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President's Message

Hello REMTC, members, I'm looking forward to seeing you at the May 7th Club Meeting at Round Table. I am always amazed at the turnout we have at our meetings; it speaks volumes to our club's spirit.

On Saturday, April 18th, we had our club's Safety Check and Pancake Breakfast hosted at the Nelson's home in Petaluma. I would like to thank Steve and Jeanne Nelson for their hospitality and for opening their beautiful home for our yearly event. The pancakes and breakfast meats were outstanding. Thank you Ted for being our cook for the breakfast ham and breakfast sausages.

The second part of the Safety Check and Pancake Breakfast was.... The Safety Check. Ted and I did a Safety Check on 6 cars. I really was hoping to have more cars to check. Each year I try to highlight the items Ted, and I find during the Safety Check. This year we had 2 items that stood out. Front Wheel Hub Bolts and Spring to Frame Bolts. Many of our Model T's use wood wheels, wood expands and shrinks with weather conditions. This can cause your front wheel hub bolts to loosen. When this happens, your wheels will start to wiggle and wobble. This is an item that needs to be checked each year at the beginning of the touring season. The spring to frame bolts are the connection point that keep the front spring tight to the frame. As we go down country roads these bolts can loosen. It is very important to keep this connection tight and solid to the frame. These bolts also need to have cotter pins or locking washers. Thank you to all the members that participated in the Safety Check.

Looking forward to seeing you on our Tours

-Chris

2026 Board Members & Chairpersons

Board Members

President.....Chris Rich
Vice President.....Sebastion Ambra
Secretary.....Teresa McCallister
Treasurer.....Patty Girman
Past President.....Andy Clary

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.

Charter members above the age of 85 have an honorary membership.

REMTC is an official non-profit chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America (MTFCA).
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National dues are \$50 per year, and include a subscription to the Vintage Ford magazine.

R.E.M.T.C.

General Meeting Minutes

Round Table Pizza, Marlow Rd, Santa Rosa, CA
April 2nd, 2026

President

Chris Rich called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm.

Attendance

26 members were in attendance. 6 Chairperson and 3 Board Members were in attendance.
John and Patty Girman were absent.

Secretary's Report

Teresa McCallister read the secretary's report with approvals by Dianna Shimkowski & Tim McCallister.
Birthdays and anniversaries were announced.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Rich reported on our current finances with approvals by Dodge Riedy & Sandy O'Halloran.
An audit of the bank account was performed and will be shared with Patty when she returns.
Steve DePaoli sent a warm thank you note to the club in response to a donation in honor of Cece DePaoli.

Tour Report

Dave Ryberg reported:

1. The Tour Guidelines have been published on the website and in the April Pedal Pusher newsletter. It is a generic outline to help you organize a tour. We want more participation, and prepared the guidelines to help you plan a tour. The Pedal Pusher also has a list of tours we are currently working on.
2. A swap meet will be held in Santa Rosa on April 19th.
3. Pat and Sandy O'Halloran will be planning the overnight tour [to Monterey County] for September 30th, Oct 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of this year. They are looking into hotels.
4. Dave thanked Jimmy Long for the shop day, even though Dave found out his car had less horsepower than he anticipated.
5. This month we will have a Pancake Breakfast and Model T safety check on April 18th at Steve and Jeanne Nelson's home. A hand count showed 24 people will be attending the pancake breakfast.
6. The Sonoma County National Bank Building in Petaluma will be 100 years old on April 25th, the organizers would like a couple of Model Ts to be present for the celebration. Let Dave know if you are interested. April 25th is the same day as the Sebastopol Apple Blossom parade and the Healdsburg car show.
8. The Bakersfield Swap Meet is being held on the 1st and 2nd of May.
9. Dave is working on a tour to an interesting destination in May.
10. Don Johnson wants a shop day at his house on May 23rd.
11. The NewSong Church in Windsor is having a Memorial Day Car Show on May 25th.
12. Petaluma High School 5th Annual Car Show and Shop tour will be on May 30th.
13. The Lake Sonoma BBQ is on hold because Steve and Jeanne Nelson will be hosting a 4th of July celebration to honor the United States 250th birthday. They will provide tri-tip & chicken BBQ, and ice cream. Guests are invited to bring a potluck dish to share, something to drink, and anything they want to BBQ. They will put a flyer out. Ted Shimkowski and Chris Rich will go to the Nelson's at 2pm the afternoon before the breakfast to help with chair set up. Jeannine Clary will flip pancakes and Chris Rich will cook sausages before checking cars.

Sunshine Report

Dianna Shimkowski said she had no activity to report.

Scholarship Report

John Girman was out of town. Jeannine Clary shared we would have a raffle tonight. The raffle brought in \$60.00 toward the scholarship fund.

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General Meeting Minutes

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Editor's Report

Cyrus Estes reported business as usual and that all is working well for the newsletter. He noted that the April newsletter was the 2nd longest Pedal Pusher published. Submitting the Pedal Pusher for an award was discussed, but the newsletter is not eligible because it is required for the officers name and contact information to be published, which REMTC does not do.

Membership Report

Ted Shimkoski reported we have a new member, Marsha Fish, from Sonoma. She has a 1918 Model T Touring. Pete has worked on the car. We will receive contact information in the next email.

Webmaster Report

Steve Vining reported we will be having a significant code software update because Dream Host is updating their server software starting 4/4/2026. If you see anything on the website that needs to be changed, let Steve know.

Historian Report

Jeanne Nelson reported the 35th Anniversary Tour photo album has been completed, and is available for review at the head table. The Christmas luncheon album should be finished next month.

Old Business

Don Reese passed away. Chris shared one of his many fond memories of Don: To everyone's surprise, fuel in a fuel pan ignited and sent an oil cap flying into the air when a group of club members were working on Model Ts.

New Business

Bob Roble contacted us about a tour in August, going from the Rohnert Park Starbucks to Kendall Jackson Winery.

Model T Moments

We did not have additional model T moments to share.

Dessert

Dessert of mint chocolate cookies was provided by Dianna Shimkowski.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM, approved by Pat O'Halloran & James Harris.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Teresa McCallister, REMTC Secretary.

May Birthdays



Steven Chase - Ted Grosman - Chris Rich
Kelly Stone - Cyrus Estes - Patty Girman

May Anniversaries



Bob & Stella Dunne
Terri & Jan Storm

Sunshine

No new sunshine

2026 Meeting Desserts



JANUARY 8TH - - - - - NO MEETING
FEBRUARY 5TH - - - - - JEAN CHIRHART
MARCH 5TH - - - - - JEANNINE CLARY
APRIL 2ND - - - - - DIANNA SHIMKOWSKI
MAY 7TH - - - - - PATTY GIRMAN
JUNE 4TH - - - - - JAMES HARRIS

JULY 2ND - - - - - CINDY VINING
AUGUST 6TH - - - - - DODGE RIEDY
SEPTEMBER 3RD - - - - - DONNA JONES
OCTOBER 1ST - - - - - TRACY LONG
NOVEMBER 5TH - - DAVE & MICI RYBERG
DECEMBER 3RD - - - - - CYRUS ESTES

The Running Board Part One

Dates of Importance

*Items in **GREEN** need coordinators! Contact Dave Ryberg if you would like to plan something.

May 1st-2nd: Bakersfield Swap Meet

At Minter Airfield. See the included flyer for further information.

May 9th: Tin Lizzie Driving Training

Coordinated by Jimmie Long. Starts at 9:30 am, in Santa Rosa.

Learn to drive a Model T - off road! See the included flyer for further information.

May 23rd: Shop Day at Don Johnsons

To assist in troubleshooting

May 25th: NewSong Church Memorial Day Car Show

May 30th: Petaluma H.S 5th Annual Car Show & Shop Tour

See the included flyer, and stay tuned for further information.

June 20th: Peggy Sue Car Show

Visit www.cruiseforpeggysue.com for registration & information

July 4th: USA 250th Celebration

Coordinated by the Nelsons, serving tri-tip. Please RSVP.

July 5th: Penngrove Parade

July 11th: Penngrove Power & Implement Museum Yearly Demo

July 18th: Sebastopol VFW Car Show

August 11th: Montgomery H.S Car Show & Shine

August 15th: T & A Tour with Sonoma Model A Club(To Be Determined)

September 19th: Wings & Wheels Car Show

The Running Board Part Two

Dates of Importance

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Sep 30th - Oct 3rd: Overnight Tour to Monterey County

Staying at the Laurel Inn, Salinas. Pat O'Halloran is coordinating, stay tuned.

December: Christmas Dinner/Luncheon

Stay tuned for further information.

2026 Pancake Breakfast & Safety Check

April 18th, REMTC held their annual Pancake Breakfast & Safety Check thanks to the generosity of Steve & Jeanne Nelson. The morning was clear but crisp, and the grills were started a little before 9AM when members gathered for pancakes, sausages, ham, and other fixin's that Jeanne had prepared for the breakfast.

Chris flipped the pancakes while Ted grilled the sausages and ham for what we guesstimate was around 30-35 people in attendance. The morning warmed up quite nicely, allowing folks to eat comfortably outside and visit with each other.

The safety inspections got started a little later than normal given the cooks were also the mechanics! Anyway, a number of cars were inspected, with Vince O'Brian's 1910 Touring being the first car, and finishing with Cyrus's 1925 Coupe. No major safety concerns were found on any cars, but there were the usual items that needed attention like missing cotter pins, worn kingpins, loose fan belts, and steering gear looseness.

A good time was had by all, and we are officially ready for the 2026 touring season.

Respectfully,
Ted



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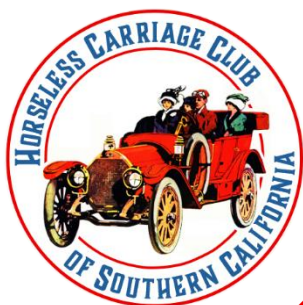
2026



— This year's Swap Meet honoring Gil Klecan —

MAY 1 & 2 - 2026

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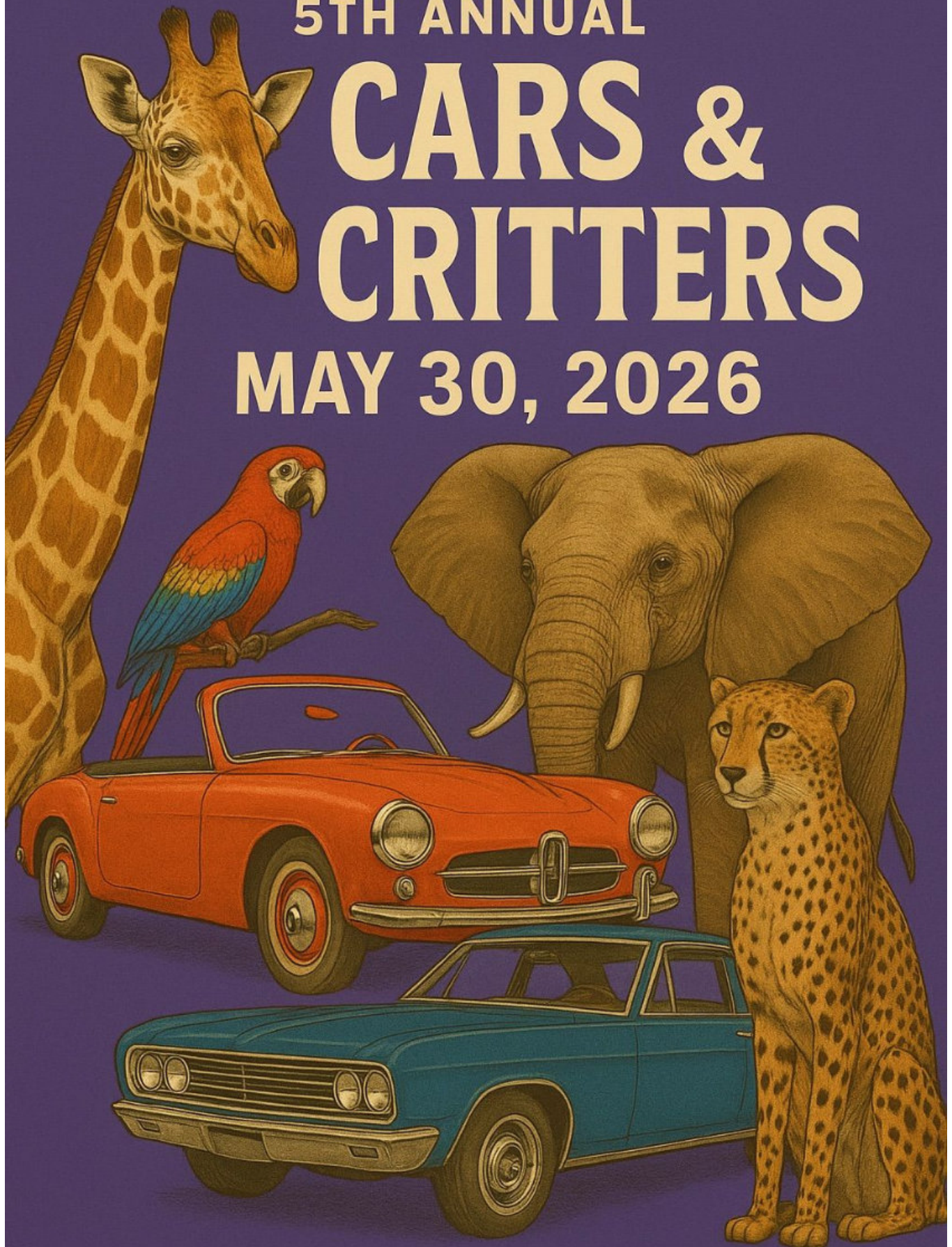


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