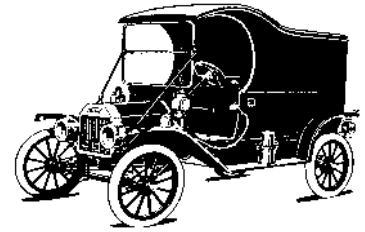




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destiny to do, and then do it."
- Henry Ford -*



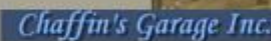
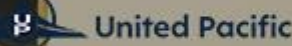
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President's Message



Greetings to all & Happy New Year!

I hope all of you had an enjoyable & restful time over the holiday break catching up with family & friends.

Unfortunately Cheryl & I missed the Christmas picnic due to Covid infection. All reports were that it was a successful event with excellent weather. I am sorry we could not attend. Thanks to John Huitt for taking my Presidential duties & accepting the trophy. Winners! Yeah!



Here we are heading towards our 1st meeting of 2023 & also looking forward to catching up with you all & enjoying using our cars in the New Year

Our first club event is the Healesville Maroondah Dam Picnic on Australia Day. the event will have been run when you read this article. Look for a report & pictures in T Torque.

Sadly over the last few months we have lost club members & some members' close family who have passed away. Sympathies & condolences to all families.

As you know we have the Zoom facility for our Club meetings etc. We can play videos, YouTube clips or members' Go-Pro/drone footage clips . If you have any footage taken you would like to share send it on to us to use. We have a "Dongle" unit now, to enhance our linkups from Ashburton. This dongle linkup method seemed successful, so onward from here! We still need to iron out some lingering up-link problems at times so be patient. If you want we can arrange social learning/ sharing content practice sessions on weekends or evenings. Let me or committee members know so it can be arranged! If you think that Zoom Chat Room calls are a good idea contact any committee member & we will endeavour to launch the show on a regular basis. BTW, I haven't received any requests so far! The more we all use Zoom the better we will get at it.

March Labour day long weekend is at Benalla , planning is going well. This will be a "Corker Event". All info needed is in upcoming events in T Torque.

2025 National Rally:- The entry form & information for '**Eureka Gold Ballarat 2025**' National Rally have been uploaded to Facebook & MTFCV websites. Check out these sites for all information needed.

Suggestion of activities & one-day events are always welcome, contact John Huitt or any committee member.

Reminder!! You, the club members, will need to put some thought to who will be on Committee next year as I feel my time as President is well due by next July. There may be some other committee persons wanting a rest as well. Some committee have served us all for a long time. We welcome new people & fresh ideas & directions! Please give some thought of how you can help the club move into the future. Distance is not a big hurdle now due to Zoom video meeting contact. It's not that hard to do!

Well that's all for now, have a happy & enjoyable New Year!

Good health & safe driving,

"See You Over the Running Board!" — Dave & Chez —



MEMBER NAME BADGES

An order is going in for member name badges. I already have orders for these members, Hancock, Curtis, Caldwell, Docker, S & T Brown. If you have asked me or Dave for one and I have forgotten, sorry.

If you would like a badge, please contact me before 20th Feb 23 and the order will be placed then.

Thanks,

Cheryl Weatherhead

Email: dweatherhead@bigpond.com **Ph:** 03 59 412035



General Meeting Minutes



Meeting Opened on Fri Dec 9 at 8.02pm by President David Weatherhead at Ashburton library and via Zoom

Dave welcomed Rona McLaughlin who brought in Ian's old club jumper and whistle which Dave called the meeting to order with.

Present: 35 attending as per sign in register, 8 on Zoom

Apologies: David Jenkins, Julie Jones, Jennifer, Ruth, & Grace Csorba, Peter & Jo Rutley

Confirmation of minutes: Moved: Bruce Csorba Seconded: Alan Flude

Business arising from minutes: None

Tonight's Meeting: Final meeting, Christmas breakup and chat

Correspondence In: EMAILS AOMC – British & European Motoring Show, Delegates Meeting, Newsletter, Wandin Draught Horse & Yesteryear Festival postponed till Sunday 26th Feb 2023, Delegates Meeting and AGM, Carbon Neutral Scheme. Email from Greg Angelo, MAGAZINES – The Side Valve V8 Times, Backfire

Correspondence Out: Condolence card to Geof Baulch, Thank you card to Bairnsdale Car Club

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was presented by David Jones Seconded: Jo Baulch

Last month's rally report: Thelma Huitt reported on what a great turn out we had for our Christmas Party with the A Model Club. She also said it was great the Ts won the trophy back. 13 Ts to 9 As. Thelma and John also commended Steve Brown for his amazing effort organising the breakup and all the raffle prizes.

Swap Meetings/Clearance Sales report: Toowoomba swap meet been cancelled just in case anyone was planning on travelling that far. Bruce and Graham went to Maldon swap meet. Graham said the only T parts he found were a broken steering wheel and a main bearing cap.

REPORTS

2025 RALLY Nothing new to report. 4 people are fully paid up. Not much will happen for first 4 or 5 months.

Delegate's Reports:

- **AOMC:** Given by Bernie Mc Keegan, full report should be in February magazine
- **Federation:** Last meeting's report in magazine. Next meeting will be early next year in Little River

This month's activity/run: We are planning on going for a run in January for new members with new cars who would like some driving experience, please let Dave Weatherhead know if you are interested.

Upcoming events: Australia Day, Chris Dillon is organising a picnic at Maroondah Dam, all welcome, details in December T Torque. Labour Day weekend rally in Benalla

Restoration Progress: Jenny Steven is close to painting her Coupe

For Sale:

- Greg Angelo sent an email announcing that he will be selling his car and spare parts. Details will be in magazine.
- Norm Quinn's car has been sold and has come back to Melbourne.

General Business:

- Barry Hancock asked if we could get some new pamphlets printed, Geof and Jo Baulch have boxes full at home so will bring to February meeting.
- The Ballarat Car Club will be hosting the Ballarat Begonia Rally on the 17th – 19th February. This will be the 50th anniversary.
- Next year we will be looking for a new club President and Vice president. Please have a think about this.
- We have club caps for sale for \$12.50. If you are interested speak to Geof or Jo Baulch.
- A huge thanks to Steve Brown and his wife Veronica for all the hard work they put into the Christmas party.
- Dave and Cheryl Weatherhead have 2 x long sleeved cotton club shirts at home and 1 3XL polo shirt. If you are interested, please contact the Weatherheads.

Next Meeting/Activity: Welcome back and a chat

Raffle Draw: No raffle

Meeting Closed: 8:30pm

Ann Cupid — Secretary





Club Calendar 2023



CLUB MEETING: 10 8pm General Meeting
CLUB EVENT:



CLUB MEETING: 3 General Meeting (note, change of date due to clash with Benally rally)
CLUB EVENT: 10-13 Labor Day Long Weekend Rally, Benalla area
OTHER EVENTS: 5 Vintage Driver's Club, Kalorama
 12 Yarra Glen Swap Meet
 19 All FORD day — Geelong
 24 Scoresby Federation Picnic



CLUB MEETING: 14 8pm
CLUB EVENT: TBA
OTHER EVENTS:



CLUB MEETING: 12 8pm
CLUB EVENT: TBA
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CLUB MEETING: 14 8PM
CLUB EVENTS: TBA

**Next General Meeting — Fri February 10,
 at the library & via 'Zoom'! 8pm**

Meeting
 Reminder!



Club Permit Renewals



Club permit renewals must be signed by the club permit holder and an authorised MTF CV officer to confirm that the permit holder is a current member of the club. Members having vehicles permitted through MTF CV must be a financial member. If you no longer own or have the listed vehicle on red plates, please contact the secretary.



Ann Cupid, 0427 984797 secretary@mtfcv.com

February

Geoffrey Brooke 6417
 Peter Brown 7396
 Paul Daley 774
 John Docker 5814
 Phillip Dorne 7253
 Alan Flude 7408H8
 Laurie Ford 7430
 Noel Huitt 06072H
 Linda Phillips 2674H3, 96456H, 34052H
 Gregory Russell 8401
 Bruce Weatherhead 3135

March

Geof Baulch
 Jennifer Csorba 34732-H
 Laurie Ford 766
 Graham Hadden 7622
 John Huitt 651
 John Morrison 35701H
 Borge Sorensen 910FH, 8320
 Peter Trewin 6931
 Graeme Wagland 5781
 David Weatherhead 4924

April

Andrew Brown 7805
 Jim Bull 4421
 Bruce Csorba 7399
 Paul Daley 61287H
 Paul Grady 7640
 Bernie McKeegan 07099H
 Linda Phillips 0824H6, 3406H9,
 0824H4, 0824H7, 0824H3,
 0824H2
 David Weatherhead 0452H,
 C9939, 5172



'Under the Hood' by the Editor



Greetings Members,

Happy New year and all the best for 2023. I look forward to receiving and sharing all the club news from members this year.

Unfortunately for Paula and myself it was not the closing to 2023 that we planned for. Just prior to Christmas Paula first contracted Covid and then I followed shortly after. Sadly in the week leading up to Christmas, I was not able to visit my Mum, (Pam) who had not been well. Mum passed on, early on Christmas day.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all club members for their thoughts, calls and cards during this tough time. It was wonderful to receive many cards from members and to have many club members attend mum's memorial service. At times like this you realise how special it is to be part of this club and enjoy the support and care it provides.

I am sure Mum will be fondly remembered by the club as one who supported Bill in his old car hobby, purchasing and restoring numerous cars and then attending rallies in them. Mum's kitchen was always open when club members dropped in and she enjoyed catering for rallies when they were held near home. For many years, Mum's floral Christmas table centre piece arrangements were a keenly sought after item at the Club's Christmas meeting raffles.



Transporting flowers to Mum's grave.



RIP Mum — Pamela Joy Landy 13/06/1941—25/12/2022

Early in the new Year, it was also sad to lose long time club member Bill Formby after a long battle with cancer. A special tribute to Bill is included in this edition written from materials that were to be his member profile.

2023 is off to a flying start in T club activities. For January we have coverage of the Korumburra Swap meet and the annual Australia Day picnic at Maroondah Dam. I am always on the hunt for inclusions for T Torque. 2022 was great for contributions for members so keep them rolling in. I am always happy to receive coverage from more than one member of a club event as it makes for interesting and varied reading. Do any members have a restoration project on the go? I would be very pleased to receive some restoration articles to share with members.

I am very much looking forward to the March long weekend Rally at Benalla. Be prepared to be asked to share your thoughts on the rally with the newsletter!

In recent times, as part of the editing role, I have been in contact with the editor of the Veteran Car Club Magazine, Greg Smith, who puts together the monthly Brass Notes publication. On occasion we swap notes and information to supplement both publications. Recently Greg took an extended holiday to attend several Veteran car events. While he was away, his editing role was covered by an assistant editor. This set me to thinking, in the event we are perhaps away on an extended holiday, do we have anyone in the club that may be interested in assisting with or learning the skills to produce T Torque? If you have the skills and are interested in assisting with T Torque, please email .

Keep Touring in your Ts! — Warwick Landy

Email your contributions to ttorquenews@hotmail.com or send to the club mailbox. Submissions for T Torque are due the third Friday of the month.



Vale — Bill (William) Formby



20/02/1949 - 6/01/23



It is with sadness this month, that I include some details about the life of long time club member and Model T enthusiast, Bill Formby.

This information was meant to form part of a member profile. Bill had been sick with cancer for some time and during 2022, I would often drop by his place just to see how he was doing. On one such visit, with the editor's hat on, I had a lengthy chat with Bill and was able to go through some of his old photo albums to source some material, with his blessing, to write up his member profile. It was sad to hear of his passing early in 2023.

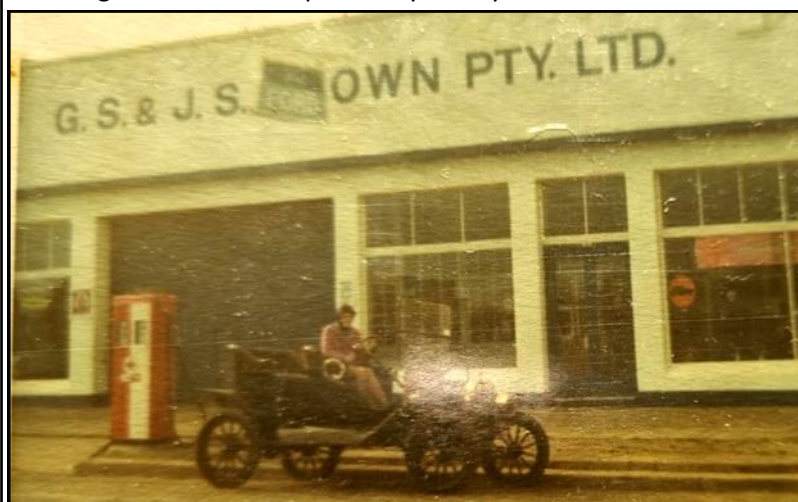
Born to Parents Jim and Edna of Drouin, Bill returned home from hospital to the family home at Drouin which was to become his life long home and the only house he ever lived in! Bill certainly had his Dad's genes and developed a very healthy interest in all things mechanical from an early age. Bill attended school at Drouin Primary School and secondary at Warragul Technical School, before accepting a motor mechanics apprenticeship at Brown's Garage in Warragul, the local Ford dealer. Post apprenticeship, Bill studied teaching and qualified as a secondary teacher in 1978. A career teaching motor mechanics at Tech and TAFE colleges continued until Bill accepted a redundancy package from the Yallourn TAFE and then began restoring Veteran vehicles and parts in his home workshop, right up until his health no longer allowed. Bill spoke very fondly of his



Bill's first version of his 1912 restoration



The second body fitted to Bill's 1912 was a new reproduction built to original Ford specifications in Bill's quest to get it all correct. Bill later replaced this body with a completely original body that he imported from one of his many trips to the USA.



Bill pictured outside the garage where he completed his apprenticeship with his newly restored Model T.

TAFE teaching days and had great memories of his class at Dandenong Tech, restoring a Model T chassis as a class project. Bill also ran restoration night classes at Yallourn TAFE. It was at these classes that Bill taught me the art of hot riveting a Model T chassis back together!

Bill's post retirement projects included the full restoration of a 1903 Curved Dash Oldsmobile for the Traralgon Historical society. Bill also enjoyed a lot of world travel which included 31 trips to his favourite country, the USA. These trips always included swap meets, Veteran car tours and researching Ford History. Bill was well known for his knowledge of early Ford family and motor company history which he was always keen to share with other clubs.



Vale — Bill (William) Formby continued...



Bill's 1912 T, completed with largely original 1912 parts.



Bill at his last rally, the Veteran rally in Warragul, Nov 2022. Despite being unwell and in hospital, he signed himself out to participate!

Bill's father Jim, was a well known manufacturer and restorer of Model T brass radiators. Bill was later to carry on that tradition, repairing and building many new radiators as well as becoming known the world over for his beautiful reproduction brass carbide generators.

Despite Bill's interest in all things cars, his Model Ts were his lifelong passion. Bill was gifted a 1915 Model T for his



15th birthday. The bones of the car were mostly 1915, but Bill wanted an early all brass 1912 car. Bill went on to restore that chassis several times over his lifetime and was very pleased to say that by the end, his 1912 has all original Henry Ford made 1912 parts!

To me, Bill will be remembered as a man of who had a passion and enthusiasm for Model Ts that were second to none, but also as a master craftsman whose restoration skills will be missed.

RIP Bill! — Warwick Landy —



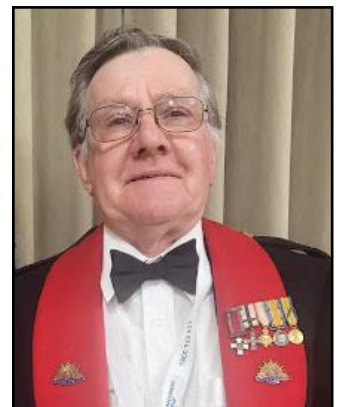
Newsy Bits



Well done to Ruth Csorba on successfully completing her VCE in 2022. Based on her results, Ruth was able to accept an offer of her first preference of a Bachelor of Science at Monash



University. Ruth is also busy clocking up her learner driver hours - maybe we will see her zooming around solo in a T Speedster soon??



Congratulations to Robbie Dalton on celebrating his 70th birthday! Does this mean that Robbie is a founding member of the OBS club and can issue himself with an appropriate certificate?



Model T & A Christmas Party Report



Sunday 4th December

It was a perfect day weatherwise for the 2022 combined T & A clubs Christmas party. The perfect weather did not reflect the lesser number of vehicles that turned out this year? Unfortunately Both President David and Cheryl were recovering from Covid and also Geof and Jo Baulch. They were missed at the event and it would have been the first time in many years they did not attend.



For the first time in many years the number of Ts finally outnumbered the Model As present, and as such we were awarded the perpetual trophy. John Huitt filled in, in the absence of President Dave and received the trophy on behalf of the club. Final numbers were 8 Model As and 14 Model Ts which made for quite an impressive line-up.

The annual raffle was quite spectacular with a large array of prizes on offer. Many who purchased a ticket got away with a prize! A great day was had by all. Well done to committee person Steve Brown and his helpers for a taking on the task of organising the day. Some video of the cars and the day can be seen here at our [Facebook page](#).

Put this event in your diaries to attend in 2023, as it is a great way to end the club's year's activities!
 — Warwick Landy —





Australia Day Rally Report



Maroondah Reservoir — Jan 26th 2023

What a magic day! Great day to be out in the T Model. We headed off around 9:30 to Maroondah Dam in Healesville. When we arrived, Chris Dillon and his family had already set up in a lovely spot for us all. We had a yummy picnic lunch. There was around 25 people, 5 Model Ts and 4 other beautiful old cars. A lot of chin wagging went on and a few brave souls did the hard slog up to Maroondah Dam Wall. Ann and I headed home about 4:00. We went the long way home, up Don Road and came out in Launching Place on the Warburton Hwy. It was a great relaxing day. Thank you, Chris, Fiona, Emily and Catherine. We definitely need more days like this!

Dean Williams —



A nice line up of Victorian built Ts

The day has come for our first real outing with the Club. Car checks all done, oil, water, new tyre for spare, picnic lunch, chairs and the dog. Only concern now is how to handle the hills between home (Montmorency) and Healesville. Quick call to guru John (downhill full retard closed throttle and pray). Time to go.

Cruising out through Research/Kangaroo Ground is relaxing, pull over and let traffic go by and before we know it, time to descend into Yarra Glen. One last traffic wave by and down we go. Engine braking all good, couple of hairpin bends and before we know it level ground. Straight on past the chocolatier and a couple of good hills I had forgotten about. Low gear on one but cruised on through (not looking forward to the drive home).

Cruise through Healesville with lots of waves and calls. Quick lap of the dam carpark and we find a fine crew all assembled. Park next to two more Aussie Ts. Very impressive bunch. All the usual hellos, everyone happy to be out and about. Perfect day weatherwise, no rain and not too hot, unlike last year which I believe was in the 40 degree range.

Time has come to set off home and tackle those hills. Quick check of water and tyres and we are away. Easy cruise through town, not a car park to be had anywhere. Past the RACV club and time to start the climb out of the valley. Some of these little hills have quite a kick but the old girl just keeps going. Back to low a couple of times but all good. Now for the climb up to Christmas Hills. No way around, what goes down has to go up. Much to my surprise and great relief, she powered up and over in top gear, albeit slowly.

Easy run until 100 metres from home and a tyre blow out! To all those present, thanks for your company.

— David Jenkins —



David Jenkins repairing a flat a few hundred metres from home!



Members enjoying food and catch-ups in the picnic area



Australia Day Rally Report continued...



Clenched jaw and butterflies – that’s been my experience to date, being a passenger in a fairly recently acquired T Tourer. Sitting in a moving vehicle with no seat belt and pretty much no form of safety barriers takes a bit of getting used to. Throw in the complexity of driving the old girl, and in particular, stopping her, it doesn’t set the scene for a relaxing day out!

My only excursions to date have been either busy suburban roads with lots of stopping and starting, or single lane rural roads with hills where the car is lucky to be doing 20 kms by the time we get to the top with quite a bank up of traffic behind which causes me a bit of anxiety. Going downhill is quicker but no less scary with the multitude of potholes and skinny little tyres.

The positive thing is the T is a pastime that I can be involved in with hubby, family and friends and will open up opportunities to have new experiences and meet new people with events and rallies, especially now that we are transitioning to retirement. It’s early days and with a bit more time (and hubby’s driving improving) the white knuckles and butterflies will become less and less. Looking forward to the Benalla weekend, some less busy country roads and not being the only car holding up the traffic.

— Karen Jenkins —

Thanks David for sharing your pics of the day on the club's Facebook page: [Model T Ford Club of Victoria](#)



A nice line up of Ts and some more modern classics.



Swap Meet Report



Korumburra — January, 2023

After a 3 year absence, it was great to finally be able to get back to one of my favourite Swaps of the year, Korumburra. Much like many other events, this Swap had not been held because of Covid restrictions. However, this year the event bounced back in record numbers, and during the laydown time benefitted from some landscaping works which provided some extra site spaces.

I travelled down mid Friday afternoon and arrived to find many of the prime sites already occupied and some taped off and reserved which I was a bit annoyed about. These sites are not pre-booked and are generally on a first in, first served basis, hence my frustration! Anyway, I was able to find a nice spot up in the north-east corner of the venue with nice views over the whole site. After a walk around and picking out a few items that I might revisit later if they did not sell beforehand, I headed off for a walk up to the Korumburra Pub for a meal.

After dinner, back at the site, Andrew Brand arrived for a chat. Andrew was set up with a site of his own and from my observations seemed to be the only vendor with Model T parts. I sat in my chair, chatted with other vendors that wandered past, and enjoyed a few nice glasses of red as the sun went down in a spectacular sunset over the venue.

Up bright and early Sunday morning and the crowds were large at 6am waiting for coffee and egg and bacons at the Rotary Club BBQ. I managed to sell a few items and come home with some extra cash. Other Model T Club members attending were Andrew Brown and Bruce and Ruth Csorba. Ruth took the opportunity to clock up some regional learner driver kms on the way to the Swap. From my vantage point looking over the oval, I was able to watch an incredible array of classic cars arrive to display their vehicles on the centre oval. The car display alone is worth the trip. Put it in your diary to attend in 2024

— Warwick Landy —



6.30am and the crowds of bargain hunters are thick!



Old Victorian Garages



Blacklock Ford - Albury

This month's old Victorian Garages article comes from just over the border in Albury NSW. Although the Blacklock Ford Agency was in Albury, they obtained stock from the Victorian agent, Tarrant's in Melbourne. Typical of many early car sales agents, the Blacklock story starts back in the bicycle era before progressing to motorcycles, then cars.

It is with pleasure I present the full Blacklock Ford history courtesy of and with permission from Albury & District Historical Society members, Peter Whitbourn and Chris McQuellan. Peter's research into this subject was inspired by his interest in Penny-farthing bicycles and the restoration of his own 1915 Model T Ford, which he has recently completed after 50 years of collecting and assembling parts.

— Editor —



Peter Whitbourn's 1915 Model T

At left is Bill Landy and Peter on the right. Coincidentally, both Bill and Peter started restoring Veteran Ts 50 years ago while members of the Antique car Club of Albury/Wodonga.

Frederick Charles Blacklock

The Blacklock's Ford dealership is not as old as the Ford motor car company, established by Henry Ford in 1903. Blacklocks, the firm established by Frederick Charles Blacklock in the 1890s, has an interesting history that has stood the test of time. Fred Blacklock was certainly a visionary and an entrepreneur.

He was born in Albury in 1870, the only son of Charles Whalley and Bridget (née Murphy) Blacklock. Charles' obituary in the Border Morning Mail in December 1906 tells us that:

he was born at Ulverstone, Lancashire, England, and came to Australia in 1854. An iron-moulder by trade, he secured employment in Melbourne, afterwards journeying to Albury where in the year 1855 he was to be found working away in the historical 'Fanny Ceres' flour mill. Portion of this old mill is still in evidence [1906] and constitutes part of the cycle factory owned by his son, Mr Fred C Blacklock.

Frederick was born "in a cottage that stood off Dean Street on a portion of land now occupied by Beehive Chambers." The cottage was close by the Fanny Ceres mill where his father was described as the "mill engineer".

The first reference to young Blacklock is found in a local newspaper of December 23, 1876 when he was listed as a prize winner in Third Class in the Infants Department at Albury Model Public School. After completing school, he spent some time in the carpentry and joinery trade. In 1886 he is mentioned playing football for Wodonga Juniors. He was to become a very prominent local footballer in the 1890s and delegate in the Ovens & Murray Football Association.

In August 1894, the Albury Banner reported that "F C Blacklock has purchased hairdressing and tobacconist's business lately carried on by Mrs Roy opposite the Post Office, and solicits a fair share of support." Since the late 1880s, he was a member of the Albury Town Band.

As a young man Blacklock had a keen interest in bike riding with his friend and later business partner James Scanlan. They were members of the Albury Bicycle Club established in 1893. The club conducted road races around the local area and was responsible for establishing the first Great Bicycle Carnival on Easter Monday April 3, 1893.

Responding to the demand for bicycles, James Scanlan opened a shop at the corner of Dean and Kiewa Streets early in 1896 and secured the local agency of three popular makes of bicycles. Perhaps Fred Blacklock was involved with Scanlan's business at the time, selling Raleigh, Whitworth and the Raglan bicycles.



Old Victorian Garages continued...



Blacklock Ford - Albury



Albury Cycle Agency in Townsend St
Fred Blacklock left, Jim Scanlan 4th from left, Alf Fuller 5th from left

In September 1897 a 'Century Run' was held, an event that was to be held annually for the next few years. It required cyclists to complete 100 miles (161 km) within twelve hours. The route took eighteen riders from Albury to Woomargama, Germanton, Culcairn, Gerogery, Jindera and back to Albury – Blacklock and Scanlan participated on a tandem bicycle on what can be described as very poor dirt roads.

All advertisements for Albury Cycle Agency up until April 1898 name just Scanlan, but from May 1898 the adverts name Scanlan and Blacklock. The Albury Show report for September 1898 reported their first locally built bicycle as being christened the "Scanlan Blacklock." This was the beginning of bicycle manufacturing locally in Albury.

Scanlan and Blacklock announced they had procured the best English parts for the manufacture of these bicycles, and their clients could rest assured that with long experience in the trade, the firm was not experimentalist, and that the machine built by them was everything they presented it to be. "A penny post-card addressed to Scanlan and Blacklock, Albury, may save you pounds" an advertisement announced. Within 12 months their bike would be renamed the "Relay."

Business was booming, with Scanlan and Blacklock establishing the "Albury Implement Agency," selling reaper & binders, and the spring tooth cultivator along with the Monarch plough, and Spottiswood stripper.

In November 1899 James Scanlan departed for the Boer War in South Africa. That brought to an end the successful partnership with Fred Blacklock, who bought out his former partner's share of the cycle business. In November 1899 advertisements read "Fred C Blacklock, Albury Cycle Agency, builder of Relay and Blacklock cycles."

In March 1900, increased business prompted Fred Blacklock of the 'Albury Cycle Agency' to take Alfred E Fuller into partnership. By Albury Show time in September, Blacklock and Fuller displayed their 100th Relay, which now included a lady's Relay. Another local bike model was exhibited called the 'Hume.'

On March 21, 1902, the Albury Banner reported that "Mr Darke's property, having 66ft frontage to Kiewa street, nearly opposite the Rose Hotel, has been purchased by Mr C Blacklock for £445." This property, purchased by Blacklock's father, would later become part of Frederick's expanding business interests.



Old Victorian Garages continued...



Blacklock Ford - Albury



The 1898 Bicycle Carnival – Fred Blacklock in a skeleton costume on a tall bike supported by his father Charles on a tricycle and Jim Scanlan.

The following month the Albury Banner told readers that:

We were surprised to hear that the puff, puff of the motor was to be a permanency in Albury, but, on inquiry at Messrs Blacklock and Fuller's, Albury, we saw the firm's mechanics busy on a new 'Relay' motor bicycle, the Minerva engines having just arrived from Amiens, France, and it will be built specially strong to stand the rough roads around here ... the pace varying from five to 30 miles per hour as desired. We had no idea the firm's business and premises were so extensive ... the eight hands constantly employed were as busy as possible. Over 300 machines have been built by Messrs Blacklock and Fuller, and now they have added a gun repairing branch where repairs of all kinds are promptly and skilfully done.

In September 1902 the Dunlop Road Race from Warrnambool to Melbourne was won by Matt Chappell on a Relay bicycle built by Blacklock and Fuller of Albury. That same year it was reported that the firm had been established for ten years, 1892-1902.

In February 1903, Fred married local girl, Kate Sexton, at St Patrick's Church Albury.

By December that year, the 'motor bicycle' was proving popular, with the Albury Banner providing an example of its popularity and use:

An inquest was held at Dora Dora, and a post-mortem examination of the body being necessary a local medical man

left Albury on a motor bike for the purpose. Dora Dora is about 44 miles from Albury, and the road is not exactly of the best. The doctor, however, went up, made the post-mortem, gave evidence at the inquest, and had dinner besides taking a good rest. He was, however, after covering a distance of 88 miles, and all incidental delays, only seven hours absent from town. The motor has evidently come to stay, and as a matter-of-fact Messrs Blacklock and Fuller last week booked orders for five machines.

1903 saw hire cars added to the business portfolio with a new four-cylinder Talbot car purchased from England, and yet another local cycle called the 'Cameo.'

At the start of 1904 larger premises were needed, and an increase in new stocks of English and American cycle parts. A new product was now available, sewing machines. Blacklock and Fuller were now importing cases of cycles, cycle parts, motors, and sewing machines. Repairs of all kinds could be undertaken including motors, cycles, guns and rifles, stirrup irons, bits, and general repairs to all small articles. Agencies for Blacklock & Fuller, Cycle and Motor Experts (Albury), were established at Germanton (Holbrook) and Henty in 1905. The Minerva motor car was included for the first time in their Albury Show display.

On April 20, 1906, the Albury Banner reported: "Dissolution of Partnership.— The firm of Blacklock and Fuller, bicycle manufacturers, has been dissolved by mutual consent. Mr Fuller retires, and the business will be carried on by Mr Blacklock."

By September 1906, the advertisements for the business, still in Dean Street, read: "Fred C Blacklock (late Blacklock & Fuller) maker of the famous 'Relay Cycles,' guns and firearms repaired, Mullerite and other cartridges stocked, New Home and Naumann Sewing Machines on hand." A new De Dion motor car was added to the hire fleet in 1907.

Frederick Blacklock was actively involved in community affairs of Albury, being on many committees and donating generously to organisations such as the Albury District Hospital. In early 1907 he was elected as an Alderman on Albury Municipal Council. In welcoming him to his first meeting of Council, Mayor Alf Waugh described Blacklock as "one of their energetic townsmen and was one most likely to take an interest in municipal matters." Blacklock remained on Council until 1911.

— *To be continued in the March edition of T Torque* —



Upcoming Rallies and Events



DETOUR 'T' TOUR LABOUR DAY WEEKEND BENALLA 10th-13th MARCH 2023

Accommodation - *Benalla Tourist Park (Rally Headquarters) 03 57602000*
(16 cabins for the Model T Ford Club first in best dressed)

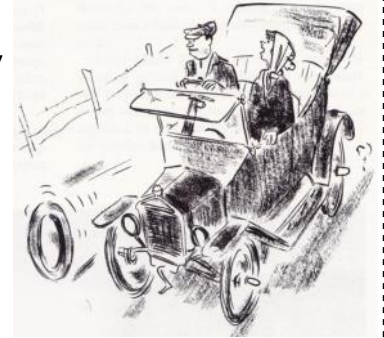
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Please notify our events coordinator, John Hewitt, of your attendance on
0428 387499 or navi2008gator@yahoo.com.au



Highlights will include:

- Making new friends on our invitation run with members of the Goulburn Valley Motor Vehicle Drivers Club through the Winton Wetlands to the Silo Art Trail;
- See a magnificent private Antique Tractor Collection
- See where a famous Australian went to school
- Visit a Private Antique Fuel Bowser Collection
- Dinner at historic Tatong Tavern and guest speaker.
- Visit an Aviation Museum and be fascinated by its WW2 history.



Arrangements:

- Rally entry fee \$25 per car payable at the rally.
- Those that arrive Friday, it would be great to have some member volunteers to take some residences of the Royal Freemasons aged care facility for a spin in their Model Ts around Benalla. This is a great PR opportunity for this terrific club and its members to give someone in a different stage of their life, some enjoyment. This run will be Friday afternoon around 2pm. Meet at Benalla Tourist Park to be part of this pre rally activity.
- **Friday night BYO BBQ at Benalla Tourist Park from 5:30.** All rally information to be received here from myself. For catering purposes please advise me of your attendance, as we will be attending a number of venues that require accurate numbers for catering. We don't want anyone to miss out!

Don McPherson-Email: mac.chester@bigpond.com PH: 0412851325

FEDERATION SCORESBY PICNIC CAR SHOW

Sun 26th March 2023

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10am - FREE ENTRY

Vehicles & Motorcycles 25 years & older are welcomed to park in the display area.

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- **DATE:** MARCH 19, 2023.
- **TIME:** 9AM TO 3PM
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From the Club's Facebook page...

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Contact: Noel Inman Ph 0393648777

FOR SALE:

1923 Model T Tarrant Tourer

This very original car has recently benefitted from a full, engine rebuild by a well known T mechanic. Rebuild includes a new Scat Crankshaft. Very few miles since rebuild. Price includes considerable amount of extra spares to be included with the sale. Currently on a club permit. Ready for a new owner to drive and enjoy. Nothing to do.

\$25000

Contact club member: Greg Angelo: 0413278364 email

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Newsy Bits



TT TRUCK MYSTERY!

Model TT Truck shearers station truck for auction. This rather unique TT Shearers truck appeared as part of an online auction late in 2022. Located in Regional Victoria, this old truck was adorned with all sorts of accessories of the era. Does anyone know what it sold for and where it went?



Member Retirement!

Jo Baulch recently retired from a lengthy nursing career. We congratulate her on her retirement and wish her all the best for a restful and relaxing life ahead.

Cheers Jo!



Ts Enjoying the Summer!

There has been plenty of Summer driving happening with members enjoying the good weather and taking the opportunity get out and about in their Ts. Some members who have been spotted via social media include, Frank & Kerrie van Ekeran, Peter Ninnis, Dean & Anne Williams, and the Landy family to name a few! If you have been out and about, please send us some pictures and a short description to

share with the members in T Torque.



HALF A HORN??

Bruce Csorba, much to the amusement of those present at the December meeting, reported that at the Maldon Swap meet, he purchased "half a Horn" and also a Ford spanner!



Do you have any 'Newsy Bits'?
Send them through to us at:
ttorqueneews@hotmail.com

BIG RUST DRIVE

Phil & Carm Ruge travelled to Gippsland to pick up rust— proof that our classified ads in Torque are read and responded to! Over the summer break, Phil and Carm took the opportunity to travel from Portland to Gippsland, and then back to Melbourne, to pick up some rust to assist Phil with the completion of one of his T projects.

"El-Cheapo" Lives On!

Many members will remember former member's car, Norm Quinn's 'El-Cheapo' as it was known. 'El-Cheapo', a 1927 Depot Hack, has been purchased by new owners and has benefitted from some mechanical works at Henry's T & A parts in Ballarat. Hopefully the new owners will join the club and we will see the car at an event soon?

McLaughlin's Continues!

It was great to see Rona McLaughlan at the December meeting. In 2023 Rona will continue to run the shoe shop business (McLaughlan Comfort Shoes) in Heidelberg, after the passing of her husband Ian in 2022. This year the shop celebrates 50 years of operation.



T Tidy Up!

Treasurer David and wife Julie have been busy giving the 14 a bit of a cosmetic restoration. Mudguard metal repairs and paint as well as a new top.





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The club welcomes new members who have an interest in the Model T Ford.

Members receive 11 monthly editions of the Model T Torque newsletter. The Model T Ford Club participates in and administers the VicRoads Club Permit Scheme.

Members have access to a full register of Model T owners and their vehicles.

A full calendar of club activities including monthly meetings, annual rallies and other motoring events is planned annually. Generally, three annual rallies over the traditional, March, June and November public holiday weekends are planned in Regional Victorian locations for member participation.

The club conducts an annual Model T only, cars and parts Swap Meet. Member participation in other club gazetted events is also encouraged.

Meetings

General meetings are held on the 2nd Friday of each month (except January) at 8pm at the **Ashburton Library Meeting Room**, (154 High Street, Ashburton) and / or via 'Zoom' online.

Meetings start promptly and usually include a guest speaker and informal supper. They conclude at approximately 10pm.

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(www.modelt.org).

Both clubs produce excellent magazines (Vintage Ford, Model T Times) and the Model T Ford Club encourages membership of both organisations.





Period Feature Photo



This month's period feature photo is a great picture of a working TT Truck obviously from the Western Suburbs.
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