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Back to School



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President's Message

Redwood Empire Model Ters,

So here we are, heading toward the end of summer. I heard that the New Grass Tour went well. Thanks to Vince O'Brien for putting that on. We have two tours coming up in September, the Packard Tour on September 9 and the Delta Tour (overnighter tour) September 20 thru 24.

Some members have expressed concern about the suitability of the Ryde Hotel for the overnigher tour. So, Mike Chirhart and I went up to the hotel this past Tuesday to check on things (Mike's fourth trip up there). In addition, Mike is talking to the owner about the concerns. We will be discussing this issue at the September meeting. Please come to the meeting to learn more about this. At present, we are planning on going ahead with this tour.

Because of other commitments, I have not been able to tour in our Model T since early summer so I am really looking forward to September's tours. To that end, I have been going over our Model T, which just turned 100 this month (Happy Birthday!). So far, the generator was acting up and needed an adjustment and one of the door hinges needed a little care. Next, I'll check the brakes. One of the most important things I'll be doing is digging out the trailer from all the things piled on top of it since we haven't used it for several years. I need to check the usual suspects: the tires; the hitch; and the wiring.

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

John Girman

CHAPTER INFORMATION

The Pedal Pusher is a monthly publication of Redwood Empire Model T Club (REMTC)
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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

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Round Table Pizza, Marlow Road, Santa Rosa, California

Attendance: 24 members in attendance

Redwood Empire Model T Club August 3, 2023

President: John Girman was absent, Steve Vining called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

Treasurer's Report: Patty Girman was absent. Sandy O'Halloran read the Treasurer's Report stating that there was no REMTC activity and shared the ending balances for the monthly Treasurer's Report.

Sunshine Report: Dianna Shimkowski said Steve Vining's mother had passed away. Steve Cavalli is doing well after his last surgery and was present at the meeting. Jean Chirhart was also doing well since her hip replacement surgery and was also present at the meeting. Pete Rich is also healing well since his knee surgery and too was present at our meeting.

Tour Report: Mike Chirhart was absent. Jean Chirhart shared information regarding Vince O'Brien's tour planned for August 19. We will meet at the Washoe House at 9:30am. She also said the Delta Overnight Tour DEADLINE is August 31. Get your reservations made at the Ryde Hotel, and food choices and payment to Patty Girman by August 31st. Tim McCallister shared the Packard Museum is scheduled for September 9 starting at 10am. There is also an opportunity to the Pacific Coast Airfield in Santa Rosa on September 16 and park your Model T under the wings of one of the old airplanes. **Please see the *Pedal Pusher* or website for more detailed tour information.**

Webmaster Report: Steve Vining said he has been making changes to the background of our website. Mostly with the pictures of our cars. If you notice anything that seems incorrect, please let him know.

Editor's Report: Nothing to report from Nanette. However, Steve Vining shared in our last *Pedal Pusher* you can see a picture of Nanette and Richard Chuck's Model T with a ribbon on the front. They won the fastest Model T on the Kansas National Tour.

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

Historian Report: Jeanne Nelson was absent. Steve Nelson shared that Jeanne hasn't been getting any new pictures. If anyone has some please send them to Jeanne.

Scholarship Report: Andy Clary was absent.

Old Business: No new business.

New Business: No new business.

Model T Moments: Steve Vining shared that every Sunday he and Cindy go to Taco Bell for lunch. He always asks Cindy if she would like to go in the Model T.

Dessert Provided by: Sebastian Ambra.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn by Chris Rich, seconded by Tim McCallister, motion carried. Adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  REMTC Secretary

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Jimmy Long

Chris Burkhardt

Debbie Cavalli

Carol Graves

Joan Henderson

Janet Hoehn

Donna Jones ~ David Stoneberg

Robert Taylor

Colleen Hogan

Timothy McCallister

Teresa McCallister

Steve & Cece DePaoli

Dave & Sherry Haase

Max & Laura Meyer

Jack Mulkey & Gail Sharpsteen

Brett & Carolyn Randolph

Bob & Linda Salomon

Darrel & Catherine Jones

Ts 100th BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

We are considering a calendar featuring cars celebrating their 100th Birthday in 2024, or who have already passed this milestone.

Your T may be decorated, being repaired, or ?

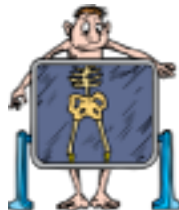
People (vintage attire) appearing in the photo agree to their photo being shared in the calendar.

Photos should be submitted by September 30, 2023.

Do NOT use PDF format to send your photo.

Submit a photo of your Model T to 4RNetMail6@gmail.com

REPAIRS and RESTORATION Get well



Jean Chirhart is recovering from hip replacement surgery and was already spotted at the August meeting.

Speedy recovery card was sent to John and Patty Girman who are recovering from COVID which joined them while on their cruise.

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

Saturday - SEPTEMBER - 9th

23rd Annual Antique Autos in History Park (Kelley Park)

Presented by Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and History San Jose

SEPTEMBER - 9th

Packard Museum Tour

Time: 10:00 AM

Hosted by Tim McCallister and Ted Shimkowski

SEPTEMBER - 16th

Wings & Wheels Car Show

Pacific Coast Airfield

park under the wings of one of the old airplanes

Fountain Grove, Santa Rosa

Overnight Delta Tour

September 20th thru 24th

*See Flyer and Registration Form on **next two pages***

OCTOBER - 7th

T & A Tour - in planning

Hosted by Steve Vining and Andy Clary

The Horseless Carriage Car Club is planning a tour

NOVEMBER

Rain or Shine Tour - in planning

DECEMBER 10th

Sunday - **Christmas Dinner at Cattleman's Restaurant** in Petaluma

California Delta Tour
Wednesday, September 20th
Thru
Sunday, September 24, 2023

Day 1

Arrive in the afternoon and settle in. Social that evening in the back of the hotel on the greens.

Day 2

Drive to Rio Vista, Tour the Dutra Museum and Rio Vista Museum. Lunch at Fosters Big Horn then off to The Real McCoy Ferry #2 for a trip across the Sacramento River and then touring the Delta region.

Day 3

Follow the Sacramento River to Sacramento for a Docent led tour of the California Railroad Museum. Lunch on your own in Old Town Sacramento, then a tour of the California Auto Museum after lunch. After that a leisurely drive back to the Ryde.

Day 4

More exploring of the Delta with a stop at Locke to tour the Chinese settlements and then drive through Clarksburg with a stop at the Old Sugar Mill Facility for food truck lunch, tour and then back to Ryde for the evening banquet.

Day 5

Farewells and drive back home

We'll be staying at the Ryde Hotel, 916-776-1318. Room rate \$99.00 per night. If no one answers leave a message and they will get back to you. No pets allowed. Service animals only.

Tour cost will be **\$150.00** per person.

Please fill out the attached form and send it along with your check to:

Patty Girman, 8565 Oak Circle, Cotati, CA. 94931

California Delta Tour
Wednesday, September 20th
Thru
Sunday, September 24, 2023

Registration Form

Meal selection for Saturday's Banquet. Please select one per person.

- Vegetarian penne pasta w/roasted vegetables _____
- Herbed salmon in white wine sauce _____
- Slow roasted prime rib _____
- Chicken Béchamel _____

All meals come with a salad, Artisan bread and butter, creamy mashed potatoes and a dessert assortment.

Members Name: _____ \$150.00
Spouse Name: _____ \$150.00
Guest Name: _____ \$150.00

Total:

Please mail form with check made out to **REMTC** to: **Patty Girman, 8565 Oak Circle, Cotati, CA. 94931**

Please have all Registrations in by August 31st
In additional questions call Mike Chirhart at 707-545-5883

OVER 100 YEARS AGO

Submitted by Mike Chirhart

An interesting look at history. (Note: not verified, but fun to read)

This has only been 113 - years ago...Amazing!!!
Show this to your friends, children and/or grandchildren!

The year is 1910, over one hundred years ago. What a difference a century makes!
Here are some statistics for the Year 1910: (applies to the USA)

The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.

Fuel for this car was sold in drug stores only.

Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower !

The average US wage in 1910 was 22 cents per hour.

The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year,

A dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year,

And a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births took place at HOME.

Ninety percent of all Doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION!

Instead, they attended so-called medical schools,

Many of which were condemned in the press AND the government as 'substandard.'

Sugar cost four cents a pound.

Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.

Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

There was no such thing as under arm deodorant or tooth paste.

Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

The five leading causes of death were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Diarrhea
3. Tuberculosis
4. Heart disease
5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars.

The population of Las Vegas Nevada was only 30!

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write and only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.

There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE U.S.A. !



1910 FORD

NEW GRASS TOUR

by Jeanne Nelson

We met at Washoe House 9:30 a.m. Five cars arrived for the tour: Tim McCallister, Jeanne and Steve Nelson, Pat and Sandy O'Halloran, Jim and Tracy Long, David and Mici Ryberg, Pete Rich and Sherry Granigen (in their modern car), and Larry and Robin Summerfield came by to see us off. Mike Chirhart lead us to meet Vince at Novato Blvd. then Mike had to leave.

Vince O'Brien lead us to his home. Waiting for us was Carol Graves and all of Vince's cars. We also were greeted with ice cream.

Nice tour. Thanks to Vince and Mike for planning it.



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