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March 8th tour

Save the date for a Re-Run of the October Speedster Run Route

Saturday, March 8th we will be re-running the October speedster run route for those of you who could not make the tour or don't own a speedster. We will be staging at 8:30 am at the parking lot North of the El Cajon Courtyard Marriott on Magnolia Avenue, departing at 9:00 am. The lot can accommodate trailer parking.

The tour will be heading East into the back country. The lunch stop will be at the Golden Acorn. There will be two additional rest stops on the route. The tour will total 106 miles. There will be a trouble truck provided for this tour for any unfortunate breakdowns. The tour is open to all models.

Please mark the date and plan on touring with the club, it will be fun!



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.

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President's Message

February 2025

As I write this I am less than 24 hours into my new presidency! We had a nice Annual Installation Luncheon which most of you attended. I was pleased with the Olive Garden's food and service but the loud funky Italian music throughout was not good for a room full of hard of hearing old farts. I missed a lot and I'm sure a lot of you did too. For that I apologize!

I want to thank our new board members. Most are repeats but some new as well. They are Rick, Janna, Karen, John C., Diane, Eric, John W., Mandy and Susie. Please be sure to thank them when you get a chance. We wouldn't have a club without them!

We have a nice docket of tours coming up this year which are listed elsewhere in this Ruckstell Review. As always, if you have an idea for a tour or would like to lead a tour, please contact John C. or myself. So dust that T off (or don't bother!) and come along with us!

Almost lastly, please get your membership renewal in so you will be listed in the roster and receive the monthly Ruckstell Review. Also, please join or renew your membership in the MTFCA. It's a great organization with a terrific magazine and provides our club with liability insurance as long as 50% of our club are members!

And now lastly, congratulations to Janna on being presented the Don Chapelle Member of the Year Award for service to our club. That's years and years of service as Secretary, Vice President, President multiple times as well as heading up our National Tour last year and being the go to for information. Like "is our next meeting a board meeting or general meeting?" Thank you, Janna!

See you on the road, Kirby



Photos—Marilyn Billingsley

UPCOMING EVENTS

2025

Feb 8 Kearny Villa High Car Show

Feb 12 Board Meeting at Maggie's

Feb 15 Temecula group HCCA Tour

Feb 22 Broken Yolk Car Show

Mar 8 Re-run of Speedster Run tour

July 19 Long Beach Model T Swap Meet

Sept 2-6 Nevada Tonopah-Goldfield Tour

Oct 16-19 The Last Roundup 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.

DUES

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PAST DUE!



2025 Membership Renewal

It's that time of year when you need to renew your membership in our club. If there's been no change to the information listed in the 2024 Membership Roster, then just check the *No Change* box after you have listed your name. Otherwise, please fill in the blanks.

No Change

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

MTFCA Number: _____ Birthday (Month and day only): Him ____ Her: ____

T's that I own: _____

REMEMBER: DUES ARE DUE JANUARY 26. DON'T BE LATE!

Send this form and \$20.00 to:

MTFCSD Membership, P.O. Box 23324, San Diego, CA 92193-3324

Past President's Message

I want to thank all the members of our club for helping to make 2024 such a fantastic year. I can hardly believe all we accomplished. Lots of fun one-day and overnight tours ...we will have to think about always having a trouble truck in the future! And our exciting Speedster Run out of El Cajon.

In June, we hosted a successful National Tour with over 60 Model Ts! A core of volunteers attended numerous meetings, came up with great ideas, and developed four incredible back country tours. Lots of other members stepped up to help with daily needs (Parking, Trouble Trucks, Snacks, etc.) You all know who you are and thanks so much for all you did to make our national tour a resounding success!

Thanks for all who served on our club's board: Kirby Pray, Karen Pepe, Steven Chase, John Chapman, Diane MacPherson, Carolyn Lemler, Rick Bucklew, John Wilkerson, and Susie Murdock. Many of you are continuing your job or switching to a new position in 2025. A big THANK YOU to Eric Brown and Mandy Ryan who are joining our board for the first time!

Respectfully,
Janna Laughon



Happy
Valentine's
Day!



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Eric Brown
Ray & 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

EARLY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Kathy Hafer
7th Candace Tyler

From the editor...

Thank you for your newsletter contributions: Karen Pepe, Kirby Pray, Bob Anderson, John Chapman, Janna Laughon, Ron Lambrecht, Marilyn Billingsley, 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 March newsletter is February 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.



Our Next Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 12, at 5:30 PM

Maggie's Café

3232 Grayling Dr, San Diego 92123

All are welcome to join us!

SAN DIEGO EXCURSION TOUR

Sunday, January 12, 2025

by Kirby Pray with photos by Karen Pepe

Thanks to our very own Newell Booth and his cohorts at the Horseless Carriage Club, this turned out to be a very well planned and enjoyable tour! It was the 110th Anniversary celebration of the 1915 Exposition Road Race and covered the original route. That race was part of the many activities of the Panama-California Exposition, held in Balboa Park which was largely built for the Exposition.

Fittingly, this tour was staged, starting at 7:00 AM, in Balboa Park by the San Diego Automotive Museum. The tour was open to all pre-1942 automobiles and, man,



what a variety of cars! About 85 showed up including big brass bound race cars and touring cars, Rolls Royces, Model Ts, Model As, and others from the teens, 20s, 30s and 40s.

There was lots of time to kick tires, argue, spit, brag and enjoy the sites. And we had a good showing of MTFCS members including the Booths, the Pepes, the Lambrechts (with their bitchin' camp trailer), Jerry and Gerry Sherman

in their newly built speedster (also bitchin'), John Chapman, Bob Anderson, the Watkins, Les Judd, the Wilsons, Janna and Rick, Ross and Susan, and Kirby and Marilyn. And I bet I missed some!



At 9:00 AM, we all lined up and headed out in a very orderly fashion. Karen Pepe noted that there was no “cat herding” to be seen! We headed out of the park across the Cabrillo Bridge, through Bankers Hill, Hillcrest and Mission Hills where there was a smattering of curbside admirers clapping and cheering.



And the honking began!

Down through Presidio Park we went, finding our way through Liberty Station and on to Shelter Island where we lined up in the parking lot for about an hour. Lots more spectators with lots of questions and admiration.



At 10:45 we left one by one and worked our way to Rosecrans and Canon Streets which was the official start of the race route. We headed North on Rosecrans then curled back at Loma Portal, up Chatsworth, Catalina and back down Canon again. Most of the cars ran the route a second time before heading to Liberty Station for lunch and more showing off the cars.



The route and times were well advertised and there was a ton of people lining the sidewalks, especially at intersections. We about wore out our horns! It was very enjoyable for us driving by because it was kind of old-

fashioned fun for us and the spectators. They came out to see old cars and to cheer us on. We saw kids practically imploding with joy at getting us to blow our horns! 180 degrees from having their faces buried in their devices. Very enjoyable to see!

The whole tour had an aura of common interest, camaraderie, sharing and enjoyment. A very special day indeed! Thank you, Newell and your team, for a spectacular event (and an incredible tour book)! And we would all vote for a repeat next year!

Kirby Pray



Bob Anderson Speedster Retrofit



Entry #3 (TAHIS SPECIAL) in the San Diego Exposition Road Race in 1915 had a Rocket Shape tank mounted on the hood. The tank was both water and oil cooler. The main part of the tank was part of the water circulation system with an internal oil circulation heat exchanger to cool the oil. The team hoped that this would help with their overheating issues.



9 janvier 1915 - Point Loma, San Diego - Glover Ruckstell, Mercer #4 (4^e) - Jack Gable, Tahis #3 (dnf).



The TAHIS (with the tank now removed) is still in San Diego. Unfortunately, the owner was unable to bring the car to the Excursion in 2025. This picture is from the 2015 Centennial of the San Diego Exposition Road Race.

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During the San Diego Excursion 2025, Model T Speedster #23, owned by Robert Anderson, wore a non-operational replica of the tank to recognize the creative thinking of the racers of the early 20th Century.



Congratulations, Bob (with Mechanician John Chapman), for sharing your creativity.

I'm always looking for things to try on my speedster. When I saw the Rocket Shape Tank on one of the cars that was in the 1915 San Diego Exposition Road Race I decided to duplicate it for the upcoming celebration of the 1915 Road Race that was going to be held on January 12 2025

I decided to make it out of 6" diameter PCP piping. Home Depot sells 24" length which was perfect length for my hood. Next problem was finding a tip that looks like a rocket end. The one I used is made out of aluminum and is intended for the tops of 4 x 4 to keep birds from standing on them. After numbers failures I finally found a glue that would work on both PCP and aluminum. The brackets I found in line at a company that make aluminum fuel tanks

I mounted it by cutting a 2" diameter hole on the bottom side of the tank so it would fit over the standard radiator cap.

The reaction at the race was very positive. Drew a crowd with plenty of questions

Bob



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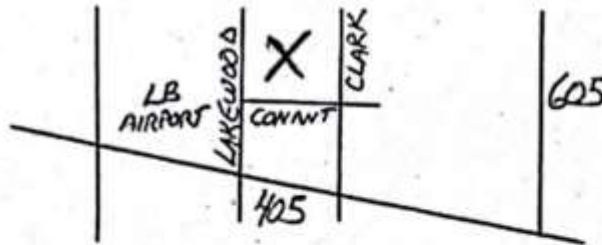
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MTFCSD General Meeting Minutes

Olive Garden, La Mesa, CA

Date: January 26, 2025

Number Attending: 36

Start Time: 2:10 PM

End Time: 3:40 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS March 12th General Meeting will be at Maggie's Café 5:30-8:00 PM
3232 Greyling Dr San Diego 92123

REPORTS

President – Kirby Pray Recognized our new 2025 Executive Board members

Vice. Pres. – Rick Bucklew

Secretary – Janna Laughon We're still looking for a restaurant location for future General Meetings. If you know of one, please let me know. Our requirements:

Private or Semi-Private room without an extra charge for 30+ people

Ability to order directly off the menu

Allows members to pay by separate/individual checks

Central location (Serra, Kearny, Clairmont Mesa areas for example)

Treasurer - Karen Pepe – We have money to conduct club business

Tour Chm. – John Chapman (Absent)

March 8 – Re-run of 2024 Speedster Run Tour out of El Cajon

May Tour TBA – Campo Truck Museum & Buffalo Soldiers Camp

July Tour TBA– Chula Vista & Living Coast Discovery Center

Sept (tentative 9/2 to 9/7) – Nevada Tour (Tonopah/Elko)

Oct 4&5 – Speedster Run

Oct 16-19 – Last Round-up Tour – 16-19

Nov TBA – (probably 2nd Saturday) Brawley Rodeo & Parade

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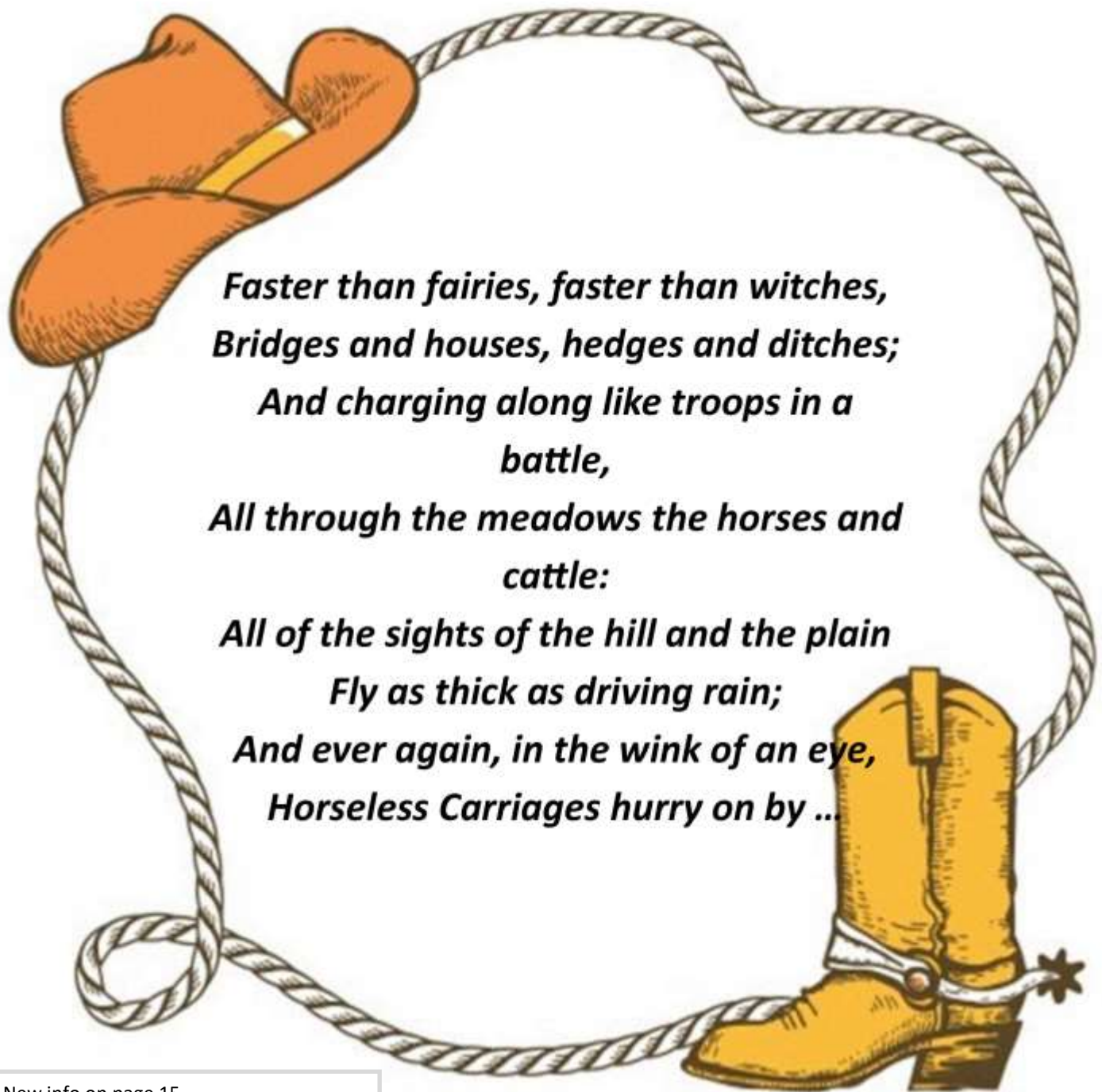
Past President – Janna Laughon

Submitted by: Janna Laughon - Secretary

Come join the Cattle Drovers 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



***Faster than fairies, faster than witches,
Bridges and houses, hedges and ditches;
And charging along like troops in a
battle,
All through the meadows the horses and
cattle:
All of the sights of the hill and the plain
Fly as thick as driving rain;
And ever again, in the wink of an eye,
Horseless Carriages hurry on by ...***

New info on page 15...



A ca'boy, by definition, has no "quit." Put your left foot in the stirrup, it all starts there. If a young ca'boy falls off a horse (sometimes called bronc-it is), they may break something. When you're my age, you splatter! So, hold on tight and get out from behind the wheel of your "cattle-lack." This rodeo is just getting started.

The event will begin with a Thursday afternoon, October 16, 2025 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 Drovers 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 clipboard 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.

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.

After a trip to the Rusty Water Bar, Barbara Beach will be demonstrating her prowess on the trampoline and Jim and Dianna Skillicorn will demonstrate how to moonwalk in a bounce house. Tom and Anne Beckel will choose teams for a water balloon and fist fight. (Corners of my mouth are beginning to giggle bleed!)



We're not done 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

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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