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The SCVMTFC is a chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America. The club was founded in 1969 to promote the history and the enjoyment of Henry Ford's Famous Model T. Meetings are held 7:30 pm, on the third Friday of the month, at the First Republic Bank, Los Altos CA. Membership dues are \$30 per year. Send dues to Ivan Jorgensen, 475 Sunnyoakes Ave. Campbell CA, 95008 or PO Box 2081 Saratoga CA 95070. Membership in the Model T Ford Club of America is encouraged. Dues are \$50 per year. Send dues to MTFCA P.O. Box 996 Richmond IN 47375-0996.



I could have just asked for socks and underwear.

Years ago, my family was once again asking what I wanted for Christmas. I think that's when I first said "I think I would like a fire truck". Fast forward a few more years and my search for something that would fit in the garage uncovered a shiny red one in Michigan. I didn't realize at the time it was built on a Model TT chassis but it didn't matter because I was buying a fire truck – not a model T. So that's how I got into the Model T hobby and I couldn't be more pleased with how things worked out. Not because of being voted

club president but because of all the warm and friendly people in our chapter. It's the members who define the character of a club and what I see is a group that has a history of enjoying each other's company as they have fun with their Model Ts. I'll try to do my small part to continue that legacy.

December was a busy month with good weather for driving Model T's. Members participated in several parades and events. Thanks to Dan Smith for leading the Holiday Lights tour and Bob Meneely for leading the Last Chance Tour, both December traditions. We held our second tech session this year and got Jim Lukash's 1913 Touring purring like a kitten again. The holiday luncheon/installation of new officers was well attended and wonderfully decorated thanks to the Beamans.

Many thanks to all who served as officers and chairs for the club last year. We have a few spots to fill for 2024 and hopefully members will be found to fill those vacancies. So how about a new years resolution to drive your Model T a couple more times more than you did in 2023? And guys I hope you are enjoying your new socks and underwear.

Lynn



## Dec 30 (Sat), SCVMTFC Last Chance Tour.

It will be a flatland tour terminating in a lunch stop at the Last Chance Restaurant, 3400 De La Cruz Blvd, Santa Clara. Meet at Rancho Shopping Center in Los Altos (Springer & Foothill Expwy) at 10:45AM, depart at 11:00. Or meet at the Shell Station at Blossom Hill and Almaden Expwy at 10:45AM, depart at 11:00. Or just go direct and meet us at the Last Chance at 11:30. As tradition dictates, there will be billiards, bring your best stickmen or gals. This is your last chance to get a driving patch for 2023. This is a rain or shine tour, those Model T's are waterproof. Even if it snows the tour will still go on. Contact is Bob Meneely, 650-948-9301

# Endurance Run Meeting January 12

T'was the day after Christmas  
And all through the valley  
Not a speedster was stirring,  
in a garage, carport, or alley.  
The season was over,  
they all did their best,  
and had all settled in  
for a well deserved rest.  
When all of a sudden,  
there arose such a chatter  
I logged onto the Forum\*  
to see what was the matter.  
The message read  
the time is near  
to get those speedsters ready  
for the event of the year!  
It's the 53rd Annual  
ER & LT

from those who started it all,  
the S.C.V.M.T.F.C.  
So get that car ready  
without delay  
and join us in June!  
(the month after May)

Ok, so my poetry needs a little help. But you get the point. The time is near and it's later than you think. So, please join us for the first in-person meeting of the year for the 53rd Annual Endurance Run and Lowland Tour planning meeting. Bring a friend or the name of a friend who would like to help. Thank you all for participating in this great SCVMTFC tradition! Refreshments will be served.

When: Friday, January 12, 2024 @ 7:30PM

Where: First Republic Bank, 400 S. San Antonio Rd, Los Altos, CA

Conference Room

Chris Bhirdo

Chairperson, 53rd Annual Endurance Run & Lowland Tour

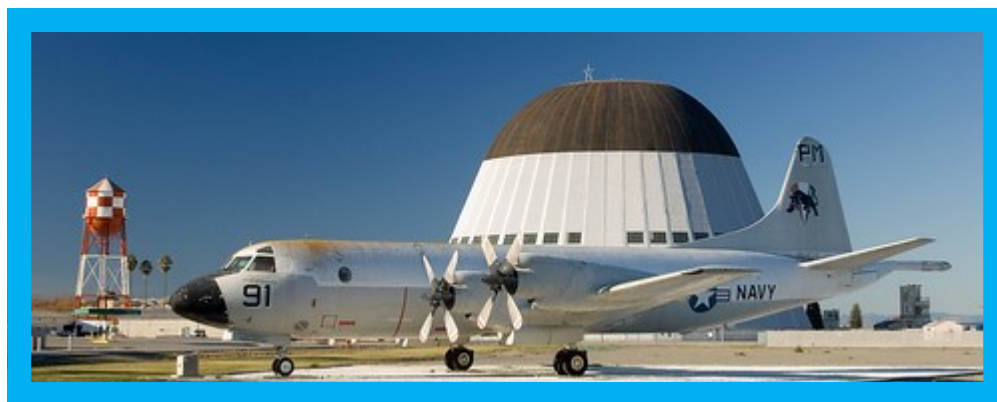
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- **Next Regular Meeting January 19, 7:30 pm**  
**First Republic Bank, Los Altos**
- **Dues are Due. Send Checks to Ivan Jorgensen**  
**(see page 2)**

## Moffett Field Museum Tour January 20th



Mark your calendars for a Jan 20th Model T club tour to the Moffett Field Museum. The museum covers the history of Moffett Field from the 1930's to present and the tours are sometimes led by people who actually served at Moffett. Exhibits change all the time so even if you have visited before there should be lots of new things to see and learn about. Meet up plans and times as well as driving directions will be available in early January. Group discount rate for our docent led tour will be \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Museum hours are 10:00 - 3:00 and our time there will probably be about 2 hours.

# 2023 Christmas Dinner



And a merry time was had by all!