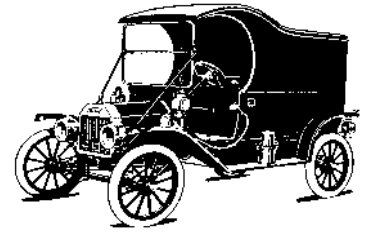




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Don & Linda McPherson with their T—Our hosts for the March Benalla Rally!

"When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it." - Henry Ford



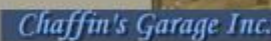
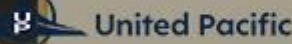
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President's Message



Greetings to all,

I hope all of you are enjoying our Melbourne Autumn weather finally! Our last meeting was well attended in person & on Zoom. It was great to see you all.

If you can't attend in person why not join us on Zoom! We can also play videos, YouTube clips or members Go-Pro/Drone footage clips if available. 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 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. Check out the various Model T Facebook sites for latest news, parts for sale & any upcoming events listed. These are listed as:- *Model T Ford Club of Victoria & Aussie Model T Parts & Cars for Sale*.



March Labour day long weekend at Benalla was a super event with a high attendance. Congratulations to Don & Lynda McPherson & their assistants for organising the weekend for the Club. Checking local history & seeing the incredible silo art at small towns, private collections etc was a pleasure. All cars performed well with only one losing clutch grip & availing the breakdown trailer. This shows me that all our cars are in very good order, a credit to you all. One thing I noticed on our night drive was that some of our cars have very little rear lighting. Very hard to see from medium distances. Check out your car at night time, maybe add reflectors & extra tail lights for safety. VIC-ROADS PERMITS: Don't forget to check on your Club permit status. I have heard of some mail has been going missing & also hear that VicRoads permit department is understaffed. It is easy to overlook the notice if it arrives 2 months early! To assist members we have been listing upcoming permit info for some years in T Torque. Check the listing & mark off yours.

There has been some movement of car ownership lately with some cars appearing from old sheds etc. This is great to see, with some new drivers for us to help acclimatize to the Model T driving world.

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. I am informed that plans are moving ahead well & will start to ramp up as this year progresses. Stay tuned!

EVENTS CALENDAR: INPUT NEEDED! 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! If you have any news or anything you want to share, contact our Editor, as input & stories are always needed for T Torque.

JUST ANOTHER REMINDER!! You, the Club Members 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, good health & safe driving!

"See You Over the Running Board!"

— Dave & Chez —





General Meeting Minutes



Meeting Opened on Fri 3rd March 3, 2023 at 8:07 PM by President David Weatherhead at Ashburton library

Condolences to Roger and James Wotherspoon on the passing of their daughter/sister Kate

Present: 26 as per sign in sheet and 11 on Zoom

Apologies: Jennifer and Grace Csorba, Noel Inman, Brian Smith, Peter Ninnis

Confirmation of minutes: Moved: Jo Baulch Seconded: Alan Flude

Correspondence In: Email: British and European Motoring Show, Newsletter Feb '23, Automotive Historians, Spoke 'N' Hub, March Delegates Meeting

Mail: Shannons auction catalogue, invoices Australia Post, 'Federation of Veteran, Vintage & Classic Vehicle Club'

Correspondence Out: Get well cards to Don Cheesman and Alan Long

Treasurer's Report: Presented to members by David Jones via Zoom. Seconded: Thelma Huitt

Last month's rally report: Given by Geof Baulch on the Begonia Rally 50th Anniversary

Swap Meetings/Clearance Sales report: Bruce Csorba and Alan Flude attended the Veteran Car Club lamp sale. Geof Baulch attended the Snake Valley and Kingston swap meets. Warwick also gave a talk about his recent trip around Victoria meeting up with many of our club members.

Upcoming Swap Meets: Ballan swap meet Saturday 4th March Ballan Racecourse, Geelong Vehicle Club swap meet Saturday 13th May Geelong Showgrounds

Reports: **2025 RALLY:** Not too much to report on at the moment.

Delegate's Reports: AOMC: Meeting will be held this Monday 6th March, Federation: Geof Baulch to get report

This month's activity/run: Benalla Rally 10th to 13th March.

Upcoming events: Benalla Rally, Ballan swap meet. Geelong Vehicle Club swap meet. Please talk to the committee about any ideas you have for a rally or just a day trip. You don't have to come in your Model T, just come and socialise with other members.

Technical Tips/Queries: Geof Baluch's tip: when replacing bands in transmission, check that the ears on each end of the band are not cracked at the right angle bend in ear.

Brendan Hoban bought an electric crank coil tester to set up coils. It's excellent. The car runs great.

Parts Wanted: Doug Partington's friend is looking to buy a Model T Tourer

General Business: We will be looking for a new club President, Vice President and committee member. We will put some information in the club magazine to outline what is required for these positions. If you think this is something you can do, please talk to a current committee member. Remember, no President means no club.

Peter Ninnis's local car club will be celebrating it's 50th Anniversary this year. He is hoping some members will attend in their Ts. Warwick will put more information in an upcoming edition of T Torque.

Raffle Draw: Drawn by: Jo Baulch, Won by: Rhonda Huitt,

Prize selected: Tyre gauge **Meeting Closed:** 8:46PM Thank you to Ruth Csorba & Paul Grady for helping with Zoom

Ann Cupid — Secretary



Ts out driving on the Benalla rally





Club Calendar 2023



CLUB MEETING: 14 General Meeting, guest speaker, David Jones: Transmissions

CLUB EVENT:

OTHER EVENTS:



CLUB MEETING: 12 8pm General Meeting

CLUB EVENT:

OTHER EVENT: 21 Calvalcade of Transport, Trentham & Maffra



CLUB MEETING: 9 8pm General Meeting

OTHER EVENT: 5-8



CLUB MEETING: 14 8pm General Meeting

CLUB EVENT: TBC ANNUAL LUNCH



CLUB MEETING: 12 8pm General Meeting

CLUB EVENT: TBA

**Next General Meeting — Fri April 14
at the library & via 'Zoom'! 8pm**



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



April

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

May

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

June

Gregory Angelo 1820
Geoffrey Brooke 3358H2
Andrew Brown 5446
Robert Dalton 6481
Laurie Ford 7457
Noel Huitt 5108
Linda Phillips 1188H3, 3629H4, 6129H6
Mickie Turner 6243
Graeme Wagland 5099
Bill Wallace 934GH
David Weatherhead 258BH, 41328H
Geoff White 457
James Wotherspoon 8089



'Under the Hood' by the Editor



Greetings Members,

As I write this, we have not long returned from a fabulous March long weekend rally based at Benalla. I was particularly keen to attend this event as the memories of the last rally I attended that was hosted by Don and Linda at Shepparton has stuck in my mind for many years as one to remember. I was not disappointed and Don's interest in local history and his pleasure in presenting it to us, as we moved around the area in our own historical convoy, was an absolute delight! Well done to Don and Linda for a fantastic weekend.

Thanks also to those who have provided articles and photos of the weekend. I hope the wider membership enjoy the coverage and are inspired to get their Ts out for the next event!

Of course, preparation of one's car for a weekend away is not without its challenges. Prior to leaving, the significance of the cartoon below was not lost on me as I endeavoured to change the brake band on the sedan the Monday before the rally. This was not a task I had taken on recently on a transmission inside a car. I did initially try to remove the bands with the transmission cover still intact, as the service manual says it is possible with the bands with removable ears. I was able to remove the bands successfully but reinstallation was nearly impossible, so I made the late call to take the cover off. With the exhaust removed and the starter motor out, the cover came off in around an hour! With the bands installed and located in position, the fun began. It required super human strength to manhandle the cast iron cover into position one handed as the other hand located the clutch fork. It was third time lucky with this process as the silicon was drying on the gaskets. I must have done something right as the test run and the weekend's rallying revealed no major oil leaks and having adequate brake band again was much more pleasurable!

Imagine owning Fords and having Ford as a surname! It was great to have the "Ford Family" with 3 Ts participate in the event. Two of Laurie Fords Ts are former club cars owned by Lyle and Marg Detez. It was great to see the 2 cars on the road again.

Keep Touring in your Ts! — Warwick Landy

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





Benalla Rally Report



Friday March 10, by David & Karen Jenkins

It was a great way to kick off the Benalla Rally weekend by treating the residents at *Royal Freemasons* to a trip back in time.

A huge thanks to the lifestyle team for putting out the chequered flags and making a very special day for us and the residents. Pretty sure there are a few ladies and gents still smiling at the memory.

The first hurdle was getting the ladies and gents up into the cars, but with a little help and a step stool, the first of two trips was underway. There were lots of smiles, reminiscing and laughter. The Benalla residents waving as the cars drove down the main street made the ladies and gents feel very special. It was a great way to kick off the Benalla Rally weekend with treating the residents at Royal Freemasons to a trip back in time.

Photos courtesy of Royal Freemasons Aged Care facility, Benalla Facebook page.



David & Karen help a passenger on board their T.



Geof makes sure that his passengers are safely loaded.



Enjoying the comfort of a Coupe

A couple of the ladies in the back seat had a great time remembering playing "corners" as kids. Another lady loved the feeling of the wind in her face.

I'm not sure who enjoyed the afternoon more, us or the residents. It warms the heart to be able to make someone else's day!



Benalla Rally Report



Saturday March 11, by Alan & Caroline Weatherhead

Saturday's run began with the participants congregating out the front of Delatite Ford at around 8.30am. As is the custom, everyone stood around and enjoyed friendly banter and conversation before we departed close to 9.00am.

The morning run took us along the North Eastern Victorian Silo Art Trail. The first stop was Goorambat where we were invited into the Goorambat Uniting Church to view a magnificent wall to wall painting of 'Sophia', painted by well-known artist, 'Adnate'.



We also viewed other amazing artwork on silos around the town, painted by Melbourne artist Jimmy Dvate.

Our departure from Goorambat was slightly delayed as we searched for a 'missing' key from the rally director's car.....which was later located in his pocket (read this in a whisper so as not to cause further embarrassment).

We drove on to the town of Devenish where a local person allowed us to drive right up to the silos and take photos of the cars parked at the base. To quote a section from our brilliant rally guide, *Artist Cam Scale's three towering silo murals pay homage to the local community involved in military service.* They were impressive to say the least.





Benalla Rally Report



Saturday March 10 continued...

Our next stop was the town of St James where we viewed another set of murals on silos, painted by local Benalla artist, Tim Bowtell. One of the murals is dedicated to Sir George Coles, a St James local who founded Coles supermarkets. The paintings on silos next to Sir George Coles were of draft horses and of wheat bags stacked high after a bumper harvest. Again we had the privilege of parking the Ts at the base of these silos.



We then made our way to through the town of Tungamah, again viewing colourfully painted silos, this time by artist Sobrane Simcock who was the first Australian female street artist to participate in the silo art project.



We then drove on to the Laurie and Sue Ford museum that incorporated a magnificent collection of firearms, ammunition, Furphy water tanks and vintage tractors. We enjoyed lunch at this venue, provided by the local Lions Club.

After a fantastic day with no hiccups with the cars, we returned to our accommodation to get ready for dinner at the *Tatong Tavern* where we enjoyed a delicious meal and great company as we shared dinner together. This evening incorporated a night drive home after the dinner.

It was a day filled with interesting information, great roads to drive our Ts on, and fabulous scenery. We would like to sincerely thank Don and Lynda McPherson for a very well-organised rally with many interesting places to visit.

— Alan & Caroline Weatherhead —





Benalla Rally Report



Saturday March 11, by Russell & Marcia Medhurst

After the leisurely and highly enjoyable Freemasons Aged Care Tour on Friday afternoon, a variety of Ts assembled outside Delatite Ford in the service road opposite the Benalla motel accommodation in anticipation of the first full day of the rally. After renewing acquaintances with club members from around the state we were called together for a short briefing. (If it was a long briefing would it be a longing?)

The North Eastern Victoria Silo Art Trail saw us heading North out of Benalla. At each silo we were treated to a brief talk about the artist and explanation of the significance of the artwork. **Goorambat** features three works by artist Jimmy Dvate. The taller silo shows a truly magnificent picture of the endemic threatened species, the barking owl, with a farming scene on another silo, and a pair of working horses on the third. Clydesdales having been the backbone of the Goorambat community in the past.

We then sauntered across the road to the Uniting Church to see, inside the Church, a stunning mural by artist Adnate, depicting Sophia, the female aspect of the Holy Trinity. Devenish was next after



a short run following the rail line, with a short talk about artist Cam Scales towering tributes to local involvement in military service. One silo featuring a Light Horseman particularly resonated with me as my maternal grandfather was with the 4th Light Horse in the Middle East and in a support unit to the infamous Charge of Beersheba. Although I knew him well as he was around until I was in my twenties, like many he never spoke of the war, though I have recently learned of some of his experiences from the diaries of his closest army mate.

I popped across the road into the local shop for a drink and to my surprise and her delight I was able to buy Marcia a Peters Heart ice-cream which I was not aware were still available, an Aussie icon since 1955 (the ice-cream not Marcia). Fellow shopper Geoff Brooke cheekily suggested maybe they were NOS (new old stock). I was also able to pick up from their second-hand books pile three more by my current favourite author, John Grisham, so I only have a couple more to find and I will have read his entire output.

St James was next with a mural by Tim Bartell depicting life in the town from yesteryear. One features Sir George Coles the founder of Coles supermarkets (Remember GJ Coles and Coy), opening his first store there in 1882. Others depict the delivery of wheat to the silos, on one by horse and dray, and another by the first ruck in the district, a Morris Commercial, and on another a picture of a man bagging the crop, which topped more than 400,000 bushels (about 135,000 bags) on more than one occasion, I hope he had a helper.



Tungamah was the next silo town we visited, where artist Sobrane Simcock has featured iconic Australian bird life, from dancing brolgas, a kookaburra, a galah and a kingfisher to sulphur crested cockatoos, a white ibis and even small wrens. Completed in 2018 it was the first silo painted in NE Victoria.

From the silos we went a short distance further through Tungamah to the property of Laurie and Sue Ford at Waggarrandall to see their large collection of firearms, vintage tractors and military equipment ranging from tanks to artillery and ammunition of the period. Amongst their cars they also own the two ex Marg and Lyle Detez Ts,



Benalla Rally Report



Saturday March 11 continued...



Both cars were used by Ford family members throughout the rally, often loaded to capacity and both getting along well. I sent Marg some pictures and she was delighted that the cars were being used and not just mouldering away in a shed like so many T's sadly.

A barbeque lunch of burgers, snags etc was prepared by the local Lions Club, after which

a short run took us to a nearby property where we got to drool over a some very rare veteran cars, a brace of Britons and a Star, a couple of vintage Windsors (by Moon) and what is probably the largest collection of restored vintage glass bowl type hand pumped petrol bowlers in Australia, well over one hundred. From there we meandered back via backroads through pretty countryside to Benalla where we fed and watered our cars in preparation for the next days touring.

That evening we went to the delightful Tatong Tavern for dinner, the more adventurous among us participating in the night trial to and from the Tavern, a round trip of some 58k's, others slumming it in moderns. The meals were good and the venue did well considering the size of our party, as we had booked nearly all the inside tables and over fifty meal orders descended on the kitchen in a matter of minutes. Fortunately the evening was not too bracing for the locals relegated to the outside beer garden, though by the time the stragglers left, the return trip in an open T may well have been. Overall a great day. Bring on tomorrow!

— *Russell & Marcia Medhurst* —

Sunday March 11, by Frank & Kerry van Ekeren



Weary Dunlop school building



Frank checking up on his coupe

Sunday started off a bit overcast before heading out thru the agriculture lands of Stewarton. Our first stop was to a school attended by Weary Dunlop. We were lucky enough to be given some local history of the school by a former student, with some very funny stories of the things that they got up to including one time that the teacher didn't show up to school after going on a bender. The children just played until a local driving past noticed something wasn't right. On to Dookie for a well earned coffee and a much needed toilet stop.

CWA park is the home of The Dookie Vineyard Clock. The clock was donated to the people of Dookie in 1988. We all enjoyed a lovely lunch at the Gladstone Hotel.

The weather started to get a bit cooler so coats and hats were a must for our next drive to the lookout. It challenged all our driving skills up a fairly steep drive but avoiding some major pot holes also was a must. 360 degrees view was very spectacular if a bit windy and chilly.

Our next stop was the Dookie Agricultural College. We were given a talk on the history of the college and how the students had progressed through the years. Also the college has their own winery, which of course we all had to visit and even buy a few bottles. Lucky enough to also have a quick tour and how it all worked. Had that distinctive wine smell. While inside the college the rain arrived and washed the dust from all the cars.



Benalla Rally Report



Sunday March 11, continued...

Next stop was on to an awesome display of hand pump petrol bowsers. Over 70 bowsers all beautifully restored.



And a few fuel brands that we were not aware of . Also some nicely restored vintage cars.

We finished the day with the traditional Happy hour in the caravan park camp kitchen followed by another BBQ cook up for dinner.

— Frank & Kerry van Ekeren —

Left: A spectacular fuel bowser collection.

Below: On top of a mountain



Monday March 12

As a closing activity for the weekend rally, our rally hosts organised a visit to the Benalla Aviation Museum. Once again we had special access to a facility, with the Ts being able to park on the airport tarmac amongst some exhibits.

The Museum is located in the historic home of the 11 EFTS Wartime Training Unit which was stationed at Benalla from 1941 - 1945 and from where some 80 de Havilland DH.82 Tiger Moths were operated.

The Museum hosts many varied and interesting displays including working engines, a flight training simulator, period uniforms & photographs, and a large collection of model aircraft. Amongst many other projects, members are currently restoring a Tiger Moth and have recently rebuilt a DH.100 Vampire T.33 Jet trainer for static display.

After finishing up at the airport some rally participants opted to buy ice-cream and display their Ts outside the Benalla ice creamery.



John Huitt in the Vampire de Havilland.



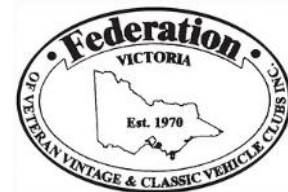


Delegates Reports



Federation - 11/02/23

The president opened the meeting advising of the sad passing of Len Parnell, a longtime member of the Federation.



EVENTS:

March 26: Mortlake Picnic, Wunghnu Picnic (vehicle and machinery display held at the rally grounds in the middle of the town), Scoresby Picnic **TBA:** Bendigo Show Grounds Display — This will be a display of vehicles, machinery and collectable items. All proceeds to Peter Macallum Clinic. Contact Neil Athorn 0408 033 839

May 21: NATIONAL MOTORING DAY **August 26:** Bendigo to Castlemaine event. Static display when get to Castlemaine.

August 27: Marong Picnic, in by 10.30 am and allowed to leave no earlier than 1pm. Mention in your club magazine of this picnic and a copy on the day gets you in at the gate for free. Engine and Tractor Display as well as on site catering. **October Date TBA:** Baw Baw Picnic **November 11-12:** Bendigo Swap Meet.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- **The Peter Mac Hospital Fundraiser:** as we have 3 picnic days on the 26th March now Federation would like to ask all member clubs to make the 26th a Fundraiser day for the Peter Mac Hospital. Your fundraiser can be a tin rattle at a Club meeting or a full blown display.
- **Bendigo Swap:** committee have been meeting with the relevant council members, show society people and City Council Mayor Events. Directors to have booking of the swap site locked in 6 weeks out no matter what. The building of a new 50 x 30 metre shed near gate 3 will not impact the swap meet.
- **Open Federation Tour 23:** This will commence at the Marong Picnic and run to Kerang, Swan Hill, Echuca and Shepparton and will support towns affected by the floods.
- **Federation AOMC Joint Meeting:** There has been two meetings so far and 3 more for Feb, March and April. All matters to be resolved will be done from a club level. We will set up a working party with Department of Transport, Vic Roads Staff and hopefully State Ministers. Discussion points include: try to resolve what constitutes a club to have CPS approval, whether we have to keep all old logbooks, inconsistencies with Vic Roads Staff Directories relating to CPS, Vin numbers on old vehicles, Vintage number plate issues, annual RWC test for 8+ year old vehicles, AHMF survey to gauge the movements worth, Greenhouse gas offsets and how the AOMC/Greenfleet trial is going. The Guest speaker for the meeting was the CEO of VACC motoring Group.

NEXT MEETINGS: **May 13:** Veteran Vintage and Classic Club Bendigo, **August 5:** AGM Hobsons Bay Men's Shed Motoring Group **October 21:** Echuca and District Vehicle Club

— **Geof Baulch** —

AOMC - 6/03/23—

Meeting held at Austin Healey/Jaguar Car Club Rooms, Springvale. A copy of the minutes of this meeting are available at www.aomc.asn.au. The summary below contains my understanding of the item's which I believe are of interest to our members.

CLUB PERMIT SCHEME: There has been no conversation with Vicroads in recent months. AOMC are trying to organise a meeting to get answers on outstanding items, and to gauge ongoing communication.

EVENTS: **Shannons American Motoring Show.** Caribbean Park. TBA, **Florence Thompson Tour.** 28-30 April 2023.

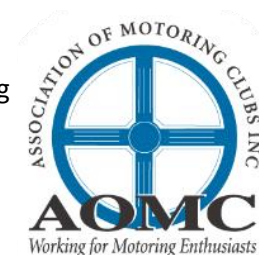
National Motoring Heritage Day: 1st Sunday in May 2023. Destinations for runs are the Maffra Shed and the Trentham Historical Railway. **The Festival of Motoring** at Crudan Farm held on Jan 29 was a great success with 997 vehicles present, and \$15,000 raised for the Beyond Blue Charity. This event was held in conjunction with the RACV.

SPEAKER: The speaker for the evening was Mr Leigh Booth, who is a retired police major accident investigator. During his time in the force he investigated over 2000 accident vehicles. His main topic was tyres, including delamination and perishing due to age, and also tread depth. Less than 10% of accidents are due to mechanical issues. Age of tyres is a big issue on caravans.

CURRENT AND GENERAL ISSUES / DELEGATES REPORTS: Further discussion took place on the Greenfleet carbon offset scheme. Several delegates reported on their clubs upcoming events.

The next Delegates Meeting will be held on the 22nd. May 2023.

— **Bernie McKeegan** —





Kevyn Brown Memorial Sprint



This banner flew at the venue in memory of Kevyn.

Kevyn Brown Memorial Sprint, Eddington Saturday 25th March

The day saw the Bendigo Car Club honour the passing of Kevyn with naming rights of the sprint meeting at Eddington. Kevyn was a well known and highly respected competitor at these events over many years and this honour showed his standing in the Vintage racing fraternity. All competitors were given a handout about Kevyn and the day was made more special with his two sons and grand daughter in attendance. Granddaughter, Rachel was racing as was son Andrew. Andrew won his class and Rachel was awarded a trophy for most improved Junior. She is getting faster with every meeting so Dad had better watch out! Bruce Csorba made the effort to have Kevyn's earlier speedster on display at the meeting and it attracted a lot of attention. David Jones was in attendance as well to help swell our club



Bruce Csorba, Andrew and Rachel Brown pictured with the Speedsters.

members. Rachel was intending to drive the race car home but two punctures at the same time in Maldon put an end to that, so the trailer was put to good use. All in all, it was a great day of sprints with a good variety of cars and a fine way to honour our past member, Kevyn. Long time T Club member, Bob Purchase from Maryborough, was also in attendance. Bob is currently building a T speedster.

— *By Robbie Dalton* —

Footage of the event can be viewed by clicking [here](#).



Federation Scoresby Picnic Report



Club members, Warwick Landy and Robbie and Christine Dalton attended the Federation Picnic held at the National Steam Centre at Scoresby. It was a fantastic event with over 250 Classic cars attending and with the Steam Club also active during the day with their exhibits, it was a very impressive site. Our club should definitely add this event into the calendar next year and attend as a group. It was the first time out for Model T enthusiast, Byron Savory with his 1915 Model T 8 Valve Rajo powered Speedster. Byron is a member of the host club of the event, Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club.

— *Warwick Landy* —



Byron Savory with his new speedster.



Robbie & Christine's T was the only other T on display and it attracted plenty of attention!



Upcoming Rallies and Events



Cavalcade of Transport Trentham Historic Railway Station

To celebrate National Motoring Heritage Day

- Entry to venue by gold coin donation
- Catering available from local community groups
- Organised by Cool Country Classics Trentham
- Short walk to cafes and eclectic gift shops in Market and High St's
- Visit Quarry St Reserve & Trentham Falls



SUNDAY 21st MAY 2023

Victoria Street, Trentham.

Entry from 10am for Display vehicles & 10.30am for spectators
Veteran, Vintage, Classic, Historic and Collector Vehicles.

Cavalcade of Transport THE MAFFRA SHED

To celebrate National Motoring Heritage Day

- Lions Club BBQ
- Discounted entry of \$10.00 per person to visit the Gippsland Vehicle Collection Museum.
- Organised by the Gippsland Vehicle Collection Inc
www.gippslandvehiclecollection.org.au
s62lawrence@gmail.com



SUNDAY 21st MAY 2023

1A Sale Road, Maffra

Gates open at 10am for Display vehicles & 10.30am for spectators
Veteran, Vintage, Classic, Historic and Collector Vehicles.



The month of May incorporates National Heritage Motoring Day. The AOMC are hosting 2 events for regional Vintage car enthusiasts, one at Trentham in the West and one at Maffra in the East. Take the opportunity to get some T friends together and attend one of these events. If you would like a full weekend of T motoring, consider participating in the Pre WW2 Motoring weekend at Bendigo. See add below, or consider a double header of events in Gippsland, the 40th anniversary Heyfield Vintage machinery rally on Saturday and the Maffra Heritage motoring display on Sunday?

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WANTED TO BUY:

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Contact: Neil Joiner 0418 512239





Newsy Bits



NEW MEMBER ZOOM INTRODUCTION!

Last month we welcomed a new member participating at our general meeting via Zoom. We give a big welcome to Orlando Talamo from Castlemaine. Orlando has purchased a former club car, a 1926 Tourer form Leighton Peacock. Orlando also visited the club rally on the long weekend and joined us at Dookie for lunch. We look forward to Orlando participating in a club event.

GEOF'S T SCRUBS UP!

After returning home from the Benalla rally, Geof Baulch had to give his T a good scrub to participate in his niece, Carly's



wedding, to new husband, Jason McNulty. Well done to Geof for helping to make the couple's day extra special.

ROMSEY MEN'S SHED UPDATE

In an update of last month's article about the TT Truck restoration by the Men's shed, they have now

successfully started and run the engine. A video Jeff shared with me makes the old TT sound quite good. Well



done to the guys there for persevering. If members are in the vicinity, be sure to drop in to the Men's Shed and say hello.

25 Years for Geof!

Congratulations to Geof Baulch on his 25 years of service to Bartlett Manufacturing.



In Memoriam...



Kate Wotherspoon

The club also extends its condolences to the Roger Wotherspoon and family on the sudden passing of Roger's daughter, Kate. Longer term members will remember Kate participating in many early Model T club activities as her parents served the club in a variety of executive positions. The club was represented by our President, David Weatherhead and some other members at Kate's funeral service.



Alan Long 1953—2023

In the March '22 edition of T Torque, we featured the member profile of our WA member, Alan Long. It is with great sadness that we share of Alan's passing. Alan had a long battle with cancer and most recently was hospitalised for stem cell transplant treatment. Unfortunately Alan passed away suddenly from complications with the treatment. Alan never let his health issues prevent him enjoying his Model T hobby to the fullest, and although he was

geographically distanced from our club, he enjoyed reading of our events and making contributions to T Torque and various Model T forums. Our sincere condolences to Julie and the family. RIP Alan.



Maureen Lang

The club wishes to pass on its condolences to Deniliquin member, David Lang. David sadly lost his Mum, Maureen, for whom he has been a full time carer, for many years. David had assisted in preparing the Benalla rally but was unable to join us as at the time as his Mum was very ill.

Do you have any 'Newsy Bits'?

Send them through to us at: ttorquenews@hotmail.com
We value your input!



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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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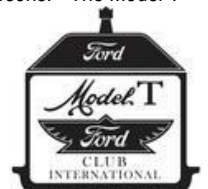
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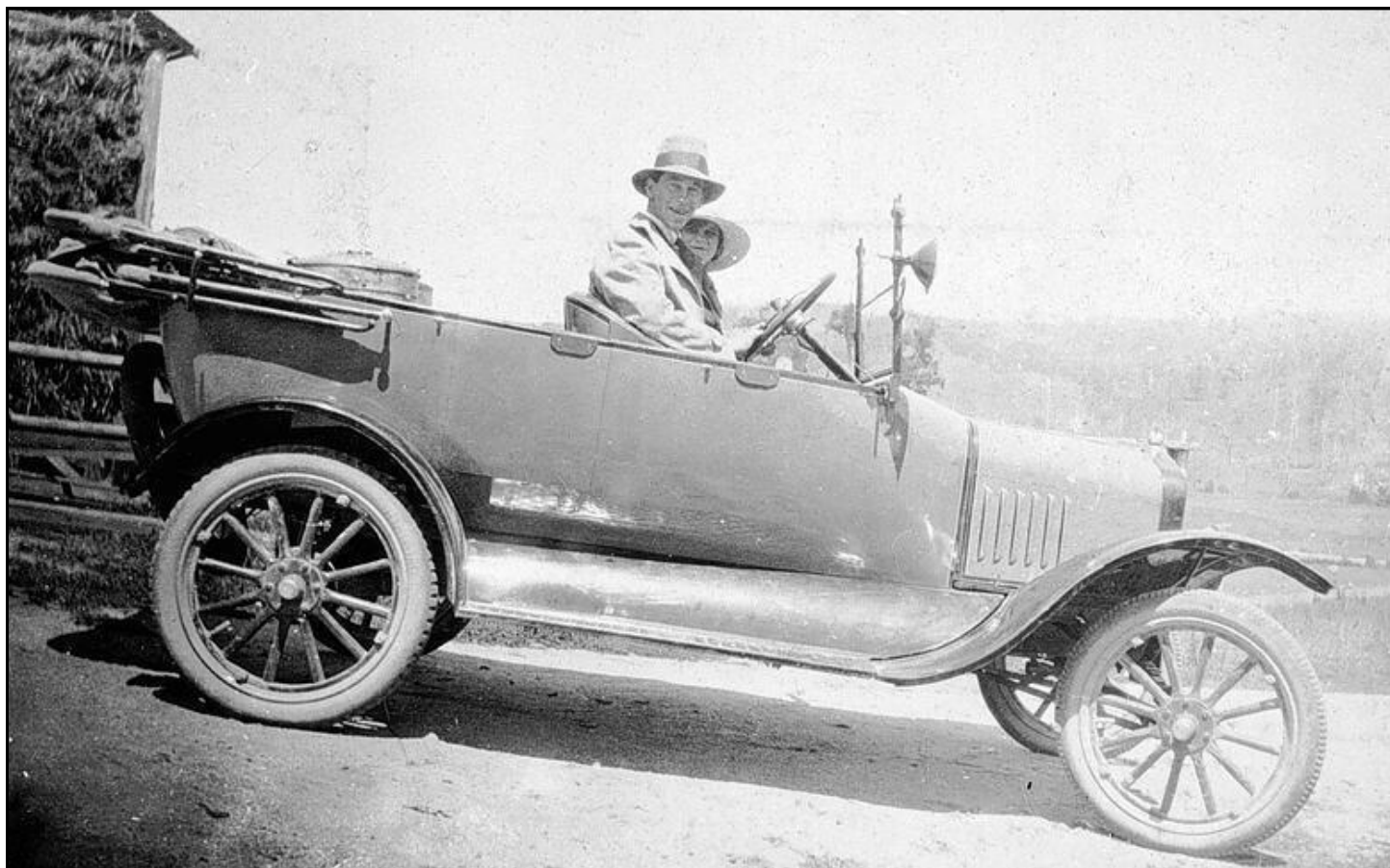


Period Feature Photo



This month's period feature photo is of a 3 door Tarrant Tourer from around 1924, similar to Geof Baulch's car. I was intrigued by this photo as it was pictured in my home town of Traralgon outside the local Butter Factory.

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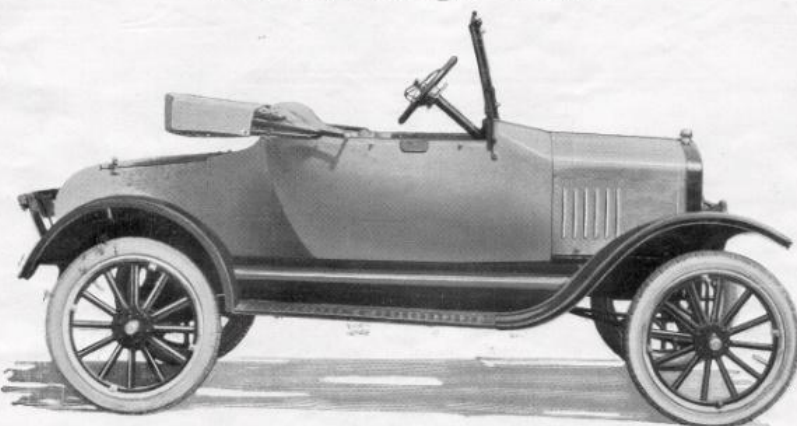
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