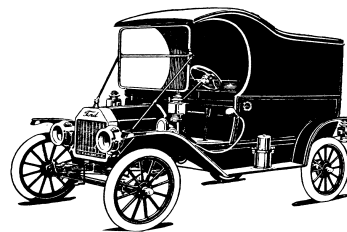


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**Please remember that submissions to TTorque must be received by the Editor 2 weeks
prior to the next meeting**

**NEXT MEETING FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2017
@ Ashburton Library, High Street Ashburton
8pm start**

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi All

I hope everyone has had a good break over Christmas /New Year and is ready for another year of Model T'ing in 2017.

We started the year with a trip to Marysville for Australia Day. A very pleasant place and I enjoyed it immensely. Nice drive up there, no smog or traffic. Will definitely do this one again.

By the time you read this the Mornington Rally will also have been run.

Our next rally will be to Terry Dowel's museum at Beaconsfield which is being organised by Trevor Merton. The email about the run went out with all the details and I hope we get lots of participants. Please let Trevor know if you are going. (very important)

Once again I am putting out a request for someone to run the Queens Birthday rally in June. Please have a think about this as the longer rallies are a good chance to meet up with our country members.

Ivor Austin's talk at the last meeting about his history with the Model T was very interesting and we are very keen to organise an archive of photos, videos etc. Please talk to Chris if you have anything you wish to contribute. The items will be copied and returned.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

Fiona

CALENDAR OF EVENTS **2017**

FEBRUARY: Friday 10th General Meeting
Sunday 12th Terry Dowel Museum - Trevor Merton's Run
Friday/Saturday 24-25th Ballarat Swap Meet

MARCH: Friday 3rd General Meeting (Note date change)
Sunday 5th Shannon's American Motoring Show
Sunday 12th Yarra Glen Swap Meet
Saturday 18th Workshop Day - Ray Smith
Sunday 26th RACV 61st Kalorama Rally

APRIL: Friday 7th General Meeting (Note date change)
Friday 8th Workshop Day at Pakenham 'A' Grade
Sunday 9th Dean Williams 'Tree Top Walk' Run

Member Biography - David 'T' Lang

Thanks to David for submitting this article he originally wrote for the BrassNotes newsletter of Veteran Car Club of Australia. David has been a T model owner since 1979 and a MTF CV member since 1981.

MEET THE MEMBER

David 'T' Lang

This is your life! No, oh no, this is my life, written as per request!

Well, let us go back to the start; David Lang was born in Deniliquin on January 11, 1958. School years were spent at St. Michael's Parish School, then on to Deniliquin High School. I left High School in 1974 to start my next education, first of all working on a tobacco farm just out of Wangaratta with an Italian family. Here I learnt all about growing tobacco and vegetables, from planting in seed beds, planting out, cultivation, hoeing, irrigation, and general farm work. Next occupation saw a change up to the King Valley at xxxx on the King River and to a Jersey cattle stud, where I not only did dairy farming daily activities but also prepared about 50 heifers and bulls for the annual production sale held on the farm. I also prepared and exhibited cattle around various country and metropolitan shows.

In 1978 it was time, together with my father, to purchase a dairy herd of 90 cows and we went share-farming on a local dairy farm for an absentee landlord. After a couple of years it was time to purchase our very own small farm, which we started by growing wheat and running cattle on the irrigated pasture. We also built up a

piggery, running 30 breeding sows and selling about 500 pigs per annum.

All was going well until the drought struck. Dad had a heart attack, and we had a slump in prices due to cheap subsidised imports. Don't let anybody tell you that the ACCC earn their money, because they don't!

So it was time to sell the farm and go back to work for wages, resulting in a succession of jobs ranging from making concrete pots, to cleaning up building sites, and finally doing the cleaning at a school for ten years. Because of a major cut in hours, I decided to start a lawn mowing and gardening business, at first doing a lot of agent's work such as cleaning up, mowing, whippersnipping and tidying up around rented properties. After this I built up a list of over 50 regular customers and continued successfully until drought and water restrictions struck again. At the age of 50 I went from mowing 1000 lawns a year to mowing only 100 last year, and it was time for another major change in my life.

Being an only child, I spent a lot of time with my grandparents while growing up and have a great empathy with the elderly, and after Dad had a

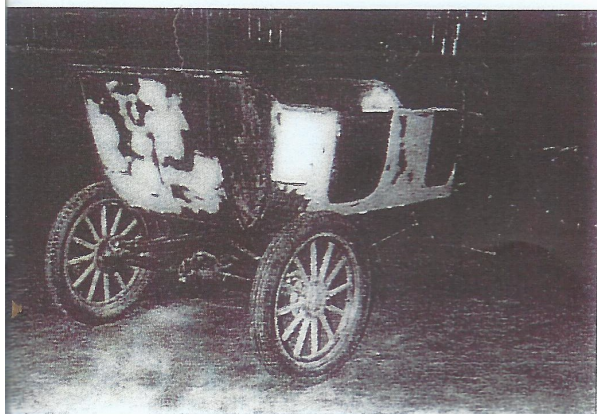


▲ Young David at seven years

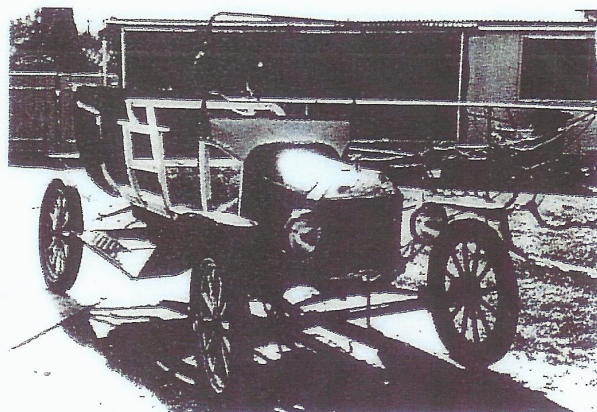
stroke I helped Mum look after him. This year I went back to school to do a course to gain Certificate III in Aged Care; very daunting because I hadn't taken an examination or done an assignment for 35 years.

In the course we studied the workings of the body, anatomy, dementia, Alzheimer's, wounds, documentation, sociology and psychology. Finally, we will study advocacy for the last month of the course.

In the course we studied the workings of the body, anatomy, dementia, Alzheimer's, wounds, documentation, sociology and psychology. Finally, we will study advocacy for the last month of the course. I have so far gained a Distinction in dementia, a Credit in orientation to Aged Care and

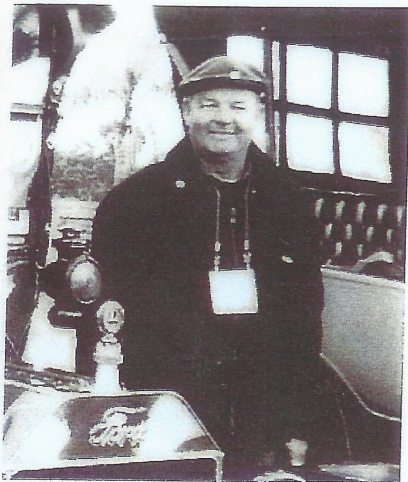


▲ The T undergoing restoration



▲ The bare essentials. No wonder the T was nicknamed 'Flivver'.

Member Biography - David 'T' Lang continued...



▲ David as we all know him today

Competency in First Aid and other subjects. I have now been working for one month in Southern Cross Care Homes and I absolutely love it. You can make such a difference to a person's quality of life. It isn't easy and, as with any occupation, you can have good days and bad.

You are now up to date with the comings and goings of David 'T' Lang. But wait, the story doesn't end there, my 1916 T Model Ford must be mentioned:

BLESSING OR LAST RITES

Because I was going on the National Veteran and Vintage Car Rally to Bendigo in 1995 and driving my 1916 T Ford, I took Father Jim Victory,



our then parish priest, half a dozen stubbies in good faith, not I stress, for doing the job of blessing the car. End result was seven, yes, seven, punctures in two days, nothing to do with rivets holding wooden felloes to rims being loose. Then after driving around on a week's rallying I got to just the other side of Mathoura, between Deniliquin and Echuca and the car ran a main bearing. When I asked Father Victory he assured me I had it all wrong; he wasn't blessing the car but giving it the last rites instead!

In Bendigo some of my friends put a For Sale sign on the poor old 'T' and Albert 'Rabbi' Blashki offered to circumcise it next time by cutting 2 inches off the exhaust pipe when I mentioned to him that next time maybe I should go to the opposition.

We still have a St. Christopher medal in the 'T' and he is supposed to jump out if we go over 45 mph, so he shouldn't have too much to do in the car.

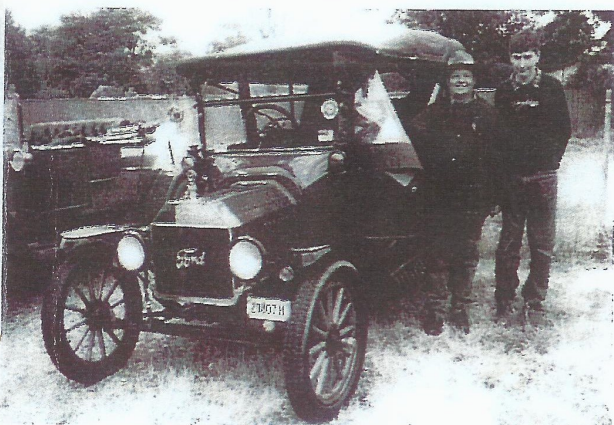
As far as I am concerned, one of the greatest pleasures in life is being a member of the Veteran car Club of Australia (Vic.) and I have been a member for the 21 years since I purchased and restored my 1916 T Ford tourer. I have written about its

restoration in earlier issues of Brass Notes. The help that was given to me during the restoration by wonderful and most sincere friends, all of whom I wouldn't have but for my membership, made me feel honoured and privileged to be a member. I have tried to encourage my young friends in the club by sending photos and videos and giving them support in the same manner that such was given to me because in them lies the club's future.

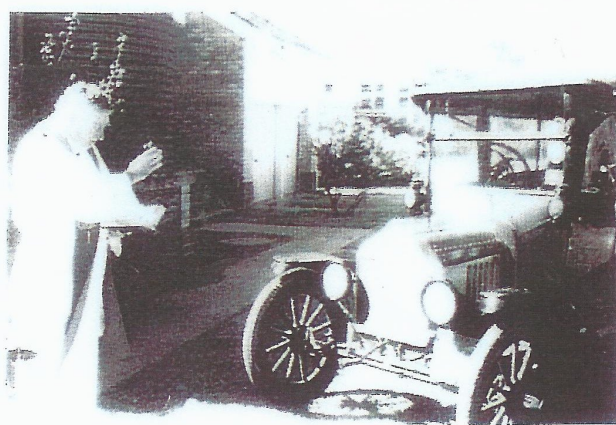
I am part Irish and a veteran car enthusiast – well, that's my excuse for being eccentric, what's your's? And with that remark I close and thank all my many friends in the club for years of enjoyment I have had amongst you.

David 'T' Lang

(Ed: It is with much pleasure that it can be mentioned that David has offered to assist with arranging for contributors to Meet the Member. From the many phone chats that we have I am sure he will extract the most interesting details and facets from those he approaches).



▲ T restored. David with Tommy Sutherland on this year's Annual Rally



▲ Blessing or Last Rites?



Preety Agarwal (Secretary) General Meeting Minutes

Minutes: Meeting Opened at 8:05 PM December the 9th by President Fiona Dillon at the Ashburton library Ashburton.

New Members: Neville Mills and Bernard Maddox

Visitors: Nil

Present: 37

Apologies: Geoff Brooke, Jill and Alan Flude, Graeme and Mary Wagland, Jennifer, Ruth and Grace Csorba

Sick List: Anthony Sciberras, Bruce Weatherhead, Laine Bell, Linda McPherson

Confirmation of minutes: Moved: Barry Hancock

Seconded: Lyle Detez

Business arising from minutes: Nil

Tonight's Meeting: Christmas Pizza Night

Correspondence In:

- Invitation to the Annual Springthorpe car show
- Maroondah Printing Invoice
- Adelaide Torque November 2016
- Cheque from Scott Staples
- Australia Post Tax Invoice
- NAB Fee Saver Account Statement

Publications:

The Bent Wire November – December 2016 Volume 42, Number 6

- The Side Valve Times

Flyers: Shannon's 2016 Winter Classic Auction Flyer.

Correspondence Out:

- Sympathy Card – Helen Smith father passed away
- Get well card - Andrew Brown, Bruce Weatherhead and Bill Brand
- Welcome letter – Neville and Bernard

Treasurer's Report:

The treasures report was presented to the members by Rhonda Huitt

Moved: Rhonda Huitt

Seconded: Bruce Csorba

Swap Meetings/Clearance Sales report

Bruce Csorba reported about his experience in Bookham. He said that there were a number of parts like Steam Traction Engine that fetched quite a large sum at the auction. However there were not much Model T parts for auction.

Members also discussed the Bendigo swap and shared their experience of the Swap. Fiona reiterated her experience and mentioned that she has put a detailed report about Bendigo Swap in the December 2017 Magazine.

Committee Report: Chris Dillon will present the committee report and advised the members that the committee finalised the 2017 calendar and also advised that the committee wants the new editor Chris Smith to attend the committee meeting.

Delegate's Reports:

AOMC:

- Bernie McKeegan presented the AOMC report from the meeting that was held on the 21.12.2016. He advised that Paul Tsiaras from Statewide 4X4 was the guest speaker at the meeting. He also advised that AOMC have a meeting with VicRoads in early December to discuss the club permit scheme.
- He said the AOMC would really appreciate if there was good representation from MTFCV in the American Motor Show to be held on March 5th 2017.
- He also advised that Daryl Meek RACV Motoring Interests Manager spoke on a new event to be held on April the 30th. The event is called the Florence Thompson Tour exclusively for lady drivers of cars older than 25 years.
- He also advised that his detailed report is in the December 2016 magazine.

Federation: Nil

Event Coordinator report:

- Robbie Dalton discussed the upcoming Great Australian Rally from Melbourne to Mornington on Sunday the 5th February 2017.
- Scott Staple discussed the Christmas Run and said it was a good day and even though there 27 model A in the party there were 16 Model T that came and he suggested that it was significantly higher presence of the MTFCV club as compared to that last year and thanked all those who attended.
- He also presented the Toss the timer award to Geoff Baulch for tossing the timer 28.5 meters and winning the challenge.
- He also suggested that he wants to step down from organising the event next year and requested for someone to volunteer for the 2017 event.
- Bruce Csorba advised the members that he took his car to his daughter's school and every one loved it. He said he got very interesting questions from Grade 2 students.

Technical Tips/Queries: Nil

Restoration Progress: Nil

New or unusual products: Apparently there is a new Model T for sale in Miluawa.

Parts Wanted: Nil

Parts for Sale: Nil

General Business:

Fiona please discuss the following items

- New Calendar is ready however some members didn't receive the ecopy. Fiona suggested that she will follow this with Andrew Brand.
- Fiona requested for Queens Birthday Rally Director and she said it was very sad that we didn't have any volunteer for the March Rally and she didn't want the same for the Queens Birthday,
- Fiona presented a Special appreciation token to Jo Baulch for her additional time as editor. The club members thanked her for her service.
- Fiona advised that Brian Churchill from Model A Ford Club Motorshow in March is being organised by Model A club with SideValve. There is a request for 5 cars from MTFCV and those interested were requested to connect with her.

Next Meeting/Activity:

January - 2017

- Thursday 26th Australia Day Run – Marysville
- Tuesday 31st Committee Meeting

February - 2017

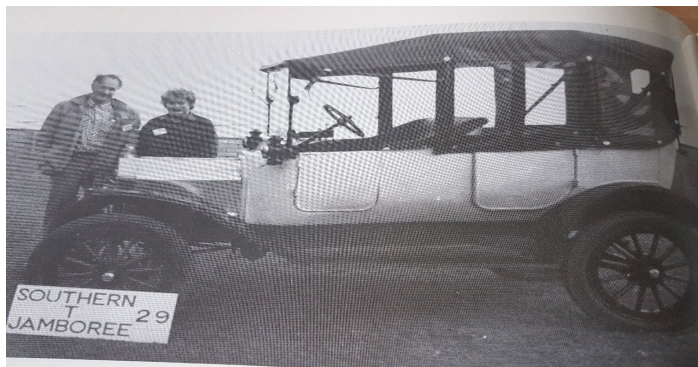
- Sunday 5th RACV Great Australian Rally Mornington
- Friday 10th General Meeting
- Sunday 12th Terry Dowel Museum - Trevor Merton
- Tuesday 21st Committee Meeting
- Friday 24th Ballarat Swap Saturday 25th

Raffle Draw:

Drawn by: Jill McKeegan

Won by: Jeyadeva Retnam

Prize selected: Bunning's Voucher

Meeting Closed: 9:00 pm**Vale - Marilyn Clyne**

It is with sadness that we report the passing of one of our Club foundation members, *Marilyn Clyne*.

Ken and Marilyn Clyne enjoy their newly restored 1916 Tourer at the 2nd National Model T Rally (Southern 'T' Jamboree) in 1986.

Marilyn's husband, Ken, was present at the first ever meeting held to discuss the formation of a Victorian Model T Club. A few months later Ken was elected the first Secretary of the club and performed this role for a number of years.

Marilyn was always a very supportive member of the club and I am sure Ken's early communications to members of the club, (the hand typed newsletters) and other communications were typed by Marilyn!

Before moving to Gippsland after retirement, Marilyn and Ken rarely missed a T club meeting or event. Marilyn was particularly fond of her period costume outfits and was keen to wear them at various dress up days and National Rallies.

Marilyn was farewelled at a memorial service at Drouin on the 30th December 2016. Ken and Marilyn's involvement in our club will continue to live on, with a number of Ken's T's still around and his early movie and video footage of club events serve to remind us of the club's history.

Rest in Peace Marilyn.

Model T & A Christmas Party

Sunday 4th of December 2016

Photos submitted by Thelma Huitt

On the 4th December, we all headed off in our Model T's & A's to our Christmas breakup at Ashburton.

Apart from a little wind, the weather was reasonably kind to us and not so hot as expected. Shade from the trees provide the perfect setting to sit under while we all enjoyed our picnic lunch & a good chat.

There was the timer tosser award won by Geoff Baulch, raffles & of course a visit from Santa.

The little kids & (big kids) were thrilled. A big thank you to Santa. It is always such a great day & before we know it, we'll all back again.

A huge thank you to the organiser's.

All up, there were 15 T 's & 27 A's.

Congratulations to the A's again.

C'mon T's, we will have to try harder in 2017!

Regards,

John & Thelma Huitt.



Model T & A Christmas Party

Sunday 4th of December 2016
Photos submitted by Russell Boyle



And the winner of 2016's Timer Tosser award goes to.....
Geoff Baulch with a distance of **28.5m**



Upcoming Events & News

Trevor Merton Run - Sunday 12th February

The time is close for the upcoming club event to Terry Dowell's car museum located at Beaconsfield.

This is an event that should not be missed, whether you like classic cars or memorabilia of a bygone era it is a fabulous, interesting place to visit for the whole family.

The museum is spread over 2 floors. The lower floor displays some 50 vehicles and the upper floor, accessible via a lift, has a fantastic display of memorabilia and also a theatrette. The picture above is of one of the many Chords that Terry has on display.

Entrance on the day is \$10.00 per person and tea and coffee supplied.

(Kaye and Terry donate the entrance money to charity so all donations are gratefully accepted.)

Lunch Meals are available at the Cardinia Hotel nearby, but you will need to make a booking.

Please Contact Trevor Merton Ph. 5982 3577

Location: 30 Buchanan Road Beaconsfield. 3807 (GUYS HILL)

Time 9.30 AM on 12 Feb 2017





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Shannon's American Motoring Show

As advised in November's MTFCV meeting, coming up in March is the Shannon's American Motoring Show, set to be held on Sunday the 5th of March. The AOMC has indicated that a good showing of the Model T's would be appreciated at this event.

Perfect chance for members to show off their T's before winter sets in!!

More info:

<http://aomc.asn.au/USAShow17.htm>

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

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.

This month's bright sparks were Alan & Julie Long who correctly guessed that the cranking positioning was wrong. (bonus points for also picking that the photo was published back to front by noting the brass year plate was in reverse)

This months spot?!



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- Vintage fire pump display.
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- A vast array of cars from veteran to 1990.
- Gate entry is still only **\$8 per person**. Children under 16 free.

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*Photos submitted by Russel Boyle who visited the birthplace of Ford in
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Windows: 355 windows provided light in an era when industrial electric lighting was still in its infancy, and ventilation in the days before air conditioning.

Powerhouse: A separate building, 36 feet x 57 feet.

Fire suppression features: Divided into four sections by three firewalls with fire doors. Each section has fire.

escapes. A 25,000-gallon water tank on the roof fed an automatic sprinkler system.

Cost: The board approved \$76,500 for construction in April 1904.

History

- Second home of Ford Motor Company, and the company's first purpose-built factory.
- Ford Models B, C, F, K, N, R, S, and T were built here.
- The Ford Model T was developed here, introduced in 1908 as a 1909 model.
- The first 12,000 Model T's were assembled here and shipped out by railroad.
- Ford Motor Company relocated to its new Highland Park Plant in 1910, selling the building to Studebaker in 1911.
- Studebaker used it for automobile production until 1933.
- Occupied by Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company and Cadillac Overall Company until purchased by Heritage Investment Company in 1989.
- Sold in 2000 to the Model T Automotive Heritage Complex.
- Now operated as the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant, as an historic site open to the public.

Retrieved from http://www.fordpiquetteavenueplant.org/?page_id=1559



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- 2 1919-25 transmissions (may get 3 good drums out of the 2). \$150 for both.
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Andrew Brand 0414 219 250

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Meetings are usually held on the second Friday of the month at the club rooms at the Ashburton Community Library, 154 High Street Ashburton corner of High Street and Munro Ave (Melway ref 60 C9) and an outing is **usually** held on the Sunday following the monthly meeting.

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