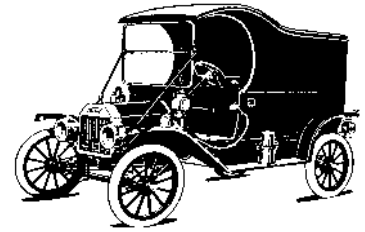




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Spring has sprung! Brian Smith's 1927 Roadster near a field of spring canola yellow on his recent outback trip.

Upcoming meeting: T Tyre Changing - demonstration, commentary and discussion on the art of Model T tyre changing.

That man is best educated who knows the greatest number of things that are so, and who can do the greatest number of things to help and heal the world."
- Henry Ford -



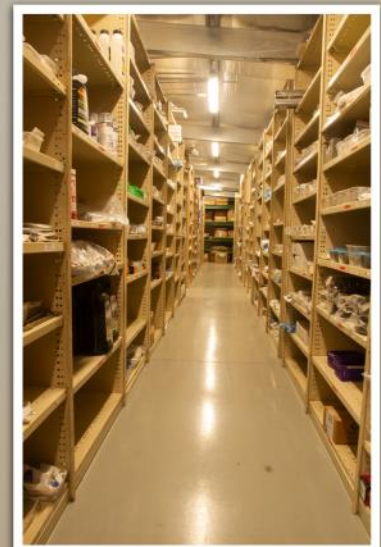
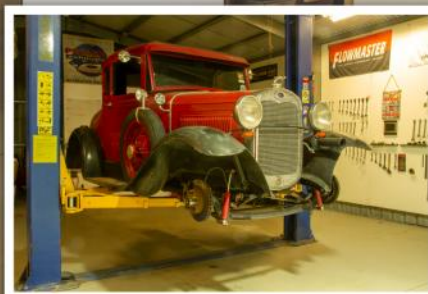
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President's Message



Greetings to all Members,

Well, September's meeting got off to a cold, shaky start when we were locked out of library due to the council staffer responsible for leaving key card out for us neglecting to do so. After a call to our lovely secretary, Ann, who was unwell and unable to attend the meeting in person, eventually got onto the right council person to come and open up for us. Problem solved. Thankyou Ann.



With the absence of Ann, who also sets up the Laptop, we were very fortunate in being able to call on Bruce Csorba and his very talented daughter Ruth to fill that task. A huge thankyou Ruth.

I made an announcement that Ivor Austin would be doing a talk at the October meeting, but was later reminded that we had already arranged at the last Committee meeting to do a tyre fitting demonstration by some of our members at that one. Ivor will now be doing his presentation in the New Year.

As most of you may have heard by now, VicRoads made a blunder with sending out 2000 Permit Renewals without Log Books, but we are told not to worry as they are righting that situation.

The meeting ended early so as to move onto the auction. The auction was successful and was extended to Zoom for the first time, allowing them to join in and have a go also. The bidders were picking up some real bargains. Noel Huitt certainly did, and he went home thrilled with his lot. Ruth Csorba came out the winning bidder on the wolf whistle and also enjoyed grabbing some good stuff for Bruce. Club member Brendon Hoban, very generously donated the Aermore exhaust horn, steering damper Kit and the wolf whistle, with all proceeds going to the club. Enormous thanks goes to Brendan.

Many Thanks also to Andrew Brand for doing a great job in running the auction, Geof Baulch, our fabulous auctioneer and our Vice President, Chris Bagot for bringing all of the Lots forward, to be viewed by the camera.

Don't forget the Flathead Ford Day to be held on October 22nd at the Steam Park at Rowville. \$5.00 Entry fee for display cars & gold coin donation for visitors. Last year we had a great day and we had the pleasure of seeing Colin & Pam Weidemann's "T" out on its first event. We are hoping to see many more Ts this year.



The November Meeting will be chaired by our Vice President Chris Bagot, as we will be away and also for the Christmas party.

We are looking forward to the Melbourne Cup weekend rally at Yarram. Warwick, Paula, Frank & Kerry are our hosts. See you all there.

From over another Running Board, — *John & Thel* —



Club Auction Night



Auction Night done and dusted, but not without some bargains, serious bidding thrown in, and a few laughs. A great night's entertainment was had by all, and lots of parts changed hands. Here are a couple of my favourite pictures.

— *Thelma Hewitt* —



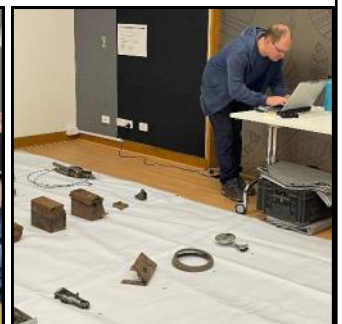
Geof Baulch, auctioneer!



Rhonda sharing the moment with Noel and all of his treasures. Noel



Ruth Csorba feeling quite proud of her wolf whistle. Good on you Ruth!



Andrew Brand, cataloguing and displaying items.



General Meeting Minutes



Meeting opened Fri September 8 2023, 8:06pm, by President John Huitt at Ashburton Library, & via Zoom

PRESENT: 24 present and 9 on Zoom

APOLOGIES: Brian Smith, Graham Hadden, Jennifer and Grace Csorba

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Moved: Julie Jones Seconded: Geoff Brooke

TONIGHT'S MEETING: Auction night

CORRESPONDENCE IN: EMAIL: Bendigo swap volunteers list, AOMC country delegates meeting, Federation meeting, Festival of Motoring Cruden Farm, AOMC Victorian Club Permit Logbooks MAIL: subs x 4, Side Valve V8 Times, Backfire, General Motors overseas operations manual

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

- Condolence cards to Lorraine Fairnie on the passing of her husband Alan, Norman Nettleton on the passing of his wife Diane and Brian Churchill on the passing of his wife Carol.
- Welcome letters to Greg Gunn, David Beaty and Darryl Jeffries

TREASURER'S REPORT: Given by David Jones, Seconded: Bernie McKeegan

UPCOMING SWAP MEETINGS/EVENTS: September 10 Shepparton swap meet, September 17 Bairnsdale swap meet and Castlemaine Autoplex swap meet.

REPORTS

- **2025 Rally:**
There are currently 24 entries, quite a few from Queensland. The first increase in price will be end of this month.
- **Delegate's Reports:**
AOMC: Given by Bernie McKeegan, meeting was held last Saturday in Ballarat.
Federation: Next meeting will be 14th October in Echuca.

THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITY/RUN: Graham and Maree Hadden's run in Coleraine

UPCOMING EVENTS: Swap Meet at Dillon's motors October 15th

TECHNICAL TIPS/QUERIES: Don't buy a drone from Jaycar - David Jones needed to take a photo of the mast on his yacht, the drone needs GPS for stability.

COMMITTEE MEETING DISCUSSION: Trying to find a better email system, John looking at doing a run to Mansfield in March either weekend before or after Labour Day weekend so more chances of good accommodation and less traffic on the road.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Jo talked about club clothing while Geof modelled it. The clothing company will set up an online shop with a list of items available and we pay the company directly. The online shop will be open 4 - 6 weeks at a time, 3 - 4 times a year. They will let Jo know when it's available and she will bring to meeting. \$55 for a hoodie and \$150 for a lined hooded jacket.

NEXT MEETING/ACTIVITY: Ivor Austin giving a talk (to be confirmed)

RAFFLE DRAW: Drawn by: Ruth Csorba, Won by: Ross Cartledge, Prize selected: Organiser, screwdrivers, tape measure

Before the meeting closed Ann thanked all that helped make the meeting run smoothly tonight—Steve Brown for bringing the laptop to the meeting, John Huitt for unlocking the library, Ruth Csorba for setting up the laptop, Dave Weatherhead for picking up the mail and David Jones for reading out the incoming mail.

MEETING CLOSED: 8:45PM

— Ann Cupid (Secretary) —





Club Calendar 2023



CLUB MEETING:	13	8pm General Meeting
CLUB EVENT:	15	Club Swap Meet (Dillon's Motors, refer to Upcoming Events)
	21	Christmas Hills Club Run: contact David Jenkins (Refer to Upcoming Events)
OTHER EVENTS:	22	Ford Flathead Festival



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



CLUB MEETING:	8	8pm General Meeting
CLUB EVENTS:	3	A & T Christmas Party



CLUB MEETING:		No meeting
CLUB EVENTS:	26	Australia Day Picnic - details TBA
OTHER EVENTS:	21	AOMC Festival of Motoring—Cruden Farm, Langwarrin



CLUB MEETING:	9	8pm General Meeting
CLUB EVENT:		TBA
OTHER EVENTS:	3	Berwick Swap Meet

Next General Meeting - Fri Oct 13, 8pm 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.



October

Geof Baulch 3837
Stephen Brown 7644
Robert Dalton 557
Craig Holst 010
Rodney Kieseker 6437
Bernie McKeegan 4585
Malcolm Moors 49220-H
Andrew Phillips 02321M
Hartmuth Scholz 8437
Ray Smith 5199
Alexander Trifonov 4428

November

Paul Daley 981
Chris Dillon 3220
John Huitt 5325
Noel Huitt 74998H
Russell Medhurst 8-245
Andrew Phillips CH9993
Linda Phillips 24744H, 51257H, 24745H
Russell Gregory 26760H
Hartmuth Scholz 7646
Graeme Wagland 8188H
Bill Wallace 99499H, 260RH
Richard Wearne 6102
Colin Weidemann 8314

December

Paul Daley 7870
Chris Dillon 2106H4
Bob Draper 342
Norman Morgan 6155
John Morrison 76921H
Kirsten Morten 481
Andrew Phillips 4731
Linda Phillips 523222H, 77872H, 87725H
David Weatherhead 3035H



Safety / Technical Tip



RACV Rally Aftermath

Following on from the story of the R.A.C.V. Rally last month I thought members might like to see some photos of the damaged driveshaft and spool bearing etc. It can be seen that it got quite hot at one end of the bearing, probably the front end, as one section of the thrust bearing is blue and the other section has started to get hot on the internal edge.

I now have a fully rebuilt Ruckstell diff and driveshaft. Both the driveshaft and rear end housings are of the correct type for a 1915 model T. The ones that I took off were vintage and the rear axle housings had been modified to take outer ball races, which I didn't like. Everything is now as it was when first built with Hyatt outer bearings.

After some test drives it is now back on the road and ready for another rally. — **Robbie Dalton** —



Broken driveshaft



Destroyed pinion bearing hyatt roller bearing



Thanks to Robbie for sharing the details of the recent failure of his 1915 T's driveline. Robbie reported no real noises or signs of problems prior to the failure but these pictures show the end result. The question for members is, which part failed first? The bearing, the sleeve or the shaft?

—**Ed.**

Left: Destroyed pinion bearing hyatt roller bearing



Safety / Technical Tip



This month's safety/technical tip comes from one of our club safety inspectors, Brian Smith. Brian was giving his car a serious once over in preparation for his upcoming outback tour. Thanks to Brian for sharing the results of his inspection and his repair techniques. — Ed.

Whether you just use your car locally or you go in many club runs, it has just been highlighted to me how important regular safety inspections are! Neither of these problems were obvious on inspection but could have had dire consequences if not repaired or replaced immediately.

The first one was the front radius rod/arm ball. It appeared ok as fitted, however upon removal it required a rework (original ball size is an inch and a quarter). The photos tell the repair method.



Proper spec ball and worn ball for comparison



Worn ball built up and machined round in a special cutting jig.



Finished round ball of a correct factory dimensions



Cracked hub

The second one was a broken front hub on the Roadster. The job started out as a front wheel bearing check and adjustment. Upon removing the wheel, I noticed a line of sweating around the flange to hub area. Upon closer inspection it was a crack which went half way around.

I was very pleased to have seen it as I am about to do a 3000km trip. The thought of my right hand front wheel with hub flange not attached is something I would rather not see! A replacement front wire wheel hub was sourced and replaced the damaged one.

— Brian Smith —



Under the Hood



Greetings Members,

As I write this, Paula and myself have just returned from a 2 week holiday in Bali to celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary. Two weeks away eats into the preparation time for T Torque, so we say a big thanks to those that provided reports and content early in the month to ensure we did not have too much to finish when we got home.

This October edition marks 2 years for us in the role of editors! They say time flies when you are having fun. We hope you have enjoyed what has been presented over the last 2 years. As always the success of our newsletter relies on the contribution of members. I take this opportunity to thank all those who have made contributions and also encourage those who have yet to contribute to consider making an effort to share some part of their Model T hobby with the membership. We have particularly enjoyed presenting the member profiles and have learned a lot more about people we have known for a long time. Feedback we have received from members is that the member profiles have been a very popular addition to T Torque. We look forward to receiving more of them in the future to present.

In one of our early editions, Paula introduced the use of Hyperlinks to T Torque. These electronic links are a real feature of our emailed edition of T Torque and can greatly enhance your reading experience by having additional content to access from the pages of T Torque. Watch for the links highlighted in blue in any of our stories. Newsy Bits this month includes a number of links to find some additional reading on the subjects included!

This year's Melbourne Cup Weekend is shaping up very well. I am very pleased to report we have great support for this event and currently have 25 cars and crews entered. Please refer to the rally update elsewhere, and if you have not let us know you plan to attend, please do so soon as entries will close following the October general meeting.

October 3rd marks the 115th anniversary of the Model T.

Until next month, keep Touring in your Ts! — **Warwick Landy**

Email your contributions to ttorqueneews@hotmail.com or send to mailbox. Submissions are due the 3rd Friday of the month.



Vale - Alan Fairnie



Recently, a number of Model T Ford Club members attended a memorial service for club member, Alan Fairnie. Alan was a tremendous supporter of the club during his long membership. Alan owned and restored a number of Ts, all of which were always immaculately presented and reliable. Alan served the club as President in 1990, was a committee member and a representative for the club to the Federation.

Bill Landy reflects...

"I was saddened to hear of the passing of Alan, a long time member of the club. It was always a pleasing to see in the newsletter that he was an entrant in a forthcoming event where our families would be together for a good time of vintage motoring. I always enjoyed rallying with Model T owners whose cars displayed the characteristics of their owners, being practical and down to earth. It was just good fun to restore, drive and just maintain with Alan who shared the same interest or affliction!"



Alan & Lorraine in their 1921 Tourer

7/2/1935 – 27/8/2023

Alan passed away with family by his side on Sunday 27/8/23. Much loved husband of Lorraine. Loved father of Ann, Sue, Heather & Peter. Grandfather to Emma, Michael, Shae, Caitlyn, Ben, Jack, Max, Luke & Sam. Great Grandfather to Thomas, Amelia, Harrison, Cooper, Noah & Oscar. Loved father-in-law of Paul & Anne. Much loved by all who knew him.

— **RIP Alan** —

Left: Alan & Lorraine Fairnie with Colin & Pam Weidemann (Goulburn National Rally, 2001)





Shepparton Swap Meet Report



G'day, I'm Dean Williams and my fiancé is Ann Cupid. She is the Secretary of our Victorian Model T Club. I'd like to give a big thank you to Ann, the rest of our committee, and all those people who give up their time and do their bit to keep the club running. I would take my hat off to you if I wore one!

I'd like to talk about our trip to the Shepparton Swap Meet but first I'm going to say a few words about our September general meeting on Zoom. Ann and I were unwell prior to the meeting so we thought it would be best for us not to go. As Ann is the Secretary she had a lot of stuff to bring to make the meeting work for all the members that attended in person and the ones that attended on Zoom. I'd like to thank the people that helped to make it happen. John and Thelma Huitt, Dave Weatherhead, David Jones, Steve Brown and Bruce & Ruth Csorba. Without them, the meeting wouldn't have run as smoothly. Ann and I attended the meeting on Zoom and Ann did her Secretary's report. This was the first time we had attended a general meeting on Zoom and we were surprised how clear it was. The picture and sound were both great. It was almost like being there. This night was also Auction Night and we think we had a better look at what was on offer than the people that were there. It was a great night and the people on Zoom could bid for items too.

Ok, back to the swap meet. The Shepparton Swap Meet is on a Sunday, back in my pre – Ann days my brother and I used to drive up early on the Sunday morning. It was a 2 hour trip from Wandin North so we had to leave by 5am to get there around 7am so we could set up our site. I used to have a Commodore and tow a tandem trailer up. One year, between Yea and Seymour we came around a bend which had 2 bridges. I was doing 100k/h, when, all of a sudden, there was a big wombat on the road. I hit the poor thing, my car and trailer launched in the air. I don't know how I didn't come off the road. We pulled up in a big hurry to check for damage but the car was all good to go. We took off and decided to have a better look when we got to Seymour. After a while it felt like the car was losing power. I just happened to catch a glimpse of a red glow in the left side mirror. It was still dark so I looked in the right side mirror and looked back harder in the left side mirror. My brother turned around and looked at the trailer and said "F@*k, the trailer's on fire!". So we pulled up again a couple of km short of Seymour and ran to the trailer, both brakes on the trailer were glowing red through the rims and flames were coming out the back. We had no fire extinguisher and if anyone knows Seymour dirt, it's just rock. So we were throwing everything we could at it. We got the fire out but the trailer rims were still crackling, bubbling and spitting. We found out that somehow the handbrake had come on when we hit the wombat. So we decided the only way to cool them down was drive. We drove to Maccas, got a coffee and took the left hand hub off. All the steel parts from the brake just dropped on the ground and the grease in the bearings was still bubbling. We put the wheel back on and headed off again. We got there but one wheel locked up, we had to take it off and drive with 3 wheels on the trailer.

So this is why I now go up the day before and stay overnight. We now have a 1979 F350 flatbed truck. It's great and the Model T fits beautifully on the back. So I loaded the truck with junk, sorry, treasure, lots of farm stuff and a couple of car parts, I didn't think I'd sell much.

We left around lunch time on Saturday, got some lunch on the way, the canola was in full bloom and looked magnificent. It just kept going and going. It was a fairly uneventful drive up there. We have a caravan park we like to stay at in Shepparton but unfortunately when we tried to book they told us all their cabins were lost in the floods so this year we stayed at another one just out of town. We pulled up around 2pm and here's David and Julie Jones just in front of us with their teardrop caravan. It looked amazing. We had a bit of a chat with them then went to our cabin. We also saw Andrew Brand and family in the same caravan park. We booked a miner's cottage, it had a double bed, sofa bed, a full kitchen, large fridge and a four piece pop up toaster.

I woke up in the middle of the night and it was raining. We got going at the 6:30am. We were about 15 minutes from the swap meet, I know it opens at 6:30 so I was hoping most of the stall holders were let in before we got there. We didn't have to wait too long. It had stopped raining but our chairs were wet. We set up our site then sat back and waited for the buyers. A lot of people stopped to look but were more interested in talking and telling their stories. I love that part about swap meets. I sold a little bit, lucky I don't have to live off this. We saw a few members from our club who we chatted to. I went for a quick look around, David Jones had told me there were some Veteran parts over near the fence. A lot of people packed up early. The weather was good and the sun did come out. Eventually. Ann and I packed up around 1pm, got some lunch in Shep then headed home. Even though I didn't sell much, Ann and I had a great weekend. Can't wait for our next adventure.

— Dean Williams —





Rally Report



Vintage Drivers' Club, 'Where the Rivers Run' Tour

Brian & Helen Smith's outback adventure explored the outback and surrounds of the upper reaches of the Darling River.

After preparing the car and fitting running board boxes (extra space), the little green roadster was ready.

It was a random start from your home and meeting at Echuca for the first night, once settled we had a welcome BBQ and a chance to acquaint ourselves. The cars entered were my 1927 roadster, Rugby, Model A (9), Amilcar, Chev (2) and one Chrysler.



Some of the other makes of vintage cars had a fair load to carry!

Reservoir with a guide through the steam driven pump station (not normally open), then back to Silverton for lunch at the pub and a look around including a visit to the extensive jail museum.

The next day we woke to the Broken Heel Festival (Mardi Gras) based around the Palace hotel, (think Priscilla), it was an interesting distraction!

The next day the group left for White cliffs; however, Helen and I stayed behind as my motor was not running well. I have an American Bosch distributor (era aftermarket accessory) which had worn the top bush to the extent I could not get a proper point gap.



Palace Hotel in full Mardi Gras mode.

This was my second encounter with Chris Dillon, well his spirit anyway. This was when I spent the next day with a most interesting local car club

gentleman in his workshop using his tools and equipment, he generously offered for me to use to machine a bush for the distributor. What has this got to do with Chris? I am sure most T club people will have Heard Chris and his views of "any accessory for a model T doesn't work you should throw it away!" Well, those words were deafening me all day. I'm happy to say we left Broken Hill the next morning and caught up with the group at White Cliffs that afternoon.

The next stop was Mildura via Balranald for two nights, leaving one day to have a look around the city.

The fourth day saw us heading for Broken Hill via Menindie and Pooncarrie. While at Pooncarrie, there was an annual motor bike competition over a few days which made our fill up a busy one. The coincidence was, as I was filling my tank I heard my name called with a tap on the shoulder. Chris and Fiona Dillon were there also. They had been up north and were heading home.

We were in Broken Hill for three days. The first day we joined with the local car club and travelled via Silverton to the Mundi Mundi plains and on to the Umberumberka



Chance meeting with the Dillons who were returning from their own outback adventure.





Rally Report continued...



Vintage Drivers' Club, 'Where the Rivers Run' Tour

It was an early start and we headed for Trilby station via Willcania (we were invited through the privately owned customs building in Wilcania, 3 stories high with beautiful timbers, then on to Tilpa, (lunch break). They had run out of fuel at Tilpa. Luckily, I was carrying 20 litres spare.



It was a farm stay at Tilpa which was most comfortable, whilst there we also visited historic Dunlop station where we had a guided tour of the extensive homestead, their huge brick storehouse and its massive shearing shed.



Tilpa homestay.

From Trilby we headed on to Warren, via Cobar. (Warren is a cotton growing area and Cobar a copper and gold mining town). The next day it was on to Temora via Condoblin (some very nice towns up through that area), and a sea of yellow with canola being grown extensively. From Temora it was on to Howlong for our last night.

Finally our last day from Howlong to Corowa, Benalla, Yea then home.

It was a great experience, we travelled extensively and covered quite a distance. Aside from the hiccup in Broken Hill, the T stood up to the trip quite well. Of the cars entered, two failed to finish and a few more had some repairs to do when home.

the thing to take away is; if you have a car you can be confident in, plus the confidence to back yourself, you can mix it with the vintage cars and enjoy some of the longer runs.

I prefer to drive rather than polish!

— Brian Smith —





Rally Report



Coleraine & District Grand Final Weekend Rally — 29-30 September

Four Huitts headed off Thursday morning from Doreen for Coleraine. After a minor electric brake issue with Noel & Rhonda's caravan at Campbellfield, we were on our way again. Got almost to Dunkeld, when Rhonda heard a noise and they had done a tyre on their caravan, an understatement to say the least.

Arrived at the Hadden residence, round teatime where we were very warmly received. A lovely barbecue was on the menu which we enjoyed immensely. After setting up camp, a good night's sleep was had.

Friday was our first day, touring a little town named Harrow. Harrow is on the banks of the Glenelg River and is the oldest inland town in Victoria. After having morning tea at the Harrow Post Cafe and enjoying the most yummy and freshest apple scrolls ever, we were ready to enjoy a stroll through the town.

Secretary Anne had invited her cousin Kay along, knowing how she would enjoy the trip. Kay's great, great grandfather, had in fact built the school there and she had quite a family history to tell.

Harrow can boast it had the first International Indigenous cricket player, whose name is John Mullagh. He played 45 matches on the 1868 English Tour. There is much to see in Harrow.

After visiting Ralph Zwar's shed where he keeps his beautiful 1912 T, we were ready for our next stop, Goroke, for lunch. They had the biggest parmas and meals you'll ever see, bigger than Texas. Outstanding! We finished off with a must have ice-cream at the shop next door.

Visited the cemetery, art silos and Graham Hadden's relative. Onto Edenhope where we all fuelled up and back to the Hadden's, an absolute fabulous day.





Rally Report continued...



Coleraine & District Grand Final Weekend Rally — 29-30 September



Saturday was our second day and Geof Baulch gave us a guided tour of his family farm site where he was raised as a youngster and also the exact spot where his Model T came from.

Next was Casterton, where Geof's original old school site KILLARA.S.S. NO.2378, which has been privately purchased and relocated to a property in Bahgallah.

Next stop was Geofs second school, which is WILKIN SCHOOL.NO 2359 and is in Strathdownie. And then onto Casterton. Grabbed some lunch from Herberts bakery and we all went to the park to eat, relax and enjoy. After visiting the Mickle Lookout in Casterton, we headed back to Coleraine.

Dinner that night was a yummy camp roast cooked by Graham and Maree's son Brian, whom we all wanted to adopt. Great job Brian.

We were treated to a TRULY FABULOUS weekend, not only with majestic views and countryside, but enormous hospitality. HUGE THANKYOU to Graham and Maree, you should feel very proud of yourselves. Wouldn't have missed it for the world.

*Continuation of Noel and Rhonda's sagas, with approximately three hours to home, they did a wheel bearing on the caravan at Dunkeld. Noel and Rhonda quickly went back to Repco, Hamilton and got what was needed. Problem eventually solved and we arrived home what was to have been roughly seven o'clock soon became ten o'clock that night.

Hope you enjoy our story.

— John and Thelma Huitt. —





AOMC Meeting Minutes



August 2023 - Our club delegate, Bernie McKeegan was an apology for this meeting. The summary below is an edited version of the minutes supplied via email to the club secretary.

There were 57 attendees representing 41 clubs, 2 visitors and 5 zoom attendees. Chair: Iain Ross, Vice President

Guest Speakers:

Nick Scarff. A young enthusiast, who is studying for a Degree in Design. His thesis is the marketing of early Jaguars in Australia. Member of the Jaguar Car Club and the Vintage Drivers Club. Nick gave an outline of his background with classic jaguars and his reasons for undertaking his thesis, highlighting the lack of academic histories on automobiles. He then gave an overview of his thesis, including a background on Bryson's Industries who imported Jaguars in the 1960s.

Wayne Drew, President of the Ballarat Light Car Club. Wayne gave a presentation on the club and club activities. Club was founded in 1949 and runs various motorsport activities at a motorsport complex at Ballarat airport. This includes motorkhana events that is open to anyone over 12 yo. This teaches good basic driving skills. Club also holds off road rallies and a hill climb at Mt Leura in Camperdown. Wayne showed some videos of various club events and some historic footage of racing at the racecourse pre war.

Correspondence: AOMC secretary Tony Hall reported on several items of correspondence relevant to clubs. Clubs need to transfer to digital banking, or organise some extra cheque books soon.

Treasurer's Report: Mark Fenton, AOMC Treasurer, reported that the AOMC finances are currently in a healthy position, and as of the end of July 2023 the AOMC Cash at Bank is \$ **342,611**. This increased balance reflects the commencement of the receipt of annual membership invoices and shows that the AOMC is well placed to fund a range of initiatives identified by the organization's strategic plan. It has enabled the AOMC Committee to commit significant funds to a budget focussed on achieving these strategic outcomes so that we can improve the reporting of the community benefits of the whole heritage vehicle movement. Stay posted.

VicRoads/Club Permit Scheme Report: AOMC have received reports of renewals being sent out without permit books. VicRoads have been contacted on this issue, but no reply as yet. Daryl Meek added that this will affect several thousand CPS holders. VicRoads are aware of the issue and this is the 3rd major issue with the contractor. Can be rectified by ringing or attending VicRoads branch. Several other delegates also noted this issue arising in their club, but was resolved by contacting VicRoads.

AOMC Events:

- **Shannons American Motoring Show – Sunday 19th Nov 2023 at Caribbean Park.**
- **Festival of Motoring – Sunday 21 January 2024 at Cruden farm.**
- **RACV British & European Motoring Show – Sunday 18th Feb at Yarra Glen Racecourse.**
- **Florence Thomson Tour – 26th to 28th April.** Based around Traralgon and touring the Gippsland region.
- **National Motoring Heritage Day – Sun 19th May 2024.** Looking to support various events around the state.

AMHF Survey: The link for this has been circulated to clubs via email. AOMC were not privy to the questions in the survey, but feel it is an important enough project to be involved in. Clubs need to communicate to members and share the link to gain the widest response possible. Clubs who have not received the email can get it by emailing AOMC secretary Tony Hall at: secretary@aomc.asn.au

AOMC Seminars: Restoration and club management seminars have been held with good feedback from attendees. A lot of interest in ATO changes information from management seminar.

Engine number records: AOMC holds approx. 5 million records pre 1984. Over the past 3 months, 25 searches have been conducted. One search was for a Series 2 Land Rover which was a shell with no engine or chassis number. It was an ex paddock bomb. Philip was able to find the record for this vehicle so its history can be proved and it can be registered.

Delegates reports / General business:

Damian O'Doherty (Ballarat V&CCC) asked about the progress on insurance cover for small clubs. Tony Hall responded that a sub committee are working on this and have had several meetings with brokers. Work is still going on in the background and Tony is confident that an offer will be finalised in 2024 for the consideration of AOMC members.

Damian also asked about the joint effort with VicFed. Tony responded that there is a joint working committee from both organisations who have met with VicRoads, with the promise of further regular meetings. The joint committee have drafted a shopping list of issues that were presented to VicRoads. There have also been regular meetings of representatives of AOMC and VicFed that have been very cordial and constructive.

Iain Ross thanked delegates for attending, our guest speakers and especially thanked the Ballarat Vintage and Classic Car Club for hosting and catering the meeting. He declared the meeting closed at 2.45pm.



Upcoming Rallies and Events



Sun Oct 22, 10am-3pm

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BENDIGO SWAP MEET

11-12 Nov - Bendigo Show Grounds



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MELBOURNE CUP WEEKEND RALLY — YARRAM — Fri 3-Tues 7 November



Final Update

If you have not notified rally organisers Landys or van Ekerens of your entry, please advise before rally entry cut off, (Sunday 15th October)

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- **Saturday:** 90 Mile Beach Tour and Historic Swing Bridge visit
- **Sunday:** Port Albert Maritime Museum, Port Welshpool Long Jetty & option waterfall visit
- **Monday:** Waterfalls tour
- **Tuesday:** Museum and murals tour. Depart Yarram after lunch.





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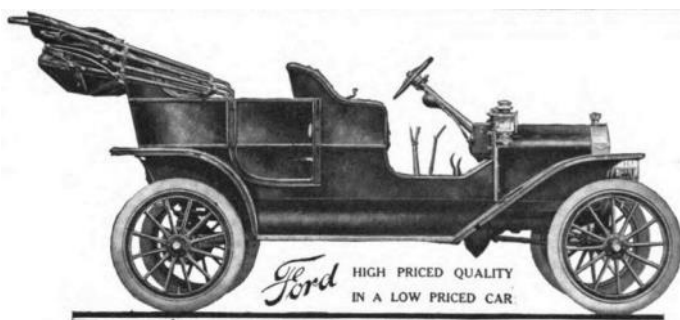
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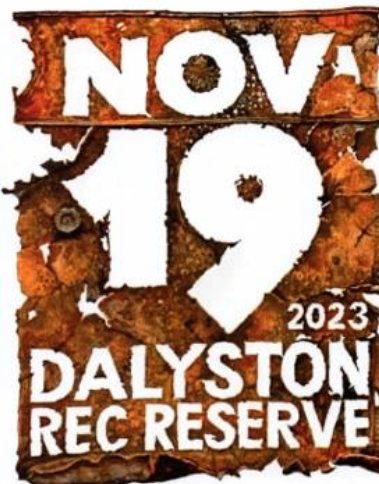
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On 1 October 1908, Ford Model T automobiles were first offered for sale at a price of US\$825. That's about \$28,400.00 in today's US dollars or \$43,500 AU dollars. By the last year's of production, the least expensive versions were being sold for \$260. That's \$4,600.00 in today's money. (\$7,300 AUD).



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Newsy Bits



COMMITTEE MEMBER CAN'T ESCAPE Ts!

New committee member, David Jenkins and wife Karen are enjoying a nice overseas holiday. David sent a message that the only T he has been able to find while on holiday is a statue! The statue, does have a very interesting story. Made completely of bronze and weighing 3 tonnes, the statue is a tribute to Scotland's first Ford dealer, who in 1911 drove a Model T to the top of Scotland's highest peak, Ben Nevis in a promotional stunt to promote the strength and durability of the Model T Ford car. The statue is located in the



town square of Fort William, Scotland. More information can be found [here](#).



happy 75 birthday

Thelma Huitt!
Best wishes from the club on your special day!

Model T Club Members Attend Veteran Car Club National at Griffith NSW

David & Julie Jones, Robbie & Christine Dalton and Chris & Fiona Dillon are currently enjoying the National Veteran Car Rally at Griffith. We look forward to more detailed coverage of the event in next month's T Torque.



Model T Legend Injured in a Model T Accident!

The name Steve Jelf, will be familiar to many of our members. A Model T Ford Club of America member, Steve was unfortunately severely injured in an accident in his Model T while travelling to the famous Old Car Festival, Dearborn, which is held at the Henry Ford Museum.

A modern car ran a red light and T-boned Steve's 1915 Roadster, tipping it over and ejecting Steve from the cockpit. Steve is hospitalised and his car has been recovered and is being looked after by a friend. Steve is a regular participant on the MTFCA forum and also runs his own website which documents many handy tips for Model T owners. Here is a link to click for further details of the accident and also to Steve's website.



[Accident Details](#)
[Steve's Website](#)

Landys at Local Car Show



Warwick and Bill Landy enjoyed the local Fathers day car show at Old Gipps town in Moe. As usual the Model T was a very popular exhibit amongst a bunch of much newer classics.



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



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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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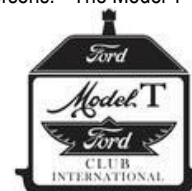
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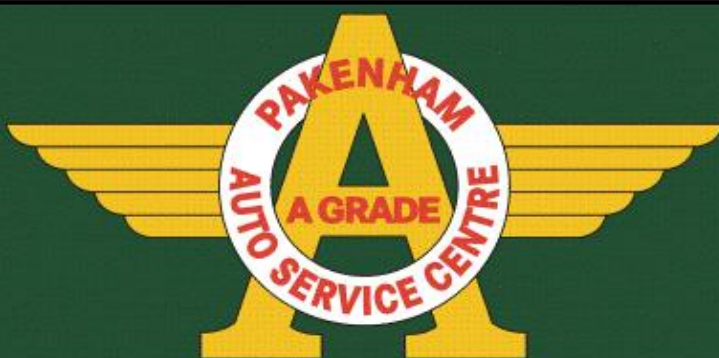




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