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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.

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President's Message

April 2025

First of all, I would like to thank all of you that attended our last General Meeting, March 12th. Maggie's Cafe seemed to work well for our group of 20. 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.

We still have 7 tours set up before the end of the year and they are listed elsewhere in this Ruckstell Review. There is plenty of variety so please plan on joining us!

Also please find the write up on our March 15 Tour. The tour was remarkable in that we had a 50% breakdown rate! We salvaged it of course but it was certainly disappointing for all of us. It made me think about the dynamics of our club. If one of us broke down like that on every tour, they would probably find another hobby!

But we all get that breakdowns are inevitable and everyone pitches in whether it's their car or not. I am always impressed with the attitudes that show up when things like this happen. And then there is the camaraderie! All that is what makes this a great club!

Kirby





UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

April 9 Board Meeting at Maggie's Café
May 2-3 Bakersfield Swap Meet
May 10 Buffalo & Truck Museums Tour
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 TBD Brawley Tour





OLD CAR CLUB ACTIVITIES

CALENDAR

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

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2025 Bakersfield Swap Meet

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4th	John Pepe
12th	Dolores Kling
19th	Marilyn Billingsley
25th	Heidi Rassatt
26th	Gladene Booth
	James Train
28th	Roberta Watkins
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From the editor...

Thank you for your newsletter contributions: Kirby Pray, John Chapman, Eric Brown, Ron Lambrecht, Janna 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 April newsletter is April 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

From Coilbox Courier (LA)

Peter Eastwood is selling two enclosed trailers from the Hosterman's estate:

1 is approx. 23'

1 is approx. 19' \$5,500 obo each

Contact Peter if interested:

peastwood51@hotmail.com

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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 Discount rate is available until Sept 3, 2025 Rooms have either a KING bed or 2 QUEEN beds RV sites are available

Call: Group Sales Reservations Office Monday-Friday 8 AM-5 PM (805)691-8086 Mention - Model T Ford Club of San Diego



or register online • INFO: 619-201-8207

WEAPONS

Blast from the Past

By Eric Brown

April of 2012:

Gil Klecan was President, Greg Rising was Secretary, Norm Kling was Tour Chair, and Chuck West was Editor.

The board meeting that month was held at the San Diego Automotive Museum, where Norm gave a large rundown of the upcoming tours and events for the year and John Chapman presented a large list of car shows and local events. Seems it was a busy year for the club. Specific business this month related to a discussion around disassembling the display chassis (and whether to take it to Twain first), but no consensus seemed to be reached. Gil Klecan surprised everyone with news that his son's speedster (stolen 18 years previously) had just been found. Susie Murdock won the raffle for a free dinner at the next meeting.

What happened on this month in...

2012 - A consortium of 12 San Diego Native American tribes filed suit against the University of California, alleging that officials, including outgoing UCSD chancellor Marye Anne Fox and UC president Mark Yudof, violated federal law by failing to repatriate two human remains, each between 9,000 – 10,000 years old, that were unearthed by UCSD students in 1976. As of April 2025, these remains and other items have yet to be returned to tribes. (I was a student at UCSD at this time and I remember seeing protests about this on campus).

1995 - Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor became the first woman to preside over the Court, sitting in for Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist who was out of town.

1982 - The beginning of the Falkland Islands War as troops from Argentina invaded and occupied the British colony located near the tip of South America.

1948 - President Harry S. Truman signed the European Recovery Program, better known as the Marshall Plan, intended to stop the spread of Communism and restore the economies of European countries devastated by World War II.

1917 - Following a vote by Congress approving a declaration of war, the U.S. entered World War I in Europe.

1865 - During the American Civil War, Confederate troops of General George Pickett were defeated at Five Forks, Virginia. This sealed the fate of Confederate General Robert E. Lee's armies at Petersburg and Richmond and hastened the end of the war.

1509 – Henry VIII becomes King of England at the age of 17 after his father dies of tuberculosis. He was originally second in line to the throne until the untimely death of his older brother in 1502.

776 - King Charlemagne spends Easter in Treviso (northern Italy), after putting down a rebellion in Friuli and Spoleto.



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

March 15 Tour by Kirby Pray

Well, we had 6 cars signed up for this tour which was a rerun of the Speedster Run from last October. Tourers included Janna and Rick, the Pepes, John Chapman, the Seaney's, Kirby, and Ross in his Model A.

We met at the El Cajon Police Department parking lot and that's when the trouble began! Janna's T started acting up on the way to the meeting spot and she wisely chose not to haul her problems out to the middle of nowhere in our mountainous backcoun-



try. She and Rick graciously offered to switch over to Trouble Truck mode and went home to switch out and catch up to the tour.

We lost another T with in 4 blocks of our 9:00 AM departure. Janna and Rick came right back to pick it up and haul it home. Eight miles more and we lost another one! Wow, was there some kind of Voodoo going? Nah, we persevered and continued East.

We chose to skip the dirt road portion of the Speedster route given the recent heavy rains. We went through Alpine, Japatul Valley, Descanso and stopped at Pine Valley for a break. Those recent rains really greened up the backcountry and there were lots of tiny streams coming out of the granite layers. It was quite chilly especially in an open car. Not for Pepes of course, who complained that they were "too hot" in their sedan and had to turn the heater off! Poor things!

We continued East on Old Highway 80 to Boulevard and then looped back on Highway 94 to Campo for a nice lunch at the Campo Cafe. Janna and Rick finally caught up with us in time to eat with us!

We continued West on Hwy 94 through Potrero, Dulzura, Honey Springs Rd and Skyline Truck Trail, Jamul and the back way into El Cajon. No more breakdown! Despite the breakdowns, it was a beautiful day for touring for those of who made it! Thank you, Janna and Rick for your generous TT service!

Minutes of the General Meeting - March 12, 2025 Held at Maggie's Café in Serra Mesa

Start Time: 7:16 PM Attendees: 20 Welcome: Kirby opened the meeting. Pledge of Allegiance, New members and Visitors: Announcements: None **REPORTS:** President Kirby – Nothing to report. Will report about tours later Vice President Rick – Hopes to build up our membership Secretary Janna – Hotel info for October's Speedster Run is available on our website **Treasurer** Karen – \$7500 in bank (some is from Ron's tour), **Tour Chairman** John C – could not attend, but reported on these future tours: May 10 – Campo Truck Museum & Buffalo Soldiers (Ross) July 4 – Coronado Independence Day Parade (Janna) July 17 – Chula Vista Nature Center (John C & Janna) Sept 2-6 – Nevada Tour (Janna) Oct 4 & 5 – Speedster Run (John C) Oct 16-19 – Last Round-Up Tour (Ron) Nov TBD – Brawley Rodeo and Parade (Ross) Editor Diane – Couldn't attend. Please submit newsletter info to her by the 24th of the month. Historian Eric – Could not attend. Member-at-Large John W - Could not attend. Sunshine Chair Susie – Let her know if anyone needs a sympathy card Past President Janna – All meetings this year will take place at Maggie's Café in Serra Mesa for the rest of 2025. Board Meetings start at 5:50 PM, and General Meetings start at 6:00 PM. **OLD BUSINESS:** None **NEW BUSINESS:** Susie won the 50/50 drawing End Time: 7:51 PM Kirby closed the meeting. Respectfully, Janna Laughon

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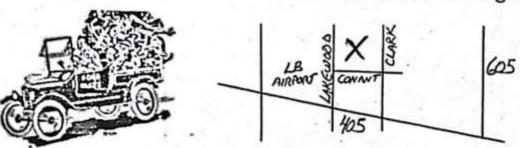
Long Beach Model T Club 71st Annual Parts Exchange

Since 1955 the best OLD CAR & OLD FORD

SWAP MEET in the WEST

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2025 Rain or Shine

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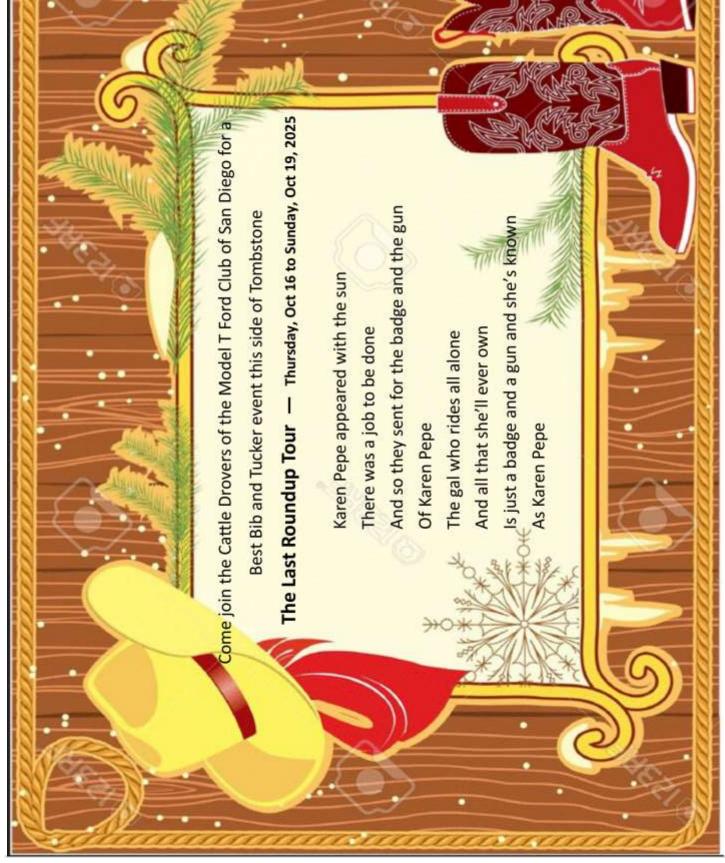
Long Beach City College Veteran's Stadium 5000 Lew Davis St. Long Beach, CA. 90808 Enter from Conant St. between Lakewood Bl. and Clark St. Just a mile and a half north of the 405 on Lakewood Bl.

Spaces are Available: 20 ft. Wide by 16 ft. Deep Spaces are \$40 each or 3 for \$100 \$50 each Day of Event Call Jeff Hood 562-597-5936 www.lbmtc.com moemechanic@aol.com

Open to all Makes and Models Automotive and hobby related items only NO Dogs NO Guns NO Weapons

This event is NOT the monthly Vets Hi-Po swap meet .

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The ca'boy/girl no doubt can be regarded as a proud rider, skilled, observant, alert, resourceful, unyielding, daring, punctilious in a code peculiar to his/her occupation, and faithful to his/her trust. Sounds like a standard we all should live by. So, may your belly never grumble, may your heart never ache, may your horse never stumble, may your cinch never break.

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 5pm in the parking lot. The fun -filled 3-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, History Hwy 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-minutes 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.

Evening activities will move you to tears. Debbie Francis and Kathy Trujillo agreed to show us how to synchronize bare foot grass ski behind a "T." The rest of the King clan will follow them with hospital-trusted engine break-in lube to address rug burns. Dick and Helen Rash will pick teams for an exciting game of Dodge Yard Darts. Newell Booth will be inking free tattoos. Newell has agreed to give me a full body tattoo of myself, only taller and with hair.

Stay tuned. I'm 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.

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	
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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:			
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National #	National #		

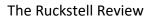
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Tour refunds less deposit available until Sept 1, 2025. If tour reservations max out early, you will be placed on a waiting list and added if there is an opening. If we cannot guarantee you a spot on the tour, all payments including deposit will be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









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 6:30PMand 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

Membership Application San Diego Model T Club PO Box 23324, San Diego, CA 92193

Annual membership for the San Diego Model T Club is \$20.00. Dues are due on January 1 for those are who 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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