

Sacramento Valley *Model T* Club

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Sacramento Valley *Model T* Club

The Sacramento Valley *Model T* Club was established in 1971 and is dedicated to the preservation of the Model T Ford. Membership is unrestricted as to location and is open for all interested persons. The ownership of a Model T is not a requirement.

Meetings:

6:30 PM on the last Wednesday of each month

Location: the VFW American Legion

8990 Kruitof Way, Fair Oaks, Ca. 95628

Dues:

Annual dues are \$35 for the calendar year and are due the First of January. You may pay by cash (\$35) or check (made out to SVMTC) at the monthly meeting, or mail check (no cash, please) to our treasurer, John Saylor at 7304 Goldwood Way, Citrus Heights, Ca 95610. Mid-year enrollment will be prorated.

Any material you wish to be published in the Bands must be received by the Editor by the 5th of the Month.

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Name _____ Birthday _____

Spouse _____ Birthday _____

Anniversary _____

Telephone (____) _____ - _____

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

IMPORTANT STATEMENT: This information is for the club insurance:

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Sacramento Valley *Model T* Club
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS Annual Dues

Model T Ford Club of America MTFCA.COM --- US \$50

Model T Ford Club International MODEL.T.ORG --- US \$40

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

August 2026

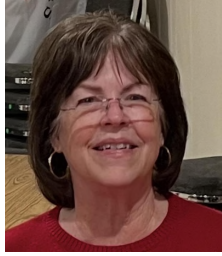
Everyone had a marvelous time at the *Kostivs'* BBQ and tour on Friday. Thank you *Debbi* and *Mike*.

The Awful Waffle this month at *Marv Alexander's* went well, great food, great turn out, and they diagnosed the problem with his speedster. ([Click for photos.](#))

Later in the week, *Harvey* ordered the parts, and he and *Marv* completed the operation and the speedster is up and running! It even made it to the *Kostivs'* BBQ and the smoothest *Model T/Model A* dirt road tour– if you don't count the two hundred ninety pot holes, one hundred thirteen ruts and the eleven dry washouts.

This month's meeting is Wednesday, August 26th at the VFW at 6:30pm. Dinner at Dad's will be at 5pm.

Kate Bandy



VP/Tour Report August 2026

Where we have been this last month:

A good time was had by all! Fifteen club members gathered at the *Kostivs'* beautiful ranch, and the men headed off to a "dirt track ride" up toward El Dorado. The ride was dusty and the road was like a washboard, but they all loved it! Ladies went over to Davis Ranch for a bit of veggie shopping, and then all met back at *Kostivs'* for a pot luck with hamburgers and hot dogs provided by our hosts. All in all, a great day! ([Click here to see photos.](#))

Upcoming Tours:

1. September 25, we will be touring the Murer House in Folsom. The private docent tour starts at 10:30, and should take an hour or so. We will take a little time to tour the gardens and then meet up for lunch, following. We

will discuss the location for lunch at our Wednesday August 26 club meeting. Some ideas are Chili's or Crawdads or Out of Bounds. The fee for each person is \$5, but I would like to suggest we each chip in a few extra bucks since the docent is coming especially for our tour on a day they are not normally open.

2. The Trunk or Treat Event for October is looking unlikely. We will discuss it at the meeting. Potentially a dinner at the *Weirs'* – Oktoberfest potluck with us providing the tri-tip or something similar. Everyone bring your favorite brew!

Here's to some fun experiences!

Wendy



**Sacramento Valley
Model T Club
Minutes - June 24, 2026
Submitted by
Sherril Gomes, Secretary**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President, *Kate Bandy*.

A warm welcome was extended to *Betsy Eichner*, visitor and sister-in-law to members *Dave* and *Pat Eichner*.

Vice President, *Wendy Weir*, gave a brief summary of the outing to the Delta with some members driving their cars and everyone enjoying an excellent brunch at the Ryde Hotel. In addition, *John Saylor* reminded interested members of the July Fourth parade in Carmichael. *Wendy* had clipboards available for sign-ups to the *Kostiv's* Dirt Track Ride on Friday, August 21. Cars will meet at the house at 10:00 am with departure at 10:30 am. A noon bar-b-cue will include

hamburgers and hot dogs. Sign-ups included side dishes and hot dog/hamburger preference! Anyone interested in cornhole or horseshoes? Shopping at the near-by produce stand is also an option!

Wendy also stated that the date for the Murer House in Folsom is still pending...either Friday, September 25 or Saturday, the 26th. (\$5 per person) October will include a Trunk or Treat with the possibility of other car clubs joining.

Minutes - President, *Kate Bandy*, accepted the minutes as published in the Bands.

Treasurer - *John Saylor*, reported the Club's balance with no activity in the past month.

Sunshine Report - *Jean Lanham* has broken her foot!
Dennis Furr had back surgery and was released the same day!

Old Business - *Harvey Bandy* reported that the '27 *Model T Ford* hasn't sold and there appears to be little interest in "old cars." Perhaps driving lessons could be

(June Meeting Notes Cont.)

offered as part of the sale. A discussion followed with Club members offering suggestions on how and where to advertise. Both trucks could be advertised in Crusin' News, National Model T Club of America, Facebook Market Place, etc.

New Business: *Dave Eichner* announced that he has a late *Model T* that needs work and he would like to donate it to the Club. It is housed in Minden, Nevada. However, the two completed truck projects need to be sold prior to receiving the donation.

Singers offered a beautiful rendition of "Happy Birthday" to *Sheila Graham* for her June birthday! She received that remotely and was very touched with the beautiful gift of song!!

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.



**Sacramento Valley
Model T Club
Minutes - July 29, 2026
Submitted by
Sherril Gomes, Secretary**

President, *Kate Bandy*, called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. It was noted that the light attendance at the meeting was probably due to some members attending *Ryan's Ramble*.

Vice President, *Wendy Weir*, reminded members of the August "Dirt Drive" on Friday, August 25, hosted by *Mike & Debbi Kostiv*, with arrival at 10:00 am and cars leaving at 10:30 am. There will be a "shopping option" for those members not taking the "drive." Members were encouraged to sign-up for food items in addition to noting their choice of how many hot dogs or hamburgers they would like.

In addition, *Wendy* reminded members of the Murer House tour on Friday, September 25.

(July Meeting Notes Cont.)

Lunch location is “to be determined,” based on whether participants will be driving their “old cars.”

For October, details for the “Trunk or Treat” are still being finalized with the possibility of two other car clubs joining in the fun.

Review of Club minutes for June and July will be at a later date.

No Club members participated in the July Fourth parade.

President, *Kate Bandy*, reminded members of the Christmas party on December 6.

Treasurer, *John Saylor*, reported the current balance and that there has been no activity since April.

For the sunshine report, *Jean* and *Bud Lanham* have been missed and *Kate* reported that *Jean* is still dealing with recovering from a broken foot. *Dennis Furr* is on the mend from a recent back surgery.



Photo credit: Harvey Bandy

President, *Kate Bandy*, presented a plaque to *John Saylor* from MTFCA (*Model T Ford* Club of America) in recognition of his MTFCA website. Congratulations, *John*!

Harvey Bandy reported that there has been some interest in the *Steve Rowe* project and a gentleman test drove it and experienced some knocking from the fan belt.

In Awful Waffle news, *Marv Alexander*, trying to contain his excitement over the new location for the next Awful Waffles, reviewed all the possibilities that await Club members! *Harvey* will help with what might be needed to get the projects started!

(July Meeting Notes Cont.)

John Saylor noted that, due to **Tim Newey's** health concerns, **Cruzin' News** will be the online presence for the **NorCal Car Club**.

The Singers serenaded July birthday ladies, **Michele Waltz** and **Pat Eichner**! Happy Birthday!!

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Rambling with the Ryans in California's Pacific Northwest

by Barb O'Connor

This year's *Ryan Ramble* was yet another memorable vacation in a beautiful place, and car enthusiasts from all over came to be a part of this grand adventure. According to the *Ryans*, there were 106 participants, 42 old cars, and 5 modern vehicles on this tour. SVMTC members attending this year were *Jim and Kathy Ryan, Rich and Sherry Silva, Raul and Bobbi Cornejo, and Mark and Barb O'Connor*.

Most of the driving was on pavement this year, with a couple exceptions for the daring at heart. Daily scenic drives from Fortuna took us down quiet country roads, through pasturelands, small towns, and of course, the Avenue of the Giants.

Some of the highlights of the tour were visiting the Victorian town of Ferndale, with a tour of the historic Fern Cottage, followed by lunch in the garden.

We drove to Eureka and toured the Blue Ox Millworks and Historic Village, the Sequoia Park

(Rambling with the Ryans cont.)

Garden, and the smallest zoo in California– the Sequoia Park Zoo.

We toured Chapman’s Gem and Mineral Museum and Shop just outside Fortuna, and we happily waited our turn for a scoop or two of ice cream at Jersey Scoops in the old railroad town of Loleta.

We drove along the coast and toured the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge and the Mike Thompson Wildlife Area.

Our last tour day was a circuitous drive through farmland on the way to the town of Scotia, where we explored the Humboldt Redwood Co. Fisheries Exhibit. Then we had a buffet brunch at the Scotia Lodge, where we enjoyed our meal and said our goodbyes– until next year.

Whether you drive an old car or a modern one, you should think about joining us for the *Ryan Ramble* next year. You’ll be glad you did. ([Photos here.](#))

Scavenger Hunt

by Barb O’Connor

On Saturday morning, August 22, members of the SVMTC and the NCRG HCCA, and friends we hope to see on future tours, met at *Jim and Kathy Ryan’s* house in Orangevale. After coffee and doughnuts, we all prepared for departure for the Scavenger Hunt/Tour of the backroads of Loomis Basin. SVMTC members in attendance, besides *Jim and Kathy*, were *Raul and Bobbi Cornejo, Mike and Debbi Kostiv, Mac Weir, Rich and Sherry Silva*, and *Mark and Barb O’Connor*.

Each driver needed a navigator to help with directions while simultaneously reading clues to find objects, names, and places. This was a challenger for sure, but the drive was worth it. In fact, several people commented that they would be taking this drive another time for the simple pleasure of enjoying the scenery.

Our final stop was lunch at Leatherby’s in Citrus Heights, where *Kathy* facilitated the

exchange of papers (with answers) to find out who solved the most clues. There was a tie for the winner, but *Bobbi* and *Raul* guessed a lucky number and claimed their prize for finding ALL the noteworthy landmarks.

Thanks to the *Ryans* for putting this fun tour together and encouraging clubs to combine their tours.



2026 Upcoming Tours & Events

Please Join Us
for the

August 26th

***Model T* Meeting:**

Wednesday

August 26th

6:30PM

American Legion/ VFW

8990 Kruitof Way

Fair Oaks, Ca 95662

**September 12th- *Model T* Driving
Class at the CAM**

**September 25th- Murer House in
Folsom**

October- Oktoberfest Potluck

December 6th- Christmas Party