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Merry Christmas!

There will be some changes in board positions for 2023. And let us welcome Director-elect Chase to the board as tour chairman.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2023

- January 29** Installation Banquet
(See pages 13 & 14 for details)
 - Feb 13-15** Valentine Tour in L.A.-SC
 - 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.

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President's Message

December 2022

November started with our annual visit to Vista Grande Elementary School in El Cajon. On Tues and Wed, I taught two one-hour lessons about the Model T and how it changed the world of transportation to three classes of fourth graders. That's about 115 kids in all!



As part of their *World of Work* curriculum, fourth graders in El Cajon learn about an entrepreneur, so I got to tell them about Henry Ford, one of the all-time greatest American entrepreneurs. The kids loved the pictures in the presenta-

tions, had fun singing the Model T *Pile of Tin* song (Honk, honk! Rattle, rattle! Crash, crash! Beep, beep!), and were really excited to see the cars come to school on Thursday.

The weather prediction called for a slight chance of rain. We thought about postponing the visit to the next week, but decided to stick with the original date. Good thing we did as it rained all day the following Thursday! We only had a little bit of drizzle for 20 minutes or so, and everything dried out before the kids came out to see our cars. Participants were: Norm Kling ('26 Touring); John Chapman ('26 Roadster); and Rick Bucklew & me ('11 Touring).

There was just enough rain to dampen the blacktop, but it was a bit windy and cold. After the rain, though, the sun came out, the water dried up, and the wind died down. It turned out to be a beautiful day!



(L-R) Norm, John, & Rick staying dry in Norm's car!

The kids loved the cars and thoroughly enjoyed honking the horns. They'd really like to see a car with a mother-in-law seat. Hopefully next year!

Respectfully,
Janna Laughon

4th Graders listening to Norm's Model T story.



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*



Anyone up for the challenge?



Sunshine

John Wilkinson took a fall and ended up in the hospital. He is in an acute care facility until about the 2nd week or so of December.



Tony Bowker was also in the hospital recently.

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.

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



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Craig French
- 10th Don Martin
Joye Socha
- 13th David Rossi
- 16th Eric Sayer
- 23rd Lori Lawrence
- 28th Keith Larson

EARLY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 7th Jerry Sherman

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:

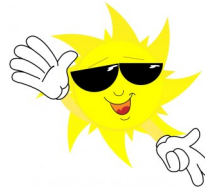
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From the editor...

Thank you for your newsletter contributions: Karen Pepe, Tony Bowker, Janna Laughon, Kirby Pray and Steven Chase.

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



Diane

Deadline for submissions for the January 2023 newsletter: Dec. 26. 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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Minutes of the General Meeting November 9, 2022

Held at Marie Callender's, San Diego, CA

Start Time: 7:15 PM Janna opened the meeting with the Pledge.

Attendees: There were 27 members present including all board members

President Janna:

Regarding the annual luncheon, we picked the usual date of the last Sunday in January, which is the 29th. The luncheon will be at Filippi's Pizza Grotto, see address below, thanks to John W. for finding somewhere for our annual event!

Vice President John C:

Motions were made for the soon to be vacant Vice-President spot when John C becomes president. Steve Chase was nominated but declined, Janna agreed to return as vice-president for 2023.

In the process of asking Steve Chase about the VP spot, it was suggested we nominate him for the Tour Chairman spot. Kirby has been our amazing tour chair for six years, and although this position is voted on in even years, he is ready for a break. Kirby has resigned, and Steve accepted this position, and therefore is now tour director-elect Chase...

Sunshine Chair John W.

Is actively sending cards as appropriate, please keep him informed. He also verified our luncheon will be at Filippi's Pizza Grotto, 5353 Kearny Villa Rd., San Diego. It was decided to not use the buffet, and they will issue separate checks.

Treasurer Susie:

There are funds to keep this club running.

Secretary Karen:

Trying to keep up with the news, and the texting for our future board member!

Tour Chairman Kirby:

January 29th – Annual luncheon date **Filippi's Pizza Grotto, 5353 Kearny Villa Rd, San Diego, beginning at 1:00 p.m.**

February 13th – 15th, SD Valentine's Week tour in Los Angeles, details to follow. Contact Steven Chase

March 13th – 17th, SD Palm Springs tour leaving trucks and trailers in Temecula, and after lunch at the Pepes, depending on timing, on to a Palm Springs overnight tour, dates and various stopping places (Tram, zoo, Air Museum) all TBD, details to follow, contact Tony Bowker

April 13th – 16th – the Tulare Swap Meet has moved to 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.

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Minutes of the General Meeting, continued...

Editor Diane MacPherson is appreciative of all the information she receives for the newsletter, please keep the information coming in!

National Tour news:

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

November 15th, 2022 - ***The next National tour meeting will be held at John W. home***

The Meeting was adjourned at **8:07 PM**

Respectfully submitted, Karen



Burma Shave Sign Set FOR SALE

La Jolla, CA

I purchased my Ford Model T Burma Shave signs in 1980 and after being their caretaker and steward for the past 42 years, I have finally decided to sell them. Prior to offering them on the Model T Ford Club of America website, I thought I would offer them on the San Diego website. By doing so, the local buyer can avoid shipping costs.

The price of the Burma Shave sign set is \$500.00 fair and firm. If not sold by December 15, 2022, I'll move forward to the MTFCA website.

Howard G. Singer

Cell: 619-980-4586

A Christmas Letter from the Stauffacher's



Dear Diane,

I am sending this to you, as yours is the only email address I have for the MTFCS. My apologies. Please pass this along to the Secretary or Treasurer. Thanks.

2019

Under separate cover, we submitted our membership "renewal". When we retired to Wisconsin back in 2012, we let the membership lapse. We miss reading about the club and what everyone is up to, so we decided to renew in order to get the newsletter, which you can send to my email address (no need for hard copy). Also, we still have our club badges.

Model T-ing in Wisconsin is in sharp contrast to southern California, mostly due to the almost complete lack of traffic. I can drive my Model T to any car event within a 40-mile range without any hassle from modern traffic. There is a large network of county roads that I use most of the time, occasionally getting onto a state highway. Because this is an agricultural area, most drivers are used to encountering slow-moving tractors and farm implements, so running into another slow-moving vehicle is no big deal. The touring season runs from May through October, with an average of two events per month, so I've plenty of opportunity to drive the T. Next year, the MTFCI is having a national tour in Baraboo, Wisconsin; so that event is definitely on our calendar!



2022

The nearest national chapters (MFTCA and MTFCI) are about 1-1/2 hours away, so I'm a "lone wolf" in that regard. Local Model T expertise is thin, so I rely upon the internet for advice (and an occasional call to Tony Bowker). However, there is an abundance of old car knowledge in this area, that helps with general car problems. Last year a valve spring in my Rajo head broke. I took it to the local machine shop to see if they could help. When I walked in and saw the place filled with all types of engines, including stuff from the 30's, 40's and 50's, I knew I was in the right place. About a month later, he called saying it was fixed. He found an identical spring off a modern Oliver tractor! Total charge: \$7.00. I was so happy to have it fixed, I tossed him a \$20 bill!

The centerdoor's restoration was completed in 2011. I did body and paint, finishing it with seven coats of hand-rubbed lacquer. Interior was a Cartouche kit; a local upholsterer did the seats. Today, I put the car in winter hibernation. The car cover is on, battery tender connected and up on blocks. I normally run the engine for about 10 minutes each month during winter.

That's about it for now. Merry Christmas and have a safe and happy 2023!

Dave & Shirley Stauffacher





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

My California Rendezvous

By Diane MacPherson

On Sunday, October 23 I drove up from San Diego to Paso Robles via Highway 101 through Santa Barbara (and on into Solvang). My GPS took me into Solvang in an unfamiliar neighborhood but once I located Mission Santa Inez I got my bearings. I parked at the back of the Mission parking lot, strolled through the back gate into Birkholm Bakery's parking lot, and walked around front to buy their amazing butter cookies to share at the evening's Nosh Table at the Paso Robles Inn.

My arrival in Paso Robles for the First Annual California Rendezvous tour was just early enough to check in and score a ride for the shakedown tour in which everyone tested out their cars. We weren't sure where we were going, but all made it back to the Inn unscathed.



There were more than 50 amazing cars on this four-region Horseless Carriage Club tour: Pope Hartford, Buick, Pierce Arrow, Apperson, Dodge, Rambler, Cadillac, Marmon and more, plus more than 25 Ford Model T's. If you're organizing a tour, and you want to fill a hotel parking lot with antique cars...invite your Model T friends.

Although it was icy cold each morning when we started out, the temps warmed up into the 70's every day so we had gorgeous touring weather.

Monday's "California Cowboy Country Tour", led by Jim Skillicorn of Salinas Valley Horseless Carriage Club, took us to visit Brassworks first. I had the pleasure of riding with Jim and Donna Diener—they kept me entertained with their witty repartee. At the Brassworks, Lee gave us a tour and explained their many processes. It was an informative look into how they work their magic on all types of radiators and other brass challenges.



Next we drove on to the "earthquake capital of the world" at Park-



field, population 18, crossing over a small bridge above the San Andreas Fault to our lunch stop at the V6 Ranch. Gregg Wilkerson took the outdoor stage to tell us about local earthquake lore.

Then, it was back to the Inn and our 5 p.m. Happy Hour/Nosh; followed by dinner at your choice of restaurants. The Paso Robles Inn property faces the "town square", which is a charming park surrounded by a mix of small restaurants/bars and shops offering just about anything you might want just a short walk away.

On Tuesday, the Diener's kicked me out of their Model T and told me to try something fancier—so I was all set to ride with the Hunters in their Pope Hartford, when I was told there had been a change of plans.

My California Rendezvous, continued...

They offered me as navigator for Ted Bowers, whose wife wasn't feeling well and chose to stay behind at the Inn. As it turns out, Ted's car was the other Pope Hartford on the tour. We rode top down to take advantage of the sunny spots on the tree-lined and dustless dirt back roads we traveled on the way to Morro Bay. Several drivers raced a herd of deer—turns out the deer just wanted to cross the road and made their move right in front of a line of cars. Heart-stopping, but no harm done.

We saw flocks of wild turkeys, skinny ones who were determined to survive Thanksgiving. Vince O'Brien of the Bay Area Horseless Carriage Club presented this leg of the tour—and it was beautiful! Once we arrived at Morro Bay, we parked near the Maritime Museum where we were allowed to wander until lunchtime at the Dockside Restaurant across the street.

On the way back, we stopped at the Templeton Historical Museum where we visited their many buildings, enjoying a wide variety of exhibits while people in town enjoyed looking at all the antique cars outside. Once again, back at the Inn, we had 5 p.m. Happy Hour, the Rusty Water Bar, and noshes in the central garden at the Inn. I enjoyed a delightful Thai dinner with Anne and Ron Lambrecht and Julie and Greg Cosner in a charming place across from the town square.

Wednesday's "Wine'dy Country Tour", led by Steven Chase, found us on more little-used roads as delightful as those on previous days. Riding in the Ottemann's Rambler, we passed dozens of wineries along the way to Pasolivo Olive Ranch where we were given a walking tour of the ranch followed by curated olive oil tastings. Two olive oil sommeliers taught us things that opened our eyes to a greater understanding of olive oil. It was fascinating. The bitter Cucina was a favorite of one table; the Basil was preferred at my table.

We had boxed lunches and then a photo-op for the cars on the hill below the olive trees. Afterward, we visited the Estrella Warbirds Museum back in town. The docents opened it up just for our group!

At 6 p.m. our Awards BBQ Banquet at the Backyard Restaurant completed this delightful California Rendezvous Tour.



Pasolivo Olive Ranch—cars on the hill.

Photo-Karen Pepe



Silvia Juarez Dennis and Michael Dennis in the back seat of the Pope Hartford.



FOR SALE

1915 Ford Touring

Larry Blair/Tin Shed built engine w/Scat crank and aluminum high compression head

Ruckstell two-speed axle, rebuilt by Norm Kling w/new axles

Rocky Mountain Brakes, relined by Andy's Garage

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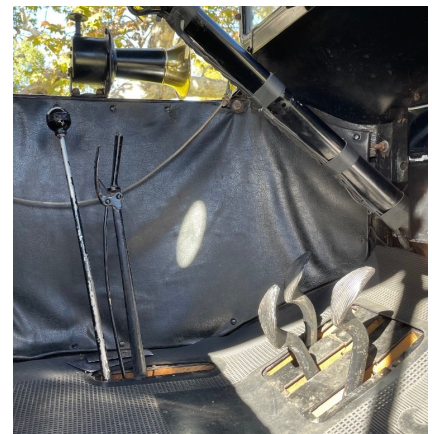
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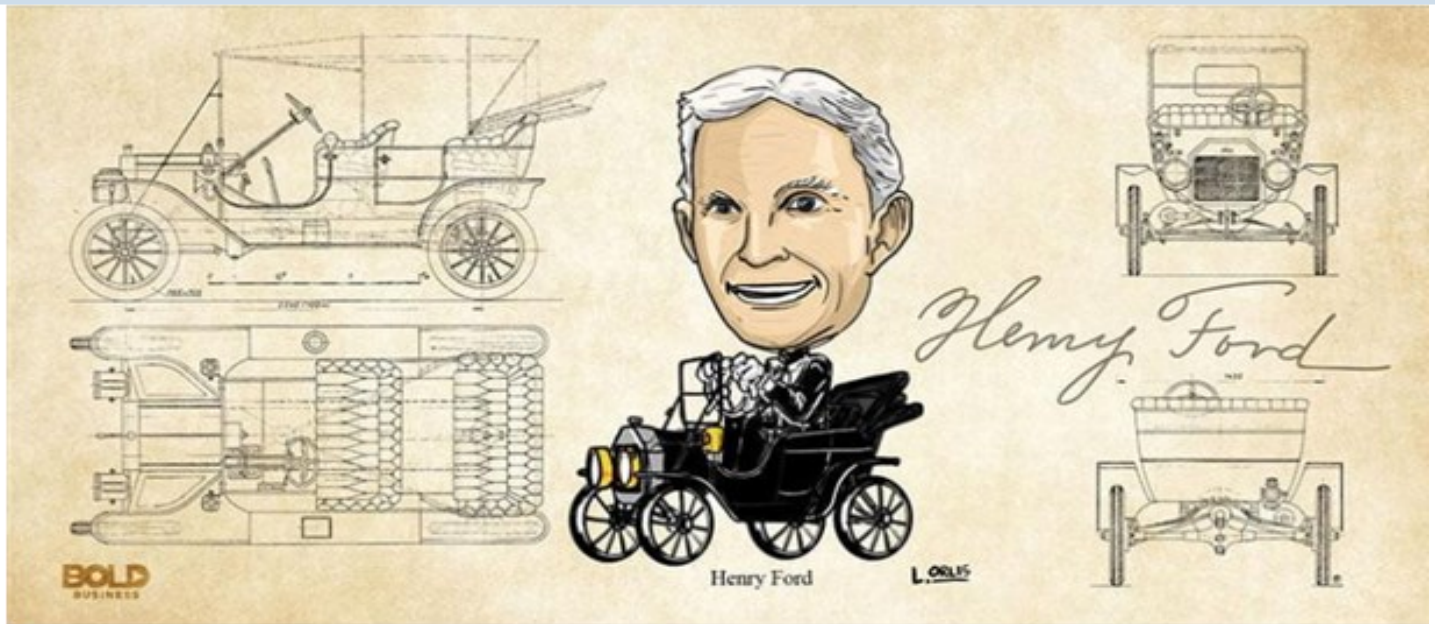


Important Future Information

2023 Membership Renewal – Due by Jan 29, 2023 – \$20 (Renewal Form on page 13 of this newsletter)

2023 Installation Luncheon – January 29 at 12:30 PM – Filippi’s Pizza Grotto near Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Please RSVP for the luncheon 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



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: _____

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

