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Steve & Linda & Jerry & Patty went for a mini outing on Easter Sunday while maintaining their social distancing.

If / when you go out stay careful and safe.

**Editor Note -**

With all events cancelled for the near future, the newsletter is obviously slimmed down. I will happily be sending out emails and a fresh newsletter as soon as we can resume our activities.

## President Message

### April 2020

Covid-19 World in 2020

Wow. Our world has been turned sideways and upside down. Who would have ever dreamed of cheap gas and no place to go. Cancellations galore.

Don't you wonder what Henry Ford would do?

By now he was required to shut down his plant and send his employees home, but I am sure he wouldn't have sat on his hands.

We won't either. Now is the time to get back out in the garage and tweak that T.

I added a steering stabilizer and a new muffler this month. Since my car is 12 volt, I better add a cigarette jack so I can charge my GPS and my cell phone.

I encourage everyone to get out and walk every day too. It's easy to become a couch potato during these trying times.

Hopefully by May 4, our Governor will lift some of the quarantine, but please continue to be mindful of social distancing and only go shopping when you have too.

No more leisurely wandering through Harbor Freight or Home Depot.

Shop with a mission and a mask until we have a vaccine.

Soon, we will be touring and returning to our normal routines.

But the new normal may be a different life than we knew before Covid-19.

The only thing that is unchanged is our faithful, fun, fabulous Ford Model T.

Dick Borton and Jerry Wrolstad promise to provide us with a Fun time on the Farm. Walt will email all as soon as we have the green light to gather.

In the meantime, we plan to meet on Zoom for monthly meetings. We had several members join in at the April meeting. Please make the effort to get on-line and find out what your fellow members are doing.

If you just can't figure out how to connect on your computer or phone, please contact Steve Schmidt or Walt Berdan for help.

We invite you to join us every Thursday morning for a Zoom meeting at 8:30 am.

Walt will email a link to the meeting and it's easy to sign in.

Stay safe and think Spring,

Steve Schmidt

## Puget Sound Model T Club Minutes

### April 11, 2020

**Attendance:** Logging in on Zoom were Steve and Linda Schmidt, Walt and Mary Berdan, Mike and Donna McGinnis, Dick and Bev Borton, Joe and Colleen Davies, Harold Jr. and Ann Musolf, Jerry and Patty Wrolstad, Terry and Pam Warren, Art Taylor, Bill Graham, Dave Ellis, and Sean Butler.

**Call to Order:** President Steve Schmidt called the virtual meeting to order on Zoom at 9:05AM. He expressed thanks to Mike McGinnis for serving as President during the January and February meetings and to Walt Berdan for facilitating the Zoom connection that allows members to remain in contact during the COVID-19 crisis.

**Secretary's Report:** There was no meeting in March.

**Treasurer's Report:** Donna McGinnis reported paying bills for the roster, newsletter, and celebratory cakes. Our treasury is solvent.

**Events [Jerry Wrolstad and Dick Borton]:** Many events are canceled and the current situation makes planning a challenge. Dick has prepared the field for Fun on the Farm, originally scheduled for May 2, 2020, but the state's stay-at-home order will not be lifted until at least May 4, 2020. The Father's Day weekend event at the assisted living facility in Lynnwood may be canceled. Jerry will await word from the director. The Washington Park tour for June 25, 2020 is still a possibility. The Can-Am tour in September has been canceled, as well as the Monroe and Portland Swap Meets. Other events are still scheduled to continue at present. There was no information about the Model T National Tour this summer.

On May 31, 2020, there is a planned visit to the Arlington airport for a look at a Spirit of St. Louis replica and view a demo flight. The plan would be to gather at Borton's farm and drive our cars to the airport, planning to arrive by 11:00AM. If social distancing requirements make this date impossible, it will be rescheduled for a later date.

**Sunshine [Patty Wrolstad]:** Fortunately, none of our members are ill. Steve announced that former member Dylan Wills and his wife have welcomed a new baby to their family. He will take care of sending them a card from the club.

**T-Oiler [Walt Berdan]:** Since here isn't much for the newsletter this month, Walt will send a more informal version. Contributions are always welcome.

**Insurance and Roster [Donna McGinnis]:** There has been no word from the National regarding whether our club qualifies for insurance. Appreciation was extended to Donna for her production of the roster.

**Storekeeper [Mike McGinnis]:** There is no activity in the store this month. The Model T merchandise that was ordered never arrived and was not billed.

**Door Prizes:** There has been a donation of tire gauges measuring over 100 psi that will be added to the door prizes.

**Old Business:** A Model T tour and visit to the high school will have to be planned when schools reopen in the fall. Harold Musolf Jr. reported that the Washington State proposed law regarding the Horseless Carriage license plate price increase has died in committee.

**New Business:** Colleen Davies moved that the club reimburse Walt Berdan for the \$15.00 monthly Zoom subscription for as long as it is needed. The motion was seconded by Harold Musolf, Jr. The motion passed unanimously. The club members who gather for breakfast on Thursday at 8:30 are now meeting on Zoom at that time. Other members who were previously unable to attend are welcome to join in. Walt will send an invitation each week.

**Adjournment:** Dave Ellis, without having any audio, moved and Harold Jr. seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 9:50AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Schmidt, Co-Secretary



Until things get better, our meetings will be online using Zoom. While we won't be in the same room, you can still see our smiling faces.

We usually dispense with our monthly meetings in the summer but will continue our Thursday breakfast gathering at 8:30 to catch up. Walt will email the link for the meeting. Check with him if you would like information for how to join in with Zoom on you computer, phone or tablet.

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