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Left: April weekend rally hosts, Graeme & Marj Wagland pictured with their Centredoor Sedan.

Thinking is the hardest work there is, which is probably the reason so few engage in it."
- Henry Ford



President's Message



Greetings to everyone,

I am pleased to report that our Club Run to San Remo was a great success. No major breakdowns or other problems on the roads. Our lunch at the Loch Wine bar was very good. A visit to a friends Ferguson & Implement collection & on to San Remo with Graeme Wags as our guide. We all gathered at Graeme & Marj's house for the Fish & Chip meal. Everyone was blown away with the meal returning for 2nds & 3rds in some cases. Perfect warm evening sitting around the table & just chatting & relaxing. Some of us had a nice night drive back to Cowes to our accommodation. A bonus! I can recommend a visit to the Vietnam Veterans museum. Well worth another visit with more time to see all displays properly.



Our return drive was great with minimal traffic to contend with. Lunch at Kongwak Markets. I had 1 minor hitch on the return trip. My crankpin lost the split pin retainer & the pin worked loose causing an evil screeching noise from the front pulley. The problem was found, pin removed & I drove home without the fan drive. No major holdup to the drive.

Passing through Drouin we said goodbye to some of the crew. We then returned to Pakenham by 4.30 pm.

Other President/Vice President non Model T activities...

On Anzac weekend Geof Baulch & I attended the All British Motorcycle Rally at Newstead. A Gathering of over 1000 British made bikes as well as other makes. Most were camping at Newstead Racecourse for 3 days. A ride to Maldon fills the town with oil leaking Pommy bikes in excess of 1200 parked everywhere. A sight to see indeed.

We are always open to any ideas of events/rallies in your area. Just let a committee member know. We will help arrange an event with you. As I wrote last month, why not check out a local history story or a character for us to rediscover on our tour. Theme tours/rally are a good way to appreciate our pioneers & forebears. Any ideas of things to do in winter when it is too cold to drive our T models in comfort, call me! All suggestions welcome!



It's time to prepare for Executive & Committee positions to change. Don't be afraid to take on a position to help run our Club. New & fresh ideas are needed & welcome. If needed we have copies of Committee roles & responsibilities for you to read.

Remember the best maintenance for your car is regular use. Small things show up & don't become big problems.

Good health & safe driving, keep your tyres tight, steering oiled!

"See You Over the Running Board"

~Dave & Chez~



Facebook: Following on from discussion at a recent general meeting, in an effort to make us more

accessible to the younger generation, the MTFCV now has a Facebook page. The MTFCV can be found at Facebook.

'Model T Ford Club of Victoria'. Click

[here](#) to go directly there. The page will be open to all to view postings, but only members are able to post or comment. Membership is open to all MTFCV members and like minded Model T enthusiasts. Approval criteria must be met and the page will be administered by the club secretary and editor. Would any other members be interested in participating as an administrator or moderator? We encourage all members to post photos and content that may be of interest to others.

Our Electronic Mediums...



Club Website: Our club website has had some recent updates. The Club honour board has now been fully updated to include all committee members up to the current 2021/22 calendar year. It also contains updated National Rally information for the '20T2' Dubbo event. Click [here](#) to go directly to our page. (mtfcv.com)



General Meeting Minutes



Meeting held 8/04/22

Meeting Opened on Friday 8th April 2022 at 8:02 PM by President David Weatherhead via Zoom.

New Members: John Gerados

Visitors: Chris Brancaccio, Model T Ford Club of America

Present: 22 as per sign in register

Apologies: Rod Kieseker, Pam and Colin Weidemann, Ivor Austin, David and Julie Jones

Confirmation of minutes: Moved: Bill Wallace Seconded: Jo Baulch

Tonight's Meeting: Talk with Chris Brancaccio

Correspondence In: email from library and AOMC, permit renewal Laurie Wadeson

Correspondence Out: Welcome letter to John Gerados and get well card to Beryl Gorry

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was presented to the members by Jo Baulch **Seconded:** Rhonda Huitt

Last month's rally report: Rhonda Huitt gave a report on our Warragul rally. Said it was wonderful and full of great history.

Swap Meetings/Clearance Sales report: Geof Baulch spoke about the Castlemaine swap meet, he said it was a compact swap meet with not much T stuff. He also attended the Maldon swap meet, they have 3 per year, Andrew Brand was there selling T parts. Bruce Csorba went to the Yarra Glen swap meet and saw Andrew Brand there selling T parts too.

Reports

Delegates Reports: Federation - Next meeting in May, maybe in Colac or on Zoom

This month's activity/run: Talk from Chris Brancaccio, Director and Webmaster from The Model T For Club of America. He spoke about the American club, and how cold it was over there now. He also presented Paula and Warwick Landy with an award for their outstanding work on our club magazine.

New or unusual products: Bruce Csorba is happy to donate to the club, possibly, 20 x 10litre bucket oil spill kits. If anyone is interested, they can be brought to the next meeting. These can be purchased for a small amount of money to help raise money for the club.

General Business: We received an email from the library informing us that the chairs and tables were not put away at our last meeting. We all believe that they were but library says otherwise so can we please make doubly sure from now on. Thank you.

Next Meeting/Activity: San Remo, fish and chips at Graeme and Marg Wagland's house.

Meeting Closed: 8:45PM **Next Meeting/Activity:** TBA — Ann Cupid, Secretary —

Rally Report - Kalorama Rally, Sun March 20, 2022

Christine and I arrived at the Manhattan Hotel in Vermont at about 8.40 A.M., and I proceeded to have a look at the other cars that were gathering for the drive to Kalorama. Russell Medhurst soon arrived in his relatively new to him 1926 Coupe. We both paid our fees and soon headed off. After an interesting and uneventful drive we soon arrived at the destination, Kalorama reserve. Once directed to our place on the oval we settled in for a pleasant day of car watching and inspecting other cars and motor bikes. Soon after our arrival Chris and Fiona Dillon arrived in their Minerva.

There was quite an interesting array of cars on display, especially the early sports cars and some nice vintage cars from the V.D.C. The total amount of cars was in the hundreds, a very good turn out as a few years ago the Rally was close to ceasing. Catherine Dillon arrived in the family Holden 48/215 (FX) and parked in the middle of the oval with some very illustrious vintage sports cars. By the time we did a couple of circuits of the oval looking at the cars and bikes it was time to head off. Russell and I left and both arrived home unscathed from a nice day out with our Ts.

All in all it was a very interesting day and well worth the effort. Perhaps the Club could have a display and run to the picnic ground next year for the 65th annual Kalorama Rally?

— Robbie Dalton





Club Calendar 2022



CLUB MEETING: 13 8pm
OTHER EVENTS: 13-15 Vintage Drivers Club B40 Rally
 15 AOMC 'National Heritage Motoring Day' - various picnic locations
 28-29 45th Historic Winton



CLUB MEETING: 10 8pm
CLUB EVENT: 11-13 Queen's Birthday Long Weekend Rally, TBC



CLUB MEETING: 15 8pm (Note: 3rd Fri of month due to library availability) AGM & Supper Night
CLUB EVENT: tbc



CLUB MEETING: 12 8pm
CLUB EVENT: TBC
OTHER EVENT: 28 Federation Picnic, Marong



CLUB MEETING: 9 8PM
CLUB EVENT: 25 Sep — Oct 1 National T Rally 20T2, Dubbo, NSW.



CLUB MEETING: 14 8pm
CLUB EVENT: TBA



CLUB MEETING: 14 8pm
CLUB EVENT: 28 Oct – 1 Nov, Cup Weekend Rally - East Gippsland, (Bairnsdale & District)

Next General Meeting — Friday May 14 at the library (also via 'Zoom'!)

Meeting
Reminder!



Club Permit Renewals



Club permit renewals must be signed by the club permit holder and an authorised MTFCV officer to confirm that the permit holder is a current member of the club. Members having vehicles permitted through MTFCV must be a financial member. If you no longer own or have the listed vehicle on red plates, please contact the secretary. Ann Cupid, 0427 984797



May

Lloyd Davis 6062
 Laurie Ford 7431
 Ian Northy 3894
 Linda Phillips 71021H
 Ray Smith 3257
 Laurie Wadeson 3565
 Stephen Weatherhead 5470

June

Gregory Angelo 1820
 Geoffrey Brooke 3358H2
 Andrew Brown 5446
 Bruce Csorba 5251
 Paul Daley 7637, 6875
 Laurie Ford 7457
 Marion Harrop 6243
 Noel Huitt 5108
 Linda Phillips 1188H3, 3629H4, 6129H6
 Dorothy Reddick 36374
 Mickie Turner 6243
 Graeme Wagland 5099
 Bill Wallace 934GH
 David Weatherhead 258BH, 41328H
 Geoff White 457
 James Wotherspoon 8089

July

Geof Baulch C9893
 Paul Daley 988, 752
 Chris Dillon CH4195
 Bernie McKeegan 08777H
 Malcom Moors 1506
 Peter Natoli 7-636
 Dorothy Reddick 7389
 Dean Walker 7373
 Bill Wallace 5922



Upcoming Rallies and Events



NATIONAL HERITAGE MOTORING DAY

National Heritage Motoring Day! City venue and 2 regional venues to support National Heritage Motoring Day. Get a group together and plan to get your T to one of the 3 venues.

The aim of the National Motoring Heritage Day (NMHD) is to promote and display Australia's strong motoring heritage and also show the community, business and government the strength of the Australian motoring movement.

It is most fortunate that the Australian climate has been relatively kind to old motor vehicles and a varied range of early vehicles from Europe and North America still exist—some of which are believed to be the last remaining!

45th HISTORIC WINTON

28-29 May 2022

For more information

[click here](#)

HISTORIC WINTON



SUNDAY 15TH MAY 2022

Rosella Car Park, Braeside Park, Lower Dandenong Road, Braeside
Gates open at 10am for Display vehicles & 10.30am for spectators

Veteran, Vintage, Classic, Historic and Collector Vehicles.

SUNDAY 15TH MAY 2022

Gippsland Vehicle Collection, 1 Maffra-Sale Road, Maffra

From 10am-3.00pm

The theme is 'Drive it day' to get your classic vehicle out for the day

SUNDAY 15TH MAY 2022

Victoria Street, Trentham.

Entry from 10am for Display vehicles & 10.30am for spectators

Veteran, Vintage, Classic, Historic and Collector Vehicles.

National Rally 20T2 Dubbo



25th Sep—1st Oct 2022

[National Rally 20T2 Dubbo Entry Information](#)

www.modeltfordclubnsw.org.au

Facebook: 20T2 NSW Rally,

Email: rally20t2@gmail.com

Don't miss an incredible national T Model event!

[Click here for your entry form](#)

Marong Picnic - August 28

Normal rules will apply, that it is free to members of Federation VVCC to enter. All others in historic vehicles are welcome but there will be a fee per car. This is a private event and not open to the public. There will be no traffic movement between 10.30am and 1.00pm.

Rotary will be onsite providing catering.

Enquiries to Neil 0408 033839



B40 #2

Rally

13th-15th May 2022

Entries are now welcomed for those drivers under 40 in cars pre 1940 for the B40 Rally #2 to Central Victoria



'Under the Hood' by the Editor



Greetings Members,

Following on from last month editorial, it was great to be contacted by member Brenden Pell. Brendan informs me he is indeed an eligible member to be able to participate in the upcoming B40 rally. Brendan is younger than 40 and is planning to participate in the B40 rally in his Dalgety T Tourer. He is now custodian of his grandfather's T which is a very low mileage original Dalgety bodied T. It was great to have Brendan join with us on the April meeting Zoom call and share with us about himself and his car.



Speaking of Zoom calls, it was surprise to have Model T Ford Club of America board member Chris Brancaccio join in on our call. This looks after the International members of the MTFCA and also the online forum. Chris joined the call to personally present myself and Paula with this year's award for 3rd place in the annual chapter newsletter awards. It was very nice to have our work on T Torque recognised by our USA peers. Chris also took on the role of

guest speaker and told us of his life .work and Model Ts. Chris was a relatively late stater to Model Ts, with his wife, Rose, buying him his first Model T as a gift for his 50th birthday!

It is a pleasure this month, to present a member profile from my Dad. Dad's profile covers over 40 years of club membership. restorations and T related activities. I hope you enjoy the read, and please consider writing up your own profile to share with members.

Until next month, Keep Touring in your Ts.

Warwick Landy



Member Contribution



Email your contributions to torquenews@hotmail.com or send to the club mailbox.

From Club member Alan Long (WA)

Hello Warwick,

Just wondering if you can put these photos in T Torque? It's my Dads 1927 T and we can't understand the different style of numbers and no "C". It was Cast 19 November 1925 but must have been stored for 14 months before being allocated this Engine number 719309! Another known engine was cast and stamped within a week around the same casting dates.

Hopefully someone will recognise the stamping that isn't what we normally see from Canada.





April Rally Report



Saturday April 9



Our rally to San Remo started off from the Weatherhead's house in Bald Hill Rd Pakenham. A fine dry sunny morning around 8 cars set off heading down across the Koo Wee Rup swamp thru Bayles, Lang Lang, Nyora, then into the rolling hills of South Gippsland passing many dairy farms. Then finally taking a break in the small town of Poowong, where many of the crew visited the local watering hole, the Irish pub.

After a good break we set off again thru more rolling hills and country lanes and some spectacular views. We arrived at Loch for our lunch stop. Most of us ordered pizza from the wood fired oven plus drinks from the bar. We also had some more members join us for lunch — the Gippsland contingent and rally host Graeme Wagland. After lunch we headed uphill out of Loch to Greg Barry's dairy farm where Greg



welcomed us and gave a short rundown about the history of how he started his Ferguson tractor and implement collection. He has a very impressive range of TEA tractors including a Ford Ferguson and a TEA with a 3 cylinder Perkins and double reduction gearbox. After a good look at all of Greg's collection, we set off for San Remo with Graeme Wagland in the leading car.

Working our way down thru the hills of south Gippsland out to the main road to San Remo at Bass, we made our way to our respective accommodation, to return to the

Wagland's by 6pm for dinner prepared by Marg & Graham—a fantastic sea food meal. Fish, chips, dim sims, calamari, and potato cakes, which sounds just an ordinary thing you would order at the local fish and chip shop. But I have never tasted fish so fresh and tasty EVER! Well done Marg and Graham. Thank you for welcoming us into your home. A great night was had by all.

That was the end of a fantastic day's driving thru south Gippsland in our Ts.
— **Geoff Brooke**





April Rally Report



Sunday April 10...

We get up and have breakfast with our previous night's dinner still on our minds – WOW!! The sky is blue the sun is shining, birds singing and waters quiet and glass like. We are off to the Vietnam Veteran's Museum at 10am and still need to pack the car and sign out of our accommodation. The weather has been forecasted as perfect. Cars are refuelled and we are ready to go.

The museum is not as far as we thought so we are a little early; but still plenty to see, two huge aircraft, one Naval the other I assume is Army as it is painted in camouflage. We notice that the picket fence around the Navy aircraft is exceedingly special. Each picket has someone's name on it. Veterans, visitors, families etc. We ask about this and are told that each picket is \$25 and can be purchased and you are contacted either by email or telephone to let you know that the picket has been applied to the fence. What a wonderful way to build a very special fence, add to funding for the museum, and give interested individuals the pleasure of knowing that not only do they see their name on a picket; they are helping such a great attraction to be able to continue to exist and improve. I assume that both aircraft will one day be surrounded by these pickets. An employee (or volunteer) emerges and sees the cars and immediately asks workers to remove their cars so as ours can be viewed all together by other visitors. We have pride of place! Once inside, there is an immediate feeling of it being an almost reverential place. We are greeted by a gentleman who is exceptionally aware of the politics, etc. behind the Vietnam war and although we have lived through this period, much of what he told us has not been heard by many of us before. We are then ushered into a theatre for their 'lights and pictures' presentation. This was an excellent, detailed account of what had led up to





April Rally Report



Sunday April 10 continued...

this conflict as well as the divisions of public opinion within the countries who participated. Whatever led up to this conflict was nothing compared to the death and devastation of the battles that were fought by both sides.

We were free to wander around the exhibits for as long as we like, and no one was in a hurry to leave. A cup of coffee with a scone, jam and cream or other treats, was a popular option for morning tea for many of us. It is an excellent venue and I would recommend it to anyone who has an hour or three to fill in within the Phillip Island area.

We then moved on to the mainland to meander home. In general, we followed the leader without having much knowledge of where we were. It didn't really matter as the scenery was incredible at every turn. To start with this was coastal and then we moved inland, up hill and down dale. We did go to a market at Kongwak which had several different stalls. There was pre-loved clothing and accessories, plants, fruit, veg and even a lady asking if we wanted to try one of her potions. We had no idea of what it was so politely declined; but they had some good lunch options. Geof ordered a sandwich so we agreed that we would have one each; I couldn't believe that I was sitting down eating an egg, bacon, sausage, onion and hash brown sandwich with tomato sauce of course, but it was delicious.

We meandered further and got to Poowong which led us to Drouin where there was going to be a changing of the guard but a few of us who did not have other vehicles at Dave and Cheryl's chose to go directly home from there. Those who returned to the Weatherhead's loaded their vehicles and then had a cuppa and chat prior to going home.

We had a wonderful day, a fabulous weekend and still have smiles on our faces.

— **Noel & Rhonda Huitt**





Member Profile



Bill Landy

I had always had an interest in vintage cars. My first Vintage car restoration project was a 1927 Dodge 4. That car was a very complete original car and required minimal restoration to get it on the road and introduce me to the world of Vintage car Clubs, restoration and rallies. After owning the Dodge for a short while I realised, I wanted something a bit older, so the search began.

My first Model T Ford was purchased when I went with a work promotion to Elmore as District Officer in Charge after completing a probationary AOC course with the State Electricity Commission of Victoria. The remains of the T were on the side of the road behind the Honeychurch's store in Goornong on the way to Bendigo. The original owner of the Ford was Alf Filby who lived on a farm at Mayreef to the north. When it was found it was stripped with just a scuttle remaining of the body, the bare engine block was in the chassis, but the bones looked okay except for light rust. I was able to secure some wheels and was able to be towed into Elmore sitting on a box on a chassis behind my modern. I picked up many Model T parts from farms in the area which were in plentiful supply for free and set to work.

I rebuilt the engine with acquired parts and was able to start it without difficulty and drove it out the gate onto the road sitting on a box on the chassis. I had a roadster body framed up by Norm Simmons to match his Roadster. Norm subsequently bought my car and completed it to add to his collection at the Echuca car museum. All the chassis restoration work happened beneath a peppercorn tree in the backyard. My first trip in this 1922 Model T was in the half-finished Roadster body to the Echuca Steam Rally.

Many years later in 1981, I was reunited with this car when I met Geof Scott who was the first president of the Model

T Ford Club of Victoria. Geof was displaying his Model T at one of the first ever official MTFCV events, an Australia day car display at the Treasury Gardens. A quick look under the bonnet confirmed it was my old car, as it still had the 'new' particle board firewall that I had fabricated many years earlier. Particle board was a new type of wood material that all the hardware shops were starting to sell.



Reunited with my first T, the 1922 Roadster I restored in the mid 1960s. Driven by son Warwick at a club Melbourne Cup weekend rally.



Second T: 1916 Tourer photo shoot at completion 1974. Warwick on board, keen as always!



Member Profile



Bill Landy continued...

Great for restoration work of old cars! Geof did not stay long with the club, and I lost track of the old roadster until it resurfaced again under the ownership of another club member, Steve Harris. Steve participated in a few club events with the car until he accepted an offer, he couldn't refuse to sell the car to an international buyer in Cypress. The sale and a picture of the car was featured on the front cover of the March 1995 edition of T Torque, of which I

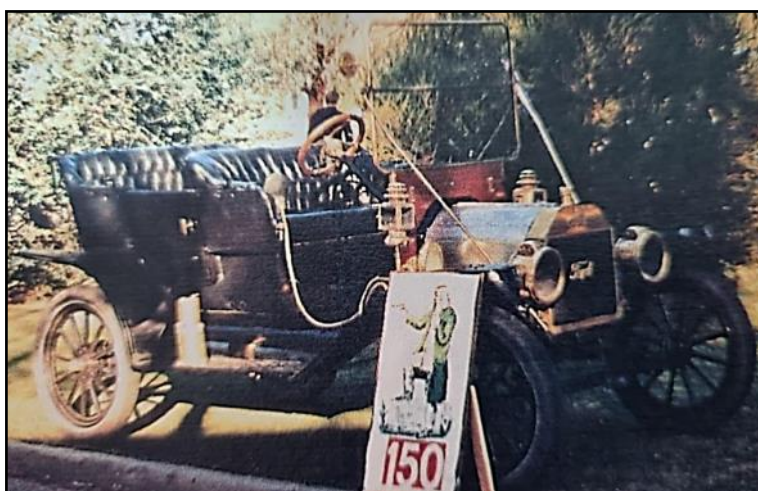


1912 Mother in Law Roadster at Kooweerup Potato Festival street parade 1984

polaroid photo for reference from other Model /T owners around the country. An enthusiast in Tallangatta put me onto the body panels that had been trampled over by milking cows, night and morning for years. I made a wooden frame to support these panels which was much heavier and complex than ever built by Ford originally. The car was completed, and we participated as a family in numerous vintage car club events around the state before selling it at the Bendigo Swap Meet in 1978.

While on a weekend visit to Melbourne I spotted an Add in the Vintage cars section of the Melbourne Age for a 1912 Model T project car. I arranged an inspection and was pleased to find that all the correct parts were there to build a very nice all brass early example of a Model T. The chassis restoration was pretty straight forward but the body was more of a challenge. Eventually I was able to buy a complete 1912 Commercial Roadster body from a Sydney enthusiast who had removed the roadster body from his 1911 chassis to replace it with a Tourer body. This car was pretty much completed around the time we moved to take up the role of District manager of the SEC at Kooweerup. While there we joined the fledgling Model T club in 1981. We attended many events with the club in the 1912 Roadster, including the first ever Cup weekend rally to Daylesford. Back then most members drove their Ts to events. On this first weekend cup weekend event we drove from Koo Wee Rup to Daylesford in a day, with 4 days of luggage on board and spares, all with Warwick occupying the mother-in-law seat out back, for most of the trip. While at Kooweerup, the annual Potato Festival became an annual rally for the club for a few years. We have attended many long weekend rallies with the club over our membership and these rallies and locations have allowed us to visit so many places that we would otherwise not have attended.

still have a copy. The old 22' now resides somewhere in the UK. Following on from the sale the 22 Roadster, after attending an international car rally in 1970, I was impressed by the many Veteran cars and decided I would like to own a Veteran Model T. Over several years I assembled a 1916 Tourer out of collected parts. I carried the bare chassis on the roof rack of my car from Melbourne to Corryong and pretty much assembled the vehicle in a shed on the SEC District Office property where I was on full time availability duty which allowed plenty of time to work on the car. Once again Model T parts were still plentiful on the rural farms and properties and various swap meets were a good source of parts. Of course, I also wrote many letters and received lots of



1911 Tourer, ready just in time for T Time 89 at Wangaratta



Member Profile



Bill Landy continued...

It seems that with a job promotion and a move to a new town, it coincides with the purchase of a new Model T project. Soon after moving to the Latrobe Valley to become the Morwell district Manager for the SEC, I bought a partly completed 1911 Touring Car from Lindsay O'Connor in Adelaide and finished it in time to complete the 'T Time '89' National Rally at Wangaratta. It was a highlight of our Model T rallying, that Pam and I and son Warwick drove our newly restored cars, the 1911 Tourer and 1911 Torpedo Roadster from Newborough to Wangaratta in a day to join in a week's T touring in Wangaratta. This even was hosted by our own club. My old 1912 Roadster was decommissioned with the engine finding its way into Warwick's roadster along some of the other mechanical parts. The remains of the car has had several owners and is awaiting a re restoration! The 1911 was sold to fund the restoration of the 1910. The 1911 was owned and driven for many years by club member Neale Feldtman. It is now owned by club member Paul Daley. At the time when I picked up the 1911 from Adelaide, Lindsay also had a 1910 Tourer which I remarked that I would like to own.

My early retirement from the SEC and payout coincided with that same 1910 becoming available for sale on the proviso that all the rest of Lindsay's collection of parts be sold at the same time. I agreed to purchase the car and all the parts and with the help of club member John Gleeson we took John's truck to Adelaide, and we returned home with tonnes of Model T parts.

The first few years of my retirement were spent restoring the 1910 and disposing of the remainder of parts not required. Many club members and interstate T enthusiasts benefitted from dispersing all the parts from Lindsay's collection. The 1910 Tourer was completed and participated in a number of events and rallies and got a new coat of paint just prior to the 2008 Centenary Rally celebrations. A club run to Colac in 2010 celebrated the car's centenary in fine style. This trip was also the catalyst to be able to learn the full history of the car and confirm its providence.

Out of ally Model Ts, I owned and drove the 1910 the longest. Over my Model T journey, it was very satisfying to arrive at a point where I owned one of the oldest and authentic brass era Model Ts in the Country. After triple bypass surgery, surrendering my license and downsizing our home to a retirement unit it was time for the 1910 to be sold. It was sold via auction at Shannons and has now found a home at the town of Castlemaine where it is now proudly displayed by its new owner, living in a pressurised bubble back in the town where the car's power plant finished its life powering a saw bench!

In an effort to prolong my Model T driving and do it a little more comfortably, during the ownership of the 1910, I purchased a 1922 Centredoor Sedan from Sydney. It had been fully restored and was perfectly presented. I drove it for a few years before selling it to club members, Graeme & Marj Wagland.

We have very much enjoyed our involvement in the MTFCV for over 40 years. I now enjoy hearing Warwick and his family participating the same hobby and club. I still like a ride around in Warwick's T when the opportunity arises and also seeing restoration updates on the progress of the re restoration of my old 1916 T that Warwick now owns. That car has the history of the only T in the club to be rolled over twice by 2 different owners, but that's his story to tell!



1910 Tourer pictured at Echuca 2008 3 Generations of Landys with son Warwick & grandsons Jackson & Calvin on board.



The Centredoor at the Renmark at the 2004 National Rally with grandson Jackson



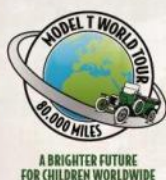
Model T World Tour Update



Dear friends of the Model T Ford Club of Victoria,

As I write this message to you, it is exactly 4 years ago that we arrived with our Model T at Paula and Warwick Landy in Traralgon. A warm welcome and a wonderful club meeting at Warwick's home where we were able to meet several club members. We have beautiful memories of this part of our journey through Australia. Due to Covid-19, our travel plans have been put on hold for a few years, but we are now picking up again. Despite the problems in Europe because of the war in Ukraine, we are still preparing the last part of our world tour. With this newsletter we would like to inform you about our travel plans.

Trudy and Dirk from Holland wish you all the best and many safe kilometers with your Model Ts.



Around the world in a 1915 Ford Model T

A journey of 80,000 miles in a more than 100 year old Ford through more than 50 countries on all continents. An initiative of Dirk and Trudy Regter from Holland, the Netherlands, with the aim of raising money for children's projects in developing countries.



Dear friends of the Model T World Tour,

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we unfortunately had to cancel our world trip after our Australian adventure. Because the pandemic is almost behind us, we have started preparing for the last part of our world trip. This part of approximately 13,000 miles starts in East Asia and takes us via Siberia, Mongolia, Kazakhstan and from there via the old Silk Road back to the Netherlands.

This last part of the world tour is also dominated by raising money for children's projects in developing countries. We do this by selling the 13,000 miles to be driven. You can buy miles for an amount of 3 USD. per mile with a minimum amount of 5 miles. You can also buy an entire country or a part of a country. The red line on the map (next page) indicates the approximate route to be taken. The red and white checkered line indicates the already sold miles with a current total of approximately 2000 miles. We still have 11,000 miles to sell, so grab your chance to support these children's projects and buy your miles.



Find out more about the story behind Dirk and Trudy's world tour including where they've been, their charity and the modifications to their Model T, at fordworldtour.org. There are also links to their blog, photo gallery and Youtube channel.

— Ed



Model T World Tour Update continued...



When you buy miles, you will receive a certificate acknowledging your participation and generosity, in your name with the purchased miles. Visit our website: modeltworldtour.com and click on the button: **"buy your miles"**.

HONORARY SPONSOR OF THE MODEL T WORLDTOUR
A charity tour for orphan children.

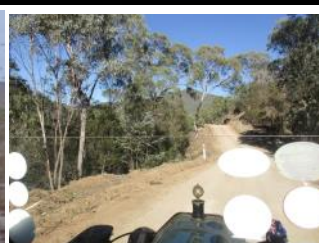
MODEL T WORLD TOUR
80,000 MILES

YOUR NAME HERE
is hereby appointed to be a Honorary Sponsor for a total of ??? miles.

Dirk & Trudy Regter: driver & co-driver of the 1915 Ford Model T.
Date:

Payment can be made using PayPal or Credit Card.

We thank you in advance for your contribution and will keep you updated on the preparations for this trip.





Feature Article - The Henderson Spring



Over our Summer holidays during an annual visit to our club member, Peter Ninnis's at Swan Hill, Peter took me around to visit a friend's place who has a spectacular collection on petrol/oil and enamel sign memorabilia. One of his featured signs was an add for the Henderson Spring Company. I have known of the existence of the Henderson Spring only because there was an accessory spring of that name fitted to some Model T's I have come across. After seeing this sign, I realised the Henderson Spring was possibly a unique Australian only Model T accessory, so I decided to do some more research. A quick Google search below came up with the text below.

—Ed

Henderson's Federal Spring Works

Manufacturers
of Springs of
Every
Description

"In 1882 Henderson's Federal Springs Works Pty. Ltd. was founded by James Kerr Henderson and Elizabeth Ralston Henderson. It was the first company to manufacture spring washers in Australia. The company expanded and through its associated companies went on to manufacture not only springs but also car parts, furniture bases, mattresses, fire retardant cushioning material and held the Australian manufacturing license for 'No Sag' wire technology, its production, applications and marketing. Henderson's Industries Limited became part of Natcorp Investments Limited as of 1 November 1987."

Clearly Henderson manufactured springs of all shapes and sizes and for all applications, but our own Model T did not miss out, with a uniquely Aussie designed front spring manufactured and marketed by Henderson's of North Melbourne Victoria. In a post from the MTFCA forum back in 2009, it seems that the Henderson Spring company were very successful and had manufacturing plants in a number of States and cities and regional areas.

Pictured below is the unique Model T accessory Henderson Spring fitted to Club member, Bruce Csorba's car. Typically, these very heavy-duty springs were more often fitted to TT Truck chassis front ends to assist with their heavier workload. Do any members have any more information or to share about the company or even have a picture of one of these special Victorian manufactured springs fitted to their T's?

— Warwick Landy



The early North Melbourne factory, C 1911.





Newsy Bits



BUSY MONTH FOR FRANK!

Rosedale member Frank Van Ekeren has had a very busy Model T month. Ebay followers would have noticed the sale of Frank's 1926 Tourer. It has gone to a very keen new T enthusiast in Sydney.

Frank also displayed his 1915 Model T Tourer at a Traralgon Primary School where he participated in a



'Wind in the Willows' themed picnic with several grades. Frank reported the kids were most enthusiastic about the T and enjoyed the winding up bit!. The T was also



joined by a younger sibling, a beautifully restored 1943 V8 Tourer.

Frank and Kerrie able to meet the April Rally at the lunch stop at Loch. On his return home strange noises were heard coming from the rear of the Coupe. After jacking up the rear it revealed excessive side play and rubbing inside the brake drums. Frank has removed the rear end, stripped it down, and is currently performing a full rebuild. The old original babbit thrust washers were destroyed. Frank was surprised the whole assembly was still functioning considering its condition.



HAPPY DAYS!

Belated congratulations to club members Bob and Shirley Draper on their 55th wedding anniversary back on March 29.



GREAT NEWS!

Wonderful news to hear that Pam Weidemann is recovering well after recent surgery. The club wishes Pam well with her recovery and we hope to see Colin and Pam at a T Club event again soon.

AWARD WINNING PUBLICATION

Model T Torque has become a prize winning publication! It was voted 3rd best chapter newsletter at the recent Model T Ford Club of America's annual General Meeting. Chapter newsletters are judged each year by a MTFCA board member.

The award selection criteria asks that newsletters should include, local information, time, date, and location of Chapter meetings, a calendar of future events, and the front cover should be attractive. Content should be varied, with articles about past and future events, technical and historical information. Areas which are not weighed in the selection are those related to the cost, such as the method of printing, type of paper, or frequency of publication.

The main goal of any newsletter is to present information to its membership in an interesting and timely manner. publication. We thank our members for their contributions that have helped us to achieve this special award!



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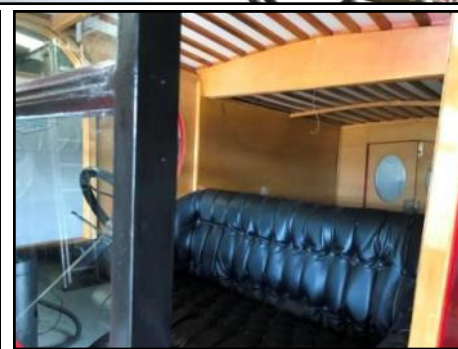
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1924 Model T Van Project

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Contact Phil Ruge: 0408994952



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Contact Bruce Csorba: 0425 749 273 doodlebugt@gmail.com

WANTED TO BUY:

Wanted to buy- NOS original and serviceable 30 by 3.5 Olympic tyres. Need spares to be able to continue running a matched set. **Contact Warwick Landy: 0400 168319**

WANTED TO BUY:

We are on the hunt for a few more items to progress our project, 1927 Roadster.

Front spring (flatter type), hood shelves, top irons & bows, front seat, original condition would be fine.

Thanks **Contact Chris Bagot: 0407 827671**



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Members have access to a full register of Model T owners and their vehicles.

A full calendar of club activities including monthly meetings, annual rallies and other motoring events is planned annually. Generally, three annual rallies over the traditional, March, June and November public holiday weekends are planned in Regional Victorian locations for member participation.

The club conducts an annual Model T only, cars and parts Swap Meet.

Member participation in other club gazetted events is also encouraged.

Meetings

General meetings are held on the 2nd Friday of each month (except January) at 8pm at the **Ashburton Library Meeting Room**, (154 High Street, Ashburton) and / or via 'Zoom' online. Meetings start promptly and usually include a guest speaker and informal supper. They conclude at approximately 10pm.

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