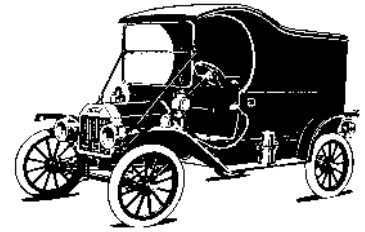




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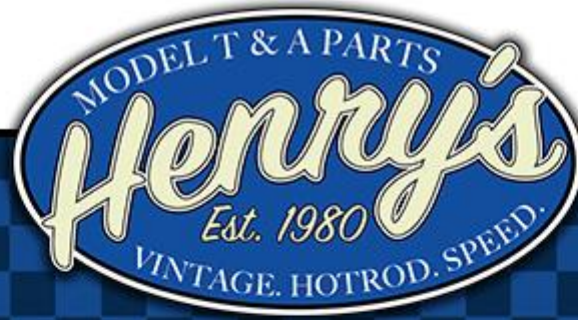
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- Henry Ford -*



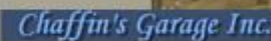
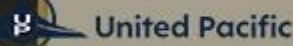
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## President's Message



**G**reetings to all!

I hope all of you are enjoying life as it should be - good friends & Model Ts!

Our 1st meeting of 2023 was well attended in person & on Zoom. It was great to catch up with you all.

Our first Club event was the Healesville Maroondah Dam Picnic on Australia Day. It was a nice day in a relaxing part of the park attended by approx 20 members in a variety of car types. Mark this event on your calendar for next year!

I have heard that some members are not well or have had accidents & injuries. I hope you are well on the road to recovery.

As you know, we have the Zoom facility for our Club meetings etc. If you can't attend in person why not join us on Zoom! 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. 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 a 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 at Benalla is upon us! This will be an "Epic Event". See you there! Don't forget to carry fuel & give Lizzie a safety check!

Don't forget to check on your Club permit status. I have heard of some mail has been going missing & also forgotten in paper avalanche we get at times. It is easy to overlook the notice if it arrives 2 months early!

2025 National Rally:- The entry form & information for Eureka Gold Ballarat 2025 national rally have been uploaded to Facebook & MTF CV websites. Check out these sites for all information needed.

EVENTS CALENDAR:- Suggestions of activities & one-day events are always welcome, contact John Huitt or any Committee Member. Your committee are working on setting up car runs & activities for the future. This is not an easy job and we welcome any suggestions of activities. One problem now is to secure enough accommodation or safe parking for us & our cars. Traffic is getting worse by the month in some areas!

ANOTHER 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 will be other Committee persons wanting a rest as well. Some committee have served us all for a long time. We will need a new president, vice president & 1 committee member for next year. 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!. A brief explanation of roles & responsibilities will be released to help sooth any anxieties you may have with the roles!

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](mailto:dweatherhead@bigpond.com) **Ph:** 03 59 412035



## General Meeting Minutes



**Meeting Opened on Fri Dec 9 at 8.17pm by President David Weatherhead at Ashburton library and via Zoom**

**Visitors:** Ian Hancock **Present:** 28 in attendance and 14 on Zoom

**Apologies:** Geoff Brooke, David Jenkins, Bernie McKeegan, Jennifer and Grace Csorba

**Confirmation of minutes:** Moved: Jo Baulch Seconded: Jenny Stevens

**Tonight's Meeting:** Videos on YouTube

### **Correspondence In:**

- EMAILS – AOMC Kalorama Rally, Festival of Motoring, Automotive Historian, Heritage Truck & Vehicle Display, Phillip Island Classic, B40 Rally, British & European Motoring Show, Rob Roy Revival
- Several in house emails & emails from Ashburton Community House regarding new library bookings contact.
- MAGAZINES – The Side Valve V8 Times, The Bent Wire, The Vintage Ford Vol 57 & 58, T. Topics, Backfire
- Bank statement, member registration form, flyer for Brighton Classic Car Show, Ballarat information

**Correspondence Out:** Condolence cards to Warwick Landy and the Formby Family

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was presented to the members by David Jones, Seconded: Thelma Huitt

### **Last month's rally report:**

- Given by Bruce Csorba about Australia Day run to Maroondah Dam
- Also mentioned was our combined Christmas Party with the A Model Club where our club once again won the trophy for having the greatest number of cars.

### **Swap Meetings/Clearance Sales report:**

- Bruce Csorba went to both the Korumburra and Berwick Swap Meets. He got a few things at Korumburra and a motorcycle claxon horn for \$5 at Berwick.
- There is a swap meet tomorrow, Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Feb, in Glenlyon and one at Snake Valley on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb.
- John Morrison found an article in a hot rod magazine explaining why there will be no Ballarat Swap and the same magazine had a write up about the Ford Flathead Festival that was held last year.

### **Upcoming events:**

Labour Day rally in Benalla, Kalorama rally 5<sup>th</sup> March, Rob Roy Hill Climb 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March

**Technical Tips/Queries:** Dave Weatherhead had a 1912 brake shaft and explained that the O ring had been machined square instead of rounded and over time it's snapped because it has sharp edged in the bottom which creates a fault line. So never leave sharp grooves on anything you machine.

**For Sale:** Dave Weatherhead will have lots of stuff soon so watch this space.

**Parts Wanted:** Bruce Csorba 13-14 diff halves 12 rivet.

### **General Business:**

- Library changes: The library will now be hired through The Ashburton Community House. As of the 1<sup>st</sup> May the cost of hiring the library will almost double. We now have to be out right on time, make sure room is extra clean and take our rubbish with us.
- There is a new club register coming out but due to scammers it will only include member's name, their partner's name, their suburb and phone number. This will be emailed out to members and can then be printed. For those members that do not have an email address please let us know.
- We are looking for a new President, Vice President and 2 committee members. David Jones will be staying on as Treasurer and Ann Cupid will be staying on as Secretary. Please have a serious think about this. No President means NO CLUB.
- The Committee is looking for ideas for Saturday and/or Sunday trips. We are not asking you to organise them, although that would be great, but we need ideas.
- Don McPherson, who is organising the Labour Day long weekend rally in Benalla, is hoping if anyone is there by 2:00pm to go to the local elderly citizens club to take the members for a drive in the T Models.

**Next Meeting/Activity:** TBA but we are open to suggestions.

**Raffle:** Drawn by: John Huitt Won by: Noel Inman Prize selected: Magnifying glass with light.

**Meeting Closed:** 9:20pm A big thank you to Ruth Csorba for helping us out with Zoom

**Ann Cupid — Secretary**





## Club Calendar 2023



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



<b>CLUB MEETING:</b>	10	8pm General Meeting
<b>CLUB EVENT:</b>		TBA



<b>CLUB MEETING:</b>	10	8pm General Meeting
<b>OTHER EVENT:</b>	5-8	Mallee Gold rally, Swan Hill (see details at shvcvc.com.au)



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**Next General Meeting — Fri March 3  
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 MTFCV officer to confirm that the permit holder is a current member of the club. Members having vehicles permitted through MTFCV 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](mailto:secretary@mtfcv.com)

### 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

### May

Lloyd Davis 6062  
Laurie Ford 7431  
Ian Northey 3894  
Linda Phillips 71021H  
Ray Smith 3257  
Laurie Wadeson 3565  
Stephen Weatherhead 5470



## 'Under the Hood' by the Editor



Greetings Members,

I have some great stuff to share this month. The finale of the Blacklock story is included. Thanks for hanging in there with that one, but it was important to share the pre-Model T era story as well. Thanks to Robbie Dalton for the Begonia Rally report and also to the Romsey Men's Shed for the restoration update on their TT Truck.

Some members may have heard, during the month that I was successful in gaining a new full time job. I have been working casually or on contract for quite a few years. The prospect of a full time job for the remainder of my working career is very exciting, however, the job does have a use by date as the coal fired power plant is set for closure in a 5 1/2 years.

A bonus of being casual was not having to give notice to my employer, so I walked out Friday afternoon with plans for a week off between jobs and a bit of a tour around the State in my Model T pickup. Daily coverage of the trip can be seen on my Facebook page, ([Warwick Landy](#)), but I will share a few of the highlights here.

I have been trying for sometime to get to Nagambie to check out a very rare and unique Victorian built T, belonging to new member, Neville Forbes. It is a 1916 Tarrant T. An outline of my tour...

**Day 1:** Traralgon to Nagambie to catch up with Neville. I travelled from Traralgon to Nagambie via Pakenham, Healesville, Yarra Glen, Yea and Seymour, arriving mid-afternoon. It was great to meet Neville and photograph his car. More about this T in a future edition of T Torque.

**Day 2:** Wednesday's trip took me to Castlemaine via Colbinabbin and Bendigo. The silo art in Colbinabbin was a highlight of the trip. It was also great to catch up with Norm Morgan and check out his Ts and parts. I caught up with a potential new member in Bendigo who has just purchased a 1915 T Roadster. Hopefully we will see this one at Benalla. It was a great night's stay at Castlemaine in the caravan park. Lots of visitors were intrigued by the T and the camper setup.

**Day 3:** Castlemaine to Queenscliff. I stopped over at *Henry's T, A & Rod Parts* at Ballan and had an afternoon catch up with Geelong member, Evelyn Hill. It was great to meet Evelyn in person after chatting at meetings on Zoom calls. I finished the day with a tour of the Bellarine Peninsular before settling in for a night at the Queenscliff camping area. I lucked out with a great feed and cheap beers at the Queenscliff cricket club!

**Day 4:** Home to Traralgon via the Queenscliff to Sorrento Ferry. The run along the Nepean highway around the bay was a pleasure to drive during a non-holiday period or weekend. Traffic was light and easy. I cruised home in plenty of time for a stopover at Drouin with early T club members, Ian and Carol Mallows.

My trip was roughly 1300kms and car maintenance included 2 timer cleans, 1 blowout and a blown fuse. It was a very enjoyable trip. How about getting out and about in your T for a few days and sharing your tour here with the members in T Torque?

Keep Touring in your Ts! — Warwick Landy

**Email your contributions to [ttorqueneeds@hotmail.com](mailto:ttorqueneeds@hotmail.com) or send to the club mailbox. Submissions for T Torque are due the third Friday of the month.**



Camped at Castlemaine



Neville Forbes' 1916 Tarrant Tourer



# Restoration Progress



## Accessory Wire Wheels—Alan Flude

Club member, Alan Flude, has recently completed a long lasting restoration project of his Veteran wire wheels. Inspired by his project, I have begun restoration of a set of the same model and style myself. Alan has shared some pictures of his wires and accessories which have come up a treat.

Alan says...

*'Each Budd wheel has 48 double butted spokes. It took 7 wheels to get enough original spokes to rebuild 5 wheels. These 23 X 3 1/2" Beaded edge rims are all original, in very good condition. The Budd wheels were rebuilt by Steve Hood at Vintage Rims Australia QLD. Bruce Feldtmann at Egge Machine Co. repaired the hubs.'*



Left:  
New hubcap decals

Right:  
The hub spring ratchet mechanisms



Left:  
Restored and painted wheels

Right:  
Hubs and unique front hub spanner

I have had a set awaiting restoration for a long time. Inspired by Alan's completed job, I started disassembly in preparation for sand blasting and re-spoking. Unfortunately all my rims are beyond help so I have accumulated a set of original beaded edge rims which will have to be "dimpled" before assembly with new spokes. During disassembly (cutting the spokes with an angle grinder) I was surprised by the tension and strength of the wire wheels. This strength was mentioned in many early advertising flyers promoting the advantages of wire wheels over wooden spokes. Their common usage in racing supports this.

—Ed —



Original beaded edge rims ready for dimpling and lacing into the hubs

My different "Ford" ID plates

I am still short a RHS rear hub if anyone has one?



## Begonia Rally Report



### BLOOMING GOLD ---- 50<sup>th</sup> BEGONIA RALLY BALLARAT

Following the mention of this rally at our December club meeting, Christine and I decided we would attend this rally as it was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and we thought it would be a special one (and it was).

After loading the car and trailer on Thursday, we were ready to set off on Friday morning. We managed to negotiate the Westgate roadworks and traffic and arrived at the Big 4 NRMA Holiday Park at about 1.00PM. We moved into the



new cabin and were pleased that the A/C had been turned on for us as the temp was about 38 deg. A helpful staff member assisted me with parking for the trailer and cars, and we were soon organised and ready for the registration night at the clubrooms of the Ballarat Vintage and Classic Car Club who were hosting the rally.

We arrived at the meeting at 5.00 PM in our Model T and were made very welcome. We received our rally bag which had an array of goodies, with the rally book of instructions and also including a very nice rally badge and ladies shoulder bag with embroidered logo, a small picture frame which was for the photo taken the next day and given to us on Sunday. We left at about 8.30 PM after hearing all the gossip and learning who was who in the zoo, including the fact that there would be 100 cars in the rally. I should mention that we had a scrumptious meal and tea and coffee while meeting new friends. We arrived back at the park and put our car away for the night.

Saturday morning we set off for the rally start at Eureka Park. An official welcome and cutting of the anniversary cake was performed by the President and local dignitaries with club life members in attendance.

Following a morning tea we set off for our lunch destination at a lovely property at Mt. Egerton. We soon realised that the route instructions were first class and the ample signage not really needed. We were treated to a nice picnic lunch on the banks of a huge lake and under shady gum trees. In a large shed was an array of about 10 HD/HR Holdens and various GMH memorabilia along with many items of interest for us to peruse. However the fun was soon to start with a motorkhana event on the other side of the lake. This had many people in hysterics as some of the blindfolded driving was quite funny, and the lake got very close to one car, (didn't it Jo?!). We all made our



way home after about 3.30 PM and I managed to find the way back via the highway, it isn't easy following instructions in reverse. We soon arrived at our cabin and prepared ourselves for the dress up dinner dance. We got picked up by the courtesy bus and arrived at the Greyhound Track function centre at about 6.30 PM.

Robbie & Geof's Ts on the rally





## Begonia Rally Report continued...



The prize winning 1927 Roadster

We found our table and introduced ourselves to the others at the table and settled in for a great night. A 3 course meal was served and was very nice and the singer musician was absolutely great, and soon had many people up and dancing. The night was over by 10.30 PM and we left for home in the bus again.

Sunday morning we set off again for the Eureka Park starting point for a short run to a private property for morning tea. We were again able to view a collection of cars and a shed that was made to look like a street scene with shops and a garage etc. It was absolutely magnificently done and presented. Another short drive to our lunch destination which was the CERES homestead, built in the 1860's and visited by Royalty at some stages of its life, a truly great old home from bygone days.

Following another sumptuous lunch we had a presentation of awards for the best car in various categories. Our members Graeme and Gail Barnes took out the award for under 1930 cars, in their beautiful 1926 Roadster, so well done to them.

Geof Baulch and I made up the numbers. Mention should be made of Geof's trip home on Friday night after the meeting. He and Jo were about 500 metres from home when a welsh plug blew out, so of course they had to push the car the rest of the way, uphill. After fixing the plug, Geof started the car and water spurted out the radiator, so off with the Z head, a new head gasket and on with the old head as the Z head was warped. In bed after 2.00AM ready for a Saturday rally. Good on you Geof! Another club member up that way is Mark Border. He was recognized for his efforts in helping with transport of materials during the rally, that is why he was driving his lovely XY Falcon V8 ute around, and not one of his early Fords.

All in all it was a very well organised rally and one that I really enjoyed. It was reminiscent of Model T Club rallies of years gone by.

--- Robbie Dalton ---



The oldest car in the rally, a 1913 Overland



## Restoration Story



### Romsey Men's Shed TT Truck Restoration Project

*It is a pleasure to present this month, a restoration progress story from the Romsey Men's Shed. It was great to meet Jeff and the members recently when delivering some spares that they had purchased from me. Their TT Truck project is a very nice old original TT with some great history and original accessories. Thanks to Jeff for supplying the article. I have added a few additional photos that I took during my visit. Jeff and the guys would be pleased to hear from other TT owners in the club to check out body and assembly details of similar Trucks.*

*The Mens Shed have set up a 'Go fund Me' page to seeking donations of funds to help complete the project. Here is the link, <https://www.gofundme.com/f/romsey-mens-shed-model-t-ford-build> Feel free to donate cash or your knowledge, parts or skills to help the guys complete this project.*

— Ed —

Romsey Mens Shed  
Working on Friendships



In October 2022 a 1925 TT Truck was donated to the Romsey Men's Shed to be restored, and eventually belong to the Romsey community.

The truck was donated by a local earthmoving business and had been up on a rack in a shed for over 35 years, so had a thick layer of dust. The truck apparently came from a builders supply yard somewhere in the Macedon Ranges, where it was fitted with a Furphy water tank cut down to make a tipping tray. The tray was tipped by hand and had a hefty chain to limit the tip angle. The truck did not come with the tray, in fact the picture below is the day we picked it up and were allowed to give it a pressure wash in the donor's wash bay.



Discussion has been around what to restore the truck to, as over the years the cab had been cut away, and what wood is left is in a sorry state.

The team have decided that the most recognisable "T" to the general public would be a C Cab style as per the green example (right).

We have started mocking up seats (Mazda CX7 for the exercise), so we can get a better driver relationship to the pedals and steering wheel. We have a supply of 13mm particle board to make up mock-up cabs to get the dimensions and look that we want.





## Restoration Story



### Romsey Men's Shed TT Truck Restoration Project continued...

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We are also following up various 'TT' owners with a view to measure and photograph other C cabs. At this stage the engine has almost zero compression so has not been able to be started despite having the valve clearances increased (inlets were sunken). All four coils have been cleaned and set up using a home made test rig and are giving very good spark at the correct amperage. One needed new points which we got from Lang's T Model spares in the USA. The current aim is to at least get the engine running to assess the condition of the gearbox and differential. This truck we are told is a little rarer than some as it is fitted with a Moore two speed gearbox just

ahead of the differential. The front axle also has wider springs which were an aftermarket item produced by Henderson Spring works in North Melbourne.

The truck was on display at a recent Macedon Ranges Car Club meeting at Hanging Rock. At this massive gathering of cars we were offered a radiator

restoration by Aussie Desert Coolers which we gratefully accepted. The head has been removed, cleaned, new spark plugs and leads, and painted "Ford Blue" for the moment. Estimated budget to complete this project is around \$12,000.

At some time in the future (Our president calls this a "Multi Generational Project"), the truck will be used in various community parades and activities including the Kyneton Daffodil Parade.

— Jeff Smith —

*Acting Romsey Men's Shed Secretary*



Jeff pictured with the TT. Note the original accessory.



This TT is an early 26 Model. It features the 26 style steering column, and transmission cover but retains the earlier style 1925 Steel firewall and coil box mounting.



*The original firewall and shift lever for the Moore transmission.*



The TT rear axle featuring the inline auxiliary transmission.



## Old Victorian Garages



### Blacklock Ford - Albury

Continued from February edition...



"Proprietor & Staff, Blacklock Motor Garage & Cycle Dept, Albury"



About 1913/1914, Kiewa St – Fred Blacklock is on the right of the top photo

In 1910 the business moved to new more spacious premises in Kiewa Street. The *Albury Banner* described the new workshop:

*Mr F C Blacklock's Garage. The new premises situated in Kiewa-street, opposite Mate and Co, lately purchased by Mr Blacklock give some indication of the vast strides this enterprising citizen has made in the estimation of the cycling and motoring public of Albury and district. The building has been altered and added to in the most up-to-date way; consistent with dealing with the ever increasing volume of trade which first class work and fair dealing has built up. A spacious front shop, stocked with everything which experience dictates as indispensable to cyclists of every description. Motorists' accessories from A to Z, 5 gun parts, guns, rifles, and shooters' needs are all to be found right to hand. A splendidly equipped workshop, backed up by a staff of skilled and experienced mechanics ...*



## Old Victorian Garages continued...



### Blacklock Ford - Albury

In November 1913 Blacklock's announced that the business had accepted the 'Ford' agency, the *Albury Banner* making the announcement on November 28:

*Mr Fred C Blacklock makes an important announcement in this issue of the 'Banner.' He advises that he has accepted 'The Ford' agency ... the most astonishing thing in connection with 'The Ford' is the price— £190 for a 20 hp (single seater) and £210 for a five seated body.*

Blacklock's business interests expanded in 1914. In March, the *Border Morning Mail* had the news that "Owing to the expansion of the motor business at Mr F C Blacklock's garage, he has completed the purchase of Messrs Robbins and Porter's business, and all their stock and plant."

In March 1912, Blacklock had paid £920 for the skating rink site in Kiewa-street. On May 8, 1914, Albury saw the grand opening of his Theatre Royal on the site, built by Frew and Logan. Stuart Logan designed the unusual façade, described as "a blend of Moorish and Gothic and towered to a great height."



Blacklock's Theatre Royal and Blacklock's Ford Agency c1914

The car business continued to expand and in April 1920, the *Albury Banner* reported:

*Recent additions made by Mr F C Blacklock to his motor premises and repair shops in Albury have made the establishment one of the largest of the kind in the State. We believe it is now the largest workshop in the country districts, embracing as it does not only every branch of repair work to cars, bicycles and motor tyres, but also some engineering departments ... Having recently purchased Brunner's property in Kiewa-street, he will be able to make extensions in that street. The business premises of Mr Carew in Townsend-street have also been acquired, with the object of eventually carrying the works right through to that street from Kiewa-street.*

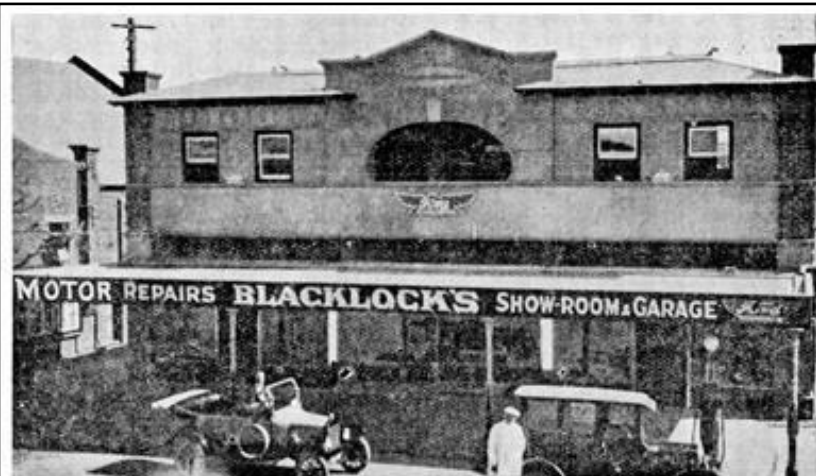
In 1924, Blacklock's opened their expanded premises on Kiewa Street and by the end of the decade had extended through to Townsend Street. Speaking to the *Border Morning Mail* at the time, and referring to his first motor car, the Minerva that he imported in 1905, Blacklock said that "I felt several inches taller when I got that car going and drove it down Dean Street. Its appearance created a mild sensation. There was no need to register cars or worry about licenses then."



## Old Victorian Garages continued...



### Blacklock Ford - Albury



## BLACKLOCK'S 1892—1924

- 1892—  
Blacklock's business started—first as cycles and repairs.
- 1900—  
Motor cycles were added to the list, and the fame of the firm spread as importers and repairers.
- 1905—  
The first car was imported, and was quite an event in Albury.
- 1910—  
Business had grown beyond the bounds of the premises, and the present site was purchased and built on and more staff engaged.
- 1915-1920—  
Further additions to staff, plant and premises.  
Fame for fair dealing and good work renowned.
- 1924—  
Staff of 37 going continuously—Turning, fitting, oxy-welding, black-smithing, vulcanizing, painting, trimming, motor cycle, cycle and general work, and general engineering.  
New two-storey front built and shops enlarged and fine show-room added. Business larger than ever.

When in Albury, see **BLACKLOCK'S**. It has grown solidly, like the town—  
on good foundations.

## Blacklock's Albury Motor Garage

Box 34 ————— "Where business goes and grows" ————— 'Phone 41

Frederick Charles Blacklock died suddenly on April 20, 1930. An obituary in the *Border Morning Mail* read (in part):

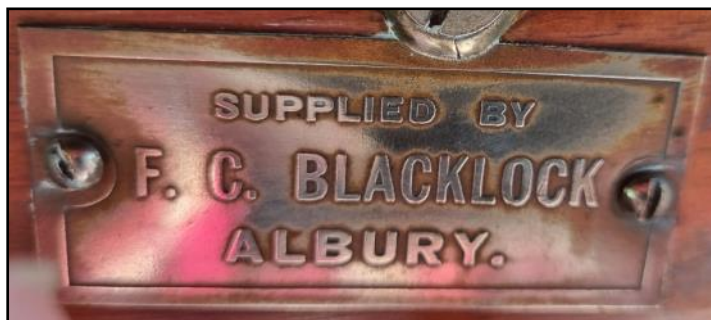
*Mr Blacklock's business activities extended over a wide area. He was a large employer of labour, his staff numbering from 45 to at times 60 persons. His success in building up his great business was due to his integrity and application. His watchword was service and that he always rendered in full measure*

...

*Mr Blacklock was never selfishly absorbed in his own affairs. He played his part as a citizen in his native town's activities. When a young man, he was a keen footballer and played with the old Albury team of that time. He was a generous supporter of all local movements, served a term as alderman and was a committeeman on practically every public institution in Albury. Mr Blacklock took a keen interest in Rotary and was a member of the Albury Club ... His friends were legion in all walks of life, to all he was the same gentle kind hearted man.*

It was reported that his funeral "was the largest ever seen in Albury, extending over a mile in length, and more than 1000 mourners assembled at the graveside."

After his death, the business that Fred had established continued to thrive. Arriving in late 1930, Mrs Blacklock's nephew, Mr Robert Farrell, took over management of the business.



### Editor's Note...

A nice way to close out this article and a wonderful coincidence, knowing this article was coming up, was to spot this original brass dealer plaque on the dash of new member, David Jenkins' Tarrant Tourer at the December A & T Christmas party.



## Upcoming Rallies and Events



### **DETOUR 'T' TOUR LABOUR DAY WEEKEND—BENALLA 10-13 March**

Please ensure that you have advised John Hewitt, of your attendance:

0428 387499 or [navi2008gator@yahoo.com.au](mailto:navi2008gator@yahoo.com.au)

Organiser: Don McPherson PH: 0412851325

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## Hamilton, Victoria

March 24-26

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### FROM THE AUSSIE MODEL T PARTS FACEBOOK PAGE...

**FOR SALE:** 2 1911-13

Runningboard Brackets

Contact: Andrew Brand



### **FOR SALE:** 1923 Model T Tarrant Tourer

Contact club member: Greg Angelo: 0413278364 email: [gangelo@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gangelo@bigpond.net.au)

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**







# Newsy Bits



## UNLUCKY ON AUSTRALIA DAY!

A small and unknown detail of the Australia Day picnic rally was that the diff in Bruce Csorba's T failed on exit from the Maroondah Dam precinct. Unfortunately Bruce's T had to be trailered home. All the best with the repairs Bruce!

## Happy Anniversary!

Congratulations to Colin & Pam Weidemann on celebrating 55 years of marriage. If our sources are correct, Colin and Pam were the lucky recipients of a new battery powered lawn mower from the family for the occasion!



## Detour T!

Misfortune met Gippsland member, Frank van Ekeren recently when he became a passenger in his T in an unplanned off road excursion. While making a right hand turn, his front driver's side wheel dropped into a very large pothole right in the middle of his driving line. The T steering went to full lock and turned the car 90 degrees over a medium strip into oncoming traffic. Unfortunately Frank contacted a directional sign post in the middle of the medium strip which caused considerable damage to the front end of the T. Fortunately the damage was easily repaired and the T is back on the road.



Do you have any 'Newsy Bits'?  
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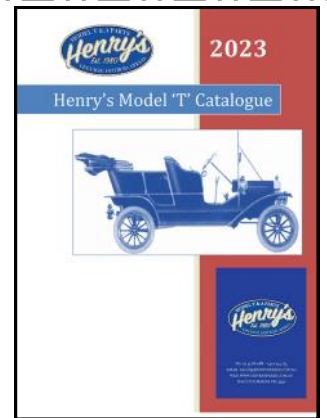
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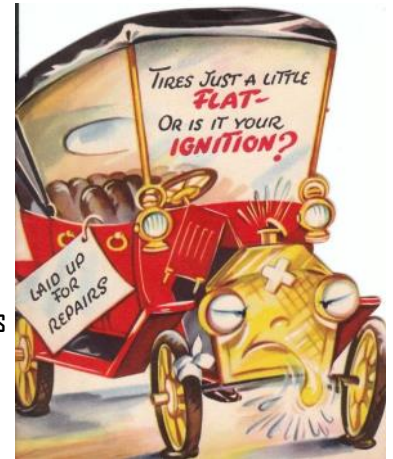
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A big **get well soon** to our WA club member and regular T Torque contributor Alan Long.

Allan is expecting a reasonable stay in hospital after some surgery.

Also recuperating in hospital after a motorcycle accident is our Drouin member, Don Cheesman. Get well soon Don and we look forward to another restoration update on you T project when you are back into it.



## Grandparent News!

Congratulations to Alan and Jill Flude who are grandparents again. They have been blessed with the arrival of two grandsons in the last 3 months and are really enjoying being grandparents to 3 gorgeous grandsons.

Mark & Joycelyn Bail are brand new grandparents and are very pleased with the safe and healthy arrival of their granddaughter, Olivia.



## Bargain T!

A 1924 T Tourer sold at the 2023 Shannons Summer Auction for \$11000. Someone got a great deal.

Hopefully we will wind up with a new member?





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





### Period Feature Photo



Apologies for the quality of this picture but it was too interesting and local not to include. Mr A Hansen must have been a very early and successful building contractor and timber supplier going by the size of his Model TT fleet. Sign writing says business is in Epsom Road, Footscray. Do any members have any further information about this photo?

— Ed —



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