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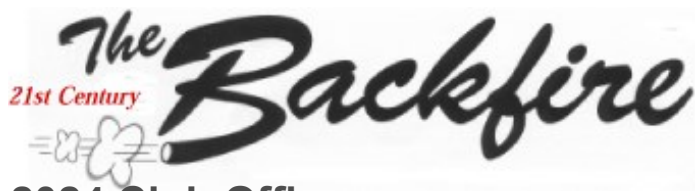
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The Club toured to Casa de Fruta on April 21st



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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. Membership dues are \$30 per year. Send dues to Ivan Jorgensen, 475 Sunnyoakes Ave. Campbell CA, 95008 Membership in the Model T Ford Club of America is encouraged. Dues are \$50 per year. Send dues to MTFCA ,310 N 8th St. Richmond, IN 47374.



Looks like the normal sunny west coast weather is back and time to get the tomato plants in the ground and watered. Great weather for Model T touring season. The recent tour to Casa de Fruita did not disappoint in creating some new memories.

This month's meeting will be held as part of the always popular pot luck, this year hosted by Peder and Maria Jorgensen. Thank you to the Jorgensen's for hosting and thanks to Dan and Nikkie for putting it all together. Even if you are

not a regular at club meetings or events, I would highly suggest you put this one on your schedule.

A big THANK YOU to two of our members for volunteering a potential space for our monthly meetings. Michele Brading offered up their family commercial building and Courtney Pokarney, fiancé of member Matt Allen got permission for us to meet at her Compass Realty office. The board of directors will discuss next week but most likely the decision will be left up to the membership.

Speaking of the membership, Jim Boyden who has been the editor of the Backfire for many years has decided it's time to pass the torch. I think of the Backfire as like the backbone of the club – it ties together every member with all the events and happenings of the club. Like magic each month he has put together our monthly news letter that keeps us all informed even if you don't attend monthly meetings or events. A big THANK YOU to Jim for all of his work over the years. So, if you would like to contribute to the club, be able to do your work from home and on your own schedule, we have an opening. Jim will be available to help the new person get up to speed.

The Endurance Run and Lowland Tour is now less than 6 weeks away. Final planning is underway and registrations continue to come in. If you have not already registered, now is the time. If you want to volunteer, we can always use more help either Saturday at Bertolotti's or Sunday at the Palo Alto VA. Chairman Chris Bhirdo would be happy to hear from you. This is a great event for the speedsters and Lowland cars but should be especially rewarding to see Veterans and their families at the finish line in front of the VA.

Motor on,

Lynn

SCVMTFC General Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2024

Attendees: 26 including 0 guests

Meeting Called to Order by President Lynn Alens at 7:30 p.m.

President (Lynn Alens): Lynn asked for any additions or corrections to the last meeting minutes printed in the Backfire. There were none and the minutes were approved.

Secretary (Pam Caldeira): No update

Reading: None

Vice President (Chris Bhirdo): Chris will discuss new meeting places under Old Business.

Treasurer (Mary Beaman): No update

Programs: No program for this meeting

Backfire (Jim Boyden): Jim thanked everyone for sending him material to put in the Backfire. Due to health issues, Jim may not be able to continue with the Backfire. A new Backfire Editor is needed.

Tours (Bob Meneely): Bob discussed the Casa de Fruta Tour on April 21st. He confirmed the upcoming Potluck General Meeting May 11th, Friendship Day May 19th, the Endurance Run and Lowland Tour June 8th-9th, and the Pancake Breakfast at Sveadal July 4th. Nikkie Gulko asked members to contact her to sign up for the potluck. Lynn Alens thanked those who volunteered for the "Put Together T" team and to help at Friendship Day. Rob Guzzetta asked Barbara Beach for the Casa de Fruta Tour route.

Public Relations: Allan Greenberg reported that the Bunnies and Bonnets Parade and Saratoga Blossom Festival were cancelled due to rain and confirmed upcoming events: Friendship Day May 19th, Downtown Campbell Car Show June 29th, and Rose, White & Blue Parade July 4th. Jim Boyden asked Allan Greenberg and Bob Meneely to include public relations events on the club calendar to the Backfire.

Membership (Ivan Jorgensen): No update

Tech & Safety (Dan Smith): No update

Librarian: No update

Endurance Run (Chris Bhirdo): Chris reported that event reminder cards were sent out. Thirteen people have registered. The backdrop banner, swag bags, directional and informational signs, dash plaques, and vinyl signs for promoting the event have been made. Advertisements have been put into the Mercury News and The Vintage Ford. There are new microphones for the PA system. Routes have been finalized. Meals are lined up and meal tickets have been printed. There will be two trouble trucks. The event T-shirt was shown to the club.

Cars in the Park: Allan Greenberg reported that a 3'x 5' banner for the Dodge Brothers vehicle line-up was designed and received. A DVD silent movie of the Dodge Brothers 1918 factory was received and

will be shown at the event. There was a second meeting with History San Jose. They will handle promotion and social media for the event and the kid's activities. There will be several vehicles parked at the gas station that the public can access and take photos of. Mike Hennessey will be the announcer for the "Put Together T". The Blackhawk Museum will have a display at the event. There are new collectibles and crafts exhibits this year.

Website: No update

Historian: Lucy Greenberg mentioned that she needs information on the Endurance Run and Lowland Tour to put in the historian books.

Refreshments: None

Sunshine: Helen Christensen did not send any cards this month as none were needed.

Old Business: Lynn Alens discussed new meeting place options. Matt Allen's fiancée offered her realty office and Michele Brading offered a commercial building space. Both of these options would be free. Lynn suggested having a meeting at each venue before making a decision. Chris Bhirdo discussed his research into the fire station and other locations. If there are any other suggestions, please speak up.

New Business: Allan Greenberg mentioned that the club may not attend the Memorial Day event at Oak Hill Memorial Park this year and asked for other Memorial Day event ideas. Ed Archer reminded members of the swap meet at Famoso Dragstrip May 3rd-4th. Rob Guzzetta offered the use of his Zoom account for meetings.

Good of the Order: Happy Birthday Nancy Alens! Happy 61st Anniversary Allan and Lucy Greenberg!

Next Meetings: Board Meeting May 6th (Zoom) General Meeting May 11th (Maria and Peder Jorgensen's house)

Motion to Adjourn by Chuck Christensen, Seconded by Ed Archer

Meeting Adjourned by Lynn Alens at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Pam Caldeira, Secretary

SCVMTFC CALENDAR for 2024

(SCVMTFC Activities shown in bold.)

May 1, Wed, SCVMTFC Endurance Run/Lowland Planning Meeting on ZOOM.

May 4, Sat, Famoso Swaporama at Famoso Drag Strip (Bakersfield Prewar Section)

May 6, Mon, SCVMTFC Board Meeting on ZOOM, watch for the emailed link.

May 11, Sat, SCVMTFC Potluck and General Meeting. May's general meeting will be combined with a Potluck at Maria and Peder Jorgensen's residence in Los Gatos from noon - 2:00 PM. Bring a dish to share, any finger foods or entrees. **RSVP** by May 4th at scvmtc@gmail.com or 408 644 6098 (leave message) Dessert, water, utensils and paper plates will be provided. Northern T's meet at Rancho at 10:30am, leave at 11:00,. Southern T's meet at 10:45am, leave at 11:15. Or go straight to Jorgensens and meet us there.

May 19, Sun, Friendship Day at Seaport Court, Port of Redwood City, 8:00am – 2:00pm. SCVMTFC will do the Put Together Model T at this event. No official tour, just show up.

Jun 2, Sun, Motherlode Swap Meet, Auburn Fairgrounds.

Jun 8-9, SCVMTFC Endurance Run and Lowland Tour, Registration packets are on the club website, SCVMTFC.org.

Jun 16-20, National Model T Tour in San Diego. www.MTFCS.org for registration. We have 6 cars going at present.

Jul 4, Thur, SCVMTFC Tour to Sveadal for breakfast. Meet at 8:45am behind the Shell station at Blossom Hill Road and Almaden Expressway. Leave around 9am, arrive around 10am. Pancake breakfast is served at 10am. Tour is free, pancake breakfast is \$15 for adults and \$8 for kids (6-12). Please **RSVP** to Ivan Jorgensen by 6/27

July 27, Sat, Santa Clara County Fair Parade. PR event, contact is Allan Greenberg

Aug 31, Sat, SCVMTFC Tour to BBQ at Mt. Madonna Park with South County Model T Club. More later.

Sep 14, Sat, Cars in the Park at History San Jose.

Oct 19, Sat, SCVMTFC tour to Lukash residence for pancake breakfast with BAHCC followed by a tour to Filoli. More later.

Dec 28, Sat, SCVMTFC Last Chance Tour.

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**SCVMTEC Potluck &
General Meeting**

Will be on

Saturday, May 11th at

Maria and Peder Jorgensen's

residence from Noon-2:00 PM.

Dessert will be provided.

RSVP by May 4th at scvmtc@gmail.com

or 408 644 6098 (leave message)

We are limiting to three salad dishes.



There's never been a better time to dust off your time machine and show off your driving skills. This year's endurance run is open to ALL speedsters of the era from 1900 through 1927. And, if you're wondering if you and your speedster have the "Right Stuff," you do! While we encourage all participants to present their speedsters as they would have appeared during the era represented, components like hydraulic brakes, all types of carburation, alternators and the like are accepted. All speedsters, of course, will be required to meet all safety requirements as listed on the Self Check Inspection Form.

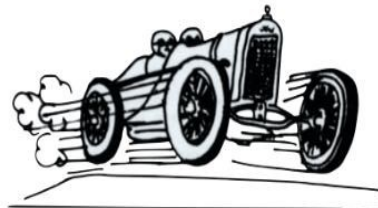
This year's event is on track to be truly spectacular! The route through the Santa Cruz Mountain Range will take you on some of the most beautiful roads in the world. Imagine motoring up winding roads amongst the giant redwoods and heading down to the coast for breathtaking ocean views. You'll even pass through historic towns and villages on roads older than your speedsters.

The day before the main event is our tech inspection and barbecue at Bertolotti's Garage, where you can catch up with old friends, make new friends, enjoy a delicious meal and tour Bertolotti's amazing collection of vintage automobiles. It will be the perfect beginning of a great weekend!

Sunday morning, we gather at the VA Medical Center in Palo Alto, for the main event. U.S. veterans, families, friends, and Lowland Tour participants will all be there to cheer on the speedster drivers and riding mechanics. Our opening ceremony will include the presentation of the American flag by a fully uniformed color guard in period dress and a guest singer to lead us in our National Anthem. Then we will hear the words we've all been waiting for: "Drivers, start your engines!" Can you hear it? That's the roar of all those mighty speedsters as they eagerly await the drop of the green flag!

Thank you for joining us as we celebrate our 53rd year of this truly amazing event! Don't keep it a secret. Tell your family and friends when you'll be in June and bring them along to be a part of history in motion. See you there!

SANTA CLARA VALLEY MODEL T FORD CLUB
53rd Annual Endurance Run
and Lowland Tour
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Endurance Run is open to All 1927 and earlier speedsters.
Lowland Tour is open to All pre-1940 automobiles.

Endurance Run Chair: Chris Bhirdo
(408) 505-0153, cbhirdo@gmail.com
Registration: Barbara Beach
(408) 887-4857, beachbk@gmail.com

Lowland Tour Chair: Lynn Alens
(408) 205-5806, alenslp@gmail.com
Registration: www.scvmtfc.org

Saturday, June 8, 2024
Check-in and Tech Inspection.
Enjoy catching up with friends and displaying your cars.
Summertime BBQ lunch and ice cold drinks.

Sunday, June 9, 2024
The Main Event!
Awards Ceremony and catered meal.
Victory Lap Finale!



Our 2024 Endurance Run and Lowland Tour begins and ends on the beautiful VA Medical Center campus in Palo Alto, CA, with easy access to the winding Santa Cruz Mountain roads, redwood forests and spectacular ocean views! Veterans from the VA Medical Center, families and friends will gather to see our cars, mingle and enjoy the festivities. Visit our website and register for this very special Endurance Run and Lowland tour today! www.scvmtfc.org.

The Club Toured to Casa de Fruta on April 21st.



Tailgate inspection, it passed.



Right out of the Teens.



A genteel lunch in the shade.



On the road again,.....



Found a train for Barbara, doesn't move...



Bringing up the rear.....



The lunch spot,...

Ice Cream or Wine "Take your Pick"

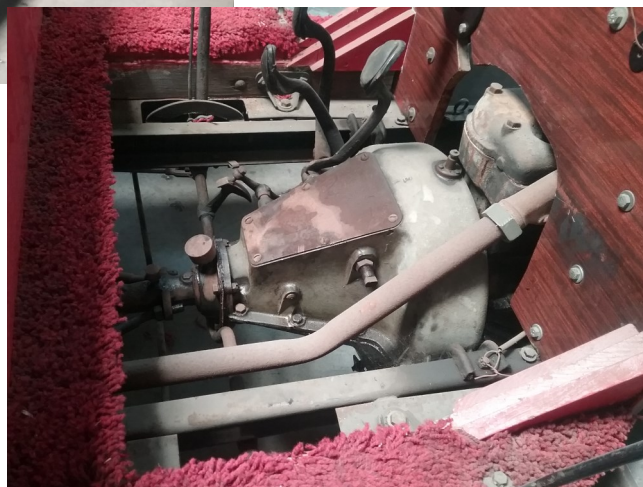
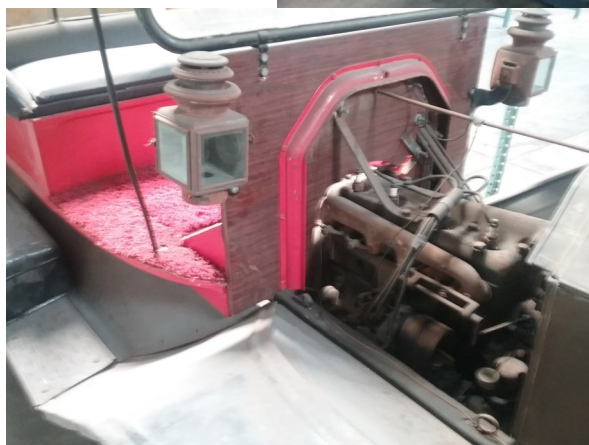
Magneto Rejuvenation

April 6, 2024: Our Model T club had a little pop-up seminar on charging magneto magnets in the car this month. This subject has been discussed on the forum, and there is even a U-tube video on the subject. Conclusion is that good results can be attained if you pay attention to detail and get the fly-wheel located relative to the magnets correctly. This all got started in our club because Barbara Beach's newly acquired 1915 just did not like the mag position on the key. Barb enlisted her dad and they built up a rig to charge up the magnets with three 12 volt batteries in series. So, the most critical item is to line the magnets up with the coils with a north pole located just to the left of the mag post. The mag post is removed so that it is not arced. A blunt probe is used to apply the plus side to the mag coil. The negative wire is simply flashed to ground a couple of times. Barb and her dad had great success charging up the magnets in the 1915 which now runs really good on mag. So we decided to make a seminar out of this. I volunteered my truck to be the guinea pig and we had about 10 people show up for the event. Our starting voltage measurements were 12 volts at idle and 20 volts at about 1500 rpms. After zapping the coils with 36 volts, the voltage was 16 at idle and 30 at 1500. So, this really does work and if your T is running a little weak on mag, this is a way to pep it up. It works!!
Bob Meneely



For Sale 1913 Ford Model T light delivery.

Nice little open delivery pick up on a car chassis. The only non 13 chassis items I could find was the front spring (non tapered leaf) and the 4 1915/16 fenders. It has a few neat early accessories. 30 X 3 1/2 wire wheels, unusual front shock absorbers and double front wishbone. Ignition is a rare Bosch side drive magneto. The body is mostly wood and in great condition. The engine cranks over but no attempt has been made to make it run. It appears that it was resurrected from a barn in the 1950s, some parts were painted and some reupholstery was done for a quick fix up and then it went back in the barn until recently. No attempt has been made to wipe off all the dust from long term inside storage. \$10,800.00 or best offer. Call or email Ed Archer 510 581 4911, karened4@att.net.



Dodged a Bullet

The other day, I decided to rotate my car trailer tires (about one third of a turn), something I do every 4 or 5 months so that they hopefully do not develop a flat spot and blow as soon as they are out on the road. I sure am glad I did, cause look what I discovered. This tire was still holding air and had to be like that the last time I arrived home from a trip. Good luck on my part from two stand-points: 1) I made it home; and 2) I found it before hitting the road again. Moral of this story, go out and check your trailer tires now, don't wait till it is time to hook up and go. Bob Meneely



FRIENDSHIP DAY 2024

Sunday, May 19th / 8am-2pm

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Sunday May 19th, 2024

SATURDAY MAY 4, 2024

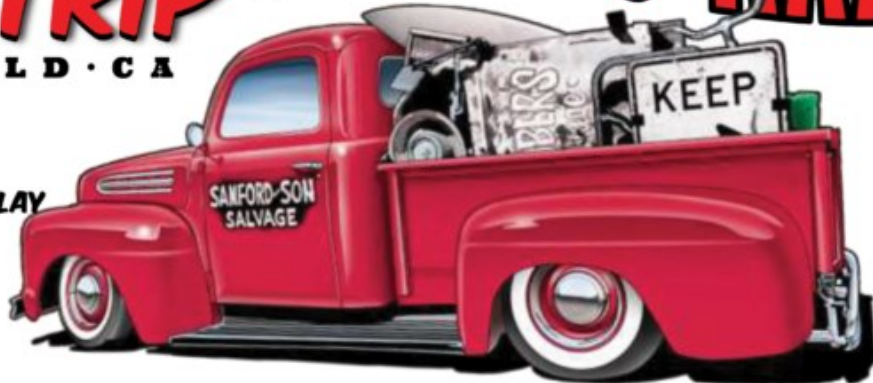
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