

## **Model T Club invited: Saratoga Blossom Festival – Saturday, March 24**

**SCVMTFC** is invited to show at the Saratoga Blossom Festival! We look forward to another great day on March 24th when we will gather ourselves and our cars for another great event. Held at the Saratoga Civic Center, this event has always been a hit with the public with great participation of our Model T club. Our cars and other mechanical things always invoke wonder and many questions, as many people have not experienced our classic collections. If you don't plan to tour to the Car Games in Fremont but want to get out to a local show, plan to attend this event! But even if you can't bring your car, come on out for the festivities, hang out with other friendly car club members and just enjoy the festivities of the day.

The festival brings out local artists, crafts people, a variety of musical groups and folk-dancers, costumed historic characters, our antique cars and fire equipment. There are also wine tasting by local winemakers, food vendors, presenters, agricultural displays and informational tours of the blossoming historic orchard. So get away from your car for a time and see it all. Equally popular with both kids and adults, the event provides a great opportunity to get out and spend some quality time with the kids or grandkids! The Saratoga Civic Center is located near Fruitvale and Saratoga Avenues, just ½ mile south of the Highway 85 Saratoga Ave. exit, and near West Valley College.

The Saratoga Blossom Festival was conceived by the Rev. Edwin Williams, a Saratoga minister known locally as “Sunshine Williams” back in 1899 following the end of a disastrous California drought. It was so successful that it continued during the next 42 years until World War II, when it was discontinued. However, the concept was revived by the Saratoga Historical Foundation and now remains a popular annual celebration of the arrival of Spring.

This is a one-day event, held between 10 AM and 4 PM. Because of the early arrival of displays, music groups, vintage engines and tractors and the public at this popular festival, **please plan to arrive between 9AM and 10AM**. The local press and TV often cover this Festival, so wear your best smile and be prepared to talk about your car. For answers to your questions call **Chuck or Peggy Schoppe**, 408-867-9229 or email: **chuck\_sch@hotmail.com**.