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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



Club Member Classic Cars at Annual Holiday/Installation Luncheon

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable time welcoming 2025.

We closed out 2024 with a flurry of activity as some of us got together 3 times in 2

days. The Los Gatos Christmas Parade followed the next day by the club Holiday Luncheon and then the Christmas Lights Tour led by Dan Smith. The Los Gatos Parade is very well managed, and this year mother nature provided a beautiful fall day which brought out an extra-large crowd – great day. And the Lights Tour was early in the season which resulted in much less gridlock in the beautiful, decorated neighborhoods. And let's not forget the Last Chance Tour.

Beautiful weather for the Holiday Luncheon started everything out on the right foot. Thanks to Chris Bhirdo and Mary Beaman, everything was well planned ahead of time and went smoothly. I think it is very important to note we had 2 Charter members of our storied club in attendance: Jim & Jean Boyden and Ed & Karen Archer. They have contributed so much, in so many ways, to what this club is today. While Peder Jorgensen was not a charter member, he joined early on. The Jorgensens made quite a showing at the holiday luncheon with 4 generations of the family present. Yes, it was the installation of the club officers for 2025 who stood up in front of the group, but that's only part of the story here. While we didn't recognize all the club coordinators individually at the luncheon, I made sure to recognize collectively, their importance to the operation of the club, just as much as the officers. So, here's a shout out to Ivan Jorgensen, Dan Smith, Bob Meneely, Peder and Maria Jorgensen, Allan & Lucy Greenberg, Mary Ann Steele, Bill Bratt, Helen Christensen and Nikkie Gulko. Thank you for everything you do to make the club an enjoyable experience! And thank you to Mark Edwards, Michele Brading and Barbara Beach for taking on coordinator positions for 2025!

Motor on,

Lynn

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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 (unless otherwise noted)

- Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m.
Annual Budget Plan/Review in-person at the Beaman's
- 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 January 6th @ 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)

- Jan. 17, 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m.
- March 21, 7:30 p.m.
- April 18, 7:30 p.m.
- May Date & Location TBD (May be combined with Event)
- 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

THE SUCCESS OF TEAMWORK
Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success.
-Henry Ford



CLUB CALENDAR 2025

SCVMTCF Activities Shown in Bold

2025 TOURS & EVENTS

Date	Event Type	Owner		Details
January 19, 2025	Combined Club Tour	Barbara Beach	Sunday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum (RSVP, see flyer next page) Combined Event with Norcal Packards - Horseless Carriage Club
Jan. 25-26	Outside Event		Sat./Sun.	Turlock Swap Meet Stanislaus Fairgrounds, Turlock
February TBD				SCVMTCF Tour TBD
March TBD				SCVMTCF Tour TBD
April TBD				SCVMTCF Tour TBD
May 6—9	Combined Club Tour	Rob Caldeira	Tues-Fri	Rendezvous Tour Thousand Oaks, CA
May 10	SCVMTCF Potluck	Nikkie Gulko	Saturday 12—2 p.m.	Potluck & General Meeting @ Lynn and Nancy Alens's residence (details underway)
June 7-8	SCVMTCF 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, Details @ https://www.mtfa.com/events/
July 4	SCVMTCF Tour	Ivan Jorgensen		Svedal
August TBD				SCVMTCF Tour TBD
Sept. 13	SCVMTCF Hosted Event	Greenbergs & Jorgensens	Sat.	25th Annual Cars In The Park @ History San Jose
October TBD				SCVMTCF Tour TBD
October 16-19	Combined Club Tour	Barbara Beach	Thurs—Sun	San Diego Model T Club Last Roundup Tour ***NOTE DATE CHANGE***
Nov. 11	Public Relations Event	Allan Greenberg	Tues	Veterans Day Parade
November TBD				SCVMTCF Tour TBD
December TBD				SCVMTCF Annual Holiday Lunch
December TBD				SCVMTCF Holiday Lights Tour
December TBD				SCVMTCF Last Chance Tour

**ANYWHERE YOU SEE "TBD" WE ARE LOOKING FOR A TOUR/EVENT OWNER.
 SIGN UP AT OUR JANUARY MEETING OR CONTACT BARBARA BEACH
 *** ADDITIONAL PR EVENTS & OUTSIDE EVENTS WILL BE NOTED FORTHCOMING *****

UPCOMING TOURS

SCVMTFC January Tour Joins the Norcal Packards - Horseless Carriage Club

Jan. 19th 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Come have lunch and see a silent film. Feel free to bring an old car or your modern. Old cars get to park in front.

See details below. Contact is Barbara Beach.

NorCal Packards – Horseless Carriage Club

ESSANAY Silent Movie Museum Combined Club Event

Sunday, January 19th 10:00 am – 2:00pm

ESSANAY Silent Movie Museum

37417 Niles Blvd, Fremont, CA

Please send the coupon below with check by January 12, 2025. We need a final count for lunch sandwiches, coffee and donuts. For questions please call your tour organizer, Mike Solomon 916-365-1887

_____ out here _____

Cost is \$20.00 per person with lunch - includes coffee and donuts on arrival, theater admission, and lunch with a sandwich, chips, cookies and water.

Make your check out to NorCal Packards and mail to:

Michael Solomon, 1700 Pleasant Ranch Court, Placerville, CA. 95667

Ham and Swiss Cheese _____

Turkey and Swiss Cheese _____

Vegetarian Avocado _____

Total (times \$20) _____



Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum

NorCal Packards January Event
Join NorCal Packards and the Horseless Carriage Club for a movie at the Niles Essanay Silent Movie Museum

Sunday, January 19th
10:00 am – 2:00pm

ESSANAY Silent Movie Museum
37417 Niles Blvd, Fremont, CA

Schedule

Coffee and donuts at 10:00 am
Catered lunch at 11:30 am
Movie starts at 12 noon

Parking

Early birds get to park on the street in front of the museum. Plus we can use the large lot across the street from the museum.

Exclusive Opportunity

After the movie ends, Gary from the HCCA will lead us on a tour of several buildings in Niles that contain antique cars and collectibles (located just 2 blocks from the theater).



NATIONAL TOUR

MODEL T FORD CLUB OF AMERICA STEAM 'N T PARTY 2025 NATIONAL TOUR

JULY 13—18, 2025

STETTLER, ALBERTA, CANADA

SPONSORED BY FOOTHILLS MODEL T
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<https://www.mtfc.com/events/>



COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

LOS GATOS CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Gods were working with us in the **68th** Los Gatos Christmas Parade compared to last year's Parade. Clear skies and warm sunshine greeted the large crowd of spectators. Thirteen cars carried Dignitaries:

- Larry Carter in his 1932 Packard Dual Cowl Phaeton
- Dan Erceg in his 1916 Pierce-Arrow Touring
- Dan Smith in his 1915 Buick Touring
- Lynn & Nancy Alens in their 1925 Model TT Ford American
- LaFrance Fire Truck
- Chris Bhirdo in his 1914 Model T Touring
- Allan & Lucy Greenberg in their 1923 Model T Touring
- Peder & Maria in their 1926 Lincoln Sport Phaeton
- Kyle & Dave Cullinane in their 1965 Mustang Convertible
- Jim Boyden in his 1950 Buick Roadmaster
- Paul Swart in his 1954 Chrysler Windsor Deluxe Convertible
- Matt & Anna Kilkeny in their 1935 Packard Sport Phaeton
- Sara & Ivan Jorgensen in their 1923 Lincoln Phaeton
- And Larry Johnson in his 1915 Model T Runabout

What a cross-section of beautiful cars! We would love to see you next year.

Maria Jorgensen



COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS CONT'D



Los Gatos
XMAS
Parade



RECENT TOURS & EVENTS

Annual Holiday Luncheon & Installation of Officers

December 8th was a bright, sunny day just perfect for an outdoor event. Under the tents outside Bill of Fare, the SCVMTFC celebrated the holidays and installed the Board Officers for the 2025 leadership team. Club President Lynn Alens recognized the club Chairpersons in addition to the volunteer work that many of the club members offer, noting it takes all of us to create a successful club. He also announced Barbara Beach as the new 2025 Tour Coordinator. Peder Jorgensen did the official “swearing in” of the 2025 Team. Many thanks to Chris Bhirdo and Mary Beaman for managing the event!



Ed and Karen Archer were given the distinction of best Christmas Sweater couple.



Bob & Pat Meneely's T was best dressed for the holidays, with branches for antlers and a Rudolph nose on the front.



The Jorgensen family has the most generations in the club, four!

More photos of the event can be found at the SCVMTFC Website <http://www.scvmtfc.org>

RECENT TOURS & EVENTS CONT'D

Annual Holiday Lights Tour

On the evening of December 8th, 2 Model T's, 2 Model A's, a Pierce Arrow, and a Lincoln put on their finest holiday attire (lights, ribbons, and wreaths) for the annual Holiday Lights Tour. Joined by 4 modern cars, the tour circled through the Rose Garden and Willow Glen neighborhoods of San Jose, famous for their miles of streets that decorate everything with lights including houses, street lights, trees, and expansive yard ornaments like giant reindeer. The weather was good; all had a great time. Thanks to Dan Smith for organizing the event.



RECENT TOURS & EVENTS CONT'D

LAST CHANCE TOUR 2024

Dec. 28, 2024. Cloudy and not too cold. Six T's and one modern met up at Rancho Shopping Center in Los Altos and took city streets down to the Last Chance Restaurant in Santa Clara. For those new folks, the Last Chance Tour is where you have one last chance to get your driving patch for the year. And the Last Chance Restaurant just seems like the place to go as a destination, and the tour goes on, rain, shine, snow, sleet or hail. And has been for the last ten years. Two more T's and an A and a couple moderns met us at the restaurant. We had about 25 folks in all, and I think we made their day at the restaurant, a slow day became quite busy.

Driving patches were awarded to Bob Beaman, Jim Boyden, and Larry Johnson. We had one ready for Chuck Christensen, but his T decided that it was no go today. Drat, better luck next time, Chuck.

After lunch, we had our usual pool tournament. Four teams were drafted, and pool commenced. First round winners were the Bobs (Beaman and Meneely), and the Ringers (Bhirido and Lafreniere). The final round was very close, came down to just the eight ball and the cue ball on the table. It was looking very good for the Bobs until Julie Lafreniere made a seemingly impossible bank shot to take the win and the big stick badge for the year.

Had a few drops of rain on the way home, but all in all, it was a good day, we might even do this again next year.

Bob Meneely



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Friendly Reminder it's time to renew your SCVMTFC annual dues for 2025!

Applications are required for new members and appreciated from existing Members, especially if your information has changed.

Applications can be found at: <http://scvmtfc.org/MISC/membership%20forms/Membership%20Form.pdf>

Use **Zelle** to **pay your \$30** or **send a check** (along with any applications) to:

SCVMTFC

C/O Ivan Jorgensen

475 W Sunnyoaks Ave.

Campbell, CA 95008

If you use Zelle, please send an email to Ivan letting him know at ivan.jorgensen@gmail.com

**SCVMTFC General Meeting Minutes will be returning in the February Issue.
December's meeting was the Holiday Luncheon & Installation of Officers.**



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