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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jean and I got back from the Ukiah overnight tour mid Sunday afternoon. This was our first non-trailer overnight tour. I have to admit, it was a different way of touring. We had a blast though!!! We had a lively group of veteran tourers and it was nice having the time to socialize and catch up on the goings-on in our lives.

Driving up to Ukiah, we had a chance to appreciate just how much beautiful scenery Sonoma and Mendocino Counties has to offer. Driving at this slower speed and on a lot of side roads, we really appreciated everything we saw. We live in probably one of the prettiest areas in the country. It's no wonder that people from all over the world love to come here to explore.

Things do seem to be getting back to normal...albeit on a cautious level. We have to accept the fact that we will be wearing face masks for a while yet. This doesn't mean we can't get out and enjoy this beautiful area in our T's.

I'm looking forward to more tours coming into the Fall season. Let's make a big push to enjoy probably the best time of the year for touring before the weather changes. We have an Octoberfest tour already planned by the Nelson's. Is there anyone out there willing to put on a September tour?

See you on the road soon!!! *Mike*



CHAPTER INFORMATION

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The Dues are \$30 a year for an individual or for a couple. Students - no fee - includes only the emailed REMTC newsletter. Charter members at 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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2005, 2006, 2011, 2018, 2019 – Andy Clary
2020, 2021 – Mike Chirhart

August 5, 2021

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Redwood Empire Model T Club

Held at Round Table Pizza, Marlow Rd., Santa Rosa, CA

President: Mike Chirhart called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Attendance: There were 22 people in attendance. We were missing one Board Member and 4 Chairpersons. We welcomed our new member, Jordan Satrap, and a potential member, Dave Ryberg.

Secretary's Report: Jean Chirhart read the Minutes of last month's meeting. There was one correction: new member Jordan Satrap's car is a 1911 touring, not a 1914 four door touring. Motions to approve were made by Dianna Shimkowski and Linda Salomon. They were passed.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy Vining said there was income for our new member and for the overnight tour and no expenses. Motions to approve were from Jeannine Clary and Don Johnson. Our first raffle in 17 months was a success exceeding our very first one before Covid!

Tour Report: Larry Summerfield was not present, but Mike said the Coast tour was on for Saturday, and we would have a trouble truck. September still hasn't been filled with a tour. Steve Vining gave us a rundown of the Ukiah tour with a stop for lunch at the Geyserville Grill, dinner at Bebop Diner, and lots more!

Special Events: No report

Sunshine Report: Dianna Shimkowski said that Steve Cavalli was doing great, but had a few more procedures to go through.

Librarian Report: No report

Webmaster Report: Steve Vining finally got some pictures up on the website. He would like more.

Editor's Report: No report, but please send in pictures and articles.

Membership Report: Ted Shimkowski is hoping our visitor, Dave, will join.

Historian Report: No report

Old Business: As far as we know, we are still a go at the Villa for December 5th Christmas Dinner.

New Business: Dianna Shimkowski said a few ladies were talking about having another vintage clothing exchange and donating money to the scholarship fund. At the same time to also have a swap meet for the guys. This was liked by all and a time and date will be set.

Model T Moments: Mike Chirhart talked about his choice for the color of his 1912 which was going to be Balsa Green but when the color chip was done it was too bright. He is working on a darker green with the painter. Steve Cavalli had a flat tire on the Spokane tour and Chris Rich came to his rescue and helped change the tire. Chris was also generous with his time by helping the Spokane group serve meals. Steve wanted to honor Chris's service.

Dick Winterhalder is selling his 1913 speedster for \$14,000.

Winners of the Raffle were: Steve Vining, Cyrus Estes, Jeannine Clary, and Dave Ryberg.

Dessert provided by: Jeannine Clary

Adjourned at: 7:28

Respectfully submitted by, *Jean Chirhart*, REMTC Secretary

**"GIVE HAND SIGNALS TO THOSE BEHIND
THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT'S IN YOUR MIND."**

... Verse by the side of the Road



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Janet Hoehn - 2

John Kelly - 3

Joyce Toms - 4

Chris Burkhardt - 8

Donna Jones - 23

Joan Henderson - 24

Robert Taylor - 27

Debbie Cavalli - 28



Max and Laura Meyer - 5th

Steve and Cece DePaoli - 6th

Bob and Linda Salomon - 19th

Brett and Carolyn Randolph - 22nd

Jack Mulkey and Gail Sharpsteen - 24th

Dave and Sherry Haase - 25th

SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER 6, 2021

Vintage Clothing Sale and Under the Hood
More Details to Follow

2021 Meeting Dates

MEMBERS & GUESTS, PLEASE JOIN US

JANUARY 7th - ZOOM

FEBRUARY 4th - ZOOM

MARCH 4th - ZOOM

APRIL 1st - ZOOM

MAY 6th - ZOOM

JUNE 3 - Chirhart's yard -; REMTC provided pizza

JULY 1st - Round Table Pizza, -- dessert Dianna Shimkowski

AUGUST 5th - Round Table Pizza - dessert: Jeannie Clary

**If you haven't had your COVID vaccinations,
a mask is required.**

SEPTEMBER 2nd - Round Table Pizza - dessert: Chris Rich

OCTOBER 7th - dessert: Pam Johnson

NOVEMBER 4th - dessert: Gwen Brown

DECEMBER 2nd - dessert: Patty Girman

Model "T" Picnic Tour

July 24, 2021

Saturday turned out to be a beautiful day, and not just with the weather. Yes, the weather was the perfect temperature for touring and picnicking, but the best part of the day was seeing everyone so relaxed, and enjoying each other's conversations. This day started out with us meeting in the Coddington parking lot, and enjoying some coffee and donuts before we departed for our tour. There were nine Model T cars that showed up for this tour: Vince & Joan Gregoire, Vince O'Brian, Pat & Sandy O'Halloran, Mal & Gwen Brown, Mike Chirhart, Steve Vining, John Girman, Andy & Jeannine Clary, Con & Fran Faraudo, Cyrus Estes, and Larry & Robin Summerfield.



We were not the only club meeting in Coddington for a tour this morning, the Model "A" Club was meeting for a tour as well. We had an opportunity to visit with some of their members and a couple of them drove over to greet us, and then looked on with envy at our coffee and donuts. Yes, we offered to share with them, and with a little Model "A" pride, declined our offer. Maybe, someday in the future, we again could have a joint tour with the Model "A" Club just a thought.

We departed Coddington about 10:00 AM and headed North toward Mark West Springs Rd., then headed East to Riebli Rd., to Wallace Rd., and down to Hwy 12, then to Mission Blvd., and headed to Spring Lake Park. We did have a Model T that got a flat tire, and having that demountable tire made changing this tire so much easier. The tour was about an hour long, but was just the right length for this day. Today was about bringing us together as a club, enjoying a little picnic with a lot of conversation. Jean Chirhart met me at the park with their new puppy, Hank, to help me clean off the tables and set up the ice cream table. Thank you Jean! After everyone had finished their lunches, we served up some soft serve ice cream cones (not intentional). I don't think anyone got an ice cream headache from their cones. Next time we'll opt for some dry ice to keep the ice cream a bit firmer. It was good though, and several members enjoyed two cones.

I think we departed Spring Lake Park about 2:00 PM. We left in a long line of Model T's, tooling around the backside of the park toward the Ranger's station. Most of us left in the same direction, following the directions printed in our tour. We split up when we reached the Coddington area, with each person heading towards their home.

This was an enjoyable day, and so happy that we could be together again. Andy and I would like to thank you for participating in this tour; we enjoyed all of the camaraderie, and conversations.
Thank you, *Jeannine Clary*





COAST (Ukiah warm-up) Tour

Saturday August 7, 2021

Hosts: Jean and Mike Chirhart

Photos by Ted Shimkowski



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Story and Photos by Steve Cavalli

Redwood Empire Model T Club is still alive after Covid! Saturday, August 7th, 16 people and 7 Model T's wound their way over scenic Coleman Valley Road to the coast, then South along Highway 1 to the little town of Valley Ford.

We left the Raley's parking lot at 10 a.m. after a time of fellowship, coffee, and donuts. The weather was cool with light fog and mist as we made our way to Occidental, but by the time we ascended the hills to Coleman Valley Road we were in blazing sunlight and 65 degrees!

At the top of Coleman Valley Road we passed the familiar dirt road and wooden gate that once led to Wheeler's Ranch, one of three (clothing optional) Sonoma County hippy communes that existed in the '70's. Wheeler's Ranch offered free land on which to build one's cabin, and was always a hub of activity with live music, LSD, pot, and a host of other questionably legal substances for one's enjoyment. "Yours truly" spent several days up there frolicking with the rest! Thank God, Jesus changed me into another man!

The grade from the top of Coleman Valley down to the coast was a challenge for most of the cars, and the smell of burning bands and brakes was in the air. The caution of descending the grade was easily overcome by the thrill of the incredible views of the coast below! Highway 1 still had remnants of a lifting fog that clothed the waves and rocks below with an eerie glow. By the time we reached Valley Ford we were again in warm fall sunlight.

Having been on several National Tours in different parts of the country, I still feel that our West County hosts some of the most beautiful scenery in the nation. The country roads lined with blooming Pink Lady's, the small flocks of sheep in the fields, and the scattering of early century farm houses and redwood chicken houses never tires the eyes!

Our lunch stop was at Dinucci's Italian Restaurant in Valley Ford. Dinucci's has been there about as long as our Model T's have been around, and the interior gives one a feeling of stepping back in time! Those of you who have been in the Occidental Hotel or the Washoe House know what I mean. Even the tables at Dinucci's each has a wooden plaque with the name of a local family who probably sat there for generations!

After lunch we made our way back to Highway 116 where the group disbanded and went in different directions to their homes.

Thank you Mike and Jean for putting together this wonderful tour! Jean, unfortunately, could not join us as she has a new "baby" in the house (Henry, their little Goldendoodle puppy).





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