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UPCOMING EVENTS 2023

- Aug 9** Board Meeting at Maggie's Cafe
- Sept 13** General Meeting
- Oct 7-8** Speedster Run
- Oct 11** Board Meeting
- Oct 22-25** California Rendezvous-Santa Maria
- Oct 30-Nov 2** Tony Bowker Memorial Tour
- Nov 8** General Meeting

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



Ron Lambrecht ran into three of his buddies at the Coronado 4th of July Parade.

Diane MacPherson (back seat) in the Sierra Madre 4th of July Parade.

Rex and Diane in front seats.

Photo: Steven Chase



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 \$50 per year. Lifetime memberships are also available.

National Website: <https://www.mtfca.com>

SD Website: www.mtfcsd.org

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President's Message

August 2023

We have reached the half point in the year. We have had some good tours and general meetings. Please make a point to make our next general meeting in September. It would be great to have more of our club attend.

The annual Speedster Run has been planned out of Escondido this year. If you have a speedster, please enter. If you don't have a speedster you can enter as a model T non speedster entrant. There is room for all.

Check the RR for date and hotel information.

If you have an idea for a tour or would like to run a tour, please contact a board member.

Keep the hobby going, John Chapman

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Tony Bowker Memorial Tour

"Tony Bowker's" Desert Tour to Palm Springs & Borrego Springs, Oct 30 - Nov 2, is in the final stages of planning. We will leave from the Pepe Ranch in Temecula and return there 4 days later.

The Day's Inn in Palm Springs is offering a rate of \$99 for Monday night. 1983 N. Palm Cyn Drive in Palm Springs.

The Palm Canyon Resort in Borrego Springs has rooms for \$150 for Tuesday and Wednesday nights. 760-767-5341

Thus far, the following Model T-ers have committed to attend;

Kirby Pray
Karen and John Pepe
Janna and Rick Laughon
John Chapman
Diane MacPherson
Steven Chase
Kathy Trujillo
Mark and LuWanna Nielsen

To include a tour of Sunnylands, the Anenberg Estate, in Palm Desert This is a wonderful experience. Go to their website; sunnylands.org for more information.

Please spread the word to others who you think might wish to join this event.



Contact Steven Chase: newnorthsouth@gmail.com



There's a garden in England dedicated entirely to plants that are deadly and can kill you. It's the most dangerous garden in the world. It holds over 100 killers Such as, hemlock, strychnine and nightshade.



COLLECTOR CAR DAY (AFTER) TOUR—VALLEY CENTER, CA

Saturday the 15th of July we went to the library and museum in Valley Center and the Bates nut farm in a three club combined tour. I think there were about 12 cars. It was a good tour but a bit warm. I was happy to see the turnout. Ron and Ann L, Janna (her 11 made it!) & Rick, were there, we took John Chapman, saved him from the bear. - Karen Pepe



Photo of John Chapman by Karen Pepe



Photos by Deborah Judd



Model T Ford Club of San Diego

36th Annual Speedster Run

October 7 - 8, 2023

The 36th Annual Speedster Endurance Run takes place out of Borrego Springs in San Diego County over the weekend of October 7-8, 2022. **All Speedsters and Regular Model Ts are welcome!**

Saturday Low Land Tour: There will be a short tour from the hotel to the Pepe's house for a BBQ cookout.

Sunday Speedster Run: We will embark on an over one hundred-mile backcountry journey.

- Trouble trucks will be available for those unfortunate enough to break down.
- Each speedster or Model T will turn in a Self-Inspection Safety Form to conform to published rules. (These General and Safety Rules are available on our website at: <http://www.mtfcsd.org>, or by email request to mtfcsd@gmail.com.)

The total tour fee of **\$100** for Speedsters/Model Ts includes a BBQ cookout for two, coffee & donuts at the first checkpoint, drinks and cookies at the second checkpoint, and lunch for two at a local restaurant after the run. Each participant will be awarded a patch commemorating this annual event. Awards will include a perpetual trophy for 1st place, prizes for 2nd and 3rd place speedsters, and a prize for 1st place regular Model T winner.

The Entry Form, General Rules, Safety Rules, and the Self-Inspection Safety Form are all available on the club web site at www.mtfcsd.org

Schedule of Events at Best Western Escondido

Saturday October 7

12:00 PM: Driver's Meeting (In front of the hotel lobby on the west side)

12:30 PM: Start of Saturday Tour

1:30 PM: BBQ Cookout at John and Karen Pepe's home

Sunday October 8

8:00 AM: Drivers Meeting & Line Up to Start

8:30 AM: Start of Run

2:30 PM: Lunch at J&M's Family Restaurant

Mail Entry form and \$100 fee (check or money order) to:

Speedster Run

PO Box 23324

San Diego, CA 92193-3324

Hotel reservations:

See instructions on www.mtfcsd.org and go to the Speedster Page.



**26th 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 7, 2023
Vendor Set Up - 6 am Buyers-7 am – 1 pm **RAIN OR SHINE**

		Nutwood	
N	Raymond Avenue ←	State College ←	57 Fwy ←
↑	2311 E. Chapman Avenue	Avenue	91 Fwy

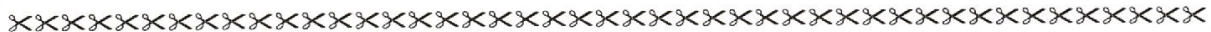


Spaces will be assigned as you come in.

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

Space Reservation Donation - \$20.00 received by October 4th
October 5th to day of Swap Meet Donation - \$25.00

Swap Meet coordinator: Jack Smith (714) 529-6653, jsmodelt@aol.com



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



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Dan Slavik
- 2nd Susie Murdock
- 13th Karen Slavik
- 24th Jean Mucha
- 30th Anne Ottemann



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, Jerry Yeadon, Ron Lambrecht, and everyone who contributed.

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

Diane

Deadline for submissions for the September 2023 newsletter: Aug 24. Please send articles, tour info, pictures, "for sale" ads to: dianemac2015@gmail.com.

Business-Card Sized Ads are free to club members. Send a clean scan, artwork or photo of your card via email to Diane.

OCT 7-8 SPEEDSTER RUN

HOTEL INFO

**SPEEDSTER RUN
OCTOBER 7-8, 2023**

**SAVE THE DATE!
Book your room ASAP!**

Best Western, 1700 Seven Oakes Rd, Escondido (off El Norte Pkwy)

760-740-1700 (direct # to hotel)

With adjoining RV Park (Escondido RV Resort-escondidorv.com)

Application for Speedster Run at: mtfcsd.org

An Anthropomorphic Tale by The Model T Ford Who Traveled From Wenatchee to Mexico (Part 8)

By Jerry Yeadon

On the day of the wedding, I was parked on the street next to the church and sure enough there were six horses tethered to trees on the plaza in front of the church. At the appointed time the church doors opened and the wedding party came out. I began to wonder who was going to clean up after all of those horses?

After pictures were taken in front of the church, the bride and two little girls climbed in the back and off we went. I was driving slowly so the bridegroom and his friends on the horses could keep up. Needless to say, we attracted a considerable amount of attention as our procession wound through the downtown area.

Up until this point the streets were fairly level and the horses were able to keep up as we were in stop and go traffic. After passing through the center of town the street turned into a two-mile fairly steep incline with slow traffic and that is when I started to overheat. I was grinding along in Ruckstell low, trying to keep up with the traffic but slow enough so the horses could keep up. Their problem was keeping traction on the cobble stone pavement.

So we got separated for a mile and I waited at the top of the hill and cooled off. A short time later we arrived at the reception on a ranch where I was invited to park inside on the patio for pictures.

Since that time I have visited a school where students from second grade to sixth grade came out in small groups to look me over and ask questions. I was used for pictures for another wedding. Then I was invited to be on display at a Hyatt Hotel for a wedding and later for a reception for city officials and Mexican national press members here in San Miguel.

I also appear in several of the local social media pages. My owner has been asked by the Hyatt Hotel events manager to have me be a part of their destination package. Greg Rising used to say, "Keep the old iron out in the sun working for a living."

Many years ago, back in the black and white TV days, there was a program call Life Begins at Eighty. Well I am over 100 years old and thanks to my owner I am still going strong, life is continuing to be real good for me here in Mexico and I am earning a few pesos.

So, this has been my story about how I got from Wenatchee to Mexico. Here they call me "Shakira" because sometimes I shake a lot while driving on the cobblestones. Fortunately, Henry Ford had me and my fellow Model T's designed for roads just like these in San Miguel de Allende so I feel right at home.



Minutes of the General Meeting July 12, 2023

Held at Marie Callender's, San Diego, CA

Start Time: 7:00 PM President John C. opened the meeting.

Attendees: There were 20 members present, no guests. We held the raffle first and Jerry Sherman won the raffle.

President John C:

Has been on vacation for several weeks, welcome back! While gone he met with several distant cousins in Pennsylvania, then spent 4 weeks in North Carolina with 2 of his children and 9 grandchildren, and was there for his birthday.

This was followed by a Northern California tour with John Wilkerson where they traveled 101 except when closed...toured the Sutter Mill, then over Donner Pass and home.

Carolyn Bowker was there and brought some of Tony's books for us to take if we were interested.

Vice President and Past President Janna:

Please see the National tour based in San Diego, 2024 update below.

Sunshine Chair John W.

Is recovering well, attended the meeting after a long absence for knee surgery. Welcome back!

Please keep him informed if you know of any news regarding members and families needing some sunshine!

Treasurer Susie:

There are funds to keep this club running, in the amount of \$2,637.36. Tonight's opportunity drawing part of \$26 will be added to this amount

Secretary Karen:

No news to report

Member at Large Kirby is on vacation and was not present, but emailed there were no new changes to report from last month.

Tour Director Steven was not present but he sent an email regarding the October/November Palm Springs/Borrego Springs tour and has received some additional confirmations

Minutes of the General Meeting July 12, 2023

Upcoming tours:

September 22nd – Nickel Era Tour, St George, Utah

Contact John Manifor (562)697-2075

October 7th – 8th – SD Speedster Run beginning in Escondido, CA

Contact John C. or Janna

October 11th – 15th Ryan Ramble-Cayucas, Hearst Castle, Morro Rock,.

Contact Steven Chase

October 22nd – 25th California Rendezvous, Santa Maria, CA

October 26-28th – Halloween Tour, Idyllwild

Contact La Jolla Horseless Carriage (Pre-16)

October 30th-November 2nd – Tony Bowker Memorial Palm Springs & Borrego Tour, meeting in Temecula, continuing on to Palm Springs, for one night, the next day driving to Borrego Springs for two nights, returning to Temecula via Montezuma Grade, Warner Springs, Aguanga. Commitment at hotels and details to follow

Please contact Steven Chase

Editor Diane: Welcomes information to add to the newsletter!

Historian Chuck sent an addition that did not make last month's newsletter. He is looking for stories about our first Model T's

Meeting was adjourned at 7:24

June 16th – 21st, 2024 National Tour news:

July 27, 2023 - The next National tour meeting will be held at Chuck West's home at 6 p.m., please RSVP to Janna

2nd Annual California RENDEZVOUS

Santa Maria

2023

October 22 - 26

*Say Farewell ...
... to Summer*

*“California Rendezvous”
2022 in Paso Robles was
such a great success, that
we’re going to do it again!*

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For more information:

Steven Chase
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NewNorthSouth@gmail.com

Contact Steven to receive Registration Form

Registration deadline August 31, 2023



California RENDEZVOUS Santa Maria



October 22 - 26

2023

REGISTRATION FORM

Registrant: _____ HCCA Membership Number: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Email: _____

Spouse / Partner Information *For Name Tags*

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Guest(s) Information *For Name Tags*

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Questions?



Contact
Steven Chase

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Please make your hotel reservation separately



**Radisson
Santa Maria**

**3455 Skyway Drive
(805) 928-8000**

Group Code: Horseless Carriage Club
Group Rate: \$105/night + tax

Abundant On-site Trailer Parking

Vehicle Year: _____

This tour is reserved for automobiles manufactured prior to year 1916. Post-1915 automobiles may be allowed under certain conditions. Contact Steven Chase for more information.


Make & Model: _____

Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy #: _____

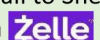

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Registration deadline August 31, 2023

MTFCSD

2023 Board Meetings

Held at Maggie's Café 5:30pm

Serra Mesa

August 9

October 11

2024 National Tour Planning

Meeting in July

July 27 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: JULY 27 6 pm at Chuck West's home, 2643 Greyling Dr, San Diego

R.S.V.P. to JannaLaughon@gmail.com

Blast from the Past

The Year was 1995

Todd Abraham was President (Who?)

At the Annual Installation Dinner (held at Tom Ham's Lighthouse) Craig French received the Club's Participation trophy. Cost of the dinner (Prime Rib) was \$15.00.

At this same function, the assemblage was subjected to a version of Swan Lake ballet which Tchaikowski would have never recognized. The "performers" (all decked out in tutus) were: Todd Abraham, Tony Bowker, Scott Lemler, Gary Murdock, Dave Stauffer, and Chuck West. The group was directed by Helen Pierce.

In May, Johnny Carroll suffered two heart attacks, a stroke, and underwent heart bypass surgery. Those who visited him after all this, found him the same as always and giving the nurses a very hard time. (We all remember how he was and he is missed).

Chuck West, Historian

Trailer hitch and trailer for my Produce Truck

Ron Lambrecht

About a month ago Bob Anderson suggested I consider acquiring a two-wheel trailer to tow behind my “T” pickup. I wish he would not have done that as it put a bee in my bonnet!

I started by designing a hitch to be mounted to my Ruckstell rear axle. My concern was that mounting a hitch to the 5/16” differential bolts would be asking for trouble so I came up with the idea of designing something that shifted the tow weight to the axle housings.



I bought a couple three inch couplers and bored clearance for the rivets that attach the axle housing to the differential casings. I then welded a 5/8” rod appropriately bent to support the center mounted hitch. I still used a couple of the 5/16” differential bolts to stabilize the hitch but the tow weight is now shifted to the couplers and the axle housings via the differential housing.



Trailer hitch by Ron Lambrecht



The next step was to do some research on companies that built utility trailers back in the day. I came across a company in England called Eccles. They made light utility trailers to be towed behind cars built in the 20's and 30's and they teamed with the Gibson Company who made the running gear.

The trailers were sold under the name Eccles Motor Caravan & Body Builders, Birmingham, England. Sometimes (not

often but sometimes) luck plays in my favor! As I was reading about Gibson-Eccles, a pair of Gibson-Eccles utility trailer wheels popped on eBay. They are now mine.

I suspect I will have plenty of time invested in their restoration but the hub caps alone are probably worth what I paid for the wheels. Stay tuned as I will document the building of a trailer similar in design to the original Gibson-Eccles.





The Greatest Show on Turf

in conjunction with

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