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Presidents Message

It's September already, what the heck? First off, I'd like to apologize to Cyrus as I always wait until the last minute to send my president's message.

We had a decent friendship tour, the weather cooperated and didn't get too hot. The August shop day went well, we reamed some kingpin bushings and adjusted Vince's brake pedal. All the banana bread was gone.

Check the calendar in this newsletter, we have a tour on the 13th, the air museum car show on the 20th and a shop day on the 27th.

As I mentioned at the last meeting, we need to start thinking about club officers for 2026. Please let myself or any of the other board members know if you want to hold an office. Let's take advantage of the September weather and get those T's out on the road.

-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.

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General Meeting Minutes

Round Table Pizza, Marlow Rd, Santa Rosa, CA
August 7th, 2025

President

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

Attendance

26 members in attendance. Chairperson absent: Dianna Shimkowski. All board members were in attendance.

Secretary's Report

Jeannine Clary read the secretary's report, with approvals by James Harris & Pete Rich. Birthdays and anniversaries were announced.

Treasurer's Report

Patty Girman reported on our current finances with approvals by Jeanne Nelson & Steve Vining.

Tour Report

Dave Ryberg reported on our up-and-coming tours. Andy Clary reported on the Santa Clara EnduranceRun, with first place going to Andy & Jeannine Clary and last place going to Dodge Riedy. Chris Rich reported on the Canada Tour, and mentioned what a good time and great tour they all had.

Sunshine Report

Ted Shimkowski reported in Dianna Shimkowski's absence that a get well card was sent to Joe Konvalinka.

Scholarship Report

John Girman reported that there is no scholarship update for this month.

Editor's Report

Cyrus Estes reported that 14 newsletters were snail mailed. Other than that, no changes. Including an ad for the car club t-shirts in the newsletter was mentioned, as well as needing volunteers to write articles from our tours.

Membership Report

Ted Shimkowski welcomed Pat and Karen Stoll, and Hendrick Hartz to our club and meeting.

Webmaster Report

Steve Vining reported that our website is up to date, and he will continue to update the event page.

Historian Report

Jeanne Nelson reported that she is working on the 35th anniversary photo album and to send pictures ASAP.

Old Business

Andy Clary brought up our club First Aid kit, and that we will be purchasing a smaller kit that will be brought on each tour.

New Business

Andy Clary brought up club officers for next year, and we are looking for volunteers to work as the nomination committee. Current job descriptions will be sent via email.

Model T Moments

Don Johnson commented that his brother has a 1910 Model T for sale. Call Don if interested. Andy Clary commented that it is important to check the Model T's kingpins/spindle bolts, as there was an accident in Santa Clara where one broke, and the car ended up in the ditch upside down. It could have ended up being a really bad situation. Jimmy Long purchased a John Deere tractor from Colorado to add to his collection. Sebastian Ambra reported that we had seven or eight cars at the Penngrove Power Museum. Cyrus Estes reported that he has performed work on his coup and took out for a test run, and noted there is an issue with the carburetor float.

John Girman reported on the 35th anniversary tour.

Dessert

Vanilla and chocolate cupcakes provided by Chris Rich

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM. Minutes respectfully submitted by Jeannine Clary, REMTC Secretary.

September Birthdays



Chris Burkhardt -- Jimmy Long -- Tim McCallister
David Stoneberg -- Robert Taylor --
Janet Hoehn -- Colleen Hogan -- Joan Henderson
Theresa McCallister -- Debbie Cavalli -- Donna Jones

September Anniversaries



Steve & Cece DePaoli -- Bob & Linda Saloman
Max & Laura Meyer -- Darrel & Catherine Jones
David & Sherry Hasse
Jack Mulkey & Gail Sharpsteen

Sunshine

Get well cards were sent to Joe Konvalinka
& Pat O'Halloran

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 THIS MONTH
AUGUST 7TH - - - - - CHRIS RICH
SEPTEMBER 4TH - - - SEBASTION AMBRA
OCTOBER 2ND - - - DAVE & MICI RYBERG
NOVEMBER 6TH - - - - - DONNA JONES
DECEMBER 4TH - - - SANDY O'HALLORAN

The Running Board

Dates of Importance

Sep. 13th: Coffee Tour in Santa Rosa

Details to follow

Sep. 20th: Pacific Coast Air Museum's Wings and Wheels Car Show

At the Sonoma Airport, from 8 am to 2 pm. \$30 for car entry includes two gen. admission tickets. Jimmy Long will have his Piper Cub on display.

Pre-staging lot is located at 3780 Flightline Dr., ALL CARS must check-in at pre-staging area to receive wristbands. You will NOT be allowed in without your wristbands.

A separate entry must be made for each car, including clubs.

Questions? Contact Chris Brown at 707-695-8261 or cb_custom@yahoo.com

Admission form included in the July REMTC newsletter.

Sep. 27th: Garage Day

Activities to be determined.

Oct. 18th: Last Tour of the 2025 Touring Season

Currently planning.

Details to follow.

Oct. 23rd - 26th: The Last Roundup Tour

By the Model T Ford Club of San Diego

See the January 2025 REMTC newsletter for details.

Dec. 6th: REMTC Christmas Dinner

At Cattleman's of Rohnert Park.

Details to follow.

August Garage Day

Saturday, Aug. 16th was a garage day held at Andy's to look at Vince O'Brian's Rocky Mountain brakes on his 1910 Touring. Vince decided to drive his car up from his home which takes quite some time, so while waiting, Andy helped John Tothill size the new brass bushing in his front spindles to the new kingpins. As most folks know, the new bushings are undersized and need to be reamed out carefully to fit them snugly to the new kingpins. Andy used an adjustable reamer to carefully sneak up on the proper sizing of the bushings, which is not hard, but can take some time to not over-ream the holes. After demonstrating the technique on one bushing, Andy handed over the job to John for the remaining bushing and all was going along fine until the guide cone on the reamer came off and fell into a storage bucket of scrap metal that Andy had next to the bench. Much to John's dismay, he had to take all the contents out of the bucket to get down to the bottom and find the missing guide cone. Even the simplest of jobs have their hazards.

Vince arrived while John was dismantling the bucket's contents and commented to Andy that his brakes worked ok, but thought they could be better. Andy quickly saw that Vince's brake pedal was not aligned with the reverse and clutch pedals; it was way too far forward which resulted in there not being enough travel of the pedal. The only way to rectify this condition was to heat the base of the brake pedal and actually bend the pedal back so it was now in alignment with the other pedals. To do this, Andy pulled out his acetylene welding rig and heated the base of the pedal until it glowed cherry red at which point Vince pulled back on the pedal using a long pry bar. Once properly positioned, the base of the pedal was cooled with water soaked rags, but some of the wires in the local area had gotten burned from the torching so they had to be redone. Other minor adjustments were made to the brake system allowing it to work properly and allowing Vince to drive it back home again.

As always, Jeannine baked some delicious banana bread and had hot water and coffee for everyone to enjoy. Andy also had a variety of misc. Model T parts for sale which included generator cores, a luggage rack, multiple rear bearings, and a host of other parts. The event was attended by roughly a dozen club members and we want to thank Andy and Jeannine for opening up their home for this garage day.

Respectfully,
Ted



2025 T & A Tour

Saturday, Aug. 23rd was the holding of our annual T&A tour with the Model A club members. We all met in the parking lot of the IHOP near the Flamingo Hotel, and by my count ,there were 19 cars in attendance: 5 Model T's and 14 Model A's. As always, it was good to hook up with the Model A club members and talk shop and see all their nice cars, not to mention the weather was picture perfect for the tour. A slight rerouting of the start of the tour was necessary due to the marathon running event being held in downtown Santa Rosa, but that did not affect the group much as we motored out to the west side of Santa Rosa. Eventually, we turned north on Willowside Road and Laguna Rd. to make our way north to Healdsburg to the Big John's Market on the north end of town, and our final destination. Once clearing the city stoplights, the driving was wonderful with very little traffic, and nice 2-lane country roads with beautiful scenery of vineyards along the route. There were no breakdowns with any of the cars, and cruising along at a nice sedate 30-35 mph, one was able to enjoy the countryside. Everyone arrived at the Big John's Market lot just before noon. Many thanks to Dave & Mici Ryberg for providing the coffee and donuts as well as the hard work Dave put in arranging this tour with the Model A club.

Respectfully,
Ted



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