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



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

Monthly Meetings:
 Third Friday of every month
 @ 7:30 p.m.
 Brading Associates
 3620 Charter Park Dr.
 in San Jose
 Join Us! You don't have to own a Model T to belong to the club

<http://www.scvmtfc.org>

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IN MEMORIAM

JIM BOYDEN MEMORIES

Well, we had a dark day in January as we all lost a dear friend, and the old car hobby lost a life long devoted antique automobile lover, and valuable supporter of antique automobile clubs. Jim leaves behind an admirable legacy that stretched over 70 years. Jim and I were friends for 57 years. Karen and I and family always enjoyed touring with Jim, Jean and family in their beautifully restored 1924 Ford fordor and later, the 1910 Ford touring. Lots of great memories. Baseball games before or after club meetings, football games during picnics, Easter egg hunts, all kinds of fun things. Among his many lifelong attributes you can credit Jim along with his good friend Tim Butterick for forming the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and attaining a charter from the Model T Ford Club of America. They were the true founders of this club. Back in 1968-69 Jim visited all the antique car clubs in Northern California announcing the formation of a Model T Ford Club in the Santa Clara Valley, San Jose, inviting everyone with Model T Fords to attend a charter meeting and become a member. Once the club was formed he held the office of SCVMTFC president more than once and accepted various other offices in the club when necessary, including the most recent all important job of newsletter editor for the past few years. Jim also belonged to the Horseless Carriage Club and several years ago Jim was elected to the board of directors of the worldwide Horseless Carriage Club of America, and became the National President of that "granddaddy" of all antique automobile clubs. Jim was also active in the early Ford V-8 Club with his 1930s Ford V-8s. Always amiable, willing to help whenever wherever needed. His absence, spirit, friendship and endless service will really be missed by all of us.

- Ed Archer



Jim Boyden 1936-2025



Jim & Jean's 1910 Ford Touring

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A sad note today - just received word of the passing of Jim Boyden, who along with his wife Jean were founding members of our club back in 1968. Always a devoted car guy, just recently he was still showing up at club functions to enjoy the comradery of friends. He drove one of his cherished antique cars in the Los Gatos parade just weeks ago. He served as an officer/coordinator in so many different positions over the years including as editor of the Backfire for the last 5 years. His friendly personality will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

It's still winter, although living here in CA you wouldn't really know it. No single digit temps or snow here. Some people here have their T's out but this is the perfect time to make sure your car is safe for the upcoming touring season. Give it the once-over to make sure it's safe for you and not a hazard for other cars on the road.

The Model T library books were moved to their new home at our meeting place – Brading Associates. Don't hesitate to check out a book at the next meeting and broaden your horizons. I brought home a book about the evolution of the Ford Motor Co and once I started, couldn't put it down. Very interesting and I learned a lot. Try it for yourself!

Public Relations usually covers the news but today Public Relations is the news. After 19 years of covering PR for the club, Allan Greenberg has decided to pass the baton. We were lucky to have someone handle that function so well, for so long, and for that Allan we say a huge THANK YOU. But he's not going away and will continue to co-chair Cars in the Park. So, we have an opening and will hope that a club member will step forward to take on PR. Allan agrees that it will be more of a transition than a hand off and he has agreed to help the next person get up to speed.

Motor on,

Lynn

2025 Board Officers

President	Lynn Alens	(408) 205-5806
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* Denotes Board Members

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Public Relations Vacant		
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	Allan and Lucy Greenberg	(408) 997-0879
Past President*	Barbara Beach	(408) 887-4857

Membership dues are \$30 /year. Send dues to Ivan Jorgensen, 475 W Sunnyoaks Ave., Campbell CA, 95008

Membership in the Model T Ford Club of America is encouraged. Dues \$50/year. Send dues to MTFCA, 310 N 8th St. Richmond, IN 47374



CLUB CALENDAR 2025

2025 SCVMTC Board Meetings

Board Meetings occur every other month, Mondays before General Meetings. Zoom

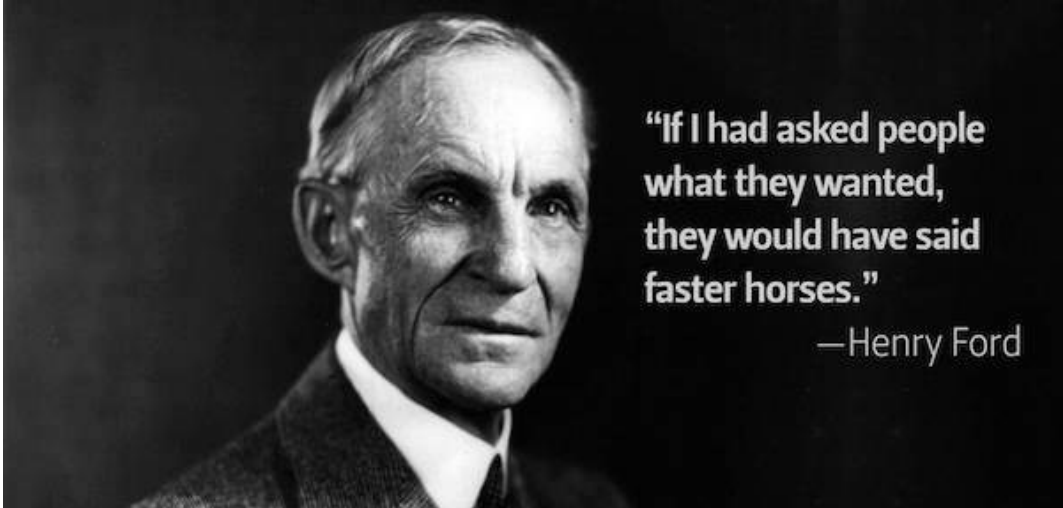
- March 17 7:30 p.m.
- May 12, 7:30 p.m.
- July 14, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 17. 7:30 p.m.

Next Endurance Run Planning Meeting is February 10th @ 7:00 p.m. Zoom meeting. Contact Chris Bhirdo.

2025 SCVMTC General Meetings

General Meetings occur on 3rd Friday of every month at 3620 Charter Park Drive, San Jose (unless otherwise noted)

- Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m.
- March 21, 7:30 p.m.
- April 18, 7:30 p.m.
- May 10 combined with Club Potluck Noon-2:00 p.m. @ The Alens' Home
- June 20, 7:30 p.m.
- July 18, 7:30 p.m.
- August 15, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. Date TBD Combined with Holiday Luncheon





CLUB CALENDAR 2025

SCVMTFC Activities Shown in Bold

2025 TOURS & EVENTS

Date	Event	Owner		Details
February 23	SCVMTFC Tour	Barbara Beach	Sun.	Los Altos History Museum. Meet 10:30 at the Blossom Hill Shell Station. Leave there at 11
March 23	SCVMTFC Tour	Rob Caldeira	Sat.	Green Brass Tour Details Pending
April TBD	SCVMTFC Tour	Bill Bratt		Trains in Portola Valley Details pending
May 6—9	Com- bined Club Tour	Rob Caldeira	Tues-Fri	Rendezvous Tour Paso Robles, CA - Location change due to fires
May 10	SCVMTFC Tour	Nikkie Gulko	Sat., 12 - 2 p.m.	SCVMTFC Potluck & May General Meeting @ Lynn & Nancy Alens's
June 7-8	SCVMTFC Tour	Chris Bhirdo	Sat./ Sun.	54th Annual Endurance Run and Lowland Tour
July 13-18	National Club Tour	National Model T Club	Sun. thru Fri.	Steam 'n T Party National T Tour, Stettler, Alberta, Canada Details @ https://www.mtfa.com/events/
July 4	SCVMTFC Tour	Ivan Jorgensen		Svedal
August TBD	Com- bined Club Tour	Glenn Wildman		Proposed joint picnic with South County Confirmation pending
Sept. 13	SCVMTFC Hosted	Greenbergs & Jorgensens	Sat.	25th Annual Cars In The Park @ History San Jose
October 4	SCVMTFC Tour	Jim Lukash	Sat.	Pancake Breakfast at Lukash home
October 16-19	Com- bined Club Tour	Barbara Beach	Thurs— Sun	San Diego Model T Club Last Roundup Tour ***NOTE DATE CHANGE***
Nov. 11	Public Relations	TBD	Tues	Veterans Day Parade
November TBD		Barbara Beach/ Chris Bhirdo		Proposed farm visit
December		TBD		SCVMTFC Annual Holiday Lunch
December		TBD		SCVMTFC Holiday Lights Tour
December		TBD		SCVMTFC Last Chance Tour

**ITEMS IN RED STILL NEED A TOUR/EVENT OWNER
CONTACT BARBARA BEACH
ADDITIONAL PR EVENTS & OUTSIDE EVENTS WILL BE NOTED IN THE FUTURE**

RECENT TOURS-JANUARY

The Caldeiras, Christiansens, Jim Lukash, and myself (with Chloe) attended the January meet up in Niles at the Essanay Silent Film Museum. This was a joint gathering with the BAHCC and the Packard club bringing over 50 participants. We saw the 1941 film "Topper Returns." While it was not a silent film, it did go silent in the middle with technical issues! Added to the fun. Kudos to Jim Lukash for driving his T across the Dumbarton Bridge that frigid morning. He was still defrosting as the movie ended.

- Barbara Beach



UPCOMING FEBRUARY TOUR

Los Altos History Museum

Sunday, February 23rd, 2025

Meet @ 10:30 at the Blossom Hill Shell Station. Leave there at 11

Contact: Barbara Beach



<https://www.losaltoshistory.org/>

February 2025

UPCOMING TOURS & EVENTS-MAY

May's general meeting will be combined with a potluck at Nancy and Lynn Alens's residence in Campbell from Noon - 2:00 PM. Bring a dish to share, any finger foods or entrees. We are limited to three salad dishes. RSVP by May 3rd to Nikkie Gulko at scvmtc@gmail.com or 408 644 6098 (Dan's cell, leave message) so we can have sitting arrangements set up. Dessert, water, utensils and paper plates will be provided. See flyer below.



SCVMTFC Potluck & General Meeting

Will be on Saturday, May 10th at
the Alens's residence from
Noon-2:00 PM. RSVP by May 3rd at
scvmtc@gmail.com or
408 644 6098 (leave message)

UPCOMING TOURS & EVENTS-JUNE



Photo by: Linda Bhirdo

Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club

54TH ANNUAL ENDURANCE RUN & LOWLAND TOUR

JUNE 7-8, 2025

Saturday, June 7, 2025

Tech Inspection & Barbecue

Bertolotti's Garage

505 Laurelwood Rd, Santa Clara, CA

Inspections: 12:00PM - 4:00PM

Barbecue Served: 4:00PM

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Endurance Run & Lowland Tour

VA Medical Center

3801 Miranda Ave, Palo Alto, CA

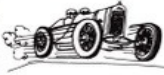
Opening Ceremony: 8:00AM

Green Flag Drops: 8:30AM

NEW! VA Car Show: 11AM - 3PM

For more details, visit our website:

www.SCVMTFC.org



Event Sponsors:



2025 NATIONAL CLUB TOUR-JULY

Steam 'n T Party

Stettler, Alberta

July 13 – 18, 2025



Monday our main destination will be the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology, it was named in honour of Joseph Tyrrell, a geologist of the Geological Survey of Canada. Tyrrell accidentally discovered the first reported dinosaur fossil in the Red Deer River valley, while searching for coal seams in 1884. It has a world class display of full-size dinosaur fossils. You will also have the opportunity to visit the town of Drumheller and surrounding area with many Model T friendly roads.

Tuesday we are spending the day on the Alberta Prairie Railway on a vintage passenger train from the 1920s. We will enjoy a meal at the end of the line and return to Stettler later in the day. You may need some spare change or small bills in your pocket in case if you need to make a donation to the local outlaws who have been known to hold up the train in the past. We will also be having a draw to load several Model Ts on the train for the journey.

Wednesday we will stay in Stettler for the day to enjoy the local amenities. You can use the morning to explore the shops downtown, work on your car or just relax. We will have a BBQ at the local Ford dealer and display our cars at the museum for the afternoon.

Thursday we will be visiting the international award-winning Reynolds Alberta Museum in Wetaskiwin. The museum's initial collection originated from the private collections of Stan Reynolds who acquired a large number of agricultural machines, airplanes, and automobiles through trade-ins he would accept at a car dealership he operated. Stan was also involved in Model T racing and in 1947 he won the Canadian Model T Ford racing championship in Calgary.

Friday will be spent at Buffalo Lake with a variety of Model T games and a picnic lunch. A local member is working on a Model T teeter totter to test your driving skills. You will be back in Stettler in plenty of time to get ready for the closing banquet.

For more information visit: <https://www.mtfca.com/events/>
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NATIONAL CLUB TOUR REGISTRATION

PRINT THIS PAGE TO USE FORM

Model T Ford Club of America - Steam 'n T Party The 30th Anniversary of the Steam 'n T Party - July 13 to 18, 2025 Sponsored by Foothills Model T Ford Club - Calgary, Alberta, CANADA

PLEASE FILL OUT ENTRY FORM COMPLETELY AND SEND THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF REGISTRATION FEE WITH THE ENTRY

DRIVER:

PASSENGER:

Name _____ Name _____
Address _____ Address _____
City, Province / State _____ City, Province / State _____
Postal Code / Zip _____ Postal Code / Zip _____
Phone (____) _____ Phone (____) _____
e-mail address _____ e-mail address _____
MTFCA Membership # _____ (Required to be eligible to participate)

ADDITIONAL PASSENGERS: (OVER 5 YEARS OF AGE)

Name _____ Child () Age _____ Adult ()
Name _____ Child () Age _____ Adult ()

Please advise us of any dietary restrictions: _____

Please indicate whom we should contact in case of emergency:

Name _____ City _____ State/Prov _____
Phone (____) _____ e-mail address _____
Relationship _____

VEHICLE INFORMATION:

Tour Cell Phone # _____

Car Model _____ Year _____ Colour _____
Licence # _____ Province / State _____
Name of Auto Insurance Company _____ Policy # _____

Photography and Videography will be taken on this tour. By virtue of your registration, you consent to the use of images and/or videos of yourself and your family members/guests by The Foothills Model T Ford Club or the MTFCA and distribution to any publications. The Foothills Model T Ford Club of Calgary is a chapter of The Model T Club of America and is a club interested in the preservation of Model Ts. Many hours have gone into hosting this event. Registrants, by signing this registration form, agree to indemnify and hold The Foothills Model T Ford Club of Calgary and each of its members harmless from all claims, demands and causes of action arising out of negligence of the Registrants, his agents or employees or passengers, and/or the ordinary negligence of The Foothills Model T Ford Club of Calgary or any of its members. Registrants also certifies that his/her car is in road-worthy condition and meets all requirements of the registered state or province.

Registrant Signature: _____ Date: _____

The entire fee of **\$295.00 (US \$)** for car & driver plus **\$200.00 (US \$)** for each passenger & youth must accompany this form.

CANCELLATIONS: NO CANCELLATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 1, 2025. ALL NON COMMITTED FUNDS AS OF THE DAY OF THE CANCELLATION, PRIOR TO MAY 1, 2025 WILL BE RETURNED TO THE REGISTERED INDIVIDUAL WHO CANCELS.

Total amount enclosed with this entry form \$ _____

Have cheque or Bank Draft made payable to: **NATIONAL MODEL T FORD STETTLER TOUR**

You will be required to submit an Inspection Report on / or before arrival.

SEND COMPLETED ENTRY FORM TO:

Entries postmarked prior to January 2, 2025 will be returned

**Ross Benedict, Registrar
116 Silver Mead Crescent NW
CALGARY AB T3B 3W1
CANADA**

Notes: _____

UPCOMING SAN DIEGO MODEL T CLUB TOUR-OCT.



Model T Ford Club of San Diego invites the Model T and Horseless Carriage Clubs

Okay fellow Cattle Drivers mark your calendars, saddle up and travel back in time as the **Model T Ford Club of San Diego** takes you on a journey through the rolling hills of southern California. This isn't your Daddy's cattle drive, no ma'am. You will need a sense of humor, a yearning for adventure, and a hankering for a tranquil escape from the hustle and bustle of urban life.

Nestled in the rolling hills of Southern California, the communities of Temecula, De Luz, Fallbrook, Rainbow, and Vista are known for lush landscapes, charming orchards, and scenic vistas. These backroad communities of past years beckon travelers to explore hidden gems. One of the best ways to experience the beauty of these quaint towns is by taking a scenic drive through the winding roads and picturesque countryside. So, "light a shuck" and embark on a memorable journey.

The event will begin with a Thursday afternoon, October 16, 2025 arrival and check-in at the Pala Mesa Resort (2001 Old Hwy 395, Fallbrook, Ca. (760-728-5881)). **A Boot Scootin' Ice Breaker around the Rusty Water Bar will occur at 5:00PM in the parking lot.**

The fun filled three-day tour promises to flip your bonnet and will begin on Friday, Oct 17 with a tour taking you on a scenic drive of the southern coast of California from Oceanside to Del Mar (or further if you like). Linking a string of charming beach communities, Historic Highway 101 hugs the Pacific Ocean and offers a taste of California's surf culture that can't be duplicated anywhere in the world.

Day two will feature a road rally/tour. It is not a race and the directions will be clear. The intent is not to get you Cattle Drivers lost but to stimulate your creative juices as you progress along the trail. You will be presented with questions about the surroundings you encounter. Yes, it is a competitive event with valuable and highly coveted prizes awarded to the top three finishers so a navigator with a clipboard is strongly recommended. Cars will depart in 2-minute intervals. Incremental departures are meant to keep participants from playing "follow the leader!" Yeah, like that is going to work!! The rally will culminate with an opportunity to visit Old Town Temecula followed by a BBQ at John and Karen Pepe's Ponderosa.

Day three will consist of a tour to the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum in Vista where you will participate in the October Engine and Tractor Festival. Entry is free for your car, driver and one passenger.

So "Acknowledge the corn" but if in doubt, let your horse do the thinkin'. It is time to dust off those bowler and Stetson hats, bandanas, ponchos, prairie skirts, gingham dresses, and boots. Polish up the ol' motor car and steer your way toward Pala Mesa Resort for a knee slapping, rib tickling, and pointless shaggy dog event of buffoonery of the highest order.



October is a busy month for the Temecula area with many weddings and wine tasting events occurring in the community so get a wiggle on and make a grubstake at the Pala Mesa hotel. Oh, and Pony Express your registration. Giddy-up!

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LAST ROUNDUP TOUR REGISTRATION FORM

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MTFCSD extends an invitation to the Model T and Horseless Carriage Clubs for



The Last Roundup Tour



October 16-19, 2025

Check-in for tour on October 16 at Pala Mesa Resort—2001 Old Hwy 395, Fallbrook, CA

Ice Breaker social at 5 p.m.

(It's a busy season for weddings and wine tasting, so get a wiggle on and make a grubstake ASAP.)

(760)728-5881—www.palamesa.com. Tour is limited to 50 cars. Indicate you are a participant in "The Last Roundup Tour" and use the Code: **TLRU25**.

Please print clearly using ink. Include an email address for updated tour info.

Driver Name _____ Passenger _____

Mailing Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone for tour and roster: _____

List names of all other passengers including children and their ages:

Guest/passenger address (if different): _____

Tour registration fee to be determined at a later date and will be due Sept 1, 2025.

Provide \$50.00 deposit to secure your place on the roster.



Make checks payable to: MTFC-SD.

Mail to: Ron Lambrecht, 3430 Valley Vista Road, Bonita, CA 91902

Driver's membership, fill in group name of all that apply:

Model T Regional _____ HCCA Regional _____

National # _____ National # _____

Insurance Co.: _____

Policy #: _____ Exp Date: _____

Your Tow Service: _____

Tour refunds less deposit available until Sept 1, 2025. If tour reservations max out early, you will be placed on a waiting list and added if there is an opening. If we cannot guarantee you a spot on the tour, all payments including deposit will be refunded.

Car Information: I am bringing a 19____ Make: _____ Model: _____

In consideration of my participation in **The Last Roundup Tour**, I do hereby release and hold harmless the Model T Ford Club of America and the Model T Ford Club of San Diego, MTFCSD officers, staff, committee, and/or volunteers and agents of any liability arising out of said events, including tours, trouble truck towing, and any other activities scheduled for the tour.

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

FEATURED ARTICLE

From the Editor: Prior to us learning of the loss of Jim Boyden, we had gotten his permission to reprint an article he had written in the January 1970 Issue of The Backfire. Now with his family's permission, we are still printing it as our featured article so we can remember Jim and his love of his cars, with a smile.

(Image quality due to scanning of archives)

HOW I FOUND MY MODEL "T"

By Jim Boyden

Where did you find it anyway? How many times have you answered that question from friends and passersby and from other Model T Club members for that matter. Well, this is how Jim and Jean Boyden found their 1924 Sedan.

It was the fall of 1957. Jean and I weren't married yet, but during a family gathering at her house, one of her uncles said "Some guy in Aptos has a Model T he wants me to buy, but I don't think I have the time to work on it and besides he wants a fortune for the thing." I said "How much of a fortune?" He replied "\$100." Well, I got the address in Aptos and we went down to see it. It turned out to belong to Walker Woolever, who was an apprentice mortician. He had picked it up in LA and moved it out to Indio where it sat out for several years receiving free sand blasting. He had recently moved to Aptos and wanted to get rid of it because the damp climate was causing some rusting and he didn't have any inside storage, and besides, he was short of time and money. (Who isn't?)

Well, I didn't have \$100 so I wrote him a check for a \$15. deposit and agreed to pay him \$10 or \$20 a month until it was paid for. We got married about a month later, and the first check written on our joint checking account was a payment on the "T". At least Jean never says she didn't know she was marrying a Model T nut! We hauled it back to my Dad's ranch in Madera County, where it sat for a year or two until I got out of school and was stationed in the USAF in Sacramento. One Saturday I borrowed a friend's old Chrysler, and with several other fellows to help, brought the car up to Sacramento. (We barely got the Chrysler back to its owner in time for him to take his wife to the hospital to have their second child.) The jot of restoration began. I didn't belong to a club at first (later I joined the Northern California HCCA) so I was really working in a vacuum. What kind of paint, lacquer or enamel? What color is the engine? Even what year is it? The engine was 26-27 and the radiator was missing. With a lot of digging I came up with answers but it was a slow process. By the time my tour was up, about two years later, the chassis was finished, so I mounted the body and fenders and drove it to Berkeley where it stayed until we were settled in San Jose. As I recall, the major problems during this period were finding a decent hood and repairing the window raisers. If you haven't tried making a gear from scratch, don't.

Once in San Jose it was upholstery, paint and glass-- minor items of course. About this time I swore I would never restore another closed car. The upholstery material came from La Barron Ronney in Massachusetts. Smitty, now Carter's, in Illinois, sewed the material into a kit and I installed it. A fellow named Frank Demo in Hayward,

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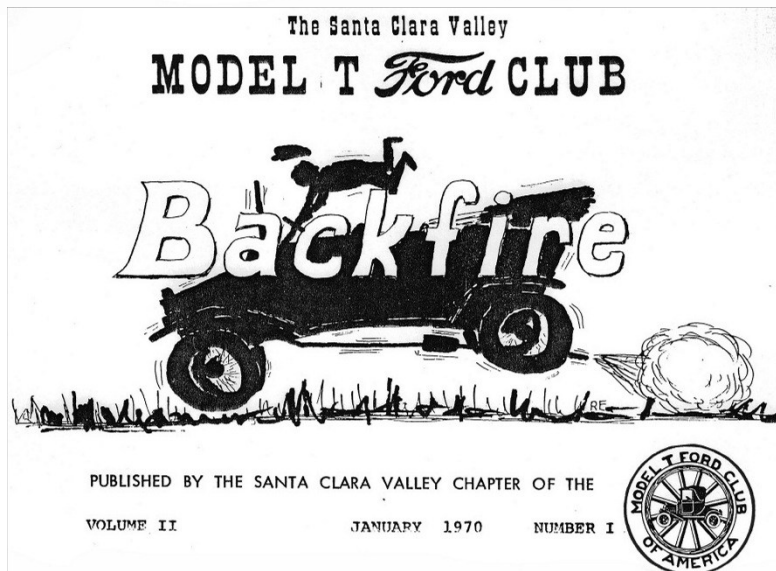
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painted it (lacquer) and after a lot of elbow grease, my old hem coupe began to take shape.

This summer before Harrah's meet I finally got the curtains in it, thanks to Harold C. for the rear roller and bracket which were missing on my car, and that just about wound up the restoration.

As an interesting postscript, I ran into Walker Woolever (the original owner) at the Watsonville fly-in last year. (He has a '15 Touring now and is active in a club over there.) Was he surprised to see his old "T" restored. He had visions of it with a 327 Chevy installed, you know.

Well, that's about it. Let's hear your story!



Jim's 1924 Fordor

REMEMBER WHEN...

**EVENTS OR STORIES OF THE SCVMTFC PAST. COURTESY OF OUR HISTORIAN,
LUCY GREENBERG**

VETERANS DAY PARADE

November 11, 2017. Again this year, some of our members lent their cars to the Veterans Day Parade in San Jose. Greenbergs, Meneelys and Ivan Jorgensen carried Pearl Harbor Survivors. There were only 3 this year. Stan Paddock and his brother, both navy veterans on the same ship joined us. Greg Tiede carried WWI nurses, Dan Erceg and the Archers represented the Doughboys of WWI, Chris Bhirdo carried Daughters of the American Revolution.

World War I ended with the implementation of an armistice on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. President Wilson signed a proclamation establishing Armistice Day in 1919. In 1954, the name was changed to Veterans Day. It now honors our veterans of all armed conflicts. The San Jose parade was instituted in 1922 and is the largest parade in Northern California. It draws a huge crowd of spectators and is really something to see each year. *bob meneely*



JANUARY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

SCVMTFC General Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2025

Attendees: 22 including 2 guests

Meeting Called to Order by President Lynn Alens at 7:30 p.m.

President (Lynn Alens): Lynn asked for any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes printed in the December Backfire. There were none and the minutes were approved. Lynn also commented on how many members were wearing club jackets at tonight's meeting.

Secretary (Pam Caldeira): No update

Reading: Chuck Christensen read some excerpts from a book about Edsel Ford.

Vice President (Chris Bhirdo): Chris read an article by Henry Ford regarding his company's profit plan. The article was from the *Flivver Flash*, a newsletter published by the Space City Ts of Houston, Texas.

Treasurer (Mary Beaman): Lynn Alens reported that the club has money. Remember to send in your 2025 dues.

Programs (Mark Edwards): Mark announced that tonight's program will be a Put Together T video and that program suggestions for future meetings are needed. Lynn Alens thanked Mark for taking over the Program Coordinator position.

Backfire (Nancy Alens): Nancy asked members to send in tech hints for the Backfire. She also asked for photos from the upcoming Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum event. Barbara Beach will write an article on the event. The deadline for Backfire submissions is the 25th. Maria Jorgensen complimented Nancy on this month's Backfire.

Tours (Barbara Beach): Barbara confirmed the upcoming Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum event on January 19th and asked for volunteers to do future tours and events. Jim Lukash volunteered to do a Pancake Breakfast and Tour on October 4th. Lynn Alens thanked Barbara for taking over the Tour Coordinator position.

Public Relations: Lynn Alens announced that Allan Greenberg will be stepping down as Public Relations Coordinator. If you are interested in the position, please speak up. Filoli would like to have a couple Model Ts at their Dapper Days Weekend on May 24th and 25th. This would be a good opportunity to promote our club. If you are interested in bringing your car or staffing a club booth, please contact Lynn. Taking the Put Together T to Friendship Day on May 18th was discussed. Other ideas on events for the Put Together T are welcome.

Membership (Ivan Jorgensen): Maria Jorgensen gave an update and reminded members to pay their 2025 dues.

Tech & Safety (Dan Smith): No update

Librarian: Lynn Alens reported that books were brought to Brading Associates for members to browse and check out at meetings. Lynn also thanked Michele Brading for taking over the Librarian position.

Endurance Run: Chris Bhirdo reported that event posters and handbills have been printed. Chris will meet with Laura at the VA. The next Endurance Run meeting will be February 10th at 7 p.m. via Zoom. There will be a car show at this year's event and the Chevy Club is interested in bringing cars to the show. Barbara Beach reported that two people have registered. Hotel accommodations will be at Motel 6 which is being renovated. The Hilton Garden Inn is an option for those who prefer not to stay at Motel 6. Thank you, Maria and Peder Jorgensen for arranging the hotel accommodations. There will be a full-page ad in the March/April issue of *The Vintage Ford*.

Cars in the Park: Peder Jorgensen reported that an event e-mail was sent out. The event poster, rack cards, and business cards have been printed. Speedsters and Racers will be the featured vehicles this year. Peder will start recruiting volunteers in May.

Website: No update

Historian: No update

Refreshments: Thank you, Bill Bratt! Bill thanked everyone who signed up to bring refreshments to future meetings.

Sunshine: Helen Christensen sent a card to the family of Fred Zillmer who recently passed away.

Old Business: None

New Business: Pat Meneely reminded members about the MTFCA Steam 'N T Party National Tour in Canada July 13th-18th. Oliver Johnson volunteered to host a tech session. If you are interested in hosting a tech session, please speak up. Chuck Christensen thanked everyone who helped fix his car. Lynn Alens mentioned there is an article by Ed Archer and an article by Allan Greenberg in the last issue of *The Vintage Ford*. Lynn suggested having pictures of board members, coordinators, and those who do work for the club in the Backfire.

Good of the Order: Happy Birthday Norm Josephson! Happy Birthday Karen Archer! Happy Anniversary Ed and Karen Archer!

Next Meetings: Board Meeting January 20th (Mary Beaman's house) General Meeting February 21st (Brading Associates)

Motion to Adjourn by Oliver Johnson, Seconded by Nancy Alens

Meeting Adjourned by Lynn Alens at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Pam Caldeira, Secretary

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