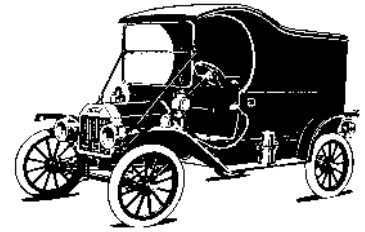




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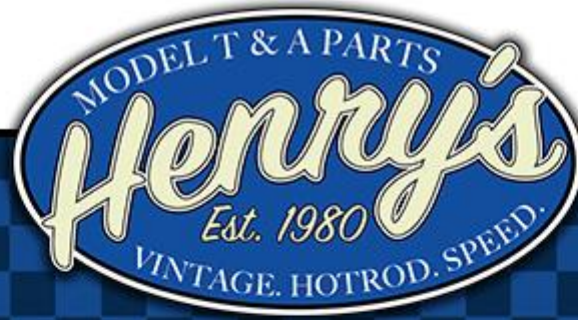
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Bob Purchase beside his 1925 Model T Ute.

"Experience is the thing of supreme value."



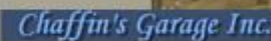
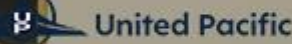
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President's Message



Greetings to all Members,

This is regretfully my final President's report for you. It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve as President from 2019 to 2023. In leaving the President's chair my aim is to pass across the Executive positions seamlessly. I believe that the committee have worked diligently to have the Club in a very good situation both financially & socially. Thank you to all my committee members for your help & support to me as President. Our Secretary Ann Cupid & Treasurer David Jones have done an amazing job for us all. Thanks to our long weekend rally organisers for the Special Events held. A "BIG" thank you to my Cheryl for the help & support to myself & the Club. She has done an amazing job mostly unseen by members. My thanks go to Paula & Warwick Landy as Editors of T Torque. T Torque is of utmost importance to our widespread membership.



The Committee have revamped the Committee Roles & Responsibilities guide. We have also updated the existing Club monthly critical dates management guide so that all tasks are highlighted in advance. We have reviewed the Club Rally guide to help rally organisers run events. I congratulate our incoming committee & offer any assistance they may need. Check out the various Model T Facebook sites for latest news, parts for sale & any upcoming events listed. Listed as: Model T Ford Club of Victoria & Aussie Model T Parts & Cars for Sale. This is a quick way to get some advice & tips on Model T ownership, maintenance & repair. Your car photos can be uploaded to our website as well, contact the Webmaster, Andrew Brand, to enable inclusion.

VIC-ROADS PERMITS WARNING: VicRoads of late are having a problem with our permit renewals. The wrong EXPIRY dates are being printed on renewals. Renewals are showing previous year expiry. **DON'T GET CAUGHT!** You will need to contact VicRoads office to have new correct paperwork printed. Remember to check on your permit status. To assist members we have been listing upcoming permit info for some years in T Torque check the listing & mark off yours as signed & paid. We are also trying to keep our Permit Register up to date as per VicRoads requirements. Please let our Secretary, Ann Cupid know if there are any changes to your car permit details or home address. **NOTE:** Permits can still be posted to me at the workshop address until mid September then by mail or appointment my home address. They will be processed & returned as in the past. The same applies to the 3 other Safety Officers listed. Include a stamped return envelope please.

2025 National Rally: The entry form & information for Eureka Gold Ballarat 2025 national rally have been uploaded to Facebook & MTFCV websites. I am informed that entries are moving ahead well. Stay tuned!

EVENTS CALENDAR: INPUT ALWAYS NEEDED! Suggestion of activities & one-day events are always welcome, contact John Huitt or any Committee Member. A suggestion of a Rally venue does not mean that you have to organise the event! So don't think you will be expected to run the event entirely! Your Committee have updated the Rally Organisers Guide/Manual to make it easy & simpler to run an event to a standard format for all the future events.

The Club luncheon will be held on Sunday 16th July @ 12 noon at Cardinia Park Hotel, 200 Emerald -Beaconsfield Rd, Beaconsfield. Booking has been made for 40 persons. Attendance numbers will be needed prior to the event to enable enough seating. Inform John Huitt or Anne Cupid as early as possible please!

GARAGE GIRLS STAGE SHOW: Your Committee have purchased 20 tickets for the Stage show Garage Girls, a short story highlighting the first all female garage operated in Melbourne in 1920's. The show is at La Mama's Courthouse theatre, **Saturday 22 July 2023 7:30pm at La Mama Courthouse, 349 Drummond St, Carlton, Victoria 3053.** Please note the venue has a "NO LATECOMERS POLICY." The doors are locked at the scheduled start time. Contact Jo Baulch for ticket info etc.

FORD FLATHEAD FESTIVAL:- Planning for the Flathead Ford Festival has started! It will be held at the Melbourne Steam Club on Sunday October 22nd. The event will be from 10am to 3pm open to all Flathead (Sidevalve powered) Ford cars, specials & competition machines. There will be separate parking area for any Ford OHV machine. The focus of the show is to celebrate Ford Flathead heritage 1908 to 1954. Cost is \$5 per display car. Contact: Dave Weatherhead

Bendigo Swap meet is returning in November. A plea has been sent out to all Clubs asking for volunteers to help run the event. If you can help let the MTFCV or Bendigo swap office know.

AGM Meeting July 14th! We will have a new President, Vice President & at least 1 committee member for next year. I am sure we will surge ahead to bigger things as the country's recovery continues. We welcome all our new people & fresh ideas & directions! Please give some thought of how you can help the Club move onward into the future. Distance is not a big hurdle now due to Zoom video meeting contact. We all need to see this Historic Club grow into the future. Don't forget to nominate Club Person of the Year & Committee Nomination forms attached to June copy of T Torque!

Welcome to our newer members. Different cars are surfacing & dusty ones re-appearing, all good to see. **REMEMBER:** Model T ownership is an incurable virus that causes multiple cars & huge parts collections! Finally, I would like to acknowledge all our Members, close friends & family members who have passed on this past year. Our sympathies to all. The time has come to pass over the "Gavel" to our new President & Committee. Well that's all for now, thanks again for all your support & help, good health & safe driving! "See You Over the Running Board!" — **Dave & Chez** —



General Meeting Minutes



Meeting opened on Fri June 2, 2023, 8:04PM by President David Weatherhead at the Ashburton Library, Ashburton.

Present: 22 at library, 8 on Zoom

Apologies: Rhonda & Noel Huitt, Thelma & John Huitt, David & Julie Jones

Confirmation of minutes: Moved: Barry Hancock Seconded: Jo Baulch

Correspondence In: EMAILS: AOMC – National Motoring Heritage Day, Delegate's Meeting, Lane Auto Museum, European Club Tour, Wangaratta 52nd Annual Spring Rally MAIL: Backfire June 2023, T. Topics, The Bent Wire, Vintage Ford

Correspondence Out: Condolence card to John Huitt, get well card to Jack Turner

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was presented to the members by David Weatherhead on behalf of David Jones. Seconded: Bernie McKeegan

Last month's rally report: A report on The Melbourne Steam Centre was given by Robbie Dalton.

Upcoming Swap Meetings: June 10 – 11 Daylesford Collectables Fair, 11 Maldon, 25 Swap meet at The Fridge in Ballarat

REPORTS

Delegate's Reports:

- AOMC: Given by Bernie McKeegan
- Federation: Hasn't been a meeting, last report in magazine

This month's activity/run: Preparing for upcoming AGM.

Upcoming events: Garage Girls stage show Tickets \$20-\$30, show goes for 1hr 20mins. We are booking for Saturday evening 22nd, 7:30pm – 8:50pm. Please let us know by 5th of July if you would like to come. We are only booking 20 tickets.

For Sale: Ivor Austin selling his 1916 Tourer.

Parts Wanted: Chris Bagot looking for 1927 front spring.

General Business: A further warning that we need a President, Vice President and one committee member. If we don't have a President or Vice President then by ASIC and Consumer Affairs, we are not a viable entity. This is also VicRoads rules. All club permits will be cancelled if they cannot be transferred to other clubs. So after months of reminders and requests we face a big problem if we don't have these positions filled. Dave Weatherhead can no longer continue as President as he now has other commitments to attend. He will be available to advise and/or guide when asked by new President and Committee.

Brian Smith had a talk about the library. He is going to make a list to let us know what is available from the library. If anyone sees anything they want to borrow he can bring to meeting or mail out at borrower's cost. He is also looking at best way to catalogue what we have. Bill Wallace has offered to convert old VHS tapes for us. A list can be put in magazine or sent out in a bulk email.

Next Meeting/Activity: AGM and annual luncheon, **16th July 12 Noon.**

Raffle Draw: Drawn by: Ivor Austin, Won by: Rod Kieseker, Prize selected: Tool bag.

Meeting Closed: 9:00PM

— Ann Cupid, Secretary —



Thank you

The committee and members wish David and Cheryl all the best for their retirement both in the club and their working life. Thank you for your service and commitment to our club and the hobby.





Club Calendar 2023



CLUB MEETING: 14 8pm General Meeting & Annual General Meeting
CLUB EVENTS: 16 ANNUAL LUNCH @12 noon at Cardinia Park Hotel,
 (refer to 'Upcoming Events')
 22 GARAGE GIRLS Theatre Show & Dinner— refer to ad



CLUB MEETING: 11 8pm General Meeting
OTHER EVENT: 27 Marong Picnic (Refer to 'Upcoming Events')



CLUB MEETING: 8 8pm General Meeting
CLUB EVENT: 29-30 'No Frills' driving weekend, Coleraine area (Refer to 'Upcoming Events')



CLUB MEETING: 13 8pm General Meeting
CLUB EVENT: TBA
OTHER EVENTS: 1 EUROA SHOW & SHINE
 2-8 Griffith National Veteran Vehicle Tour 2023 (Refer to ad)
 22 Ford Flathead Festival



CLUB MEETING: 10 8pm General Meeting (TBC)
CLUB EVENT: 3-7 Cup Weekend Rally (TBA)
OTHER EVENTS: 1 Euroa Show & Shine
 11-12 Bendigo Swap Meet (Refer to Upcoming Events)

Next General Meeting — Fri July 14 at the library & via 'Zoom'!



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



If members need a permit signed & can't attend safety officers in person, mail the permit with a stamped self addressed envelope to a safety officer. These will be processed & returned in mail.

July

Geof Baulch 546A-H
 Paul Daley 988, 752
 Chris Dillon CH4195
 Bernie McKeegan 08777H
 Malcom Moors 1506
 Peter Natoli 7-636
 Brendan Pell 1318H9
 Dorothy Riddick 7389
 Peter Rutley 8083
 Dean Walker 7373
 Bill Wallace 5922

August

Chris Cansdale 09187H
 Robert Dalton 5110
 David Dare 799
 Claudette Fahy 8291
 Alan Flude 4590
 Russell Hughes 834
 Malcom Moors 3478
 John Morrison 6696
 Linda Phillips 1568H2
 Ian Seamer 8293
 Brian Smith 5494, 5111
 David Weatherhead 158BH
 Dean Williams 5415

September

Geoffrey Brooke 7376
 Bruce Csorba 5251
 Paul Daley 791
 Alan Fairnie 3550
 Barry Hancock 3719
 Noel Huitt 45515H
 Rodney Kieseker 8201
 Peter Natoli 6202
 Andrew Phillips 09594H,
 73804H, 73805H
 Linda Phillips 84347H, 4193H7, 96801H
 Gregory Russell 6100
 Scott Staples 316
 David Weatherhead 4378



'Under the Hood' by the Editor



Greetings Members,

Our club has a wonderful wealth of knowledge about Ts amongst our members. It was fantastic to receive a technical tip to share with the members this month from member, Peter Natoli. Peter has taken the time to share a very important maintenance technical tip, but was ably assisted by another member, Brian Smith while effecting the necessary repairs. If you have been working on your T and have learned or found something of interest, please take the time to share it with us all here at T Torque.



Another great pleasure to share a member profile from our long-time member, Bob Purchase of Maryborough. Bob has taken the time to share a member profile along with some pictures of his involvement with our club and Model Ts. It seems Model Ts have struck a chord with those members who have had a career in the automotive industry, as we seem to have many members with mechanical/engineering backgrounds who have an interest in Model Ts. Please don't be shy in sharing how you became interested in Model Ts, like Neville and Bob have shared in recent months. Enjoy Bob's story in this month's edition.

As reported elsewhere, I took the opportunity to participate in an event hosted by another club in my T in another area of the state. If you have had your T out at a local or interstate rally, please share your activities here. A few pictures and a bit of a story will be most welcome. Each month, a number of external events that are hosted by other clubs and organisations are promoted on the 'upcoming events' page. Some of these events provide unique opportunities to rally in other places we would not normally go and are also extremely well organised. Some of these events include the likes of the Federation picnics, Wangaratta Spring Rally and the Federation Golden Oldies Tour. All of these are great opportunities to showcase our Model Ts and perhaps promote our own club's membership and growth.

Keep Touring in your Ts! — *Warwick Landy*

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



AOMC Delegates Report



Meeting held 22.05.23 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 items which I believe are of interest to our members.

CLUB PERMIT SCHEME: AOMC and Federation have formed a combined working group that has been working together for the last 6 months. The group met with Vicroads and presented several issues of concern to them, and highlighted the need for ongoing meetings. The issues raised were abuse of the CPS scheme, display rights, retention of log books, confusion about H and M plates, how many vehicles and clubs are on the CPS and available communication channels. (still awaited).

EVENTS

- Shannons American Motoring Show. Caribbean Park. Sunday 19th. Nov
- Florence Thompson Tour. An event for women only drivers. 2024 date TBA
- National Motoring Heritage Day. 2024 date in May TBA
- Club Management Seminar. June 17th 2023
- Restoration Seminar. Sat. July 15th 2023

SPEAKER: Daryl Meek gave a talk on his project of digitising early Victorian registration details. He showed how these records can be used to trace ownership of vehicles, and to assist in genealogical research. Daryl outlined the history of the early records, from there being only 50-60 vehicles in Victoria in 1903. Daryl's intention is to publish these records online for access to everyone, and he is looking at linking photographs of vehicles with the record. He asked if anyone who has a photo of an old vehicle with it's number plate visible could they please send it to him to be added to the database. The vehicle needs to be Victorian, have it's registration and vehicle type and any known history.

CURRENT AND GENERAL ISSUES / DELEGATES REPORTS

- Further discussion took place on the Greenfleet carbon offset scheme.
- The AOMC are currently preparing a Code of Conduct for the organisation. ie., a strategic plan for the next 5 years.
- Several Delegates reported on their club's upcoming and past events.
- The next Delegates Meeting will be held on the 26th August in Ballarat, — *Bernie McKeegan—Delegate* —



Rally Report



Inaugural Pre WW2 Motoring Weekend in Bendigo

'A Day to Remember' by Karen Jenkins

We leave the Gold Nugget Caravan Park for the clubrooms with Maggie the Labrador settled into the back of the Model T. After breakfast, we take off, choosing to follow the long route to Maldon. After a couple of Amazing Race getting misplaced moments, we make it to Maldon looking forward to a nice lunch and a stroll through the shops.



Veteran T's and a Veteran Cadillac at Maldon

It's at this point that we realise neither of us have any money! Long story short, miscommunication between us. Here we are, standing on the street trying to load our credit card into the Google Wallet App without much success when along comes Chris Dillon, and his wife lends us all the cash they had on them, \$35.00 which was greatly appreciated.

Lunch then became a sandwich and cuppa from the bakery at a total cost of \$24.00. After a stroll the weather was looking dubious and the car was not running as well as it should have been, we decided to take the direct route straight back to Bendigo, approximately 40 k's. We got a

few k's down the road and the car coughed, spluttered and stopped. Oops, we ran out of fuel. Not to worry, back up fuel in the jerry can. As we are fairly new to this game, we'd never put fuel in the car from the jerry. Mmm, found out that's it's not that easy to tip fuel in without a funnel as the spare wheel bracket is in the way. Spilt quite a bit, but managed to get some in.

U turn and headed back to Maldon, but she didn't make it up the first hill! Fortunately Ben Alcock saw us, stopped on the roadside and was able to assist with a piece of rubber hose to get the last bit of fuel from the jerry can into the car. It's now really cold and wet. The beanie's on, gloves and a knee rug. We made it back to Maldon and "filled" her up with our remaining \$11.00.

Back to Bendigo, take 2. The car is now really quite sad, running really rough and backfiring, and clearly using more fuel than she should. We ran out of fuel again 5 k's from the Caravan Park. I open the car door, shift the knee rug to get out and watch in slow motion as David's phone slides off my knee, out the door, into the gutter and straight into a drainage pit. 3 week old phone gone! However, miracles can happen. David managed to get the lid off the drainage pit with a tyre lever and the phone was sitting high and dry on a mound of dirt and leaves in the pit surrounded by water.



David retrieves his mobile phone.

Next problem was to get back to the caravan park. 5 k's was a long walk. Thank goodness for kind Samaritans. A lovely local lady drove past, did a u turn, and drove David to the caravan park. Quite the memorable day!



Rally Report



Hamilton & District Vintage Car Club 'Welcome Back' King's Birthday Long Weekend Rally

As a kid, I used to attend club meetings and rallies with the family at events organised by the Hamilton Vintage Car Club. One such event was the *Queen's Birthday Rally* which the club has been hosting for many years. We lived at Casterton at the time, and used to drive the 75km trip across to Hamilton in the '16' T Tourer which I now own. I have always wanted to go back with my own car and attend a rally myself. This year's rally, now renamed the 'Welcome Back' Kings Birthday rally, being the first event hosted post Covid, provided a perfect opportunity for Dad and myself to get away for a weekend of Vintage motoring.

We left home mid-morning on the Friday of the long weekend to ensure that traffic would be light as we crossed Melbourne, heading for our first stop at Ballan to pick up some parts from Henry's. It's always good to check out the projects and stock at Henry's. We picked up some parts for another Gippslander to save postage on a large package, and also picked up some new capacitors for some coil rebuilds. We had a Late lunch at the Freeway Roadhouse before continuing on through Ballarat, then the Glenelg highway to Hamilton. We arrived in Hamilton late in the afternoon in time to get to the Hamilton Car Club clubrooms and pick up our rally pack. We unloaded the T from the trailer, gave it a wash, then dinner at the Motel restaurant and an early night.

We were up early Saturday to meet at Rally Headquarters at Hamilton showgrounds for a briefing, then off for the 75km trip to Casterton via Coleraine. On arrival at Casterton the town was thriving, with the town hosting the annual Kelpie Dog festival. We watched the street parade, various dog trials and activities before heading off on a lap of the town to check out our old family house, the primary school I went to, and even get a photo of Dad outside the old SEC office where he was manager for 5 years!



Kelpies everywhere in Casterton!

We returned back to Hamilton with a stopover at Club Committee person, Graham Haddon's place. It was great to check over Graham's various T projects and other machinery. We also had time for a quick Tour through Campe's Motor Museum in Hamilton. 3 Ts were on display and lots of other nice cars. It was well worth a visit if you are in Hamilton. Saturday night dinner was at Rally headquarters, including happy hour beforehand!



3 Ts on display at Campe's Museum

We were up bright and early for Sunday's trip to the historic township of Harrow. While touring along pleasantly with all the other "Vintage" Cars on the rally, the Fordor failed to proceed. It was the first time for Dad to experience the noises associated with a broken crank. The backup support trailer was quickly on the scene and transported us for the rest of the day. Despite travelling with the support crew and the T on the trailer, the rest of the day we thoroughly enjoyed visiting a historic shearing shed and the town of Harrow.



Rally Report



Hamilton & District Vintage Car Club 'Welcome Back' continued...



Not a bad place to break down!

There was fantastic local catering in the Harrow town hall for lunch. Our backup trailer took us back the short route to Hamilton where the T was unloaded from one trailer to another and we prepared for the evening presentation dinner. We enjoyed another lovely meal and good company at the dinner table before being awarded the Hard Luck trophy for the broken crank episode!

We indulged in a bacon and egg breakfast at the club rooms in the morning before heading back home via a stopover at Lismore to check out an interesting vintage sign and petrol bowser restorer. Unfortunately, arriving back towards Melbourne late in the afternoon meant a very slow crawl in the traffic over the Westgate and into the tunnel. Once clear of the tunnel it was an easy trip back to Traralgon.

The Hamilton club are excellent hosts and have great country touring roads. They even offer a trophy for the club that other than their own, enters the most cars. Perhaps we should consider as a club entering a whole bunch of Ts at this awesome rally next year?

Repairs to the broken crank have begun but that's another story!

— Warwick & Bill Landy —



Dinner down at the Showgrounds Function Centre



The repairs begin!



Member Profile



Bob Purchase, Maryborough

Dear Members,

I am pleased to share my member profile with the members of this club.

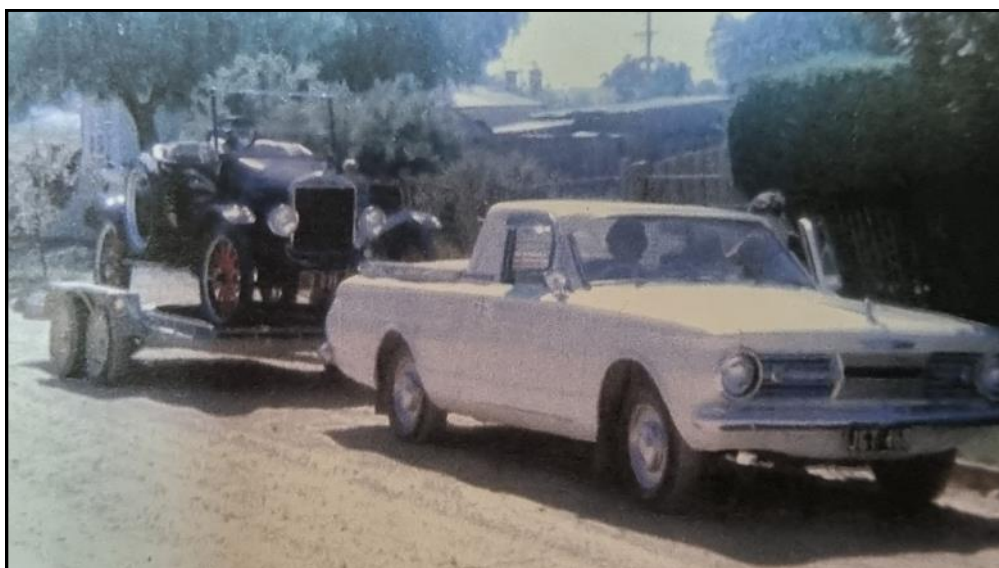
I was recently acknowledged with a number of others as having joined the club in its foundation year, 1980. In the early 80s I used to travel from my home town of Maryborough to various Model T club events with another early T Club member, Laurie Wadeson. At the time, I was helping Laurie with the restoration of his Model T Tourer which he still owns.

Born in 1944, I have been a resident of the Maryborough district for most of my life, with the exception of a small amount of time when the family moved to the Mallee region of the State. I currently live at Alma, a small town 6 kms out of Maryborough in Western Victoria. I completed all my Primary and Technical School education in Maryborough before commencing a motor mechanic's apprenticeship at the General Motors dealership. I have many memories of working on Holdens best cars, such as the XU1 Toranas and the Bathurst Monaros.

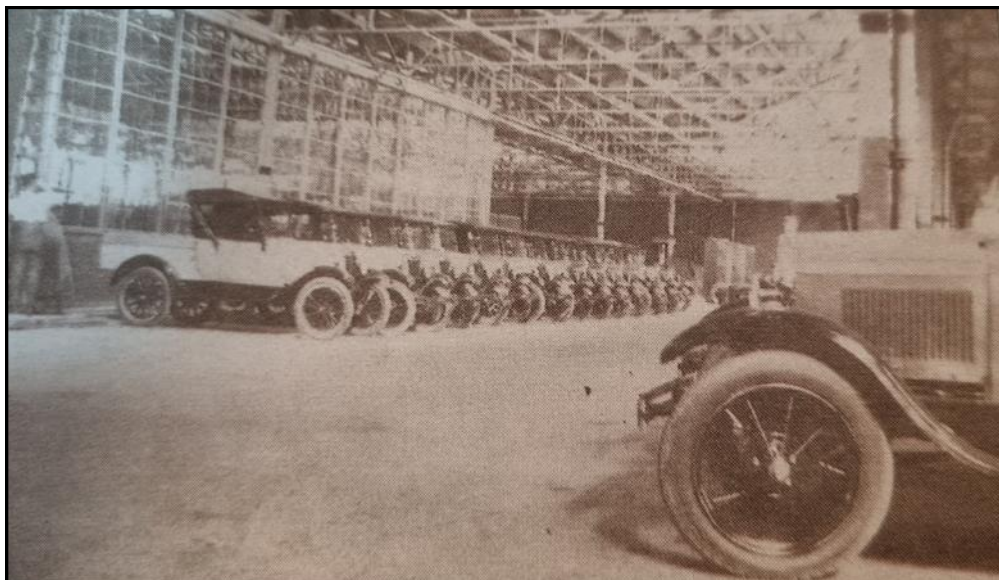
My Dad was working at the local Ford agent in Sales. Later on when Dad moved to the local Chrysler agent I followed and worked there in sales alongside him. I sold my first Valiant Charger to a local builder. I had a brand new Valiant ute in in 1965. Apart from my love of Model Ts, Chrylers are my next love and I have several in my collection including Coupes and Sedans of different Models. I enjoy working on restoration with my son. I later moved from the car agencies and worked as a mechanic on trucks for a local business, Carisbrook Motors. One of our major customers was Lindsay Fox.

I am a little bit unique, having purchased my Model T at aged 18 from a local Maryborough farmer. I still own the car and it has not had a lot done to it over the years with the exception of a change of colour, a valve grind, a set of bands and some new fancy accessory Hayes wire wheels.

My car was sold new in Maryborough by local Ford agent Billy Ying. I am fortunate to have a photo that Billy took on one of his trips to the Geelong factory showing a line-up of new 1925 Ford Utes ready for distribution. Proof that Ford Australia sold "Factory" Utes well before the 1934 Ford Ute. My own car was a chassis that was sold to the local Ford agent. Billy used to go to Melbourne and pick up Melbourne Motor Works bodies to fit to the chassis at the dealership. This arrangement predated the factory cars that are in the old photo.



My Model T Ute on the trailer behind my brand new Valiant Ute, 1965.



A rare photo of factory Utes inside the new Geelong factory ready for delivery.



Member Profile continued...



I continued working right up until aged 70 when I was forced to retire due to ill health. I wound up with cholesterol poisoning from a tablet and spent 5 months in hospital, needing considerable help just to get up and about and walking again. I am now enjoying reasonable health and able to do a bit again. I still have a T Speedster project which I purchased 40 years ago which I would like to restore. It has many nice parts including the BBR Rajo 8 valve head and Ruxstell diff, just to name a few.

I enjoy getting to Vintage motorsports events and it was good to recently catch up with some club members at an outside of Bendigo.

I hope you have enjoyed my story.



My new Falcon Ute with my old T.



Billy Ying operated his Ford dealership in High Street on the site formerly occupied by the late wool buyer, Jim Simpson.



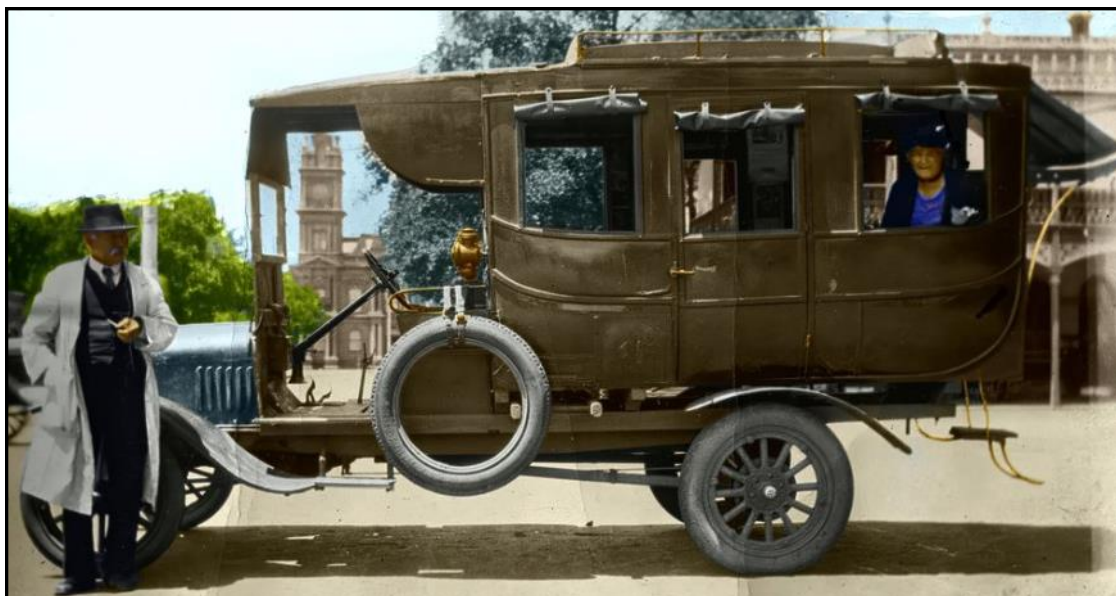
Urgent update re CPS Renewals

Current CPS renewals that are being sent out have the expiry date on the sticker of 2023. This should be 2024.

Vic Roads have said, "VicRoads are aware that a small number of club permit holders have received an incorrect club permit renewal notice, reflecting incorrectly a 2023 expiry.

This error impacted renewals with an expiry between 1 and 25 July 2024. Impacted customers are still able to use this notice for payment of their club permit. Once paid, VicRoads will issue the correct label for your vehicle and logbook. VicRoads will be writing to impacted customers and will be re-issuing renewal notices with the correct dates."

1920s Era TT Truck/
Taxi Cab pictured
outside Geelong
library. Appears to
be fitted with an old
horse drawn coach
body.





Technical Tip



Rear Differential Maintenance-Peter Natoli

Over the Christmas break I gave my 23 tourer a bit of a birthday. I was unable to make the Dubbo rally so it was three years since I gave the old girl the full once over and safety check. I was pretty happy with the results and only found a couple of minor items which only took a couple of hours to make good.

I was putting the last rear wheel back on after shimming up a couple of spokes when I noticed there was some play in the rear axle. There was around 3 or 4 mm movement which suggested that the shim in the middle of the differential might be worn. I ordered some ingredients and finally had the time to attack the beast and pull out the rear end and drive shaft.

What I found was a bit of an eye opener. After a full autopsy of the corpse by Brian Smith the shim in the middle of the differential was the least of my worries.



Damaged and loose driveshaft bearing sleeve.

- Left hand axle keyway worn and causing excessive movement in the gear wheel that meshes with the pinion gears on the spider. There were inconsistent dimensions on the diameter of the axle where the inner roller bearing had been moving about. Solution, replace left rear axle.
- Drive shaft keyway badly worn causing excessive movement in pinion gear. Solution, cut oversize keyway and fabricate oversize stepped key to fit new keyway and pinion gear.
- Crown wheel, two chipped teeth. Solution, replace crown wheel.
- The keeper inside the differential had a previous repair done way back in the day by old mate! It has held really well but unknown to anyone the use by date kicked in about 20 years ago and it was about half an hour away from a grizzly death. Solution, replace the keeper.
- The original white metal shims were still in place, and what was left of them was visibly distressed. Solution, replace the shims with modern day roller thrust bearing kit.
- The thrust plate pins were all loose, the holes in the housings were all flogged out and resembled a jagged oval shape. Solution, ream the holes till they were round again and fabricate oversized stepped pins to suit.
- Once the drive shaft was installed there was excessive movement visible at the universal joint when the handbrake was applied. Solution, install universal joint shim to prevent the play between the housing and the ball cap.
- There were no rear inner axle oil retainers present when the axle was opened up. Solution, install modern day neoprene type oil retainers.
- As the drive shaft required lots of love the pinion bearing was replaced with modern day adjustable bearing assembly. The modern day assembly itself is a great piece of kit. The same description cannot be applied to the installation instructions which are a load of crap. Without Brian Smith overseeing the installation, I would have been doing the same thing all over again, in the not too distant future.

The point I am trying to make here is that many of us are fairly handy and know our way around a Model T. The problem is that I look at things with my plumbers hat on. Give me a chiller, or a boiler, a heat exchanger, any pump available, cooling towers, tri generation or co-generation plant and I am right at home. The thing we should never lose sight of is that a trained mechanic sees and hears things that us mere mortals do not see or hear. It's a bit like comparing an eagle hearing a twig break and then spotting a rabbit 2 kms away to someone with cataracts, whose battery in their hearing aid has gone flat.

I did not see some of the issues until they were pointed out to me, or appreciate the tolerances required on some of the repairs.

There is a lot of satisfaction in maintaining and repairing a Model T. Not all of us are fortunate enough to have a superhero living five minutes away, who over the years has pointed me in the right direction, and made sure my car runs the way it was designed and is roadworthy. I would strongly suggest to all members that they make the time, and take their cars along to one of the safety check events run by the club. Just because we mortals put in lots of hours on maintenance and repairs it does not always translate to a job well done.



Model T Powered Aeroplanes



By Colleen Rodell — Sourced and shared with permission, via Facebook

If you have been around Model Ts for a while or have attended the EAA Air Show, you have probably heard of a Pietenpol. What Henry Ford was to the automobile, Bernard Pietenpol was to the homebuilt airplane hobby.

Born in 1901, Bernard Pietenpol grew up in Cherry Grove, Minnesota and became the town's mechanical genius at a young age. With only an eighth grade education, he opened a Ford repair shop in the early 1920's and began to experiment with airplane designs and power plants with a couple friends, Don Finke and Orrin Hoopman.

Bernard's goal was to design an airplane that a common man could afford to build and operate. One of his first attempts was an aircraft named "Ace", which used a 16-valve head on a Model T engine as its source of power. With limited flying experience and limited power, Bernard wrecked the plane after its first short flight.

When Ford introduced the Model A with 40 horsepower, Bernard designed the 2 passenger "Air Camper" with the Model A Ford engine, which flew successfully on May 20, 1929 and is still popular today. Plans were drawn by Orrin Hoopman, and many copies were sold and are still available from Bernard's grandson, Andrew Pietenpol.

In 1933, Pietenpol designed the single-seat "Sky Scout" using the Model T Ford engine for power, and it was a success. Hoopman again drew plans, and copies were sold through magazines. The first Sky Scout was sold to Orrin Hoopman, who later sold it to well-known Model T Ford Club of America member Chris Egsgaard in the 1960's. Egsgaard restored the airplane and flew it on cross-country trips from Los Angeles to Oshkosh. Sky Scout number 1 now resides in the Model T Museum in Richmond, Indiana.





Club Event — Garage Girls!



Join us for a live theatre performance!

- When:** July 22nd, 7.30pm sharp!
- Where:** La Mama Courthouse,
349 Drummond St, Carlton Vic.
- Cost:** \$20.50 per ticket (payments to treasurer)
- Contact:** Jo Baulch for tickets by Sun 16th July
(at Club lunch) PH: 0427 424837

About the show: Meet Alice Anderson. Mechanic. Trailblazer. Entrepreneur. A rollicking ride through 1920's Melbourne!

Imagine... 1920s Melbourne—the advent of the motorcar! Society reels from the aftermath of war and a second wave of Spanish flu wreaks havoc on the streets. Theatres buzz with vaudeville hacks and men with an eye for enterprise seize every opportunity to weasel wealth. Meanwhile, one small woman defies convention and makes her mark...

Part history, part farce, part who-done-it, Garage Girls shines a light on one remarkable young woman's short but eventful life. Sparked by actual events and a healthy dose of magic realism, breathtaking sound design and many colourful characters, played by five actors—Garage Girls is a rip-roaring ride celebrating a Victorian icon.

Inspired by "A Spanner in the Works: The extraordinary story of Alice Anderson and Australia's first all-girl garage" by Loretta Smith 2019. For more information (or if you are unable to make this date, click [here!](#))

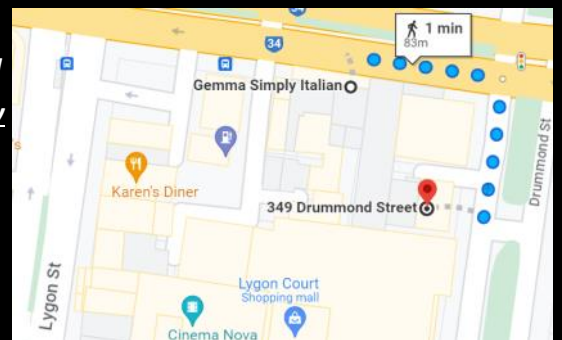


Are you wondering what you might do for dinner beforehand? Join us for a lovely pre-show dinner!

We have a booking at 5.30pm at 'Gemma Simply Italian'

Contact: Paula - 0409 963546 or T Torque email, or advise attendance on the 16th at lunch.

Note: This restaurant is only 83 metres from the theatre at 183 Elgin St Carlton—easy!



Other Upcoming Events



**GRIFFITH NATIONAL
VETERAN VEHICLE
TOUR 2023
MON 2ND - SUN 8TH
OCTOBER**

The Veteran and Vintage Car Club of Australia (ACT) invites all veteran vehicles (up to the end of 1918) to join us in Griffith, NSW from Monday 2nd October to Sunday 8th October

For further information and entry forms click [here](#).

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SHOW & SHINE

One of Australia's top Show and Shine Events is on for 2023.

Sunday 1st October 2023

Open 8.30am to 3.30pm

Trophy/Awards presentation 1.30pm

For further information click [here](#).



Upcoming Rallies and Events



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BENDIGO SWAP MEET



11-12 November 2023

Bendigo Show Grounds

Gates open: 6am Sat & 7am Sun

Admission: Sat \$15, Sun \$5
Children 15 and under free

Visit the club tent to store or show your purchases and share a BBQ sausage at lunch time!

More Information [here](#)

Marong Picnic - Sunday August 27

**Veteran Vintage & Classic Cars,
Engine Display & Tractor Trek**

This is a private event and not open to the public. There will be no traffic movement between 10.30am and 1.00pm. Rotary will be onsite providing catering.

“Malone Park” 41 Marong Park Road, Marong
Show your Club Newsletter mentioning the Marong Picnic for free Entry into the oval

Enquiries to Neil
0408 03383



Keep this weekend free!

**AFL grand final long weekend:
September 29th to 30th**

We are hosting a no frills two day drive around the Coleraine area visiting places of interest to some club members.

Full details will be included in the next T Torque.

Graham and Maree Hadden

ANNUAL CLUB LUNCH

Sunday July 16, 12pm @Cardinia Park Hotel
(200 Emerald-Beaconsfield Rd, Beaconsfield)

Hotel is adjacent to the Roundabout of Inglis & Payne Roads.

NOTE! For bookings please advise John Huitt or Ann Cupid.
(bookings have been made for 40 persons)





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FOR SALE: 1914 Model T Pie Wagon

Includes- Motor (95% complete, missing clutch pressure plate and 4th main, restored radiator, front & rear axles including shackles & perches (missing track rod), fuel tank, radius rods, torque tube including parts to convert to 2 piece, steering column and brass steering wheel, coil box and brass topped coils, firewall with speedo attached, motor is fitted with timer riser, timing gear cover with provision for generator, full set of wheels and near new tyres (vintage), fitted with starter and outside oil line. Many other parts.

NOT included: front guards, bonnet and horse collar **\$9500.00 O.N.O.**

Contact: Ivor Austin PH: 0428 578222

FOR SALE: 1916 Ford Model T Tourer on Club Permit

Car set up to rally. Demountable wheels, Wade camshaft, counterbalanced crankshaft, Riser timer, Rocky Mountain Brakes, Auxillary oil line, full 12Volt system, starter motor and indicators.

All steel USA 1916 body with RHS drivers door added making it a 4 doored tourer like the Canadian models.

\$26000

Contact: Ivor Austin (Hastings) PH: 0428 578222



FOR SALE:

1925 Ford Model T Station Wagon, Castlemaine GARAGE/Rowe Motors history

Completely restored original, with spares, parts books and maintenance manual.

Engine no. C633974

Contact: Malc Moors (Bendigo) PH: 0484 120419

\$10,000 ONO considered



FOR SALE: 1923 TT Truck

Older restoration. Runs and drives. Engine number C363793.

Located in Terang

Contact: Lauren 0421557101 after 7.30 pm

\$18,000





Newsy Bits



CLUB PERMIT PLATES!

At last month's club meeting, the general business section featured some interesting discussion about the club permit system in its early days. Initially established as a concessional permit system for Veteran Cars only and administered by the Veteran Car Club, Ivor Austin recalled getting one of model Ts issued a very early club permit 3 digit number, issued from a club member's garage and being able choose his own number! These early numbers are quite rare these days as they were not returned or able to be re-issued so many are now souvenirs in car enthusiasts' garages. Incredible to think that this early club permit system has grown to the massive system, now overseen by VicRoads and covering Veteran, Vintage, Classic, modified and hot Rods!



Magneto Coil Replacement

Apart from diff rebuilding on his tourer and writing articles, Peter Natoli has just completed a magneto coil replacement on his TT truck and reports it now climbs the steepest hills on Magneto. I hope we get to see the TT out on a club run soon. Peter has also been working on his speedster. Restoration is nearly complete and the car is now ready for final paint and reassembly. We look forward to an update on the finished project.



Car Finds New Home

Another club member's car has found a new home. Proof that our classifieds in T Torque are successful, Norm Morgans 1927 Tourer has gone to a new home. A few new Ts feature in this month's Tradin Table.

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

Another Member Joins Meeting via Zoom

It was great to see another member, Peter Rutley, attending last month's meeting via Zoom. Peter has a 1917 Tourer, which has had quite a bit of work done on it by Chris Dillon. Peter is recovering from some health issues but is keen to get his car out on a club run soon.



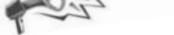
Vale Geoff White

18/04/1942 - 23/05/2023

We announce the passing of member Geoff White from Viewbank, Victoria. Geoff was the owner of a 1916 Tourer on permit with our club. Our condolences go to wife Rhonda and family.

Original 3 Digit Number Plate Auction!

— Credit: Herald Sun, Victoria —



While on the subject of number plates, original black and white 3 digit Victorian plate, went to auction last month with an expected price range of 350-400K, plus 12% buyer's premium. The Herald Sun reported the result as follows:

An exciting bidding war has seen a rare Victorian registration plate sold for more than the price of most cars.

The simple black-and-white heritage number plate 994 was auctioned at Lloyds Auctions in Melbourne.

Heritage plates are car number plates introduced before license plate formats were standardised nationwide in the 1950s.

Lloyds Auctions chief executive Lee Hames told the Herald Sun the classic Victorian registration was bought by an enthusiast for more than \$400,000. "It went for the hammer price of \$391,000. And with the buyer's premium added on top, it's well over \$400,000," Mr Hames said.

"The heritage plate was purchased as a gift for her partner. She was a phone bidder on the day against the online bidder and came out on top. She was phone bidding so it would remain anonymous and the partner would not know," Mr Hames said.

They were the first official number plates issued in each state. Mr Hames said heritage numbers were highly desirable to the rich because there were only 9999 of them in any jurisdiction. "There only a few of these plates, and the supply and demand drives its price up," he said.

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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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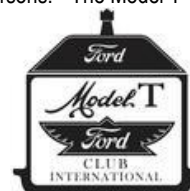
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(www.mtfcv.com) and the Model T Ford Club International P.O. Box 355, Hudson, NC, 28638-0355, USA

(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 picture of a photo displayed at the Noojee Rail Museum. Apologies for the quality of the image, but I thought it was worth sharing here. The caption says "First Car past Warragul"? The road is barely a trail through the scrub. The car appears to be a 1915 Model with English style brass sidelights and early Victorian registration number 1827.



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