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OCT 7-8 SPEEDSTER RUN

HOTEL INFO

SPEEDSTER RUN

OCTOBER 7-8, 2023

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: mfcfsd.org

UPCOMING EVENTS 2023

Oct 7-8 Speedster Run

Oct 11 Board Meeting

Oct 22-25 California Rendezvous-Santa Maria

Oct 30-Nov 2 Tony Bowker Memorial Tour
(See page 3 for details)

Nov 4 Old Spanish Trail Tour

Nov 5 Holiday Car Show - Bates Nut Farm

Nov 8 General Meeting

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

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.mfcfsd.org

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President's Message

October 2023

I'm looking forward to a lot of fun on the upcoming speedster run out of Escondido. We don't have any "other" cars entered yet.

It should be a great time. Thanks to the Pepe's for hosting Saturday's lunch. I'm looking forward to that.

We had a great turnout at the general meeting. Thanks to Newell for sharing a good movie. I hope to see everyone at our November general meeting.

Check out our club's full page ad for next year's national tour in this month's Vintage Ford magazine.

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 Canyon 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
Pete the Australian
Joy and Eric Brown
Steven Chase
Kathy Trujillo
Mark and LuWanna Nielsen

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



Contact Steven Chase: newnorthsouth@gmail.com

We are looking for a trouble truck (can be split between 2 trucks) for this tour.

Tony Bowker Memorial Tour

UPDATE:

The Days Inn in Palm Springs has extended our ***discounted room block*** through October 5!!

It's not too late to join in on the fun!

MTFCSD

2023 Board Meetings

Held at Maggie's Café 5:30pm

Serra Mesa

October 11

NEXT General Meeting

November 8

Marie Callender's

6 p.m.

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.

Blast from the Past

The Year was 2000

Doris Chidgey was President

Kirt Simpson put on the first LEARN TO DRIVE A LIZZIE event with 10 new drivers graduating including: Janna Laughon, and Chuck E. West

The 20th Annual Speedster Run took place out of Jamacha and was run in the rain, wind and cold when it went on Sunrise Highway at 6000 feet. Out of 16 registered, only four finished. The winner: Jack Chidgey in good old car 292

Plans for the 2004 National Tour were being discussed

Folks, we're still looking for stories on your first Model T

Every member of our club has a story about their first Model T.

Who wants to be next? Send the story of your first Model T to : cwext@aol.com.

Chuck West, Historian

Tony's Mystery Device—available

This is from Tony Bowker's garage. I believe it is some kind of testing device that he hooked up to a battery. I am looking for a new home for it. If you are interested, please contact me. Cdlemler@me.com. Or 619-540-3042.

Free (or donation to his fund for the leukemia foundation)





OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2nd Dell Pound
- 5th Carlos Royal
- 13th Warren Walters
- 17th Jennifer Hubenthal
- 18th Scott Lemler
- 19th Patti Barron
- 22nd James Janz
- 26th Barbara French
- 30th Susan Ramsey

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, John Chapman, Kirby Pray, Newell Booth 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 November

2023 newsletter: Oct. 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.

Trouble Truck Needed

Bowker Memorial

Palm Springs/Borrego Tour

Oct 30—Nov 2 (or partial tour)

Contact Kirby Pray

619-972-1138

If you are willing to volunteer.

2nd Annual California RENDEZVOUS

Santa Maria

2023

October 22 - 26

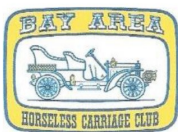
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... to Summer*

*“California Rendezvous”
2022 in Paso Robles was
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For more information:

Steven Chase
(323) 497-0601
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: _____

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Questions?



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Please make your hotel reservation separately



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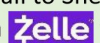

Group Code: Horseless Carriage Club
Group Rate: \$105/night + tax

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SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 4, 2023

INFORMATION:

NEWELL BOOTH 619-318-5682

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Minutes of the General Meeting - September 13, 2023

Held at Marie Callender's, San Diego, CA

Start Time: 6:40 PM John C. opened the meeting.

Attendees: There were 28 members present, including two new members Vincent & Amanda Ryan. They own a 1913 touring they purchased on eBay. It has no bows and was 'converted' into a pickup...Ranchero?. Welcome and we hope to see you on tours in the future!

President John C.:

Speedster pre-runs are complete. There is parking for rigs if none is available at the hotel about ¼ mile away, along the RV park. The run itself is 128 miles, pre-run on Saturday is 54 miles total.

Vice President Janna:

- National tour update below
- The raffle was won by Dolores Kling.

October is a super busy month, please look at the tours and hope to see you there!

Sunshine Chair John W.:

Has received no news to report

Tour Chairman Steven is touring in Italy and sending beautiful T photos back

Treasurer Susie: There are funds to keep us running, with over \$3k in the bank account

Secretary Karen: Nothing new to report and writing as fast as I can!

Member-at-Large Kirby: Nothing new to report

Editor Diane: Please submit info to her by the 25th of the month to have it in the newsletter.

Upcoming tours:

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

Visit the website for entry forms at <http://mtfcsd.org/>

Contact John C. or Janna

continued

Minutes of the General Meeting - September 13, 2023

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. See details in the newsletter
Please contact Steven Chase

November 4th – One day tour from El Cajon, Old Spanish Trail, lunch at Flinn Springs, see details attached
Please contact Newell Booth

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07

Respectfully submitted by Karen

2024 National Tour news:

November 9, 2023 – The next National tour meeting will be held at Chuck West's Home at 6:00PM, please RSVP to Janna, build your own sandwich \$5!

- ***Everything is on schedule.***
- ***All tours are set, we are budgeted for 50-100 cars.***
We are working on raffle and gift baskets

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Car Make _____ Model _____ Year _____

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Email: _____

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8:00AM**

FOR SALE

1914 Model T Touring

All original parts, complete ground up restoration by Ray Wells for Joe Drew for showroom display when he owned Drew Ford in La Mesa.



Has starter but needs new Bendix key, fuel pump by switching on if you desire, and wiring for electric lights (but I changed to gas headlights). Starts easily by crank, Ruckstell rear-end, runs on mag. Demountable tires (all 30x3 1/2), spare tire on running board, gas headlights with carbide generator on driver's side running board. Runs well. Located San Diego. \$21,200 OBO.

Bob Bishop
San Diego, CA. MTFCA, MTFCSD
619-876-1240 or text.
rbishop26@hotmail.com

1917 Model T Touring

All original barn find partly refreshed. New tires/wheels/hickory spokes and spare wheel for front. Probably needs new LR tire and tube, which I have included with car, plus tools, etc. in suitcase on running board. Engine recently rebuilt by Norm Kling, with all new parts from Lang's, plus Champion 100 spark plugs. Starts on crank easily, runs exceptionally well. New radiator, Ruckstell, top, and wood steering wheel, coils rebuilt by Ron Patterson plus extra set of coils. Located San Diego. \$16,200 OBO



Bob Bishop
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rbishop26@hotmail.com

FOR SALE: 1942 Cadillac

1942 Cadillac, Series 75, non-divided limousine (RARE: 1 of only 225 built). All money from sale will be donated to non-profit animal sanctuary. Asking only \$23,000. Spent \$20,000 on paint, upholstery, and chrome alone. Howard (949) 306-5390, Lake Elsinore



FOR SALE

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