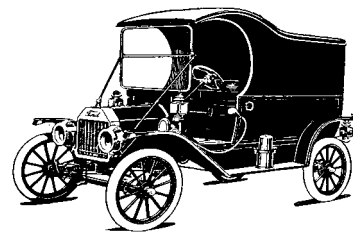




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Please remember that submissions to TTorque must be received by the Editor 2 weeks prior to the next meeting

**NEXT MEETING FRIDAY 14TH JULY 2017
@ Ashburton Library, High Street Ashburton
8pm**

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



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I missed the last meeting due to other commitments and I would like to thank Geoff for stepping into the presidential role for the night (good practice)

It is that time of the year again – the Annual General Meeting. As you know we have a number of the committee stepping down this year. Our main requirement is the position of secretary. I have spoken of this before and it is imperative that we get someone to fill this role for the smooth running of the club. I hope that we have had nominations for this position as well as the others. Bernie McKeegan will once again be chairing the AGM.

We will be having pizza at the end of the meeting

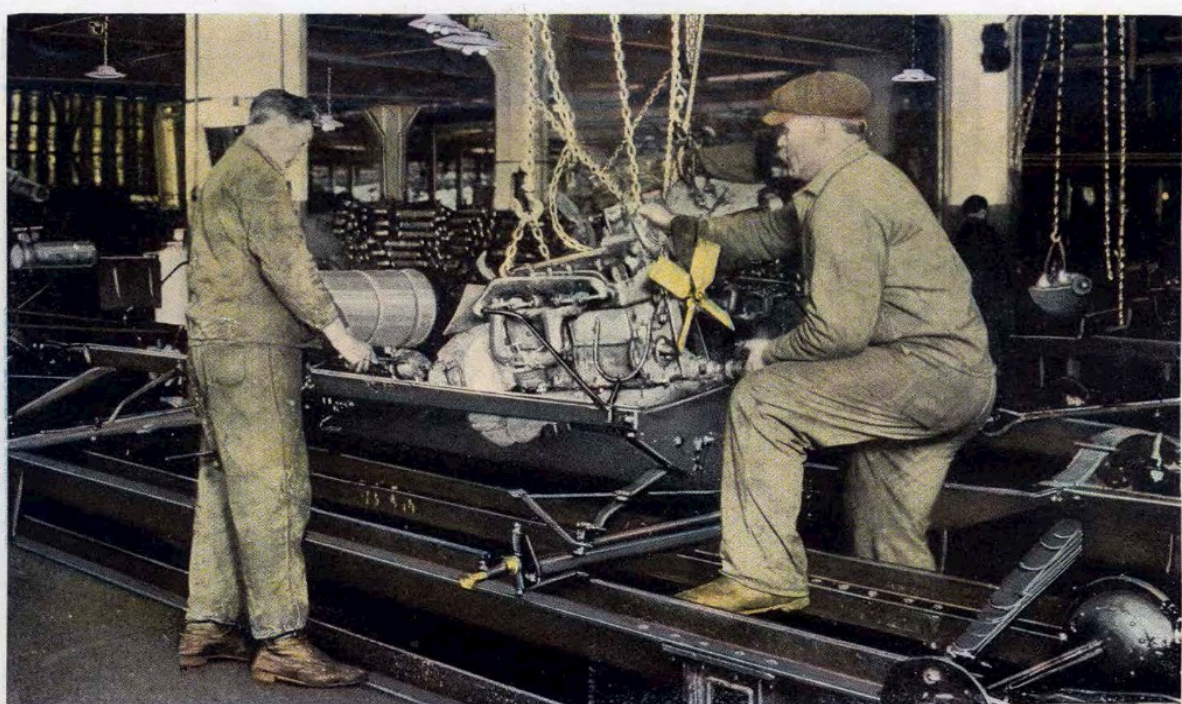
The club lunch at the Box Hill RSL is going to be a great event. Get out your costumes as we are encouraging members to wear their costumes and bring your cars to make a good display.

The inaugural run for the Mildura 500 was great. I enjoyed myself immensely. Great people and places and things I haven't seen before like the silo art. Hopefully there will be a few more to look at next year. Thanks once again to Paul and Chris for a great rally. Also thanks to John and Shirley Morrison for the use of their property for storing our cars and trailers and to Greg Russell who was a very patient Tail End Charlie.

Our next long rally is in November so **please get your accommodation organised** as soon as possible and let the rally organiser's know if you are coming. Please see magazine.

All the national rally entrants will have received their souvenir book and DVD by now. It certainly brought back some good memories and must break some sort of record for getting it to the rally entrants so quickly!! Congratulations to Warwick and the rally committee for a job well done.

Fiona



SETTING THE MOTOR, DURING THE FINAL ASSEMBLY.

AOMC Delegates Report
Meeting Date 29.05.2017.
Venue. Jaguar/Austin Healey Clubrooms.
23 Rosalie St. Springvale.

A copy of the minutes of this meeting are available on the AOMC website at www.aomc.asn.au. The summary below contains my understanding of the item's which I believe are of interest to our members.

The meeting was opened by President Keith Mortimer who welcomed all Delegates to the AOMC office / meeting venue.

Guest Speaker. Tonight's guest speaker was Sandy Cameron who gave a talk on Bert Hinkler, the Australian born aviator, and his connection with Armstrong Siddeley.

Club permit scheme report. AOMC had a meeting scheduled with VicRoads in March, which was cancelled by Vicroads. No further meetings have been scheduled at this point in time. Many delegates reported on their club's dissatisfaction with recent dealings with Vicroads. Many regional offices appear to have staff who are not very familiar with the scheme. In some instances the same registration number has been allocated to more than one car. Also, discrepancies between names in logbook and registration. Transferring cars between clubs and transfer following the death of a member is also a grey area to some Vicroads offices.

AOMC Upcoming Events. Business Seminar. Saturday June 17th.
Restoration Seminar. Saturday July 22nd.

General Business / Delegates reports / Business Arising.

Advise that a club had placed a truck which was not eligible for CPS on the scheme. Vicroads to action.

AOMC are moving some future events to Yarra Glen due to the excessive costs charged at Flemington Racecourse, which are not sustainable.

The Great Australian Rally held annually at Mornington will no longer be held.

NEXT AUGUST DELEGATES MEETING WILL BE HELD in Gippsland. Details to follow.

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

Bernie McKeegan, Delegate.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017

- JULY:** Friday 14th Annual General Meeting and Pizza night
 Sunday 16th Annual Presentation Lunch - Box Hill RSL
 Sunday 30th Ford Flathead Festival - Caribbean Gardens & Markets
- AUGUST:** Friday 11th General Meeting
 Sunday 13th Presidents Icicle Run - Back Roads Tour
- SEPTEMBER:** Friday 8th General Meeting - Auction Night
 Saturday 9th Workshop Day Dillons Motors
 Friday 29th AFL Grand Final Holiday

Model T Club Of Victoria COMING EVENTS CALENDAR



2017

Melbourne Cup Weekend Friday November 3rd – Tuesday November 7th	Northern Victoria Rally Director: TBC
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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

Don't miss out....

Model T Ford Club Vic

Melbourne Cup Weekend



to "T" tour!

Yarrawonga Sun Country

3rd-7th November 2017

Rally Organisers

David Lang 58 812492

Don McPherson 58 651312 0412851325

Norm Morgan 58 329340 0421155007

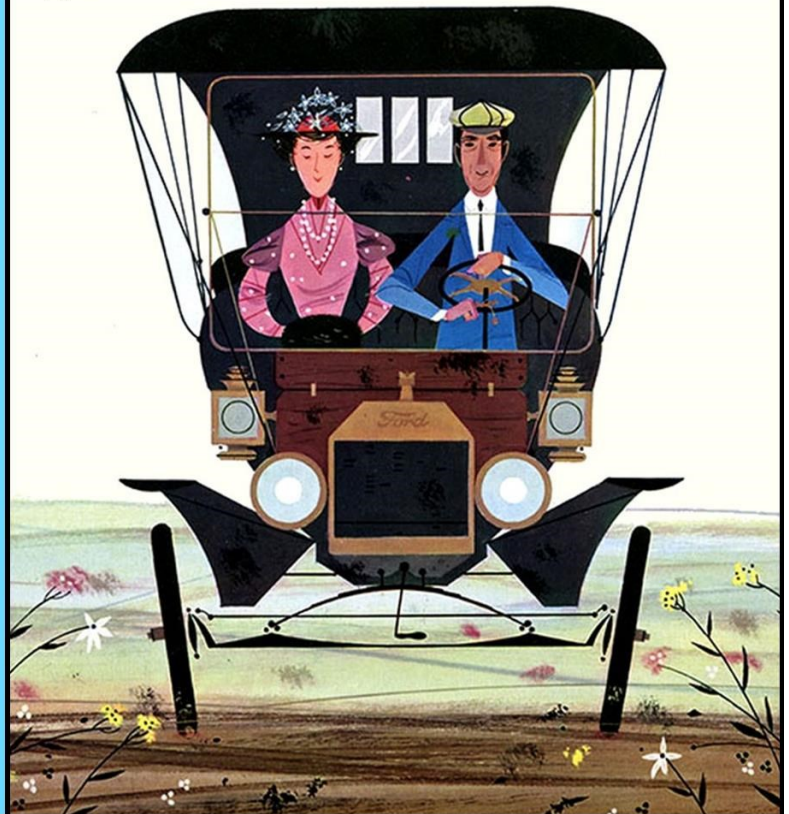
We have tentatively booked cabins and sites with a discounted price for the Model T Ford Club Vic at the Yarrawonga Holiday Park.

Please secure your accommodation now.

Yarrawonga Holiday Park 03 57 443 420

Yarrawonga Visitor Information 03 57 441 989

Visiting an Heritage Listed Pastoral Station
A private tractor collection
Easy driving country roads & lots more....
There will be plenty to see & enjoy!



Saturday 15th July 2017 - Able Day on the Bay
Volunteers Wanted!

Gary Daly from Able Australia is in the process of developing this year's "Able Day on the Bay" and is asking the Model T Ford Club of Victoria to be part of this event being held on Saturday 15th July between 9am and 3pm at the Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron.

This is an event the club has supported over the years and they would love to retain this special day between their deaf blind clients and members of the Model T Ford Club of Victoria.

The day will be organised the same as last year with the rides commencing around 10.00am until 12.00pm, lunch break and then rides from 1.30pm to 3.00pm.

Any member who is interested in helping out in this most rewarding experience is to contact Geof Baulch with your availability. Mobile: 0428 345 832

Labour Day Long Weekend 2018

9th - 12th March.
Shepparton and surrounding area.



Accommodation:

1/ Victoria Lake Holiday Park.
536 Wyndham St Shepparton 3630
Ph 58215431

<http://www.viclakeholidaypark.com.au>

2/ Peppermill Inn
7900 Goulburn Valley Highway Kialla 3631
Ph 58231855
<http://www.peppermillinn.com.au/>

*****Entrants must book A.S.A.P. as most accommodation is booked out in this area two years ahead. We have reserved 13 cabins at the caravan park till the end of June 2017.
The Peppermill Inn is taking bookings at this stage.*****

Friday: Meet and Greet BBQ at the Caravan Park, 6:30 pm.

Saturday: Nagambie / Kirwans Bridge / Historic Whroo / Mines.

Sunday: Shepparton Car Museum / Barclay's Antiques / Furphy Museum

Monday: Rushworth / Museum / Traction engine / Historic walks / Cemetery / largest iron bark tree in southern hemisphere.

Bendigo Swap Meet - Volunteers wanted

On the 18-19th of November is the Bendigo Swap Meet. The MTFCV are on the lookout for any volunteers who would like to help out on that weekend. This is your chance to be part of Australia's largest Swap Meet and help support the vehicle restoration movement. With plenty of time until the event is held, now is the time to pencil it into your calendar



The Model T Club of Victoria
will be hosting their
PRESENTATION LUNCHEON

at the Box Hill RSL (Nelson Road Box Hill)
Sunday July 16th 12 noon

*With just our club in the luxurious 'Upton Room'
with a superb 2 course Christmas in July luncheon
with all the trimmings, plus tea and coffee.*

Adults \$32

Children (under 12) \$16

*Allocated display area for Model Ts

*Vegetarian menu option

BOOKINGS OPEN SOON!!!

RESERVE THE DATE!!



Preety Agarwal (Secretary)
General Meeting Minutes June 2017

Minutes: Meeting Opened at 8:00 PM December the 2nd June 2017 by Vice President Geoff Brooke at the Ashburton library Ashburton.

New Members: Nil

Visitors: Nil

Present: 27

Apologies: Anthony S, Fiona Dillon, Chris Dillon, Alan Fairnie, Lorraine Fairnie, Lyle Detez, Myle Detez, Peter Trewin, Barry Hancock

Sick List: Nil

Confirmation of minutes:

Moved: Thelma Huitt

Seconded: Ivor Austin

Business arising from minutes: Nil

Tonight's Meeting: Paul Daley and Keith Eastwood Fun Interview Chat that was very interesting a revealed a lot about Keith Eastwood and how he started his business in Australia.

Correspondence In:

- Maroondah Printing Invoice
- Australia Post Tax Invoice
- NAB Fee Saver Account Statement

Publications:

- The Bent Wire
- The Side Valve Times
- Buzzer Box

Flyers: Shannon's 2017 Winter Classic Auction Flyer.

Treasurer's Report: Rhonda Huitt presented the treasurer's report

Moved: Rhonda Huitt

Seconded: Bruce Csorba

Swap Meetings/Clearance Sales report

- Bruce Csorba advised the members that a Model T car has been sold for a hefty sum at Shannon's Auction recently

Committee Report:

- Paul Daley provided the committee report and advised the members:
- In the next committee meeting the committee will be choosing the club person of the year so please ensure that all nominations are submitted as soon as possible.
- The committee has discussed that there is a huge demand for the printed magazine by the club members and the club will continue to have both printed and digital copies of the magazine. However to assist with the logistics of distribution of the magazine, committee would look into the mail houses and have already requested of some quotes
- The annual subscription for the 2017-2018 would remain the same.
- The annual luncheon is going to be a very interesting event and the numbers are looking very good at this stage. Please ensure that your booking is made as soon as possible to assist with the planning.
- AOMC Software was not considered suitable and the search for a new software is continuing.

Delegate's Reports:**AOMC:**

- Bernie McKeegan reported that he attended the AOMC meeting and spoke of the meeting highlights. He advised that a detailed report will be submitted in the July magazine.

Federation: Nil

Event Coordinator report:

Geoff Brooke presented the following report on upcoming events.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday 9th June – Monday 12th June Mildura 500
- Tuesday 27th June Committee Meeting
- Friday 14th July – AGM and Pizza Night
- Sunday 16th July – Annual Presentation Lunch (Box Hill RSL)
- Tuesday 25th Committee Meeting.
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Paul Daley talked in details about the arrangements for Mildura 500 and Christmas in July luncheon event.

Technical Tips/Queries: Nil

Restoration Progress: Geoff advised the members that he has spent a fortune restoring his rear differential in preparation for the upcoming rally.

New or unusual products: Nil

Parts Wanted: XP Falcon gearbox

Parts for Sale: 1926 Tourer for sale – Contact Graham Wagland

General Business:

- Secretary Position is open
- Vic Road Issue has been resolved.

Next Meeting: Friday 14th July – Annual General Meeting

Raffle Draw:

Drawn by: Rhonda Huitt

Won by: Keith Eastwood

Prize selected: Bunnings Voucher

Meeting Closed: 8:35 pm

Time and place: Edwin Brown's "plagiarised" hybrid Ford/Holden,

Plagiarism is most commonly associated with written work, but even motor vehicles can be ripped off. The 1920 Palm Tourer is an excellent home-grown example of this. It is the best known work of Melbourne car salesman and budding auto magnate Edwin Brown.

In 1917 after a successful career as a car salesman, Brown wished to become a manufacturer. He was a great admirer of the work of Henry Ford, the man who created the assembly line and gave the world affordable mass-produced automobiles.

But Brown's desire to emulate America's greatest automotive tycoon went a little too far: he was so impressed with Ford's ground-breaking Model T that he was prepared to import it and rebadge it as a vehicle of his own marque. In fact, Edwin's only "manufacturing" tools were some large grinding wheels which were used to remove the Ford script badge off the castings from the engine and anywhere else they might appear.

The motoring industry in Australia at the time included a number of entrepreneurs who imported parts from US or British manufacturers, and assembled them into cars of their own name, with varying proportions of locally-built components, such as the chassis and bodywork. Such cars included the Australian Lincoln, the Australian Six and the Summit, to name a few.

Brown, a well-respected motorcycle agent and manufacturer in Melbourne, took this to a new level when he began importing Ford Model T chassis and engine parts from the USA. He converted them to right hand drive and assembled them with Australian-built bodies and radiators.

In contrast to the similar activities of firms such as Duncan and Fraser (Ford agents), he did not market them under the Ford name, but instead as "Palm".

If you're wondering how Edwin could get away with such a brazen scheme... well, he didn't. While he was busy "manufacturing" other models like the Pine, the Renown and the Spark, news of Brown's operations travelled right to Henry Ford's office.



Photo - a Model T Ford with a Holden body that an Australian passed off as his own work.

Time and place: Edwin Brown's "plagiarised" hybrid Ford/Holden, cont...

Although Henry liked to sell cars (and was selling quite a few to Edwin) he was not happy to have his work passed off as someone else's, so he set his lawyers to work. But even this did not sink Edwin Brown's entrepreneurial ambitions; only when the Ford Motor Company set up shop in Australia, producing and selling cars locally, did Edwin's scheme come undone.

The Palm was discontinued in 1921, although Brown continued to use T Model Fords as the basis for his 'Renown' and 'Spark' models until 1927.

It may also surprise you to learn that Holden had a hand in all of this, for long before being acquired by General Motors and manufacturing cars, the Adelaide company was a prominent coachmaker that built the body for this Palm. Of course, at the time Holden was quite happy to build a body to fit any make or type of car.

Still, the Palm is a rare and interesting example of a car that is both a Ford and a Holden, disguising itself as neither.

The photographed 1920 Palm is reportedly one of the very few survivors of the marque and was purchased at auction in 1993 as a restored vehicle. The vehicle is now on display at the National Motor Museum in Birdwood.

Matthew Lombard is a curator at the National Motor Museum.

With thanks to InDaily and the History Trust of South Australia: <http://indaily.com.au/news/local/2017/03/10/time-and-place-edwin-browns-plagiarised-hybrid-fordholden/>



A great day for all Ford Enthusiasts
Non-club members especially welcome as no membership required !!



When: Sunday 30th July 2017
 (HENRY FORD'S BIRTHDAY – WHAT BETTER WAY TO CELEBRATE THAN WITH A FORD CAR SHOW!!)

Where: Caribbean Gardens & Market
Enter from Ferntree Gully or Stud Roads Scoresby



Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This show is open to all Ford Flatheads from 1903 to the end of the Flathead era.

With over 100 cars on show last year, it's set to be a great day!

Food & Drink available on site or BYO

Admission: Adults \$2.50 pp

Pensioners & Children under 13 y.o. \$1.00

This is a combined display day for all Flathead (S/V) Fords and has been organised by:

Early Ford V8 Club of Victoria
 Contact: Jackie Thompson 0409 562 515

FORDCA (8 & 10 HP SV Fords)
 Contact: Bill Ballard 03 9762 9974

Model T Ford Club of Victoria
 Contact: Bruce Csorba 0425 749 273

Model A Ford Club of Victoria
 Contact: Rob Turner 0428 686 816





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Chris Dillon
Secretary
The Model T Ford Club of Victoria
*P.O. Box 383,
Chadstone Centre P.O. 3148.*

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of the Model T Ford Club of Vic.

Meeting opened at 8:08 PM. Friday evening July 8th 2016.

All members were welcomed by President Bruce Csorba.

Bruce then called Bernie McKeegan to chair A.G.M.

Bernie McKeegan opened the 36th AGM of the Model T Ford Club of Vic at 8.10 pm. and welcomed all present.

Reference to sad year re departed members and or their partners.

Barb Morris (partner John English) Margaret Morgan (wife of Norm Morgan).

Keith Sell (Ex.Librarian, Mag mail out and tail end Charlie), Dave Bayley (Ex Secretary) and Rob Moors (Ex-President and delegate to Federation) Apologies if any excluded.

Also several members with serious illness. (All part of ageing membership).

Present.

43 Members.

Apologies.

Norman Nettleton.

Barry Hancock.

Jennifer, Ruth, Grace Csorba.

Pam and Col Weidemann.

Warwick Landy.

Malc Moors.

Mark Border.

Loraine and Alan Fairnie.

Confirmation of previous A.G.M. minutes: As previously published and repeated In July T Torque.

Must have attended AGM.

Moved: Geof Baulch.

Seconded: Lyall Detez.

General Business arising from 2015 A.G.M.

Nil.

**Reports:**

President - Bruce Csorba.

President's MTFCV Club Year Report for 2015/16 – Bruce Csorba

The AGM has come around again so quickly. It has been a very full year of events. The Committee and club members put together a great range of events, giving us no excuses but to get our T's out.

Highlights of the year include our long weekend rallies, starting in November with us cavorting around Camp Currumbene, near Colbinabbin. A great rally ran by local, Norm Morgan, ably assisted by his daughter Carmel. Many of the T ladies took advantage of the dry lake bed to practice their driving skills, including the "First Lady". Through to March and a visit to the Ned Kelly region, the wonderful area around Glenrowan. John Docker and Russell Canning put on a very interesting weekend exploring this fascinating area. Then to the June, Queen's birthday weekend, and past president David & Julie Jones provided a wonderful weekend down on the Peninsula. A fabulous weekend visiting the interesting sites this area has to offer.

Great feedback was received after each and every long weekend. Thanks to all the organisers.

Monthly rallies have been just as well organised with a range of interesting events to attend, starting with our Annual Able Day Charity event down at Beaumaris, then shortly followed on by the inaugural Ford Flat Head Festival at Caribbean Gardens, joining with three other clubs to produce a fantastic display of cars and this was just July – following months saw us visiting the Rob Roy Hill climb – we actually saw past president Ian Barber racing an Alvis along with the Brown family contingent involved with this event. A Garage crawl through the collections of Paul Daley, Dean Walker and Scott Staples. MTFCV swap meet at Dillon's as well as our site at Bendigo swap. Annual Christmas party with the Model A Club – hopefully this year we may win the trophy back.

Our thanks go to Chris Dillon, Dave Weatherhead and Ray Smith for organising three workshop days throughout the year – based in Ringwood, Pakenham and Rochester. These days should give all our Victorian members the opportunity to get their cars checked over and minor fixes sorted out. Many thanks to these people for opening their workshops up for our members. A much appreciated service to the club.

Our monthly general meetings have been successful in providing a range of guest speakers on topics of interest to the members. From a "show your own", by our own members, to an interesting presentation by John Stanley on the german car "Stoewer". We've also had a visit to Shannon's, who kindly hosted our June meeting this year.

On the website front, thanks go to Andrew Brand for pulling together a new website for the club, it's members, and for those with an interest in T Models who come to our site to see what we have been up too, and what we are about.

Membership of the club has remained strong, new members have joined our ranks, but unfortunately we have also lost a number of long term members. Those people will be missed in the club and on our rallies.

THANKS



Thanks to those members who have organised and run many rallies throughout the year, and to those of you who gave their time to present at our general meetings.

Thanks to the committee members, non-committee officers, and club helpers for their time, support and encouragement during the year.

I'm looking forward to standing down as President and supporting the new incumbent in the role. I'm also looking forward to another year in the T – the old grey mare.

Bruce Csorba

President MTFCV – 2014 – 2016.

Treasurer - Alan Flude.

Alan presented a very comprehensive report to members.

Seconded: Scott Staples.

2016 Rally – David Dare.

David presented a verbal report which he will write up and email.

David was asked whether Federation Grant had been approved for 2016 National rally, he replied he would report back at next general meeting.

Election of Office Bearers:

Executive Committee.

President.	Fiona Dillon.
Vice President.	Geoff Brooke. (Events Director. Bendigo Swap).
Secretary.	Preety Agarwal.
Treasurer.	Rhonda Hewitt.
Committee Person 1	Paul Daley. (Assistant Editor)
Committee Person 2	Dean Williams. (Property Officer. Mag mail out)
Committee Person 3	David Dare. (2016 Rally Director)
Committee Person 4	Chris Dillon.
Committee Person 5	Bruce Csorba.
Committee Person 6	Jeya Retnam (Librarian)

Non-Executive.

Editor. Position Not Filled.

Technical officer.	Chris Dillon.
Technical officer.	David Weatherhead.
Technical officer.	Ray Smith.
Webmaster.	Andrew Brand.
Meeting. Room Steward	Kevyn Brown.
Kitchen attendant.	Chris Dillon.
Meet and Greet. & Xmas	
Party organiser.	Scott Staples

Club Delegates

Federation.	Geof Baluch.
A.O.M.C.	Bernie McKeegan.

Moved: Jo Baulch.

Seconded: John English.

Bernie discussed the importance of having an editor and the ramifications for the club.

Membership Fees:

Were voted on and set at the June General Meeting. (Incorrect in June Minutes. Will amend in acceptance of minutes in July general meeting.

\$45.00 Emailed magazine.

\$55.00 Posted and Emailed Magazine.

General Business.

Trevor Merton discussed the importance of having the Club common seal stamp at all monthly meetings.

Bruce Csorba recommended that every club member at renewal time makes sure that the Treasure has their email address and it is correct.

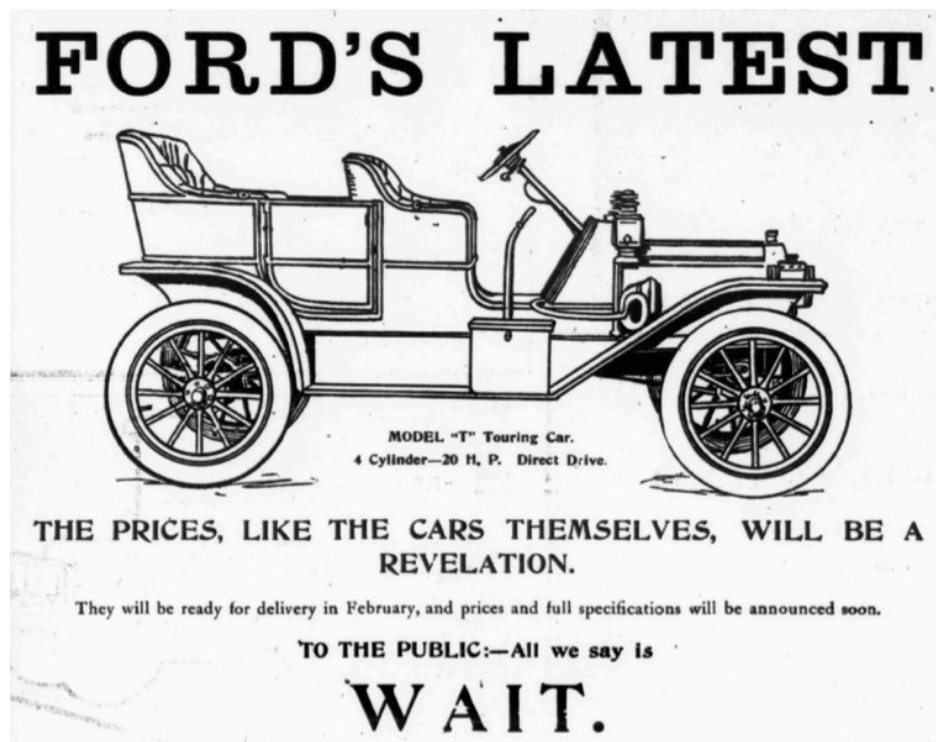
The Secretary will lodge an annual statement with Consumer Affairs Victoria within one month of the A.G.M.

Bernie McKeegan on behalf of the members thanked the outgoing committee for their efforts and congratulated the incoming committee wishing them well in the new term.

Those leaving committee. Alan Flude. Jo Baulch. Robbie Dalton. Ivor Austin. David Baud.

Bernie then Call Fiona Dillon as new president to chair the Gen Meet. He then requested all members to unite and support the new committee.

Meeting closed by at 9:00 pm.



Mildura 500

Queen's Birthday Weekend 2017

Article & photos submitted by Fiona Dillon

The inaugural run of the Mildura 500 started in Ballarat with a number of the entrants staying in town on the Friday night. We had a BBQ at the motel in the evening and we braved some fairly chilly weather to eat some delicious sausages and hamburgers with the usual trimmings. (Thanks to Shirley Morrison for the name of a great butcher.) However, the cold weather forced us inside for an early night as Geof Baulch found out when he came to visit!

We headed out from John and Shirley Morrison's place on a beautiful, sunny but cold morning on our way to Warracknabeal on the Sunraysia Highway. There was not much traffic to speak of and we drove past some great scenery out through the wind farm at Waubra towards Lexton where we picked up our Tail End Charlie, Greg Russell. Stopped at Avoca for morning tea after passing some well-known wineries (maybe we'll stop there next year). Passed through St Arnaud with some pretty historical buildings to Donald for lunch.

We then back tracked a little and headed towards Minyip and then on to Warracknabeal for the night. The town was a hive of activity as they were having their "Back to Warracknabeal 150 years". Lots of displays in shop windows and the pubs were doing a roaring trade. They have some great architecture here and they have grain and sheep themed statues in the middle of the roundabouts. There was also an excellent junk shop but we didn't get the chance to visit. Maybe next time.

The next morning was freezing literally when we set off up the Henty Highway to see the silo art at Brim. WOW What a fantastic site. Spectacular black and white art work. Lots of photos later we continued onto the next site at Patchewollock. This site was in colour and they also had corrugated iron artwork of Mallee fowl. After morning tea, we travelled along some great back roads to Ouyen. Alas the famous vanilla slices were not available.






Mildura 500

Queen's Birthday Weekend 2017 cont...




From Ouyen, it was back on to the main highway for the run to Mildura through Hattah and the edges of the Hattah- Kulkine National Park. Great scenery typical of the area. Red soil and lots of Mallee scrub. We arrived in Mildura mid-afternoon. Great weather, mild and sunny. There were kids swimming in the motel at Mercure. After a good evening at the RSL we retired for the night.

Four cars left Mildura early and made it to Ouyen for morning tea. Unfortunately, Rhonda and Noel had car problems at Hattah and had to be towed back to Ballarat. We continued on to Lascelles for a yummy pizza lunch at the pub. It has a great little park, campground and cabins in the town. A good place to stop. Back to Warracknabeal for the night.



The last three cars left Warracknabeal in a pea soup fog all the way to Donald. At St Arnaud Geoff left to go and visit friends at Dunolly and the last two Model T's (Smiths and Dillons) headed for Avoca along a pretty route via Navarre. We then cut across to Talbot and then to Clunes for a restorative cuppa. We made it back to Ballarat before dark to load up and head back to Melbourne.



It was a fantastic run with great scenery and places and the company was excellent. Looking forward to next year's run.

Participants:

Paul and Lena Daley

Chris and Fiona Dillon

John and Shirley Morrison

Rhonda and Noel Huitt

Brian and Helen Smith

John Docker and David Moore

Geoff Brooke

Greg Russell -Tail End Charlie



Photo: Participants in the Mildura 500

Mildura 500 - Photos **Queen's Birthday**

Photos submitted by Fiona Dillon & Brian Smith



FEDERATION REPORT **ALBURY MAY 20TH 2017**

Opening remarks were by the Albury Antique Club.

The club is celebrating 50 yrs over this weekend.

They have approximately 230 members.

The meeting was held in the middle of Albury at the Entertainment Centre.

The principle matters for the meeting were as follows

1. Trophies given to the Hamilton Club for the Queens Birthday Rally; the Humber Club of Victoria for their rally in 2018 and also to The Maryborough District Rally on the 13th to 15th of October 2017.
2. The Federation will no longer have the free club raffle at the Marong Picnic.
3. The fee of \$20 to non-Federation entries at the Marong Picnic (on 27th August) will remain unchanged. There is to be no movement of cars from 10.30 to 2.30 pm, there will be give away prizes prior to 1.45pm.
4. The run on Saturday 26th August before the Marong Picnic will start at the Bendigo Club Rooms with
breakfast for \$5 a head then leave for a run to Castlemaine.
5. The Golden Oldies Tour (Vintage only) will leave from the Marong Picnic for their week long tour (sponsored by RACV)
6. Not sure at present whether the Maffra Picnic will continue.
7. 2018 Open Rally with Hub at Yarram 13th October 2018 the Federation are supporting.
8. Club Permit; Discussion about cars that were ineligible for permit (under 25yrs old) that had somehow made it onto the system. Ensure your sticker for your permitted car is on the inside cover of your log book.
9. The new Bendigo Tractor and Machinery Swap Meet is on again 28th and 29th April 2018.
10. Bendigo Swap Meet; there are currently 60 sites available for booking, the car boot sale will be on again, the Show and Shine Entries were reminded to NOT arrive prior to 6am; Entry tickets for everybody will be a tear off ticket; site holders tickets must be stuck inside the front windscreen of vehicles.
11. All changes to midyear elections should be acknowledged to the Federation ASAP after election.
12. Lengthy discussions held about Rally safety and OHS issues for all clubs.

Next Meeting is in **Hamilton on 5th August 2017** at the Hamilton and District Vintage and Classic Drivers Club.

Federation Representative
Geof Baulch

NATIONAL MOTORING HERITAGE DAY

Written by Bill Ballard

When I learnt that this year's AOMC 'gathering' to celebrate National Motoring Heritage Day was to be held at the Bellarine Estate (winery), on the Bellarine Peninsula east of Geelong, I knew it would be good for our members living to the west of the West Gate Bridge (and there aren't many of them!), but "not on" for those living east of the bridge. Getting our members (who mostly live to the east of the bridge) to go to Williamstown (for Small Ford Sunday) or Waurin Ponds (for All Ford Day) is bad enough, let alone expecting them to go to Drysdale, which would be a journey of up to 2.5 hours for our relatively slow-moving cars (cruising speed around 70kph). That is simply expecting too much!

I would like to say here and now that we appreciate that the AOMC has to cater for all its member clubs, and if that means having to rotate the 'gathering' around Melbourne (i.e. by having it at Yarra Glen one year; Mornington the next and Drysdale the following year) then so be it. They cannot please everyone all the time, and there will be some people who simply hate crossing that bridge to the other side of the city to attend a 'gathering', no matter how attractive its location is!

I still wanted to celebrate NMHD by drawing the attention of the general public to our hobby, and so planned a run for Ford Flathead owners in the north western suburbs, avoiding freeways and ultra-busy roads. With the approval of my club's committee, I invited members of the Model T Ford Club Victoria, the Model A Ford Club Victoria and The Early Ford V8 Club Victoria to join us on this day for a cruise round the chosen area. The EFV8CV had, unfortunately, planned their own run that day, but the MTFVCV and MAFCV threw their hats in with us.

Members of the three clubs met in the car park of The Manhattan Hotel at Ringwood and departed in convoy around 9:55am. We proceeded through Ringwood centre and Park Orchards to Warrandyte, where we had morning coffee at the Warran Glen Café & Nursery. The proprietors had kindly left their overspill car park (which has a sealed surface) free for us. The cakes here were scrumptious!



Photo: Members readying to go at The Manhattan, Ringwood

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Just after 11am we continued on our cruise through Kangaroo Ground, Eltham and Templestowe to Schramms Cottage, located just off Victoria Street in Doncaster. Here we were given a very warm welcome by Glenys McIntyre and her band of helpers from the Doncaster & Templestowe Historical Society, who had very kindly agreed to open up their 'heritage enclosure' two hours earlier than normal (Glenys just happens to be the mother-in-law of our AOMC President, Keith Mortimer). We were able to park our cars in a long line and enjoy our picnic lunch to the rear of them, whilst chatting to members of the general public who appreciated the unexpected 'bonus' of the car display.

We had a lovely, sunny autumn day for our run, which traversed rather undulating countryside with terrific views over the foothills of the Great Dividing Range. It seems to have been enjoyed by all the participants, and we helped a good cause by swelling the coffers of the D&THS by a few dollars! We had about 20 cars on the run, including 7 Model Ts; 7 Model As; 3 small Ford 'sidevalves'; a Minerva and a BMC Mini.

My thanks to all concerned for making it a good day.

BILL BALLARD

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*Photo: Members of MTFCV,
MAFCV and FORDCA enjoy
morning coffee and cake at
Warren Glen Café*



Photo: Schramms Cottage, Doncaster

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