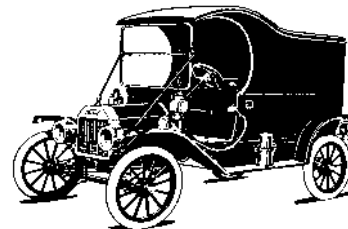




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Bruce's 1917 Pie Van. Pictured is Bruce behind the wheel and Jennifer's enthusiastic Dad who was a regular passenger and supporter of club events.



"I will build a motor car for the great multitude, but it will be so low in price that no man making a good salary will be unable to own one" – Henry Ford — at the unveiling of the Model T in 1908, Detroit, Michigan.

IN THIS ISSUE...

- The long awaited Bruce Csorba member profile!
- A TT truck restoration story from Brian Smith
- Club Person of the Year
- Annual lunch report

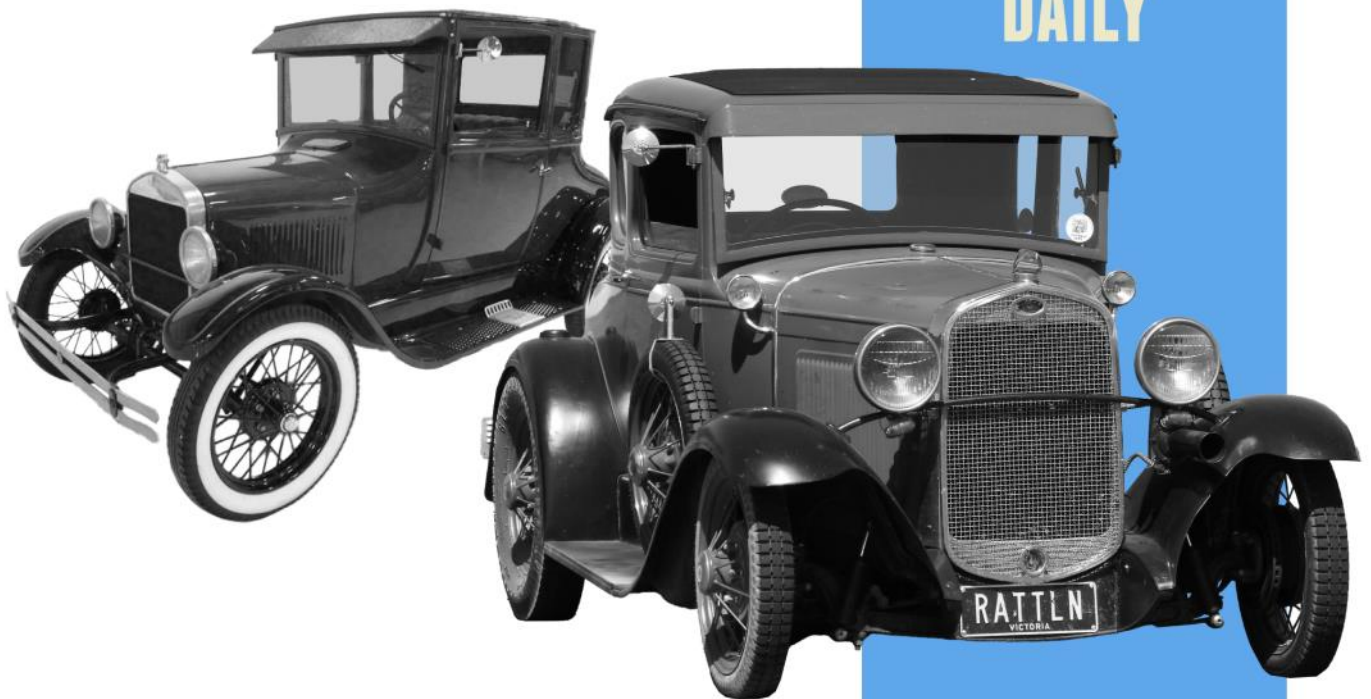
NEXT MEETING:

August 8, 8pm

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

MEETING ACTIVITY: Ford
historian, Brian Churchill will present:
"The Fords before the Model T"

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President's Message



Greetings to all Members,
Hoping you are all well during these cold winter months.

Well with the AGM behind us, we find ourselves in desperate need of a Treasurer. as the club cannot operate without one. Sadly, we lost our Treasurer, Jake Brown, a valued family member, due to happenings just prior to the AGM. Jake was told that he could not present the Treasurers report at the AGM over uncertainty as to whether he was a financial member or not. As it turns out, he was still in his expiring time membership. Jake was doing an excellent job since taking up the position in 2024. However, this problem should not happen again, as we are setting up a Sub Committee to study the Model Rules and adjust them accordingly. This will help future committees. So we are calling on another member to put their hand up to fill this very important position.



Our Annual Club luncheon at the Cardinia Park Hotel was a most enjoyable day as usual, with good food and great company. Not so good news on the day was our Events Co-ordinator David Jenkins, retiring from his position. We presented an Appreciation Certificate to David as well as a bottle of wine, and Karen was presented a bouquet of flowers for all of the support that she has given David over that time. Huge Thankyou David and Karen.

A bottle of wine was presented to Warwick Landy and a bouquet of flowers to Paula for all of their hard work and time that they put into our *T Torque* magazine. Huge Thankyou Warwick and Paula. Flowers were also presented to Anne Cupid, our Fabulous Secretary, for all of her outstanding work she does for our club.

Thelma presented a bouquet of flowers to both Jo Baulch for doing such an amazing job selling the Raffle Tickets and also to Veronica Brown for always being there to help when she needs it.

Events:

- The **Ambulance Museum** at **Unit 1, 55 Barry Street Bayswater**, meeting there at **10am** and luncheon afterwards at the Kilsyth Hotel, **Sunday 10th August**.
- **Marong Picnic** is on **31st August** in which Thelma and I intended to go to this year, but the Wattle Festival at Hurstbridge is on the same day and we have elected to go to that as it is close to home.

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

— John & Thel —



****Please note that membership subscriptions are due by August 31 (details in 'Membership' section)****

**You need only two tools
in life.**

WD-40 and Duct Tape

**If it doesn't move and
should, use W-40**

**If it moves and shouldn't
use Duct Tape**



Under the Hood - Editorial



It is a pleasure again this month to present a T Torque full of contributions on a variety of interesting subject matter. A big thanks to those who have made contributions, however, don't stop and continue to make the editing task a bit easier.

You may notice this month that there are a couple of vacancies on the committee contact page—most notably, the position of Treasurer and a general committee member role. As the old saying goes, *"You get out of a club, event, or activity what you're able to put into it,"* and I firmly believe that to be true. Serving on the club executive can be both rewarding and educational.

Following our recent AGM, the club now finds itself in the difficult position of not having a Treasurer. According to the rules governing incorporated organisations, we cannot continue to operate without someone formally appointed to this role. Surely, among our membership, there is someone with the interest and skills to take on this important position. Thanks to tools like Zoom, it is no longer essential to travel for meetings. This could be an ideal opportunity for one of our regional members to get involved. If you would consider stepping into this role or would like more information, please reach out to a committee member. They are very happy to discuss the nomination process with you.

It is not long now until the National Rally in Ballarat. The rally committee has been working hard behind the scenes to deliver an event we can all be proud of. If you have not entered yet, we encourage you to set aside some time to come along and enjoy the spectacle of over 100 Model Ts out and about. It is sure to be a memorable occasion.










Keep Touring in your Ts, — **Warwick Landy** —





**Please send all
contributions to
ttorquenews@hotmail.com**

Period Photo

The iconic Flinders Street Station featuring a couple of early Model Ts around 1910, the year of its official opening.

 Club Calendar 2025 / 2026 	
 August	CLUB MEETING: 8 8pm General Meeting, Guest Speaker: Brian Churchill—'Ford History' CLUB EVENT: 10 Ambulance Museum, 1pm lunch, please let committee know if attending OTHER EVENTS: 31 Federation Picnic, Marong 31 Hurstbridge Wattle Festival
 September	CLUB MEETING: 12 8pm General Meeting—Auction Night CLUB EVENT: 27 Sep to 3 Oct National Rally - 'Eureka Gold', Ballarat OTHER EVENTS: 14 Shepparton Swap Meet
 October	CLUB MEETING: 10 8pm, Activity to be confirmed CLUB EVENTS: 19 Ford Flathead Festival Club Swap Meet at Dillon's Motors (TBC) OTHER EVENTS: 18 AOMC Club & Trades Expo 25 Baw Baw Picnic
 November	CLUB MEETING: 14 8pm General Meeting, Activity to be confirmed CLUB EVENT: 15-16 Bendigo Swap OTHER EVENTS: TBA
 December	CLUB MEETING: 12 8pm General Meeting, Christmas Break-up CLUB EVENT: 7 T & A Christmas Party OTHER EVENTS: 18 Motoring Heritage Day, Trentham 24-25 Historic Winton
 January	CLUB MEETING: No meeting CLUB EVENT: Australia Day Run TBC OTHER EVENTS: Cruden Farm 11 Korumburra Swap Meet
 FUTURE	CLUB EVENT: 27-30 March—Echuca / Moama Rally

 Club Permit Renewals 			
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Ann Cupid, 0427 984797 secretary@mtfcv.com</p> <p>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.</p>	August		
	Chris Cansdale 09187H Robert Dalton 5110 David Dare 799 Claudette Fahy 8291 Alan Flude 4590 Russell Hughes 834 Norman Morgan 6278 John Morrison 6696 Linda Phillips 1568H2 Ian Seamer 8293 Brian Smith 5494, 5111 David Weatherhead 158BH Dean Williams 5415	September	October
	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	Geof Baulch 3837 Steve Brown 7644 Robert Dalton 557 Laurie Ford 944 Criag Holst 010 Rodney Kieseker 6437 Bernie McKeegan 4585 Andrew Phillips 02321M Hartmuth Scholz 8437 Ray Smith 5199 Alexander Trifonov 4428	



General Meeting Minutes



Meeting Opened on Friday 11th July at 8:05pm by President John Huitt at the VDC Clubrooms, Nunawading and via Zoom

John then handed the meeting over to Bernie McKeegan to conduct the AGM.

Present: 25 at clubrooms, 8 on Zoom

New Member: Thelma Hewitt

Apologies: Chris Bagot, Noel Inman, Chris Dillon, Russell Medhurst, Jennifer, Ruth and Grace Csorba, Colin and Pam Weidemann

Confirmation of minutes: **Moved:** Maureen Cartledge, **seconded** Steve Brown

Business Arising from Minutes: Nil

Tonight's Meeting: AGM

Correspondence In:

- ♦ **Email:** AOMC Bulletin
- ♦ **MAIL:** Backfire magazine, T Topics, bank statements

Correspondence Out: Condolence card to Malcolm Moors, sister-in-law, member Glenise Moors

Treasurer's Report: Presented to the members by President John Huitt, he also mentioned our term deposit needs to be renewed, **seconded** Jo Baulch.

Last Month's Rally Reports: Warwick Landy gave a report on the Hamilton rally

This Month's Activity / Run: *Annual Luncheon* this Sunday

Upcoming Events:

- Warwick Landy's *Briagalong Winter Campout Weekend*
- Day trip to Ambulance Museum

Swap Meets / Clearance Sales Report: Geof Baulch went to Maldon Swap but said there was hardly anything there.

REPORTS...

Delegates:

- **AOMC:** No report this month
- **Federation:** No report this month
- **2025 National Rally:** Geof Baulch gave a report on the 2025 rally at the AGM

Restoration Progress: Bruce Csorba's van drove up and down his driveway for the first time in 20 years

Parts Wanted: Bruce Csorba is looking for 1925 lug rim bolts and nuts, cast brass accessory brass hubcaps

Parts For Sale: Bruce Csorba has steering wheel, brake light switch and side lights

General Business:

- In general business we discussed the proposal of putting a \$10 fee on signing non Model T permits. Members expressed why they did not want this to happen.
- We also discussed that we need to add bylaws to the Model Rules. Warwick Landy put forward a motion for the Committee to consider the Model Rules as they currently represent the club and considering adopting a constitution and bylaws that suit the club for its ongoing future. We need to clarify the right of membership in terms of voting rights, per member and include pioneer members as full membership with one vote per membership. **Moved:** Warwick Landy, **seconded,** David Weatherhead, voted and adopted by the majority of members. It was suggested we set up a sub-committee to help the committee with this task.
- Robbie Dalton presented Peter Rutley and Ross Cartledge with OBE (Over Bloody Eighty) awards

Next Meeting:

- Brian Churchill will be doing a talk on the history of Ford
- **Raffle Draw:** DRAWN BY: Jill McKeegan WON BY: Veronica Brown PRIZE SELECTED: Blanket

MEETING CLOSED: 10.22PM

— Ann Cupid (Secretary) —





AGM Meeting Minutes



Minutes of the 44th Annual General Meeting of the Model T Ford Club of Victoria

Friday 11th July 2025 — Meeting opened at 8:08PM and chaired by Bernie McKeegan

- 25 people attended the meeting in person and 8 people participated via Zoom.
- There were apologies from Chris Bagot, Noel Inman, Chris Dillon, Russell Medhurst, Colin and Pam Weidemann, Jennifer, Ruth and Grace Csorba and Jake Brown.
- Confirmation of the 2024 AGM held on 12/07/24, as published in the August 2024 edition of T Torque: **Moved:** David Weatherhead, **Seconded:** Barry Hancock
- There was no General Business arising from the 2024 AGM minutes.
- Tonight's AGM is being conducted in accordance with Bernie's understanding of the requirements of *The Model Rules 2023*.
- Bernie made mention and remembered members lost over the last 12 months: John Brennan and Malcolm Moors.
- We need to think of those getting older or in poor health. Please notify club so we can send a card or pay a visit.
- President John Huitt reported on the year's activities including rallies, events, demonstrations and guest speakers.
- Treasurer Jake Brown could not attend tonight, however he did forward his full financial report for the year which was read out by President John Huitt. We thank Jake for that.
- Jake had put in his report that he was recommending possibly raising fees at the next AGM and charging members a \$10 fee for signing permits of non Model T vehicles. This report was rejected as members were not happy about paying the \$10 and strongly voiced their opinions.
- Cheryl Weatherhead gave a financial report on the 2025 National Rally.
- Geof Baulch gave a report on the progress of the 2025 National Rally.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

All positions declared vacant. Unfortunately we have two Committee members who are not seeking re election: Jake Brown and David Jenkins. We have nomination forms for all of 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:** We are currently looking for a new Treasurer.

The number of General Committee member this year will be 3.

COMMITTEE PERSON:

- **1** Steve Brown
- **2** Noel Inman
- **3** We are currently looking for 1 more Committee Person

NON EXECUTIVES:

- **Communications:** Ann Cupid
- **Editors:** Paula and Warwick Landy
- **Librarian:** Brian Smith
- **Webmaster:** Andrew Brand
- **Delegate Federation:** Geof Baulch
- **Delegate AOMC:** Bernie McKeegan

SCRUTINEER/CPS OFFICE BEARERS:

- David Weatherhead
- Chris Dillon
- Brian Smith
- Ray Smith

Acceptance of all Committee Positions; **Moved:** Warwick Landy, **Seconded:** David Jenkins



AGM Meeting Minutes continued...



Minutes of the 44th Annual General Meeting of the Model T Ford Club of Victoria

Please give serious thought to taking on a Committee position. You must be able to work as a team with fellow Committee persons and other club members.

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

The Treasurer and outgoing Committee have reviewed our finances both debits and credits for the last 12 months and are recommending subscription fees for the next 12 months be as follows:

- * **With emailed *T Torque* magazine \$55.00**
- * **Posted and emailed *T Torque* magazine additional \$33.00 (11 x \$3.00) TOTAL: \$88.00**
- All members present at meeting and on Zoom voted in favour of this. This does not include the \$10.00 signing fee for non Model T vehicles. If during the year additional fee is required it will be addressed.
- No subscriptions can be accepted prior to the AGM at which the current years fees will be set. Fees are to be paid by the end of August.
- Thank you to Pioneer Members who have chosen to further support the club by continuing to pay membership fees.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Our Model Rules need to be reviewed. We need to add some bylaws so that our Pioneer Members and some of our Committee members are recognised as having the same voting rights etc as other members. We need to look at what other amendments need to be made to the Model Rules.
- We have to look at taxation and insurance issues.
- Reports from Committee to be reported at all future General Meetings.

CLUB ASSETS:

- The asset register is part of our annual return to Consumer Affairs. Anyone holding club property please organise to return it to a member of the Committee or let the Secretary know that you have it. Written down values to be adjusted annually.
- The Secretary will lodge an annual statement with Consumer Affairs Victoria within one month of the AGM.
- We would also like to thank kitchen helpers, raffle ticket sellers, contributors to *T Torque*, rallies and events etc.
- Thank you to Jake Brown and David Jenkins for everything you have done for the club over the last 12 months.

AGM closed at 9:55PM

Bernie then called on President John Huitt and Secretary Ann Cupid to conduct a quick general meeting.

Our Annual Lunch





Event Report



Annual Club Lunch – 14 July 2026

“Food, flowers and fabulous company!”

There’s something special about our Annual Club Lunch—and this year’s gathering at the trusty Cardinia Park Hotel in Beaconsfield was no exception. Around 40 members and friends turned out for a relaxed afternoon of good food, laughter, and friendly faces. The hotel served up another reliable winter feast, and conversation flowed just as easily as the gravy. Once we were all sufficiently well-fed and a few belts had been subtly loosened, President John Huitt called everyone to attention for the afternoon’s formalities.

First, John thanked David Jenkins for his time and efforts as the club’s Events Coordinator. In appreciation of his contribution to organising outings and keeping things running smoothly behind the scenes, David was presented with a framed certificate—a small but fitting token of gratitude from the club.

Next, bouquets of flowers were presented to some of the club’s tireless contributors: Jo Baulch, Ann Cupid, Veronica Brown, and Karen Jenkins. Their support throughout the year—whether helping with meetings, events, rallies or keeping things quietly organised—was warmly recognised and applauded.

Warwick and I were presented with flowers and wine as a thank-you for our work on, *T Torque*. While it’s often a rush to pull together, we love being part of something that keeps everyone informed and connected—and we’ll definitely enjoy the wine once deadline week rolls around again!

The final highlight was the announcement of our Club Person of the Year: Thelma Huitt. Always helpful, quietly reliable, and a steady presence at club events, Thelma accepted the award with her usual grace. John swore he had absolutely nothing to do with the vote, and we all graciously pretended to believe him.

The rest of the afternoon passed in a relaxed, cheerful blur—filled with stories, laughter, and plenty of people staying well past dessert. Just the kind of gathering that makes you proud to be part of such a good-spirited club. The lunch wrapped up slowly, with no one in a rush to leave. There were plenty of lingering conversations, shared stories, wines,



Congratulations to Thelma Huitt on her ‘Club Person of the Year’ award.

beers and laughs. It’s afternoons like this that remind me how lucky we are to be part of such a great club!

— Paula Landy —





Member Profile



Bruce Csorba

My first introduction to Model T Fords was through an unrestored 1923 Tourer that used to drive around the Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally (in the 80s).

By coincidence the house I bought was just up the road from the Ballarat Vintage & Veteran Car Club, I often saw members drive past our house on Sundays. I eventually joined the club and started going on runs with them — at first, in our modern car.

In early 1994, a small financial windfall gave me the opportunity to finally pursue owning a vintage car. I began searching and came across a Model T Speedster Project advertised in the September 1994 issue of *Unique Cars* magazine. *Norm Quinn took me for a spin around the back blocks of Box Hill — and I was hooked.*

Soon after, I joined the Model T Ford Club of Victoria (MTFCV).

By the end of '95 I was commuting from Ballarat to Thomastown for work. We attended 'T's Alive '95' in the Barossa Valley — again in a modern car. Eventually, work brought us to Doncaster East, where I could finally begin accumulating the parts needed to build a proper Model T.

In 1998, at 'Ts by the Sea', we helped out on the rally, which gave me the motivation to start work on our 1917 T Van.



Its first outing was the Annual Cup Day Rally in Shepparton — where I learned all about the "death wobbles" and how to drive through them! We rallied the Van around Melbourne. It was on the first *Labour Day Rally* on the Peninsula and even drove it to the *Cup Day Rally* in Walhalla.

In early 2001, I flew to Adelaide to inspect a 1926 Roadster that had been advertised in the South Australian Club Newsletter. We bought it and shipped it to Melbourne. We drove it all the way to the 2001 National Rally in Goulburn, participated in the rally, and then drove it home to Melbourne via the coast — a great adventure.

We continued rallying both Ts until 2004, when we drove the Van to Renmark. Another memorable trip. Later that year, Ruth was born, and with a growing family came the need for a back seat. We purchased the ex-Shebler Tourer — a metallic brown 1924 Tarrant. We sold the Roadster and mothballed the Van. Ruth grew up in the back seat of the Tourer, with the pram often tied to the running board. Again, this car did a lot of rallies - Bairnsdale, Portland and Hamilton.





Member Profile continued...



In late 2007, I went car hunting again. I was torn between a racer with a Roof 16-valve head and a 1925 Tourer fitted with a Fronty and a Ruckstell, from Colin Strack. I made the “sensible” choice and went with the Tourer (Rocinante). We stripped the paint and gave it a backyard respray in original grey, with the help of my father-in-law, Theo Dietrich, and his brother Gerard. David Jones helped with a new canvas top, and Chris Dillon helped with a rebuilt diff.

We drove that car to the *2008 Centenary Rally* — although, unfortunately, it came home on a trailer. In early 2009, I installed a rebuilt 1917 motor. That’s the motor it’s still running today. No starter or generator — it has a ring gear, but I’ve never bothered fitting a starter. In 2019 I relented and bought a car carrier trailer to take the T to Maryborough QLD.

In 2018, I struck a deal with Kevin Brown: I got the four-spring racer (Bucephalus), and he got the A-crank/Fronty motor. The racer has been a lot of fun — I drove it to Winton and took it to Dubbo in 2022.

As with all long-time enthusiasts, projects have come and gone. The initial Speedster is still a pile of bits. Another pile is a 1926 roadster ute. I have a collection of period accessories and ephemera (Some of the accessories feature on our cars). Right now, I’m recommissioning the 1917 Van (Dapple),



which hasn’t turned a wheel since 2004. With luck, it’ll be ready in time for this year’s Christmas party.

My time in the Club has been great. Jennifer and I have run rallies, done the newsletter, been librarian, on committee and even a stint as “el Presidente”.

Thanks to my mentors Neil Bagot for the driving lessons, Chris Dillon for overseeing my “mechanicing”, Jennifer and her father for their encouragement, and all the others who have helped along the way.

— **Bruce Csorba** —



Restoration Story



TT Truck Build — Brian Smith

This rebuild came about as a result of my runs on 'Crawlin' the Hume', a vintage truck run up the old Hume, Melbourne to Albury.

John Schwartz contacted me and spoke about a TT which had been his grandfather's truck, he was keen to get it up and running again, adding he knew nothing much about them and could I rebuild the truck then instruct him on the methods of driving and maintaining the vehicle?

How could anyone miss a challenge like that? (I didn't know the condition of the bones at this point, it was "well" worn!)

To further enthuse (at his request), John came with me (Kilmore to Winton) on the 'Crawlin' in 2020. He couldn't have picked a worse year, the weather was atrocious, cold, rain, and windy all in a C cab. (Geoff Brookes would attest to this, as he was with me on some of the trip also). John was an enthusiastic passenger, well at least the weather never put him off!

Subsequently, we spoke further about the truck and so the work commenced, little did I know what I was in for! When John dropped off the rolling chassis, I noticed it had 26/27 guards fitted with a stay between them to prevent them 'flapping', also there were no ears on the chassis for the stays.

Strip and Assess (What have I got?)

Once the major components were sandblasted/cleaned, the chassis was checked and apart from the front cross member. (broken with loose and missing rivets). While repairing the cross member I modified and fitted 26/27 'ears' for the guard stays.

The truck had a Henderson (made by the Federal spring works in Kensington) front end fitted, however in form it had a bent axle and L.H. steering arm, prepped and reset the front spring greased and re-assembled, replaced king pins, shackles etc. Replaced the ball on the radius arm, cleaned up the mount to axle holes (slogged) and made new bolts for axle to radius arm mount. Rebuilt / straightened the drag link and tie rod (apco type).

Top: The completed project. From rusted wreck to this.

Middle: Original front end with accessory Henderson Front Spring





Restoration Story



TT Truck Build continued...

Once the Moore was finished and coupled to the diff once again then it was time to refit the motor. Re cored the radiator and re chromed the surround.

Time to fit the cabin, (John rebuilt it), 26/27 scuttle with tourer doors and home made C cab. Well no surprises there either, the original under dash fuel tank was no good so I treated another one and fitted it, plus lots of challenges to make everything fit and get the gaps right. With the cabin now in place time to fit the steering column which I had reco'd earlier, however it had a problem which I had overlooked also, the main shaft had a twist and had to be replaced.

Now it was time for the wiring, battery isolator fuel lines etc, all of which chew up lots of time. The truck had a K.R.W riser timer fitted. I went through it, eventually discarding it for an Anderson timer.



Rolling chassis restored



Worn out clutch plates



Remains of Hyatt Roller bearings



Restoration Story



TT Truck Build continued...



Original accessory Riser Timer replaced with more standard type Anderson cam mounted timer.



Finally it was time to run the engine and do any adjustments necessary and road test. Though there was still no tray on the back, I was pleasantly surprised at the general feel and drivability of the truck, and the Moore transmission was an absolute delight to change.

John's truck was a much larger job than first thought, with some of the challenges and at times frustrating, however at the end there was a lot of satisfaction.

Now with that done, it is time (body clock says), to do some my projects.

— Brian Smith —



Left and Above Left: All done next to its big Brother, The Fordson Tractor.



VALE - Malc Moors



Vale Malcolm (Malc) Moors

20th July, 1946—21st June 2025

A number of MTFCV members attended the service in memory of long time club member, Malc Moors as he was known to us all.

Malc was an enthusiastic participant in all Model T club activities and had organised a Melbourne Cup weekend Rally and also was the *Torque* editor for a short while.

Until his passing, Malc liked to attend and participate in the club meetings via Zoom. Malc's participation in the club Zoom meetings led to a strong late life friendship with another club member, Evelyn Hill.

Evelyn and Malc enjoyed lengthy chats online after the club meetings and had many things in common such as Model Ts and Victorian Railway history.

Rest in Peace Malc.



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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. Please send ads to the Editor at tforquenews@hotmail.com

Wanted:

30 x 3 1/2 fixed lug rims (good ones)
Rim bolts/nuts to suit (prefer good originals)
Accessory hubcap (especially heavy cast brass)

Thanks,

Bruce Csorba

PH: 0425 749 273



Wanted:

Our TT radiator is in critical need of the steel part of the top tank. Ours is rusted beyond repair so looking for one for sale.

It is stopping our radiator rebuild.

Thanks



Jeff Smith - Romsey Men's Shed

PH: 0412 629 875



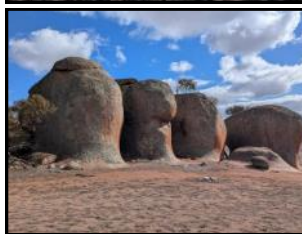
Newsy Bits



The Jenkins' Road Trip

We recently enjoyed a 2 month road trip covering 8,500 km from Montmorency all the way up to Maree and Lake Eyre via Menindee Lakes, Broken Hill, Flinders Ranges then back down to Quorn where we went right across to Streaky Bay, then followed the coast down to Port Lincoln, back up to Whyalla, Victor Harbor, the Clare Valley, Robe and home. It's been an amazing trip with many lovely places to explore.

In T Torque several months ago, Diane and Colin Strack extended an invitation to T Club Members for caravaners stay on their property in Streaky Bay. We took them up on this invitation and so glad we did. The views from their property overlooking Streaky Bay were stunning. It was so nice to be able to have a bit more space than just the caravan. The Eyre Peninsula coast road is beautiful, lots of scenic points of interest, Murphy's Haystacks, Point Labatt Seal Colony, Elliston Sculpture trail to name a few. We spent a very pleasant few days in Streaky Bay thanks to our wonderful club members.

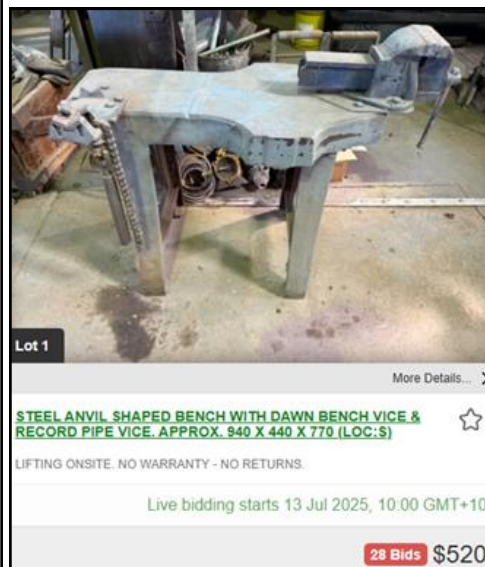


Rare Sump Auction!

A rare Model T KR WILSON sump straightening jig recently came up for auction at Nyah West near Swan Hill. Mid way through the online auction, bidding had already passed \$500!

These are a rare and unique Ford dealer accessory, particularly rare in Australia. I wonder if the new owner is a member of our club?

—Ed.



Complete Original T Unearthed!

A completely original and complete 1924 T has been unearthed after 50 years in the same shed!

I had been hearing about this Model T in my home town of Traralgon for many years but had never been able to confirm its existence or location until recently! Last week I was contacted by the owner who is clearing up his father's estate. Knowing I was a Model T guy, he called and we arranged an inspection of the car. He was surprised I knew of the car and he was able to confirm that I had narrowed down the location of the car to the correct shed in town!

I had often driven past the shed on the off chance that someone would be there but it remained locked up and the property very unloved until now! On inspection the car turned out to be a 1924 Tourer just as it had been left in the shed 50 years ago when it was moved there from another family property. Perhaps the car had been parked under a roof leak as a section of the front of the body was quite rusted and the wooden firewall had rotted away. Also the car had at some point been retrofitted with a 1926 Engine. It was exciting to finally solve the mystery of this very original T. I have assisted the owner with a valuation and the car was sold via the Aussie Model T Parts Facebook page and has gone to a new owner down on the Mornington Peninsula with a view to being preserved and running again. — **Warwick Landy**



Jenkins family have a New T!

As has often been told to David, Model Ts tend to grow in your garage. David and Karen have taken the opportunity of purchasing the 1916 Tarrant Tourer formerly owned by Warren and Brenda Smith. David is looking forward to recommissioning the car after it has had a long rest. It is a very unique T with a coach built Tarrant body. Hopefully we will see it out on a club run soon. — **Ed.**





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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.

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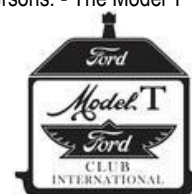
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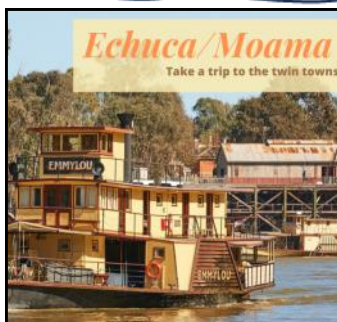
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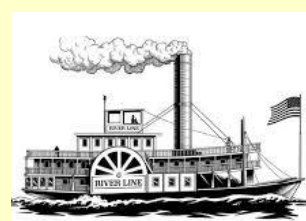
Fri 27 – Mon 30th March

(NOTE: This IS NOT the Labour Day long weekend)

We will be having a rally around the Echuca/Moama region. We have decided to have it after the long weekend firstly because there was absolutely no accommodation available on the long weekend, but also because there will not be so many other tourists there and rates are often cheaper.



- **Fri 27 night** we will be having a welcome BBQ at the caravan park
- **Day 1 Sat 28 Backroads** drive out to Deniliquin
- **Day 1 Sat night** Port After Dark Tour (for those who are interested)
- **Day 2 Sun 29 TBD** (in other words we haven't worked that out yet)
- **Day 2 Sun night** dinner somewhere TBA
- **Day 3 Mon 30** Cruise on a Paddle Steamer (for those interested)



Caravan Park: We have booked cabins at **Big 4 Moama**, 2 Blair Street, Moama, NSW 0354 809 899 Call Molly and Sam and say you are with **The Model T Ford Club of Victoria**. There is plenty of safe trailer parking and modern car parking. Hosted by Ann Cupid (PH: 0427 984797) & Dean Williams (PH: 0413 462224)



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