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Proposed Tour to Palm Springs

Tony Bowker

With the rain damage in Death Valley, an alternative spring tour has been proposed to Palm Springs. The event would spend 4 nights on the road and most likely be during a week in February or March 2023.

Day One: Trailer or drive up to Temecula to leave trailers at home of John & Karen Pepe. After lunch, drive the T's through Hemet and Banning and then follow the railway service road on the south side of I-10, where we pick up Hwy 111. Then, drive to our motel for the next 3 nights.

Day Two: Drive the T's to the foot of the Cable Car Railway (approx. \$30) and ascend to the top of Mount Idyllwild. Browsing, a leisurely lunch, a ride back down and drive to our motel.

Day Three: Drive to Palm Springs Air Museum (approx. \$22) for a whole day gazing at aircraft. We are open to suggestions for other activities.

Day Four: Leave our motel and head east toward Cathedral City, where we can visit the Zoo and have lunch. After lunch, the T's will head south to Hwy 86 and then west towards Borrego Springs. For this one night, we suggest Hacienda del Sol (about \$100) as they have a nice pool and we've stayed there on previous tours. Assuming I make the tour, dinner at Carlee's is on Tony.

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The *Ruckstell Review* is the monthly publication of the Model T Ford Club of San Diego. Annual dues are \$20. The club holds a dinner meeting on the second Wednesday in odd-numbered months and tours during even-numbered months. The date of the next event can be obtained by calling any of the club officers or by checking the Upcoming Events listing in this issue.

The club is a Chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America, PO Box 996, Richmond, IN 47375-0996. Membership information for the "National" can be obtained from any officer. The main publication of the MTFCA is the *Vintage Ford*, which alone is well worth the national dues of \$40 per year. Lifetime memberships are also available.

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President's Message

November 2022

Our October 2022 Speedster Run was a blast! Great people, awesome touring, and a perfect run through the mountains and deserts of San Diego!



Saturday was a challenge, however, with wind, rain, lightning and thunder chasing our Model Ts during the lowland tour. Driving an open T when it's raining so hard that you can't see through the windshield

isn't very fun! We almost had to cancel our Saturday hamburger cookout due to the rain, but the resort manager was extremely helpful and we managed to have a lovely time.



Sunday morning dawned dry and cool. Perfect weather for a 100+ mile rally through the backcountry.



Everyone was bundled up for the morning. Just look at the beautiful sky at our 8:30 AM start time!

Fourteen cars signed up for our run. They lined up in front of the Palm Canyon Resort. Unfortunately, two cars had mechanical problems and had to drop out at

the start. All 12 remaining Ts made it through the entire run. Nobody ended up on a trouble truck, but one car took a wrong turn after the first checkpoint and got lost!

The Salton Sea Hangover Tour on Monday was well attended, and the geologist's information was icing on the cake of a great weekend!

The following weekend (Oct 22-23) our club was invited to participate in City View Church's 100th Anniversary. As the Paso Robles tour was happening at the same time, only Rick and I were able to participate. We parked the car in front of the church entrance and had lots of people oohing and aahing about my 1911 T that could have driven people to this church in 1922.

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President's Message, continued

On Sunday morning following the church service, we let people and families carefully climb into the T for photo opportunities. At least 50 groups had their pictures taken. We had a great time!

November 3rd is our annual Model T visit to Vista Grande School. Contact me if you'd like to join us!

Respectfully,
Janna Laughon



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

ROSTER UPDATE:

Eric & Joy Brown have moved:
1383 Somerton Drive
El Cajon, CA 92021



October 15, San Diego Speedster Run pre-run day on Saturday.

Karen Pepe

Proposed Tour to Palm Springs, continued from page 1

Day Five: Drive back through Ranchita and Warner Spings to Temecula for lunch and then trailer or drive back to San Diego.

This is just an outline, if there are any places YOU would like to visit, roads YOU want to drive or preference regarding the price of accommodations, please contact Tony Bowker or Kirby Pray.

Tony 619-922-3954

Kirby 619-972-1138

Sunshine Report

John Wilkinson

Tony is having some major health issues and will attend when he is able, please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.



**Bakersfield
Swap Meet at
Tulare
April 14-16, 2023
Tulare Fairgrounds**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 9 General Meeting

Nov 29 & 30 SW Model T Club

Reliability Run in Laughlin, NV

January Installation Banquet

Feb 13-15 Valentine Tour in L.A.-SC

Spring Tour to Palm Springs

April 14-16 Swap Meet at Tulare

General Meetings are held at Marie Callender's in La Mesa, 6 pm.



2024 National Tour Planning Meeting

November 15, 2022 at 6 p.m.

Tour is: June 16-21, 2024 in San Diego

Planning is in progress, please join us at an upcoming planning meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 15 at 6 p.m. at John Wilkinson's house.

R.S.V.P. to [John Wilkinson](mailto:John.Wilkinson@mtfcsd.com)

or to mtfcsd@gmail.com



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Diane MacPherson
- 6th Steve Hughes
- 8th Jan Gonya
- 13th Dee Reed
- 14th Carolyn Lemler
Teri Nance
- 17th Jeff Tyler
- 18th Cecilia Judd
- 21st Reva Royal
- 23rd Newell Booth
- 26th Anna Yeadon
- 28th Gene Train

NAME TAG ORDERING

Have you lost your nice engraved name tag, never ordered one, or just want to update? Now is the time to get one. Fill out this form, send payment to our treasurer at MTFCSO, PO Box 23324, San Diego, CA 92193 and your name tag will be ordered.

TO ORDER YOUR NAMETAG:

Click the link below to get started:

<https://forms.gle/VUMczpw6LfJg65QW9>

From the editor...

Thank you for your newsletter contributions: Karen Pepe, Tony Bowker, Janna Laughon, John Chapman and Steven Chase.

If you have photos or a tech article to share, please send them along!



Diane

Deadline for submissions for the December 2022 newsletter: Nov. 24. Please send articles, tour info, pictures, "for sale" items to: dianemac2015@gmail.com.

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Minutes of the Board Meeting October 12, 2022

Held at Maggie's Café, San Diego, CA

Start Time: 6:45 PM Janna opened the meeting.

Attendees: Janna, John C., John W., Susie, Chuck, Diane, Karen, John P., Gerry and Ana

President Janna noted the following:

She has been busy with the Speedster run planning along with the rest of us participating in planning! Patches were not ready for timely presentation, but will be mailed to participants.

Regarding the annual luncheon, we picked the usual date of the last Saturday in January. John C will contact the Butcher Shop, but unlikely that will work due to costs, we will also contact a local restaurant with a private room, the time to be 1 p.m. Details to follow

Vice President John C:

We will be needing a new Vice President, please offer suggestions at our next general meeting

They have completed the final pre-run of the Speedster run, we are good to go!

The car council indicated that tours are slowing down as usual this time of year

Sunshine Chair John W.

Is actively sending cards as appropriate, please keep him informed. Tony is having some major health issues and will attend when he is able, please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Treasurer Susie:

There are funds to keep this club running.

Secretary Karen:

Brought up a request for reimbursement to a member for tour costs that are not currently covered by participants' tour fees. There was discussion that followed.

A motion was made and seconded, by John W., and Susie. The motion was as follows: Regarding cost reimbursement to SDMTFC members; if related to a SDMTFC tour. These costs should be reasonable costs that are enhancements to a SDMTFC tour; requested with documentation and explanation of benefit for said costs, *then* they will be approved by the board (ideally in advance!).

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The motion was approved by all board members present

Tour Chairman Kirby was not present, and upcoming tours remain the same:

January 29th – SD, 1 p.m. Annual luncheon date

February 13th – 15th, SD Valentine's Week tour in Los Angeles, details to follow, Contact Steven Chase

March 2023, SD date TBD, Potential Death Valley replacement tour leaving trucks and trailers in Temecula, and after lunch at the Pepes, on to a Palm Springs overnight tour, dates and various stopping places (Tram, zoo, Air Museum) all TBD, contact Tony Bowker

Spring 2023 – SD National pre-tour to the Campo Train Station, date TBD

April 2023– the Tulare Swap Meet has moved to the fairgrounds at Tulare.

September 2023 - a tour to Italy for 3+ weeks, contact Steven Chase

Editor Diane MacPherson is appreciative of all the information she receives for the newsletter, please keep the information coming in!

National Tour news:

June 16th – 21st, 2024 – National Model T tour will be a San Diego based tour, and we are hosting.

The next National tour meeting TBD

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Karen



Assorted radiator cores at Brassworks in Paso Robles. [California Rendezvous tour]



2022 SPEEDSTER RUN

BORREGO SPRINGS

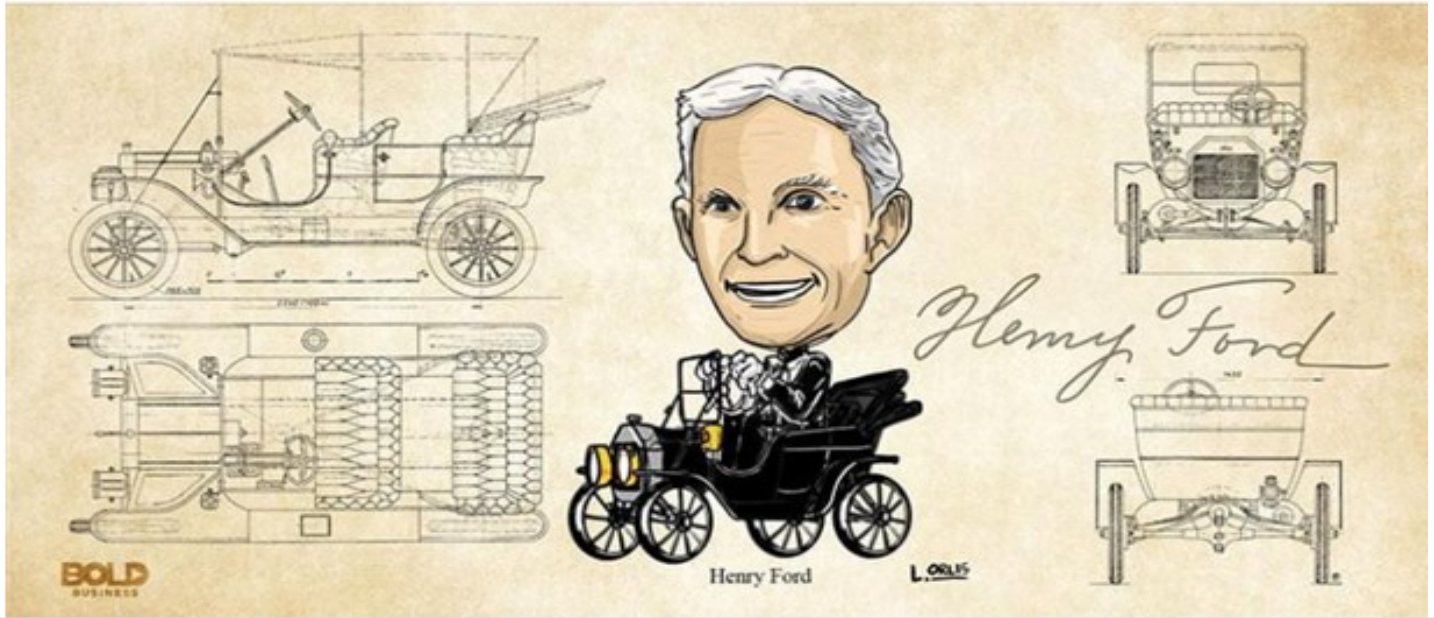


Photos—Diane MacPherson, except as noted



John Chapman, Colleen & Joe Davies, Janna Laughon (photo—Steven Chase)

The Davies won the right to keep the trophy for one year.



The Explorers Program

Model T Ford Club of American (national) sends out Explorer newsletters to designated club members to keep us informed about the Explorers program, and as a way to recruit more youth into our hobby. MTFCA is making an effort to build the Explorers Club (ages 7-17) and needs our help to do this.

“Be sure the Explorer newsletter is being shared with members of your Chapter. Actively try to recruit youth into your Chapter and tell them about the Explorers membership option.” It’s just \$15 per year!! They can join online or by calling the business office at 1-765-373-3106.

Rachel Hemmer Hughes Executive Director, Model T Ford Club of America

Southwest Model T Club
Antique Automobile Reliability Run
November 29 & 30, 2022 in Laughlin, Nevada
Open to pre-1927

A reenactment of the turn-of-the-century auto club reliability tours put on to promote the automobile & road system improvements. This is a lowkey event giving plenty of time to enjoy good friends, driving the cars we love, and local museums and attractions.

Having this event in the middle of the week will help keep costs down. Laughlin hotel rooms can be had from \$40 to \$60 a night plus resort fee (about \$20/night) and tax. The sooner you reserve your rooms, the better as rates do go up closer to the date of the event. To keep costs down, there will be no banquet, so participants will be responsible for all meals.

We will base out of Riverside Casino or stay at the casino of your choice.



Photo—Steven Chase

Participation fee will be \$30/car.

Please contact Craig Leach @ 602-769-0257

Or email: ssracer1955@aol.com

Let's get together and have a wonderful time.

If there is interest, we can include 1928-1931 cars as well.

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2023

Tulare Pre-War Swap Meet & Automotive Jamboree

Pre-Registration & Information

Bill Bennett (559) 967-0112

Thank you for your interest and/or participation in the Pre-War/Brass Era Swap Meet in Tulare, CA. I was able to keep the West Coast Pre-War Swap Meet alive by moving it from Bakersfield to Tulare two years ago. My hope is to keep the event for many years to come.

For 2023, the Tulare Pre-War Swap meet will be held at:

The Tulare County Fairgrounds in Tulare, CA.

(not at the International Agri-Center)

This is a new venue and will be more in line with what many of you remember as the “traditional Bakersfield” Swap Meet. This will be a pre-war ONLY meet, much like the Bakersfield meets of old.

Please PRE-REGISTER (call for more information).

The swap spaces are a generous 20’x40’ and will be priced at \$50.00/space for early registration; late registration will be \$75.00/space. If you would like to have vendor spaces next to a friend, please coordinate with your friend(s) and make a note of it on your pre-registration form.

We haven’t designed or “set” the map of spaces yet, but a map will be sent to you later in the year along with finalized pricing for all available “options”.

You will receive two Vendor wrist bands with each space purchased.

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Tulare, continued

Additional wrist bands will be available for purchase, at \$10.00 each. Each swap space will be provided with one vehicle pass into the fairgrounds, you may park your vehicle in your swap space or in the designated parking area. At no time shall any vehicle or RV block any fire lanes or be parked outside your designated swap space.

If you have additional vehicles with you, you may purchase additional vendor parking passes to access the fairgrounds for \$10/vehicle. All vehicles must be within your swap space or park in the designated parking area on the fairgrounds. Additional vehicles are always welcome to park in the free parking lot on K Street, across from the fairgrounds, but please note that that parking lot does not have security.

Camping (dry camp only) will be allowed within your vendor space, but open fires and fire pits are strictly forbidden. Additional designated dry camp space is available at the fairgrounds if you wish to not camp within your vendor space—\$30 per night and you will need to fill out a dry camp RV registration form in order to stay outside your vendor space. The fairgrounds does have a place for you to empty your RV when you leave on Sunday.

Move-in will be on Thursday, April 13 from 9am-6pm. Gates are open to the public on Friday, April 14, 7am-5pm, Saturday, April 15, 7am-5pm, and Sunday, April 16, 7am-12pm.

More information will be forthcoming.

I would like to personally thank you for your continued interest and support for this Premier West Coast event. I looks forward to seeing you in Tulare in April.

With very kind regards,

William (Bill) Bennett (559) 967-0112

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