

The Backfire

21st Century

The Official Newsletter of the Santa Clara
Valley Model T Ford Club



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I want to thank Dave & Becky Harrison for their hospitality and hard work they put in for the El Dorado Gold Tour. The backroads and tours were great even though I heard some hills were a wee bit more challenging than others. Everyone loved getting a tour of Dave's shop which is larger than the house itself. As always, Becky made the best pies. We ended our last night at the Placerville Speedway which brought back many memories of when my Dad used to run his Super Modified at the San Jose Fairgrounds. Ed Archer & Peder Jorgensen even ran their speedsters on the track and the fans really got a kick out of seeing the vintage speedsters. At the end of this great tour, all the attendees left Becky & Dave a little gift hidden in their kitchen cupboard as a thank you for their generosity.

We have a couple of great events just around the corner. The 50th Endurance Run on June 9th as well as the July 4th tour to Svedal. The Loma fire that happened a couple of years ago stopped this annual pancake breakfast but it's up and running again. The cost is \$10 a person and it's a great deal. Also, on July 4th is the Rose, White and Blue parade. Contact Allan Greenberg if you are interested in attending. Unfortunately, Nikkie & I will not be able to make the Svedal breakfast as we will be traveling through Ireland, Scotland and the Netherlands to celebrate our 20th Wedding Anniversary (see page 27 for a write up). There are many more events coming up so check the website and newsletter.

Once again, I am ending this message on a sad note. Longtime member Steve Fisher has passed away. We were very fortunate to be able to see him at the 50th Club Anniversary Party and are very sad to hear of his passing. Our thoughts, prayers, and condolences go out to the Fisher Family.

Dan



RECENT TOURS

El Dorado Gold Tour Placerville, CA

A threat of thunderstorms had everyone on edge, but the clear weather we ordered was delivered just in time for fourteen vehicles from SCVMTCF to travel to Placerville. (Heavy rain arrived one week later.) Five vintage cars drove all the way to the foothills, seven arrived via trailer, and two moderns rounded out the group.

Trailers arrived singly or in pairs and found parking in our field amongst the gopher holes. The two RVs parked up by the shop to access services and enjoy level ground. Members were provided with some ideas for spending the afternoon. Fabric was purchased at the quilt shop. Gifts were found at the hardware store. I imagine someone found Hangman's Tree Ice Cream Saloon. Did anyone tour the gold mine?

Thursday's dinner plans were delayed as those staying at the Best Western didn't want to miss the wine hour hosted by the hotel. Afterwards, they tottered across the parking lot to Casa Ramos where they met the Carlton Lane gang for huge plates of Mexican food.



After Friday's driver meeting in the hotel parking lot and a change of spark plugs for Bob Beaman, the group headed out Mother Lode, El Dorado, and Pleasant Valley Roads to the home of the wood-fueled Model T. We were met by Bill Nixon, his daughter and son-in-law, Jill & Mike Kearney, and some members of the Hangtown A club.

RECENT TOURS (cont.)

El Dorado Gold Tour Placerville, CA

The wood-fueled Model T had a canister on the back where pine wood chunks were placed and ignited. The fire was not visible but fully contained in the canister and was "choked" such that not all of the gas evolving from the burning wood was consumed. After sufficient gas was being created, it was routed to the Model T carburetor and combined with air to start the Model T engine. The truck was then driven around the property powered by the wood gas. This wood gasification was used in Europe during WWII when no gasoline was available.

Bill Nixon had a Model T that had been taken on the Rubicon trail several times. This is a famous adventure trail near Lake Tahoe that is used by lots of Jeep and other 4-wheel-drive clubs. Jill described how her father shamed the Jeep drivers by conquering the trail in a no frills vehicle. Also on the property were other Model Ts with various stories, and a saw mill that Bill demonstrated for us.



Diamond Springs, a former Pony Express stop, was just a few miles back down the road. We descended on the Diamond Springs Hotel for a lunch on their back patio. The hotel was established in 1916 as a boarding house for miners and loggers. It is the last remaining establishment of its kind in town. Check out this link if you want to read tales of the hotel's ghosts: <https://www.mtdemocrat.com/uncategorized/ghosts-on-the-menu-at-the-diamond-springs-hotel/>

Well-fueled for our afternoon activities, we drove back out Pleasant Valley to Bucks Bar Rd. and the home of Dave and Leann Traver. A large spread of snacks awaited us to make sure we didn't go hungry. This stop included plenty of rust and collections of various sorts.



RECENT TOURS (cont.)

El Dorado Gold Tour Placerville, CA

There was a large selection of hit and miss engines, probably 50 or more, with some the size of a room. One of the largest engines was started for us. It was a 1917 Western engine with a 14.25-inch bore and a 24-inch stroke. This two-cylinder gas-powered engine was originally used in Oildale in the oil fields.



In the barn, there were about 7 fully-assembled un-restored Model Ts, some Chevrolets, and other cars. The back lot contained an old car bone pile that included Model T and other car parts. Bob Meneely found something useful in that collection. Scattered about the property were oodles of windmills.

We were impressed to see about 20 Nickelodeons shoe-horned into a small climate-controlled room. The wood cabinets were beautifully refinished and accented with decorative stain glass. The sounds they made were very diverse with different combinations of instruments mechanized within each box. Some were contained within a traditional piano box while others were keyless. All it took was a nickel and a roll of punched paper to put on a performance. Overall, it was a very nice collection.

Onward we went up and down hills, through oaks and pine forests, through orchards and vineyards to the Apple Hill area to view a hillside of blooming irises in every hue at the High Sierra Iris and Wedding Gardens. Alberta conquered the steep climb through the garden to enjoy the flowers before most of the others.

The last stop of the day, Boa Vista Orchards beckoned and members were soon enjoying the apple cider, apple wine, apple pie, apple fritters, apple donuts, apple turnovers, apple strudel, apple dumplings, apple cookies, apple brownies, apple cake, ... You get the idea. Anyone dream of apples that night?



RECENT TOURS (cont.)

El Dorado Gold Tour Placerville, CA

On sunny Saturday, the group headed out Cold Springs Rd. to Doug Veerkamp's extensive private antique caterpillar collection. Historically, Holt built the first crawler tractors in order to farm in the California delta region. These tractors were heavy but had lower ground pressure than a wheeled tractor. Another local crawl tractor manufacturer was Best. These companies made their tractors in Stockton and Oakland. Around the 1920's, Holt and Best combined into the Caterpillar Tractor Company which is now based in Peoria, Ill. The Veerkamp collection includes several fully-restored Holt and Best tractors. Doug owns the very first Caterpillar tractor and various other models of tractors and other Caterpillar machinery up to modern times. His collection is so complete that Caterpillar borrows tractors from him to take to trade shows all over the world. Five of his tractors were on display in Peoria for over a year. We watched an interesting video of Doug's son and another mechanic getting an old Cat tractor off a mountaintop by air-lifting it out with a helicopter. Some of his more modern equipment includes logging trucks, motor graders, and early scrapers.

Heading north on Highway 49 and west on Gold Hill, the group arrived at the home of the Harrisons for a lunch in David's shop. A long row of tables was arranged down the center to seat the entire group. We



tried to fill them up on barbecued Italian sausages, lasagna, enchilada casserole, garlic bread, chips, a salad bar with fifteen toppings, and fruit salad. Gallons of fresh-pressed Boa Vista apple cider were on hand to quench the thirsty. Dessert included apple-strawberry pie, of course, with cookies and Milk Chocolate Kahlua Truffles to top it off.

RECENT TOURS (cont.)

El Dorado Gold Tour Placerville, CA

A drive around the hill on aptly named Thompson Hill Rd. and a few miles down the slope toward the South Fork of the American River took the group to the site where history was made in 1849. A discovery by James Marshall at Sutter's Mill in Coloma started the gold rush.

The group wandered around Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park exploring the site where that first nugget was found, and checking out the reconstructed lumber mill, the blacksmith shop, gold mining equipment and related historical information. A few docents were showcasing their gold rush skills in the camp – cooking pies over the fire and sawing wood. Several people took a turn at a 2-person wood saw.

Jumping from the 1800's to the 21st century, it was time to head to Placerville Speedway. Staff had reserved a grassy area for the Model Ts to park where race fans could get a view of the cars. Then, sixteen of us brave souls climbed to the top of the grandstands (a much cleaner location to sit than we've experienced before) to watch the various cars compete on the ¼-mile dirt track.

After a few races, Ed and Peder were allowed to take 5 laps in their speedsters. While the rough dirt track limited their speed, they put on a good show for the Placerville fans. We later learned from the organizers that several fans thanked them for including the old cars.



RECENT TOURS (cont.)**El Dorado Gold Tour
Placerville, CA**

The real racing for the night included several classes of cars with the most exciting being the 360 Winged Sprint Cars. The main event included 20 of these cars simultaneously doing 25 laps on the ¼-mile dirt track. They are very fast and hit speeds of nearly 100 miles per hour on the short straight-aways. Three of us stayed to the dusty end to watch the current favorite, Forsberg, win the main event. A 16-year-old girl finished in third place!

We were sad to see our SCVMTFC friends depart on Sunday morning but very pleased that so many made the trek to Placerville to see where we live. Thank you for the visit and for sharing a few days with us!

Becky and David Harrison



RECENT TOURS

Buellton Tour



RECENT TOURS

California Dreaming



California Dreamin' - Day 1

April 29, 2019, 120 miles. Raindrops and sunshine, mustard and vineyards, strawberries and snow peas. Today we drove thru such a variety of countryside, mountains separated by flat plains full of agriculture. And roads with no traffic jams. Spittin' rain, folks in open cars really bundled up. Vast fields of snow peas, strawberries and cabbages and unidentifiables. The fields we drove thru had thousands of workers. Our destination for the day, Oceano Dunes State Beach. Our group (Santa Clara) had to get the full experience, so down the beach we went, 6 little T's all in a row, for miles I might add. My thought, as long as the cars in front of me don't get stuck, I will

keep going, despite the voice I kept hearing, "I think we should turn around, this is scary!!" The sand was packed down pretty hard, not bad at all, but the state does groom it for the vehicle traffic. David led the group, I was third. Eventually we came to the end of the hardpack sand and I saw David sink in. I immediately tried for a U-turn with the following result, STUCK! Our fearless leader was stuck so deep, we couldn't push him out by hand, so a small quad driver volunteered for a tow. That didn't work, so a big gun arrived, 4wd quad and a big engine, no problem. Freed from the sand, our intrepid group of beachbums went off to find lunch. Where else but a vintage railcar diner? Good burgers, fast and reasonable, happy group. Rest of day was uneventful, no major problems, just don't ask me about Lost in Lompoc. Gps vs iphone vs map vs local advice. We found a coin wash to wash the salt off the cars, and a little parking lot maintenance was conducted. I'm sure the stories will get bigger later.



RECENT TOURS (cont.)

California Dreaming

California Dreamin' - Day 2

April 30, 2019, 44 miles. No rain today, just overcast. The Model T group stirs early, tweaking, polishing, checking and scouting. Finding critters,,, like spiders,,,, snakes!! Drove thru an area of beautiful horse farms and wineries to Los Olivos, stopped at Mattei's Tavern from the 1800's. Strolled the main drag of Los Olivos, and then engaged in a favorite small town activity, sitting on the corner, waiting for something to go by. Low traffic roads, lots of wildflowers, oak trees particularly beautiful with new bright green foliage. Finished off the day with a visit to the Mendenhall Museum here in Buellton, has to be one of the world's premier collections of petroliana. Model T's all drove in and packed the yard area.

California Dreamin' - Day 3

May 1, 2019, 36 miles. This was a free day, model T's scattered to the winds. Our little group elected to go back to Lompoc and see more of the murals. Our next destination was the ostrich farm, Pat got to feed the ostriches. After that we strolled the streets of Solvang, enjoyed the shops, did not buy anything. Later, a very unique 32 foot vehicle showed up in our hotel parking lot. It was a land speed record holder, driver is Danny



Thompson, son of Mickey Thompson. 448 mph, what a machine!! After talking for an hour, we helped him put it to bed for the night, putting the car cover on. This evening, tri-tip in the park, loved the salad, and all the trimmings.



RECENT TOURS (cont.)

California Dreaming

California Dreamin' - Day 4

May 2, 2019, 68 miles. Foggy morning to start, lifting as we drove, becoming a beautiful day at the beach. More of those uncrowded country roads down here. So pretty, mustard on the left, marijuana on the right. Got that distinctive skunk smell. Up and over a bunch of mountains and we came down to the sea. Jalama Beach is a really nice beach, except you really need to watch out for the tar on a hot day, very sticky. I managed to put my foot on a 6" glob before I figured out what those black blobs were. Thought for a while I was in for a new pair of shoes. Fortunately the big blobs were pretty localized and the rest of the beach was quite enjoyable. Hamburgers at the Jalama Beach café and leisurely returned via the same back road to Buellton. This evening, scrounged up a bocce ball game. The only person who knew the rules was Peder, who won over Bob 21 to 17. Is that a conflict of interest? When I got home I checked my pictures for Jalama Beach from 2014. Tar blobs back then also.



RECENT TOURS (cont.)

California Dreaming

California Dreamin' - Day 5

May 3, 2019, 38 miles. Later start this morning gave time for a little local exploration. Out at the edge of town, spotted a machine planting broccoli seedlings. Eight ladies sitting on the back feeding the seedlings into a mechanism which put them in the ground. The amazing thing was it planted 16 rows moving about as fast as you would normally walk. When the official tour began, first stop was at a miniature horse ranch. Despite the fact that one would fit in a Model T, we came away empty handed. On to Santa Ynez and the Carriage Museum. After lunch, we took another one of those "crowded" Model T roads that they have down here, which took us to Nojoqui Falls. Now they had these signs, kind of a CYA thing I think, ignored by everyone, "Keep out, Danger". Got to admit, it was a little bit of a mountain goat trail. Falls were really pretty. Next stop was Mission Santa Ines. When we came out to the parking lot, came upon a "quince era" celebration, taking pictures of a young girl in a fabulous dress. Her photog asked if she could use our cars as a backdrop. Funny the things that cross paths with us. Anyway, tonight was the final banquet, stuffed us to the gills. There was a special award made to a good Samaritan observed under a car assisting with a muffler. Call Barbara for mobile repairs!!! There were door prizes, our gang won some. And so our tour ended, I think everyone had a great time, minimum mechanical problems, generally good weather, beautiful scenery everywhere we went. Thanks and kudos to the Orange County Model T Club.



RECENT TOURS

Memorial Day Ceremony Oak Hill Memorial Park, San Jose

We had 5 antique autos. Here is who attended:

Jeremy Wire 1914 Model T Touring

Jim Boyden 1910 Model T Touring

Larry Johnson 1915 Model T Runabout

Allan & Lucy Greenberg 1923 Model T Touring

Dan O'Day 1914 Chevrolet Model H



UPCOMING TOURS/EVENT
50TH ANNUAL ENDURANCE RUN
AND LOWLAND TOUR
JUNE 8-9, 2019

**SANTA CLARA VALLEY
MODEL T FORD CLUB
50th Annual Endurance Run
and Lowland Tour**

JUNE 8-9, 2019 - HOLLISTER, CA

**Endurance Run is open to ALL 1927
and earlier speedsters.**

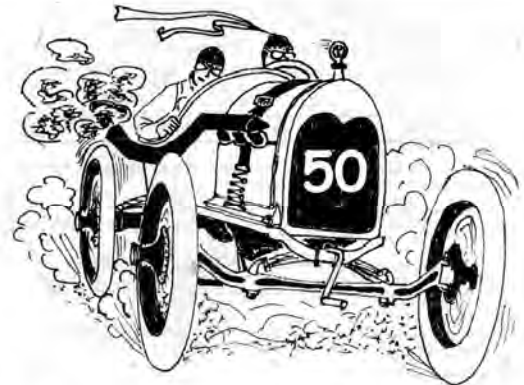
**Lowland Tour is open to ALL pre-
1940 cars.**

Can you believe it, our 50th year? This one is special. Join us as we return to the country roads around Hollister.

On Saturday, we will have a destination tour for speedsters and lowland cars to a local point of interest.

On Sunday, the Speedster Run and Lowland Tour will take to the countryside with intertwining routes that add to the fun.

See our club website for registration and entry info: www.scvmtfc.org



Endurance Run

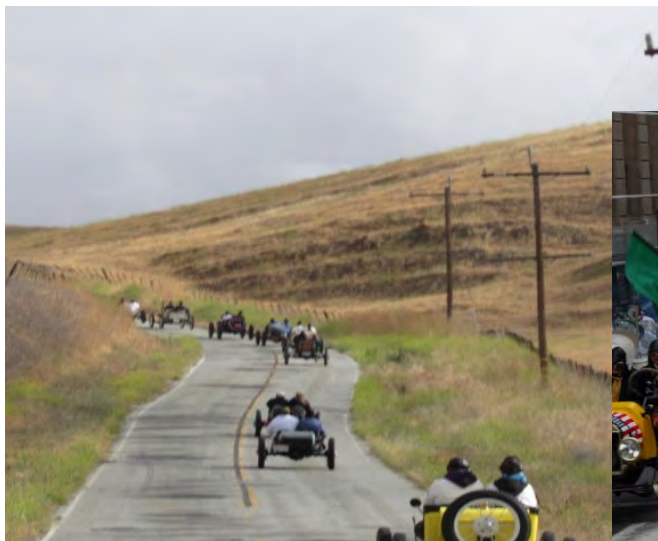
Chair: Glenn Wildman 408/828-9261

**Registration: Nadine Camicia
650/799-9852 ncamicia@gmail.com**

Lowland Tour

Chair: Larry Johnson 408/354-1261

**Registration: Larry Johnson
408/354-1261 larrypj@earthlink.net**



Car Number
Requested:

June 8-9, 2019 SCVMTFC Endurance Run Entry Form

Please Complete both Pages and Return with Your Check

Driver Information

Please Print

Driver			
Address			
Home Phone			
Cell Phone			
Email			
Club Affiliations			
Insurance Carrier		Policy Number	
Year First Entered		Last Year Entered	
Total Times Entered		Total Times Finished	
Best Finish (year)		Age if under 25 or over 75	

Mechanic Information

Riding Mechanic			
Cell Phone			
Email			
Club Affiliations			
Year First Entered		Last Year Entered	
Total Times Entered		Total Times Finished	
Best Finish (year)		Age if under 25 or over 75	

Vehicle Information

Year, Make, Body Type	
Special Equipment	

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the rules set forth by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club (SCVMTFC) for this event. I also agree to permit SCVMTFC to use my & my crew-member's name and likeness (photograph) for media coverage of the event. My signature on this entry registration releases SCVMTFC, its officers, club members, volunteer workers, sponsors and affiliates from any and all liability connected with this event. Any minor (under 18 years) participating in the Endurance Run (driver or riding mechanic) must complete a parental release form.

Drivers are expected and agree to obey all rules of the road and operate their vehicles in a safe manner at all times. Driving in any unsafe manner may result in denial of registration for future SCVMTFC Endurance Runs / Lowland Tours. PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY AND RESPONSIBLY !

Driver Signature: _____ Date: _____

Car Number
Requested:

June 8-9, 2019 SCVMTFC Endurance Run Entry Form

Please Complete both Pages and Return with Your Check

Payment Information

Event T-Shirt Order

Price for Each	Size	Order Qty	Total by Size
\$17.50	Small		
\$17.50	Med		
\$17.50	Large		
\$17.50	XL		
\$19.00	XXL		
\$20.00	XXXL		
\$21.00	XXXXL		
Event T-Shirt Total			

*Your entry must be received by May 20 for your t-shirt order to be fulfilled. There will be no shirts for sale at the event. Be sure to get your entry in ASAP!

Total Payment

1. Total Event T-Shirt

\$ _____

See sizes above

Must be ordered by May 20, 2019

2. Total Additional Meal Tickets

\$ _____

I need _____ extra meal tickets at \$12.50 each

Must be ordered by May 20, 2019

3. Entry Fee for Speedster/Drive/Mechanic

\$ _____

\$85 early entry fee

\$90 after May 1, 2019*

Entry fee includes lunch tickets for driver & mechanic

*late entries cannot include T-shirts or extra meal tickets

4. Total Enclosed

\$ _____

Please make check payable to: SCVMTFC

Mail to:

SCVMTFC Endurance Run

PO Box 1216

Los Altos, CA 94023

For questions, please call Nadine Camicia
650-799-9852



ANNOUNCING:

THE 50th SANTA CLARA VALLEY MODEL T FORD CLUB
LOWLAND TOUR
June 8 - 9, 2019

The 50th Lowland Tour will once again be held in conjunction with our 50th Cross Country Speedster Endurance Run on Sunday, June 9th, 2019. In addition to the big event on Sunday, all entrants are invited to come a day early for a short warm-up tour at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 8, 2019 from Tiffany Ford to San Juan Bautista at no additional registration fee. So, plan to join us in Hollister, CA for a leisurely weekend of vintage automotive touring. Saturday night lodging is available at the SureStay Hotel by Best Western in Hollister close to our sponsor, Tiffany Ford. Reference the Model T Club when you call for the best price. We will have a hospitality room open at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday evening at Tiffany Ford for relaxation, chatting and great snacks. So, come join us on Saturday if you can, and if not, we will see you Sunday for sure.

This event will bring together more than 45 restored and original vintage automobiles and 35 vintage speedsters. This is a return to the charm and pleasure of leisurely touring with vintage touring cars, vintage speedsters, and vintage clothing. This event is open to all makes and models of restored and original early vintage automobiles pre-1940.

On Sunday, June 9, we will join the Endurance Run at the start line in downtown Hollister. After the National Anthem, the announcer will say, "Gentlemen start your engines" and there will be a mighty roar as the green flag waves them off. Then we'll be off for our own slower, more leisurely run through the countryside to rejoin the speedsters for a luncheon at Tiffany Ford.

Lowland tour participants will receive maps, directions, programs, coffee stop, event dash-plaque and most importantly, unbelievable memories (bring your camera!). This event is all about the fun and pleasure of a vintage automotive event. Even if you and your friends are unable to join the tour, please join us at the start or finish line just for the rare opportunity to see and hear the cars in action and watch the frenzied drivers and mechanics perform their endurance run tasks. Era clothes are encouraged or at least a hat! Remember these cars are at least 90 years old!

This tour will be limited to 55 cars so decide early. The SCVMTFC web site will have additional registration forms at www.scvmtfc.org or you can contact:

Larry Johnson, Tour Chairman, 408-354-1261, larrypj@earthlink.net.

Allan Greenberg, Registrar, 408-997-0879, allanq@pacbell.net

REGISTRATION FORM
SANTA CLARA VALLEY MODEL T FORD CLUB
50th LOWLAND TOUR – Saturday, June 8, Sunday, June 9, 2019
Pre 1940 Cars

Driver's Name: _____ Phone number(____)_____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

Passenger names: _____

(Signature) _____

Auto: Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____

License #: _____ State: _____

Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy #: _____

Car club affiliations _____

FEES:

Registration Fee: \$20.00 per car \$ _____

(Fee includes "warm-up tour" on Saturday and Lowland tour on Sunday with coffee stop refreshments, dash plaque, program, and finish line refreshments for driver and one passenger.)

Optional:

Coffee Stop refreshments for extra passengers. # _____ x \$3.00 \$ _____

Sunday Catered Lunch: # _____ x \$12.00 \$ _____

(Note: reservations for Sunday lunch must be in by June 1)

Preorder Tees by May 20



_____ Small \$17.50 _____XXlarge \$19.00

_____ Medium \$17.50 _____XXXlarge \$20.00

_____ large \$17.50 _____XXXXlarge \$21.00

_____ Xlarge \$17.50

Total for Tee-Shirts \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED

\$ _____

This registration releases the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and all people involved in this event from any and all liability connected with this event. Drivers are expected and agree to obey all rules of the road and operate their vehicle in a safe manner at all times. Driving in any unsafe manner may result in denial of registration for future SCVMTFC events. PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY AND RESPONSIBLY

Driver Signature _____ Date: _____

Registration deadline: June 1st

Tour Chairman: Larry Johnson 408-354-1261 larrypj@earthlink.net

Registration: Allan Greenberg 408-997-0879 allang@pacbell.net

Complete and mail this form with check payable to SCVMTFC for total amount to:

Allan Greenberg 6832 Trinidad Drive, San Jose, CA 95120

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JUNE 8-9, 2019



**Order your 50th Annual Endurance Run and
Lowland Tour T-Shirt NOW**

Not going on the run but still want a shirt???

T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

50th Annual Endurance Run and Lowland Tour T-Shirts
now available for presale only

Price for Each	Size	Order Qty	Total \$ by Size
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\$17.50	Medium		
\$17.50	Large		
\$17.50	XL		
\$19.00	XXL		
\$20.00	XXXL		
\$21.00	XXXXL		
Shipping*	\$7.35	1-2 shirts	
	\$12.80	3-5 shirts	
	\$16.50	5 to 10 shirts	
		Event T-Shirt Total	

*** Shipping is only due if not picking the t-shirts up at the run.**

Your entry must be received by May 20 for your t-shirt order to be fulfilled.
There will be no shirts for sale at the event. Be sure to get your order in ASAP!

Please contact Nadine with **questions**
at 650-799-9852 or at ncamicia@gmail.com

Make check payable to:
SCVMTEFC

Print this form and mail it with the check to:
SCVMTEFC Endurance Run
PO Box 1216
Los Altos, CA 94023

Delivery Information

Name: _____

☐ Mail to the following address

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

or

☐ I will pick up at the finish line at the run

**UPCOMING TOURS/EVENT
65th ANNAUL LONG BEACH SWAP
MEET**

LONG BEACH



MODEL T CLUB, INC.

SWAP MEET

**AUTOMOTIVE AND HOBBY RELATED ITEMS ONLY
OLD CAR PARTS, ALL MAKES, ALL MODELS, WELCOME**

SATURDAY JULY 20, 2019

7:00AM UNTIL IT'S OVER

Long Beach City College Veterans Stadium

5000 Lew Davis St. Long Beach, CA.

Enter off Conant St. between Lakewood Bl. and Clark Ave.

\$5.00 ADMISSION

FREE PARKING

SPACES AVAILABLE, 20ft wide 16ft deep

Spaces are \$40, or three for \$100

CALL JEFF HOOD 562-597-5936 or www.lbmtc.com

UPCOMING TOURS/EVENT ANTIQUE AUTOS IN HISTORY PARK SEPTEMBER 22, 2019



Greetings Antique Auto Enthusiast,

The largest annual antique auto show in the West is scheduled for **Sunday, September 22, 2019**. Save the date and also pass the date to your club members and friends.

The 19th annual Antique Autos in History Park (AAHP), 635 Phelan Ave., San José, CA. 95112 ... a Living History Day... is presented by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and History San José. AAHP welcomes all period correct pre-1946 vehicles.

In addition to many antique vehicles, there will be participation by the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association, displays of Early Crafts and Antique Collectibles, a Dixieland Band, Dancers, Barbershop Quartet, Blacksmith Shop Demos, Trolley Rides, History San José Open Houses, Kids Activities, Food and more.

Bring the family for a day of viewing, entertainment and fun. More information to follow.

Peder & Maria Jorgensen Allan Greenberg
Last Year's Event
scvmtfc.org historysanjose.org

SCVMTFC Meeting Minutes

May 2019

May 17 Meeting Pres. Dan opened the Meeting at 7:30

Board Members: Dan Vicki Oliver Mary and Bob and Pat

Keith Crawford from Sweedal Enviter the Club to the 4th of July Breakfast.

Thanked the Club for all the years of support. Breakfast will be a \$10.00 donation. More details to come next month.

Mark Garcia was visiting from OK.

Helen Sunshine: Helen had card to sign for Marie (Cavale ??), celebrating her 105 Birthday, Ernie Roder, Dan Erceg, Bob Tiffany, John Bertolotti and Sandy McConnell.

Jim Boyden announced Past President Steve Fisher passed away after a short illness.

Board Minutes approved

Pat M did a reading and Chuck brought an interesting book to share.

Oliver received the Vintage Ford and no Backfires were returned.

Treasure Mary spoke about some updated changes to the Wells Fargo account to make banking more efficient.

Chuck Programs DVD's he ordered did not arrive. Noreen had a great DVD about a tractor that was rescued and to be restored that the group saw on the Placerville Tour.

Backfire Audrey is moving and will not be able to continue as Editor. The Club will need to find a replacement.

SCVMTFC Meeting Minutes

May 2019

Tours 2 patches awarded on Blossom Tour, 2 patched awarded on Cal Dreamin Tour 8 Cars attended. 15 Cars were on the Placerville Tour Hosted by Becky and Dave Harrison. 4 T drove all way. Ed and Pader drove their Speedsters on a dirt Track.

Larry Johnson Lowland Tour - 18 cars have registered

Glenn Wildman - Speedster Run, Sunday, June 9 - 30 Cars have registered. If you are coming and are able to help out call Glenn or Larry. Dead line for T shirts has been moved to May 23. Don't miss out on the Collectors Addition. Go to the Web Site to order.

Public Relations Wings of History May 18, May 27 Atriam Lunch and Car display.

Membership Maria for Ivan Roster has been printed. Those attending the meeting may pick theirs up

AAHP Peder had a meeting with new management and thing are moving along. Mark your calendar for Sept. 22. There will be a sign up sheet for helpers.

Good of the order Birthdays Dan Gulko, Vicki Wildman and Sara Jorgensen

Next Meeting June 21 next Board Meeting Tuesday, July 16, at the Beamans at 7:30pm

CALENDAR

SCVMTFC Tours & Events noted in BOLD

2019 CALENDAR (SCVMTFC Tours & Events noted in BOLD)

June 2 (Sun), 45th Annual Mother Lode Model T Ford Club Swap Meet, Auburn fairgrounds.

June 8-9, SCVMTFC 50th Endurance Run and Lowland Tour. Hollister, CA. See the flyer in the Backfire and the Website for more information and entry forms. Get your speedsters and lowland cars ready. Lots of volunteers are needed to make it happen. Call Glenn Wildman to volunteer for Endurance Run or Larry Johnson for Lowland Tour.

June 21, SCVMTFC General Meeting, Recap the Endurance Run and Lowland Tour, what is your story?

July 4 (Thur), SCVMTFC Tour to Sveadal for breakfast, Meet behind the Shell Station at Blossom Hill Road and Almaden Expressway at 8:30, leave at 9:00 AM. Pancakes, Ham, Scrambled eggs, Bloody Marys, Champagne, orange juice, watermelon and coffee. Adults \$10, children 6-12 \$5. If you plan to attend, please contact Ivan Jorgensen, (408) 874-6373.

July 4, Public Relations: The SCVMTFC has been invited to bring our antique autos to the Rose, White & Blue Parade on Thursday, July 4th. The parade assembles at the Lincoln High Parking Lot on 555 Dana Ave at 8:00 am. If you would like to participate contact Allan Greenberg at (408)997-0879 or allang@pacbell.net.

July 20 (Sat), 65th Annual Long Beach Model T Club Vintage and Classic Parts Exchange from 7:00Am until it's over. Long Beach City College, Veterans Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis St. Long Beach, CA. \$5 Admission, Free Parking. Spaces are 20ft wide and 16ft deep. \$40 each or 3 for \$100. Call Jeff Hood 562-597-5936 www.lbmtc.com

Aug 18 (Sun), SCVMTFC Over the Hill Tour (tentative) (or maybe a Grange Breakfast Tour.)

Sept 22, (Sun), SCVMTFC and History San Jose host 19th annual Antique Autos in History Park. See the flyer in the Backfire.

Oct 20 (Sun), SCVMTFC Mt Umunhum Tour (tentative)

Nov 10 (Sun), SCVMTFC Fall Leaves Tour (tentative)

Dec TBD, SCVMTFC Holiday Installation Luncheon.

Dec TBD, SCVMTFC Xmas Lights Tour.

STORIES/NOTES

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**I would like to thank everyone
for the wonderful photos and write-ups
This month. You guys outdid yourselves!!!**

Audrey



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20 Years in the Making *Dan Gulko*

It's hard to believe that Nikkie and I will be celebrating our 20th wedding anniversary this June. It seems like we only met yesterday and it's amazing how time passes by. It all started when I went out to dinner with a bunch of friends and laid eyes on my then future wife. They had plans to set her up with another friend of mine, but I had other plans for myself. I was persistent and asked my friend and his girlfriend to get me a date with Nikkie. It turned out Nikkie liked guys who had skateboards. I did not have a skateboard and the last time I tried that it turned out pretty disastrous. I did have a car which barely got me anywhere with a leaky roof, some rust and it overheated. Long story short, we continued to date, and she forgave both the car and the fact that I did not have a skateboard.

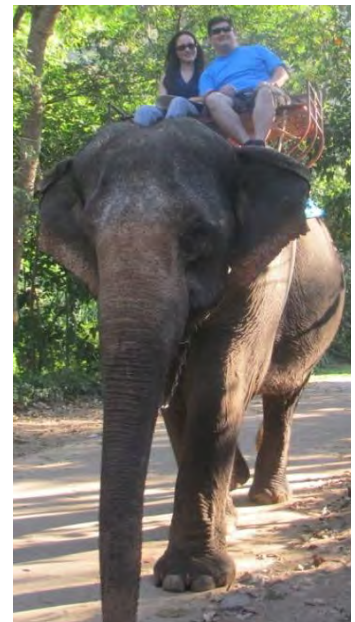
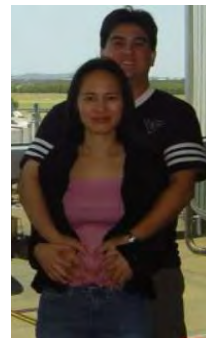


After a year of dating, we decided to be rebels and eloped to Vegas in June. Apparently what happens in Vegas does not stay in Vegas and Nikkie's mom found out. We decided to set a date for July 24th and held a reception for the rest of the family. My plan was to use my 1919 Model T Speedster for the reception. I did everything in my power to get the car ready but there were a few gremlins including some electrical problems that almost burned the car down to the ground. Long story short, the car did not make the reception nor burn down to the ground and Nikkie was quite pleased she did not have to ride in a Speedster during this special day. It took several years to get the car back on the road and be able to attend a few Endurance Runs. I did eventually get Nikkie to take some rides in the Speedster though.



We have since added to our collection a 29 Model A that I recently sold, 32 Chevy and 15 touring. We even decided to throw an RV into the collection so we could travel state to state and eventually visit all the National Parks. For our 20th anniversary, we will be in Europe visiting Scotland, Ireland and Amsterdam. Even though we married in June, we could not miss the 50th anniversary run of the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and we figured what better way to celebrate than with friends and family on a fun run.

I hope you had as much fun reading this as I did writing this. I did not want to become too well acquainted with the RV and I don't think camping in front of the house is much fun either. To this day, I still don't own a skateboard and never will.



THE GENERAL STORE

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Audrey Johnson (408) 221-7073 or
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for 3 months unless
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FOR SALE: Speedster— \$5,000 or best offer.
Contact is Debby Cunningham, (408) 313-9495
(04/19)



FOR SALE: Old Yeller Speedster. Rocky Mt.
Brakes, New gas tank, electric fuel pump, Opti-
man battery with cut off switch
Ruckstell. Old Yeller is a "boot" to drive.
Placed 2nd in the 2016 Endurance run. It's
time for me to consolidate the collection
\$10,000.00 Grover Steele (05/19)

FOR SALE:

1919 Model T
Center Door—
Original Exteri-
or and Interior.
Extras include:



Engine rebuild
with Model A crankshaft, dual down draft
carbs, 12volt alternator, distributor, turn
signals, Rocky Mtn. brakes, Ruchsrell 2
speed rear end. Runs and drives great.
I in turn will get you in touch with the own-
er. He is very knowledgeable in regards to
the car but I would like to contact him first
to make him aware of the call he will be
getting for the car. I hope you all under-
stand. \$14,000.00. Contact Steven Maciel
(408) 515-3750

FOR SALE: 1926-27 frame, very nice, no
rust or pits, straight with running board
brackets, includes hand brake cross shaft
with handle: \$250 Also have nice steering
column for \$50. I
am coming to En-
durance Run can
deliver to Hollister,
no charge, items are
in Ashland, Oregon.
Call
Joe Davis
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(05/19)





LET'S SAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Dan and Nikkie Gulko—12

Jim and Margie Pappakostas—26

Steve Baird - 24

James Dietrich - 10

Audrey Johnson - 27

Cindy Johnson - 6

Eiko Johnson - 28

Maria Jorgensen - 27

Margie Pappakostas - 21

Ernie Roeder - 15



CATCHING UP ON ROSTER

Nothing this Month

NOTE FROM EDITOR

Hi all. Since I have to move at the beginning of next year
we are looking for a new newsletter editor.

Anyone interested?

A FORD ROMANCE—Part 3

Act III.

The maiden drooped outside the wall
Without her handsome lover.
Said she, "Be calm, I'll save you,
Paul,
I love you, and no other."





SCVMTFC is a chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America. General meetings are held the third Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the **Santa Clara Fire Station #2, 1900 Walsh Ave., Santa Clara, CA.** New members and curious visitors are always welcome—you don't have to own a T to belong or to visit.

SCVMTFC membership is \$20 per year. Send dues to Ivan Jorgensen, 475 W. Sunnyoak Ave, Campbell, CA 95008 Membership in Model T Ford Club of America is encouraged. Dues are \$40 per year. Send dues to: MTFCA, P.O. Box 996, Richmond, IN, 47375-0996



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