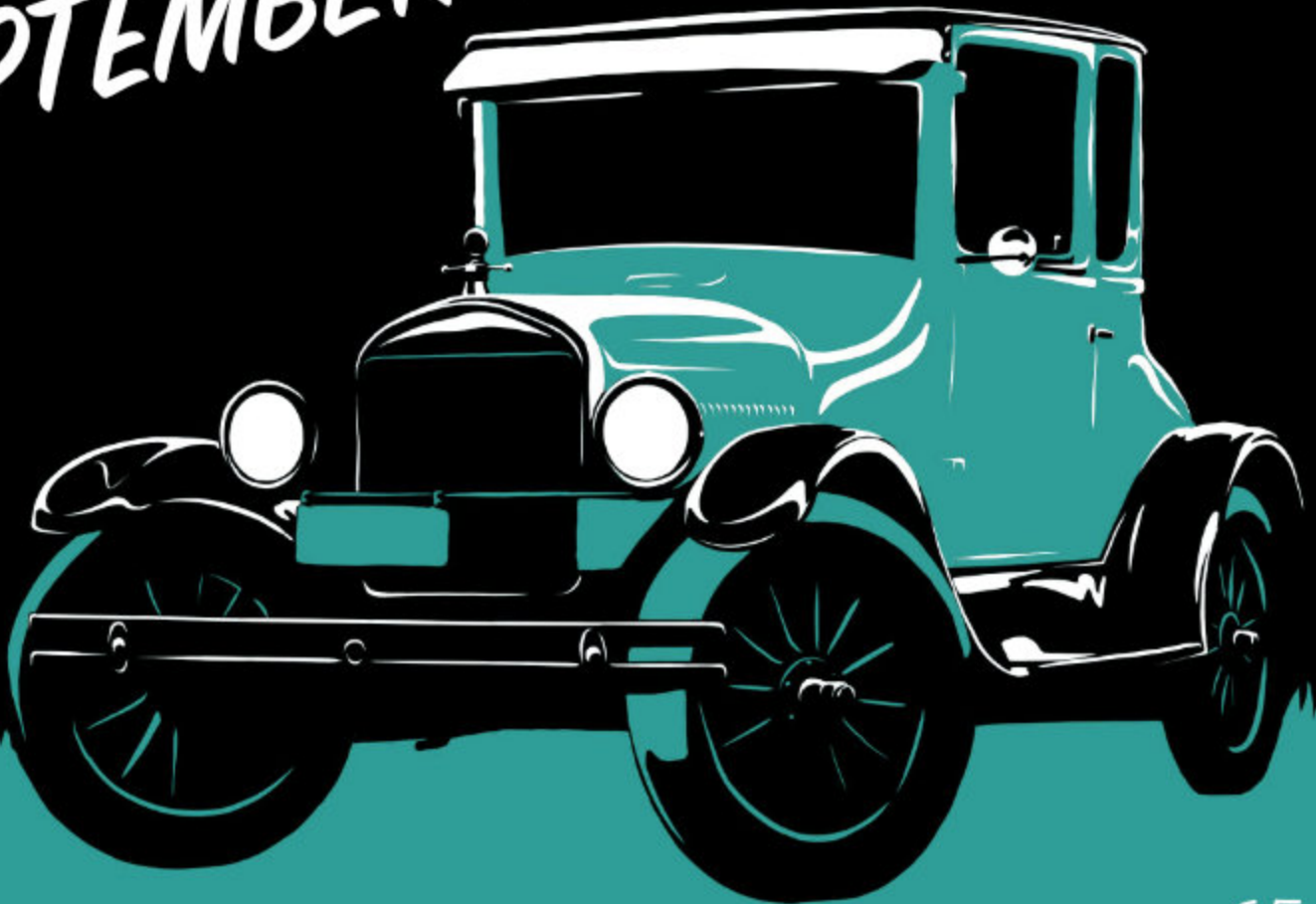


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello REMTC Members,

I would like to thank the Sonoma Model A's Club for the wonderful tour they put together. This was such a nice ride through western Sonoma County, including the lunch stop at the Pub for some great food. This has been a tradition we have had for quite some time, and I am so glad that it has continued. Next year the REMTC will be putting together the combined tour... Let's get together and brainstorm some fun ideas for the tour.

Our club Overnight tour is fast approaching, for those going on this tour, please be sure to send in your payment for the tour. The tour committee has been working very hard on this tour. I am excited to see all the events they have planned.

Please be sure to bring your raffle items to the meeting at Round Table on Thursday. We have made some great donations to our local schools from these raffles that we have each meeting. A huge thank to our raffle team for putting this on each meeting.

-Chris

2026 BOARD & CHAIRPERSONS

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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.

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Round Table Pizza, Marlow Rd, Santa Rosa, CA
August 6th, 2026

President

Vice President, Sebastian Ambra, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance

22 members, 6 Chairpersons, and 3 Board Members were in attendance. The absent Board Members were Chris Rich & Teresa McCallister. The absent chairpersons were Ted & Dianna Shimkowski.

Secretary's Report

Jeannine Clary read the secretary's report, with approvals by Tim McCallister & Cindy Vining. Birthdays & anniversaries were announced.

Treasurer's Report

Patty Girman reported on our finances, with approvals by Dodge Riedy & Andy Clary.

Tour Report

Dave Ryberg thanked Steve & Jeanne Nelson for hosting the 4th of July celebration, and thanked Andy Clary for hosting the shop day focused on checking coils.

Dave also reported on upcoming tours, events, and the overnight tour. 25 people have signed up for the overnight tour to Monterey, and there is still room for more. Guests will be staying at the Hotel Del Monte on a Navy Base in Monterey. All Navy base passes will be sent to Dave. You will need both a base pass and either a RealID or a passport to enter the base. The cost will be \$220/person, please send the checks to Patty Girman. We need a trouble truck driver, there is a \$400 stipend for the driver and their partner, who will also need to go through the vetting process. Dave will cover the details again at the next meeting.

Sunshine Report

Steve Vining visited Tracy Long, who was recovering from a fall.

Scholarship Report

John Girman reported that we sold \$63 in raffle tickets tonight.

Editor's Report

Cyrus Estes reported that everything is going well with the new computer.

Membership Report

No report this month.

Webmaster Report

Steve Vining reported that he gave authorization to turn on the new website. Please advise him if any corrections are needed. The new site will have all the details for each event in a calendar link instead of on the front page. We will have an app to put on our phones, and will use the same email & web address.

Historian Report

Jeanne Nelson is working on the photo albums.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Jeannine Clary asked members to think about whether they are interested in making a Model T club calendar with club photos

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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Model T Moments

Andy & Jeannine Clary have had 19 touring days and have driven about 1200+ Model T miles since the beginning of May. Their last tour was in Fortuna, along with the Nelsons and McEacherns. Jeanne Nelson commented on the bad roads in Fortuna.

Tim McCallister reported on the Penngrove Power & Implement Museum open house.

Sebastian Ambra commented on the Penngrove and Sturgeons Mill events.

Steve Vining & Jimmy Long plan to show seven antique hit-and-miss engines at the Gravenstein Fair, held in Sebastopol's Ragle Ranch park. There will also be antique tractors & music.

Dessert

Dodge Riedy provided cookies for dessert.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM
Minutes respectfully submitted by Teresa McCallister, REMTC Secretary.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Chris Burkhardt - Jimmy Long - Tim McCallister
Robert Taylor - Colleen Hogan - Joan Henderson
Teresa McCallister - Debbie Cavalli - Donna Jones
Karen Tan - Alan Pryor - Carol Graves

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



David & Sherri Hasse
Max & Laura Meyer
Bob & Linda Salomon

SUNSHINE

Tracy Long fell, a card has been sent.

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

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If you would like to submit an article or photograph for the October edition,
please send it to me by September 26th.

-Cyrus Estes, R.E.M.T.C. Editor

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PART ONE

Dates of Importance

*Items in **GREEN** need coordinators! Contact Dave Ryberg if you would like to plan something.
Items in **RED** are R.E.M.T.C coordinated events.
Items with black borders are suggested events, and not affiliated with the R.E.M.T.C

SEPTEMBER 8TH: M.T.F.C.A. MODEL T'S, THE MOTHER ROAD, AND MORE - NATIONAL TOUR

Joplin, Missouri. See www.mtfca.com/events for more details.

SEPTEMBER 13TH: REMTC STURGEON'S MILL FLASH TOUR

Meeting at the Washoe House (2840 Roblar Rd at the intersection with Stony Point Rd) at 9:00 a.m., departing at 9:30 a.m. This is the last day of sawmill operations for 2026.

SEPTEMBER 19TH: WINGS & WHEELS CAR SHOW

Held at the Pacific Coast Air Museum. Jimmy Long will have a plane on display that the T's should be able to park by, you will need to go to the website below for driving access to the car show on the airfield.

Car registration is \$30 per vehicle, includes two general admission wristbands, and is available through the PCAM Registration Portal:
www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org/donations/wheels-and-wings-car-show-2026-registration

SEP. 30TH - OCT. 4TH: OVERNIGHT MONTEREY COUNTY TOUR

Staying at the Naval Post Graduate School. Pat O'Halloran & Larry Summerfield are coordinating. See the included flyer for information.

Because of the vetting requirements for accessing the Naval base in Monterey, sign-ups for the overnight tour will end on Friday 9/04/2026.

A list of members (28) planning to attend has been included in this months email.

2026 T & A TOUR

Photos & article by Ted Shimkowski

The annual T & A tour took place on August 15th, and started in Rohnert Park where six Model T's and eight Model A's gathered for a drive up to Windsor.

Paul Bobrow from the Model A club was the organizer of this year's tour. He chose some very nice backroads which led us all the way to Windsor, where we had lunch at The Publican Pub located on the edge of the town square. All the cars made it to Windsor without problems, but one of the Model T's did have band problems that required some adjustment.

In all, a delightful tour and we want to thank the Model A club for hosting this year's event.



AUGUST GARAGE DAY

Article & Photos by Ted Shimkowski

A garage day was held at one of our members homes this past Saturday, the task was to change out the rear axle seals that had leaked very badly. Rob Novak owns a 1919 Depot Hack that used to be owned by his father-in-law who rebuilt the chassis and installed the Depot body in the late 90's. Rob primarily drives this car at special events and parades, but lately the rear axle had been leaking differential fluid quite badly and needed attention.

Rob already had the car up on jack stands, so it was ready for attention when various members arrived at his expansive work shop. Chris Rich quickly stepped up and put on gloves and went to working on removing the wheels and other parts on the hub to access the leaking seal. Andy brought the necessary special tools to remove the bearing only to find out there was no seal on the axle. Why both axles did not have seals will remain a mystery, but Rob already had purchased brand new seals that Chris installed. During the teardown it was noted that the rear brakes were completely gone, so Rob plans on ordering all new parts which should fix things up quite nicely.

Of special interest was Rob's autonomous giraffe that was electrically powered and GPS controlled to roam the property to scare away unwanted deer and other critters. Rob demonstrated how he could use radio control to command the mechanized giraffe to move about, quite unique. We also want to thank Rob and Nancy for providing coffee and donuts for the group, it's a well known fact that REMTC runs on donuts!



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