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Peter Natoli's finished speedster

NEXT MEETING: June 13, 8pm

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

MEETING ACTIVITY: A technical and interactive presentation by Chris Bagot on a front end rebuild using the original Stevens front axle tooling

We have only started with the development of our country-we have not as yet, with all our talk of wonderful progress, done more than scratch the surface." -- Henry Ford --

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President's Message



reetings to all Members,

Not so busy the month of May, but one enjoyable outing the Club had, was the run to the Noojee Pub for lunch on Saturday the 10th of May, organised by Dean Williams and Alan Weatherhead. Some left from Alan's place and others from Lilydale. Thelma and I had to miss out on that run as Treasurer Jake Brown and myself had to attend a Meeting at the AOMC on the Saturday to learn more about MembershipPLUS Insurance Proposal for the Club.



Thelma and I had booked the Motel to go to The Heyfield Vintage Machinery Rally on May 18th, but had to cancel out at the last minute due to us both coming down with the flu. Warwick and Frank did however attend, saying they had a good day.

Our Treasurer Jake Brown and the committee are slowly but surely progressing with the Club's tax return situation and the MembershipPLUS Insurance Proposal.

We should have all received the latest National Rally report by now from which did have a very good self check safety form with it, so now during the winter months, is a great time to get our cars ready for September.

Our rally committee are hard at work in these closing months, setting the finishing touches to what I' m sure is going to be another fantastic rally. It's hard to believe it's almost 3 years since the last International Rally in Dubbo, 2022. The next international rally after Ballarat, we will only have to wait 2 years for the South Australia 2027 in which we will be celebrating the last year of the Model Ts.

The AGM Meeting is almost here again at the **July Meeting**, so hoping to get a good attendance. So roll up, come along ,we will be having a **nice hot pie night supper**. It will be followed by the Annual Luncheon, Sunday the 13th July at The Cardinia Park Hotel, 200 Beaconsfield - Emerald Road, Beaconsfield. We have booked for 40, but need confirmation of numbers attending in case we need to alter that. Please give our Events Coordinator,



David Jenkins or a Committee Member a call to confirm a booking. (details on committee page at back).

One last thing, we are always looking for suggestions and ideas for demonstrations and presentations for our general meetings.

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

— John & Thel —



The committee would be pleased to receive nominations for *Club Person of the Year*. Nomination criteria may include:

- Attendance at club runs, meetings and functions
- The member having held a position of office or nonexecutive position such as club delegate, librarian or editor
- Organisation of club annual rallies or regular events such as Bendigo Swap, March and Cup weekends
- Submission of material for *T Torque* magazine
- Signing up of new members and or promotion of club membership
- Owning and driving a Model T

Forms attached with email or contact a committee member

From our Treasurer...

Members,

Subscription renewal season is upon us but until the new subscription rates have been ratified at the club's July AGM, we cannot accept payments before this date. We are aware from past years that members do enjoy paying their club subscriptions early but we don't want anyone to pay the wrong amount should there be subscription cost movement for the coming year.

The committee wishes to reiterate their gratefulness for our Pioneer members who have contributed a lot to our club and as such do not have to pay a subscription.

Regards,

— Jake Brown (Treasurer) —



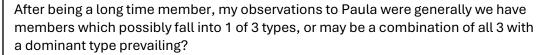
Under the Hood - Editorial



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reetings members,

As we consider provided content each month and put out the call for more we often ask the question, what sort of members do we have and what content would members like to read about and contribute?





- 1. **The Driver:** One who derives most joy from being at the wheel of his or her T and enjoying the Camaraderie of driving with other like minded T owners and exploring new roads and venues in their T.
- 2. **The Restorer:** A member who enjoys the challenge of taking that bunch of worn out parts and correcting their defects and assembling them one day into a fully functional piece of motoring history. Not necessarily to be driven but enjoying the satisfaction of completion and preservation.
- **3. The Collector:** One who enjoys the thrill of collecting and preserving Model T parts just to ensure they are not consigned to the junk heap. This type includes activities such as numerous swap meets, garage sales and markets in pursuit of parts.

In our observations our club has many of the above and therefore should have plenty of new subject matter to include in T Torque! So how about it! Where have you driven to? What are you restoring and how is progress? What parts ahnd accessories have you found recently? The editor's lament is always about obtaining text or articles to edit, not to write it. A big shout out to those who provided content for this month's edition, which for the first time in many months was in danger of being reduced by 4 pages to suit the printer's layout!

Historic Photo: I found this picture recently on line of a Melbourne Veteran era Garage. It features a Veteran era Minerva Tourer but what caught my eye was the C1916 Canadian Tourer with Tarrant enhancements.

The caption reads: Kerri Underwood has posted this great photo of her Grandfather's Garage...c1918..

"Gordon Underwood -Central Motor Garage ...Alphington... Melbourne. Gordon is seated in the drivers seat, car on the



left...Kerri's Great Grandfather Amos, is standing on the passengers side."

Do any members have any further information on the location and history of this garage?

Keep Touring in your Ts,

- Warwick Landy -



General Meeting Minutes



Meeting Opened on Friday 9th May at 8:04pm by President John Huitt at the VDC Clubrooms, Nunawading and via Zoom

<u>Present:</u> 25 at clubrooms, 9 on Zoom <u>Visitors:</u> Ian Hancock, Russell Stuckey

Apologies: Colin & Pam Weidemann, Alan & Jill Flude, Ivor Austin, Robbie Dalton, David &

Julie Jones, Jenny Stevens, Chris & Fiona Dillon

<u>New Members</u>: Not present but welcome to new member Stuart McLaren <u>Confirmation of minutes:</u> Moved: Barry Hancock, seconded Thelma Huitt

Business Arising from Minutes: Nil

Tonight's Meeting: Talk from Chris Bagot on unusual products

Correspondence In:

◆ Email: AOMC bulletin, AOMC insurance scheme

♦ MAIL: Backfire magazine

Correspondence Out: Nil

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Presented to the members by Jake Brown, seconded Cheryl Weatherhead

Last Month's Rally Reports:

Geof Baulch took his quadricycle up to Mildura

• Brian Smith gave a report on the Florence Thompson Tour

Upcoming Events:

Noojee lunch run Saturday 10th May,

Heyfield Vintage Machinery Rally May 17th – 18th

REPORTS...

Delegates:

AOMC: Next Monday at the Penrite Museum

• Federation: Next weekend out past Swan Hill then the Murrabit picnic on the Sunday

<u>2025 National Rally:</u> Ford Eclipse in Ballarat and Ford Australia willing to help

General Business:

The Ford Flathead Festival that is being held on the 19th of October at the Steam Centre in Scoresby, celebrating 100 years of Ford and would like to do a display of 1925 Model Ts please.

Next Meeting:

• Talk from Chris Bagot on front axles

Raffle Draw:

RAFFLE: DRAWN BY: Noel Huitt WON BY: Noel Inman PRIZE SELECTED: Metric spanners

• Extra Mother's Day Raffle: DRAWN BY: JD Won by: Rhonda Huitt Prize: Bunch of flowers

MEETING CLOSED: 8:53PM

— Ann Cupid (Secretary) —



Club Calendar 2025







CLUB EVENT: TBC

OTHER EVENTS: 6-9 Hamilton Car Club Annual Rally



CLUB MEETING:
11 8pm AGM Followed by General Meeting - join us for our pie night!
CLUB EVENT:
19 Annual Club Lunch, Cardinia Park Hotel (see 'Upcoming Events')

OTHER EVENTS: TBC



CLUB MEETING: 8 8pm General Meeting, Guest Speaker: Brian Churchill—'Ford History'

CLUB EVENT: TE

OTHER EVENTS: 3-9 Federation Open Tour Cars

31 Federation Picnic, Marong



CLUB MEETING: 13 8pm General Meeting

CLUB EVENT: 27 Sep to 3 Oct National Rally - 'Eureka Gold', Ballarat

OTHER EVENTS: 20-22 Wangaratta Spring Rally



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12 8pm General Meeting7 T & A Christmas Party

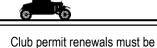
OTHER EVENTS: 18 Motoring Heritage Day, Trentham

24-25 Historic Winton



Club Permit Renewals





Club Permit Kenewa

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.

signed by the club permit holder

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.

June

Gregory Angelo 1820 Chris Bagot 698 Geoffrey Brooke 3358H2 Andrew Brown 5446 Robert Dalton 6481 Laurie Ford 7457 Noel Huitt 5108 Linda Phillips 118H3, 3629H4, 6129H6 Mickie Turner 6243 Graeme Wagland 5099 Bill Wallace 934GH David Weatherhead 258BH,

41328H

Rhonda White 457

James Wotherspoon 8089

July

Geof Baulch 546A-H
Paul Daley 988, 752
Chris Dillon CH4195
Bernie McKeegan 08777H
Malcolm Moors 1506
Peter Natoli 7-636
Brendan Pell 1318H9
Dorothy Reddick 7389
Peter Rutley 8083
Dean Walker 7373
Bill Wallace 5922

August

Chris Cansdale 09187H
Robert Dalton 5110
David Dare 799
Claudette Fahy 8291
Alan Flude 4590
Russell Hughes 834
Malcom Moors 3478
Norman Morgan 6278
John Morrison 6696
Linda Phillips 1568H2
lan Seamer 8293
Brian Smith 5494, 5111
David Weatherhead 158BH
Dean Williams 5415



Federation Meeting Report

The Mallee Steam Oil and Machinery Club are hosting this May meeting which was at Woorinen near Swan Hill, a six hour round trip for me. We were welcomed by President Andy Talbert. After a light lunch the meeting started at 1pm with welcome of new members, apologies, correspondence and financials as usual.

The 2025 Events so far were: the Mortlake Picnic; Wunghru Vehicle Machinery and Collectables Display; Scoresby Picnic; and the Murrabit picnic which have all been very successful.

Coming up is: The Marong Picnic 31st August where a celebration of 80 years since Fordson E27N Tractors were released in Australia; The Baw Baw Picnic is on the 26th October.



The Peter Macallum Hospital Fundraiser: \$475 raised by 2 Bendigo Clubs that had 50 items displayed at Bendigo Showgrounds. Bendigo Swap: Thankyou was sent to members from Motafrenz Club for stepping up and helping the Veteran and Vintage Classic Club of Bendigo to assist running this years Swap meet. VVCC Bendigo has two years left to manage the Swap ('25 and '26). After that the Federation have a contract to hire the Showgrounds for 2027 and also allows the Federation another 5 years as well. Motafrenz are looking at running the future Swaps but other clubs may wish to assist them in some way. The Central Victorian Restoration Group will be one of those clubs as they are local and can help out locally throughout the year. Any other club interested in helping out and so raising some monies for their clubs are encouraged to speak with Motafrenz. The Government and Show Society are still looking to build a 1200 square meter entertainment space, renew the perimeter fence, upgrade some entry ticket boxes and make changes to the arena fencing and surface covering. This will impact the 2025 and 2026 swap Meets. Volunteer Forms for the Swap meet been sent out to Clubs to be returned before 30th June 2025. Volunteers will receive a swap badge, a refreshment voucher, and a pass to enter the swap for free for each 2 hour shift worked and your club receives \$20. The Swap runs from Saturday and Sunday but Volunteers are needed from 8am Friday to 6pm Sunday. This leaves a lot of shifts to fill and all clubs are encouraged to participate.

AHMF Update: The Robert Shannon trust is looking for more applications for the 2025 year.

Neil Athorn is discussing better deals for club Insurance with 3 Insurance Providers. This is not only to do with the payment od premiums but also the requirements that Club members and committee have to do to ensure all are covered when arranging, attending and helping out at functions and displays.

Federation-AOMC Joint Meeting: Do any clubs have matters to be raised with Vic Roads or AOMC for discussion? The use of black and White Plates on the CPS is being discussed. The availability of heritage listed sites places around Victoria to hold car displays at is also being discussed with Vic Roads and the AOMC.

Tax on Clubs: Thanks Rebecca for sending out information for the easiest was to lodge the club tax returns. If your club is worried about these tax returns at all, there is an offer from the ATO for one of their representatives to attend a special meeting with representatives from Federation Clubs to go over this new tax requirements. *Are Clubs interested in doing this at a Central Location in person or online??*

Golden Oldies Tour 2026: Starting at the Marong Picnic at the end of August and heading for the Swan Hill District.

Open Tour 2025: Is in the Horsham area. This is open to all vehicles 25yrs+ and will start at Kerang and will travel to Warracknabeal, Nhill, Murtoa, Halls Gap and Horsham, 3rd to 9th Aug 2025. Entry Forms on the Federation Website.

Federations 55yr celebrations: Will be celebrated at Bendigo Swap, We have 6 large signs to be used at your club's next Event. **Grants and Trophy applications:** Hamilton rally June Long weekend have applied for a Trophy; Goulbourn valley motor vehicle Drivers Club applied for a Capital grant of \$1000 to purchase a new computer and was granted.

Swap report: From Alan and Paul from Motafrenz. Motafrenz are proud to be part of the Bendigo Swap meet organising committee for this year. We are looking forward to learning the ins and outs of running this great event. We have shown interest in running the swap with other clubs for about 18 months but with no-one from the Federation clubs coming forward we have decided to throw ourselves in the deep end. We are a Club who benefit from having members with a wide range of skill sets and a broad age range. We have extensive experience with electronic booking and payment facilities, as well as marketing of events using social media outlets. We hope to bring these skills and associated benefits to the swap meet. We have dealt with a number of matters arising from last years event, principally a noise complaint, an aggressive site holder and issues with amenities. We discussed the use of mobility scooters and e scooters within the swap, with a decision made that they need to have an entry pass fixed to them. We are waiting on a proposed finished site plan from Council and the Government showing what the site will look like with the new works completed so we can work on our site layout. This will also possibly affect food sales, therefore the committee are looking at a better way to organise catering/food vans. Paul (the other Motafrenz member) is looking forward to learning how the bookings and sites are processed as well as the tender process. Promotion of this years event is already underway. Stream lining of ticketing has been presented to the VVCCB. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions on how to improve the swap Meet, please let them know.

Next Meetings: 2nd Aug, Border Flywheelers Club Barham, 18th Oct, Bendigo Historic Motor Cycle Club, Llanelly



Event Report



Noojee Pub Lunch—May 10

This event featured 2 starting locations, with a group of 4 Gippsland members meeting at Alan and Caroline Weatherhead's property at Warragul before heading off to Noojee. It was good to see Frank van Ekeren back behind the wheel of his T after recovering from cancer radiation treatment! The Gippsland group consisted of Weatherhead's, Van Ekerens and 2 Bagot family Ts with Neil and Chris in the Coupe and Connor in the Ute. The trip up the hills was uneventful and the pub lunch enjoyed by all the crew. The Bagot Coupe suffered a mechanical breakdown on the way home and was retrieved by trailer later on. Perhaps Chris will give us an update on what occurred in an upcoming edition of T Torque?

— Ed. —

Hello, everyone! On Saturday the 10th of May, I was invited by Ann and Dean to come out for a drive in the Model T with my friend, Lyrica Cupid for a fun experience- which it was- for the first time.

The weather was a bit cold (was ok, had rugged up), but it was a good day to drive down to Lilydale Lake. On the way down it became man vs wild, (by the end of it, it was worse) with the blanket almost hitting the back of the driver and passenger, while also creating a new hairstyle in the process that only the wind could provide. I did get advice to rug up, and told how to keep my hair from being free. (which I was also given an extra jacket to help so thanks so them for the consideration). I didn't mind though, the experience of feeling the wind and not being in a stuffy car, feeling almost like being on a ride, maybe due to the strong engine and being able to have a different experience that most don't get to have, I barely thought about my hair or the cold. (seats were also pretty comfy). Getting back on track, when we got to the lake,

Getting back on track, when we got to the lake, waiting for some of the club members to join, we had some hot chocolates and each other's company to enjoy. Soon we were joined by the really nice, welcoming people named Steve, Tamarah and the lovable cute puppy Lightning, who loved the attention he received. We waited for another but were happy to meet them at the pub. Before we left, Steve showed me his car. Steven proceeded to try to sell me said car, but as tempting as it was, (I do not have a licence) it was interesting to see the similarities but noticeable differences. Then we continued on.

On the way up to Noojee Pub in Noojee, it was nice to take in the scenery, with all the bushland and the older/newer houses, the fresh air, and of course singing sea shanties and songs in the back for everyone with Lyrica. We were able to see the other Model T from a different perspective, belonging to Steve and Tamara behind us, in a little window section of our car, so we waved at each other a couple of times. They did pretty well at keeping up as we lost them for a moment.







Event Report continued...



On the journey we

Noojee Pub Lunch





also got a few VIP feeling waves from people passing by as well. Once we made it to the pub, everyone slowly started filing in from as far as (wow) Gippsland, while Tamara, lighting, Lyrica and I walked the grounds, by the river. We sat outside, on the unique table with cart wheels to have lunch. The lunch was lovely, it was yummy and proportioned generously and the staff were friendly, as were a couple of the members who were introduced to me after we had finished eating. Lyrica mentioned that there were 22 people in attendance and 8 T Models out the front that she was looking forward to showing me and I readily followed. Excitingly they were all different shapes, colours and sizes, making each

one unique. We decided to get some photos taken, that also worked well to compliment the cars with the background.

Once photos and looking where done, we headed back on our journey down the mountain. I don't have too much of a story left since I fell asleep for a short time because I was tired and found I was relaxed by the car engine rhythm. Funnily enough, that wasn't what got to my tight bound hair, the wind had won round two even more so. My hair was a mess, but I can always rock the style Damian in the movie Mean Girls had, that Lyrica did with the sunnies and hoodie. It made for some good laughs. I may yet win next time with this advice! It was a fun day that I am sure to remember and I'm glad I was given the opportunity and would like to come again. Thank you for reading, I hope you enjoyed it!

— Nesha Smith (first time T Rally participant) —





Event Report



Heyfield Vintage and Machinery Rally May 17-18 2025

The Heyfield Vintage and Machinery Rally is a 2 day event held in Heyfield, Gippsland at the machinery club's grounds. A grand arena, under cover clubrooms and fenced off exhibit areas make for a great location, and there is a spectacular display of working steam, diesel, petrol and horsedrawn machinery from a bygone on display.

In previous years some club members have attended for 2 days of Gippsland touring, but this year there were no takers, so Sunday it was! President John was a late withdrawal being unwell, and the





Bagots also a late cancellation. I left home around 8:30am using the direct route, straight up the highway, to meet with Frank van Ekeren at



Rosedale. Frank had the 1916 Tourer ready to go which made a pair of 16 Ts to head off on an uneventful half hour drive to Heyfield.

After a lap of the exhibits, a coffee, sausage and a catch-up with friends, we headed off to Frank's brother's radiator workshop to check up on his current projects which includes numerous brass and steel radiators and round veteran fuel tank repairs.

No visit to the area is complete without a visit to the Gippsland Vehicle Collection, which currently has a new display featuring Ford vs Holden which has some awesome examples of both makes on display. After taking in the collection

we headed to the historic Tinamba Pub for a late lunch and returned to Rosedale. I will be happy to add this event to the club calendar again for next year. Keep your diaries free and plan for 2 days of Gippsland touring and events.

- Warwick Landy -





Period Accessories and Equipment







The AAA Automatic Petrol Saver found amongst some recently acquired parts with a partially restored 23 Buick.

For those who missed the May meeting, Chris Bagot presented a rather interesting talk on a few of his experiences and parts from the Bagot collection. One such item presented was the AAA Automatic Petrol Saver. Shared here is the online article about this accessory. As advertised on the front cover, Chris will present again at this month's meeting with the aid of some original Model T front end repair equipment. Here is some original advertising for the product we will get to see in action!

Dr Google turned up a newspaper article reference to an October 1923 edition of the Anthony Horderns A larger Department Store in Sydney at the time) Mail Order catalogue on page 924. 'The A.A.A. Automatic Petrol Saver and Airbrake', with the boastful claim, Absolutely Automatic, savings guaranteed, Fits all Cars and Lorries.... Simply and Cheaply Fitted'. Cost 69/6. (That's 69 Shillings and sixpence.. \$6.96)

What a bargain! Especially with 'Benzine' (petrol, gasoline....) spiralling out of control towards a shilling (10 cents) a gallon.

There is an extra hole in the cars dash approx. this size reasonable to assume it was fitted.

Sounds like just the thing to reinstall on my restoration, although I did notice that the driving instructions are a tad tedious.

"To start engine, turn control handle to 'off'. After engine is started, turn handle to 'ON'. Keep at 'ON' for all driving, including hill climbing. When going downhill keep car in gear and turn control handle to 'brake'-do not de-clutch or turn off the ignition-effective air brake will then operate. If brake does not act well, it is due to the throttle not closing the 'Butterfly' sufficiently, thus allowing gas to enter cylinders, which is waste."

To Test your Mixture: "When throttle is set to run the car at, say 10 to 12 miles an hour, turn control to 'brake', and if car speed is increased, cut down benzine immediately as the mixture is too rich. When turning control handle it will be found easier to pull a little towards driver, which slightly withdraws the cone-shaped plug."

Regards, Norm





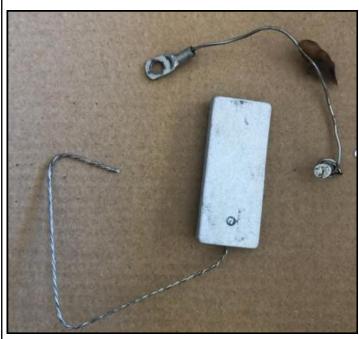
Technical Tip



The Sacrificial Anode

— Bernie McKeegan —

Following on from my comments about my recent head gasket and corroded alloy head problems, it was good to hear some discussion at the meeting about Sacrificial Anodes. The discussion has prompted the following contribution from Bernie McKeegan. — Ed.



Fully corroded away Anode



Installation Method



Corrosion in progress

THE PRODUCT (available from Henry's \$18-95)

I originally purchased my head saver about 18 years ago when I fitted a Z head to my T. My son-in-law who owns a marine business, with a Mercury outboard dealership, is all across sacrificial anodes as used in the boating industry, and to him it was a no brainer to fit one to the T with the aluminium head. I first rang a couple of oil and additive companies, to talk about radiator coolants which claim to replace the head saver idea. Whilst first being reluctant to speak against their product which also contained Glycol, they each agreed that the head saver was probably a better solution in an old car. One of their biggest issues was the Glycol content which I was already aware of. They also all said the product recommended was "rust inhibiter". I have always changed the anode about every 3 years, but with Covid and other issues, it had not been changed for about 5 years. With the 100 years of Ford last month, I carried out a service and on removing the old anode found it had lost the anode component rendering it useless. (see pic. which also shows a new head saver prior to installation). I was then interested to hear Warwick's story, and to hear Chris Bagot, at the last meeting, say that the Bagot family had always fitted head savers to all their Ts.

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The item can be installed anywhere where it will be in contact with the cooling system. I fit mine in the block adjacent to the side hose. Remove the hose and insert the anode into the block (water outlet). The wire tail from the anode then passes between the outlet and the hose to a position where it can be earthed. (This wire may need to be extended slightly). I have then crimped a lug onto the end off the protruding wire and fastened it to the bolt securing the outlet to the block. To ensure a good contact I have drilled and tapped a 3/16 inch hole into the bolt (see pic). I also place a smear of silicon over the wire to ensure a good hose seal.

Further reading on the subject of sacrificial anodes can be found here at this link to the MTFCA forum. https://www.mtfca.com/discus/messages/331880/355926.html?1367057546. Opinions

messages/331880/355926.html?1367057546. Opinions vary but it is good reading. As always, do the research and make your own call!



2025 MTFCV National Rally Update





The newsletter below was recently shared with all the current entrants to the upcoming National Rally at Ballarat, 'Eureka Gold', hosted by us, the Model T Ford Club of Victoria! It is interesting to note, of a membership of our club we only have a quarter of our membership registered to participate? Time to plan your holidays and enter a great rally which is hosted by us and our awesome organising committee. It will be some years before a National returns to Victoria so get on board!

— Ed.



Dear Entrants,

Wow how quickly time is flying by, 4 months to go. You can all be rest assured that the Rally Organising is well in hand, and although you don't get a lot of info the ducks are serene on top of the water and paddling like all hell underneath.

We hope you all have your accommodation sorted and applied in person, so as to get your discount being offered to all entrants. The Bell Tower Motel are still holding rooms for Rally Entrants until the end of June (just ring and say you are with the rally). Most accommodation places assure us that they have room for cars, Ts and towing trailers. If you find your accommodation doesn't have room for extra parking trailer parking is now available at your own risk. It is a yard with rural fencing and locked gates at night. Please give Geof a ring if you think you would require this (0428 345 832).

WEDNESDAY is Public Display Day and dress up day. Dress to the era of your car. IF YOU WANT YOUR CAR PHOTO IN THE COFFEE TABLE BOOK please BRING IT ALONG TO THE DISPLAY DAY. A photographer has been engaged to take these photos, so even if it's on a trailer by then (hope not) bring it in and get your photo done. Trophies are being awarded for cars and dress ups, so be in it to win it. Food vendors will be available as well as coffee for this day. Thursday evening is a special event that you can drive your modern car to or your T if you prefer and Security has been engaged to watch your cars.

All *day runs* are sorted, just exact distances to be calculated for the rally guide (a time consuming action as you can imagine).

Rally clothing info will be out **mid July** as well as Food order forms . When these are available you will be all notified. All dietary requirements will be accommodated.

Some statistics: Types of Ts: Tourer 36; Ute 7; Roadster 11; Coupe 7; Tudor 8; Sedan 2; Fordor 3; Centre Door 2; Town car 2; Trucks 2; Vans 1; and Speedsters 1. Now this won't add up to number of vehicles entered as some people are still building/creating their ride. Entrants: Vic. 43 NSW. 22 SA 9 QLD 19 ACT 3 NZ 1 interest from USA as well. If there is anyone you know of that still wish to enter, Closing date for entries is Monday 30th June.

See you all in September,

Your Rally Committee <u>Contact:</u> Geof & Jo Baulch

PH: 0428 345 832

Email: ballaratrally20t5@gmail.com

mtfcv.com/eureka-gold-rally/ (Entry forms & further information here)













Restoration Update





Peter Natoli's Speedster Final Report

What started as a rush of blood over six years ago has almost come to an end.

It started as an impulse buy to get a set of wire wheels and once it came home things sort of got a little bit out of control. Once I started stripping it down it soon became obvious that my parts car had a lot more potential than I had originally thought. The car that started life as a Tourer and had been turned into a Ute was going to get another lease on life. At the time I was able to use the condition of the car as a perfectly reasonable excuse to salvage what was left and build a Speedster. Deep down every kid wants a Speedster, and it's kind of funny how your mind can morph an irrational idea into a perfectly sane common-sense solution to justify the salvage of an old bag of bones.

Most of the restoration went well because I stuck to the "slow and steady wins the race" approach. I did however, have one monumental downfall a couple of weeks ago. I broke the rule and was rushing to put the

generator back in before heading off to catch up with some old friends for a meal. I connected the output wire on the generator on the wrong side to the insulating bush and created a dead short. Clearly this indiscretion was the fault of others who issued the dinner invitation.

The next day I didn't bother checking what I'd done the day before I put the key in the battery isolation switch and put power onto the system. It was only a matter of seconds before everything started going in slow motion and the smell and sight of the smoke got my full and undivided attention. In hindsight, I isolated the power immediately but at the time it seemed to take forever and I wasn't quick enough to stop the wiring from the generator to the amp meter and switch assembly on the dash from being completely fried.

Another point worth noting here is that trying to disconnect the smoking wire from the generator does not help the situation in the least, and only results in making brown lines in the skin of your fingers and the back of your hands.

I still have a couple of things on the *To Do* list, but we have registration, and my new toy is on the road. It is the most impractical, fair-weather toy I have ever owned. Would I do it all again? Absolutely without a doubt, no questionwell except for that bit a couple of weeks ago where I almost set fire to six years of work, that was dumb!





— Peter Natoli —



Restoration Update



Romsey Men's Shed's TT Truck

Last year the club visited the Romsey Men's Shed on a run to inspect their TT Truck project. Thanks to Jeff for the following update on progress. We look forward to seeing it on the road soon and perhaps should arrange another visit for its first run?

Romsey Men's Shed TT is now on four wheels. The cabin has progressed from a chipboard mock up to marine ply. A new exhaust system is being fabricated by an exhaust shop in Sunbury.

Jeff Smith —





Event Report









RACV Four and More Rally—May 8-11

The Veteran Car Club recently hosted the *RACV Four and More Rally* at Nagambie. The Rally was partly run and hosted by our own members, Don & Lynda Mcpherson. The Rally was well attended by veteran Ts including some of our own Victorian club members, Darryl Donaldson and Brian Hussey.



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Newsy Bits



RATTLETRAP

The annual *Rattletrap Beach Races* have been held at Crowdy Head Beach, Crowdy Head, NSW. Hosted by the Drag-Ens Hot Rod Club, this event is specifically for pre 1948 vehicles and recreates beach sprint races, popular in the era. A number of Model T speedsters compete annually, flying the flag for the Model t speed era.





A nice 1916 Speedster with wire wheels. A vintage Speedster named after Henry's 999 racer.

Members on Holidays

Our well travelled member, Orlando, joined us again online for the May meeting, this time from Japan with his wife, Desma! That certainly is commitment to participate in our monthly meetings!

Coincidently, the Jones's and Dillons are also enjoying an international holiday in Japan together, avoiding the start of the cold Victorian winter!

T Torque News Shared Far& Wide!

The Most recent AOMC newsletter features a number of members and activities of our Club. Julie Jones and Karen Jenkins feature on the front cover!

Also Both Brian Smith and his daughter Louise were featured with two differing perspectives of participating in the Florence Thompson Rally in a Model T. The current edition also featured a nice promo for the upcoming National Rally at Ballarat. For extra reading here is the link to the latest **AOMC** newsletter.

Russell Medhurst also advised that the Ts were also featured in the MG Car Club's latest newsletter edition on display at the Rob Roy Hillclimb. It is great to know that when we get out and about in our Ts it is appreciated.

Big Event for Events Coordinator!

Our committee member and events coordinator, David Jenkins, and wife Karen, have been enjoying the early stages of retirement with a lengthy caravanning trip to South Australia. For those that are 'friends' with Karen on social media, we have been enjoying a treat of spectacular photos of their travels. Maybe they might share some of their adventures at a future club meeting?



Carrajung Birthday for Editor

The Landys were double booked for the weekend so could not make Noojee. We had previously booked in to enjoy my birthday gift from Paula with an overnight stay at the Currajung Estate winery. We took the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful weather and take the T Ute out for a drive to the winery. Afternoon snacks and wine of

course were shared with friends as well as a cruise around the vineyard in the T. If you are looking for a place for a lovely weekend stay and great T Touring roads and locations, then here are the details.





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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Upcoming Rallies and Events



ANNUAL CLUB LUNCH

12pm SUNDAY JULY 13



Cardinia Park Hotel

200 Emerald-Beaconsfield Rd Beaconsfield (Hotel is adjacent to Roundabout of Inglis & Payne Roads)

A wonderful lunch with your fellow members!

For bookings contact David Jenkins: PH: 0408 312742









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