



# The Backfire

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



The Model T Put-Together at Cars in The Park 2025, 11 min 54 sec



The **SCVMTFC** is a chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America. The club was founded in 1968 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. San Jose  
Join us! You don't have to own  
a Model T to belong to the club

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\* Denotes Board Members

### \*\*\*NOW OPEN\*\*\*

### SCVMTFC 2026 Board Officer Nominations

President, Vice President, Secretary,  
Treasurer and Backfire Editor

Send names you want for consideration to:  
cbhirdo@gmail.com

Nominations accepted during October  
Ballots distributed in November Backfire  
Election Finalized Nov. 21 General Mtg



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The days are getting shorter and fall colors are starting to show but there's still time to get out in your Model T or whatever classic car you prefer. There are scheduled tours the next couple of months and parades if you like that kind of thing. It's always great to see the smile on peoples faces as you drive past them on a tour or in a parade.

We just got the latest Vintage Ford magazine and our club is very well represented. Allan Greenberg submitted the cover photo of Larry Wolfsen's 1914 Model TT "Peanut Wagon". Chris Bhirde submitted 2 articles on the Endurance Run and Veterans Car Show. In all I count 10 pages that mention our club or a club member and 27 photos (3 of the Peanut Wagon) from our club or of club members. Makes one proud to be a SCVMTFC member.

Our 2 big club events of the year are behind us. The weather was perfect for Cars-in-the-Park - just a beautiful late summer day. As always, the Greenbergs and Jorgensens orchestrated a very successful event that was enjoyed by a record number of spectators. Our club provided a wonderful opportunity for car owners to proudly display their vehicles and for attendees to see a variety of antique autos. Thank you to the co-chairs and all the volunteers who contributed to making it an enjoyable event.

The big news is that Allan and Lucy Greenberg are stepping down after 25 years of starting and chairing Cars-in-the-Park. A big THANK YOU to them for all the work they have put into this event over the years. Peder and Maria Jorgensen have been co-chairs for the last 15 years and they will continue to chair this ever-popular event. Now is the time for other club members to step forward and volunteer to help in the planning for next year. Talk to Peder or Maria and they can tell you where help is needed. Often the smallest volunteer contribution ends up making a big difference. Earlier this year Allan also stepped aside as PR Coordinator for the club and Lucy is ready to pass the duties of club Historian on to someone else. Matt Allen stepped up to take on PR but we are now looking for a new Historian. Again, Thank You to Allan and Lucy! Speaking of open positions, Barbara Beach agreed to handle Tours for a year even though as past president she was already a board member. Her year commitment is up so we are now in need of a Tour Coordinator. Keep in mind as coordinator you don't organize the tours, you maintain the schedule of tours that are set up by other club members. Our club is what we the members make it and touring in our old cars is one of the main reasons we belong to the club in the first place. Hopefully someone will step up and keep this important function going.

The Holiday luncheon plans are nearly complete and sign-ups are open. The club is picking up a good portion of the tab so it's only 10 bucks a person and kids are free. Food, drink and dessert. It will be a private club function inside a spacious building with plenty of parking and you don't have to drive at night. How can it get any better!

Motor on, *Lynn*



## CLUB CALENDAR

### 2025 SCVMTCF Board Meetings

Board Meetings held every other month via Zoom (unless otherwise noted)

Nov. 17. 7:30 p.m.

### 2025 SCVMTCF General Meetings

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

Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 13 Holiday Luncheon/Meeting

### Upcoming Programs:

- ♦ October 17th general meeting will include the ever-popular **annual auction**. Donate Model T parts, memorabilia, baked goods or other interesting items for our club's fund-raiser.
- ♦ November 21st general meeting will include a **potluck**. More details to come!

### 2025 TOURS & EVENTS

	Date	Event Type	Contact	Details
OCT	October 4 8:30 am	SCVMTCF Tour	Jim Lukash	Pancake Breakfast at Lukash home See details <a href="#">Page 9</a>
	October 4 10 am to 5 pm	Public Relations Event	Matt Allen	Santa Clara Parade of Champions Downtown Santa Clara
	October 16-19	Combined Club Tour	Barbara Beach	San Diego Model T Club—Last Roundup Tour See details <a href="#">Pages 11 &amp; 12</a>
NOV	Nov. 11	Public Relations Event	Matt Allen	Veterans Day Parade San Jose
	November 15 10:00 am	SCVMTCF Tour	Oliver Johnson	Fall Leaves Tour See Details <a href="#">Page 13</a>
DEC	December 13 12:30—3:30	SCVMTCF Tour	Mary Beaman	SCVMTCF Annual Holiday Lunch. See Details <a href="#">Page 14</a>
	December TBD	SCVMTCF Tour	Barbara Beach	SCVMTCF Holiday Lights Tour
	December TBD	SCVMTCF Tour	Barbara Beach	SCVMTCF Last Chance Tour



TOURS/EVENTS:  
CONTACT BARBARA BEACH

PUBIC RELATIONS:  
CONTACT MATT ALLEN

October 2025

## RECENT ACTIVITIES-SEPTEMBER

### Cars in the Park 2025

Cars in the Park marked its 25th anniversary with a showcase honoring the early days of American motoring.

The Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and History San José celebrated the 25th anniversary of their annual Cars in the Park on Saturday, September 13, 2025, attracting a record crowd of car enthusiasts, families, and history lovers. This year's event showcased antique and classic automobiles, spanning from the late 1890s through 1949, each either preserved in original condition or meticulously restored to period accuracy.

Lining the streets of History Park were 130 vehicles, including 30 Ford Model As, 10 Ford Model Ts, 11 vintage Chevrolets, and an impressive collection of Lincolns, Packards, and Cadillacs. Among the rare automobiles on display were an 1899 Osen Hunt, a 1903 Haynes-Apperson, a 1907 Mitchell, a 1911 REO Power Wagon, a 1911 Oakland, a 1913 Hudson, a 1914 Metz, a 1916 Detroit Electric, a 1927 Kleiber, a 1933 Franklin, and a 1941 Lincoln Continental, to name just a few.



This year's special spotlight focused on race cars and speedsters, with 10 examples displayed on the grounds in front of the Hotel and the Associated Gas Station. Among the speedsters were two competitive race cars—a 1917 Stutz and a 1922 Mercer Raceabout. These vehicles represent the pioneering spirit of early racing and automotive innovation. Together, they highlighted the ingenuity and daring that defined the early years of American motoring.

Visitors were treated not only to gleaming brass, nickel, chrome, and polished wood, but also to exhibits of early-day crafts and antique collectibles. Demonstrations of vintage gas engines showed how they once powered saws, water pumps, and corn grinders. At the blacksmith's shop, red-hot iron was skillfully hammered into practical items once essential for the farm and household. In the theater, Dennis Mattish gave a presentation on Bay Area Auto Racing. Adding to the lively atmosphere, the Silicon Gulch Dixieland Band filled the park with traditional jazz, while the Tonic Trio Singers delighted the attendees with their vintage harmonies.



## RECENT ACTIVITIES-SEPTEMBER

### Cars in the Park 2025



The highlight of the day was the Model T assembly demonstration, where a team of 11 collector-restorers entertained onlookers by assembling a Ford Model T in just 11 minutes and 54 seconds—that is a little over a 1-minute reduction from last year. Adding to the fun, Mike Hennessy once again entertained the crowd with a quiz on the early days of the Model T and the progress of the assembly.

Over its 25 years, Cars in the Park (formerly Antique Autos in History Park) has become a much-liked tradition, bringing together those who preserve automotive history with those who simply enjoy stepping back in time. With this milestone anniversary, the event proved once again why it remains a favorite in the Northern California's automotive calendar.

*- Allan Greenberg*



Photos Courtesy of Allan Greenberg, Rob Guzzetta, Nancy Alens, Bob & Pat Meneely

## RECENT ACTIVITIES-SEPTEMBER

### Cars in the Park 2025



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## RECENT ACTIVITIES-SEPTEMBER

### Cars in the Park Model T Put-Together



The Model T Put-Together Team. L->R: Bill Fisk, Shirley Azevedo, Rob Caldeira, Ray Fontaine, Bob Meneely (Team Lead), Dan Gulko, Oliver Johnson, Lynn Alens, Bill Bratt, Ron Beam, Barbara Beach (sideways) and Pat Meneely (taking the photo)



**11 min 54 seconds**

Photos Courtesy of Allan Greenberg, Rob Guzzetta, Nancy Alens, Bob & Pat Meneely

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES-OCTOBER

*SCVMTFC is cordially invited to the:*



# Peninsula Pancake Tour

**Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

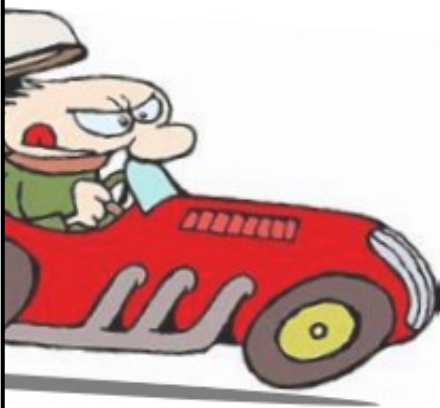
**Palo Alto, California**

Please join us for **Famously Flavorful Flapjacks**  
@ the Lukash Residence followed by a Scenic Tour

1). MEET AT 8:30 AM    2). DEPART PROMPTLY @ 9 AM    3). PANCAKES @ JIM'S HOUSE

**Trailer parking / Meeting location / Starting point**

Stock Farm Road Children's Center at Stanford  
183 Stock Farm Rd, Stanford, CA



Please RSVP by October 1<sup>ST</sup>

Jim Lukash; retrorocketry@gmail.com / (408) 718-8387

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES-OCTOBER



### 28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ORANGE COUNTY MODEL T FORD CLUB




PRE WAR (WWII)  
PARTS EXCHANGE & CAR SHOW

Searchlight Ministries

2311 E. Chapman Avenue, Fullerton, CA 92831

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025**

Vendor Set Up - 6 am Buyers-7 am – 1 pm **RAIN OR SHINE**

		Nutwood		
N  ↑	<b>Raymond Avenue</b> ←   <b>2311 E. Chapman Avenue</b>	<b>State College</b> ←  <b>Avenue</b>	<b>57 Fwy</b> ←    <b>91 Fwy</b>	

Spaces will be assigned as you come in.

**Pre War (WWII) Cars & Parts Preferred. Tools and Supplies OK!**

**FIREARMS ARE PROHIBITED**

Space Reservation Donation - \$20.00 received by October 1<sup>st</sup>

October 4<sup>th</sup> the day of Swap Meet Donation - \$25.00

Swap Meet coordinator: Fred Spivey (714) 504-0899

fredspivey@roadrunner.com

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ No. of spots \_\_\_\_\_ 20' x 20' each

Payable to: ORANGE COUNTY MODEL T FORD CLUB (OCMTFC)

Mail to: Dale Moody, 331 S. Flower Avenue, Brea, CA 92821



#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

**Model T Driving Class**

**Every Third Sunday**

**from 10 am to 5 pm**

**California Automobile Museum**

**2200 Front Street, Sacramento, CA**

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES-OCTOBER



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

\*\*\*PRINT THIS PAGE TO USE FORM\*\*\*

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: \_\_\_\_\_

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES-NOVEMBER



### Fall Leaves Tour

**November 15, 2025**

**Come enjoy a nice fall day and head into the foothills to see fall in full swing. Sign up for a great tour and lunch.**

**Starting Point:**

**Meet at Rancho shopping center in Los Altos at 10:00, depart at 10:30**

**Tour Leader: Oliver Johnson [RSVP to sss.oliverjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:sss.oliverjohnson@gmail.com)**



**Photos  
from  
2024  
Fall  
Leaves  
Tour**



## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES-DECEMBER



# Holiday Luncheon & Installation of Officers for 2026

Join us for the Holiday Luncheon and Installation of Officers on

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025

12:30—3:30

Saratoga Friendship Hall

19841 Prospect Rd

Saratoga, CA 95070

### PRICE

**\$10.00** per person for Adults & Guests

**The Board has approved paying the balance of fees from the general fund**

Children under 18 Free

**Food Catered from Olive Garden**

**Salad**

**Breadsticks**

**Choice of:**

**2 different pastas**

**3 sauces (2 vegetarian)**

**3 toppings (chicken, meatballs & Italian Sausage)**

**Pies from Costco for dessert**

**Send payment by December 5, 2025**

**To Mary Beaman**

**4650 Blanco Dr - San Jose, CA 95129**

**CHECKS PAYABLE TO SCVMTFC or ZELLE to ModelTClub2016@gmail.com**



## REMEMBER WHEN

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

### ARIZONA SPEEDSTER RUN - April 3, 2016

Two Santa Clara Model T Club members made the trek to Arizona this year to attend the Sun Country Speedster Run which was held in Tucson this year. Meneelys and Fontaines formed up the expedition to the Sunshine State.

It was a good run, about 150 miles in, out and around Tucson. The desert around Tucson was in bloom just for the occasion, the Palo Verde trees were brilliant yellow everywhere we went. We had some city boulevard driving, climbed some mountains (went partway up 9000 foot Mt. Lemmon), explored lots of backroads and even had a few dirt stretches through the dry washes. The roads are interesting, lots of up



Speedster Row at the Host Hotel

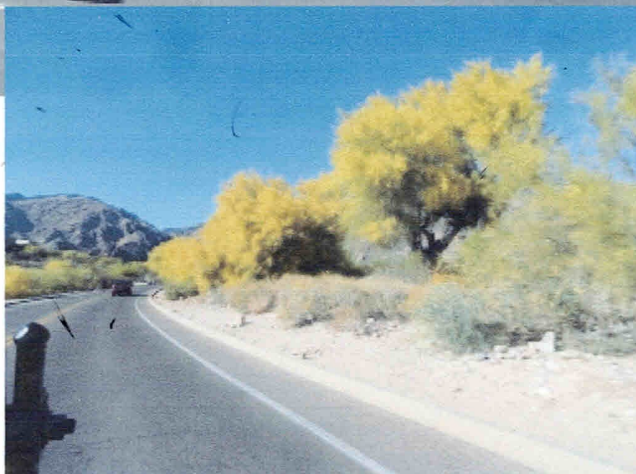
and down dips following the natural terrain, and rather than build bridges over all the dry washes, just warning signs to not enter if flooded. It actually rains there sometimes, but our weekend was blue sky, about 70 degrees, visibility unlimited.



I think we saw 500 of these signs. So we know it rains and do you think the wind blows here sometimes?

27 cars started, 23 cars finished. Our own Ray and Linda Fontaine took home the 3rd place trophy. Congratulations. This was a first time exploring the Tucson area for us and I think we need to go back to explore all the things that we did not have time for this trip. Pima Air Museum, Colossal Cave, Kartchner Caverns, Titan Missile Museum, Copper Mine Tour, Saguaro National Park, the top of Mt. Lemmon, and a little farther out the town of Tombstone.

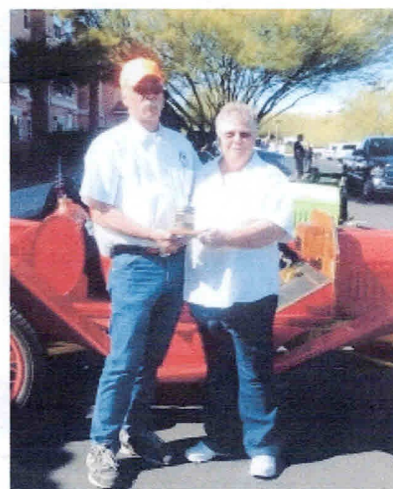
Good trip, although my trailer and contents took a beating on the CA roads. I think I need an air ride trailer. Bob M.



You must see this picture in color, go to our website.



We considered getting a horse, looked like a lot of fun.



3rd place winners, sunburned, wind-blown, bug spattered, would you do it again? YES!!

## MEMBER NEWS

# Welcome New Member!

**George Hadland**

**We're happy to have you as part of the club**

### 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 Sunnyside 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



### 2025 DRIVING PATCHES

#### January

Jim Lukash

#### February

Bob Meneely  
Chris Bhirdo  
Bob Beaman  
Barbara Beach

#### March

Mark Edwards  
Chris Kent

#### April

Bill Bratt

#### May

(Potluck no tour)

#### June

(Endurance Run  
Patches Awarded  
separately)  
Lowland tour:  
Kevin O'Keefe  
David Harrison  
Allan Greenberg

#### July

Donna Jones  
Matt Allan  
Ivan Jorgensen  
Troed Johnson  
Ralph Appio

#### August

#### September

#### Oct

#### Nov

#### December



## MEMBER NEWS

### Special Recognition



For their years of dedication and coordination of Cars In the Park, formerly Antique Autos in History Park, Allan Greenberg was recognized by the city of San Jose for 25 years of service and Peder Jorgensen was recognized for 15 years of service. Congratulations and thank you!



Photos Courtesy of Rob Guzzetta

**FYI: SCVMTFC Now has a full Zoom Account!**

**No more untimely meeting interruptions-duration can be what you need**

**Contact any Board Officer to get the login/details**

## SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

### SCVMTC General Meeting Minutes Sep. 19, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by President Lynn Alens. There were 21 attendees present; no guests. The minutes were approved as printed, with no additions or corrections.

**Reminder** that the nominations for five board positions (President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, and Backfire Editor) are open through the end of October. The Installation Meeting will be Dec. 13, Saturday, from 12:30-3:30 at Friendship Hall on Prospect Ave., catered by Olive Garden.

A **Reading** was done by Chuck Christensen from the author David Lewis who compiled a 1987 collection of articles from *Cars in the Park* magazine. The reprinted articles covered one of the first auto clubs organized in 1908 in St. Louis, Missouri.

**Treasurer** Mary Beaman reported on club financials. The club has purchased a Zoom account for meetings; contact Mary or Mark Edwards for details.

The **Program** this evening will be Ivan Yutin and son Wayne reporting on their adventures as first-time participants in the recent 3-day road race: The Montana 500. Next month's program will be Ed Archer and Peder Jorgensen auctioneering donations from club members. Model T misc., homemade goodies, and donated gift cards are all welcome in this fund-raiser. Please remember any items brought, but not bid upon, must be taken home. November's program will be a potluck.

**The Backfire:** The possibility of accessing the recent video of the Put-Together "T" at Cars in the Park this month was discussed and will be pursued for possible inclusion on the website.

**Tours:** October 4<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast, hosted by Jim Lukash, meet 8:30 at the Stock Farm Road Children's Center, 183 Stock Farm Road, Stanford. Leaving at 9am. Details on the November and Dec. tours will be announced in the Backfire.

**Public Relations:** Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> Santa Clara's Parade of Champions (Mike Hennessey needs cars); Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> Downtown San Jose's Veteran's Day Parade, and Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> Los Gatos Christmas Parade (see Maria Jorgensen for details)

**Membership:** new member George Hadland from Santa Cruz: Welcome!

**Tech and Safety:** nothing to report

**Librarian:** Michele Brading reported on a recent donation. Pres. Lynn Alens also gave a brief summary of Floyd Clymer's *Henry's Wonderful Model "T"*. Fun facts: at age 11, the author Floyd Clymer was a car dealer. During his lifetime he also met Henry Ford, and at age 14 attempted to drive a Studebaker from Colorado to Washington, with 3 transmission breakdowns enroute.

**Endurance Run/Lowland Tour:** Upcoming 2026 will be discussed via Zoom.

**Cars in the Park:** After 25 years of chairing this event, Allan and Lucy Greenberg will be stepping down. Facts for this year: total vehicle count app. 130, with cars from 1899 through the 1940's. There were 32 Model A's, 11 vintage Chevrolets, 10 Model T's, 10 featured vehicles (racecars and speedsters, which included a 1917 Stutz Bearcat and a 1922 Mercer Raceabout), numerous Classics, and Horseless Carriage vehicles. The gate count was 750, not including participants of cars, volunteers, and the Collectibles and Crafts individuals. This year the new Dixieland band was the Silicon Gulch Jazz Band, and new singers featured were The Tonic Trio. Photo ops at the Associated Gas Station were done in a Model T and Speedsters, courtesy of Gary Bausch and John Padlo. Displays included Early Day Gas Engine Club and the Tractor Association. The Print Shop and Blacksmith shop were also open. This event is the only time the Blacksmith Shop is operational. There were 12 booths of Crafts and Collectibles, and the Theater presentation done by Dennis Mattish of *Racing in the Bay Area* was especially well-received, with standing room only. The Featured Event, the Model "T" Put-Together, was clocked at 11 minutes and 54 seconds, 1 minute faster than 2024's time. Allan gave a brief synopsis of Antique Autos in History Park, which became Cars in the Park: "Lucy and I started what became AAHP in the year 2000. It grew each year as we added more clubs and individuals. Eventually adding crafts and collectibles, a band, singers, dancers, blacksmiths, the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association, and the first Model "T" put-together, furnished by George Azevedo. In 2016 we needed help managing the event and the Jorgensens stepped up to share responsibilities. The name was changed from Antique Autos in History Park in 2024. Lucy and I feel that the time has come for us to step down and pass the role on to others who can carry this event for the next 25 years. Lucy is stepping down from her tasks as well. "A standing ovation was given to honor them and their tireless dedication and devotion through these 25 years.

**Website:** We will be implementing updated technology/security to facilitate better website content management for our club.

**Historian:** Lucy Greenberg will be retiring from her post

**Refreshments:** Sodas and snacks were provided. Check with Bill Bratt for October's refreshment assignee

**Sunshine:** Helen Christensen has sent Thinking of You cards to: Jean Boyden, the Steeles, Frank Barela (2), Bill Bratt, and Leslie Lukash. Thank you, Helen!

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** Barbara Beach announced that the Ford Corporation in Dearborn, MI, are demolishing their original 1953 building

**Good of the Order:** Both Bob and Mary Beaman have birthdays in September, along with Ivan Yurtin

The next general meeting will be Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>; the next board meeting Monday Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. There was a **motion to adjourn** (Nancy Alens), seconded by Mary Beaman, and President Lynn Alens **adjourned the meeting at 8:17pm**.

Respectfully submitted by Shirley Azevedo, substitute for Secretary Pam Caldeira.



## MARKETPLACE

### FOR SALE

FOR THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES, PLEASE CONTACT :  
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**1952 Bentley Radford Countryman** Pebble Beach show quality restoration. Buy an immediate winner. Price is much less than 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. \$19,500.00 or best offer.



**1972 Mini Cooper Sport.** Show quality restored and modified with all the right stuff. Beautiful blue exterior with white graphics, wide sport body flares, power sun roof, bucket

seats light blue interior with white trim, walnut dash with white gauges, custom AM/FM stereo CD player, pop out rear windows, chrome wheels, Sport package, 1275 Cu In fuel injected engine, 4 speed manual transmission, power disc front and drum rear brakes. A barrel of fun to drive! \$21,500.00.

**\*\*\*NEW LISTING\*\*\* 1939 Ford model 81 A Deluxe,** convertible sedan, maroon exterior, tan upholstery, black top. Flathead V-8 engine, manual 3 speed transmission, heater, turn signals, dual side view mirrors, fog lights, white wall tires, California year of manufacture license plates. Original condition, well maintained since new. Photos available by request. \$29,000.00



**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.



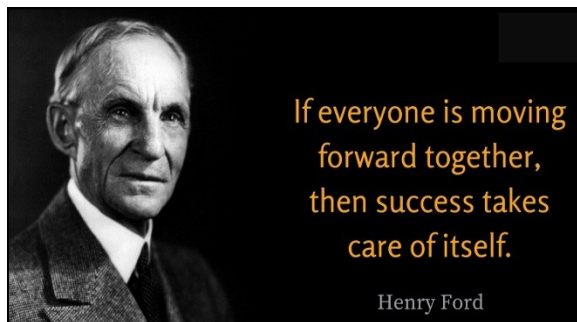
**1957 Ford Thunderbird** with removable port hole top. Approximately 2000 miles driven since a professional total ground up restoration was completed in 2015.

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. \$41,000.00 or best offer.

**\*\*\*NEW LISTING\*\*\* 1950 Buick Roadmaster Convertible,** light yellow exterior, white upholstery, white top. Eight cylinder engine, automatic transmission, power windows, white wall tires, California year of manufacture license plates. Well cared for since new, repairs performed as needed through the years. Older exterior repaint, and interior re-upholstered, typical great driving Buick. Photos available by request. \$28,500.00 .



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