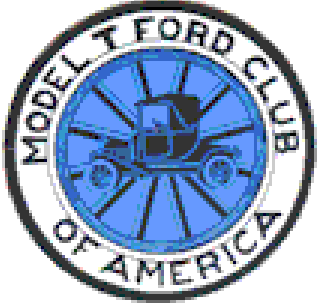


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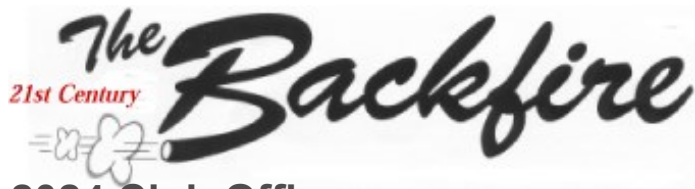
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Cars in The Park event.



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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.



The Greenberg/Jorgensen team organized another successful Cars-in-the-Park event in September with the support of a wonderful group of volunteers. Over 130 antique autos showed up at HSJ and enjoyed a beautiful day of sunshine. Even though the club has no control over visitor ticket sales or advertising, word is attendance was up this year and the park was pleased with the numbers. I heard more than one person say it is their favorite car show of the year.

The Model T Put Together was once again a featured event. Everything was going smoothly and on track for a new record time for the team until the car would not start after assembly. The veterans tried a few mechanic tricks and the team even tried push starting but it was not to be. General consensus is that the crowd still enjoyed the show and was cheering for the team.

Opportunities to tour with antique autos seem to be everywhere this time of year. A club member was sharing details about a tour the week prior to Cars-in-the-Park. Several long-time club members were not at the show due to a national tour and still others left the day after the show for a tour up north. We even moved the date of the monthly meeting to schedule around a tour. Good to see that people are getting out and about in their old cars.

My new Model T mechanic tip of the month. Fix your leaky Model T radiator using horse poop. I recall an old saying common with farmers "Oh horse sh#t" when something went wrong. Maybe that originated when the farmer's Model T developed a leaky radiator. Apparently on a recent tour, the owner was able to keep going multiple days by using this fix. I would guess poop age is important as fresh stuff may not work as well as the properly aged variety.

Motor on,

Lynn

SCVMTFC General Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2024

Attendees: 25 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. Chris also discussed some of the club activities that took place this month.

Secretary (Pam Caldeira): Pam reviewed the board meeting minutes from September 23, 2024.

Reading: Pat Meneely talked about a couple articles in the latest issue of The Vintage Ford and Chuck Christensen read some short comments from the book "Fun About Fords" written in 1919.

Vice President (Chris Bhirdo): Chris has been looking into venues for the Board Installation Luncheon and The Diner of Los Gatos is available on December 8th. Members feel that a restaurant which has a separate room where it is easy to visit would be nice. All suggestions are welcome. Jim Boyden suggested Michael's at Shoreline. Chris reminded the club that nominations for officers open in October and will be voted on in November.

Treasurer (Mary Beaman): Mary distributed and reviewed financial reports. She is still waiting for bills from Cars in the Park.

Programs: Tonight's program will be a presentation by Dan Smith on products for taking care of our cars. Chris Bhirdo announced that next month's program will be the auction. Please look for items to bring in for that.

Backfire (Jim Boyden): Jim thanked everyone for all of the photos and articles that have been submitted over the years. The next issue will have a For Sale ad for a 1925 Model T Touring car with an asking price of \$9,500.

Tours (Bob Meneely): Bob confirmed upcoming tours and events: Pancake Breakfast at the Lukash Residence and Tour to Filoli October 19th, Tour by Oliver Johnson November 16th, Last Chance Tour December 28th. Dan Smith may do a Christmas Lights Tour.

Public Relations: Allan Greenberg confirmed upcoming events: Santa Clara Parade of Champions October 5th, Veterans Day Parade November 11th.

Membership (Ivan Jorgensen): Mary Beaman reported that there are two new members.

Tech & Safety (Dan Smith): No update

Librarian: No update

Endurance Run (Chris Bhirdo): Chris is starting to plan next year's event which will be at the VA Medical Center on June 7th and 8th, 2025. There will be a car show so that veterans and their families can see the cars and enjoy the day. There will be more space for trailer parking.

Larry Wolfsen will bring his Circus Wagon. Chris is looking for lodging suggestions close to the VA Center. There will be a Zoom meeting to share ideas and see who can help with the event. A save the date will be published in The Vintage Ford. Other event advertising will start soon.

Cars in the Park: Allan Greenberg reported that there is a write-up of the event on the club's website with a link to photos taken by Rob Guzzetta. The write-up was also sent to several other clubs, The Vintage Ford, and the Horseless Carriage Club of America. A photo of Larry Wolfsen's Circus Wagon was sent to The Vintage Ford and will be on the cover next year. There were 131 vehicles at the event with a great showing of the featured vehicles Dodge Brothers. There were 750 paying visitors. Steve Bright did a great job announcing events. Entertainment included the Rhythmaires Band, The Fabulous JewelTones Singers, and a silent video of the Dodge Brothers Factory in 1918. The Put Together T had a lot of spectators and the assembly time was 13:09. Mike Hennessey did a good job entertaining the crowd during the Put Together T. San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan and County Supervisor Cindy Chevez attended and spoke at the event. Thank you to Rob Guzzetta who took 132 photos, to everyone who came with vehicles, and to those who helped. Planning for next year's event has begun.

Website: No update

Historian: No update

Refreshments: Thank you, Chuck and Helen Christensen!

Sunshine: Helen Christensen did not send any cards this month as none were needed. She will send a card to MaryAnn and Grover Steele.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Good of the Order: Happy Birthday Jean Boyden! Happy Birthday Bob Beaman! Happy Birthday Mary Beaman! Happy Birthday Chris Bhirdo's Mom! Happy Anniversary Dan and Ann Marie Smith! Chuck Christensen will host a tech session on October 5th. Pat Meneely mentioned people over 70 can take their driving test online.

Next Meetings: General Meeting October 18th (Brading Associates) Board Meeting November 11th (Zoom)

Motion to Adjourn by Mary Beaman, Seconded by Nancy Alens

Meeting Adjourned by Chris Bhirdo at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Pam Caldeira, Secretary

SCVMTFC CALENDAR for

(SCVMTFC Activities shown in bold.)

- Oct 5, Sat, SCVMTFC Work Party at Chuck Christensens**, 9:00 AM, 1542 Queensbridge Court, Sunnyvale, this should be final reassembly of Chuck's T.
- Oct 5, Sat, PR Event, Santa Clara Parade of Champions. This event starts at 11 am, but participants need to arrive at the corner of Bellomy and Monroe Streets in Santa Clara at 10 am.
- Oct 18, Fri, SCVMTFC General Meeting** at 3620 Charter Park Drive, San Jose. Program will be a **Club Auction**. Bring the T stuff you don't need and take home some other T stuff you don't need.
- Oct 19, Sat, SCVMTFC tour to Lukash residence** for pancake breakfast with BAHCC followed by a tour to Filoli. Meet at Stock Farm Children's Center, 183 Stock Farm Road, Stanford, CA at 8:30AM, Depart at 9:00AM for Pancakes at Jim Lukash home followed by a tour to Filoli House and Gardens. See flyer.
- Nov 11, Mon, SCVMTFC Board Meeting** on ZOOM, 7:30PM
- Nov 11, Mon, PR Event, Santa Clara Parade of Champions. This event starts at 11 am, but participants need to arrive at the corner of Bellomy and Monroe Streets in Santa Clara at 10 am.
- Nov 15, Fri, SCVMTFC General Meeting** at 3620 Charter Park Drive, San Jose.
- Nov 16, Sat, SCVMTFC Tour**, save the date, details later.
- Dec 7, Sat, SCVMTFC Annual Installation Luncheon**, save the date.
- Dec 28, Sat, SCVMTFC Last Chance Tour**, more later.

Cars in the Park, 2024

At 8:00 am on Saturday, September 14, 2024 the gate to History Park opened for the 24th annual Cars in the Park. Shortly thereafter started the flow of antique and classic vehicles, early day gas engines plus crafts and collectibles participants and entertainers in addition to all the volunteers. There was a wide variety of brands and models, many of which do not exist today. Thanks to the dedicated owners and restorers who maintain these by-gone vehicles who are willing to show them to the public. Fourteen Dodge Brothers provided a great showing of featured vehicles. There was a great showing of Model As that filled the plaza road and a large number of Chevrolets. Some of the rarer brands displayed were a 1899 Osen & Hunt, a 1910 Oakland, two Pierce-Arrows, a 1903 Hayes Apperson, 1911 REO, 1914 Metz, a couple of Mitchells, a 1907 International Auto Buggy, 1916 Detroit Electric along with Packards and Lincolns. The final count of participating vehicle was 131. History San Jose was very pleased with the number of paying visitors.

At 11:00 am our event announcer, Steve Bright, welcomed the participants and visitors to Cars in the Park and spoke about the activities that occurred that day. Among those activities were Dixieland music of the Rhythmaires, a video of the Dodge Brothers factory in 1918, the singing performance of the Fabulous JewelTones, the very popular, crowd-pleasing Model T put-together and ended with the presentation of door prizes to participants.

The featured event was the Model T put-together that occurred at 2:30 pm. Mike Hennessy was the put-together announcer again this year and he always makes this a very fun and interesting event. We were honored to have Cindy Chevez, (Santa Clara County Supervisor), and Matt Mahan, (mayor of San Jose) joining us for this event. The large crowd of visitors were treated to questions about Model Ts as the Model T was being assembled. The actual time to assemble the Model T was 13.09 minutes. The Model T started and then quit. A push start did not help the situation. A postmortem will be performed, but all-in-all the crowd was entertained. We thank Lynn Alens and the entire team for their dedication to this event.

This year the CitP event added new photo opportunities. At the Associated Gas Station there were three antique vehicles that visitors could take photos both outside the vehicles or inside. In addition, visitors could take photos standing outside or sitting inside a fire truck at the Empire Firehouse. For kids, a fire fighter vest and helmet were souvenirs of this activity.

The coordinators of this event, Peder Jorgensen and Allan Greenberg, with assistance from Maria Jorgensen and Lucy Greenberg want to thank the staff of History San Jose, Steve Bright, Mike Hennessy, Rob Guzzetta (official photographer), the SCVMTFC and non-club volunteers for all their assistance and support during the event.

Go to SCVMTFC.org on the internet for lots and lots of pictures of the event thanks to Rob Guzzetta.

And now, we will start to plan and work on CitP 2025. Alan Greenberg

Dan Smith gave a very informative talk about maintenance and restoration products at the September meeting. Photo thanks to Chuck Christensen.



New Members

- > Alan Pryor
- > 1009 Santa Clara Ave.
- > Alameda, CA 94501
- > (510) 684-7468
- >
- > 1922 Depot Hack
- >

- > Kevin Riley
- > 375 West Oakwood
- > Redwood City, CA 94061
- > (408) 410-1172
- > kevinpriley@hotmail.com
- > 1922 Model T

On August 31st we were invited to join the So. County Club tour to Mt. Madona County Park for a get together and picnic.



For Sale

1 1913 Ford Model T light delivery, original condition with a hoaky 1950s repaint "fix up." Chassis is 1913 throughout except for the front spring. Body is original, from the era. Headlights and side lamps are missing. It has a few era accessories including Bosch magneto ignition, and original 30 X 3 ½ wire wheels. The engine cranks over but has not run in decades. A real neat piece of history just out of the barn. More pictures available on request. \$7,800.00

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.



curlymoustache@verizon.net

1922 Ford Model T Touring. New paint, upholstery, wiring, wheels and tires. Refurbished and reworked engine, transmission, differential and radiator. \$9500.00 or best offer. Please call Marty Sheridan at 408 425 8000 if interested.





Truck tires for sale

For 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

