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The Backfire

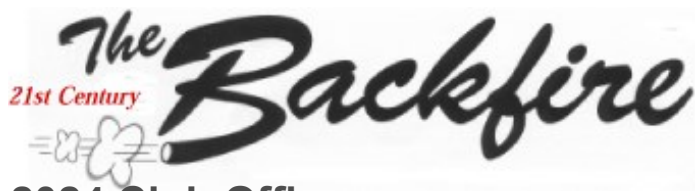
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The Rose White and Blue Parade

Attending are: Allan & Lucy Greenberg, Lynn Alens, Dan & Ann Smith, Ilya Smolyanitsky.



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

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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. Membership dues are \$30 per year. Send dues to Ivan Jorgensen, 475 Sunnyoakes Ave. Campbell CA, 95008 Membership in the Model T Ford Club of America is encouraged. Dues are \$50 per year. Send dues to MTFCA ,310 N 8th St. Richmond, IN 47374. Meet at 3620 Charter Park Drive in San Jose, 7:30 pm, the third Friday of the month.

From the VP Desk

Write what I know.

July was a busy month, with scorching record temperatures and plenty of activities. In addition to our July Board and General meetings, members also participated in the Rose, White and Blue parade, a breakfast tour to Sveadal, the Santa Clara County Fair parade and a Tech session at Chuck & Helen Christensen's home. And if that wasn't enough to keep everyone busy, you could also watch the finale of the Tour de France, and the beginning of the Summer Olympics. Go USA!

There will be plenty to do in the coming months, beginning with a wine tasting joint tour with the Horseless Carriage Club on August 3rd, followed by a Model T Put Together demonstration at Laguna Seca on August 17, a BBQ tour to Mt. Madonna Hilltop Picnic with the South County Model T Club on August 31, and Cars in the Park on September 14.

There are so many opportunities to enjoy our hobby and encourage others to join in the fun! With this in mind, I encourage everyone to consider themselves an ambassador of our hobby and club and to spread the word. We will be using our Endurance Run banner at Laguna Seca, to draw attention to our club and the event. The banner is available for any club event.

I hope you all have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you at some of the events and next General meeting. I'm also looking forward to Lynn's return!

Chris

Did you know?: Around 1918, Mr M.K. Witt, a Ford Agent in Coleman, Texas, built a straight eight-cylinder Model T, which he used for 3 years as his daily driver.

SCVMTFC General Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2024

Attendees: 27 including 0 guests

Meeting Called to Order by Vice President Chris Bhirdo at 7:30 p.m.

President (Lynn Alens): Chris Bhirdo presided over the meeting. Chris 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 July 15, 2024.

Reading: Pat Meneely read some questions from a Brain Quest question and answer game.

Vice President (Chris Bhirdo): Chris thanked Michele Brading for welcoming us into this facility.

Treasurer (Mary Beaman): Mary distributed and reviewed financial reports.

Programs: Chris Bhirdo mentioned that the Program Coordinator position is still open and asked if there were any volunteers. Tonight's program will be "What's It?" Jim Boyden asked if the facility has Wi-Fi and a screen that could be used for future programs. Michele Brading said there is Wi-Fi and a way to display presentations.

Backfire (Jim Boyden): Jim thanked everyone for submitting content for the last Backfire and asked that material be submitted at least a few days before the end of the month. Chris Bhirdo asked about publishing ads for "sale" or "wanted" items in the Backfire.

Tours (Bob Meneely): Bob confirmed upcoming tours and events: The Two Robs Brass and Burgundy Tour August 3rd, BBQ at Mount Madonna with the South Valley Model T Ford Club August 31st, Cars in the Park September 14th, Pancake Breakfast at the Lukash Residence and Tour October 19th. Taking the "Put Together T" to Laguna Seca in August was discussed. More volunteers are needed for the team.

Public Relations: Allan Greenberg reported there were four cars at the Rose, White & Blue Parade on July 4th and confirmed upcoming events: Santa Clara County Fair Parade July 27th and Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive August 10th.

Membership (Ivan Jorgensen): No update

Tech & Safety (Dan Smith): Dan gave a presentation on Oilite bushing material.

Librarian: Chris Bhirdo reminded the club that MaryAnn Steele has a lot of books and to contact her if you are interested.

Endurance Run (Chris Bhirdo): Chris reported that there are still T-shirts for sale and some event bags for free. The next Endurance Run and Lowland Tour will be June 7th-8th, 2025. There will be a wrap-up meeting for this year's event and all feedback is welcome.

Cars in the Park: Peder Jorgensen has a sign-up sheet for help the day of the event. Rob Guzzetta will be the event photographer. Allan Greenberg reported he sent out a 3rd announcement to over 1,000 contacts and a 4th announcement will be sent out soon. The event was posted on several Facebook car show groups. The window display poster was taken to Campbell Press and it will be published in August. Steve Bright will be the program announcer. The crafts and collectibles layout was sent to all exhibitors. Lynn Alens will be the "Put Together T" team leader. There was a meeting with HSJ and they will manage the kid's activities, social media, and press release. There will be event announcements on KCBS radio. HSJ has arranged for food trucks. Peder announced that the ice cream parlor will be open but will only have treats, not ice cream.

Website: No update

Historian: Lucy Greenberg reported that she received a package of items from Chris Bhirdo for the Endurance Run photo album.

Refreshments: Thank you, Rob and Pam Caldeira! Mary and Bob Beaman will bring refreshments next month.

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

Old Business: None

New Business: Bob Meneely reminded the club that Chuck Christensen will host a tech session at his house tomorrow, July 20th, at 9 a.m.

Good of the Order: Happy Birthday Michele Brading! Happy Birthday Rob Caldeira! Happy Anniversary Ray and Linda Fontaine! Happy Anniversary Chris and Kelly Bhirdo! Happy Anniversary Rob and Pam Caldeira! Bob and Pat Meneely brought plums to share, thank you!

Next Meetings: General Meeting August 16th (Brading Associates) Board Meeting September 16th (Zoom)

Motion to Adjourn by Chris Bhirdo, Seconded by Mary Beaman

Meeting Adjourned by Chris Bhirdo at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Pam Caldeira, Secretary

SCVMTFC CALENDAR for 2024

(SCVMTFC Activities shown in bold.)

Aug 3, SCVMTFC is invited to join BAHCC for a tour to Kirigin Winery. Meet at Brading Assoc's, 3620 Charter Park Drive, SJ at 8:30am. Leave at 9:00. Bring a lunch. Wine tasting is available for \$25 each and encouraged. This includes wine tasting of 5 different wines and those participating will receive a bottle of your favorite wine tasted. For those not wine tasting, there is no charge.

Aug 10, Sat, Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive, at History San Jose, PR event, contact is Allan Greenberg.

Aug 10, SCVMTFC Work Party at Christensens, 9:00am, 1542 Queensbridge Court, Sunnyvale, we will be doing new band linings and reassembling Chuck's transmission,

Aug 16, Fri, SCVMTFC General Meeting at 3620 Charter Park Drive, San Jose. This is our **NEW MEETING PLACE** courtesy of member Michelle Brading.

Aug 17, Sat, SCVMTFC will be doing the Put Together T at the Historic Races at Laguna Seca about 11 o'clock. We still need some crew, contact is Bob Meneely.

Aug 31, Sat, SCVMTFC Tour to BBQ at Mt. Madonna Hilltop Picnic Site with South County Model T Club. Meet behind the Shell Station at Almaden and Blossom Hill Rd at 9:30, leave at 10:00. Bring \$6 cash for park entrance. Bring something to BBQ, something to share, your beverage, eating utensils and a chair. Our hosts will provide the fire, BBQ tools, Garlic Bread & Ice. To provide a head count, please RSVP to Doug Tolbert at douggtoby@gmail.com

Sep 9, Sun, Mountain View Centennial, Old Town Mtn View, PR event, contact is Allan Greenberg.

Sep 14, Sat, Cars in the Park at History San Jose. See Flyer on SCVMTFC.org.

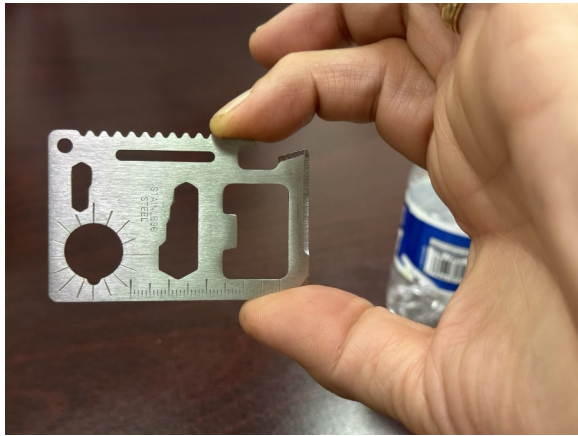
Oct 19, Sat, SCVMTFC tour to Lukash residence for pancake breakfast with BAHCC followed by a tour to Filoli. More later.

Dec 28, Sat, SCVMTFC Last Chance Tour.

Whatz It?

Members brought their
Mystery items to the July meeting





LONG BEACH SWAP MEET Sat. July 20th

By Ed Archer



Just a few notes on this year's annual Long Beach Swap meet. Actually the 70th annual, and may be the longest running annual antique car swap meet in the U. S.. I have a soft spot for the Long Beach meet. Been going there for over 60 years and picked up some memorable stuff there. I've only missed a few over the years and have lots of friends down there. I departed home heading for Long Beach at an uncomfortable 3 AM Saturday morning and due to 3 major traffic jams, the first one on I 5 just before reaching Los Angeles, then one on I 210, and one on I 605 (first two CalTrans, working on the highway, four lanes reduced to one, and the third was a big accident on the north bound lanes and the looky loos heading south caused the jam. So I didn't get to the swap meet until 9:30 AM. The organizing club Long Beach Model T Club always has a nice display of members cars there for show as you enter the meet. \$5.00 entry fee for buyers. They claimed over 200 vFor Sale Six New tires mounted on TT Demountable Wheels , These Tires are Universal 450 /475 – 21 in size . They are a couple of years old but have never been mounted on the car and have zero miles on them . At today's pricing Six Tires and tubes shipped to your house would be about \$ 1040.00 . I am asking 650.00 For the tires and tubes ,

The wheels are Free ! Please call Ben at 510 427 0482 endors, but I doubt that. Anyway, I'm glad I went. Always a good meet with plenty of Model T and Model A parts, a few street rod vendors, a few tool vendors and some with just miscellaneous goods. Overall, from my viewpoint, there was a lacking of buyers. Same as this years, Auburn and Bakersfield meets. I really didn't need any T parts but was hoping to find some brand X (Chevrolet etc.) stuff. I did have a couple of requests from friends and family for me to lookout for a couple of T things. My grandson Chris said that he needed a couple of tires. I recommended Lucas produced, Wards Riversides as they look the most authentic, size wise, and as I told him it really doesn't matter which brand that you get as none of the new tires wear well due to the type of rubber all the tire companies are using. A short time later he reported back that Lucas is out of stock on them. I told him to hold off because I'm going to the Long Beach swap meet and I might find something there. Well, as luck would have it I did find a couple, mounted on some old wheels, the tires were old originals made/sold by Montgomery Wards some 45 or so years ago and were age cracked, but not real bad. I was going to ask the price but the vendor wasn't at his booth. So made a mental note to come back and check. Continuing on some distance, there was five NOS Riversides mounted on Hayes demountable rims, and absolutely no age cracks. Vendor wasn't there either, so I moved on, keeping an eye on that space as I continued to look and finally spotted somebody, and went back to inquire. He said \$1000.00. Ouch! We did some heavy negotiating and I brought them home. Unfortunately by then, 10:30 AM some guys were already starting to pack up and leave, so I rushed through, finding nothing else to buy, but did see a few Warford transmissions, a Muncie, a couple of Frontenac heads, Ruckstell rear axles, outside brakes, various size wire wheels, and loads of stock chassis parts. Just before I left I stumbled on to none other than Jim Lukash with a large bag full of stuff that he bought and happy as if he had good sense. I was out of there by noon. A couple more traffic jams enroute got me home by dinnertime 6:30 PM. I sure hate to see a low turnout of buyers because that means a few less sellers next time, because nobodies buying. And sooner or later no swap meets at all, and we're back to the way it was back in the 1950s with no place to get parts when you need them. So, getting on my soap box a little. **Support the swap meets that are apt to have lots of early car stuff, not just street rod stuff. Getting original parts even if they're worn some, is so much better than any of the repro garbage sold by the parts houses today.**

Selling a car, parts, or parts wanted; INTERNET SCAMS

By Ed Archer

As an automobile appraiser, I've always stayed away from brokering cars for clients as I never liked mixing appraising and buying and selling. Well for a variety of reasons that I won't go into here, that has changed in the last year or so. This story is not an attempt to publicize any of that it's an attempt to make you aware of some of the scamming that's going on with our great "electronic world". As most of you know scamming is prevalent in our society. The following is only what I've encountered, mainly in my brokering business, mostly done electronically. Let's start with selling a car or parts. You run an ad that gets read electronically which goes out to hundreds of thousands of people and you receive responses via email or other electronic method. "I'll buy it!" "I'm happy with the price" "Tell me more about it, please send pictures, what's your lowest price?" I always include as many pictures as possible a good description and an asking price in my ads, so some of those comments are the first clue. There's a variety of their verbiage that will give you a hint. Words like calling what you're trying to sell "the item". "Is the item still for sale?" "Kindly" "Kindly get back to me with your final asking price and some photos of it. let me know" "I await your reply" "I'm fine with the asking price" These are actual quotes from scammers. They're going to send a Cashiers Check, or a variety of other bank checks, samples are seen below. They are flawless appearing checks and often made out for more than your asking price. Sometimes they explain "the extra is for you to pay the shipper" or "I mistakenly made it out for more kindly return the excess to me" These are just a few examples. They're all a little different. I begin by treating them all like they're real. I try to respond politely but usually in my second response I let them know that I already have some bad checks, So figure out a different way of payment. I won't accept your check. My bank charges me for processing bad checks, please call me 510 581 4911 and we'll discuss the car and possible methods of payment. That usually ends it right there. No one has ever called, although some have continued to attempt to proceed via email with various real sounding responses. "My check will be good and when you have the cash I'll have my shipper pick the car up." I've taken the checks to the bank and have the manager comment that they're no good, early on I deposited a couple, just to be sure, because the "buyer" seems so sincere. My attitude is, even though you have suspicion that it's a scam treat it as sincere as possible until it fizzles. And they're all a little different verbiage but usually some of the words used are the same. Most of these have come from my ads on the Horseless Carriage Club of America on line classifieds. That doesn't mean that you shouldn't advertise there, it's a good source. Just be aware. I hope some of this helps some of you.

.. Now, moving on. You have a want ad describing a part that you're looking for and you receive a response. "I have one" sometimes they describe the condition and price. There's only one absolute necessary response to that. "Please send me a picture" If you want even more positive proof, "Please send me a picture of the part, with you holding it". That ends it, that's the last you hear from them. I got caught by one of those a few years ago and lost a few hundred dollars. Lesson learned. You may have some of your own to add to these, don't hesitate to share them

with us.

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Saturday, September 14, 2024

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Allan Greenberg

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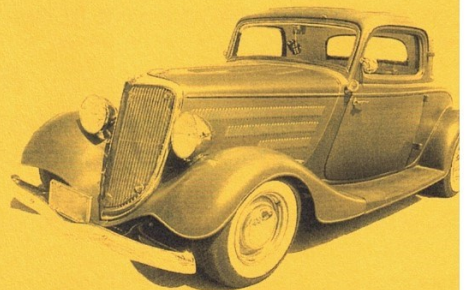
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2. 1926 Chevrolet Superior K, 5 Passenger Touring. Show quality older restoration. Dark Blue body and black fenders and chassis, white striping. Correct original engine, transmission and rear end, Rare Aerometer (Motometer) water temperature gauge and winged radiator cap, clock gear shifting knob, dual wind wings, front and rear bumpers, white wall tires, Chevrolet script spare tire cover. Approx. 2000 miles on a complete engine rebuild. Extremely well restored throughout. More pictures available on request. \$16,500.00.



Wanted

Gary Hagen wants to buy a Muncie transmission and a Waukesha Ricardo intake manifold. If you have or know of one for sale contact Gary.



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Truck tires for sale

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