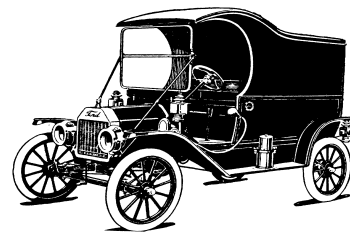




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Photo: Taken during the Labour Day weekend rally 2018

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

**NEXT MEETING FRIDAY 13TH APRIL 2018
@ Ashburton Library, High Street Ashburton
8pm**

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi All,

I hope everyone had a pleasant Easter break and the Easter bunny was kind to you all.

March started off with a great rally to Shepparton for the Labour Day long weekend. It was as usual a hot weekend. However, the rally was most enjoyable and Dean W, Ann and families did a great job getting us all organised and of course fed. A big thank you to them all for a job well done.

Chris and I went up to Rochester to the workshop day at Ray and Sandy's. Once again, a very pleasant day meeting some of our country members. A fair bit of work was done in the workshop and we enjoyed a tasty BBQ for lunch. Thanks to Ray and Sandy for their hospitality.

We also attended the Kalorama Rally to help raise funds for the local CFA brigades. A good number of vehicles attended despite the weather forecast. There was a very good display of vintage fire fighting equipment which was demonstrated by the brigade members present. Lots of manpower was needed.

This month we have another workshop day at Pakenham with David and Cheryl. If members are going on the Cameron's Corner run they need to be getting their cars in good order for the trip and this will be a good opportunity to do so.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Fiona Dillon



Photos: Not your everyday Model "T" driver....



- APRIL:** Friday 13th General Meeting
 Saturday 14th Workshop Day at Pakenham 'A' Grade
 Sunday 15th American Motoring Show - Yarra Glen Racecourse
- MAY:** Friday 11th General Meeting
 Friday 25th - Sunday 27th Historic Winton Weekend
 L *Celebrate 110 Years of the Model T Ford*
- JUNE:** Friday 1st General Meeting (Note date change)
 Saturday 8th - Monday 11th Queen's Birthday Weekend
 L *Cameron's Corner Rally. Details TBC*

Model T Club Of Victoria COMING EVENTS CALENDAR



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

Heads up!

Historic Winton

Our Club has been asked to display some of our cars at the 42nd Historic Winton Motor Car and Motor Cycle race meeting.

Our cars will celebrate the 110th anniversary of Model T Fords. I think that we should try to have about fifteen cars on display for the two days of the event. Some speedsters would really set the scene as well.

The date is 26th and 27th May 2018 and those participating have free tickets supplied for the event. There is a run on the Friday for cars who want to see the local surrounds, this is run by The Benalla Car Club. Camping is available for those who want to do it this way and costs \$25 per person per night. Plenty of parking for trailers is available.

Trade sales and displays are there to fill in time as well as food stalls.

So if you want to see some really good cars and bikes racing for two days and have a good weekend away, please contact me for more details. I need to get some names of those who will display so we can organize some tickets etc.

Robbie Dalton
9801 7170 0439 363 283



Pakenham 'A' Grade Workshop Day - Saturday 14th April

For those unable to attend Ray Smith's workshop day last month, luck is on your side...

All members are invited to Pakenham 'A' Grade Auto Service for a day of tinkering and adjusting. Refer to February's newsletter for safety checklist to bring with on the day.

Morning start. Address: 14 Racecourse Rd, Pakenham

American Motoring Show - Sunday 15th April

Open to all classic & historic vehicles manufactured in North America, You do not have to be a club member to display your vehicle at this show.

Admission:

Display cars \$15.00 (passengers included), Spectators Adult \$8.00, Children under 14 are free. See flyer later in magazine for further info.



Jeyadeva Retnam (Secretary)
General Meeting Minutes

Minutes: Meeting Opened at 8:00 PM March 2nd, 2018 by Vice -President Geoff Brooke at the Ashburton Library, Ashburton.

New Members: Nil.

Visitors: Constantine Mandylas.

Present: 22 present as per register.

Apologies: Preety Agarwal, Fiona Dillon, Peter Rutledge, Alan & Lorraine Fairnie, Lyle & Marge Detez, Bruce Csorba & Family .

Confirmation of December minutes:

Moved: Chris Dillon.

Seconded: Paul Daley.

Business arising from minutes: Nil.

Tonight's Meeting: Steve Brown (Veteran Push Bike)

Correspondence In:

- Australia Post PO box renewal notice.

Publications:

- Backfire – March 2018.

Correspondence Out: Nil.

Flyers:

- Shannon's Sydney Auction 12th March Auction .

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

Trading: \$9,382.33.

Investment: \$26,293.20

Moved: Jo Baulch.

Seconded: Maureen Cartledge.

Swap Meetings/Clearance Sales report:

Ballarat Swap: The followings members attended the event; Allan Flude, David Weatherhead, Geoff Baluch, Geoff Brooke.

It was a very warm day. Good turnout but not much Model T Ford items for sale.

Committee Report: Presented by Chris Dillon.

- Confirm Rhonda has paid Ashburton Library Invoice for the Copland Room.
- Flyer in Newsletter from Robbie Dalton re: Cameron's Corner event.
- Discuss Cameron's Corner & these types of events;
- Paul Daley has expresses safety concerns re: Night Run
 - Due to lack of reception does the Club need to supply a Satellite phone?
By charging an entry fee, the club would be able to hire Sat Phone for the rally
 - First Aid Kits, should this be a club requirement for these types of events?
 - Clubs liability re: these types of events.
- The outgoing committee has made the following recommendations:
 - All participants in a rally need to carry an updated 1st Aid Kit.
 - To speak to the Ashburton Library about a defibrillator. Also, should the Club have one unit for the rally.
- Chris Dillon has volunteered to do a write up on Night Run Guidelines covering on Tail light, Roadworthy checks, Tail end Charlies, Flashing light (amber), etc

Delegate's Reports:

AOMC: Bernie McKeegan to present.

Attended the meeting last Monday night. Discussion about Clubs not paying their subscription. Many clubs have paid via eft but no info at all.

What do Clubs want from the AOMC & how can it help the member Clubs.

Shannon's Club rally had about 200 cars,

Maryville looking at the responds it may not run soon due to lack of interest.

VicRoads – Transfer of ownership (Club Permit vehicle) will happen only to your spouse in the event of death. If not, you will have to sell the vehicle. AOMC will assist any member who needs its assistances.

RACV Florence Thompson Event - celebrating Women in Historic Vehicles = interested women drivers to contact RACV asap. Limited spot.

Discussion is ongoing to remove Luxury Tax from old cars.

Federation: Geoff Baulch to present.

Met at Sunshine - Kayat Group. This group makes a lot of 4x4 consumable parts & has an off-road course.

February activity – Bendigo Swap. Decided No Boot Swap anymore.

To produce 100yrs Vintage plaque with the Veteran Club of Australia.

Looking for younger members to join the committee.

Next meeting at Maribyrnong.

This month's activity/run:

- Labour Day weekend Rally Shepparton – 12th March (14 cars)
- Workshop Day – Ray Smith 17th March Rochester
- Annual Kalorama Rally – Mt Dandenong Tourist Road ,3766 Kalorama, Victoria, Sunday 25th March from 10am (Leaving Manhattan Club) raising funds for local SES & Fire Brigade.
- Labour Day Rally -Shepparton (BBQ Victoria Caravan Park) ; everything organised just bring a plate & Chair. About 16 cars with 30 people.

Upcoming Events:

- Dean Williams & David Weatherhead – to organise the old Model T tools for the Pakenham Workshop day in April.
- Robbie update:
 - 42nd Winton Rally May 26 & 27, hoping for about 15 cars
 - Ford Flathead, Caribbean Gardens 29 July (We are the organising Club), need Volunteers & about 20cars to be displayed.

Technical Tips/Queries:

- David Weatherhead recommended that as modern fuels tend to "go off" it is recommended not to leave old fuel in tank, fuel lines or carburetor, as they tend to gum everything up over time.
- Chris Dillon recommended if you are going on the Cameron's Corner event to repack and check your rear wheel bearings and shells, they are something that often gets overlooked, these items should be serviced every 2,000 miles or so.

Restoration Progress: David Weatherhead is effectively restoring his taxi in preparation for the Cameron's Corner run.

New or unusual products: Nil.

Parts Wanted: Nil.

Parts for Sale: Nil.

General Business:

- Need committee members for next term.
- Bernie requested that the webpage & Newsletter advertisement reflect each other.
- Secretary to send club copies of rolls and responsibilities to Paul Grady as he may be interested in taking on a committee or executive committee position.
- Any member who would like to serve the committee should be a member for more than 1 year. Suggested by David Weatherhead.
- Remuneration for the committee members was suggested by Jo Baluch.
- Use of technology e.g. Skype to connect country members.

Next Meeting: 13th April

Raffle Draw:

Drawn by: Rhonda Huitt

Won by: Brian Smith

Prize selected: Bunnings Voucher

Meeting Closed: 9:00pm



Ray Smith Workshop Day in Review

Article submitted by Robbie Dalton

Christine and I arrived at Ray and Sandy Smith's home at about 10.00 a.m. I found Richards Wearne busy in the shed rebuilding a coil box, new wood kit, repaired brass contacts and screws and all soldered together, this kept Richards busy most of the day with others helping out at various times.

Other members started turning up in no particular order, Fiona and Chris Dillon, Ted and Lois Proctor, Bob and Jane Dalton.(yeah there is two us !) Chris was soon put to work going for a test drive with Bob in his TT Truck. It seems all was OK and it passed various tests including speed. Norm Morgan arrived and drove straight into the shed. Some time was spent on various front end problems and some new parts were fitted and some better parts were swapped over from Ray's parts shed. Geoff Brooke also found some useful bits for his truck and we managed to dismantle a TT driveshaft and Geoff went home with some extras. Shirley Wearne turned up for lunch and had a chat with the ladies.

In between all the work we managed to have morning and afternoon teas and a magnificent BBQ lunch, fresh fruit for sweets finished the lunch off nicely.

While the men were playing cars the Ladies were relaxing in the shade and getting to know each other more, of course they prepared the meals for us workers and did a great job. By mid afternoon people started leaving and a great day soon came to an end. Ray was soon left with a empty but tidy shed, after spending a week cleaning it in preparation for the special day. A big thankyou to Ray and Sandy for opening up their home and shed for us again.



AOMC Delegates Report
Meeting Date 26.02.2018.
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 there were 2 guest speakers.

Kalinda McIntyre recently won the \$1000.00 Robert Shannon Trust Award for her efforts in restoring a 1926 Willy's Overland Tourer. The vehicle was parked in the meeting room for all to see the wonderful work undertaken by her, with help from several fellow enthusiasts. Kalinda gave a brief background of the restoration and her involvement with vintage cars, almost from when she was born. Her parents and grandparents had similar interests over previous years. Kalinda had done most of her "L Plate" driving in a vintage Whippet.

Doug Young has been involved with the Historic Vehicle Interest Group who have put in a submission to the Federal Government to support the abolition of the luxury car tax on historic vehicles. Doug cited several instances where vehicles that had been purchased overseas and brought back into Australia (in some cases where they had originated from) and a hefty LCT was charged on landing in Australia.

Club permit scheme report. Very little to report from VicRoads. There are still issues when trying to transfer ownership to a spouse on deceased estates. Ian Ross is happy to assist those trying to carry out this transfer of ownership.

Each week there are several reports to VicRoads regarding vehicles perceived to be not complying with CPS requirements.

AOMC Upcoming Events. American Motoring Show. April 15th. At Yarra Glen Racecourse.
National Motoring Heritage Day. Details TBA.

General Business / Delegates reports / Business Arising.

Shannon's Aussie Classic Car Show was held on Australia Day at Yarra Glen Racecourse with 300 plus cars in attendance.

The RACV Classic Showcase was held on 24th Feb. with more than 850 cars in attendance.

President Keith Mortimer reinforced the role of club delegates, as they are the conduit between the AOMC and the clubs.

The AOMC will approach VicRoads to get a clear process for clubs to obtain a list of vehicles on a particular club's register.

Daryl Meek (RACV) spoke on the 2018 Florence Thomson Tour, an event for female only drivers, in vehicles more than 25 years old. RACV have already received 250 expressions of interest for this year's event.

The August Delegates Meeting will be held in Geelong. More details to follow.

NEXT DELEGATES MEETING WILL BE HELD on 28th May 2018 at the Jaguar / Austin Healey Clubrooms.

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.

Model T World Tour comes to Australia!

Article submitted by Warwick Landy

In April 2018, Model T world adventurers, Dirk & Trudy Regter will pass through Victoria in their 1916 Model T Ford.

The around Australia leg of their World Tour departs Brisbane and circumnavigates our country in a clockwise direction.

Dirk and Trudy have enjoyed great support on their tour from Veteran car enthusiasts, the world over.

Now it is our turn to show these ambassadors for charity and the Veteran Motoring hobby, some of our great Victorian Hospitality.

A Victorian reception and charity fund raising BBQ will be held in Traralgon, Victoria on their only rest day while travelling through Victoria.

All interested enthusiasts and supporters are invited to attend this event.

Where- Dahlsens Carpark, Princess Highway Traralgon East.

When- Thursday April 19 2018 from 4-8pm.

Contact- Warwick Landy ph. 0400168319 email- landylandy@bigpond.com

Dirk and Trudy are happy to accept donations for their chosen charity, (SOS Childrens Villages International) of which all donations collected during their travels will be passed on.

For more information about their travels please take a look at their website,
<http://www.tfordworldtour.org/> and watch the youtube link about their tour.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uHSZ51hkOV0>



Club Cars at Monash Children's Hospital Fun Run Event

Sunday 4th of March

Article submitted by Lyle & Marg Detez

Following a \$1.8 million dollar donation to the Monash Children's Hospital by Freemasonry Victoria, an invitation was received by Marg & Lyle Detez to provide a number of historic vehicles for display at the Monash Children's Hospital Annual Fun Run at Jells Park, Wheelers Hill, on Sunday 4th March 2018.

A group of vehicles representing the Model T Ford Club, the Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club, and the Masonic Unique Vehicles Group was parked on display adjacent to the Start and Finish line for over two thousand runners and walkers, complete with strollers containing infants (in one case, a dog), wheelchairs, scooters, many varieties of dogs and one 9 week old alpaca completing one, five or ten kilometre circuits of Jells Park, after which a gold medal was bestowed on all participants (and animals).

Volunteer organisations including St John Ambulance, Fire Brigade and Rotary Club were present in support of the many Volunteers from local hospitals. Members of the Melbourne Costume Group dressed in a range of costumes of well-known stage and film characters, supported by a contingent of 'Star Wars' Storm Troopers and Black Knights who formed a Guard of Honour at the start for participants.

Children were amply catered for with food stalls and other attractions including a teddy bear hospital, face painting, baby animal enclosure, newspaper tossing, basketball ring, drawing and colouring, and for adults, six massage therapists provided treatment for aching muscles.

The two thousand plus participants raised in excess of \$60,000 along with donations from the various sponsors present on the day in support of the Monash Children's Hospital, its young cancer patients and their families in helping them through this most difficult period.



Club members were visited during the day by Channel 9 personality Peter Hitchener who showed particular interest in our vehicles and interviewed several owners, which may be heard on Radio 3AW during his program.

Club members were thanked publicly and privately by the Event Organisers and the day finished with an invitation to return and support the event at the same time next year.



Federation Report February 2018

Before the meeting started the Kyatt Group had invited all delegates to a guided tour of the Flash Lube Factory in Tottenham. Now the Kyatt Group not only sell flash lube but spare parts for most 4 X 4 vehicles, too many to mention here. We were split into groups and toured the factory, their off road test facility and their sales department.

Lunch was then had and then we moved to the marquee where Neil Athorn welcomed us all. This meeting was being organized by the Rootes group car club. (Hillman, Humber, Singer, Sunbeam, Commer and Karrier vehicles.)

Frank Hutchinson gave us an overview of his company (The Kyatt Group) then the meeting started with the minutes of the previous meeting.

- Nothing to report from Vic Roads Club Scheme. The Australia Day in the Domain car display for 2019 will hopefully have 100 cars on show to celebrate 100 years of motoring.
- Federation Marong Picnic vehicles will remain until 2.30 pm before they will be allowed to depart.
- Federation is developing a special car badge for cars that turn 100 years old from the First of January 2019.
- Bendigo Swap report; the new ticketing system is working well, 90% of sites for next year are booked already. The Car Boot Sale has been dropped from proceedings.
- Daryl Meek from RACV spoke on the annual Florence Thompson single day drive for women. Leaving from Creswick Goldfields Resort on the 22nd of April. 210 expressions of interest are in with a maximum number of 250.
- Australian Historic Motoring Federation President Doug Young has prepared a 97 page pre budget submission paper to the Government to withdraw the Luxury Car Tax on cars 30 years and older. The Federation doesn't support the removal of the tax.
- Ballarat Vintage and Classic Car Club had a grant approved for purchase of a laptop computer.

Meeting closed.

Next Meeting is in Maryborough on Saturday 19th May 2019

Geof Baulch (Federation Rep)



Model T Ford Labor Day Weekend Rally **Saturday 10th March 2018 Report**

Article submitted by Stephen Brown




On Saturday, the first day of the Rally we all met outside the Caravan Park at about 8:00 am. We headed off at 8:30 am towards Violet Town. The roads on the way there were nice and flat and perfect for touring along. After about an hour we arrived at Violet Town and parked on the local football oval for a vehicle display near the market. We then enjoyed a cup of coffee and walked around the market, what a huge market it was with lots of stalls and different things to see. We stayed there for a couple of hours.


After the market we headed off to Dukie for lunch at the pub. It was a great pub with great food. After we had finished lunch we checked out the Antique shop next door which had some nice antique collectables with city prices, no bargains to be found here unfortunately.

We then hopped back into our cars and made our way down the road and past the yard with the old Chevy's out the front and then continued towards Shepperton to the motor museum. When we arrived at the motor museum we were greeted out the front by the owner. The museum was good with a great collection of cars, but no Model T's on display. Also on display was some of the Farren Collection bicycles, they are friends of mine. After this it was back to the caravan park and free time for the rest of the afternoon and evening. The total mileage for the day was about 130 kilometres. It was a good first day and great start to the tour!






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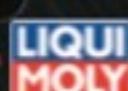


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SUNDAY 15th APRIL 2018

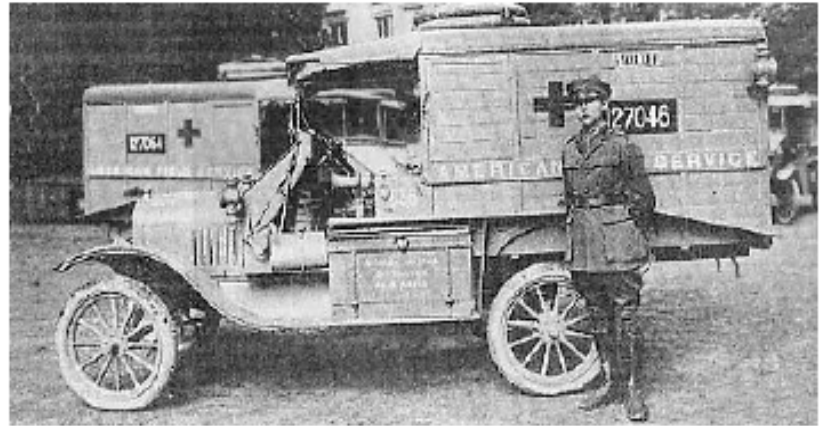
Yarra Glen Racecourse Armstrong Avenue, Yarra Glen

Article submitted by Paul Daley

The Ford Model T in World War 1

Yes, Tin, Tin, Tin

*You exasperating puzzle, Hunka Tin
I've abused you and I've flayed you,
But by Henry Ford who made you,
You are better than a Packard,
Hunka Tin*



An unabashed takeoff of Rudyard Kipling's Gunga Din, this Hunka Tin version eloquently describes the feelings of soldiers toward the Ford Model T, a vitally important component of World War I.

The year 2014 marked one hundred years since the beginning of World War I, the War to End All Wars. Despite the nine million deaths due to this war, this title sadly did not hold itself to be true. Today, in 2017 we remember a war that was still raging 100 years ago.

Due to our ages, none of us have any firsthand experience with the role of the Ford Model T during those violent years of 1914 to 1918. Were it not for the writings and memories of various servicemen, especially ambulance drivers such as Ernest Hemingway, the multitude of experiences could have easily been lost to time.

Perhaps the role of ambulance is the best known of the Model T's war efforts. Its sheer versatility was certainly not limited to ambulance duty; it was also a delivery truck, a staff car, and an artillery mover. When one looks at the current light duty vehicle of choice of the United States military, the four-wheel drive HUMVEE, the sheer ability and ruggedness of these off the shelf Model T's truly sparkles.

From an automotive perspective, World War I was a major turning point; previously, in every war ever waged

equipment and supplies were moved in and around the battle areas by some combination of horsepower or manpower. World War I saw the first widespread use of motorized vehicles in various supporting roles. Even during the first battles of the war in 1914, the Ford Model T was a major player as many privately owned Model T's were commandeered for various military uses.

Knowing the tactical advantages provided by automobile use, both Great Britain and France approached the subject of acquiring Model T trucks for various military purposes early on in the war. Henry Ford, very much a proponent of the isolationist movement prevalent in the United States prior to its war entrance in 1917, was not exactly cooperative with the request. While Ford wanted nothing to do with the war effort during this time, he did authorize the sale of a modest number of Model T chassis to the British military strictly for ambulance use.

Upon the United States becoming involved in the war, Ford's mood shifted to fully supporting the effort. His change of heart prompted his selling the United States military thousands of chassis for various uses.

In an effort to fulfill orders, Ford even pulled units from routine stock out of circulation to more rapidly respond to the war effort. It should also be noted the chassis most often supplied was the basic and ordinary Model T chassis (not the heavier duty Model TT) upon which any number of





aftermarket bodies could be fitted. It is even suspected the first set of chassis sent to Europe were designed such that the shipping crate could be repurposed to construct the box body for the T.

The United States military was a huge purchaser of the Model T, allowing the American Expeditionary Force to be the first truly motorized military operation in history. There was logic with that decision; all materiel had to be shipped to Europe and that was always a multi-week endeavor. Sending horses meant some amount of acclimation time after arrival whereas a Model T was ready to go.

At its peak, the American Expeditionary Force would have 60,000 motorized vehicles of various varieties in the European Theatre; of those, approximately 15,000 were Model T's.

Even though the United States had the largest number of Model T's in use, the total number used by the American Expeditionary Force is difficult to determine. The length of time the United States was involved in the war was relatively short. This created some anticipated needs to be eliminated, orders being filled just after the cease-fire, or cancelled entirely.

This light delivery vehicle was found at the National World War I Museum in Kansas City and was one of 5,492 acquired for delivery use.

The original order was for 12,002 units. This particular Model T was never painted in olive drab as it was used on base. Early on Henry Ford, in his staunch opposition to the war before United States involvement, refused to do anything out of the ordinary for military purchases. This caused a vast number of deliveries to be of a chassis in



standard black. It was not uncommon for GI's to paint a Model T in olive drab upon delivery.

The Model T made a superb ambulance for the times. This particular ambulance, also found at the same museum, was one of 5,340 ordered for ambulance use by the United States Army; this particular example was delivered at the conclusion of the war and did not see duty overseas. France also saw the quality and potential of the Model T as an ambulance, ordering 2,400 for front line field use.

According to information at the museum, the Model T was the first choice of the French High Commission responsible for medical affairs as it had earned a superior rating for field use. Despite Ford's initial reluctance to supply ambulances to European countries, the Model T still served the French and British Armies in both Europe and Africa.



Through some creative procurement via third parties and sheer industriousness, a Ford dealer in Paris was able to acquire chassis and assemble 11,000 Model T's for use by the French Army. In turn, British forces were able to amass a fleet of Model T's that numbered between 20,000 and 30,000.

The Jeep has certainly become associated with the Allied efforts of World War II. While one does not readily associate the Model T in a similar fashion to World War I, it was arguably just as durable while serving a number of similar roles.

William Seabrook, an American who drove a Model T ambulance in France once wrote, "our Fords could go over shell-pitted roads and torn terrain" at 30 miles per hour. He further wrote "the ambulance driver works over, under and upon it. He paints it and oils it and knows every bolt and nut, its every whim and fancy."

There have been countless different cars built over the years. Yet of those, how many have repeatedly demonstrated a pronounced aptitude for such a dizzying array of varied and diverse tasks? The Ford Model T, as passenger car, pickup, delivery truck, tractor, and stationary power plant at home as well as being ambulance, delivery truck, and artillery mover in war-torn Europe and Africa, was certainly a formidable mechanical soldier during the Great War.

By Jason Shafer

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Utility Trucks

The Ford Model T is one of the most famous vehicles in history. First produced in late 1908 (what would now be considered the 1909 model year), it became the second-most produced car ever after the Volkswagen Beetle. Shown above is a 1917 Model T Utility Truck. First rebuilt based on a picture of a peanut truck, it's been reincarnated several times with different engines, wheels, and so forth. Below is a 1925 Model TT, a one-ton truck. PFM acquired this truck in a trade with Joel Harris of California, in exchange for a Travel Air fuselage. This is as yet unrestored, and will someday probably become a bus or a concession truck.

The engine, transmission, and chassis were essentially unchanged through the Model T production run. A four-cylinder, 20-horsepower engine fed power to a transmission with two forward speeds and reverse. Many different body styles were built on the basic frame.



Ambulances

The military bought thousands of Model Ts during World War I. The PFM has four Model Ts. These feature bodies built by PFM on original Model T chassis. The one shown here is a 1916 Model T with a French-style ambulance body. Before the US entered the war in 1917, Ford refused to sell to any of the combatants. Various organizations bought chassis independently of the governments and sent them to France, where bodies were built for them by French coachbuilders. These evolved into the French-style body reproduced on this machine.

Once the US entered the war, Ford began selling to the Allies. The ambulances used a body that was a simplified variant of the French-style body. PFM has built 5 reproduction ambulances so far; three are in other museums and two remain with PFM. All are reproduction bodies on original chassis. Most of PFM's Model Ts have been modified to have electric start, but one has only the original manual starter. Here is a 1917 Ambulance with the simplified, production-style body.



T-RADE'N TABLE

For Sale

1915 Model T Ford Roadster, originally from Blackwood (near Ballarat) Vic. Restoration needed, timber done. Includes many new parts, lights and largely complete engine C24934 (early 1915) except transmission internals. Comes with donor vintage motor, complete and was running, with starter (1923). Apparently this vehicle always had 1914 rear guards. A good project at \$6,500

Contact Phil Ruge - ph. 0408 994 952



T- RADN' TABLE

A free trading place to advertise your goods - and to pick up a bargain or two! Note that an ad stays in for two issues unless otherwise advised. All For Sales must include prices. Vehicles for sale must include engine number or registration number (Not Club Permit Number) by law. Publication of ads does not constitute endorsement of price, condition, or authenticity by the Club.

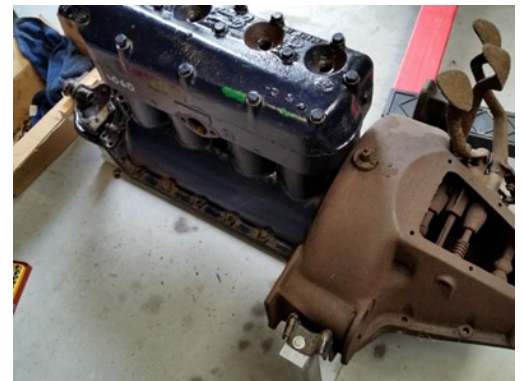
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T-RADE'N TABLE

For Sale

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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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Sunday 4th of March

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