



BY-LAWS

**Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club
Incorporated in the State of California
A Chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America**



ARTICLE I

NAME, AFFILIATION, SEAL AND EMBLEM

Section 1. NAME: The name of this club, recorded in the articles of incorporation with the State of California, shall be the SANTA CLARA VALLEY MODEL "T" FORD CLUB.

Section 2. AFFILIATION: After fulfilling the requirements set aside by the Model "T" Ford Club of America and upon application, the Santa Clara Valley Model "T" Ford Club has been granted a Charter by the Model "T" Ford Club of America in 1968 and will thereafter be known as an affiliated Chapter of the Model "T" Ford Club of America. (A California Corporation). *The Club* will be bound by the Constitution and By-Laws of the M. T. F. C. A.

Section 3. EMBLEM AND SEAL: The club emblem and seal shall be the same. The emblem (shown left above) shall consist of white rectangular area with the words Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club inscribed in Black. There is a large black T in the center with the word Ford inscribed in yellow. There is a light blue design in the middle and a light blue border.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of this club, incorporated as a non-profit corporation in the State of California, shall be to perpetuate the Model T Ford Automobile and promote general interest in antique automobiles. Furthermore, to encourage and facilitate group touring and other forms of antique automobile associated recreation, including literature, technical historic information and to promote ideas and fellowship amongst its members; to secure a better understanding and recognition of the need for safer driving conditions and to cooperate with public authorities on all conditions.

ARTICLE III

OFFICE AND MAIL

Section 1. PRINCIPAL OFFICE: The principal office for the transaction of club business shall be maintained in the County of Santa Clara, State of California.

Section 2. MAIL: The club shall maintain a P.O. Box in the county of Santa Clara, State of California for the purpose of having a permanent club mailing location.

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ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Club shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Backfire Editor. Officers shall serve from January 1 to December 31 of the same year. Election of officers for the following year shall take place in November.

ARTICLE V DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1. **PRESIDENT:** The president shall preside over all general and board meetings and be the focal point for all business conducted by the Club. He/She shall appoint chairpersons of any special committee. He/She will cast the deciding vote in case of a tie of a motion. The President shall focus on the well being of the Club and the adherence to the By-Laws.

Section 2. **VICE PRESIDENT:** The Vice President shall preside over general and board meetings in the absence of the President. He/She shall chair the nominating committee to obtain candidates for officers for the following year.

Section 3. **SECRETARY:** The secretary shall record the minutes of the general and board meetings and provide these minutes to the President and Backfire Editor as required. The secretary should retain these minutes and any correspondents of the Club for future use.

Section 4. **TREASURER:** The treasurer shall be the interface with the Bank where an account is maintained for the Club. He/She shall deposit all funds collected by the Club and provide reimbursements and payments for approved expenses. He/She shall keep records of all received funds and payments. The treasurer shall use past Club income and expenses to create a budget for the following year and present this budget to the Board for approval during the first Board meeting of the new year.

Section 5. **BACKFIRE EDITOR:** The Backfire editor shall publish the Club's monthly newsletter and shall be responsible for its distribution to all members and other Clubs.

ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS, DUTIES

Section 1. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** The Board of Directors consists of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Backfire Editor, Tour Coordinator, Membership Coordinator, Program Coordinator, Tech and Safety Coordinator and the past President.

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Section 2. DUTIES: The Board of Directors shall be responsible for setting policies and approving expenditures of the Club. On matters of significant importance to the Club, the Board may bring the issue to the Membership for a vote. The minutes of the Board shall be read to the members at the following general meeting and any action taken by the Board may be overruled by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the membership present.

ARTICLE VII MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. CHARTER MEMBERS: A Charter Member shall be considered one who joined during 1968.

Section 2. MEMBERS: In order to become a member, an applicant must submit a completed Membership Application Form and send it to the Club address or give it to the Membership Coordinator. Membership shall extend to the household, which is defined as follows:

1. Head of household and spouse
2. All dependents up to age 18

Section 3. INSURANCE: All driving members must be insured individually. The club is not responsible for acts of members or member's vehicles and action cannot be brought against the club for any member's careless acts for any reason.

Section 4. DUES: The annual dues shall be \$30.00 per year per membership. Dues received after September 1 of the current year will be applied to full membership the following year.

ARTICLE VIII NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. NOMINATIONS: The Vice President shall chair a committee to present a slate of Officers to the members no later than the October general meeting.

Section 2. ELECTIONS: The election of Officers takes place at the November general meeting by ballots cast by the Membership (one per household). The President shall appoint two members to count the vote and announce the results to the attendees. The results will be published in the Backfire and on the Web site. Officers shall be installed at the annual Installation Dinner held in December and will take effect the 1st of January.

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ARTICLE IX REVISIONS

Section 1. Revisions may be made to these By-Laws by a vote of three-fourths (3/4) majority of the attending members at any general meeting. Revisions must be presented to the membership at least one meeting prior to the vote.

Revisions:

4/07/1972
7/18/1997
1/21/2000
1/18/2005
11/26/2023