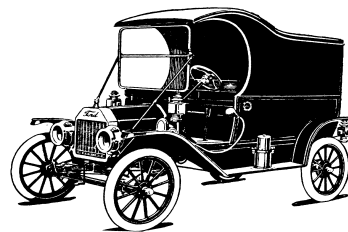


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**Please remember that submissions to TTorque must be received by the Editor 2 weeks
prior to the next meeting**

**NEXT MEETING FRIDAY 3RD MARCH 2017
@ Ashburton Library, High Street Ashburton
8pm**

MTFCV web page address: www.mtfcv.com
Email: ttorquenews@hotmail.com



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi All

It is a short time between meetings this month as the general meeting is earlier (March 3rd) due to Labour day long weekend.

We had a great day at Terry Dowels museum. The weather was quite inclement but there was a good turnout of T's and A's. What a collection of cars and memorabilia. We could have spent hours looking at it all. Thanks to Trevor for organising the run.

At the last general meeting we had Paul Edgar and Mike Osborne speak to us about the next Kalorama rally on Sunday 26th March. We would like to have as many Model T's as possible attend this rally to showcase our club and cars. The money raised from this event goes to the Kalorama CFA. It is a great location and the mystery tour beforehand is a good drive.

We also had a brainstorming session at the end of the last meeting regarding the three long weekend rallies we run each year and the lack of people willing to run these events. The members present gave us some good feedback and as a result we have had a good response to our request for rally ideas and places. The long weekend rallies are now booked for the rest of 2017, 2018 and into 2019. Thanks to Paul and Chris D for all their hard work.

Our first workshop day for the year will be held at Ray and Sandy Smith's place at Rochester on Saturday 18th March. Once again it is a great opportunity for members around that area to get safety checks done and have access to the knowledge and equipment at Ray's. Please drop by and say hello.

Fiona Dillon

Model T Club Of Victoria COMING EVENTS CALENDAR



2017	
Queens Birthday Friday June 9th – Monday June 12th	Inaugural MILDURA 500 RUN - Ballarat to Mildura Rally Directors: Chris Dillon & Paul Daley
Melbourne Cup Weekend Friday November 3rd – Tuesday November 7th	Northern Victoria Rally Director: TBC
2018	
Labour Day Friday March 9th – Monday March 12th	Rally Director: Dean Williams Location: East Gippsland
Queen's Birthday Friday June 8th – Monday June 11th (Plus additional days for Broken Hill)	MILDURA 500 RUN - Ballarat to Mildura (With route variation to 2017 tour) Plus optional Silver City Dash - Mildura to Broken Hill Expressions of interest are invited - Contact: paul.daley@neo.com.au
Melbourne Cup Weekend Friday November 2nd – Tuesday November 6th	Rally Director: Bruce Csorba Location: TBC
2019	
Labour Day	Rally Director: John Docker Location: Glenrowan Area
Queen's Birthday	MILDURA 500 RUN - with route variation to 2018 tour
September 28 - October 9	National Rally - Maryborough, Queensland
Melbourne Cup Weekend	'Memory Lane' back to Wangaratta 30 Year Anniversary Nostalgic Event

* Events subject to change with advice in club magazine

Run to Terry Dowel's Museum Feb 2017

Photos submitted by Fiona Dillon & Brian Smith

The drive to the Terry Dowel museum at Beaconsfield was a wet one and took a lot longer than we thought it would, but we made it just in time. There was a good turnout of members from the A and T clubs but not many cars due to the weather. All you could really say about this museum was WOW. A good display of cars on the ground floor from a T model to Cords with lots of enamel signs and petrol pumps of all shapes and sizes.

Taking the lift or the stairs to the second floor you walked into the most amazing collection of memorabilia from all different eras. Lots of advertising and packaging for food, clothing and other household goods. There were rooms and rooms of things from a bygone age. Having said that I did hear people say they remembered a lot of the items shown so it couldn't have been that long ago!!

After looking around the showcases many people were drawn to the library. What a collection of books, old and new. There were Reference books from the turn of the century and books on just about every subject. I could have stayed looking for ages. Those who needed to have a rest went and sat in the very comfy chairs in the theatre where they were screening the movie "Tucker"

Once everyone had had a look around we had a cup of tea and a bickie and some then went to have a look at a collection of Peter Brock's cars. After a very interesting morning people adjourned to the Cardinia hotel for lunch. What a fascinating collection.

Thanks to Trevor for organising the run.

Fiona Dillon



Upcoming Events & News

Dean William's "Tree Top Walk" Run

Coming up next month on Sunday April 9 is the Dean William's "Tree Top Walk" Run.

Further details have now been confirmed. The meeting point to begin the run will be at Lilydale Lake from 9:30am with a departure time of 10:00am to begin the beautiful drive over to Warburton. It's an easy drive to Warburton but does get steep and hilly up to the Tree Top Walk.

There are two sections to the Tree Top Walk. One is a high section about the rainforest looking down and the other is a 350m circuit on a boardwalk through the rainforest. There are a lot of steps and the walkways can be slippery. This is a great active event and an interesting place to visit for all ages.

WORKSHOP DAY - Ray Smith's Home

Saturday 18th March

All members are invited to Ray Smith's home for a day of tinkering, adjusting...

Day starts at 9.30 am. BBQ lunch will be available

Address: 405 Restdown Rd, Rochester



61ST ANNUAL RACV
KALORAMA RALLY
SUNDAY 26TH MARCH 2017

General Public Welcome • Mystery Motoring Tour • Food • Music
Most Popular Vehicle Award • Kalorama Trophy Presentation

Kalorama Recreation Reserve, Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd, Kalorama

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PHONE: Paul Edgar: 0419 369 542 Iain Ross: 03 9890 0524



The 61st Kalorama Rally - Sunday 26th March 2017

This historic rally was highlighted to the Model T member's at the last meeting by representatives of the Kalorama organising committee. The scenic drive up through the Dandenong's was discussed and how this event has evolved since its inception in 1955. It was noted this event like all other events has had to overcome many hurdles over all these years to become what it is today. However like all events they need participants to make it an ongoing success.

For those wanting to join a convoy on the way up to the Dandenong's, please meet at the Manhattan Hotel Cnr Canterbury Road and Heatherdale Road, Nunawading by 9.00am for a 9.30am departure.
(Melways ref 63 D1).

Entry is \$8.00 per person over 16 with proceeds going to the Kalorama CFA. Kalorama Oval, gates open at 10.00am.
(Melways ref 120 B9)



2017 Featured Marque - Alvis



- One of Melbourne's pioneering motoring events, running since 1956.
- Mystery Tour commencing at the Manhattan Hotel, Ringwood at 9.00am for a 9.30am start.
- Pre 1990 vehicles eligible for display on the oval.
- Inner circle of vehicles of particular interest chosen on the day.
- Most Popular Vehicle Award.
- Much coveted Kalorama Trophy awarded to the Club with the best display.
- Free face painting for children.
- Kalorama CFA kiosk with food and drinks.
- A vast array of cars from veteran to 1990.
- Vintage and post vintage motor cycle clubs.
- Display of agricultural machinery.
- Vintage fire pump display.
- A great place for a picnic and to generally mix with like-minded enthusiasts.
- Gate entry is still only **\$8 per person.** Children under 16 free.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2017

- 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
- MAY:** Friday 12th General Meeting

Shannon's American Motoring Show

LAST CHANCE

Coming up in early 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!!

Lets have a good showing of Model T's at this event!

More info:



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General Meeting Minutes February 2017

Minutes: Meeting Opened at 8:00 PM December the 10th February 2017 by President Fiona Dillon at the Ashburton library Ashburton.

New Members: Peter Rutley

Visitors: Paul Edgar & Mike Osborne

Present: 24

Apologies: Lorraine Fairnie, Rod Kiesekear, Peter Trewin, Ivor Austin, McKeegan's, Russell Medhurst, Christine Dalton & Jennifer Csorba

Sick List: Nil

Confirmation of minutes:

Moved: Jo Baulch

Seconded: Cheryl Weatherhead

Business arising from minutes: Nil

Tonight's Meeting: Paul Edgar and Mike Osborne discussed the Kalorama Rally to be held on Sunday 26th at Kalorama Recreation Reserve, Mt Dandenong. They provided background to the event and its importance. They encouraged members to participate and also advised looking for exceptions cars and their photographs for the event magazine publication. They also advised the members of the advertising opportunity in the event magazine as well.

For further information the members are encouraged to contact Paul Edgar on 0419369542

Correspondence In: Maroondah Printing Invoice, Australia Post Tax Invoice, NAB Fee Saver Account Statement & Ian Malcom Moore's renewal letter received by Chris Dillon

Publications:

- The Bent Wire November – December 2016 Volume 42, Number 6
- The Side Valve Times – Volume 30 No. 1 Jan/Feb 2017
- Backfire – Volume 50 No 9, 10 January and February 2017
- T-Topics Issue No. 220 – Winter 2016
- Buzzer Box – February 1964
- Horse and Horse Power Annual Race Day Letter – 19th February 2017
- The Vintage Ford - Model T Ford Club of America Nov/Dec 2016
- Brass Notes – December 2016

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

Flyers: Shannon's 2016 Winter Classic Auction Flyer.

Correspondence Out: Nil

Treasurer's Report:

The treasures report was presented to the members by Rhonda Huitt. Rhonda also advised the members of the financial statement of the national rally received from Helen Bagot and about the surplus of about \$9000 to be returned to the club. This surplus is being put in the next national rally fund to be held in Victoria.

Moved: Rhonda Huitt

Seconded: Thelma Huitt

Paul Daley commended the effort of the committee to create a \$ 21,000 national rally fund and appreciated the last national rally organisers for such a remarkable event despite the challenges faced by the rally organising committee.

Swap Meetings/Clearance Sales report :

Bruce Csorba and Geoff Baulch discussed their experience in the respective swaps they attended last month.

Committee Report:

Chris Dillon presented the committee report. He discussed that committee has discussed the following items in the last meeting:

- Committee has accepted the motion to create a fixed deposit for the next national rally to be held in Victoria
- Bruce Csorba is preparing the grant application for the Federation
- Preety is looking for online membership tool for the club
- Paul Daley is resolving the cash payment issue for the meeting rooms at Ashburton library
- Preety is in the process of advising Vic Roads about the cars members have sold to others.
- Criterion to be honorary member of the club

Delegate's Reports:

AOMC: Nil

Federation: Nil

Event Coordinator report:

Geoff Brooke advised the members of the following upcoming events

February - 2017

- Sunday 5th RACV Great Australian Rally Mornington
- Friday 10th General Meeting
- Sunday 12th Terry Dowel Museum - Trevor Merton
- Sunday 19th – RACV Classic Show case
- Tuesday 21st Committee Meeting
- Friday 24th Ballarat Swap Saturday 25th

March – 2017

- Friday 3rd – General Meeting
- Monday 13th – Labour Day Holiday
- Saturday 18th - Workshop Day – Ray Smith
- Tuesday 28th - Committee Meeting
- Sunday 26th – Annual Kalorama Rally

He also advised the members that there is a Scoresby Picnic organised by Federation on the 9th April 2017 and the flyers were available for the members.

Paul Daley will discussed the Presentation Lunch in July as the flagship event of the year. He advised that this year the venue has been moved to Box Hill RSL Club and it will be a “Winter in July” themed event. The RSL club will provide a private function room and also an area where the members can park their cars for public display. He advised that it will be a two course meal and encouraged members to book the event for themselves and their family members. He advised that the flyers will be available in the next members meeting.

David Weatherhead advised the members that he is opening his place in Pakenham for the March Long weekend and encouraging members to come and park their cars in his farm and go for daily short trips impromptu around Pakenham and Gippsland area. Those interested in coming please contact David Weatherhead for more information.

Technical Tips/Queries: Nil**Restoration Progress:** Nil**New or unusual products:**

Lyle Detez shared with the members a brochure about the "Brilliant Polish" and said that this polish doesn't leave any white residue on the brass parts. He said he was very satisfied with the product and very happy with it. Chris Dillion suggested that this be put in the club magazine for other members to learn about the product.

Parts Wanted: Nil**Parts for Sale:** Nil**General Business:**

- The club held special discussion around the issue facing the club about Rally directors. It was an open discussion and members' brain stormed how others can be encouraged to run rallies. The members discussed options of ringing other members' and seeking interest in running the long weekend rallies two years in advance and once there is a nomination to promote the event via the club event calendar.
- The members also suggested that we can choose an area to explore with in Victoria and a member can nominate a date and other members make their own arrangements to the venue and enjoy the unstructured fellowship and company of each other. This was considered as a very good option.
- The committee members also have been requested to ring three regional members before the next committee meeting to seek interest from others about running the event.

Next Meeting/Activity:

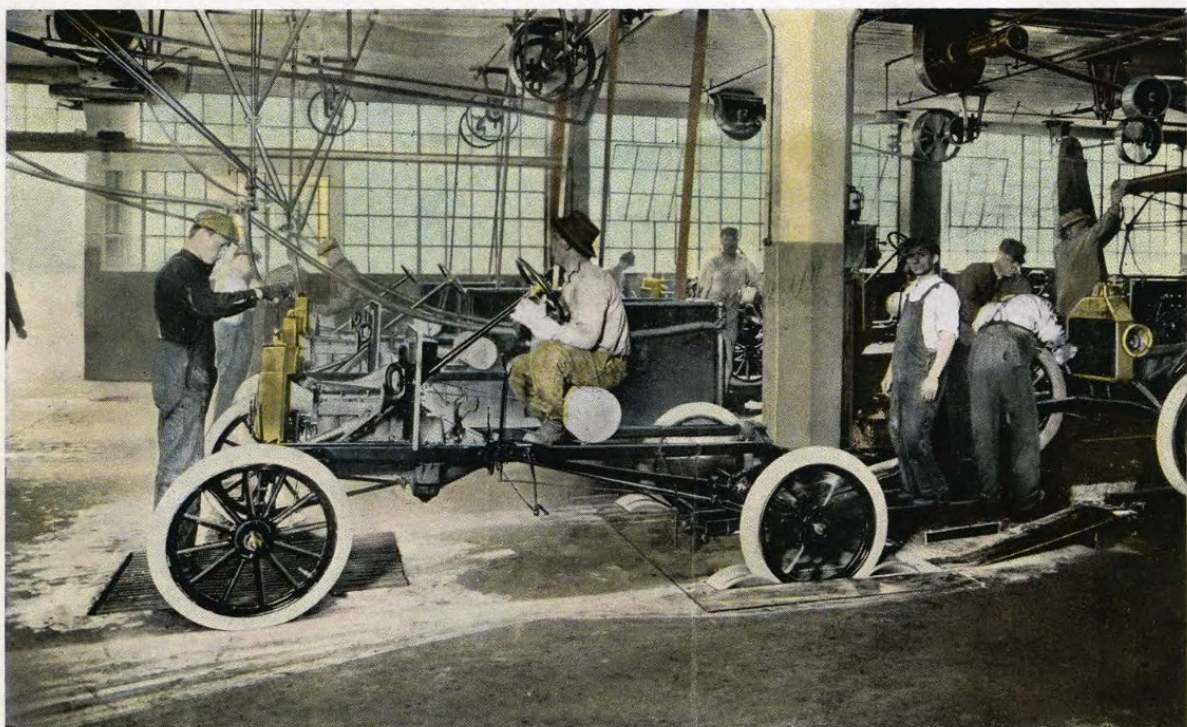
- Tuesday 21st Committee Meeting (Cancelled)
- Friday 3rd – General Meeting
- Tuesday 28th - Committee Meeting

Raffle Draw:

Drawn by: Mike Osborne

Won by: Phil Dorne

Prize selected: Bunnings Voucher



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SAFETY SELF INSPECTION CHECKLIST

THIS SHEET MUST BE SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED PRIOR TO CLUB PERMIT RENEWAL
OR CLUB SAFETY DAY INSPECTION

Date.....

Reg./Permit No.....

Signed.....

Steering**Yes/No**

Steering wheel has minimal to no play_____

Acceptable wear and minimal to no play in:

- Radius rod (wish bone) to crankcase_____
- Ball arm (pitman arm) to steering gear connecting rod (drag link)_____
- Steering gear connecting rod (tie rod) to yoke ball_____
- Spindle bolts (king pins)_____
- Spindle connecting rod bolts_____

Cotter keys (or lock washers, if holes not drilled) installed:

- Radius rod (wish bone) to front axle (2 required)_____
- Steering gear bracket to frame (3 required)_____
- Ball arm (pitman arm) to steering post (1 required)_____
- Steering gear connecting rod (tie rod) to yoke ball (2 required)_____
- Steering gear connecting rod (tie rod) to steering gear ball (2 req.)_____
- Spindle connecting rod to spindles [2 (1 per spindle)]_____
- Spindle bolts (king pins) [2 (1 per spindle)]_____
- Spindle arms [2 (1 per spindle)]_____
- Front spring hangers (shackles) [4 (2 per side)]_____
- Front spring to frame [2 or 4 required, depending on year]_____
- Yoke ball [1 required]_____

Safety-wire crankcase studs holding radius rod ball cap_____

Grease in steering gear case and steering gear bracket

(also check gear post and pinion gears for wear)_____

Check for play in steering gear case to steering column (check rivets/taper pins)_____

Brakes

Brake pedal (and, reverse pedal) should bottom out before reaching floorboards_____

Both rear wheels should lock up under hard braking_____

Auxiliary brakes are highly recommended for stock cars and should be
installed if car has an auxiliary transmission_____

Emergency Brakes

Hand brake sets securely before limit of its travel (check pawl and spring)_____

Both rear wheels should lock _____

Cotter keys (or lock washers, if holes not drilled) installed: _____

Control shaft assembly to frame [4 required] _____

Brake shoe bolt [2 (1 per side)] _____

Brake rods [4 (1 per end)] _____

Engine/Power Train

Oil leaks – within acceptable limits _____

Petrol leaks – none, when parked (in-line shutoff valve recommended) _____

Cotter pins installed: _____

Carburettor rod [2 (1 per end)] _____

Choke/carburettor adjustment rod [1 at carburettor] _____

Commutator rod [2 (1 per end)] _____

Crankcase arm to frame [4 (2 per side)] _____

Low speed connector [2 (1 per end)] _____

Universal ball cap [2 (top bolts)]- bottom two cap screws safety wired together _____

Fan bolt (on earlier cars) _____

Wheels

Spokes (and felloes on earlier cars) should be tight _____

Front wheel bearings – no play, good condition and greased _____

All wheels tight and axle/spindle nuts cotter-keyed _____

Lug nuts tight on demountable rims _____

Check tires for wear, weather cracks, rim cuts etc. _____

Rear Axle

No oil leaks at outer seals _____

Differential gearcase oil level _____

Cotter keys (or lock washers, if holes not drilled) installed: _____

Rear to spring to frame [4 required] _____

Rear spring hangers (shackles) [4 (2 per side)] _____

Rear spring perches to wheel flanges (backing plates) [2 (1 per side)] _____

Other

Lights function, no shorts in electrical system _____

Brake light (may not be original equipment, but recommended) _____

Safety glass _____

Rear view mirror(s) _____

Fire extinguisher _____

First aid kit _____

Registration and insurance papers _____



History of the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant Part 2



Following on from last months article that outlined the building specification of the Ford Piquette plant and its history over the years is the story of how the Model T was developed with the confines of this famous building.

Development of the Model T

In January 1907, Henry Ford ordered an “experimental room” created in the back corner of the third floor of the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant. One side was a drafting room; the other side had a few machine tools, a chalkboard, and his mother’s old rocking chair. It was a place for his hand-picked team to focus in private on developing new ideas for a new car. Other than Ford, who turned 44 in 1907, the key people working in the experimental room on a regular basis were all in their twenties.

Prototypes of new parts were tested on a Model N chassis to reveal any flaws. Sometimes they had to go back to the drawing board until they got it right. Finally, in spring of 1908, workers built a few complete Model T’s for testing. The car was everything Henry Ford had hoped and more: light weight, inexpensive, easy to drive and repair, performed well on bad roads, and seated five.

Advance publicity resulted in a flood of orders months before the car was in production. The first Model T built for sale was completed on September 27, 1908. Production began with a trickle - just 11 Model Ts were built in October. By December, production rose to 200 cars a month. Soon, every available inch was devoted to the enormously popular car. Engines and axles were assembled on the ground floor. The second floor housed light machining and sub-assembly. And the third floor was chock full with chassis assembly. In 15 months, over 12,000 Model T’s rolled out of the Piquette Avenue plant.

By the end of 1909, a new plant in nearby Highland Park was ready, and automobile production was transferred from Piquette Avenue to Highland Park in January 1910.

In just five years, the building had served its purpose, launching several automotive legends: the Model N, the Model T, Henry Ford, and Ford Motor Company.

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INFORMATION

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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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