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# The Backfire

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The official newsletter of the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club

## **The 54th Annual Endurance Run and Lowland Tour Edition**



ENDURANCE RUN



LOWLAND TOUR





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.



*Each year since 1970, the SCVMTFC has sponsored the Annual Endurance Run for Model T Speedsters, an event that takes the classic autos through a challenging course and tests the durability of both the drivers and cars. The Lowland Tour runs simultaneously for vintage autos through their own challenging course, and the event converges for recognition of various categories completed. Read on to learn more about the history of the event and this year's participants.*

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Monthly Meetings: Third Friday of Every Month @ 7:30 p.m.

Brading Associates, 3620 Charter Park Dr. In San Jose

Join us! You don't have to own a Model T to belong to the club

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It's all downhill from here. Our last general meeting was on June 20<sup>th</sup> - summer solstice - the longest day of the year. San Francisco had 14 hours/46 minutes/55 seconds of daylight on that day which is about 5 hours/14 minutes more than the winter solstice. Seattle being further north had 15 hours/59 minutes of sunshine that day while Miami had 13 hours/45 minutes. There's your trivia for the day. Now get out in your Model T and enjoy the sunshine as the days slowly start to get shorter.

Club members Ivan and Wayne Yurtin decided to enter the Montana 500 in their recently purchased 1927 Touring. They were the only entry with 2 passengers in this historically difficult test of man and machine and they completed all 500 miles in their first attempt. You don't have to come in first or second in this race - just finishing makes you a winner. CONGRATULATIONS to the father/son team on a job well done!

Speaking of winners, the 2025 Endurance Run and Lowland tour along with the new addition of a mid-day car show was a huge success. At our recent meeting, members shared stories of the challenges the Speedsters encountered in what everyone agrees was one of the best routes ever. While the Speedsters and Lowland cars were cruising the mountain roads, patients and staff from the VA hospital were enjoying the car show in the parking lot of the hospital. While the stories at our monthly meeting from drivers out on the roads told of a fun and rewarding event, it was stories from members attending the car show that described a day more special than past Endurance Runs. It was very touching and rewarding to see Veterans, young and old, many in wheel chairs, enjoying all the antique cars on display. A very special day for them made even better by our club serving up free grilled hot dogs. You would have thought we were handing out gold coins as patients with the help of hospital staff lined up, sometimes even coming back a second time. Club members, some Veterans themselves, described conversations they had with patients and the appreciation they had for bringing such an event right to the front door of the hospital. A great day for the Veterans and an inspiring day for the rest of us as well. Note to self...good judgement on the catsup and mustard but bring more relish next time.

Motor on,

Lynn

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"There is no disgrace  
in honest failure;  
there is disgrace  
in fearing to fail."

- Henry Ford





## CLUB CALENDAR

### 2025 SCVMTFC Board Meetings

Board Meetings occur every  
other month via Zoom  
(unless otherwise noted)

July 14, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m.

### 2025 SCVMTFC General Meetings

General Meetings occur on 3rd  
Friday of every month at  
3620 Charter Park Drive, San Jose  
(unless otherwise noted)

July 18, 7:30 p.m.

August 15, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. TBD Holiday Luncheon/Meeting

## 2025 TOURS & EVENTS

	Date	Event Type	Contact	Details
JULY	July 13-18	National Club Tour	National Model T Club	Steam 'n T Party National T Tour, Stettler, Alberta, Canada Details @ <a href="https://www.mtfca.com/events/">https://www.mtfca.com/events/</a>
	July 4	SCVMTFC Tour	Ivan Jorgensen	Sveadal See details Page 16
	July 4	Public Relations Event	Matt Allen	Rose, White & Blue Parade San Jose See details page 16
	July 18	Public Relations Event	Matt Allen	See details page 16; 10 a.m.—2 p.m. Centennial Celebration TPC Harding Park San Francisco
AUG	August 2	Public Relations Event	Matt Allen	Santa Clara County Fairgrounds Fair
	August 23	Combined Club Tour	Glenn Wildman	Joint picnic with South County Mount Madonna; see details Page 17
SEPT	Sept. 13	SCVMTFC Hosted Event	Greenbergs & Jorgensens	25th Annual Cars In The Park @ History San Jose. See Details Page 19
OCT	October 4	SCVMTFC Tour	Jim Lukash	Pancake Breakfast at Lukash home
	October 4	Public Relations Event	Matt Allen	Santa Clara Parade of Champions Downtown Santa Clara
	October 16-19	Combined Club Tour	Barbara Beach	San Diego Model T Club—Last Roundup Tour
NOV	Nov. 11	Public Relations Event	Matt Allen	Veterans Day Parade San Jose
	November TBD	SCVMTFC Tour	Barbara Beach/ Chris Bhirdo	Proposed farm visit
DEC	December	SCVMTFC Tour	Barbara Beach	SCVMTFC Annual Holiday Lunch
	December	SCVMTFC Tour	Barbara Beach	SCVMTFC Holiday Lights Tour
	December	SCVMTFC Tour	Barbara Beach	SCVMTFC Last Chance Tour



## A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE OF THE ENDURANCE RUN

Article Originally written in 1974 by Fred Bausch

("We" refers to Fred and Gary Bausch)

TO SPEED OR NOT TO SPEED -----

THAT IS THE ENDURANCE RUN QUESTION!

Suddenly, after almost 4 years of scrounging, buying, borrowing, and otherwise accumulating model T Ford parts, it was 5:30 on the morning of June 2, 1974. Today was the day! Today was the 5th Annual Speedster Endurance Run and we were going to be in it! At long last, we were about to embark on the trip that had been a dream for too long. Somehow during the last two months a rather handsome looking speedster emerged from the shed that had, for so long, held a vast collection of rusty old "T" parts.

The night before we had loaded the speedster on the trailer, checked and double checked all the nuts and bolts, packed the tool box and we were all prepared to go at the crack of dawn.

We arrived in Santa Clara at 6:45 and after unloading, we checked in and got in line. We had been pre- tech- inspected at Cunninghams Garage in Los Gatos the Sunday before, so we were merely waiting to pick our starting number and get our picture taken. As is usual in an event like this, the hurrier things went, the behinder they got, so when the drivers meeting was finally called at 5 minutes to 8, some wise guy in the group yelled out "gee, is it 7:15 already???" Anyway, after being briefed on the various pitfalls of ~~the~~ the route, we were off to the starting line with a cloud of smoke and a mighty roar.

Try to imagine 58 "T" Speedsters running 2 abreast, under police escort, down the Alameda into downtown San Jose. The sight must have been a mind boggler to the people we passed along the way. Anyone who wasn't on the way to church already, probably changed their minds and headed there anyway, just in case the world was being taken over by "those fire breathing monsters".

At the starting line we all lined up 3 abreast and just as the announcer was starting to introduce the cars and drivers, everyone started their engines and completely drowned out the introductions. Finally the time had come and as the green flag fell, 58 Model "T" Ford Speedsters roared off to conquer the unknown. Along the first few blocks several cars dropped out for various reasons and some were even seen to stop and take gas. Thats sure a funny thing to do right after the start of a race---oops sorry, endurance run.

After making the loop around Alum Rock Park, we were together with quite a group of cars and they all turned left on White Rd. which according to our map was a no-no. We went with them for a short distance, re-checked our map and turned around to go to the Capitol Expressway, which, according to our map was the proper route. On the way back, we shook our fingers at



## A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE OF THE ENDURANCE RUN

all the cars going the "wrong way". We double re-checked our map and, satisfied that we were the only ones on the right path, we headed down the Capitol Expressway to Quimby Road. When we reached to corner of Quimby Road and White Road, we met another group of cars coming down the wrong road and when they shook their fingers back at us after we shook ours at them, we began to suspect that maybe our map had been mis-marked. When we met Ed Archer at San Antonio Junction, we showed him our map and he confirmed our suspicions -- someone had marked our map wrong. We lost very little time tho so there was no big pproblem.

Quimby Rd. was up to its usual tricks and claimed several cars due to overheating and other annoying ailments, but by some miracle, we made it to the top, after stalling for about 2 minutes just a few hundred feet from the summit with steam gushing from the radiator in ax all directions. The engine started quickly though and we made it over the summit and from there on it was smooth sailing. We made it all the way to the top of Mt. Hamilton without any problems and our gallant machine went most ~~of~~ the way up in high gear.

The weather in downtown San Jose was overcast and somewhat chilly and there was some fog up Quimby road, but once ofer the summit, the sun was shining and it was clear skies and cool breezes the rest of the way. Even Livermore, which can be a real hot spot was on the mild side.

The rest of the trip from Mt. Hamilton to Livermore was uneventfull except that we seemed to be passing everyone in sight and we wern't a bit surprised when we were the 7th car into Cordioli Ford for the lunch break. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ (even tho we were in the next to last row at the starting line) We realized that this wasnt a race and the first cars in didn't win, but our speedster was running ~~xx~~ and handling so well, that we just couldnt keep our lead food off the throttle. After a fine lunch of fried chicken ala the Colonel, baked beans and bisquits, we checked the car over for loosness and finding none, we were soon on our way again.

The afternoon run was fantastic. We headed back thr Pleasanton, Sunol, Niles, and over the Dumbarton bridge to Palo Alto. Then thru Stanford behind the shopping center and out Alpine Road to Old La Honda Rd. Then up Old La Honda Rd. to Skyline. What a ~~gorgeous road~~ glorious road that is. From Skyline we headed down the other side of Old La Honda Rd. which is several miles of steep downgrade -- all dirt and loads of bumpy and sometimes muddy fun. There is nothing like driving a speedster out thru the redwoods to bring you close to nature. After passing thru La Honda, we headed up Alpine Rd. to Skyline, down Page Mill to the back side of Los Altos, then down the Foothill Expressway and Homestead Rd into Santa Clara and the finish line festivities.



## A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE OF THE ENDURANCE RUN

Once again we were among the early arrivals so we knew we didnt have a chance to be among the top finishers, but what else can you do with a young buck speedster except to give it free rein and hang on tight. Mal Staley of Martinez was the winner of the endurance run, coming in within seconds of the established time with the second place car only a wheel length behind.

Of the 50 starters, between 40 and 45 finished. The exact number may never be known since it has been told that at midnight on the night of the full moon (June 4th) the mighty roar of a lonely speedster could be heard echoing thru the hills around La Honda, Its probably still out there, trying to find Alpine Rd. and the way back to Santa Clara.



Gary Bausch participated in the 2025 Endurance Run - Car Number 80, 1925 Ford Custom by Bausch





## 54th ANNUAL ENDURANCE RUN & LOWLAND TOUR

### The Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club 54th Annual Endurance Run & Lowland Tour By Chris Bhirdo, Chairperson

On Saturday and Sunday, June 7th & 8th, 2025, the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club hosted its 54th Annual Endurance Run and Lowland Tour.

Beginning with the tech inspection and barbecue on Saturday, 28 speedsters rolled into Santa Clara and gathered at Bertolotti's Garage while marches by John Philip Sousa filled the air. At check in, drivers received a swag bag that included a commemorative brass pocket watch, first aid kit and a Model T fuel gauge stick, an absolute must have for a 150 mile run through the Santa Cruz mountain range.



John Bertolotti opened his extensive collection of rare and beautiful vintage cars for all to see. In the shop, Dan Erceg presented an impressive display of period correct speed equipment, racing artwork, this years trophies and the grand "traveling" trophy standing almost 3 feet high!



The tech team made quick work of the inspections, while drivers drew numbers for pole positions. As the last speedster rolled out of the inspection area, around 120 of our closest friends lined up for delicious Texas style barbecue, topped off with fresh home-baked cookies and ice cream.



This year, in addition to thanking all volunteers for their contributions to the event, we paid special tribute to the founder of the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club's Annual Endurance Run and Lowland Tour. As with any long-standing tradition, there had to be someone who took the first step. Someone who was the pioneer and who said "I think we should do this." Someone who championed an idea and persuaded others to follow. That person is Ed Archer.

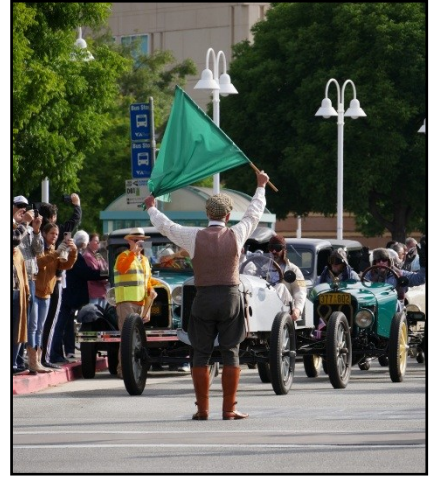
Ed, and his late friend, Jim Treleaven, Co-Chaired the very first Model T Speedster-Racer Endurance Run back in 1970. Without Ed's commitment and perseverance we wouldn't be celebrating our 54th year of this outstanding event. To show our appreciation, Chris Bhirdo presented Ed with an original hand painted portrait of Ed and his wife, Karen, in their prized 1915 Ford 2-man racer, #4. And, like many years past, Ed drove #4 in this years endurance run, accompanied by his grandson, Jessie Willis.



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Sunday morning came quickly for the set up team and participants at the VA Medical Center, Palo Alto. It wasn't long before speedsters and lowland cars were all lined up and ready to go. Jim Lukash gave the opening address, the Welcome Home Doughboys presented our nations colors while Shirley Azevedo sang the National Anthem. Then, the words we'd all been waiting for, announced by one of the Veterans attending the event, "drivers, start your engines!" Dan Erceg signaled the beginning of the endurance run with the flourish of the green flag, and they were off!



In addition to the Endurance Run & Lowland Tour, our club decided to honor our Veterans with the addition of the Veterans Appreciation Car Show. While the speedsters and lowland tour cars were navigating their routes through the majestic redwood forests and winding mountain roads of the Santa Cruz Mountains, about 22 vintage automobiles stayed on site for the Veterans, their families, friends and staff at the VA Medical Center to enjoy. This was a special day for the Vets who were treated to live music, free hotdogs, snacks and beverages in addition to visiting with collectors and seeing their beautiful pre-war automobiles.

Meanwhile, speedsters and lowland tour participants alike were navigating their way among some of the most beautiful roads on the planet. After a coffee and doughnut stop, both groups met in the small town of Pescadero for lunch and a chance to stretch and take a breather. Arcangeli's Grocery was a gracious host and did a fantastic job catering the lunch.



Back on the road again, the speedsters went one way and the lowland tour another. But wait, what's this? Along Highway 84, lowland tour folks on their way back to Palo Alto saw speedsters heading towards them! What fun! Horns honking and hands waving as they passed each other. It wasn't long before the lowland tour joined the car show at the VA Medical Center, but the speedsters still had some challenging roads ahead, including a steep downhill run on Kings Mountain Rd, where brakes tended to get pretty hot!



It was after 3:00PM when speedsters started to cross the finish line back at the VA Medical Center. By 4:00pm all but one speedster had returned. Word from the support team was that although they'd be late, they were still moving under their own power! Car #27 finally arrived at 5:08PM.

From start to finish, the 54th Annual Endurance Run & Lowland Tour, and Veterans Appreciation Car Show, was enjoyed by all. We express our gratitude and appreciation to Veteran Affairs Palo Alto Health Services, Veterans of all U.S. Armed Services, our volunteers, participants, sponsors and spectators for helping make this an extraordinary and memorable event.

## 54th ANNUAL ENDURANCE RUN & LOWLAND TOUR

The awards for the 54th Annual Endurance Run & Lowland Tour went to the following:

1st Place: Car #50, Andrew Clary & Jeannine Clary, 1919 Ford, Mercury style body  
2nd Place: Car #43, Paul Allen & Alexandria Allen, 1923 Ford, PACO style body  
3rd Place: Car #45, Dani McEachern & Dan McEachern, 1922 Ford, Vic Sala Speedster

### Other Awards:

Youngest Driver: Dani McEachern, Car #45  
Oldest Driver: Ed Archer, Car #4  
Rookie Driver: Philip Oldenhage, Car #34  
Longest Distance: Jerry King, Car #1  
Hard Luck: Dodge Riedy, Car #27



1st Place: Andrew & Jeannine Clary



2nd Place: Paul & Alexandria Allen



3rd Place: Dani & Dan McEachern  
Youngest Driver: Dani McEachern



# VETERANS APPRECIATION CAR SHOW

## A "SHOW" OF THANKS

By Kelly Bhirdo

In 2024 the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club started and finished its annual endurance run and lowland tour at the VA Medical Center in Palo Alto, CA. Not only is this a beautiful campus with its multitude of American Flags proudly displayed on either side of the entry road, but it is also a gateway to some of the most scenic mountain and coastal roads in the Bay Area. Additionally, it gave the Club the opportunity to show support to the many Veterans who are residing there on a short-term or long-term basis. The thinking was they would be entertained by watching the green flag drop while the speedster engines roared and the lowland tour cars pulled out behind them. Later in the day they could watch again as the antique autos returned from their journey. The hope was that the Club and its cars might provide a little joy to the heroes. And it did. Nevertheless, upon reflection, it occurred to Endurance Run Chairman, Chris Bhirdo, that something had been missing. He felt they needed something to fill the void between the start of the day and the finish. Thus, the Veterans Appreciation Car Show was born.



On June 8, 2025, the green flag dropped as usual and the 54th Annual Endurance Run and Lowland Tour began. But, instead of having to wait until late in the day to see the old cars again, the Veterans Appreciation Car Show took place on the VA Medical Center campus. It was no ordinary car show. It felt more like a small county fair or town square picnic.

Live music played throughout the day, courtesy of Crossing Dana, a Bay Area rock cover band. "Proud Mary," "Lay Down Sally" and "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" filled the air from one side of the show. On the other side stood Club member Jim Lukash with a couple of antique automobile horns. He was encouraging passersby to try the horns for themselves. So every so often, above the band's melody, you would hear a loud "HONK-HONK" or "AH-OO-GAH." You could see the delight on the faces of those creating the sounds. Such a little thing, but such a big hit.



Since many of the Club's members and vehicles were participating in the endurance run and tour, the Club recruited members of the Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club, the Greater South Bay Chevy Club and the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the Model A Club of America to participate in the car show. This made for a wonderful array of automobiles for the Veterans to enjoy. Everything from a 1909 Maxwell horseless carriage to a 1941 Chevrolet Sedan Special Edition were on display. There was a 1913 Model T Touring Car, a 1924 Pierce Arrow and a 1934 Chevrolet Master Sedan, just to name a few. There was even a 1925 Model TT Fire Truck for their viewing pleasure.



## VETERANS APPRECIATION CAR SHOW



Veterans and their families and caregivers enthusiastically studied each of them. I would have to say, though, the star of the show was Larry Wolfsen's Circus Wagon. What started out as a 1914 Model TT Truck off the assembly line was meticulously and masterfully turned into a one-of-a-kind shiny red circus wagon that pulls a trailer fashioned to look like a box car. It was delightful. As Larry's son Lawrence sat in the wagon providing bags of free popcorn, Larry's other son Taylor sat in the trailer offering lollipops, gum balls and colorful pinwheels. The pinwheels were quite a hit — children carried them playfully while Veterans used them to adorn their backpacks and wheelchairs.

Right next to the circus wagon stood the Model T Club's president, Lynn Alens, acting as grill master. While he tended to cooking up hotdogs, two other Club members, Mary Beaman and Lucy Greenberg, served them and assisted with condiments. The Veterans were tickled with the free lunch and their expressive faces looked as though they had struck gold.



The car show was open to all Veterans and their families. Some came by car, others walked in, but the majority of our visitors came from inside the hospital building. The Medical Center set it up so that six caregivers brought six patients out at a time. Some of them ventured on their own if they were able to negotiate their wheelchairs while others spent 20-30 minutes with us before the caregivers took them back and escorted six more out to the show. There was a steady stream of attendees while never being uncomfortably crowded.

Along with the circus wagon treats and hotdogs, the Veteran's Administration offered various bags of chips & cookies and bottled water & Gatorade, all free for the taking. The VA also took the opportunity to showcase some of the assistance it has available to Veterans and their families. Some non-profit organizations such as Team RWB (Red, White & Blue) which concentrates on promoting a health and wellness community and The Cost of Courage Foundation that supports the needs of Veterans and families as they transition back to civilian life manned information booths as well. Of course, the local chapter of the American Legion was set up to answer questions and pass out those all too familiar red poppies, reminding us that we should never forget the sacrifices American Service Members make to keep us safe and free.

As I walked the grounds capturing the day with my camera, I had several encounters with military Veterans who shook my hand exuberantly and thanked me over and over again for the festivities. The weekends are boring, they told me, and time just drags on. This was a much appreciated respite from that. I have to admit that more than one of these brave heroes moved me to tears. The day was lovely and so much fun. Our Club's gift of one afternoon filled with old cars, hotdogs and music had such a powerful impact on those who had given our country so much. It was our show of thanks.





# ENDURANCE RUN

**And They're Off!**



**Ed Archer makes up for the late start (from changing out of his color guard uniform)**



**The Donut Stop**



**On the Run!**



**Waving in the Speedsters at the Pescadero Lunch Stop**



**Back Home!**

For More Photos Visit <http://www.scvmtfc.org>



## LOWLAND TOUR



The Starting Line: Model T's, Model A's, A Pierce Arrow and other classic cars joined the Lowland Tour



And They're Off!



Lunch Stop in Pescadero

Passing the Speedsters On the Way Back

For More Photos Visit  
<http://www.scvmtfc.org>



## VETERANS APPRECIATION CAR SHOW





## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### SCVMTFC July Tour—SVEADAL for Breakfast Friday, July 4th

Meet at 8:45 am behind the Shell station at Blossom Hill Road and Almaden Expressway  
Leave around 9 am, arrive around 10 am  
Pancake breakfast is served at 10 am  
Tour is free, pancake breakfast is \$15 for adults and \$5 for kids (6-12)

Please RSVP to Ivan Jorgensen  
ivan.jorgensen@gmail.com,  
408-348-8359.



### Public Relations Event

Friday, July 4th, 2025

Rose, White and Blue Parade  
San Jose

Car Cruise: 9:45am

Parade: 10am - Approx. 12pm

Festival: 11am - 2pm

Contact Matt Allen (408) 605-2310



### Public Relations Event

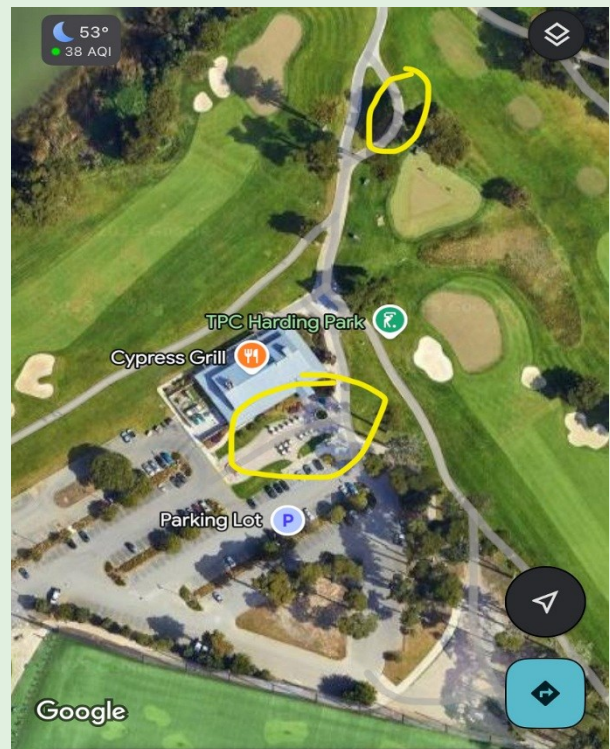
Friday, July 18th, 2025

The TPC Harding Golf Course Centennial Celebration

10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. @ Park & Golf Course San Francisco

Classic Cars from the 1925 era welcome to display

Contact Matt Allen (408) 605-2310





## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### THE SOUTH VALLEY MODEL T FORD CLUB

Invites you to our

**THIRD ANNUAL**

**BBQ & POTLUCK**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 23, 2025**

**Mt Madonna county park in the Hilltop picnic site**

**11:00 am to ?**

**What to bring:**

**\$6.00 CASH to expedite park entrance**

**Something to BBQ and something to share**

**Your favorite beverage, utensils, and a chair**

**We will have Fire, BBQ Utensils, Garlic Bread & Ice**

**A WELCOME TO THE**

**Santa Clara Model T Ford Club**

**Santa Clara Model A Ford Club**

**Past members of Valle del Sur Antique Automobile Club**

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



For More Information Visit the  
MTFCA National  
Club Tour Website

[https://  
www.mtfca.com/  
event/steam-n-t-  
party-stettler-  
alberta/](https://www.mtfca.com/event/steam-n-t-party-stettler-alberta/)



### Long Beach Model T Club 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Parts Exchange

Since 1955 the best OLD CAR & OLD FORD

### SWAP MEET in the WEST

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2025 Rain or Shine

Open 7:00AM Admission: \$5.00 Free Parking



### Long Beach City College Veteran's Stadium

5000 Lew Davis St. Long Beach, CA. 90808  
Enter from Conant St. between Lakewood Bl. and Clark St.  
Just a mile and a half north of the 405 on Lakewood Bl.

Spaces are Available: 20 ft. Wide by 16 ft. Deep

Spaces are \$40 each or 3 for \$100

\$50 each Day of Event

Call Jeff Hood 562-597-5936

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Open to all Makes and Models Automotive  
and hobby related items only  
NO Dogs NO Guns NO Weapons

• This event is NOT the monthly Vets Hi-Po swap meet •



## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### 25th Annual

**"The largest annual antique & classic auto show in the West"**

**A Living History Day**

## ***Cars in the Park - Antiques & Classics***



#### **Entrance Fees:**

**Adults: \$10**

**Seniors: \$8**

**Children (6 - 12) & HSJ Members: \$5**

**Participants & Children Under 6: Free**

**Adjacent City Parking: \$10**

***Saturday, September 13, 2025***

**11:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

***History Park, 693 Phelan Ave.***

***San José, CA 95112***

***Presented by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club  
&  
History San José***

#### ***Period-Correct Vehicles and Motorcycles through 1949***

- Antique Bicycles •Antique Fire Equipment •Early Day Gas Engines
- Handcraft Demos •Antique Collectibles •Dixieland Band
- Tonic Trio Singers •Vintage Clothing •Historic Buildings
- Trolley Rides •Children's Activities •And More

#### ***Featured Event:***

**Model T Put Together**



[scvmfrc.org](http://scvmfrc.org)

Food and Ice Cream are Available



[historysanjose.org](http://historysanjose.org)

Allan Greenberg

## MEMBER NEWS

# Welcome New Members!

***Phil and Sherry Nicholson***

**We're happy to have you as part of the club!**

### CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Applications for Membership in the SCVMTFC: <http://scvmtfc.org/MISC/membership%20forms/Membership%20Form.pdf>

Membership dues are \$30 /year. Send dues to Ivan Jorgensen, 475 W Sunnyoaks Ave., Campbell CA, 95008

Membership in the Model T Ford Club of America is encouraged. Dues \$50/year. Send dues to MTFCA, 310 N 8th St. Richmond, IN 47374

### 2025 DRIVING PATCHES



**January**  
Jim Lukash

**April**  
Bill Bratt

**July**

**Oct**

**February**  
Bob Meneely  
Chris Bhirdo  
Bob Beaman  
Barbara Beach

**May**  
(Potluck no  
tour)

**August**

**Nov**

**March**  
Mark Edwards  
Chris Kent

**June**  
(Endurance Run  
no tour)

**September**

**December**



# JUNE GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

## SCVMTFC General Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2025

**Attendees:** 34 including 2 guests

**Meeting Called to Order by President Lynn Alens at 7:30 p.m. Meeting held at Brading Associates.**

**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):** Pam reviewed the board meeting minutes from May 12, 2025. The board voted to allow our newsletter to be posted on the MTFCA website. Nancy Alens confirmed that she will remove member phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and home addresses (except for hers) from the newsletters before they are posted on the MTFCA website.

**Reading:** Chuck Christensen read some excerpts from the book *Giggles from Glacier Guides*.

**Vice President (Chris Bhirdo):** Chris shared an issue of *The Flivver Flash* newsletter from the Space City T's in Houston, Texas.

**Treasurer (Mary Beaman):** Mary distributed and reviewed financial reports. She also provided a breakeven analysis of our membership dues and the board will discuss this at the next board meeting.

**Programs (Mark Edwards):** Mark announced that tonight's program will be "Tales of the Endurance Run and Lowland Tour" and the program for July will be "Bingo." August's program will be a "Tech Talk."

**Backfire (Nancy Alens):** Nancy asked members to send her anything they have regarding events.

**Tours (Barbara Beach):** Barbara confirmed upcoming tours and events: Sveadal July 4th, Mount Madonna BBQ August 23rd, Cars in the Park September 13th, Lukash Pancake Breakfast October 4th.

**Public Relations:** Matt Allen confirmed upcoming events: Rose, White and Blue Parade July 4th, TPC Harding Park Centennial Celebration July 18th. There will also be a 4th of July Parade in Piedmont.

**Membership (Ivan Jorgensen):** Mary Beaman reported that there are now 83 members. Ivan has sent out this year's roster.

**Tech & Safety (Dan Smith):** Dan talked about the front crank seal on his car.

**Librarian:** Michele Brading reported that the library now has the latest issue of *The Vintage Ford* and some printed copies of the 2025 SCVMTFC Roster.

**Endurance Run:** Chris Bhirdo thanked all the volunteers for their help with the event this year. The next Endurance Run and Lowland Tour will be June 6-7, 2026.

**Cars in the Park:** Peder Jorgensen has a sign-up sheet for volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please contact him. Two donations have been received for the event. The featured vehicles this year will be Speedsters and Racers. Peder has rack cards, posters, and business cards for the event. Please see him if you would like some to pass out.

**Website:** Dan Gulko reported that photos of the Endurance Run have been posted on the website. If you have any photos of the event, please send them to Nikkie Gulko so she can post them. Nancy Alens thanked Nikkie for all of her work on the website.

**Historian:** Chris Bhirdo mentioned that Lucy Greenberg has received information on this year's Endurance Run and Lowland Tour for the club's records.

**Refreshments:** The refreshments provided were left over from the Endurance Run. Thank you, Chris Bhirdo!

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

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Lynn Alens has a hubcap that was found after the potluck last month. Please contact him if you are missing one. Matt Allen mentioned that Woodies on the Wharf will take place tomorrow, June 21, 2025.

**Good of the Order:** Happy Birthday Chuck Christensen! Happy Birthday Maria Jorgensen! Happy Anniversary Bob and Pat Meneely! Happy Anniversary Dan and Nikkie Gulko! Pat Meneely talked about a video from our library, *Ford's Fabulous T*, and encouraged members to check it out. Peder Jorgensen mentioned that Ivan and Wayne Yurtin participated in the Montana 500 and finished in 8th place.

**Next Meetings:** Board Meeting July 14th (Zoom) General Meeting July 18th (Brading Associates)

**Motion to Adjourn by Mary Beaman, Seconded by Barbara Beach**

**Meeting Adjourned by Lynn Alens at 8:13 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted by Pam Caldeira, Secretary**



## MARKETPLACE

FOR SALE

FOR THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES, PLEASE CONTACT :  
Ed Archer, phone 510 581 4911, Email [karened4@att.net](mailto:karened4@att.net)

**1960 Chevrolet Corvette Roadster.** Older exterior repaint metallic blue, black vinyl interior, replacement 327 V-8 engine, 4 spd manual trans., Dixco 8 K tach., odometer shows 91,000 miles. Body straight, paint and chrome is good. \$37,500.00. More pictures available on request, but I haven't moved it out of the garage yet.



**1952 Bentley Radford Countryman** Pebble Beach show quality restoration. Buy an immediate winner. Price is much less than the cost and headaches of restoring one. \$129,000.00. Call or email for more pictures.

**1929 Ford Model A Rumble Seat Roadster.** Older high quality restoration, well maintained since with few miles driven. Those of you that are old enough to remember Jim Dunbar on KGO radio, well this was his car. Probably last seen as he showed it at the Hillsborough Concours several years ago. Exterior is green and black with cream wheels and striping, interior is tan. Mechanically excellent. \$19,500.00 or best offer.



**1937 Packard Six 4 door sedan.** Packard's renowned quality with their well developed steadfast six cylinder engine. 1937 was the first year of Packard's lower priced model with their proven six cylinder engine. This car has been well cared for since new. Purchased new from Pierre Motor co. the Packard Agent in Napa, CA. and still resides in Napa. A two or possibly 3 owner car since new. It's a combination of original and restored condition. Some of the upholstery is factory original and some has been tastefully replaced and although newer, appears original. The exterior has an older repaint, original color, light cream yellow with red striping. Body is excellent with no imperfections. Mechanically, as you would expect, runs as a Packard should. Smooth and silent. \$19,000.00 or best offer.

**1957 Ford Thunderbird** with removable port hole top. Approximately 2000 miles driven since a professional total ground up restoration was completed in 2015. It appears as new, actually probably better than new after the meticulous restoration. White exterior white interior and comes with an extra set of Thunderbird Chrome wire wheels. Amenities include automatic transmission and aftermarket vintage air conditioning. \$41,000.00 or best offer.



**1966 Pontiac GTO.** First year of the real GTO model. This is a project car. Has been sitting for several years outside under cover. Has not been run for at least 10 years. Car is complete, with the only visible serious rust where the original vinyl top was attached, at the top of the windshield and at the bottom of the rear window. All small components that have been removed to prepare for restoration appear to be stored inside the car and in the trunk. Health issues require this dream car to be sold. \$7,500.00. More pictures available on request.

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## THANK YOU!!!



Special thanks to Chris Bhirdo (left) Endurance Run Chairperson, Lynn Alens (Middle) Lowland Tour Chairperson, and Larry Wolfesen (Right) for serving happiness via his 1914 Circus Wagon at the event. All three were recognized for their contributions with new Club hats during the recent General Meeting.

All photos in this issue are courtesy of our team members who documented the day.  
*Thank you!!*

Chris and Kelly Bhirdo  
Dan Gulko  
Rob Guzzetta  
Ivan Jorgensen  
Lynn and Nancy Alens  
*And all others who contributed!*



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