

Sacramento Valley **Model T** Club  
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Sacramento Valley Model T Club

The Sacramento Valley **Model T** Club was established in 1971 and is dedicated to the preservation of the Model T Ford. Membership is unrestricted as to location and is open for all interested persons. The ownership of a Model T is not a requirement.

Meetings:

7:00 PM on the last Wednesday of each month

Location: the VFW American Legion

8990 Kruitof Way, Fair Oaks, Ca. 95628

Dues:

Annual dues are \$25 for the calendar year and are due the First of January. You may pay by cash (\$25) or check (made out to SVMTC) at the monthly meeting, or mail check (no cash, please) to our treasurer, John Saylor at 7304 Goldwood Way, Citrus Heights, Ca 95610. Mid-year enrollment will be prorated.

Publication copy

Any material you wish to be published in the Bands must be received by the Editor by the 5th of the Month.

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Sacramento Valley **Model T** Club Membership Application

New [ ] Renewal [ ] Renewals due Jan. 1st

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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**IMPORTANT STATEMENT:** This information is for the club insurance:

I do [ ] I do not [ ] belong to MTFCI

Fill out completely and mail to:

Sacramento Valley **Model T** Club  
% John Saylor  
7304 Goldwood Way  
Citrus Heights, Ca 95610

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**Model T** Ford Club of America MTFCIA.COM --- US \$50

**Model T** Ford Club International MODEL.T.ORG --- US \$40

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May 2023

The CAM asked us to bring our *T* and park at a house whose garden was on a tour, May 13th. The garden tour is an annual fundraising event for a school in East Sacramento.

We were happy to do so; we met a lot of nice people who oohed and aaawed over the *T* and took pictures.



The bicycle rickshaw, powered by Rudy, was *Kate and Harvey's* transportation to and from the most distant "Garden House" open for display.

We relaxed in the backyard at one of the homes on the Garden Tour. Look close and you can see the direct access to Sutter Lawn Tennis Club.



An "Awful Waffle" was held at *Lewis (Pete) Collet's* home. *Lewis* greeted all attendees with a gourmet breakfast, followed by a tour of his collection of rare and priceless collectible automobiles; and then, a peek of his personal museum. Afterwards the *Model T* group attacked his Ford Centerdor magneto ignition issue. All had reported "a morning to remember."

Regards,

**Kate Bandy**

### VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On Friday, April 28th, we participated in a Transportation Fair at the Community Outreach Academy Elementary School in McClellan. It was very fun to share our cars with the kids and we enjoyed seeing the 'cars' they made out of cardboard boxes. We had a good turnout with 6 cars: the *Weirs, Kaspars, Kostivs, Hal Schedler, John Saylor, and Mark O'Connor*. They even provided us lunch. We were also able to view all the other types of cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats and a helicopter.

Then on Saturday May 20th, we met at the *Kostiv's* house and drove our cars to the Amador Flower Farm in Plymouth. We walked around their gardens and explored their gift shop, and enjoyed our picnic lunch in the shade of some of their big trees. There were only a few day lillies in bloom, so if you want to see them, it is recommended to return in mid June. The following members attended: the *Lanhams, Bandy's, Kostivs, O'Connors, Silvas, Weirs, Furrs,*

and *John Saylor*. We had a good time.

Our next tour is to the Sutter Creek Foundry on Saturday, June 10th. I will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting with all the details. 'See you Wednesday.

~ **Debbi Kostiv**



*Kate, Stevie, and Jean at the Amador Flower Farm*

**April 26, 2023**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**Sacramento Valley *Model T* Club**

by Wendel and Michele Waltz

President *Kate Bandy* opened the meeting. Alas, no visitors or new members graced our shores, despite *Kate's* announcement that the VFW bar is now open for business to non-VFW members.

*Debbi Kostiv*, VP and Tour Chair, took the stage for tour reports:

- April 22 Mother Lode Club Shakedown Tour. *Mark O'Connor* gave us a rundown. It was a very long tour: *John Saylor* said he drove 150 miles! Still, the green hills and miles of no traffic were a pleasure to drive and the day included a leisurely lunch at Olive Garden. *Suzy Krezman* always does such a great job organizing this tour. *Alan Koch* was there and it was good to see him.

- Friday, April 28: "Transportation Parade" at the Community Outreach Academy Elementary School in McClellan Park. (**Editor's Note:** Click [here](#) to see *John Saylor's* photos of the event. Thanks, *John!*)

- May 20: our spring tour to the Amador Flower Farm. Pack a picnic lunch and meet 10am at *Mike and Debbi Kostiv's* house in Sloughhouse.

(**Editor's Note:** Click [here](#) to see *John Saylor's* photos of the tour. Thanks, *John!*)

- June 4: Auburn Swap Meet.

- June 10: Foundry tour at Sutter Creek. More info at the next meeting.

*John* has printed us some shiny new flyers to take to events.

Treasurer's Report (*John*). The club's finances are fine and dandy.

*Harvey Bandy's* ailing car had the offending piston replaced, but it still raised quite a ruckus at medium engine speeds. The connecting rod has now been sent to Dude Green for refurbishing— and Dude said he had never seen such a crooked rod! Let's hope that Rod Renewal cures the problem.

April 27 is the next Awful Waffle for the *Steve Rowe* Project Car at *Mac Weir's* hangar. On tap—after eating breakfast—is installing the generator, starter, timer, carburetor, radiator, crank, and manifold. Sounds ambitious!

***(Meeting Notes continued)***

**Our musical buddies, the Folsom Harmony Express barbershop singers, serenaded us with “*Winko, We Love You*” and a medley of railroad tunes.**

**Sunshine Lady *Jean Lanham* told us that, as far as she knows, no one in the club seems to be ailing.**

***Dennis Furr* reminded us that the *Model T* driving class for California Automobile Museum docents will be Saturday April 29, and the *Model T* driving class for paying customers is May 6.**

**Glen Chaffin is selling out his Ruckstell reference books—contact Chaffins Garage to purchase. This is the last of the best reference manuals on the Ruckstell two-speed axle.**

***Kate* remarked that on Saturday, May 13, she and *Harvey* are off to a garden tour fundraiser for a school.**

**The 50/50 raffle was won by *Bobbie Cornejo* and *Winko Ljizz*. Each went happily home with an extra \$17 in mad money.**



***Dennis Furr's* Depot Hack at the CAM Woodie display (Photo credit: *John Saylor*)**

## Tuning a *Model T* for Touring

by *John Saylor*

Several in our club are getting their old *Model Ts* back on the road after many years of storage or maybe your *T* just needs some tuning up. The late *Milt Webb*, a past member of our club, published several articles on the subject. One of these was *Tuning a "T" for Durable Touring*. This article was published in the March-April 2003 issue of the *Vintage Ford*.

You can read and or download a copy from our club website: [sacvalleyts.org](http://sacvalleyts.org). Click on *Technical Links* on the left then *Milt's* article at the bottom of the list. This article covers everything from starters to ignition - both Mag and Distributors, to wheels. 34 pages. The other *Technical Links* on this page are also very helpful.



Classic Fords and a rogue Chevy on the Amador Flower Farm Tour (Photo credit: *Dennis Furr*)

Please Join Us  
for the  
May 2023 *Model T*  
meeting:

**Wednesday**  
**May 31st**  
**7:00PM**  
**American Legion/ VFW**  
**8990 Kruitof Way**  
**Fair Oaks, Ca 95662**

If you plan to join other members for dinner before the meeting at 5 pm, Kate will need a head count. It is best to text her if you can. **Kate's cell # 916-213-4919.** Just say "Yes, Dad's", and "Number of people".



Photo Credit: Harvey Bandy

**CAM's Inaugural  
Vintage Car Parts & Memorabilia  
Swap Meet!**



Saturday 6/24/23  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

-Fees-

Vendors (Setup starts at 6 a.m.) - Museum Members \$25  
(10x10 booth space) Non-Members \$50  
(includes a one-year membership)

Buyers (Gates open at 9 a.m.) - Museum Members \$0  
Non-Members \$10  
(includes museum entry for the day)



Register at the Museum's front desk  
or at [calautomuseum.org/swap](http://calautomuseum.org/swap)

2200 Front St.  
Sacramento, CA 95818  
[calautomuseum.org](http://calautomuseum.org) | (916) 442 - 6802

## Upcoming Events

- June 4-** Auburn Swap Meet
- June 10-** Sutter Creek Foundry Tour
- June 28-** *Model T* Club Meeting
- Dec. 3-** Christmas Party