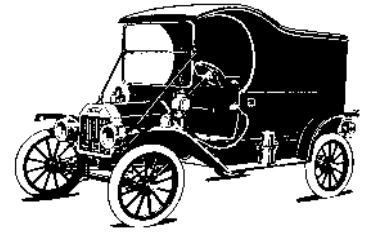




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Two of Tarrant's finest from C1924. On the left, the Jenkins' Tourer and the Dillons' Tourer on the right. Both feature a similar colour grey on both the body and mudguards and according to research, the bodies were supplied to Tarrants in Melbourne from the Holden Motor Body Builders in Adelaide. Both cars are pictured outside the St Joseph's Catholic Church in Penhurst on the recent Hamilton Rally.



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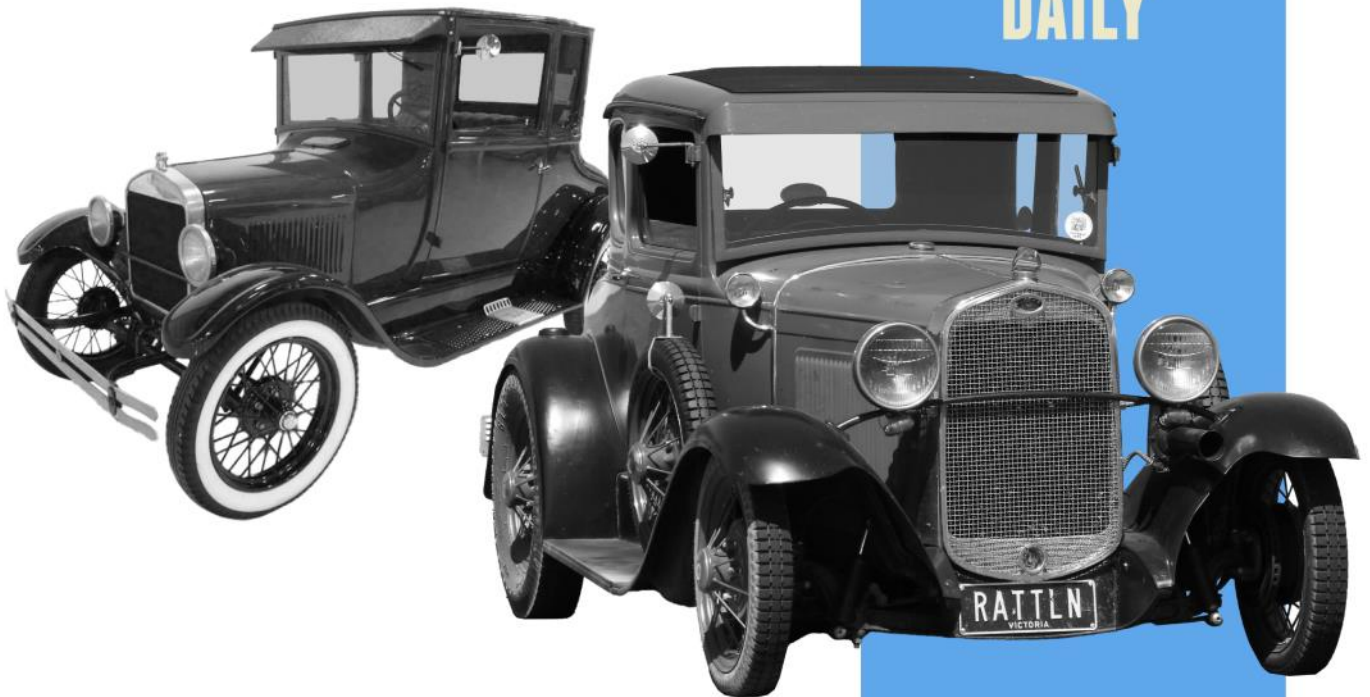
Vintage Drivers Club Club Rooms
(Factory 8, 41 Norcal Road, Nunawading)

Meeting Activity: Long standing member & retired mechanic, Chis Dillon

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-- Henry Ford --

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President's Message



Greetings to all Members,
Well we have the July AGM behind us, chaired by Bernie McKeegan, and we are ready to move on with another year. Thankyou Bernie for a job well done. Always appreciated.



All office bearers remain the same, with the exception of the Treasurer. We are indebted to David Jones, our outgoing Treasurer, for all of the dedicated and invaluable work he did for our club over the last 3 years. Thankyou David and we welcome in Jake Brown, our new Incoming Treasurer. After welcoming in Jake at our AGM, a short General Meeting was held, followed by supper.

The Annual Luncheon on the 14th July at the Cardinia Park Hotel was well attended, with approximately 36 Members. Excellent company, food and service. Club Person of the Year was Frank van Ekeren and the award was handed over to Warwick Landy in turn, to present it to Frank.

July 27th a few of us joined the Model A Club for a visit to the Penrite Lane 88 Auto Museum in Wantirna Sth. It was a very interesting day looking at their collection and learning about the history of the company, finishing off the day at the Knox Club, where we had a most enjoyable lunch.

Presentation: August Meeting - Chris Dillon will be giving a talk on general maintenance and safety on how to operate your T.

Auction Night will be held at the September Meeting. A good chance to sell some parts and stuff you no longer need, or pick up some bargains. Disappointing for me, as I will be away and miss this fun night.

As I mentioned in my last President's Report (July Edition), it is a requirement of VicRoads that a photo must be supplied to renew your club permit, but there seems to be some controversy about cars registered before and after a certain year. We will work through this in the committee meetings and advise in due course. Jake is engaged is working through the new tax system to comply with ATO requests.

The September General Committee meeting will be chaired by Chris Bagot, as Thelma, myself and 5 cousins will be visiting Canada and the United States.

In finishing,
cousin Noel
will be
receiving his
big OBE on
August 15th.
80 huge
wishes Noel!
See you in
Vancouver.

A big happy
80th birthday
to Noel Huitt.

That's all for
now, so, from
over another
running board,

John & Thel





General Meeting Minutes



Meeting Opened on Friday 12th July 2024 at 8:05pm by President John Huitt at the VDC Clubrooms, Nunawading and via Zoom

Present: 28 present at meeting and 12 via Zoom as per attendance register

Apologies: Jenny Stevens, Justin Deacon, Robbie & Christine Dalton, Chris & Fiona Dillon, Chris Bagot, Graham & Maree Hadden

President John Huitt then handed the meeting over to Bernie McKeegan to run the 43rd Annual General Meeting

Confirmation of minutes: **Moved:** Jo Baulch, **Seconded:** Julie Jones

Correspondence In:

- **EMAIL:** Motoring events on the weekend, AOMC Finance & Governor Seminar, Country Motor Australia Magazine, CPOTY votes, AOMC seminar notes.
- **MAIL:** T Topics, bank statements, Backfire magazine

Correspondence Out:

- Welcome letter to new member Ben Shields

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was given by new club Treasurer Jake Brown. **Moved:** Jake Brown **Seconded:** David Jones

REPORTS

Delegate's Reports:

- **AOMC:** No current meeting, next one will be in Shepparton
- **Federation:** Next meeting will be in Mildura

This Month's Activity/Run: Annual club luncheon this Sunday, Penrite Museum Saturday July 27th.

General Business: Henry's have offered to set up a Square reader for us to pay for things electronically. John will get in touch with Angie and the committee will discuss at next meeting.

Next Meeting/Activity: Talk by Chris Dillon

Raffle Draw: **Drawn by:** Jill McKeegan, **Won by:** Brian Smith, **Prize selected:** Blanket hand made by Jo Baulch

Meeting Closed: 9:45PM

— Ann Cupid (Secretary) —














Item of Interest



Thanks to member, Malc Moors for supplying a picture of a very interesting Model T rail car in New Zealand. A more detailed article on the use of Model T mechanicals for rail transport in New Zealand may feature in a future edition of T Torque.



	Club Calendar 2024/25		
			
 August	CLUB MEETING:	9	8pm General Meeting - Guest Speaker: Chris Dillon
	CLUB EVENTS:	3-4	Briaralong Campout Weekend (Contact: Warwick Landy, refer to Under the Hood Editorial)
	OTHER EVENTS:	27	Federation Picnic: Marong
 September	CLUB MEETING:	13	8pm General Meeting - Club Auction Night (details on 'Trad'n Table' page)
	CLUB EVENT:		Wangaratta Rally
	OTHER EVENTS:	21-22	Wangaratta Sprint Rally - see Upcoming Events (Book now!)
 October	CLUB MEETING:	11	8pm General Meeting - Guest Speaker: David Jenkins (carbies)
	CLUB EVENT:		TBA
	OTHER EVENTS:	6	Eurora Show n Shine
 November	CLUB MEETING:	8	8pm General Meeting: Guest Speaker: Dean Williams (TBC) 'Rust Removal with Molasses'
	CLUB EVENT:	1-5	Cup Weekend Rally — Point Lonsdale (see 'Upcoming Events')
	OTHER EVENTS:	16-17	Bendigo Swap Meet
 December	CLUB MEETING:	13	8pm General Meeting
	CLUB EVENT:	1	T & A Christmas Picnic—details TBA
	OTHER EVENTS:		TBC
 January	CLUB MEETING:		No Meeting
	CLUB EVENT:	26	Australia Day Run TBC
 February	CLUB MEETING:	14	8pm General Meeting
	CLUB EVENT:		TBA
	OTHER EVENTS:		TBC

	Club Permit Renewals		
			
Club permit renewals must be signed by the club permit holder and an authorised MTFVCV officer to confirm that the permit holder is a current member of the club. Members having vehicles permitted through MTFVCV 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 secretary@mtfcv.com If members need a permit signed & can't meet a safety officer in person, mail the permit with a stamped self addressed envelope to a safety officer. These will be processed & returned in the mail.	August Chris Cansdale 09187H Robert Dalton 5110 David Dare 799 Claudette Fahy 8291 Alan Flude 4590 Russell Hughes 834 Malcolm Moors 3478 Norman Morgan 6278 John Morrison 6696 Linda Phillips 1568H2 Ian Seamer 8293 Brian Smith 5494, 5111 David Weatherhead 158BH Dean Williams 5415	September Ivor Austin 800 Geoffrey Brooke 7376 Bruce Csorba 5251 Paul Daley 791 Barry Hancock 3719 Noel Huitt 45515H Rodney Kieseker 8201 Peter Natoli 6202 Andrew Phillips 09594H, 73804H, 73805H, Linda Phillips 84347H, 4193H7, 96801H Gregory Russell 6100 Scott Staples 316 Jenny Stevens 9381 David Weatherhead 4378	October Geof Baulch 3837 Steve Brown 7644 Robert Dalton 557 Criag Holst 010 Rodney Kieseker 6437 Bernie McKeegan 4585 Malcolm Moors 49220-H Andrew Phillips 02321M Hartmuth Scholz 8437 Ray Smith 5199 Alexander Trifonov 4428



Event Report



Club Annual Lunch - July 14

Approximately 40 members and friends gathered for the Annual club lunch at the now traditional, and well established venue, the Cardinia Park Hotel in Beaconsfield.

Jo Baulch gave excellent instructions as to how the venue was going to handle our orders, and it wasn't long before all the members were well fed with a fine variety of dishes to suit a cold winter's day.

After lunch was served there were a few formalities including the presentation of the Club Person of the Year award (see sperate article). There were also presentations of some lovely bouquets of flowers to Paula Landy for editorial work and Jo Baulch for assisting with raffles and other tasks at club meetings. President John, also acknowledged new committee member, Jake Brown, for taking on the role of club treasurer.





Under the Hood - Editorial



Greetings Members,

Firstly, a big congratulations to the committee for continuing in their roles of service to the club, and congratulations to our new treasurer, Jake Brown. Jake replaced David Jones who was a big part of adopting the new technology of the 'Our Car Club' web based club management program. David's efforts have been instrumental in introducing new technology to club management, which makes it easier and more attractive for any member to get involved in managing club affairs in the future. From an editor's perspective, I now have the ability to distribute T Torque to members and printers via a single click, confident all the data is correct. This makes the editor's job easier, with less stress, and cuts down on communications. Thankyou David! I look forward to continuing working with the executive to share the club's programs and activity reports via T Torque in the 2024/25 calendar year.



If your emailed newsletter has not been received, please firstly check your 'Junk Mail', prior to contacting the committee as your computer may not be familiar with the new format and may need to be told that it is 'Safe'. In closing, It was a nice surprise for Paula to be presented with flowers at the annual lunch. Thanks to the club for this nice gesture. As you all know, without Paula's editorial skills our content would not be presented in the way it is.

Three years ago we were seriously completing restorations and making plans for the upcoming National at Maryborough. Some of our earliest articles in T Torque back then, as the new editors of T Torque, were retrospective articles about the history of previous National rallies. Hopefully as 2025 and Ballarat approaches I will get back to writing and including some more retro articles.

Do any members have a restoration in progress with the hope of getting it to Ballarat? How about sharing a progress article with us?

Editor's Assistant: Many thanks to the committee for the beautiful bunch of flowers I received at the annual lunch. While not necessary, they were very much appreciated! It is a pleasure to work on the newsletter and the increased number of members contributing content over time has enabled the work to be spread through the month, and helps avoid last minute rush.



President John presenting Paula with flowers at the annual lunch.

Keep touring in your Ts!

— Warwick Landy (Editor) —



From our Treasurer...



Subs Renewals 2024/25 Year

Hello Everyone,

It's that time of the year again, when the annual club membership fees are due. Just a friendly reminder that there have been some changes to the fees this year, with the **standard membership including email newsletters staying at \$55** and the big change to the **paper newsletter membership being a total \$88** this year. (payment details on page 18)

If you have a club permit scheme vehicle, it is important to make sure that you have paid your club membership before 30th August, otherwise you will risk your vehicle becoming ineligible for a club permit.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to myself or one of our friendly committee members and we would be happy to answer your questions.

Kind regards,

— Jake Brown —





Old Victorian Garages



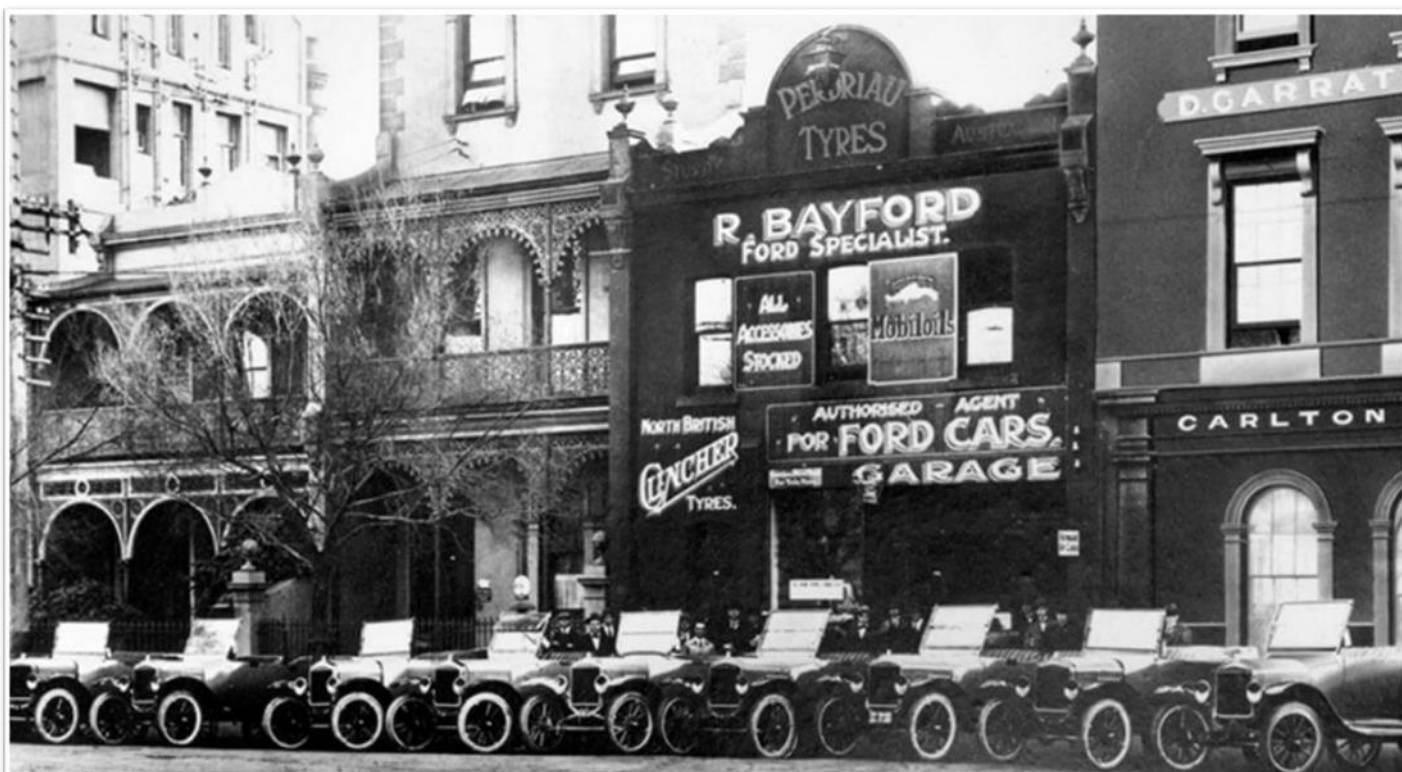
Bayford Ford

In continuation of some coverage of early Victorian Ford garages, agents and dealers, this month we feature Bayford Ford. How many club members have purchased a Ford over the years from a Bayford Ford dealer?

Bayford's was the longest surviving family-owned car dealership in Australia. Bayford family members still have an interest in the company but it was largely acquired by the Autopact group in 2017.

It started life as a Ford dealership in 1917, operating from a small shopfront in Victoria Parade in Fitzroy. The site is now part of St Vincent's hospital.

The founder, Mr Dick Bayford, had worked as an engineer with the main Victorian Ford agent and assembler, 'Tarrant's', then, for the Ford Motor Company in the USA, and returned to Melbourne using his USA contacts to establish his own Ford agency. For those Essendon supporters in the Club, Dick Bayford also played for Essendon in the VFL!



Pictured outside the early dealership are a line up of new Tarrant bodied tourers and centre, possibly a Holden/Tarrant deluxe bodied T around 1922.



Does one of our members happen to know the whereabouts of the pictured Bayford's delivery van?

Left: A Bayford Model T delivery Van in one of the business's Modern day showrooms.



Rally Report



Veteran Car Club Mid Winter Rally - St Arnaud Vic. By Robbie Dalton

We have received the following report of some of our members attending an event in their Veteran Ts. Thanks to Robbie for this contribution. —Ed.

Once again Christine and I attended the Veteran Car Club's Mid-winter Rally, this year at the historic town of St. Arnaud, in our T.J. Richards bodied 1915 Roadster. Some readers may recall that on this rally last year, our car broke a driveshaft, and I am happy to report that this year we came through unscathed and had a great time.

The rally kicked off with a registration, 'meet and greet' at the local sporting club. Rally bags were given out and at 2.00 pm we set off for a short shakedown run of about 10 km.

We drove to GILMAC and parked our cars in their carpark. We were then entertained with a presentation about the company and learnt that they are an exporter of Australian fodder to East Asia. They receive truckloads of large bales and process it into smaller packs and then load it into containers for export. Each pack is made up of 30 smaller bales that can be handled easily by workers.

On return to St. Arnaud we parked our cars in the main street for the benefit of the locals and wandered around looking at the shops. Our evening was an enjoyable get together at the sporting club with a lovely meal and talk by the rally director.

Saturday was a run of about 125 km total. We drove from St. Arnaud to Rupanyup. The trip was uneventful but we were encased with a very thick fog all the way, so we saw very little of the countryside. On arrival we visited Wood's Farming and Heritage museum. A huge collection of everything one could imagine and morning tea and lunch was supplied by the staff of the museum.

Our trip home was better as the fog had lifted and we could admire the sights as we travelled sedately home. Saturday night's dinner was at the only other place in town that could fit us all in, the sports club had already been pre booked, 2nd best was a bit squeezey but the meal was excellent, with some musical entertainment and good company.

Sunday was a car display and a short drive around town, with a morning tea stop on top of the hill in town. Here we learnt about the eucalyptus oil industry in the area and also that the town was founded on gold. We then went to the home of the rally director to look at his collection of veteran, vintage and classic cars. Lunch was supplied by the local Lions club and we left at about 1.00 pm. After loading up at the caravan park we arrived home at 5.30pm after another great weekend of car rallying.

— Robbie Dalton —



The event featured 7 brass Ts. These 3 include Phil Ruge's 1915 Duncan & Fraser bodied Tourer, early MTFCV, Bill Lindsay's 1911 Tourer and the Daltons TJ Richards bodied 1915 Roadster. The Dillons Veteran Minerva is in the background.



2024 AGM Minutes



43rd Annual General Meeting of the Model T Ford Club of Victoria — Friday 12th July 2024

OPENING:

- The meeting opened at 8:05pm and chaired by Bernie McKeegan. He started by thanking Ann, our Secretary, for providing information for this document.
- Why an AGM? Government control of incorporated clubs. Based on model Rules. AGM is being conducted in accordance with Bernie's understanding of the requirements of The Model Rules 2023 (previously 2012).
- Those recorded as present at this AGM will be in accordance with the attendance register. This will include those joining via Zoom, which under the Constitution is acceptable.

APOLOGIES:

- Chris & Fiona Dillon, Graham & Maree Hadden, Chris Bagot, Jenny Stevens, Justin Deakon, Robbie & Christine Dalton

2023 AGM MINUTES:

- Confirmation of minutes of the 23/24 AGM held on 14/07/2023 as published in T Torque. **Moved: Jo Baulch, Seconded: David Weatherhead.** There was no general business arising from these minutes.

REPORTS:

- Bernie spoke of our members who had passed away in the last 12 months. These included Alan Fairnie, Diane Nettleton, Carol Churchill, Graham Fossey, Dawn Brand, Bruce Feldtman, Janice Patterson, Jim Bull and Ross Davidson. Bernie also sent thoughts to those members who are ageing or in poor health. Please let committee know of anyone who is unwell so a card can be sent. A phone call or a visit is always nice too.
- Membership numbers for this year is 161 memberships and 177 vehicles on the CPS.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President John Huitt gave a report on all the rallies and day trips the club has had over the past 12 months. He also thanked guest speakers and anyone who had helped with anything during the year.

TREASURERS' REPORTS

- David Jones gave his last report as Treasurer and Cheryl Weatherhead, Treasurer of the 2025 rally committee, gave a financial report for the rally. **Moved: David Jones Seconded: Rhonda Huitt**

2025 NATIONAL RALLY Geof Baulch gave a report on committee make up and plans for the 2025 National Rally, including itinerary, sponsors, proposed runs and registrations to date.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

- All positions declared vacant. We have Nomination forms for all the following positions. All nominations signed by the mover and seconder. All those nominated have signed to accept their nomination.
- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** President: John Huitt, Vice President: Chris Bagot, Secretary: Ann Cupid, Treasurer: Jake Brown. Members agreed the number of General Committee members to be 3.
- **COMMITTEE PERSONS:** Steven Brown, David Jenkins, Noel Inman
- **NON EXECUTIVE POSITIONS:** Editors: Warwick & Paula Landy, Librarian: Brian Smith, Scrutineer/CPS Office Bearers: David Weatherhead, Chris Dillon, Ray Smith, Brian Smith Webmaster: Andrew Brand
- **DELEGATES:** Federation: Geof Baulch, AOMC: Bernie McKeegan
- Outgoing committee members will assist new committee members with their roles. Handovers to be carried out within the next 14 days. Acceptance of all Committee Positions. **Moved: Julie Jones Seconded: Cameron Smythe**
- Can members please give a thought to taking on a committee role in the future?

MEMBERSHIP FEES: The outgoing Committee have reviewed our finances, both debits and credits for the last 12 months, including inflationary factors and are recommending subscription fees for the next 12 months be as follows.

- **Membership fee:** no change. (Includes emailed copy of T Torque magazine) **\$55.00**
- **Printed magazine: \$33** (\$3 x 11 months). **Membership plus a posted and emailed T Torque magazine \$88 total.**

Membership fees to be paid by 31st August 2024. No subscription will be accepted prior to the AGM where the current year's fees were set.

CLOSING: The Secretary will lodge an annual statement with Consumer Affairs Victoria within 1 month of the AGM.

Thank you on behalf of the members to David Jones for his work over the past few years. Thanks also to helpers in the kitchen, distributing raffle tickets, contributions to T Torque and those who have organised rallies and outings.

Congratulations to the new Committee for offering to help the club move forward over the next 12 months. We should all stay united and support the new Committee including helping where possible.

AGM closed: 9:17pm President John Huitt, Secretary Ann Cupid and new Treasurer Jake Brown were then called upon to conduct a quick General Meeting.

— Ann Cupid (Secretary) —



Event Report



Penrite Factory and Museum, July 27 - David Jenkins & Thelma Huitt

Today saw a great turnout of both Model T and A vehicles visit Penrite, Lane 88, vehicle collection.

The collection of vehicles of two and four versions is a credit to the Diamond family and a big thank you to them for allowing us to view their collection.



Les Mecoles:
(Company
Founder)
1926 - 1979

Company History...

From small beginnings in 1926, Les Mecoles, at 16 years old, founded Penrite Oil Company from his parents' home in St. Kilda, Melbourne, Australia.

The first batches of oil were made on his mother's kitchen stove and delivered to service stations, milling factories and the local shipping port using his father's wheelbarrow. Oils were manufactured from the highest quality lubricants from Pennsylvania (PEN) base stocks, regarded at the time as the best in the world. Only the right oils (RITE) were ever sold to local customers, hence PENRITE, with its unique name, gained trust and respect amongst many.

As the business grew, a new blending facility was built in Richmond. After several years, Penrite again moved to Abbotsford. At this time, Melbourne and regional Victoria grew in population and the road and railway network expanded across Australia, which created opportunities for business expansion. Penrite introduced new automotive products including batteries and oil filters.

The business continued to grow, however in 1979 Les Mecoles, suffering from poor health, sold the company to John and Margaret Dymond. John (JD) served a 7-year apprenticeship at Vauxhall Motors, Luton, starting work at 16 years old. He obtained a mechanical engineering degree at night school. Whilst at Vauxhall he became a draughtsman, specialising in the design of gearboxes. He and Margaret moved to Melbourne in March 1958, where he took up a position with BP Australia in the Technical department.

During this time, JD assisted in the development of lubricants for the harsh climates of Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, and Northern Australia. In 1968, JD took a job opportunity at Lubrizol Australia, an American international additive producer, so he could become involved in the additive industry which was becoming an important part of lubricant production.

John's 20 years' experience in both the oil industry and the additive market gave him the background and knowledge he needed to take up the challenge of his own company, PENRITE OIL. Penrite continues to be 100% Australian owned and managed from Dandenong South, Melbourne by the Dymond family. Margaret continues serving on the board of directors. All of the Dymond siblings play a role in shaping the business, and some of the grandkids are the first of the next generation coming into the business.



Club Person of the Year



Congratulations to 2023/24 Club person of the year, Frank van Ekeren.

Frank received several nominations from members, for this year's award, for his assistance to many club members with his mechanical restoration services and advice on engine and transmissions repairs. Included here is some text from one of the nominations-

"Frank has organised club runs in Gippsland and does a lot of work behind the scenes, keeping members cars on the road."

Frank was unable to attend the annual lunch to receive his award but it was delivered to him shortly after.

During the course of the last few years, I have been able to witness first hand some of the projects that have passed through Frank's workshop. One of the more recent projects which is still in progress is the engine from Russell Medhurst's Coupe. The broken crankshaft was mentioned in recent 'Newsy Bits', but it wasn't until the tear down, the full extent of the damage was realised! Here is a

Frank pictured with his award and the honour board in front of his 1927 Tourer, Piggy.

picture, both rear and centre mains broken out of the block when the crank broke. More information on this failure in a future edition. — Ed



Birtles & the Bean Epic Drive Recreated!

Many members may recall the recreating of the 1906 Peking to Paris in 2006 by journalists and adventurers, Warren Brown and Lang Kidby. The series was a hit presentation on the ABC. The two participants are at it again, this time in 2025 re creating the 100th anniversary of the famous Aussie motoring adventurer, Francis Birtles' drive from London to Melbourne.



Brown & Kidby launched separate expeditions in this anniversary year, both sourcing and preparing similar 1925 Bean cars and embarking on their own versions of recreating the original journey. Francis Birtles is well known to many of us from his early Aussie motoring adventures in his Model Ts. Birtles later used English "Bean" cars for his epic trips. Coverage of both the 2025 trips can found here. Warren Brown: [click here](#) Lang & Bev Kidby: [click here](#)



Article of Interest



Another Model T Era Aeroplane

Members may recall an earlier article about the Model T powered aeroplane, the 'Pietenpol'. The Pietenpol was privately made and its only connection to Ford was the possible use of a cut down Model T powerplant. However, Ford did make an early effort to enter the skies with a Ford built aircraft. Here is the story.

The Ford Flivver was a single seat light aircraft that was built in 1926 at the behest of Henry Ford. His only stipulation was that it be small enough to fit into his office. The just completed first prototype was unveiled on July 30, 1926. It was flown regularly by Ford's chief test pilot, Harry J. Brooks. The tiny aircraft was designed to be "every-man's aircraft" just as Henry's Model T was "every-man's automobile".

The Ford Flivver inspired a New York Evening Sun columnist to write a poem about it:

*I dreamed I was an angel
And with the angels soared
But I was simply touring
The heavens in a Ford.*

Charles Lindbergh was invited to fly one of the prototypes at one point. After his flight he proclaimed the Flivver to



be, (quote) "one of the worst aircraft he ever flew" (unquote).

Brooks had a Flivver prototype modified so he could try for long distance record for light aircraft. The flight was to be from Dearborn Michigan to Miami, Florida. He made a forced landing in Titusville, Florida where he repaired a bent prop and then spent the night after which he again set off to continue his flight. While at Titusville he had jammed toothpicks in the vent holes of his fuel cap to prevent condensation from entering the tank overnight. When he left the next morning on his flight he had forgotten to remove them. His Flivver crashed in the ocean off Melbourne, Florida due to fuel starvation due to the blocked air vents. Brooks' body was never found although the aircraft later washed up on shore.

Henry Ford was so devastated by the death of a favoured employee that he pulled the plug on development of the Ford Flivver.





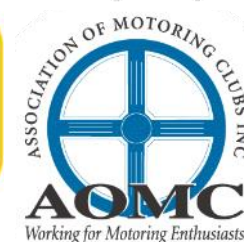
Article of Interest



Survey reveals Australia's historic vehicle owners spend over \$9.9 billion annually



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- Over 6,000 respondents across 800 motoring clubs in a nationwide Economic Value Study confirm close to \$10 billion in annual expenditure on historic vehicles
- An estimated 970,000 historic vehicles in Australia with owners spending close to \$10,240 per vehicle per year
- Australian Motor Heritage Foundation: "In carrying out this study, we have shown that the historic vehicle movement is a large and vibrant part of Australia's society and economy."

Sydney, 11th April, 2024 – The owners of Australia's historic vehicles spend some \$9.9 billion each year on their passion, according to a new survey.

The Economic Value Study (EVS) of well over 6000 Australian respondents, distributed to over 800 motoring clubs nationally, was conducted for the Australian Motor Heritage Foundation (AMHF) by The Mercurius Group (TMG). The Foundation is champions of Australia's motor heritage, and an organisation dedicated to promoting and preserving Australia's motoring history.

The enthusiast owners of an estimated 970,000 historic vehicles in Australia spend on average \$10,240 per vehicle annually, around 12.5% more than people who own daily driven cars. The historic vehicle fleet represents 4.4% of Australia's 21 million total vehicle fleet. Around 50% of the survey respondents own only one historic vehicle, the other 50% owning two or more vehicles. "Historic" vehicles are in two categories: those 15 to 30 years old defined as "classic" vehicles and those over 30 years old defined as "heritage" vehicles.

Such a survey has never been comprehensively undertaken on so wide a scope or on a national basis in Australia. Following publication of the similar landmark 2020 HERO-ERA study in the UK, the AMHF decided to find out what is the real figure for the economic contribution of historic vehicles for Australia.

"The findings of this report have certainly highlighted the significance of the historic vehicle sector to both the community at large and the economic sector," says Hugh King, Chairman of the AMHF.

"The response from Australia's motoring club members has been unprecedented: the economic modellers at TMG have never had so large a data pool to work with, proving motoring enthusiasts care as passionately about their historic vehicles as they do having their voices heard. In carrying out this study, we have shown that the historic vehicle movement is a large and vibrant part of Australia's society and economy."

The survey also reveals the total annual economic impact, including both direct and indirect expenditure, is \$25.2 billion: with the sector creating almost 79,000 jobs – 42,000 direct and 37,000 indirect. These jobs generate \$6.2 billion in wages and salaries annually. These are very large numbers by any standard.

Stavros Yallouridis, CEO of the Motor Traders' Association of NSW (MTA NSW), said the AMHF's survey gave yet more irrefutable evidence of the significant contribution of the automotive sector in the broader Australian economy.

"Despite the end of local vehicle manufacturing, Australia maintains a rich and diverse automotive industry, which employs hundreds of thousands of people across a range of roles," Mr Yallouridis said.

"The automotive sector is one of the backbones of our economy and is also at the heart of our communities. This survey, and the enthusiastic response, highlights the necessity for Australia to back its automotive sector with world-class training, local skills development and career pathways."



Upcoming Rallies and Events



MELBOURNE CUP WEEKEND RALLY - THE POINT LONSDALE CUP MEET



Plenty to see, do and experience!

Accommodation for large groups is scarce during long weekends and we need to plan well ahead. We need your expression of interest to secure the accommodation. The Point Lonsdale Guest

House has set aside the entire property for us for a limited time.

Room prices range from \$140.00 to \$170.00 per night. Take a look at the rooms and facilities [here](#). **NOTE: The form to be sent to the Guesthouse is attached with your newsletter. (send this directly to the Guest House) Club entry forms need to go to DAVID JENKINS (details above), form also attached.**

The Point Lonsdale Guest House was built in 1884 and was originally called Terminus House. Terminus House accommodated the workers who constructed the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse, established in 1902.

- FRI 1 - Happy hour afternoon nibbles - BYO Drinks
- Dinner @ Guest House (Loaded baked potatoes & selection of slices)
- SAT 2 - Breakfast, Continental @ Guest Kitchen
- Drive to Buckley Falls, picnic lunch at the Falls
- Continue to Anakie - Coffee Stop (own cost)
- Dinner - Lonsdale Links (2 course set menu)
- SUN 3 - Breakfast, Continental @ Guest Kitchen
- Drive to Airey's Inlet
- Lunch - Airey's Pub (1 course set menu)
- Dinner - BBQ, Salad & sweets @ Guest House
- MON 4 - Breakfast, Continental @ Guest Kitchen
- AM: Drive to Port Arlington - Free time to explore (Ramblers Walk, Pier, shops etc)
- Lunch - own cost/own choice
- PM - Return to Queenscliff for Fort Tour @ 1.30pm
- Rest of afternoon free to explore Queenscliff (Shops, Wharf, Museum, Lighthouse etc)
- Dinner, roast, regies @ sweets @ Guest House
- TUES 5 - Breakfast, Continental @ Guest Kitchen
- For those not in a hurry, Jack Rabbit Winery, great views

TOTAL MEAL/ FORT PACKAGE:
\$180 plus \$35 Driver & \$10 per person



New for
2024!

For the 2024 festival we've ordered the sun to shine because it's set to be something special with even more Flatty enthusiasts & cars expected to participate. Regardless of the weather the show will go on!

If you have any old flathead Ford parts you no longer need, throw them in the boot and bring them along to trade.

NOTE: This is not a formal swap meet & is strictly what you have that you don't need—no professional swap meet sellers or traders.

Sunday October 20th 2024
10am - 3pm
NATIONAL STEAM CENTRE

— 1200 Ferntree Gully Rd Scoresby —

Admission \$5 per exhibit or show car
Gold coin donation for Spectators

The show is open to all Ford Flathead powered vehicles originally built from 1903 to the end of the Flathead era, including Ford Flathead powered Hot Rods & Race Cars. Special parking for non Ford Flathead & OHV powered chrome bumper classic vehicles.

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WANGARATTA SPRING RALLY

21-22 September

For the month of September, the club committee are encouraging members to attend the Wangaratta Spring Rally.

Accommodation: Advance Motel

[click here](#)

Address:

55-59 Parfitt Rd Wangaratta VIC 3677

Phone: (03) 5721 9100

Entry forms and rally itinerary at AOMC website, link ([click here](#)):

Entries close 13th September 24





CLUB AUCTION NIGHT



Sep 13 — General Meeting

Start digging out some spares to bring to make this night as successful as previous club auctions.

A few parts or a lot are welcome, as are donations to the club. Members are encouraged to bring along plenty of cash!

Contact: **Andrew Brand 0414 219250**

webmaster@mtfcv.com



TRAD'N' TABLE



A free trading place to advertise your goods. 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.

From the NSW Club Website...

Although this add is late, parts may be left from the sale.

Contact Lorraine on the number below.

Clearance Sale

Saturday 3rd August 2024

- All enquiries to Laraine Whitehouse 0408 786 685
- Items for sale and photos are displayed on the link below.
- There are still many items being sorted and will be added.
 - Only a few items have been priced to date

[CLICK HERE to see photos of items.](#)

Wanted To Buy

Hood iron set or parts to suit assembly of a hood for a 1925 Dalgety Tourer.

Contact:

Warwick Landy 0400 168319

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FOR SALE: Lifetime Collection of Model T Parts

Andrew Webb, a member of Model T Ford Club of Australia (NSW), has a large collection of Model T speed equipment and accessories he has been listing on the Aussie Model T Cars and Parts Facebook page. [click here](#) (you will need to be a member of this page)

Search or scroll through his Facebook listings for terms or contact him on **0414 811 174**. Andrew also has a 1916 Town Car project, 1927 Fordor and Tudor Sedan projects for sale.

FOR SALE: CLUB MERCHANDISE

The club has a range of merchandise that is for sale at each meeting. Items can also be posted if required.

MTFCV CLUB MERCHANDISE

- 30th Anniversary lapel badge \$10 (limited number)
- Lapel badge \$10
- Cloth badge 50mm \$5
- Cloth badge 75mm \$10
- Grill badge \$40
- Sticker (black lettering) \$5
- Sticker (white lettering) \$5





Newsy Bits



Van Ekeren's Accident Update!

Frank's insurance claim has been settled and the wreck returned to his home. As I write, Frank is interstate

purchasing a replacement closed car, a 1926 Tudor Sedan. It requires some engine and assembly work, but much less than the rebuild of the Coupe. Although a write-off, the Coupe is quite rebuildable and



hopefully will be back on the road again one day?

BEST WISHES: David Weatherhead enters hospital on August 12 for shoulder reconstruction surgery. All the best to David for a speedy recovery and back to working on his Ts as soon as possible.

New Home for a T!

Former member and MTFCV club secretary from 1985/86, Dennis Le Page, has just sold his 1927 Tourer. Dennis did a spectacular job of restoring his original 1 family owned car. It now has a new home in East Gippsland. Hopefully the new owner will join our club.



Dennis & Linda Le Paige, 1927 Tourer

THE TIMER TOSSER TROPHY!

Still looking! Where is this lovely Christmas party perpetual trophy? Can it be returned and reinstated in Christmas party rally activities?



Berwick Swap Meet future in Doubt

The Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club will no longer be running the Berwick Swap on the first Saturday in February as from 2025.

We have run the Swap for 47 years and now finding that our aging membership, rising costs, red tape and now taxation have brought about this reluctant decision. We don't want to see it go and are hopeful that another like minded car club can take it over which we will support for the first couple of years.

If you know a car club that might be interested send an email to: info@dvhcc.com.au

— Kevin Clarence —

Happy Birthday Jill Flude!



Best wishes from the club on your recent milestone birthday! (It was great to see that Alan was able to get some excellent photos of the occasion!)

Do you have any 'Newsy Bits'?
Send them to: ttorquenews@hotmail.com



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The club welcomes new members who have an interest in the Model T Ford.

Members receive 11 monthly editions of the Model T Torque newsletter. The Model T Ford Club participates in and administers the VicRoads Club Permit Scheme. 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 **Vintage Drivers Club Clubrooms, Factory 8, 41 Norcal Rd, Nunawading** 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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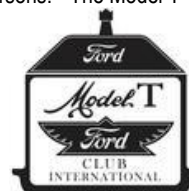
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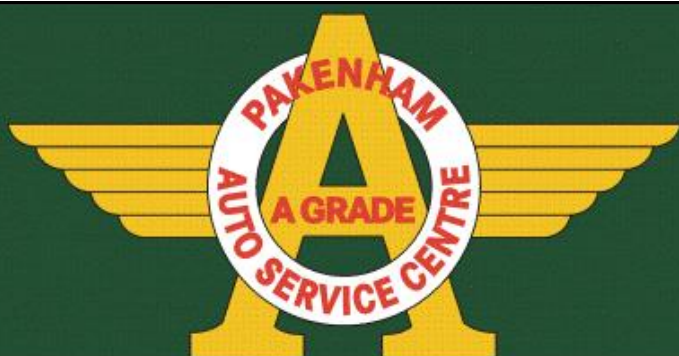




Period Feature Photo



The August period feature photo is a beautiful shot of a C1913 Roadster. Some previous history and comment has suggested the body is a Tarrant product? However, there seems to be no other pictures of other samples of this body type, suggesting it may have been a one-off customer build? English, rather than USA supplied brass lamp and carbide generator are typical of equipment supplied by Tarrant's on their cars. Does a member have any further knowledge or comment on this very unique T?



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