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UPCOMING EVENTS

2023

July 4 Coronado 4th of July parade-C. West

July 8 Tony Bowker garage sale (see pg 2)

July 12 General Meeting

July 14 Collector Car Appreciation Day

July 15 Balboa Island Family Beach Day

Contact: Steven Chase

July 15 Long Beach Swap Meet

Sept 13 General Meeting

Oct 7-8 Speedster Run

Oct 22-25 California Rendezvous-Santa Maria

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

General Meeting

July 12, 2023

Wednesday—6 p.m.

Marie Callender's

6950 Alvarado Road

San Diego 92120

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

Our illustrious president is on "vacation" (a road trip).
He will be filling us in on his adventures next month.

-Editor

Tony Bowker Garage Sale

JULY 8

10-2 (maybe 3pm)

7320 Santa Maria Drive

Parts, some tools, household stuff

Full set of Vintage Fords

Carolyn Lemler

619-540-3042

HCCSC 2023 “Balboa Island Family Beach Day”

Event: The Chase Family invites you and your family for a full day Open House on
Balboa Island in Newport Bay.

When: Saturday, July 15, 2023 from 10 a.m. through Potluck Dinner

Where: 117 Abalone Avenue, Newport Beach

Activities within 100 yards of the cottage: Cruiser Bike Riding, Sailing, Stand-Up Paddleboarding, Shopping on Main Street Balboa Island, Walking around the island, Sand Castles, Just Sitting Around on the Patios Telling Tales, and a Potluck Dinner at 4 p.m.

Because of parking challenges, all but a few of us will be coming in modern cars. However, if you plan to arrive in a horseless carriage, please let Steven Chase know so that he may save a VIP spot for you in front of the house.

Out of town guests may sleep over at the house before and/or following assuming beds are still available.

Please RSVP to Steven Chase (323) 497-0601 or newnorthsouth@gmail.com and let us know what you will be contributing to our Potluck so that we are able to fill in the menu where needed.

We all hope that you will join us

4TH OF
JULY



51st Antique Nationals—May 21, 2023



The 51st Antique Nationals conducted May 21st are in the books. There weren't a lot of fast Model T's in the event so winning the Model T eliminator division was fairly easy. The highlight of the day for me was beating a 31 Ford Model A coupe with a 4 port Riley overhead in the final race (no handicap, it was a head's up drag race).

The next event for the car will be the Santa Margarita Ranch time trials near San Luis Obispo on Saturday June 24th. The race is a timed race, not against another car at the same time like a drag race. Santa Margarita Ranch is a very old and was home to Native Americans for thousands of years and then settled by the Franciscan Missionaries in the 1770s as part of the mission trail. Some of the old structures, or parts of them are still there. There is an old airstrip on the property where the races are held. It is a very beautiful place to visit.

51st Antique Nationals, continued

A little history about the car--The Sprint Car was a dirt track racer in the 20's and 30's, mostly on the oval tracks in California, typically between Ascot in Gardena and the Oakland race track up north.

In the 40's and 50's the car was a salt flats or lakes racer and did fairly well, at that time it sported a Rajo Overhead with a single Model S Winfield carburetor.

In 1970 Jerry Sherman Sr. purchased the car from an old racer at the Pomona swap meet for \$250. (He borrowed the money from Cliff King and others since most people didn't carry around that much money in those days). In the 70's the car was built to be a hill climber/ Model T dragster, winning King of the Hill at the 1978 Long Beach hill climb.



Currently the car has a modified Model T block with a Model B crankshaft, a high lift (.320) chrome hardened Sherman/Iskenderian cam shaft, Sherman aluminum pistons and very large intake and exhaust valves. On top there is a Sherman Dual Spark high compression cylinder head. Full oil pressure to the main bearings and cam bearings is supplied by a cam-driven oil pump. Ignition system consists of a Stutz dual magneto and two 12-volt coils to fire the two spark plugs per cylinder.

Intake manifold is a custom fabricated Sherman intake with long runners to get the flow needed to get the proper torque and horsepower. On top sits a pair of Winfield Model SR carburetors. Transmission is Model T with an aluminum flywheel. Only one pedal is used, for low gear, no reverse or brake pedal. The brake handle is located on the right side of the car. There is an auxiliary transmission, a 2-speed Warford, which cannot be shifted while driving. You either picked low or high gear before you drove it, depending on the size of the track you were racing (short or long tack).

Jerry Sherman

[Kirby—For those not familiar, all those “Sherman” accessories were manufactured by Jerry’s dad, Jerry Sherman Sr.]

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 15

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 16

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.

The 2023 Arizona Speedster Run winner—Steven Chase





JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 3rd John Wilkinson
- 5th Karen Pepe
- 25th Bob Bishop
- 28th Larry Faydo



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, Steven Chase, and all those who contributed.

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

Diane

Deadline for submissions for the August 2023 newsletter: July 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 at: mtfcsd.org

An Anthropomorphic Tale by The Model T Ford Who Traveled From Wenatchee to Mexico (Part 7)

By Jerry Yeadon

After three months of not running, being transported to San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, I am now parked in my owners rented garage in San Miguel and my engine will not start.

I have spark, compression, fuel in my tank, plenty of battery but nothing happens as the starter cranks my engine over. My owner noticed that the fuel in my tank smelled odd so he drained the tank and filled me up with fresh gas. I started right up and ran just like I did back in Chula Vista three months ago.

As it turns out the California organic-based Ethanol gas loses its combustibility in just one to three months due to oxidation and evaporation. Wow, who would guess I had bad gas.

I have been out driving around San Miguel which is a historic colonial town with narrow cobble stone streets. Every half block there are speed bumps so the traffic moves along at 10 to 20 miles per hour (16 to 32 kilometers per hour). San Miguel is built on hills so I am thankful for my Ruckstell underdrive rear end. I get lots of thumbs up, people taking my picture, and asking how old I am.

There have been no Model T Fords in San Miguel for many decades so the local people always want to know what I am. The American residents and tourists from the US usually are able to guess I am a Model T. My owner has just purchased a large home in the historic section of San Miguel so I now I have a permanent garage to park in.

I go out driving two to three times each week. Now I am being used for hauling five gallon paint buckets and lumber as my owners are remodeling their home. I still have my original 1921 California plates even though I have been imported into Mexico. The local transit police just wave and give me thumbs up and it seem foreign plates are not a concern.

A few weeks ago a young couple wanted to use me in their wedding. When the date was set they told me they wanted me to lead six horses through town as part of the wedding procession. On the day of the wedding I was parked on the street next to the church and sure enough there were six horses tethered in 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? (to be continued).

Some things I noticed since moving to Mexico: I went to a local paint store and ordered a quart of red paint I had selected. The clerk came back with the paint in a container about the size of a tea cup.

As it turns out after some discussion the quart I asked for was a quarter of a liter of paint. What I really needed was a liter of paint. Then I needed a gallon of another color and yes they sold the bigger size *as a gallon*.

After I got schooled on paint sizes the cashier wanted to know if I wanted a ticket. I explained to her what, "Getting a ticket" implied to me, something you get when stopped for speeding, she gave me the quizzical puppy dog look and I decided to just take the ticket (receipt) and stop confusing the nice lady.

Minutes of the Board Meeting June 14, 2023

Held at Maggie's Cafe, San Diego, CA

Start Time: 6:42 PM President John C. opened the meeting. Noted he did send a president's message the last two months to our editor, but it went to an old email address. This has now been corrected.

Attendees: John C., Janna, Susie, Karen, John W., Kirby, Chuck, John P.

Vice President and Past President Janna:

- 2022 Speedster approval to replace missing badges
- Current Web page needs to be updated
- National tour based in San Diego, 2024 update below

Sunshine Chair John W.

Welcome back, John! Please let him know of any news about members needing some sunshine!

Treasurer Susie:

There are funds to keep the club running, and even though the Union Bank initial issue is resolved, she has not received any checks yet for the USBank account. We agreed the club should have two debit card holders

Secretary Karen:

No news to report

Member at Large Kirby:

No news to report

Tour Director Steven was not present, and he will be contacted for the email blast related to the tour to Palm Springs and Borrego Springs

July 4th – Coronado 4th of July Parade, 5 of the 10 available spots still open, please contact Chuck West if you want to participate with your Model T

July 15th – Balboa Island, Newport Beach beach party: Contact Steven Chase

July 15th - Long Beach Model T Club's 69th Annual Parts Exchange, 5000 Lew Davis St., Long Beach, CA 90808, Contact Jeff Hood (562)597-5936

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

Contact John Manifor (562)697-2075

Minutes of the Board Meeting June 14, 2023

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, etc.

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. Please contact Steven Chase

Editor Diane: Welcomes information to add to the newsletter!

Historian Chuck is looking for stories about our first Model T's

Meeting was adjourned at 7:12

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

The contest for logo that is for this tour, was won by Joy Brown. Congratulations, Joy!

June 16th – 21st, 2024 – National Model T tour will be a San Diego based tour, and we are hosting, Orange County Model T club is willing to assist.

This book on marriage says, "Treat your wife like you treated her on the first date".

So after dinner tonight I am dropping her off at her parents' house!






For Sale

1913-14 Windshield, support Rods and box of hinges/attachment hardware
 Top= 41 1/8" x 12 3/4"
 Bottom= 41 1/8" x 14 3/4"
 New safety glass
 Note: firewall attachment brackets have been brazed on (3 places) for extra strength during trailering on a open trailer
\$100 OBO

Bob Anderson
 13 Modelt@cox.net



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



COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY

JULY 14, 2023

CELEBRATE OUR HOBBY, YOUR WAY.

- **ATTEND** an official vehicle-inspired event
- **HOST** your own gathering or club meeting
- **PROMOTE** a "HOLIDAY SALE" at your business
- **DRIVE** your special ride, new or old, whatever the destination

REGISTER YOUR JULY EVENT AT NO COST

**VISIT US AT:
SEMASAN.ORG/CCAD**

A wide range of automotive events are held on the second Friday in July to honor Collector Car Appreciation Day (CCAD). At the request of the SEMA Action Network (SAN), this holiday has been marked each year since 2010 by a U.S. Congressional Resolution recognizing that the "collection and restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States." As this annual event continues to grow worldwide, states, provinces, counties and cities are following suit with their own recognition. The SAN encourages participation throughout the month of July to honor the classics of the past and the future.



69th Annual Parts Exchange

LONG BEACH



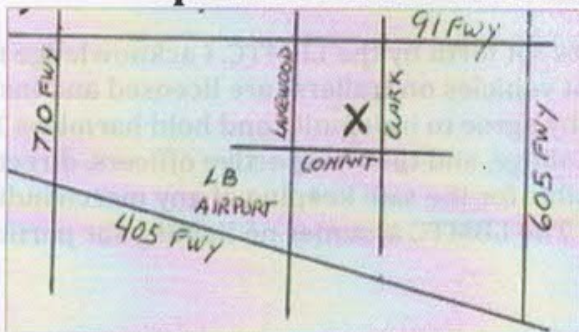
MODEL T CLUB, INC.

Since 1955 the best OLD CAR & OLD FORD

SWAP MEET in the WEST

SATURDAY JULY 15, 2023 rain or shine

Open 7:00AM Admission \$5.00 Free Parking



Long Beach City College Veteran's Stadium

5000 Lew Davis St. Long Beach, CA. 90808

Enter from Conant St. between Lakewood Bl. and Clark St.

Just a mile and a half north of the 405 on Lakewood Bl.

Spaces are available. 20 ft. wide by 16 ft. deep

Spaces are \$40 each or three for \$100

Call Jeff Hood 562-597-5936

www.lbmtc.com moemechanic@aol.com

Open to all makes and models

Automotive and hobby related items only

NO Dogs NO Guns NO Weapons

This is NOT the monthly Vets Hi-Po swap meet

Fill out reservation on back and mail to:

LBMTC 2298 Belmont Ave. Long Beach, CA. 90815

2nd Annual California RENDEZVOUS

Santa Maria

2023

October 22 - 26

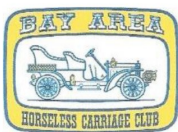
*Say Farewell ...
... to Summer*

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

*Join “Four California
Regional Groups” at the end
of Summer, and tour with us
in your Horseless Carriage,
through the beautiful Central
Coast region of California*



2022 People’s Choice Award
1909 Pierce Arrow
Vaughn & Lynette Vartanian



Tour Highlights:

- Relish a leisurely drive to the majestic Pacific Ocean.
- Explore charming Solvang, “The Danish Capital of America.”
- Visit a winery in the fabled Santa Ynez Valley.
- Tour a renowned Restoration Shop.
- *And more!*

Sign Up Today!

Tour Fee: \$150. per person (lodging not included)

Make your reservation today!

**Radisson
Santa Maria**

3455 Skyway Drive
(805) 928-8000

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

Abundant On-site Trailer Parking

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: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Questions?



Contact
Steven Chase

(323) 497-0601
NewNorthSouth@gmail.com

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 #: _____

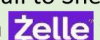

_____ persons @ \$150 each = \$ _____

_____ children age 15 & under
@ \$100 each = . . . \$ _____

Total
Enclosed = \$ _____

Complete form and mail along with
check payable to "Sheryl Hunter" to:  **- or -**

Sheryl Hunter
1421 Carmelita Pl
Arcadia, CA 91006

Complete form and email to Sheryl
along with payment via  to: 

sheryl.hunter8@gmail.com

Registration deadline August 31, 2023

