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Don't Forget!

2023 Membership Renewal – Due by Jan 29, 2023 – \$20 (Renewal Form on page 3.)

2023 Installation Luncheon – January 29 at **12:30 PM** – Filippi's Pizza Grotto near Clairmont Mesa Blvd

Please RSVP for the luncheon along with your Membership Renewal Form. We're not collecting money for this event as everyone will order from the regular menu and pay for their own food and beverage. The restaurant will provide separate checks for us. Location:

Filippi's Pizza Grotto
5353 Kearny Villa Rd
San Diego 92123

UPCOMING EVENTS

2023

January 29 Installation Banquet
(See pages 13 & 14 for details)

Feb 12-14 Winter Renegade Tour

Mar 8 General Meeting

Mar 13-16 Palm Springs Tour

Mar 17-18 Chickasha Swap Meet

Mar 24-26 MTFCA Annual Meeting in
Las Vegas (flyer pg. 10)

Apr 14-16 Swap Meet at Tulare

Apr 27 Pre-Tour to Campo Train Museum

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 \$40 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

January 2023

I hope all of you had a lovely Christmas and anticipate a fantastic New Year. It's 2023 already! Wow! Time really flies!

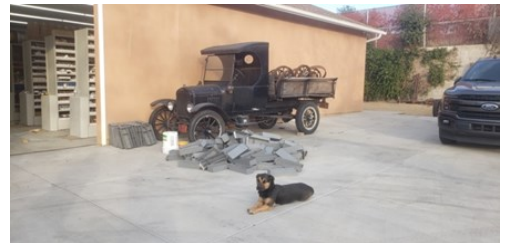
I spent Christmas at my sister's ranch near Elko, NV. All four of her kids and eight grandchildren were there. The little ones were ages one to seven years-old. Those one-year-olds scoot around super-fast and get into everything! The snow-covered ground was beautiful, and I experienced my first white Christmas. Fortunately, it didn't snow on the way up, but it might snow on my trip home.



Chaffin's new hand-painted sign.

progress, but it's much larger than their old place with lots of room to expand! It's also extremely organized and well lighted. The old shop was cute, but this is so much better!

Because I had way too many gifts to deliver for my family, I drove 15+ hours to get to the ranch. Along the way, I stopped off in Lake Elsinore to visit the new Chaffin's Garage location. It is still a work in



Glen's TT and the guard dog!



Greetings from Mexico! Jerry and Ana Yeadon send best wishes to our club from their new home. They decorated their Model T and drove around the village of San Miguel to celebrate Christmas. Their new home is beautiful and has an incredible garage to store the T!

Jerry plans on sending an article to Diane for a future *Ruckstell Review* with pictures and details about their move. His cell phone works in Mexico, so if you'd like to text or call him, it works just as if he was still in the USA.

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Respectfully,

Janna Laughon

2023 Membership Renewal

It's that time of the year when you need to renew your membership in our club. If there has been no change to the information listed in the 2022 Membership Roster, then just check the "No Change" box after your your name. Otherwise, please fill in the appropriate blanks.

REMEMBER, DUES ARE DUE JANUARY 29, 2023. DON'T BE LATE!

Name: _____ No Change
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
MTFCA Number: _____ Birthday (Month and day only): Him ____ Her: ____
T's that I own: _____

Send this form and \$20.00 to:

Membership, MTFCS
P.O. Box 23324
San Diego, CA 92193

2023 Installation Luncheon Reservation Form

Date: Sunday, January 29, 2023
Time: 12:30 - 4:00 pm
Place: Filippi's Pizza Grotto, 5353 Kearny Villa Rd, San Diego, CA 92123
(Close to Clairmont Mesa Blvd and The Butcher Shop Restaurant)
Cost: Order from menu -- Pay for your own meal and beverage
Dress in period attire and receive an extra door prize ticket

No charge for parking with plenty of room for your Model T if you bring it.

The restaurant will provide separate checks. Do not send money for the luncheon because everyone is paying for their own meal.

Please RSVP so we can let the restaurant know how many to expect.

Name: _____

Number attending in your party: _____

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 we 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*



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 7th Jerry Sherman
- 10th Charles Peters
Cathy Rising
- 18th Gwyn Reed
- 23rd Janna Laughon
- 24th Deborah Judd
Les Judd
- 25th Chuck Henry
- 29th Ron Lambrecht
John Van Haafton
- 30th Kirby Pray

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: Jerry Yeadon, Janna Laughon, and Steven Chase.

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



Diane

Deadline for submissions for the February 2023 newsletter: Jan. 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.

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An Anthropomorphic Tale by The Model T Ford Who Traveled From Wenatchee to Mexico

By Jerry Yeadon

My life began on a cold, grey, winter day in 1921 when I rolled out of the first West Coast Model T Ford assembly plant on Fairview Avenue in Seattle. My parts had been shipped by rail from the Rouge River plant in Detroit out to Seattle where I was put together to save money for the Ford Company. I was given Serial Number 5574507 that day and was one of many T's assembled waiting to be taken home by a new owner.

I felt strong and ready with my magneto charged, ten gallons of petrol in my fuel tank, and my radiator filled up to the word Ford stamped on the outside of my radiator shell. Five days later a farmer bought me and we drove over the Cascade Mountains to his apple farm in the Wenatchee Valley.

For the next eleven years I carried the farmer and his family from the farm to town, on trips to the river in the summer, and to church on Sundays. The horse and carriage I replaced had been retired. The horse was ridden by the children around the apple orchards and the carriage sat by me in the barn where I was parked.

My owner learned how to replace and adjust my transmission bands, change my oil, and keep my radiator and engine block from freezing in the winter. I was proud to become the car the family relied on and the three kids of the family called me, "Old Rattles."

Then, one day in 1932, a new car arrived on the farm. It sat low to the ground and had four doors instead of three like me. When the farmer lifted the hood of the new car the engine had eight spark plugs instead of four and the carburetor was on top of the engine instead of on the side.

After the new car arrived I sat in the barn by the carriage and was seldom used by the farmer and ignored by the kids. A year later another farmer bought me and I was driven away and put to work.



2022

To be continued...



HCCSC-MTFCSC 2023 Winter Renegade Tour

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

Day One:

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), tour the elegant Robinson Estate (opening just for us), lunch at Mel's Diner on the Sunset Strip, then trailer to La Quinta Inn Newbury Park for a 5 o'clock social by the pool.

Day Two:

Malibu

Tour over the Santa Monica Mountains to Malibu, lunch on the sand at the Paradise Beach Cafe, tour the historic Adamson House (if possible), 5 o'clock poolside social back at the La Quinta Inn.

Day Three:

South Ventura County (route TBA), Final Banquet luncheon at the Spanish Hills Country Club in Camarillo, then, you can 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.

HCCSC - MTFCSC Tour leaders: Jim Diener (626) 788-6334 jtdiener@yahoo.com,
Debbie Francis dd1276@yahoo.com, and Steven Chase (323) 497-0601
NewNorthSouth@gmail.com

Steven will be unreachable “other than by email” from 1/7/2023 through 1/21/2023).

Blocked Rooms under the name; “HORSELESS CARRIAGE CLUB”

La Quinta Inn, Newbury Park: \$89.00/night.

We each need to **individually call the La Quinta Inn** and reserve one of these blocked rooms and secure it with our own credit card.

(805) 499-5910 ...Friendly Manager; Taylor

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

2024 National Tour Planning Meeting

January 19, 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, January 19 at 6 p.m. at Chuck West’s home, 2643 Greyling Dr, SD

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



58th ANNUAL MEETING, MODEL T FORD CLUB OF AMERICA

MARCH 24 & 26, 2023 - LAS VEGAS, NV.



Registration must be postmarked by Feb 27th, or Early registration discount by Jan 16th

Please print your information CLEARLY, we are not responsible for errors due to illegibility.

Main registration contact:

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____ Email: _____
 City: _____ State, Zip: _____

Print names for name tags:

Print Home Model T Chapter Name:

* Registration Fee is per person (includes Friday evening reception, transportation & entrance to the Mob Museum, Lunch, afternoon Tour at the Shelby Museum and evening Awards Banquet at Gateway Classic Cars.



*Number of registrants:		← Early 1/16: x \$150 each =		← 1/17-2/17: x \$160 each =	\$
Optional Sunday morning activity		Nostalgia Street Rods Collection		x \$10 each =	\$
Commemorative Las Vegas Souvenir T Shirts		Total Shirt quantity =		x \$16 each = + \$3ea. 2X-3X	\$
Indicate selected Men's shirt size(s) and quantity below and enter total number of shirts in above quantity: *Additional \$3.00 each for sizes 2X & 3X				Totals:	\$
Small	Medium	Large	X-Large	*2X-Large	*3X-Large

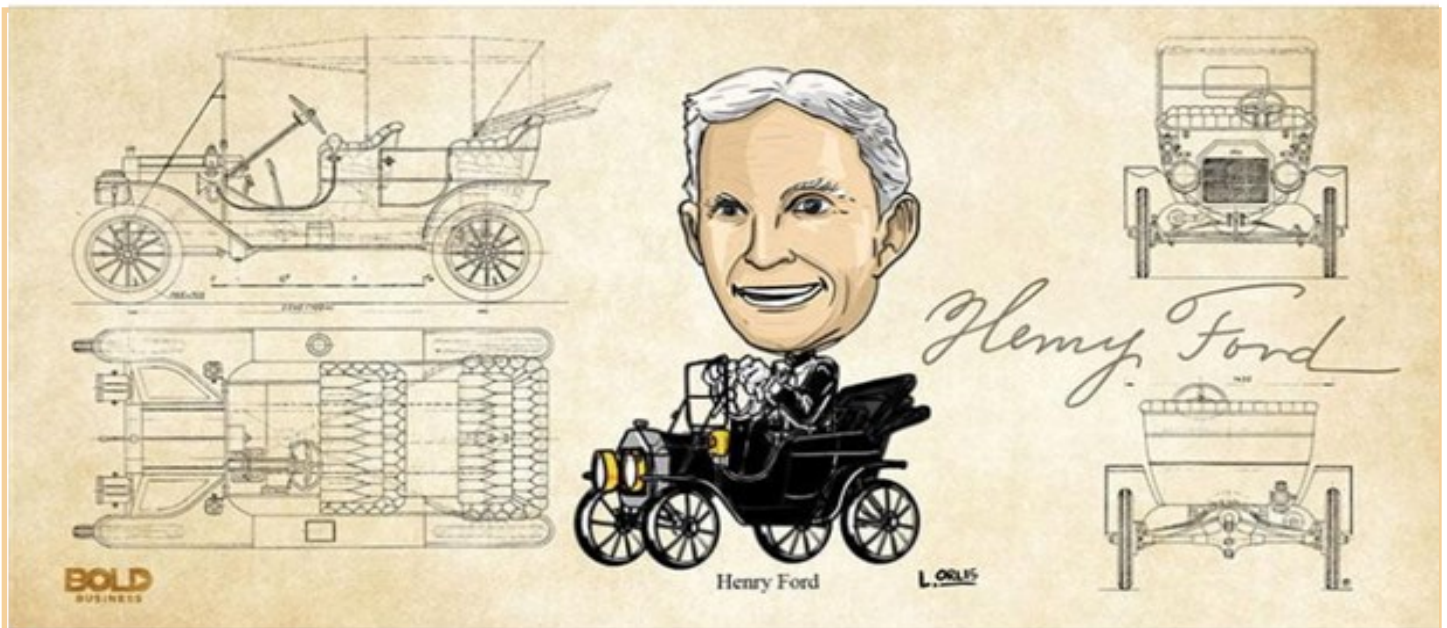
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

MTFCA 2023 ANNUAL MEETING, MAIL PAYMENT TO: RON CUSTER, 741 BARNEGAT BAY ST, HENDERSON, NV, 89052.

Participation is limited, don't miss out on super fun weekend, registration MUST BE POSTMARKED BY Feb 27, 2023.

HOST HOTEL: Staybridge Suites, 5735 Dean Martin Dr. Las Vegas, NV 89118. \$149 per night, rate includes all suites, breakfast, shuttles to/from airport, hotel & shopping. Rooms rates are blocked Thursday, March 23 with departure Sunday March 26. Additional days can be secured up to 2-day before &/or after for special rates subject to availability at time of booking. Call (702) 259-2663 and ask for the MTFCA 2023 Annual Meeting Group Rate or book using the on-line reservation, go to: <https://southernnevadamodeltclub.org/2023-annual-meeting> for additional information.

Need additional information, contact Ron Custer (702) 460-4474 or email: southernnevadamodelt@gmail.com



CHANGES TO MTFCA EXPLORERS PROGRAM

At their June 2022 board meeting, the MTFCA board of directors voted to discontinue the current Model T Explorer's youth newsletter program due to waning enrollment. The current program and newsletters will run through June 2023.

After a lengthy discussion at the June meeting and continued discussion at the September board meeting, the board voted to morph the program into one that supports youth attending the annual National Tour beginning with June 2023 National Tour.

The new Explorers program will offer a free or reduced registration rate for youth, under the age of 18, to attend MTFCA national tours. The 2023 Manhattan, Kansas Tour will include an assortment of activities for the youth in attendance and all youth registrations will be free.

Chapters' Free Membership

The MTFCA is once again extending the offer of **ONE FREE 2023 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP** to every chapter in good standing. Each chapter can determine how to award the membership, but it is suggested it be used as a recruiting tool to gain new members for your chapter. Free memberships are only available to Chapters that have successfully completed their insurance recertification requirements and must be claimed by June 30, 2023.

The Chapter contact person or president should notify the MTFCA business office by email or phone and provide the recipient's name and contact information.

Email: Rachel@mtfca.com or phone: 765-373-3106.

2023

**Tulare Pre-War Swap Meet & Automotive Jamboree
Pre-Registration & Information**

Bill Bennett (559) 967-0112

**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.

Bill Bennett (559) 967-0112

