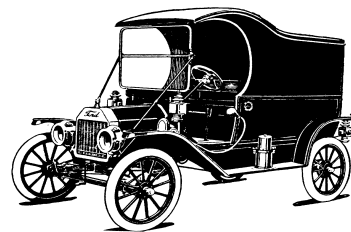




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****Dave's "T" at Lal's Funeral****

**NEXT MEETING FRIDAY 8th February
General Meeting**

@ Camberwell library, 340 Camberwell Road, Camberwell 8pm start

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**Please note submissions to March Edition of TTorque to be received by the Editor no
later than 25th February**

Presidents Report

Greetings to all,

I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday season. It is hard to imagine that we have spent our 1st month of 2019 already.

On a sad note there has been sadness for some of our members.

December was a different experience for my family as my Mum's health deteriorated quickly.

Sadly passing away on Dec 30th @ 96 yrs.

Bruce & I thank all members for their condolences & support at Alice's funeral. It was a worthy send off for her!

Sadly Lyle Detez passed away within a few days of Alice as well. Club members had 2 funerals on consecutive

Tuesdays.

Lyle's life certainly was busy & full. He fitted a lot into his journey. Condolences to Marg & family.

Condolences also to Phil & Carmelita Ruge on the passing of their Mother.

I hope you got to drive your cars over the holidays. I didn't attend the Great Australian rally to Cruden Farm.

I am told it was a great day for all.

Geof & Jo Baulch's Quadracycle was a feature & a big hit.

I have seen vision of Geof driving it in his driveway & around the house.

A huge achievement & must be satisfying. Congratulations!!

Instead of Cruden Farm I took the opportunity to go for a drive with Mickie & Jack Turner across to Poowong & Drouin.

We met with Alan Weatherhead & Cam Smythe in Drouin for lunch & then drove around the Jindivick hills before parting for home.

It was a nice 180Km round trip.

I am told the Australia Day Rally in the Domain was an exceptional day run by RACV for the 100 entrants attending .

As I write we have Berwick Swap meet will have been held I hope you snagged some rare parts there.

Ballarat Swap is not far away so get ready for the LONG walk to discover all the goodies you need.

I have had reports that there are still problems with VicRoads permit scheme paperwork.

You need to check that all details & dates are correct when it is paid.

Keep the payment receipt as proof of payment as this is another problem encountered by some members.

We still have some member subscriptions outstanding, could you check your records & contact us please.

Our February Meeting will feature a presentation by Warwick Landy entitled "A Matter of Timing"

Warwick would like to see any unusual or rare timers so if you own a treasure or rarity please bring them along.

Our Labour Day weekend rally in Kelly Country is finalized. It will be an educational experience visiting locations used by the Kelly Gang.

Once again if you have any ideas or suggestions for day or weekend rallies/drives let your Committee know. We need input!

Marybough Nationals are 9 months away & approaching fast. Time to prepare our cars & address any items needing attention.

There will be the usual Safety days at Ray Smith's, Chris Dillon's & Pakenham A Grade throughout the year.,

Until we meet,

Safe Motoring,

"See you over the Running Board"

Dave & Chez



Jo Baulch (Secretary)
General Meeting Minutes – DEC 2018

Minutes: Meeting Opened at 8.07 pm Friday December 14th 2018 by President Dave Weatherhead at the Ashburton library Ashburton.

New Members: Ian and Margaret Moore from Mansfield

Visitors: Therese Saunders

Present: 32 as per Attendance Register

Apologies: Trevor Merton; Norm and Dianne Nettleton; Marg and Lyle Detez; Alan and Lorraine Fairnie; Barry Hancock; Fiona and Chris Dillon; Russell Medhurst; Steve and Jake Brown; Marj and Graeme Wagland; Paul Grady.

Confirmation of minutes: As per monthly magazine.

Moved: Geoff Brooke

Seconded: Peter Brown

Business arising from minutes: Nil

Tonight's Meeting: Nibble, natter and catch up.

Sick List: Alice Weatherhead, had a fall and has fractured her femur at the knee end, Lyle Detez travelling slowly along, Norm Nettleton awaiting results re dizzy spells.

Correspondence In:

Email from Norm Nettleton re apology.

Email from Wordpress.com re maintaining our domain name

Email from Chris Sager re All Ford Day Feb 17th 2019 with entry form

AOMC The Victorian Club Permit Logbook Scheme Handbooks

Curry Printing account

Subs from Roger Moodie

Robert Sinclair Rego renewal.

John Morrison Rego renewal

NAB Bank Statements

Publications:

Side Valve times

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Brass Notes

The Vintage Ford

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Adelaides T Torque

Backfire

Flyers:

Kalorama Rally Committee

Pitstop

Correspondence Out:

Thank you letters to people from the Melbourne Cup Rally.

Get well cards to Alice Weatherhead and Lyle Detez.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was presented to the members by Rhonda Huitt.

Moved: Rhonda Huitt

Seconded: John English

General Business: Huge thank you to the Csorba's for the fantastic job they did in the organising and running of the Melbourne Cup Weekend in November.

Thank you to Cheryl Weatherhead and Jo Baulch for the assistance given to the Model A Club in the running of the combined Christmas party last weekend.

Votes of thanks also to Geoff Brooke for a job well done at the Bendigo Swap Meet this year. Top job.

Swap Meetings/Clearance Sales report: Nil

Delegate's Reports:

AOMC: Bernie McKeegan presented this, see in magazine for content.

Federation: Geoff Baulch next meeting is in February 2019

Past Run's: Christmas picnic with the Model A Club. Unfortunately the Model A's took out the trophy for the most cars in attendance yet again. Lots of raffle prizes were available and 2 x door prizes as well. Great day and the weather held out well.

Big vote of thanks to the Model A Ford Club for their running of the event this year, ably supported by Cheryl Weatherhead from the T Club. It's our turn to run this event next year.

There is a great write up in the VACC journal of the Calder Park Raceway to Bendigo run that represented a Centenary of Motoring in Australia with a vehicle from every year of manufacture.

This month's activity/run: See above as it was the Christmas party with the Model A Club.

Upcoming events: Great Victorian Rally leaving from various points and joining up at Cruden Farm for lunch either BYO or can be bought at the site from food vans. On 20th January 2019.

Neerim District Agricultural Show on 26th January 2019

Australia Day in the Domain 26th January 2019 (100 cars only).

Various Picnic Days for the Federation in the New Year.

Technical Tips/Queries: Nil

Restoration Progress: Nil

New or unusual products: Cameron Smythe presented a Alternator conversion for T Models.

Parts Wanted: 1922 Block requested by Cameron Smythe

Parts for Sale: Noel Huitt saw a 1921 T runabout in East Kilmore, it had a '26 Hogs Head, no floor boards, no lights front or back. Asking price was \$7,000

Next Meeting/Activity: Friday February 8th 2019

Raffle Draw: Multiple draws tonight to clear the backlog so as to start afresh in the New Year.

Drawn by: Multiple people

Won by: 1st Thelma Huitt Chocolate Hamper
2nd Cameron Smythe Candle Holders
3rd Jill Flude \$20 Bunnings Voucher
4th Alan Flude \$30 Bunnings Voucher
5th Ross Cartledge Tyre Guage and \$20 Bunnings Voucher

Meeting Closed: @ 8.50 pm



*In Memory of Lal Weatherhead***THE OTHER WOMAN**

I'm not a jealous woman,
But there's something on my mind —
Why is he sneaking down the Shed
And leaving me behind?

He's kind of in suspension —
Got a distracted look in his eye.
I can't get his attention,
No matter how I try.

I don't believe in listening
To conversations on the phone,
But I find my ears are flapping —
They don't seem to be my own.

I catch scraps of conversation —
I've nearly caught her name.
He's saying her frame is beautiful —
I think — "Mine's the same!"

I've written to the Agony Column
And followed their advice;
I've dabbed perfume behind my ears
And dolled myself up rather nice.

I've cooked his favourite dinner,
Lit candles — gone to great pains,
But all he said to me was
"Is the bloomin' power off again?"

Desperate, I followed him down to the Shed,
Keeping discreetly out of sight —
I didn't want the neighbours
To know about my plight!

I flung open the door, and there on the floor —
I couldn't believe my luck,
He'd removed her bonnet and was tickling the innards
Of "LIZZIE" — his old T-Ford truck!

Now Wives! Take consolation,
'Cause I know from experience, I'm right;
She may keep him happy in the daytime,
But he can't cuddle her at night!

Lal Weatherhead





On the 15th January 2019 our friend and member Lyle Detez passed away. Lyle had been suffering terrible pain over the past year due to a cancer on his spine.

Over 300 people attended Lyle's funeral on th 22nd January in the Boyd Chapel at Springvale Botanical cemetery. Eulogies were delivered by family and friends from Lyle's car clubs. A Masonic Service was also carried out.

Our Club had over 30 members in attendance ans we should be proud that we gave Lyle a fitting send off. It showed the high esteem that was felt for Lyle and how well liked he was.

Robbie

LYLE DETEZ EULOGY

Hello, for those who don't know me, I'm Robbie, and Lyle was my friend.

I have been told that I only have 4 – 5 minutes to talk. Andrew and Toni should be thankful that our Club is not in an election year, as I am known to enjoy a microphone.

Lyle joined the Model T Ford Club of Victoria in 2007. He purchased a 1927 Roadster which was to become known as the green Tee. He soon set to, to perform a total restoration of this car. Lyle is one of the few people who when restoring a car, do it all themselves. Mechanical and electrical work was a natural for Lyle, the bodywork and painting came a bit harder, but the finished article was top notch, and a car for Lyle and Marg to be justifiably proud of.

2008 was the 100th Anniversary of Model T Fords and Lyle had a cut away Model T Ford on display at the Australia Day celebration in the Domain. It was a great effort, Lyle even resprayed the borrowed trailer the car was on, and every detail was done meticulously, so the public would get a real feel for the Model T Ford, and remember Lyle had been a Club member for less than six months. This is when I first met Lyle and within a couple of weeks I was a regular at his home for a cuppa and a chat, not to mention the phone calls to him for advice.

As I said 2008 was the 100th Anniversary of the Model T Ford, and Lyle was determined to have his car ready for the Anniversary National Rally at Echuca that year. Well 8 – 10 hours a day, seven days a week working on the car, and not letting anyone else help him do anything saw it all finished in time for the rally. The car was a real credit to Lyle and it performed faultlessly for the seven days. Lyle and Marg, still with less than a year in the Club managed to find time to volunteer to help out at the rally and manage a newly rebuilt car.

As all T owners know, Model Tees seem to multiply. It wasn't long before Lyle had a Veteran 1915 Model T Tourer. Well once again it had to have everything stripped down and rebuilt to Lyle's high standard. And once again Daisy as the car was to become known, was a real credit to Lyle, a car anyone would be proud of. As with Green Tee, Lyle did all the work himself, this time even rebuilding wood spoke wheels.

Lyle always finished the rallies and runs he went on without any problems, of course this was due to his high standard of preparedness.

Lyle was always ready and willing to help anyone who was having car troubles, especially if someone was stranded on the side of the road, he would go out of his way to help others.

Lyle was an extremely generous person with his time and supported the Club in any way that he was able. Only late last year Lyle and Marg turned up at our Bunning's car display to give moral support and to have a chat with those in attendance. Other examples of his generosity were driving Brides to their weddings, and displaying his cars for Charity events. Lyle was a regular on our Club's annual Able day, when we take sight and hearing impaired people for rides in our cars.

On a personal note, last June I asked Lyle if I could borrow the coils in Daisy, they were to be backups for my spares. I was going on a trip to Cameron's Corner in my Tee with other Club members. Even though Lyle was now not a 100 %, he insisted on starting his car and making sure that the coils were working OK. before lending them to me. When I went to collect them he had a set of Reflector triangles, and a flashing orange light ready for me to take also, the light had matches attached with tape ready to use to operate the switch mechanism. I also left with plastic jerry cans for spare fuel, this is what Lyle was like, always willing to help people.

Many people in our Club benefited from his stockpile of parts, usually free of charge or very cheap. Another way that Lyle was generous.

And then some time back Lyle bought a Dodge and crossed over to the dark side of motor-ing, but that is a story for someone else.

VALE LYLE DETEZ

EASTLINK GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY 2019

This rally is organized by the ALL BRITISH CLASSIC CAR CLUB of VIC and this year it was held at Cruden Farm Langwarrin.

The organizers had contacted me to see if I could take my Quadracycle down and exhibit it next to the first Benz replica. All proceeds from the Rally go to Peter McCallum Clinic so it's for a good cause. Now as we had to be there by 9.30 am we (Jo and I) decided that maybe an overnight camp in the Kombi was in order. So we set off towing the trailer with the Quadracycle in it behind the Kombi to a caravan park near Cruden Farm.

We stayed at Western Port Harbour Caravan Park at Tyabb East. Sunday was just then a short 20 minute drive to Cruden Farm. With the gazebo set up for some shade the fun began with plenty of curious spectators wanting to know what it was (obviously they couldn't read). Once I started it the crowd would multiply 10 fold. I had taken the kitchen sink engine as well, so it got a start periodically as well. There were many disbelieving faces in the crowd that this was Henry Fords first ever engine and running car. As I couldn't get away from the Quadracycle for long I didn't get a chance to see the rest of the show but I believe it was well worth it. The weather was hot, so the crowd was abundant.

We also had a number of Model T Fords from our club on display as well. A great day was had by all and this event is one to look out for next year,. The gardens were a picture of colour and the grounds so well kept with many little nooks around. Great food was on offer and entertainment from bands etc.

Geof and Jo Baulch



EASTLINK GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY 2019 cont.

The Great Australian Rally was held again this year after a lapse last year. A new venue, Cruden Farm, the home of the late Dame Elizabeth Murdoch was a real eye opener, with very nice gardens and old buildings to check out. The farm is a working farm and is about 130 acres in size.

Eastlink was the new sponsor this year, and as usual all monies raised goes to the Peter Mac Cancer clinics. As a first time out, there were a few teething problems, but I am sure they will be sorted out for next year, but overall it was well organised and presented. Our Club was very fortunate in having what could arguably be described as the pick of the positions, certainly one of the best, we had trees for shade, close proximity to vendors and the music from the R.A.N. band was comfortably audible to us all day. The All British Classic Car Club is to be congratulated on putting on another great day out for all motoring enthusiasts again.

Our Club had ten Model T Fords on display, but Kevyn Browne's 1915 truck was the only veteran, and certainly attracted plenty of admirers.

Thanks to the following for bringing cars along, Kevyn, Alan Flude, Robbie Dalton, Brendan Hoban, Trevor Merton, Bill Wallace, Noel Huitt, John Huitt, Geoff Brookes and Brian Smith. I think that we will have to have a few more cars next year if we are going to be able to keep our prime position, and I hope that we can have a few more veterans to give us a bit of bling value. Thanks to Alan and Col for the photos.

Robbie



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2019

Friday 8th General Meeting (Speaker Warwick Landy)

Sun 17th All Ford Day @ Corio

Fri 22nd & Sat 23rd Ballarat Swap Meet

MARCH 2019

Fri 1st General Meeting

Fri 8th til Mon 11th Labor Day Weekend Rally in and around Glenrowan. Staying at Everton, Milawa and surrounds.

John Docker and Geof Baulch (Organisers)

Sun 24th RACV Kalorama Rally

Sun 31st Federation Picnic @ Scoresby

Sun 31st Federation Wunghnu Picnic @ Wunghnu

SEPTEMBER 2019

September 28th to October 9th National Rally Maryborough Queensland

NOVEMBER 2019

Melbourne Cup Weekend ??? Memory Lane back to Wangaratta 30 yr Anniversary

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2019

Sun 17th All American Car Display and Man Cave Alley @ Gembrook Rec Res

Sun 24th RACV British and European Motoring Show @ Yarra Glenn Racecourse

MARCH 2019

Sun 10th Yarra Glenn Swap Meet @ Yarra Glenn Racecourse

Sun 10th Springthorpe's Annual Classic Carshow @ McLeod

Sun 23rd American Motoring Show @ Acoonah Park Berwick

Sat 30th & Sun 31st Goulburn Valley Annual Vintage Rally and Tractor Pull @ Wunghnu

The Domain on Australia Day

This year the car display in The Domain on Australia Day was limited to 100 cars built in the years 1919 to 1930. Applications had to be submitted and if accepted details were sent out to participants.

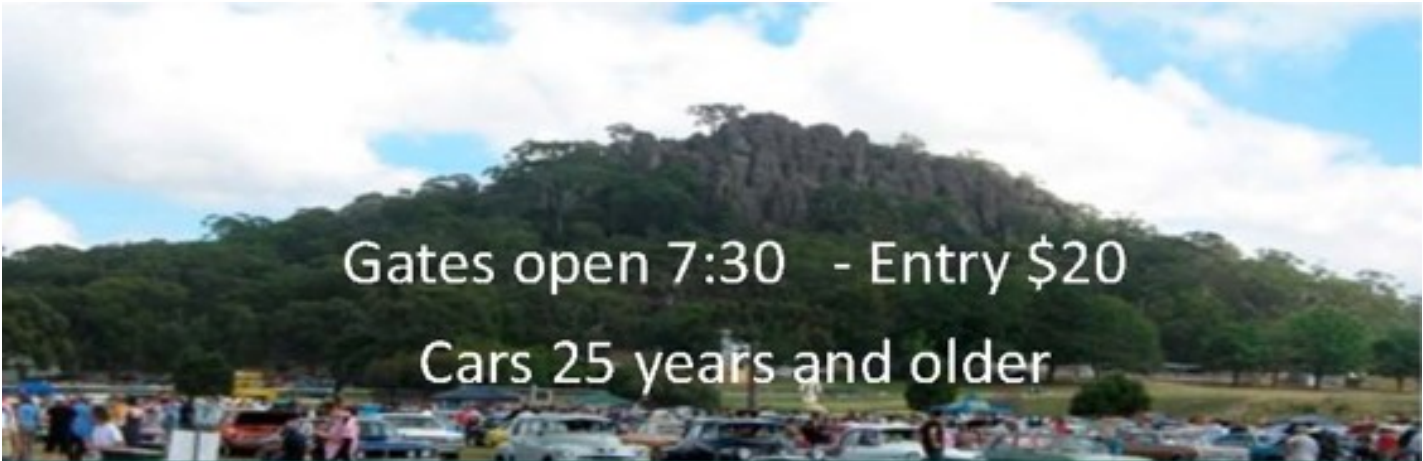
On arrival we were given rally bags complete with radiator badge and lunch and drink vouchers. This was all gratis and the lunch was great.

The crowds looking at the cars were quite big and generally well behaved, just a few getting in them and fiddling with horn buttons.

three model Tees were in attendance namely Noel and Rhonda Huitt, John and Thelma Huitt and also Robbie and Christine Dalton. We all had a great day and thoroughly enjoyed the atmosphere. It was a well organised event by the R.A.C.V. and Daryl Meek. Well done.

Robbie





Gates open 7:30 - Entry \$20
Cars 25 years and older



Picnic at Hanging Rock

Sunday 10th February 2019

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COME TO GLENROWAN LABOUR DAY WEEKEND SAT 8TH TO MON 10TH MARCH 2019



The Model T Ford Club of Vic invite one and all to an historic look at Ned Kelly and his family, their antics and wanderings in and around the town of Glenrowan and surrounding areas.

Visit old haunts and find some new ones.

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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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