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UPCOMING EVENTS

2024

July 4 Coronado Parade (see page 3 and contact Janna if you can participate!)

July 10 GENERAL MEETING →

Aug 10 Pacific Beach car show

Oct 12-13 San Diego Speedster Run

General Meetings are held at:

Filippi's Pizza Grotto, 5353 Kearny Villa Road, 6 pm.

Next one: July 10

Our Next General Meeting

Wednesday, July 10, at 6:00 PM

Filippi's Pizza Grotto

5353 Kearny Villa Rd, San Diego 92123

All are welcome to join us!



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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SD Website: www.mtfcsd.org

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President's Message

July 2024

The 2024 National Tour, which was in the works since January 2020, is now history. We had a fantastic time, and all the participants had wonderful things to say about our event! With 60 Model Ts from all over the USA and Canada, plus a whole bunch of our club members joining the tour, everyone had a blast.

A few of the many highlights included:

A video commissioned by Mary's Donuts celebrated the day the Model Ts came to visit the community of Lakeside. Click on this link to Vimeo to watch the video:

<https://vimeo.com/961704074?share=copy>

On Tuesday's tour to the Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center (formerly the Olympic Training Center), we met Lex Gillette, a medal-winning Paralympic athlete and world record holder who is totally blind. After our tour, I invited Lex to go for a ride in my Model T. He was able to control the throttle for most of our ride. Then, Michael Mackechney of San Antonio, TX had Lex get behind the wheel of his touring car. Michael taught Lex how to operate the clutch, and, within minutes, a totally blind man (who had never driven a car before) was driving a Model T!!!

Click on the link to Lex's Instagram page to see him driving the car!

<https://www.instagram.com/lexgillete/reel/C8n9KTLRHo5/>

The tours to Julian and Campo's Pacific Southwest Train Museum brought expressions of joy from participants who live in flat-land areas of our nation. They were thrilled to ramble through our mountains under beautiful blue skies in comfortable weather!

Following a delicious dinner at the closing banquet, Jim Train entertained us with a presentation of living history from the point-of-view of a man from 1924 coming to visit us. Thanks so much, Jim!

We have so many other stories and pictures to share. Look for our tour write-up in the September/October issue of the Vintage Ford.

Don't forget our annual Speedster Endurance Run coming up on October 12 and 13. More information will be on our club's website in early July! Hope to see you there!

Respectfully,
Janna Laughon



Coronado's 75th Annual Independence Day Parade

Thursday, July 4, 2024

Contact Janna Laughon by June 12th if
you'd like to drive your Model T in
the parade. Only 10 cars are allowed
in our group!



Dear MTFCS Members,

We are participating in the 75th
Annual Coronado 4th of July Pa-
rade.

At this time, only four cars are
signed up. We can have up to
10 cars in our group.

Please let me know if you
are interested in joining us.

Hope to see you in Coronado on
the 4th!

Janna Laughon
President 2024 - MTFCS

OLD CAR CLUB ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Link to Old Car Club Activities Calendar hosted by 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.



Our Next Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 14, at 5:30 PM

Maggie's Café

3232 Grayling Dr, San Diego 92123

All are welcome to join us!



Blast from the Past

Summer of 2014...

In May, Lyle Fisk, one of the original pin-stripers from the 1950s, entertained us at the general meeting with stories from his life including working with Roy Rodgers. Lyle painted the statue of the horse, Trigger, in Apple Valley.

In June, George Coffin led a tour from Histerical Auto Works in Santee to the Alpine Historical Society's Museum on Tavern Road in Alpine.

In July, at the closing banquet of our 4th National Tour, Tony Bowker presented Lee Pierce with a lifetime membership to the Model T Ford Club of San Diego for his many years of service. Lee told his famous joke, "Did you know that in the Canary Islands there are no canaries, and that in the Virgin Islands.....there are no canaries either!"

In August, we participated in the 20th Annual Johnny Carroll Blood Drive at the Automotive Museum in Balboa Park. Members of our club brought their Model Ts and gave free rides to blood donors. The banked blood donations were available to any MTFCS members who needed blood throughout that year.

Rick Bucklew



JULY BIRTHDAYS

3rd John Wilkinson
5th Karen Pepe
25th Bob Bishop
28th Larry Faydo

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1st Dan Slavik
2nd Susie Murdock
13th Karen Slavik
24th Jean Mucha
30th Anne Ottemann

From the editor...

Thank you for your newsletter contributions: Karen Pepe, Mandy Ryan, Janna Laughon, Joy Brown, Rick Bucklew, John Chapman, Kirby Pray, Steven Chase, Ron Lambrecht and everyone 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 Aug 2024 newsletter: July 24. Please send articles, 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.

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.

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<https://forms.gle/VUMczpw6LfJg65QW9>

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John Chapman 1-619-384-2871

Minutes of the Board Meeting June 12, 2024

Held at Maggie's Café, San Diego, CA

Start Time: 6:30 PM, President Janna opened the meeting.

Attendees: Janna, John C., Karen, Kirby, Susie, Rick, John P.

President Janna:

Decided we would not print and mail membership booklets in 2025, instead if someone needs a printed copy please request one, and we will mail or deliver it to you.

Vice President Kirby:

Is actively looking for our year end banquet location. Prices are high, therefore has not decided on a place yet.

Past President John C.:

Is finalizing the October Speedster run details

Sunshine Chair Susie:

Please let Susie know if she needs to send cards to anyone

Tour Chairs John C. and Kirby: reviewed the upcoming tours

Secretary/Treasurer Karen: As of 5/31/2024, the club has \$24,903.66 in the bank, \$80.00 in petty cash for a total of \$25,046.66. Of this amount, \$23,775.00 is from national tour deposits, \$185 is from donations to the club from the tour participants, \$780.00 is from membership dues collected in the year 2024, \$126.00 is from the club's part of the opportunity drawing, and \$797.00 is for meals paid in advance by SDMTFC members. As of the end of May 2024, the general expenses were \$577.72 and National Tour expenses were \$2,365.79

Editor Diane:

- Please submit info to her by the 25th of the month to have it in the newsletter.
She would like articles, technical or otherwise, to add to the Ruckstell

Historian Rick:

Is sending in articles or information taken from past newsletters, Thank you Rick!

Upcoming tour dates:

July 4th – Traditional Coronado parade, Model T's welcome! There are 9 spots still available, please contact Janna. To participate you must be a member of the Model T Ford Club of San Diego

October 12th & 13th – **Save the date**, this will be our 2024 Speedster Run. We will be starting in El Cajon, at the Marriot (Courtyard) by the police station, as we did a few years ago.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM

Respectfully submitted by Karen



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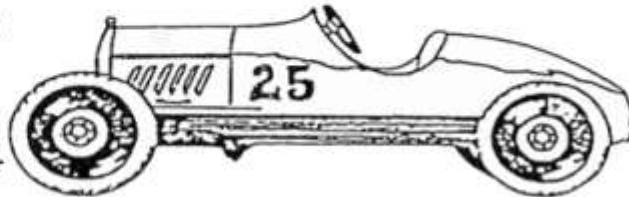


37th Annual Speedster Endurance Run October 12 & 13, 2024

We are holding our annual Speedster Endurance Run in the San Diego backcountry mountains out of El Cajon, CA. All Speedsters and regular Model Ts are welcome to join us!

For all information, entry forms and hotel reservations, visit our club website in July at www.mtfcsd.org.

Mail entry forms and fee to:
Speedster Run
P.O. Box 23324
San Diego, CA 92193-3324



Below is the reservation link for the Speedster Run Group Block. It is now live and ready to be utilized by the event attendees.

[Book your reservation for Model T Ford group](#)



Photo-Karen Pepe

The whole group at CVEATC in front of the Olympic Torch
2024 National Tour—San Diego

2024 National Model T Tour

Sunday evening—Ice Cream Social

Monday—Mission Trails Regional Park and Lindo Lake in Lakeside

Tuesday—Elite Athlete Training Center

Wednesday—Julian

Thursday—Camp Train Museum, final banquet



Ice Cream Social—photos Diane MacPherson



Heading Out—photo Mandy Ryan

Heading Out—photo Mandy Ryan



Lindo Lake—photo by Diane MacPherson



2024 National Model T Tour



Lindo Lake in Lakeside—photo Mandy Ryan

Monday



Lindo Lake—photos by Diane MacPherson

Tuesday



Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center—photos by Karen Pepe



Lindo Lake—photo by Diane MacPherson



2024 National Model T Tour



Photo—Diane MacPherson



Photo—Diane MacPherson



Photo—John Pepe



Photos—Diane MacPherson



Main Street in Julian—Mandy Ryan



2024 National Model T Tour



Main Street in Julian, California

Photos—Kirby Pray



Overflow parking after Main Street parking maxed out. —Kirby Pray



2024 National Model T Tour



Photos by Karen Pepe



Photo—Kirby Pray



Photo by Karen Pepe



Train Museum—Mandy Ryan



End of Day (everyday) - photo by Kirby Pray

2024 National Model T Tour



Campo Train Museum—Judy Burrell



Campo Train Museum—Kirby Pray



Campo Train Museum—Kirby Pray

On the way to Campo Train Museum—Judy Burrell

2024 National Model T Tour



Photo—
Karen Pepe



Photo—Karen Pepe



Photo-Mandy Ryan



Best Dressed Man award—
photo Karen Pepe



Photo by Diane MacPherson

Jim Train—after
dinner enter-
tainment



Photo-Mandy Ryan

Photo-Mandy Ryan



Photo—Karen Pepe



Photo-Mandy Ryan



Janna is presented with a certificate honoring our club for the 2024 National Tour. Presenter is Jerry Kramer, MTFCA President.

PACIFIC BEACH



AUG 10 2024



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An Anthropomorphic Tale by The Model T Ford Who Traveled From Wenatchee to Mexico (Part 10)

By Jerry Yeadon

Continuation from last month. My owner's step son Lalo, who lives with us, works as a chef at a Hilton Hotel in San Miguel and likes to work on cars. He wanted to be introduced to Model T Ford repairs so most of the work was done by him with guidance from my owner and you will see him in the pictures.

They built a support with the lumber to hang the chain hoist on and one morning removed my hood, front fenders, radiator, steering column, and my engine. The engine was rolled on a cart to the patio inside the house. The support and chain hoist was take down and reassembled in the patio where the engine was attached to an engine stand and separated from the transmission. During this process Lalo learned how to clean all of the gasket surfaces on the engine pan, engine, and transmission cover to be ready for reassemble. Eventually the gasket set, main drive gear and tools arrived. The transmission was completely disassembled and the drums were checked for cracks.

After my owner was satisfied that all checked out OK Lalo reassembled the engine and transmission using two and a half tubes of grey silicon RTV on all of the gaskets. My owner does not like to have me (mark my territory) aka leak. When the engine/transmission unit was all reassembled and painted they moved the support and chain hoist back into the garage and reinstalled the engine and the rest of my parts. My engine started after a few turn overs with the starter and I had one small water leak on the upper radiator hose. Lalo was very proud of himself for doing the actual work and celebrated high fives with my owner.

I am now back on the streets and serving my owner and his family as, "The family car."

I haul groceries from the store several miles away, drinking water from a purification plant, lumber, pots for plants, take the family to church on Sunday, and a variety of errands during the week. I have also been rented out for a wedding, a picture shoot for a couple, and 15th

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An Anthropomorphic Tale, continued

birthday party for a girl. I have another wedding pending in November. There is nothing like me in San Miguel and every outing is a social event and I get lots of attention, my picture taken, and thumbs up, Of course people always ask my age, where did I come from, and who is my mechanic. My owner is always happy to share my story with everyone who asks. So I am doing what Greg Rising always said, “Keep the old iron out in the sun working for a living.” Life is good for me in San Miguel as the traffic is slow, the streets are narrow, I have a Ruckstell for the hills, and I am having fun.

Jerry Yeadon

I am surprised how well my 1921 Model T Ford Touring car has held up. 90% of the streets are cobble stone. The speed limit is under 20 mph so there is a considerable amount of low gear driving. The Kevlar bands have required very minor adjusting over the past year and a half. I drive the car at least five days a week.



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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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Spouse/Significant Other

First Name	Last Name	DOB Month/Day	e-mail	Cell Phone No

Street Address

Home Phone

Additional Information

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