

# Sacramento Valley *Model T* Club

## Chattering Bands

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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:

6:30 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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IMPORTANT STATEMENT: This information is for the club insurance:

I do ☐ I do not ☐ belong to MTFCA

Fill out completely and mail to:  
Sacramento Valley *Model T* Club  
% John Saylor  
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Citrus Heights, Ca 95610

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS Annual Dues

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

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

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**  
**August 2025**

The Sacramento Valley *Model T* Club has had a very fun-filled eight months this year, starting with "Rosie The Riveter Museum" and the last, a history lesson in the beginning of the first water driven turbine west of Chicago producing three phase electricity to Sacramento.

*Debbi Kostiv*, our V/P tour organizer, has more than fulfilled her commitment and has given notice that a new tour organizer needs to step up and fill in the vacancy at the end of the year. She has done an outstanding job and a big "Thank You!" is in order.

*Wendel* and *Michele*, for the time being, are no longer able to serve as secretary due to *Wendel's* health. They need someone temporarily to take the meeting minutes.

*Kate*

## **VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

On Saturday, August 16th, we had a docent-led tour of the Folsom Powerhouse State Park. The site has a lot of history. We learned about the early history of the powerhouse supplying power to a very young Sacramento in the late 1800s.

We had lunch at the Pizzeria Classico in Old Folsom—good food, but a little pricey. 'Sorry that I didn't look at a menu ahead of time. The *Bandys*, *John Saylor*, *Mac Weir*, *Mark O'Connor*, the *Cornejos*, and the *Kostivs* were in attendance. We had a good time!

Next month on Friday, September 26th, we will be driving our *T*s on a scenic route from the *Bandys*' home to Leatherby's for lunch and ice cream in Folsom. I'll have more details at the meeting on Wednesday.

See you then,

~ **Debbi**



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**July 30, 2025**  
**Meeting Notes Sacramento**  
**Valley Model T Club**  
Respectfully submitted by  
Sherril Gomes for  
Michele & Wendel Waltz

The meeting was called to order by President *Kate Bandy* at 6:34 pm.

There were no new members or visitors. Attendance was light, with some members attending the *Ryan Ramble* outing.

*Pat Eichner* donated a photo album that contained pictures of past Club activities and members were encouraged to “check it out!”

*John Saylor* and the *Cornejos* represented the Club at the Carmichael July 4th parade.

VP *Debbi Kostiv* reminded members to sign up for the August 16 tour of the Folsom Powerhouse. She suggested not to drive vintage cars, and to arrive at 10:15am for the 10:30am tour. Parking is available in front of the building for a fee of \$10. Following the

tour, lunch will be at Pizzeria Classico.

President *Kate Bandy* noted that *Barb O'Connor* sent out the “Bands” to members.

Last month’s minutes, submitted by *Wendy Weir*, were approved with no additions, deletions, or corrections.

Treasurer *John Saylor* reported that the club is financially healthy.

President *Kate Bandy* announced that the Club’s Christmas Dinner will be held on Sunday, December 7, at the same location and same menu: VFW Hall and Pork Tenderloin!

It was noted that for the Sunshine Report, *Wendel* continues in rehab and is having trouble walking. *Wendy Weir* is home from the hospital and is “doing fine!”

In Awful Waffle news, *Mac* reported that, “The truck is running - It ran on it’s own!” In addition, there was a lively discussion about the process of taking the cars down to the CAM!

***(Meeting Notes continued)***

**The next Awful Waffle will be Friday, July 8.**

**The Barber Shop Singers sang two songs in addition to July's "Happy Birthday" to *Pat Eichner*.**

**Raffle winners were *Dave Eichner* and *Vonnie Schedler* for a whopping \$11 each! (Light attendance, no doubt!)**

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.**



## **Ryan Ramble Adventures**

**by Mark & Barb O'Connor**

**This year's *Ryan Ramble* was another outstanding tour for all participants, whether driving vintage or modern cars. SVMTC members on the tour were *Jim & Kathy Ryan, Rich & Sherry Silva, Raul & Bobbi Cornejo, and Mark & Barb O'Connor*.**

**Matt and Maya Ryan scouted and planned four scenic day-drives in the Sierras with destinations that included Graeagle, Truckee, Taylorsville, Loyalton, and Portola. Each day's driving directions had paved options for the "princesses" in the group, while the alternative gravel routes were for the "adventurers."**



(Ryan Ramble Adventures cont.)

Along the way we enjoyed lakes and streams, and views of forests, pastures, barns and bridges.

Those of us that took the adventure routes were feeling the full *Model T* experience as the cars were put to the test on some rather steep roads, with narrow and rocky terrain. They all passed— with a little fine tuning now and again, driving as they would have 100 plus years ago.



Trip highlights included a lunch stop and museum tour in Taylorsville, where four years ago *Dennis Furr* helped *Mark* pull his 1914 Touring out of this old barn.



We visited a sheep ranch, where we learned about some of the challenges of ranching in California, and how environmental laws impact ranchers' rights to protect their property and livestock.

(Ryan Ramble Adventures cont.)

The adventure route took us down Marble Hotsprings Road, through a large marshy area full of birds and other wildlife.



We visited the train museum in Portola, which has a lot of rolling stock. Yes, we went for a short train ride. The *Silvas* even rode twice!

At the end of our tour we visited the well-preserved mining town, Plumas Eureka State Park, seven miles up the road from Graeagle.



Photo Credit: Rich Silva

On the way back to the hotel for our goodbye lunch, Matt and Clay Ryan (and family) decided to drive up to a small lake. *Mark & Barb* decided to tag along. The sign said, "Warning. Rough Road. 4 Wheel Drive recommended." Sounded like fun! So up a very steep road, we went to the lake at the top of the mountain. Some folks went for a swim, some went for a hike. Then we headed back down—low band, and on the brakes all the way down—just right for a *Model T Ford*.



Hats off to the *Ryan* family for hosting and planning this fun, memorable annual event!



The Clio Inn with the Silva's *T* and Chris Roberts' Stanley Steam Car (Photo Credit: Sherry Silva)

# The Awful Waffle Report

by Mark O'Connor

On Friday, August 22nd, we had a good turnout for the Awful Waffle breakfast at Bert's. When we got to work, we had to remove the radiator on the *Pava* project to install the correct bracket that holds the timer cover on. We also put the rest of the sheet metal on the front of *TT*. It looks like a complete truck now. We cranked it up and drove it. It runs rough. We still have some bugs to work out.

*Harvey* and *Mac* are working on the top for the *Rowe* truck. I saw *Mac* running a sewing machine. That's something you don't see every day!



Photo Credits: Mark O'Connor





## 2025 Upcoming Tours & Events

Please Join Us

for the

August

***Model T*** meeting:

Wednesday

August 27th

6:30PM

American Legion/ VFW

8990 Kruitof Way

Fair Oaks, Ca 95662



September 26 - Scenic Tour  
to Leatherby's



December 7- Christmas  
Dinner at the VFW