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Palm Springs Tour

Mar 13-16

Details on page 3

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Sign up for this tour with:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2023

Feb 8 Board Meeting-5:30 Maggie's

Feb 12-14 Winter Renegade Tour, p.4

Mar 8 General Meeting

Mar 13-16 Palm Springs Tour, p.3

Mar 17-18 Chickasha Swap Meet

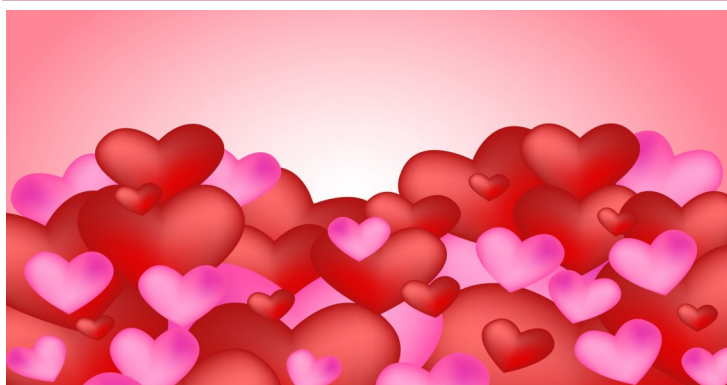
Mar 24-26 MTFCA Annual Meeting

Apr 14-16 Swap Meet at Tulare

**Apr 27 Pre-Tour Campo Train Museum
with lunch at Janna's**

Oct 7-8 Speedster Run

**General Meetings are held at Marie
Callender's in 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.mtfcsd.org

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President's Message

February 2023

Hi all,

As I start my year as President of the Model T Club of San Diego, I want to thank everyone for this opportunity.

This year we will be having several tours ranging from one day to multiple days. I invite everyone to participate in as many as you can. We will be going to Palm Springs for a multiple-day tour starting and ending at the Pepe's home. We currently have 8 cars, but it would be nice to have more.

There will be a tour starting and ending at Janna's home with a lunch at Janna's. If you cannot do the tour, we welcome you to attend the lunch. Just let Janna know that you will be attending.

Also, we have a tour planned to the Chula Vista waterfront. Details will be in this and upcoming newsletters.

Our general meetings are increasing in attendance. It would be great if we can get everyone to attend.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year and happy touring!

John Chapman



MTFCSD Springs Tour to Palm Springs

The MTFCS D spring tour to Palm Springs is scheduled for March 13-17, 2023. All local Model T Ford Club are welcome to participate, just RSVP to Tony at 619-922-3954

On the **Monday**, the group will meet at the home of Karen & John Pepe in Temecula. We will leave about 1pm and take all back roads to Banning and then the Railway Road east to Hwy 111, avoiding Hwy 10. We will then run into Palm Springs to stay at the Days Inn. At the request of several members, we have upgraded both hotels used on the tour from those originally scheduled.

On **Tuesday** we will take a leisurely trip to the base of San Jacinto where will leave the cars and take the tram (~\$30) to the top of the mountain. There will have a leisurely lunch and then return to Days Inn.

Wednesday will be a visit to the Palm Springs Air Museum (~\$22). A light lunch is available in the museum. After the museum, participants can either return to the Days Inn for a swim or wander around Palm Springs.



Thursday we will leave Days Inn and head east towards Cathedral City where we can visit the Zoo (optional) and have lunch. Following lunch, the Ts will head south eventually picking up HWY-86 and then west towards Borrego springs. For this one night we suggest the Palm Canyon as they have a nice pool. Assuming I make the tour, dinner at Carlees is on Tony.

On **Friday** we drive the Ts back up Montezuma Grade through Ranchita and Warner Springs to Temecula for lunch and then trailer or drive back to San Diego

This is a no frills tour, no tour fee, no goodie bags and most meals on your own

Hotels

Monday thru Thursday (13-16 Mar)
Day Inn by Wyndham Palm Springs
1983 N. Palm Canyon Drive
Palm Springs CA 92262
(760) 459-2402
Queen Room \$546 for 3 nights

Thursday - Friday (16-17 Mar)
Palm Canyon & RV Resort
221 Palm Canyon Drive
Borrego Springs CA 92004
(760) 615-0339
Queen Room \$158 for 1 night

Note:

*My booking was done through Bookings.com which I highly recommend
TonyB (619)922-3954*

HCCSC-MTFCSC 2023 Winter Renegade Tour

Sunday morning, February 12th — Tuesday afternoon, February 14th

Day One – Sunday 02/12: **Beverly Hills**



Trailer to, and unload at, the Hollywood Heritage Museum 9:AM.

Visit museum (early opening just for us), tour Mulholland Dr. and Franklin Canyon (The Andy Griffith Show), self-guided walking tour of Rodeo Drive, lunch, then back to pick up trailers and on to La Quinta Inn Newbury Park, 5 o'clock social by the pool.

Day Two – Monday 02/13: **Malibu**



Tour over the Santa Monica Mountains to Malibu, lunch on the sand at the Paradise Beach Café. 5 o'clock poolside social back at the La Quinta Inn.

Day Three – Tuesday 02/14: **Camarillo**

Camarillo (route TBA), Final Award Banquet luncheon then, either trailer home that evening or stay an additional night at the La Quinta Inn.



Tour fee: \$35.00 per-person plus "pay as you go" at each destination. Collectible on tour.

RSVP with your name, phone, e-mail and names of passengers to:

Steven Chase, (323) 497-0601 newnorthsouth@gmail.com



La Quinta Inn, Thousand Oaks: \$89.00/night.
1320 Newbury Rd, Thousand Oaks, CA 91320
(805) 499-5910 **Push 5 for the Front Desk (not 1 for reservations)**
and ask for Taylor the Manager, or Lalo

Blocked Rooms under the name; "HORSELESS CARRIAGE CLUB"

We each need to individually call the La Quinta Inn directly and reserve a blocked room to be secured with our own credit cards.

Questions?

Contact Tour Leader Steven Chase, (323) 497-0601 newnorthsouth@gmail.com

HCCSC contact: Jim Diener (626) 788-6334 jtdiener@yahoo.com

MTFCSC contact: Debbie Francis dd1276@yahoo.com



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Eric Brown
Ray Galdi
Roy Galdi
- 2nd Denny Hafer
- 5th Anne Lambrecht
- 6th Norm Kling
- 11th Jerry Yeadon
- 12th Bill Shumate
Ross Nelson
- 14th Jay Watkins, Sr.
- 19th Caroline Henry

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: Ron Lambrecht (wow!), Karen Pepe, Jerry Yeadon, Janna Laughon, and Steven Chase.

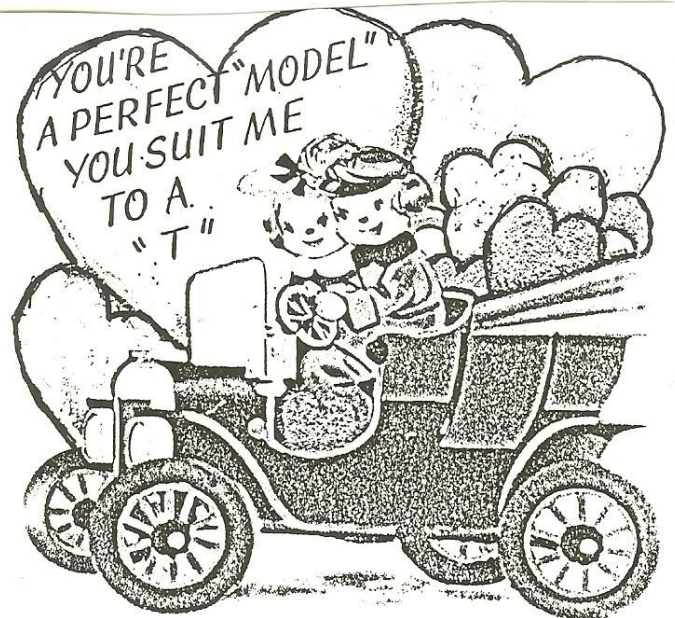
If you have articles, photos or a tech article to share, please send them along!


Happy
Valentine's Day

Diane

Deadline for submissions for the March 2023 newsletter: Feb. 25. Please send articles, tour info, pictures, "for sale" items 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.



Contributed by Sam Judd

An Anthropomorphic Tale by The Model T Ford Who Traveled From Wenatchee to Mexico (Part 2)

By Jerry Yeadon

I am a 1921 Model T Ford Touring car, telling my story. Originally, I was bought to be the car for a family who lived on an apple farm in the Wenatchee valley. After ten years I was replaced by a newer car and left in the barn for the kids to play on.

A year later another farmer bought me and I was driven away and put to work on a wheat farm near Goldendale on the Colombia River. The farmer bought a tractor conversion kit from Montgomery Ward and that is when I stopped being a car.

First he took off my top and all of my fenders. Then the running boards and splash shields went. My parts were stacked behind the barn. Next he cut off the rear seat and set me up on blocks. Now that I was down to my frame, motor and front seat he took off my wood spoke front wheels and tires and installed iron wheels with metal spokes. Later a man came with a welding outfit, took off my rear spring, and made my frame longer. Then he bolted a long tube under my frame and attached two large wheels with cleats along with a bull ring which was driven by a gear on the end of each rear axle. Finally they welded a hook on the back of my frame so I could haul a wagon and drag a plow.

So, they turned me into a tractor and put me to work pulling a small plow to get the family vegetable garden ready for planting. I was OK with the garden because I thought I was going to plow the wheat fields which were enormous. As I pulled the plow up and down the field I could see Mt. Adams when I plowed to the north and Mt. Hood when I plowed to the south. I mainly worked hard in the early spring when the snow was gone and it was still cold, so I did not overheat too much. During the summer I hauled a wagon from the garden out to the main road where the farmer's wife and kids sold strawberries and vegetables at a stand. I worked like this for many years. One day I heard a strange knocking noise way down inside my engine. I don't remember the farmer putting oil in my engine for a long time and I wondered what was going to happen. To be continued...

Some things I have noticed during my first few weeks while living in San Miguel:

- I have ridden in more taxis in my first week here than I have in my whole life.
- I carry more money because most things are paid for in cash.
- At the neighborhood stores you buy eggs individually and not by the carton.

Jerry Yeadon

The Kearny High Alumni Association
Presents the

All proceeds help benefit
the K.H.S. Scholarship fund



5th Annual Kearny Alumni Car Show

Saturday Feb 25th, 2023

Live entertainment by



9:00am-2:00pm

Kearny High School
1954 Komet Way, San Diego 92111

Awards
Raffles
Food
Fun
and
Live Music!



Open to the public - Free for spectators. Open to all
makes/models/years of cars, trucks and motorcycles.



\$30
Pre-Registration
includes
lunch & raffle ticket

Register by Wed Feb 1st to receive
A FREE Dash plaque, lunch and
A FREE raffle ticket
for a chance to win \$50

Rain Date:
TBA



Entry fee payable to: K.H.S. Alumni Association
Mail to: Kearny High Alumni Association
P.O. Box 710700 San Diego, Ca 92171-0700
Need more info, call (619) 201-8207

Day of registration covers entry only.
(NO dash plaque, or raffle ticket.)
Online registration available at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/497008304217>

Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone#: _____ Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

NO REFUNDS. Please adhere to any and all pandemic regulations that may be applicable at the time of the event.
All entrants hereby release and discharge Kearny High School, Kearny High Alumni Association, their officials and all sponsors from any known or unknown damages, injuries, losses or claims
that may occur on the way to, during the event or after leaving the premises. If severe weather conditions arise, the event will be rescheduled.

Signature: _____

LOGO CONTEST

San Diego Model T Club members only:
We need some great National Tour 2024 logo ideas!

Creator of the winning logo receives:

**1 year pre-paid membership in San Diego MTFC for 2024
Free National Tour T-shirt AND *Bragging Rights***

Guidelines:

Size: For front of t-shirts: approx. 3-1/2" wide x 2-1/2" tall color logo-any shape.

No smaller than 3"x3" when text is added above and/or below logo.

Text: "MTFCA 2024 National Tour" and "Hosted by MTFCSD"

Text must be readable in the smallest size version of your logo (T-shirt front)

Please include the tour name in your design.

Tour name: "Trails Less Traveled", try to include "San Diego" in the design.

Will also be used in Vintage Ford ads for the tour and will be enlarged for T-shirt backs.

Send questions and entries to: dianemac2015@gmail.com by April 15.

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

2024 National Tour Planning Meeting

March 23, 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: Thursday, March 23 at 6 p.m. at Chuck West's home, 2643 Greyling Dr, SD

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



Ron's Rebuild

by Ron Lambrecht

I am convinced Henry Ford's 1st, 2nd, and 3rd priority when building the Model T was how many cars he could get out the door per hour. There was little consideration for us poor maintenance folks who might have to repair his cars down the road! Oh, there were bulletins, and the like, to ease the pain but good thing labor was inexpensive back in the day as labor is what it takes. Just being honest here!

For the past month I have been reworking portions of my engine and transmission, which requires removal from the car. I will spare the details but essentially the body had to be lifted from the frame, everything in the engine compartment had to be removed, or moved, to include disconnecting the steering column and positioning it to one side, and of course, all the other incidentals the engine and transmission are connected to. Okay, I understand that the steering column does not have to be repositioned, but in order to keep paint where it is intended to be, most everything has to be removed or moved that resides within "twelve feet" of the engine.



I experienced clutch slippage on the last two tours I participated in. I cranked the set screws down on the pressure plate fingers about as far as I could go and was able to continue on the tours but climbing steep hills became a "religious experience." I was running a Watts clutch and so I thought the problem resided in the fiber discs. The picture of the three rows of three multiple discs per row are of the Watts clutch and the single disc pictured is a Watts fiber disc. I bought a turbo 400 clutch replacement and began collecting parts in anticipation of doing the repairs.



The picture of the smaller multi-spline discs and multi-splined center hub are the 400 turbo. As a matter of explanation, the Watts clutch requires replacing the original large metal discs with fiber discs while the turbo clutch uses small fiber discs to replace the small metal ones and requires using the original large metal discs. John Pepe provided me with four of the large discs but I ended up buying nine more



from Chaffin's. In anticipation of replacing the clutch I was able to find another pressure plate on eBay so I restored it and installed the recommended stronger replacement spring.





When I removed the old pressure plate and checked the condition of the Watts clutch I discovered the fiber discs were in good condition with the exception of the outer edges where the old style brake drum lugs had worn the edges of the notches, but not enough to cause my clutch to slip. The problem resided elsewhere.



Upon further investigation I discovered the pressure plate fingers were so badly worn around the pivot holes that I no longer was able to apply even pressure against the discs. You will notice in the picture that the pivot holes were worn thin and the pins were worn as well, which con-

tributed to the problem. My old style brake drum had seen better days so another call to Chaffin's



and I became the proud owner of a new brake drum that included the metal sleeves for the internal lugs. The attached pictures show the installation of the new turbo clutch. The low gear and

reverse drums were in good condition along with all of the bronze bushings so I think the clutch and transmission problems are now fixed. The Kevlar band lining held up well on the reverse and low gear drums. The brake band on the other hand, not so much. I could have probably removed it and flipped it over but I decided to replace it.





This past summer I attended the Long Beach swap meet and bought a .270 cam. In the process of replacing my original cam I inspected the crank case and discovered it was as pristine as the day Tony built it ten years ago. I won't be touching a thing Tony built in the crank case and the SCAT crank (another Tony recommendation) sure looks good residing in the bottom end of my engine.



I decided to add a dress-up kit to the engine and to address, best I could, the various oil leaks. You haven't lived until you engage in the cleaning and preparation of a Model T engine/transmission pan for painting. My trousers weighed a pound more at the end of the day due to the

oil that was absorbed during the process. On a positive note, all of the sheet metal I cleaned and painted was quite solid and rust free.



The "dress-up" pieces serve two purposes. One, the aluminum panels have a racy look (for those into that sort of thing) and, two, the ¼ inch thick aluminum is stiffer than the original sheet metal and tends to create a nicer fit. As mentioned in several Ford bulletins, the screws should not be overtightened on the valve cover as it will distort the cover. The aluminum cover poses no such problem nor does the pan inspection cover.

It is almost impossible to build a Model T that does not leak oil somewhere but I am working on it with a vengeance. Another problem area for me is the hogshead where the pedals enter the casing. I solicited help from my machinist neighbor, Bruce Barker, and he did not let me down. Bruce has helped me with multiple projects over the years and his skill set is second to none. You will see in the attached pictures the dies he made in order to line bore and then sleeve the three pedal cams. After one hundred years of pedal use the cams needed some work and Bruce's solution fit the bill.



The new cam required a longer front bearing as the front lobe is shorter than the original. I replaced the center bearing as well. Two steel and one bronze thrust washer was added to the front of the camshaft gear, which rests against the inside of the outer cam gear housing and keeps the cam from sliding forward.





The shorter front lobe and the longer bearing combine to create an opportunity for forward movement of the cam. The thrust washers prevent this from happening.

Imagine my surprise when I discovered the new aluminum ribbed valve cover did not clear the alternator. Another trip to my machinist and he was able to create sufficient room by removing the lower right fin on the cover and milling additional clearance out of the abundant thickness of the cover.



The engine is back in the car at this point and I hope that at the time of Diane's posting of this article I am back on the road. Giddy-up, Ron.



Engine and transmission upgrades include:

- Bosch distributor and electronic ignition
- "Z" high compression head
- Aluminum pistons, modern valves and adjustable lifters
- Scatt counter balanced crankshaft
- .270 camshaft with new center and front bearings
- High volume intake manifold plus dual exhaust
- OF Stromberg carburetor
- Alternator
- Turbo 400 clutch



Ron Lambrecht





Registration for 27th Annual SCMTC Speedster Endurance Run and Low Land Tour

Sponsored by the Sun Country Model T Club, Phoenix, Arizona

Tucson, Arizona April 1 and 2, 2023

Driver: _____ Navigator: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Car Make and Model: _____ Year: _____ Number: _____

Entry as: Speedster Class _____ Other Class _____

Insurance Company Name: _____

Policy Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Speedster Run including Driver and Navigator \$135 \$ 135

Additional Persons for Sunday Banquet \$40.00 ea. \$40 x ___ = \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: SCMTC

Mail your registration by Monday,

Hotel Reservations – for SCMTC block rate of \$125 + taxes/night.

03/21/23 to:

Make reservations by 3/10/2023 to

obtain this rate. Mention Sun Country Model T Car Club Block

Dick Rash
4227 E Desert Forest Trail
Cave Creek, AZ 85331
480-656-6721 (leave a message if no ans.)
rrash@cox.net

Desert Diamond Casino
7350 S Nogales Hwy
Tucson, AZ 85756
520-342-3012

If you require RV parking information, contact Dick Rash.



Tulare

PRE-WAR SWAP MEET

and

AUTOMOTIVE JAMBOREE

APRIL 14-15, 2023

Tulare County Fairgrounds

Friday & Saturday 7am-5pm



ADMISSION
Only
\$**5**

Free Parking

Kids 12 & Under Free

All Service Members FREE with Valid I.D.

\$10 Wristband includes Pre-Swap Thursday,
Friday & Saturday Admission

TULARE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 620 SOUTH K STREET TULARE, CA. 93274
559.686.4707

Minutes of the General Meeting

January 29, 2023

Held at Filippi's Pizza Grotto, San Diego

Start Time: 2:05 PM Janna opened the meeting

Attendees: There were 37 members present including two new members

President Janna:

Called numbers for several raffle drawings, and updated the National Tour happenings (below)

Vice President John C:

Had nothing to report

Sunshine Chair John W.

Was not able to attend due to health issues

Treasurer Susie:

There are funds to keep the club running.

Secretary Karen:

Had nothing to report

Tour Chairman Kirby:

February 12th – 14th, Renegade Tour, Beverly Hills/Malibu/Ventura

Contact Steven Chase

March 13th – 17th, SD Palm Springs tour leaving trucks and trailers in Temecula, on to a Palm Springs over-night tour, dates and various stopping places (Tram, zoo, Air Museum) Details in the RR. Currently 9 cars, 13 people to attend.

contact Tony Bowker or Kirby Pray

April 1st – 2nd – Sun Country Model T's (AZ) Annual Speedster run out of Tucson, AZ,

contact Dana Crosby

April 13th – 16th – the Tulare Swap Meet at the fairgrounds at Tulare.

April 27th – SD National pre-tour to the Campo Train Station, meeting at Janna's home, BBQ at the end of the tour, attend the bbq if you cannot attend the tour! Please RSVP

Contact Janna Laughon or John Chapman

May 7th – All Ford (all years) Picnic Santee Lake from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Contact John Davidson (619) 729-7252

Editor Diane: has 16 pages so far for the upcoming RR!

Past President Chuck West: "Been nice"

Said goodbye to the past board members and hello to the new board.

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Minutes, continued

National Tour news:

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

March 23, 2023 - The next National tour meeting will be held at Chuck West's home at 6 p.m.

There is a contest for a logo that is needed for this tour, that can be printed onto T-shirts, etc., The motto for the tour is "Trails less Traveled". Please contact Diane with questions or submissions. Free membership in the club next year is the award if your logo is chosen.



Don Chappell Trophy for 2022 went to Karen Pape for her selfless and extensive work straightening out the club tax paperwork. John Chapman, our new president for 2023, had the pleasure of awarding the trophy.

Photo: Janna Laughon

Model T Ford Club of San Diego
Minutes of the Board Meeting
January 11, 2023
Maggie's Café, 6 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Janna Laughon, John Chapman, Chuck West, Diane MacPherson, Susie Murdock
Other members in attendance: Chuck West Jr., Rick Bucklew

Janna: Roster cleanup and editing in process, would like updated BD list.

Chuck: 27 people confirmed and paid dues; John C. paid during meeting-cash.

John C – VP Report: Annual Dinner at Filippi's, may need larger area near bar; trophy ready and patches mailed out for speedster run.

Karen: absent, taking care of sister.

Susie: present.

Kirby: absent, in San Francisco but provided written report on tours:

2/12-14 Renegade Tour-Beverly Hills/Malibu/Ventura. Contact Steven Chase.

3/13-3/17 Palm Springs Tour. Contact Tony Bowker or Kirby Pray.

3/22-3/26 National MTFCA meeting in Las Vegas. Tour by Orange County MTFCA-Orange County to Parker to Las Vegas and back. Contact Steven Chase.

4/13-4/16 Tulare Swap Meet

4/27/23 Pre-tour to Campo Train Museum plus lunch at Janna's. Contact John Chapman.

10/7-10/8 Speedster Run out of Temecula

10/11-10/15 Ryan Ramble-Cayucas, Hearst Castle, Morro Rock, Mission San Miguel, etc. Contact Steven Chase.

10/22-10/25 California Rendezvous-Santa Maria, CA. Contact Steven Chase.

John C: possible run from Sycuan/Otay Lakes/Chula Vista to Bay (SD Bay National Wildlife Refuge) for National Tour with possible stop at Salt Plant.

Orange County club to help with National. Room rates down to \$165/night.

Janna: school visit coming up

Diane: has articles coming in.

Sunshine Report: John W. is injured/ill; Marilyn Billingsley is ill (necessitating Kirby's trip to SF); Tony Bowker ill.

Janna: Need a release to allow others access and 2nd key to PO Box.

Door prizes for annual luncheon: \$260 approved for gift cards/cash prizes.

Next National Tour Meeting: Jan 19 at Chuck West's house, 6 pm. RSVP to Janna.

Adjourned at 7:33pm.

Respectfully submitted, Diane MacPherson

