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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.



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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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<http://www.scvmtfc.org>

WE HATE TO SAY GOODBYE...



**BUT THIS WILL BE THE LAST ISSUE
OF THE BACKFIRE *IF*
YOU DID **NOT** RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

**MEMBERS WILL CONTINUE TO ENJOY THE
NEWSLETTER MONTHLY.
IF YOU FORGOT TO RENEW,
CONTACT IVAN JORGENSEN**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



My house is the talk of the neighborhood. No, it didn't catch on fire, we didn't add a second story or even paint it a different color. The club potluck was held there last month and we had lots of classic cars parked in front of the house which is on a corner lot. The Jorgensens were the first to arrive in a Lincoln and gave the place a touch of class. Next a bunch of sharp-looking Model Ts pulled in one by one, followed by a Model A. Then a real Model T speedster arrived and traffic really slowed down or even stopped to take pictures. Beautiful weather, a great assortment of good food and lots of friendly smiling faces. Does it get any better than that?

I'm excited because the annual Endurance Run and Lowland Tour is just around the corner. It's so neat to see all the speedsters come together in one place and have their day in the spotlight. And the pride showing on the faces of the drivers as they unload their car or even some just driving their speedster right to the event. Put that together with all the Lowland Tour autos and others showing up for the car show and you've got quite the spectacle for all the Veterans, their families and VA employees to enjoy.

Model T people are the best! Experiencing our club events whether it's a potluck or the Endurance Run, makes one wonder if we have something other clubs don't. But each issue of the Vintage Ford shows that the entire Model T community is full of friendly, down-to-earth people, willing to help their fellow man, whether its car related or not. I feel lucky and proud to be a member of this community.

Motor on,
Lynn

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CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Applications for Membership in the SCVMTFC:

<http://scvmtfc.org/MISC/membership%20forms/Membership%20Form.pdf>

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

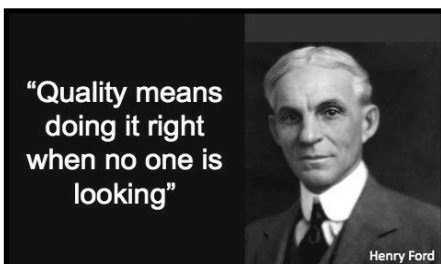
2025 SCVMTFC Board Meetings

Board Meetings occur every other month via Zoom

July 14, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m.



2025 SCVMTFC General Meetings

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

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. TBD Holiday Luncheon/Meeting

2025 TOURS & EVENTS

	Date	Event Type	Contact	Details
JUN	June 7-8	SCVMTFC Hosted Event	Chris Bhirdo	54th Annual Endurance Run and Lowland Tour See Details Page 5
JULY	July 13-18	National Club Tour	National Model T Club	Steam 'n T Party National T Tour, Stettler, Alberta, Canada Details @ https://www.mtfca.com/events/
	July 4	SCVMTFC Tour	Ivan Jorgensen	Svedal
	July 4	Public Relations Event	Matt Allen	Rose, White & Blue Parade San Jose
	July 18	Public Relations Event	Matt Allen	10 a.m.—2 p.m. Centennial Celebration TPC Harding Park San Francisco
AUG	August 23	Combined Club Tour	Glenn Wildman	Joint picnic with South County Mount Madonna
SEPT	Sept. 13	SCVMTFC Hosted Event	Greenbergs & Jorgensens	25th Annual Cars In The Park @ History San Jose. See Details Page 7
OCT	October 4	SCVMTFC Tour	Jim Lukash	Pancake Breakfast at Lukash home
	October 16-19	Combined Club Tour	Barbara Beach	San Diego Model T Club—Last Roundup Tour
NOV	Nov. 11	Public Relations Event	Matt Allen	Veterans Day Parade
	November TBD	SCVMTFC Tour	Barbara Beach/ Chris Bhirdo	Proposed farm visit
DEC	December	SCVMTFC Tour	Barbara Beach	SCVMTFC Annual Holiday Lunch
	December	SCVMTFC Tour	Barbara Beach	SCVMTFC Holiday Lights Tour
	December	SCVMTFC Tour	Barbara Beach	SCVMTFC Last Chance Tour

TOURS/EVENTS: CONTACT BARBARA BEACH
PUBLIC RELATIONS: CONTACT MATT ALLEN

June 2025

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



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:



June 2025

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



For More Information Visit the MTFCA National Club Tour Website
<https://www.mtfca.com/event/steam-n-t-party-stettler-alberta/>

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

25th Annual

"The largest annual antique & classic auto show in the West"

A Living History Day

Cars in the Park - Antiques & Classics



Entrance Fees:

Adults: \$10

Seniors: \$8

Children (6 - 12) & HSJ Members: \$5

Participants & Children Under 6: Free

Adjacent City Parking: \$10

Saturday, September 13, 2025

11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

History Park, 693 Phelan Ave.

San José, CA 95112

***Presented by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club
&
History San José***

Period-Correct Vehicles and Motorcycles through 1949

- Antique Bicycles •Antique Fire Equipment •Early Day Gas Engines
- Handcraft Demos •Antique Collectibles •Dixieland Band
- Tonic Trio Singers •Vintage Clothing •Historic Buildings
- Trolley Rides •Children's Activities •And More

Featured Event:

Model T Put Together



scvmf.org

Food and Ice Cream are Available



historysanjose.org

Allan Greenberg

RECENT ACTIVITIES-MAY

SCVMTFC MAY POTLUCK AND GENERAL MEETING

Food, Friends, and Automobiles

The summer potluck & general meeting at the Alens was a fantastic gathering with nearly 40 members in attendance. We were greeted by Chuck & Helen in their Model A and Dan & Ann in their Center Door. Coming from the north, we had Bob & Pat along with Larry in their Ts. Mark, Chris, and Jeff brought their Speedster. There was even a Chevy truck that snuck in.

Driving a T is never without its adventures, with Allan & Lucy having a minor breakdown on the road. A bit of diagnosis and a change of the coil got them back on their way with time to spare.



RECENT ACTIVITIES-MAY

POTLUCK CONT'D



The afternoon was brimming with lively conversations, shared stories, and plenty of laughter. The food selection was fantastic, and the tempting desserts were a perfect finishing touch. As the day drew to a close, the club attended the business meeting.



Thank you, Lynn & Nancy, for your generous hospitality in hosting the event, and to Peder & Maria, along with Chris, for providing tables, chairs, and much needed shade. Nikkie, for heading up and coordinating the event. Finally, a sincere thank you to each member who came out to participate and made the day so enjoyable.

- Dan Gulko



Hosts: Lynn & Nancy Alens



Organizers: Dan & Nikkie Gulko

RECENT ACTIVITIES-MAY

POTLUCK CONT'D



COMMUNITY RELATIONS-MAY

Saratoga Blossom Festival

Members of the SCVMTFC continued a long-standing tradition of attending the Saratoga Blossom Festival. This year's cars were Rob Guzzetta's 1911 Oakland, Allan and Lucy Greenberg's '23 Touring, Larry Johnson's Stutz Bearcat, Matt Allen's 1930 Packard, his depot hack and the family T truck.



SARATOGA'S HERITAGE ORCHARD

Between 2000 and 2007, the orchard was the site for the Mustard Fair. In 2013, the festival resumed and was renamed the Blossom Festival in honor of the original festival's name in 1900. The festival continues to this day as the community celebrates and draws visitors from all over the valley.

TECH TIPS

Oil Screen and Magnets Doing their Job

Not sure how long it has been since I checked, but has obviously been too long. The screen has a lot of lint even from Kevlar bands and it is amazing how much iron the magnets pull out of the oil. So the question is, is my whole system on the brink of failure, or is it going to last forever because all the contaminants are getting pulled out? Stay tuned.

- Bob Meneely



MEMBER NEWS

2025 DRIVING PATCHES



January

Jim Lukash

April

Bill Bratt

July

Oct

February

Bob Meneely
Chris Bhirdo
Bob Beaman
Barbara Beach

May

August

Nov

March

Mark Edwards
Chris Kent

June

September

December

MAY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Model T Club general meeting Saturday, May 10, 2025

President Lynn Alens called meeting to order at 1:10 PM

Thanks to Dan & and Nikkie Gulko for planning it all and Lynn and Nancy Alens for hosting the potluck today.

Ron and Lisa Beam from the Chevy club were guests and Jeff unknown was a guest who's now building a speedster.

Chuck Christensen shared a reading which had been posted on Facebook and involved Henry Ford. Henry always wanted the cheapest place to stay in whatever town he was in when he traveled. His quote was, "you are who you are wherever you go".

Vice president, no report.

Treasurer – we still have sufficient funds.

Programs - Mark Edwards noted today's program as the potluck. In June it will be tales of the Endurance Run and Lowland tour and in July it will be Bingo.

Backfire editor – Nancy Alens requested people to send her anything. It's an open invitation for interesting stories.

Tour – Barbara Beach June will be the endurance run, July will be Svedal, and August will be a barbecue with the South Valley Model T Club.

Public relations – Matt Allen. Events will be the Blossom festival, Friendship day, and Dapper Day in May. July 18 is at the golf course by Lake Merced in San Francisco for a centennial celebration. In August, it will be the Santa Clara Fairgrounds parade. November will be the Veterans Day parade.

Membership – no report.

Tech and Safety- Dan Smith will do part two on how to burn up a generator in coming attractions.

Endurance Run and Lowland tour – Chris Bhirdo discussed that upcoming event which is one month from today

Cars in the Park – Allan Greenberg noted that we will have a new Dixieland band and a new trio of singers. Featured cars will be racers and speeders.

Website – no report.

Sunshine - Helen Christensen sent cards to Sandy Spencer and Vicki Wildman.

Next general meeting will be June 20, 2025 at 7:30 PM.

Next board meeting will be May 12, 2025 at 7:30 PM on zoom

Motion to adjourn - Ray Fontaine

Seconded - Chuck Christensen meeting adjourned at 1:45

Meeting notes taken by Pat Meneely

MARKETPLACE

FOR SALE

FOR THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES, PLEASE CONTACT :
Ed Archer, phone 510 581 4911, Email karene4@att.net



1923 Ford Model T light Van delivery. Truck #52, original United Parcel Service from the Oakland, CA. service area. Older high quality very authentic restoration. Call for price.

1952 Bentley Radford Countryman Pebble Beach show quality restoration. Buy an immediate winner. Price is much less the cost and headaches of restoring one. \$129,000.00. Call or email for more pictures.



1929 Ford Model A Rumble Seat Roadster. Older high quality restoration, well maintained since with few miles driven. Those of you that are old enough to remember Jim Dunbar on KGO radio, well this was his car. Probably last seen as he showed it at the Hillsborough Concours several years ago. Exterior is green and black with cream wheels and striping, interior is tan. Mechanically excellent. \$23,000.00 or best offer.

1937 Packard Six 4 door sedan. Packard's renowned quality with their well developed steadfast six cylinder engine. 1937 was the first year of Packard's lower priced model with their proven six cylinder engine. This car has been well cared for since new. Purchased new from Pierre Motor co. the Packard Agent in Napa, CA. and still resides in Napa. A two or possibly 3 owner car since new. It's a combination of original and restored condition. Some of the upholstery is factory original and some has been tastefully replaced and although newer, appears original. The exterior has an older repaint, original color, light cream yellow with red striping. Body is excellent with no imperfections. Mechanically, as you would expect, runs as a Packard should. Smooth and silent. \$19,000.00 or best offer.



1957 Ford Thunderbird with removable port hole top. Approximately 2000 miles driven since a professional total ground up restoration was completed in 2015. It appears as new, actually probably better than new after the meticulous restoration. White exterior white interior and comes with an extra set of Thunderbird Chrome wire wheels. Amenities include automatic transmission and aftermarket vintage air conditioning. \$37,500.00 or best offer.

MARKETPLACE

FOR SALE



1916 MODEL T ROADSTER

FORMERLY A 1915 UNITED MARKET TRUCK. HAIGHT ASHBERY, SAN FRANCISCO.

ORIGINAL BAY AREA T. 2ND OWNER OVER 55 YEARS.
MULTIPLE CONCOURSE WINNER. FIRST CAR OF LONG TIME FORD RESTORER

PRICE: \$13,000

CONTACT: GREENSNAKE68@SBCGLOBAL.NET

CHRIS BROWN 1 650 823 0067. TEXT OKAY



For Sale

Model T acquired by the family at least 75 years ago and has been stored in a shop since purchase. Car is located in Tracy CA.

\$2000 or best offer.

Kenny Galli

209-609-4881

kgalli53@gmail.com



**Bosch Jack Hammer
(Demo Hammer)**

\$275.00

**Ray Fontaine
408-258-0186**

**T Block single valve cover style
Small drum rear end, not torque tube
2-Torque tube housings**

CHEAP - FREE

Contact Peder Jorgensen 408-410-2903

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