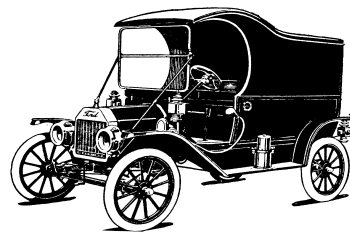


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**Please remember that submissions to TTorque must be received by the Editor 2 weeks prior to the next meeting**

**NEXT MEETING FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2016  
@ Ashburton Library, High Street Ashburton  
8pm start**

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Well the year is drawing to a close and we are all in the throes of Christmas once more.

It has been a busy year with the highlight being the National Rally at Lardner Park. We also had fantastic Labour Day and Queen's birthday weekend rallies this year to Rutherglen and Mornington Peninsular. Thanks to all the organisers for an excellent job. These rallies are a big part of our club activities. They enable our members to see parts of Victoria that they normally wouldn't see. Towns we only drive through on our way to somewhere else. We are privileged to see great scenery and people's private collections that are not for public display. We eat good food and spend time together with people who share our passion for Model T Fords who we normally do not see regularly as we are spread around Melbourne, Victoria and other states. We are also ambassadors for the car movement and we like to see people enjoying our cars, which often bring back memories of family life and the fun they had in the cars. This is why it is so important that we have these extended rallies during the year. As you know we have been unable to find someone to run the Labour Day rally in March 2017. This is a great shame. I am asking people for expressions of interest to run the rallies in June and November. 2017 Take pride in where you live, get out there and show us what's great about your area. We will give you all the assistance that we can in helping organise these events.

Our monthly rallies have also been held around Melbourne and once again we have seen some great places. We are having a run to Marysville for Australia Day this year. We will also be at the RACV Great Australian Rally at Mornington and please don't forget Trevor Merton's run to Terry Dowel's fantastic collection of cars at Beaconsfield on Sunday Feb 12th. Please let Trevor know if you are coming.

We had our two sites at Bendigo Swap this year and a number of members came to rest their weary legs and knees and to help out. It was good to see our country members and I hope that people had a good and successful day. We were also able to sign up a couple of new members which was great.

We have had a few on the sick and injured list this year and I hope people are improving and we look forward to seeing them in the New Year.

I hope everyone has a Safe and Happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in 2017.

Fiona

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **2016**

**DECEMBER:** Sunday 4th Christmas Party with Model A Club  
Friday 9th General Meeting Christmas Party Breakup.

### **2017**

**JANUARY:** No Meeting  
Thursday 26th Australia Day Rally, Lilydale - Marysville

**FEBRUARY:** Sunday 5th Great Australian Rally  
Friday 10th General Meeting  
Sunday 12th Trevor Merton's Run - Beaconsfield

**MARCH:** Sunday 5th Shannon's American Motoring Show



## GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY 2017

Sunday February 5th 2017 is the date this year for this annual rally at Mornington Racecourse.

Starting points are again at Stud Park Shopping Centre, Rowville, Melbourne and Hastings. A free sausage sizzle is available before journeying onto Mornington.

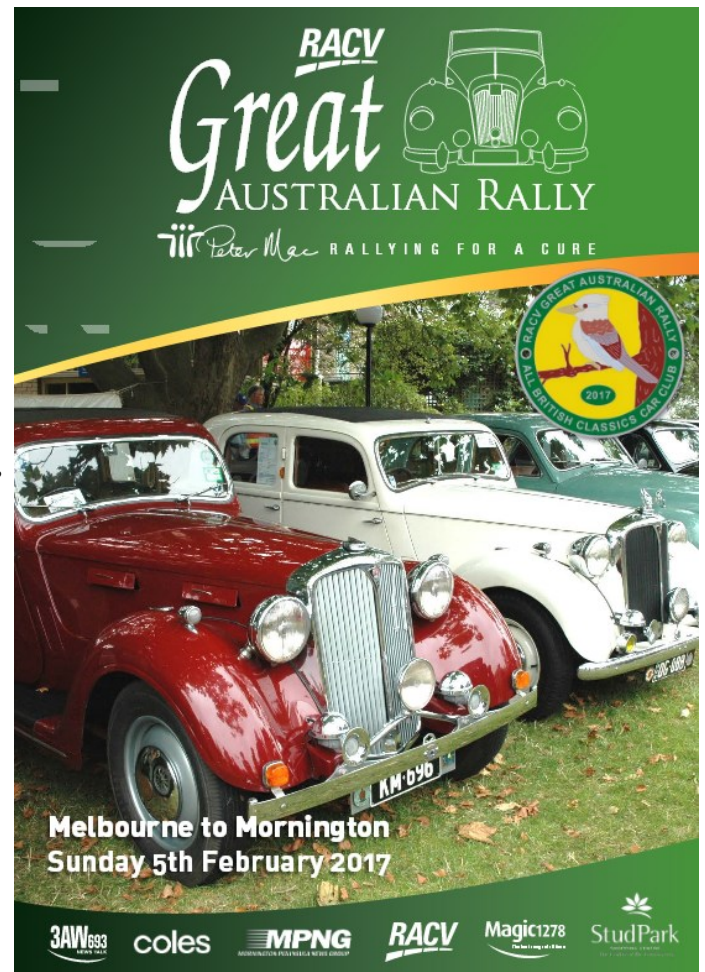
This event is organised by the All British Classics Car Club and sponsored by the RACV. All proceeds go to the Peter McCallum Cancer Foundation, and \$58,000 was handed over last year. Over the last 25 years this event has become the premier showcase for motor bike, military and commercial vehicles, veteran, vintage and classic cars.

Once again our Club has secured a prime position to display our cars and have a picnic, a nice grassed area close to the organisers tents with easy access. We will have our marquee available for shelter for those who want to take advantage of it.

Please try to join your friends from the Club and catch up on the gossip from the Christmas holidays and find out who has got what and from where.

*Entry forms are available at*  
[www.greataustralianrally.com.au/](http://www.greataustralianrally.com.au/)

Robbie Dalton  
9801 7170 or  
0439 363 283



# 2017 RACV Great Australian Rally Entry Form

## Sunday 5th February 2017

### All proceeds go to Peter Mac

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (BH) \_\_\_\_\_

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**VEHICLE DETAILS**

Vehicle Make \_\_\_\_\_

Model \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Reg No. \_\_\_\_\_

Car Club Membership \_\_\_\_\_

My car is unusual because

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

(Your car could be selected for promotional advertising)

I/We wish to start the rally at (please indicate):

- ☐ Melbourne
- ☐ Stud Park, Rowville
- ☐ Hasting Marina

Car to be judged ☐ Yes ☐ No

Entries to be judged will proceed from starting point directly to Mornington Racecourse, where marshals will direct them to a selected area.

Entry Fee Pre-paid prior to 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 \$35.00Merchandise (see overleaf) \$ \$0.00

Donation to Peter Mac \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(gifts over \$2 are tax deductible)

**TOTAL AMOUNT** \$ \$35.00

No entries will be accepted after the close off date of 26th January 2017. You may enter at the starting points on the day of the rally. **Late entries will not be judged or receive a rally bag.**

**Late Entry Free \$45.00**

☐ I enclose my cheque made payable to  
**All British Classics Car Club**

or please debit my

☐ VISA ☐ Mastercard

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholders Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Post entry form to:  
RACV Great Australian Rally  
P.O. Box 201  
Chirnside Park 3116

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Enquiries - Pat Douglas - Mobile 0425 712 973  
Email: [greastralianrally@abccc.com.au](mailto:greastralianrally@abccc.com.au)

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We follow National Privacy Principles and your details remain confidential.

**As proceeds of this event are paid to Peter Mac, no refunds will be paid.**



## **Preety Agarwal (Secretary) General Meeting Minutes**

**Minutes:** Meeting Opened at 8:05 PM November the 4<sup>th</sup> by President Fiona Dillon at the Ashburton library Ashburton.

**New Members:** None

**Visitors:** Ron McCallum

**Present:** 25

**Apologies:** Paul Daley, Lyle and Marg Detez, Alan and Jill Flude, Peter Trewin, Rod Kiesecker and Anthony Sciberras

**Sick List:** None

**Confirmation of minutes:**

**Moved:** Bernie McKeegan

**Seconded:** Scott Staples

**Business arising from minutes:** Nil

**Tonight's Meeting:** Ivor Austin presented his personal journey and reflections on Model T. It was a very moving presentation supported by a rich collection of memorabilia. All the members appreciated the presentation and thanked Ivor for sharing his story with the members.

### **Correspondence In:**

- NAB Term Deposit Letter
- JLT Insurance renewal letter
- Certificate of Currency for the Insurance – Jardine Lloyd Thompson Pty. Ltd.
- Thankyou letter for 2016 National Rally from American Participants
- Email about arrival time for festival of wheels exhibitors
- AOMC November Delegate's meeting and Annual General Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016
- Australia Post Tax invoice for the magazine distribution for October 2016

**Publications:** November 2016 Brass Notes, The Bent Wire, November 2016 Buzzer Box, Vintage Ford Volume 51, Numbers 5

**Flyers:** Shannon's 2016 Winter Classic Auction Flyer, Blue Lotus – Water Gardens, Tiger Moth World, Myrtleford Rotary Club Show and Shine. Saturday October 2016 & Adventure Park Geelong

**Correspondence Out:** Nil

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was presented to the members by Rhonda Huitt

**Moved:** Rhonda Huitt

**Seconded:** Chris Dillon

**Swap Meetings/Clearance Sales report:** Chris Dillon presented the report on Swap meets at Dillon's. He said that it was a good day and quite a few members who attended the event. He advised that Andrew Brand, Bruce Csorba, Robbie Dalton sold a lot of material and it was good to see Scott Staples brought his Model T to the swap.



**Committee Report:** Chris Dillon presented the report on the committee meeting and advised the members that committee discussed the following items during the meeting: 2017 Events Calendar, Non Financial members review, Bendigo Swap Club Stand, March 2017 rally.

**Delegate's Reports:**

AOMC: Bernie McKeegan advised the members that The American Motor Show is inviting MTFCV members to attend the event to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Flemington Racecourse. Fiona suggested that it would be a good idea to put and advert about this in the next magazine.

**Event Coordinator report:**

Geoff Brook talked about the Bendigo Swap Club stand and requested members to volunteer at the club stand. He also advised that the club stand has new site number 775 and 774. He also advised that there would be barbeque and drinks at the club stand.

**Upcoming events:**

- 12<sup>th</sup> November and 13<sup>th</sup> November Bendigo Swap
- November 22<sup>nd</sup> committee meeting
- AOMC 21<sup>st</sup> November Delegate's Meeting & Annual General Meeting
- Festival of wheels exhibition on 20<sup>th</sup> November at Moorabbin Airport. Display Vehicles to arrive by 8:00 and public entry is at 10:00

**Technical Tips/Queries:** Nil

**Restoration Progress:** Nil

**New or unusual products:** Nil

**Parts Wanted:** Nil

**Parts for Sale:** Chris Dillon advised that the car that originally belonged to Ken Shebler and John Brennan is for sale again and if anyone is interested then to contact him. Fiona advised that there are 3 radiators for sale at \$50.00 and if any one is interested to contact Andrew Brand. Scott Staples advised that his Duncan & Fraser ModelT is up for sale.

**General Business:**

Chris Dillon appreciated the effort of the new editor Chris Smith in pulling together the club magazine within a short period of time. Members requested a formal appreciation letter be sent to him. Members discussed the March 2017 Rally and it was agreed that it was cancelled. Scott Staples suggested that he would organise a one-day run instead. Fiona suggested that they discuss this after the meeting and organise something.

Scott Staples also talked about the Christmas party and he advised the members that Model A club has assured him that everything is on track and they will be sending the MTFCV task lists to Scott soon. Scott requested that MTFCV members bring their cars so we can show the strength of the club in the Christmas run and it will be a fun event. He also encouraged members to bring contributions for the raffle.

**Next Meeting/Activity:**

December 9<sup>th</sup> General Meeting and Christmas Breakup

**Raffle Draw:**

Drawn by: Ivor Austin

Won by: Bernie McKeegan

Prize selected: Bunnings Voucher

**Meeting Closed:** 9:30 pm

## The Model T in a Full Size Matchbox

*Submitted by Scott Staples*

After previously having two cars on display at Melbourne's Motorclassica, I was thinking I'd love to do something different for this year.

How to present the latest purchase, in an extraordinary way? A quick call to Paul Mathers, the chief in charge of the prestigious event, I ran the idea past him and with great interest he said he would love to have the display and thought it would be a real crowd pleaser. He wanted to see some progress shots of the project once construction had commenced. That was back in June.

With my normal work orders stacking up I put the Match Box Project aside. Fast forward two weeks before the main event Paul Mathers called me to see how progress was going, enquiring about foot print size, etc. Of course I admitted there was a slight bump in the planning but of course yes all was under control and certainly would deliver as agreed. (Finger's crossed we would make it)

It was already two weeks into the early Christmas rush for work, “crazy” is an understatement. There is a saying that I have “However much you have bitten off more than you can chew, start chewing faster” these were the words I heard often when I was an apprentice. So, a few late nights plus a Saturday and a Sunday, then it all started to come together as anticipated. One huge push and we painted all the bulk components in one long night, and were ready for the decal.

My good friend Dean Walker, yes son of our Club Artist and The Guru of Lining, Veteran Cars of which many members have commissioned him to work on, Dean came through on Monday at midday and worked his magic, so close to the wire! Bump in is Tuesday morning, but phew we are on target! A big shout out and thank you to Dean for his great workmanship and helping hand, it was much appreciated.



### The Model T in a Full Size Matchbox cont...

Monday night I'm lying in bed listening to the rain come down, thinking about the T Model all detailed the full size prop all done. I had no sleep, as all the hard work could be ruined with rain, as it has to be knocked down as I designed it to be transported in a flat pack form and quick set....ah that blasted rain!

Tuesday Morning saw a different day, a slight shower in the morning and that worked well as it was bump in day at the Royal Exhibition Building, however Motorclassica were not ready for us until late afternoon. However our good fortune came through as the clouds cleared and we made a dash for it, all bumped in successful. Nothing could dampen our spirits, the wet car had a quick dust off, drive into the box and set into place and we were complete.

The first night there it was, my creation standing there in a building of the same era, it looked right at home! Phew we made it.





**AOMC Delegates Report**  
**Meeting Date 21.11.2016.**  
**Venue. Chevrolet Car Clubrooms. Moorabbin.**

**Guest Speaker.** Tonight's guest speaker was Paul Tsiaras from Statewide 4x4. This company carries out GVM (gross vehicle mass) upgrades of vehicles, particularly 4x4s. Much of his talk was in regard to towing ratings, and in particular GVM, towing capacity and gross combined mass. Many of their modifications are for mining vehicles, which never use public roads and are crushed at the end of their use. Several stories were told of their experiences with vehicles and caravans which were in excess of the stated ratings resulting in insurance refusal and resultant court cases.

**Club permit scheme report.** AOMC have a meeting scheduled with VicRoads in early December. Progress on outstanding items is very slow due to staffing issues. Hopefully there will be more to report by the February Delegates meeting.

**AOMC Upcoming Events.**

Classic Showcase (European and English cars,) Feb.19th.2017.

American Motor Show. March 5th.2017.

Both events to be held at Flemington Racecourse

**General Business / Delegates reports / Business Arising.**

Daryl Meek, RACV Motoring Interests Manager spoke on a new event next year. To be held on 30th. April the Florence Thompson Tour will be for Lady Drivers only. Cars must be 25 years or older. Further details to follow.

The AOMC is looking for an alternative venue for it's motoring shows. Volunteers are also sought to assist with the running of these shows.

The limitations being placed on entries etc. for the Australia Day Display in The Domain was discussed. Although this is not an AOMC organised event it impacts on motoring enthusiasts generally, with many having attended this event for many years. A letter will be sent to the Premiers Department from the AOMC seeking clarification on their perceived lack of assistance for motoring events.

The AOMC is relocating it's office and meeting venue to the Jaguar / Austin Healy Clubrooms in Springvale from the end of November 2016.

**2016 AGM Items.** The election of office bearers for the next 12 months took place.

Iain Ross stood down as President after holding the position for 11 out of the last 14 years.

During this time he has worked tirelessly for the organisation. Many thanks Iain.

Club affiliation fees for the next year to remain at this years rate. ie. No increase.

The position of Secretary is still not filled. (Kevin Churchill will remain as public officer until the position can be filled). A volunteer for the position is required urgently.

NEXT DELEGATES MEETING WILL BE HELD ON Monday 27th.Feb. 2017 at the Jaguar / Austin Healy Clubrooms in Springvale at 7.30 pm.

If any further information or clarification is required on the above items I may be contacted on 0418 543 939.

*Bernie McKeegan, Delegate.*

## **Bendigo Swap Meet**

Weekend of the 12th & 13th of November

*Photos submitted by Chris Dillon*

Christopher, Fiona, Geoff, Preety and Jeyadava drove up to Bendigo with the cars on a trailer to represent the club at the Bendigo Swap meet. It had been a very wet night and we were hoping that this would not continue as we all know what the swap sites are like if it's wet!! Fortunately the rain held off and after a bit of driving about we finally found our sites opposite the Chook pavilion. Geoff had organised a marquee and we parked the cars (Tarrant bodied) either side of this with the banner in the middle. Preety was keen to sign up some new members (see photo). While Preety and Jeya went off to man the gates I sat and chatted with people who came past. The cars generated a lot of interest and it was good to see people taking photos. Dean arrived for his turn at the site and Chris went off hunting for stuff.

We had a number of members come by the site to store some of their larger purchases so they could keep looking, others just came to rest weary legs and knees. Graham Baker and Ray Smith were invaluable for those tricky technical questions and of course the catering. Graham cooks a mean sausage and between him and Chris we managed to feed the members who came by. I have to say it was quite nice not having to cook the BBQ. After lunch a number of members came and went and the weather warmed up so the drinks were welcome. I found out some more history about our car from Bill and Warwick Landy. It was good to see our members and all the people who were interested in the cars. I was able to answer most questions put to me. It's amazing what information I have picked up over the last 30 years. I had a good time manning the tent and we will be back in the same spot next year. Thanks to all those who helped out.

Fiona



## Upcoming Events & News

### **Australia Day Rally - Our first club run for 2017!**

To kick things off in the new year the Australia Day rally from Lilydale to Marysville will be hosted on the 26th of January!

For those of you wanting to go on the beautiful drive around the hills in a group. Please gather at Lilydale Lake between 9:00 - 9:30am the morning of the event.

Otherwise you can make your own way to Gallipoli Park in Marysville where everyone will be gathering for the event.

It would be a good start to the year for the club to have a high turnout at this event in what should be good weather that time of year!

### **Trevor Merton Run**

As mentioned earlier in the magazine Trevor Merton's run to Terry Dowel's amazing collection of cars at Beaconsfield will be held on Sunday the 12th February.

If you wish to attend, please let Trevor know:

Trevor Merton  
5982 3577

*The following is a plea for your help from a member of a local car group:*

On Friday night persons un known entered my father-in-law's backyard here in Bendigo and stole his Texaco and Atlantic enamel signs that he had bolted to the garage wall. They tried hard to get into his shed and failed.

Can you please spread the word that if these come up in a Swap or for sale in any way then to please contact Senior Constable Kelly Brereton of the Bendigo Police on 03 5448 1300.

Neil Athorn  
Ph: 0408033839



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TEXACO MOTOR OIL SIGN



### **Spot the obvious? (or is it?)**

We are all *experts* of the Model T, the following section will attempt to put your knowledge to the test. So sit down, get the magnifying glass out and comb over the below picture as there is something 'not quite right' about it. Send in your answers to the editor:

[ttorquenews@hotmail.com](mailto:ttorquenews@hotmail.com)

Also if you have a picture of a faulty/worn part or an oversight of your own repair, please forward them on to the above email address for inclusion in future editions. I look forward to your feedback.

Well done to the bright sparks (Andrew Brand & Ian Northey) who got last month's question correct, which was the important missing split pin.

This months spot?!



## T-RAD'N TABLE

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Full weather curtains, great upholstery with seating designed with a bit more leg room and twin bench seats in the rear. There are a couple of marks in the paint, but overall very presentable.

Has done less than 5 hours driving since the rebuild (about 3 or 4 years ago). Plenty of photos available by email if required.

Engine number C726632. Just renewed Permit #5056

\$25,000

**Chris Cansdale 0414381596**

**Strzelecki 3950 Vic (15min south of Warragul)**



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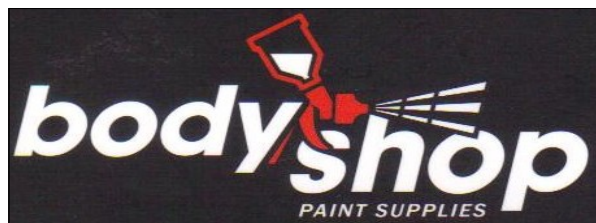
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## Shannon's American Motoring Show

As advised in November's MTFCV meeting, coming up in the new year is the Shannon's American Motoring Show, set to be held on Sunday the 5th of March. Perfect chance for members to show off there T's before winter sets in!!

More info:

<http://aomc.asn.au/USAshow17.htm>

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