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May 10

Truck Museum and Buffalo Soldiers Museum

Meet 8:30am

Campo Truck (Motor Transport) Museum & Buffalo Soldiers Museum Tour

We will be departing from Janna Laughon's home, meeting at 8:30am departing at 9:00am. Traveling first to the Campo Truck Museum, then lunch at the Campo Cafe, followed by a tour of the Buffalo Soldiers Museum. Lastly returning to Janna's.



R.S.V.P. to Janna:

jannalaughon@gmail.com



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, 310 N. 8th St., Richmond, IN 47374. 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>

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President's Message

May 2025

Maggie's Cafe seemed to work well for our last meeting. So for now we will have all General and Board meetings there. They have a good, varied menu, good service considering how big a group we are, and they'll do separate checks! Noise from main dining room seemed manageable. (See below for meeting dates and times.)

We have many tours set up before the end of the year and they are listed in this Ruckstell Review. There is plenty of variety so please plan on joining us!

Kirby

San Diego T Club scheduled tours

July 4 – Coronado Independence Day Parade

July 17 – Chula Vista Nature Center

Sept 2-6 – Nevada Tour (Janna)

Oct 4 & 5 – Speedster Run (John C)

Oct 16-19 – Last Round-Up Tour (Ron)

Nov 7-9 – Brawley Rodeo and Parade (Ross)

2025 Board & General Meetings

Location: *Maggie's Café* in Serra Mesa

Time: 5:30 PM (Dinner with meeting following)

Meeting Dates:

Board – June 11; Aug 13; Oct 8; Dec 10

General – May 14; July 9; Sept 10; Nov 12

UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

May 2-3 Bakersfield Swap Meet

May 10 Buffalo & Truck Museums Tour

May 14 General Meeting 5:30 Maggies

July 17 Chula Vista Nature Center

July 19 Long Beach Model T Swap Meet

Sept 2-6 Nevada Tonopah-Goldfield Tour

Oct 4-5 Speedster Run, Borrego Springs

Oct 16-19 The Last Roundup Tour

Nov 7-9 Brawley Tour

OLD CAR CLUB ACTIVITIES

CALENDAR

Link to Old Car Club Activities Calendar hosted by
Model T Club and HCCA member Newell Booth:

<https://goo.gl/k7u5Ri>

Click on the link above or Ctrl+click OR copy the above
address, paste into your browser's search bar.



Coronado's 76th Annual Independence Day Parade

Friday, July 4, 2025

Contact Janna Laughon by June 13th if
you'd like to drive your Model T in
the parade. Only 10 cars are allowed
in our group!



2025 Speedster Run October 4&5

Hotel Reservations for Oct 4
Palm Canyon Resort & RV Park

Call 1(805)691-8086

Mention: ***Model T Ford Club of San Diego***

Approximately \$183 including tax



This year's Swap Meet dedicated to the memory of Bill Bennett

MAY 2 & 3 - 2025

Brass Era / Pre-war Swap Meet



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Minutes of the Board Meeting - April 9, 2025

Held at Maggie's Café in Serra Mesa

Start Time: 6:33 Kirby opened the meeting.

Attendees: Kirby, Eric, John C, John W, John & Karen Pepe, Susie, Rick, and Janna

REPORTS:

President Kirby suggestions:

Our Board and General meetings all start at 5:30 PM to avoid confusion.

Everyone will review the Bylaws for updates

Vice. Pres. Rick wants us to all get more people with Model Ts to get involved in our club

Secretary Janna –

Add Website Security to our site - approx. \$55 a year for two years

Acquire MTFCSO.com domain in May 2026

Borrego Springs Speedster Run reservations Oct 4 – Call 1(805)691-8086 – mention Model T Ford Club of San Diego – \$183 for the night

Treasurer Karen – We have \$7649.49 (bank); \$234 (petty cash)

Tour Chm. John C

May 10 – Campo Truck Museum & Buffalo Soldiers (Ross)

July 4 – Coronado Independence Day Parade (Janna)

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Nov 7-9 – Brawley Rodeo and Parade (Sat) (Ross)

Editor Diane asks to get *Ruckstell Review* items to her by the 24th of the month

Member At Large John W has not been able to attend meetings.

Membership Mandy was unable to attend. She emailed the Roster/Directory to all members in a downloadable PDF form. Email her if you find any errors.

Historian Eric – It's hard to get correct dates before the 1600s!

Sunshine Chm. Susie – Sent a card to Dee Reed

Past Pres. Janna – We're in the process of updating the Bylaws

Additional: None

End Time: 7:15 PM

Janna Laughon,
Secretary



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 8th Judy Burrell
- 9th Max Treece
- 12th Gail Wilson
- 18th Chuck West
- 23rd Steven Chase
- 24th Gil Klecan
- 28th Cheryl Shumate

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1st John Chapman
- 5th Sandra Faydo
- 7th Mike Socha
- 13th Rick Bucklew



From the editor...

Thank you for your newsletter contributions: Ross Nelson, Bob Anderson, John Chapman, Eric Brown, Ron Lambrecht, Jan-na Laughon, and all who contributed.

For all the rest of you, if you have articles, photos or a tech article to share, please send them along! Diane

Deadline for submissions for the June newsletter is May 24, 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.

FOR SALE



Don B 15
roadster

Please contact Peter Eastwood for details

peastwood51@hotmail.com

38th Annual Speedster Run

October 4 & 5, 2025

Borrego Springs, CA

"We've been here before, but found a new route!"

Hotel Information:

Palm Canyon Hotel & RV Resort

\$169 a night plus TAX - No added resort fee

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Blast from the Past

By Eric Brown

The Great San Diego Flood of 1916

After facing a historic drought during the whole of 1915, the San Diego city council turned to Charles Hatfield, a sewing machine salesman and professional “rainmaker,” to ease their concerns. For the measly price of \$10,000 (\$316,600 in 2025 money), Hatfield agreed to use his self-built “moisture accelerator” to produce enough rain to fill the Morena reservoir within a year, thus solving the city’s drought problem. Before a contract was officially signed, Hatfield began construction on a 20-foot tower east of the city near present-day Morena Reservoir Headquarters just north of Campo. Shelley Higgins, a local who lived in a cottage near the reservoir, remarked in his memoirs that he was passing on a “field trip” in his Model T when he saw the tower and occasional puffs of smoke and heard muffled explosions, whereupon he “smiled—[hoped] indulgently—and went on about [his] business.”

Soon, dark and ominous clouds began to form. What followed over the course of January and early February of 1916 was an unprecedented downpour – 30 inches of rain fell throughout east county, filling reservoirs and ultimately destroying the Sweetwater, Morena, and Otay dams. A 40-foot wall of water surged towards San Diego, severely flooding many areas of the city and washing away homes, farms, bridges, and businesses. Mission Valley flooded completely. 188 million gallons of water continued to flow out of the reservoirs every hour for over a week. The death toll was somewhere between 12 and 50 people, with countless more losing their homes.



Blast from the Past, continued

By Eric Brown



Hatfield claimed he fulfilled his terms of the contract in the wake of the disaster, but the city council refused to pay him his \$10,000 until he accepted liability for the \$3.5 million in damages caused by the floods.

Hatfield tried to settle for less money and ended up suing the city for years. At the end of the suit, it was ruled that the flood was officially an “act of God,” which released Hatfield from any liability. God also claimed the \$10,000 and Hatfield was never paid. The calamity was so great and unique, the U.S. Department of the Interior published an 80-page report about the incident, which you can still find online (see below for link).

Links for more pictures and information:

<http://sunnycv.com/history/exhibits/flood.html#05>

<https://sandiegohistory.org/journal/1970/january/hatfield/>

U.S. Dept. of the Interior Survey: <https://pubs.usgs.gov/wsp/0426/report.pdf>

Photos—Bob Anderson



Brought to you by The Early Ford V-8 Club of San Diego



All Ford Picnic

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**There is no fee to be part of the picnic, but the Park charges \$7 per car.
For more information email => AllFordPicnic@Gmail.com <=or call (619) 300-4280**



Carlton Hills Lutheran Church



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2025

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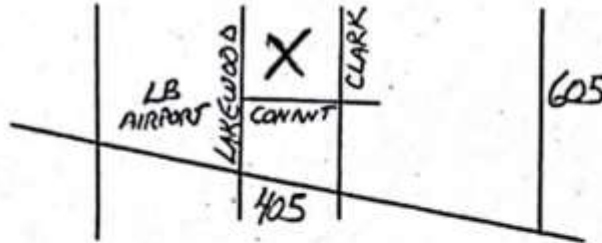
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Come join the Cattle Drivers of the Model T Ford Club of San Diego for a
Best Bib and Tucker event this side of Tombstone

The Last Roundup Tour

Thursday, Oct 16 to Sunday, Oct 19, 2025

*Wind that blows, that comes and goes, is your only home.
But will the wild wind one day cease, and you'll no longer roam?
Move along, J. Harding. The next pastures always so green
Driftin' on, J. Harding, don't forget the things you have seen.
And when you will settle down, where will it be?*





Okay buckaroos and buckettes, you can yarn the hours away but don't get ambushed by the clock. This last round-up promises to be an ace-high hootenanny.

"Sister, get your dress from the old clothesline
There's gonna be a party at the county line
Old cousin Luke's gonna do it up right
There's gonna be a party tonight"

The event will begin with a Thursday afternoon, October 16 arrival and check-in at the Pala Mesa Resort (2001 Old Hwy 395, Fallbrook, Ca. (760-728-5881)). A boot Scootin' Ice Breaker around the Rusty Water Bar will occur at 5:00PM in the parking lot. The fun filled three day tour will begin on Friday, Oct 17 with a tour of the picturesque southern coast of California from Oceanside to Del Mar (or further if you like). Linking a string of charming beach communities, Historic Highway 101 hugs the Pacific Ocean and offers a taste of California's surf culture that can't be duplicated anywhere in the world.

Day two will feature a road rally/tour. It is not a race and the directions will be clear. The intent is not to get you Cattle Drivers lost but to stimulate your creative juices as you progress along the trail. You will be presented with questions about the surroundings you encounter. Yes, it is a competitive event with valuable and highly coveted prizes awarded to the top three finishers so a navigator with a clip board is strongly recommended. Cars will depart in 2 minute intervals. Incremental departures are meant to keep participants from playing "follow the leader!" Yeah, like that is going to work!! The rally will culminate with an opportunity to visit Old Town Temecula followed by a BBQ at John and Karen Pepe's Ponderosa. Tri-tip, pulled pork, baked beans, and coleslaw will be served. Refreshments are of your own making.

Day three will consist of a tour to the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum in Vista where you will participate in the October Engine and Tractor Festival. Entry is free for your car, driver and one passenger.

Evening festivities will bring you back to your days of old. Therese King will lead a game of "Annie Annie Over" and Ken Larson will choose sides for "Red Rover, Red Rover." Tom and Anne Bekel will serenade the cattle drovers, for their own enjoyment.....with no consideration for others! Mark Nielsen will be giving poker lessons. The last time we played I know he was cheating because I was cheating and he beat me!

You know, this was not in the brochure...but we're not dead yet!!

So, don't be stepping on any compressed hay. Get a wiggle on and make a grubstake at the Pala Mesa hotel. Don't forget to Pony Express your registration. Giddy-up.

MTFCSD extends an invitation to the Model T and Horseless Carriage Clubs for



The Last Roundup Tour

October 16-19, 2025



Check-in for tour on October 16 at Pala Mesa Resort—2001 Old Hwy 395, Fallbrook, CA

Ice Breaker social at 5 p.m.

(It's a busy season for weddings and wine tasting, so get a wiggle on and make a grubstake ASAP.)

(760)728-5881—www.palamesa.com. Tour is limited to 50 cars. Indicate you are a participant in "The Last Roundup Tour" and use the Code: TLRU25.

Please print clearly using ink. Include an email address for updated tour info.

Driver Name _____ Passenger _____

Mailing Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Email: _____ **Cell Phone for tour and roster:** _____

List names of all other passengers including children and their ages:

Guest/passenger address (if different): _____

Tour registration fee to be determined at a later date and will be due Sept 1, 2025.

Provide \$50.00 deposit to secure your place on the roster.

Make checks payable to: MTFC-SD.

Mail to: Ron Lambrecht, 3430 Valley Vista Road, Bonita, CA 91902



Driver's membership, fill in group name of all that apply:

Model T Regional _____ HCCA Regional _____

National # _____ National # _____

Insurance Co.: _____

Policy #: _____ Exp Date: _____

Your Tow Service: _____

Tour refunds less deposit available until Sept 1, 2025. If tour reservations max out early, you will be placed on a waiting list and added if there is an opening. If we cannot guarantee you a spot on the tour, all payments including deposit will be refunded.

Car Information: I am bringing a 19____ Make: _____ Model: _____

In consideration of my participation in **The Last Roundup Tour**, I do hereby release and hold harmless the Model T Ford Club of America and the Model T Ford Club of San Diego, MTFCSD officers, staff, committee, and/or volunteers and agents of any liability arising out of said events, including tours, trouble truck towing, and any other activities scheduled for the tour.

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

FREE Slide Shows of 2 World-Class Auto Museums

An invitation to HCCA, Model T, and Packard Club members and any other collector-car enthusiast:

Brad Zemcik will be presenting three FREE slide shows in 2025 of two world-class car museums: AutoWorld in Brussels, Belgium and The Louwman Collection in The Hague, Netherlands.

These will be presented before three general meetings of the Antique Automobile Club, San Diego Region (AACA-SD), as listed below. The AACA-SD meets the first Monday of every month, except July, at the Joyce Beers Community Center at 3900 Vermont Street, San Diego, CA 92103. This is across the street from the Hillcrest Ralphs and Trader Joe's center. Social begins at 6:30PM and meeting begins at 7:00PM. The presentations are the first 30-40 minutes before a break for treats and drinks, then the general club business meeting which you are welcome to stay for but not mandatory.

~~January 6, 2025 – AutoWorld, Brussels, Belgium~~

~~April 7, 2025 – The Louwman Collection – Part 1, The Hague, Netherlands~~

ONE LAST SHOW!!

June 2, 2025 – The Louwman Collection – Part 2, The Hague, Netherlands

The presentations cover all makes that are in these world-class collections.

To RSVP (or For more information) contact Brad at zman92107@yahoo.com

Contributed by Sam Judd

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Annual membership for the San Diego Model T Club is \$20.00. Dues are due on January 1 for those who are renewing membership and upon application for all others. Dues should be sent to the Treasurer at the above address. Membership in the Model T Ford Club of America is not required, but is strongly recommended because of the benefits, including The Vintage Ford, which is published 6 times a year. Ownership of a Model T Ford is not a prerequisite for membership.

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Member Information

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