	19
Haase, David & Sherry	25
Randolph, Brent & Carolyn	23
Mulkey, Jack & Gail	23

### September Birthdays

Janet Avakian	02
Chris Burkhardt	08
Earl Holtz	14
Nona Merrill	14
Chuck Kimball	21
Donna Jones	23
Joan Henderson	24
Robert Taylor	27
Cavalli, Debbie	28



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# The Phoenix Mill Plant - Men Need Not Apply

Article submitted by Patty Girman

Located along the Rouge River in Michigan, the Phoenix mill was built in 1840. The small town of Phoenix watched the mill burn in 1905, after which Henry Ford bought the land site in 1919 to build his Phoenix Mill Plant. Henry hired famous architect, Albert Kahn, to design his new plant and it was opened in 1922. What was most unusual about this plant is that it only employed women. Originally, women working at Ford's Highland Park Plant were given the opportunity to apply here. The work was intricate, needing the women's smaller hands, and there were rules to be followed. Women had to be single, widowed, or their husband had to be unable to work. The women also had to wear dresses, stockings and high heels. It is said that in the early days, some of the women looked like they were attending a party, not spending their day bent over such demanding work. The women also were paid as well as men, making up to \$6 dollars a day. When payday came, they were paid in two dollar bills. (Other working women were often making less than one dollar a day).



The plant originally produced generator cutouts for Model T's, then Model A's. The production line was changed in 1940 to produce voltage regulators for V-8 engines. Once the war broke out the line was changed again and now the women made identification badges and electrical wiring and other parts for the B-24 bombers. Henry and Edsel visited the plant regularly. Charles Lindbergh almost got a couple of the women in trouble when they took their eyes off their work to have a look at the handsome pilot touring the plant. The plant was closed in 1948 and at its peak employed 148 women.

Henry turned the site over to the Wayne County Road Commission, who used the site as a storage facility. The state of Michigan then made this an historic site with plans to make this into a future Women's Museum. A group of women developed a foundation called *Friends of Phoenix* and are in the process of still trying to make this happen. Their hope is to develop educational programs about the women who worked here, and especially about women's contribution during WWII.

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