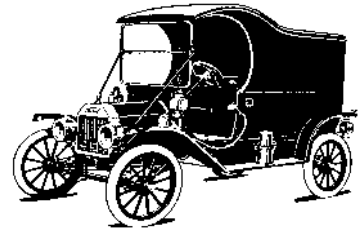




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Alan & Jill Flude on the road at the Ballarat National Rally in their Tudor Sedan

*"No one will ever get anywhere in this world unless he becomes a teacher; one who can show others how to do things."*

*— Henry Ford —*

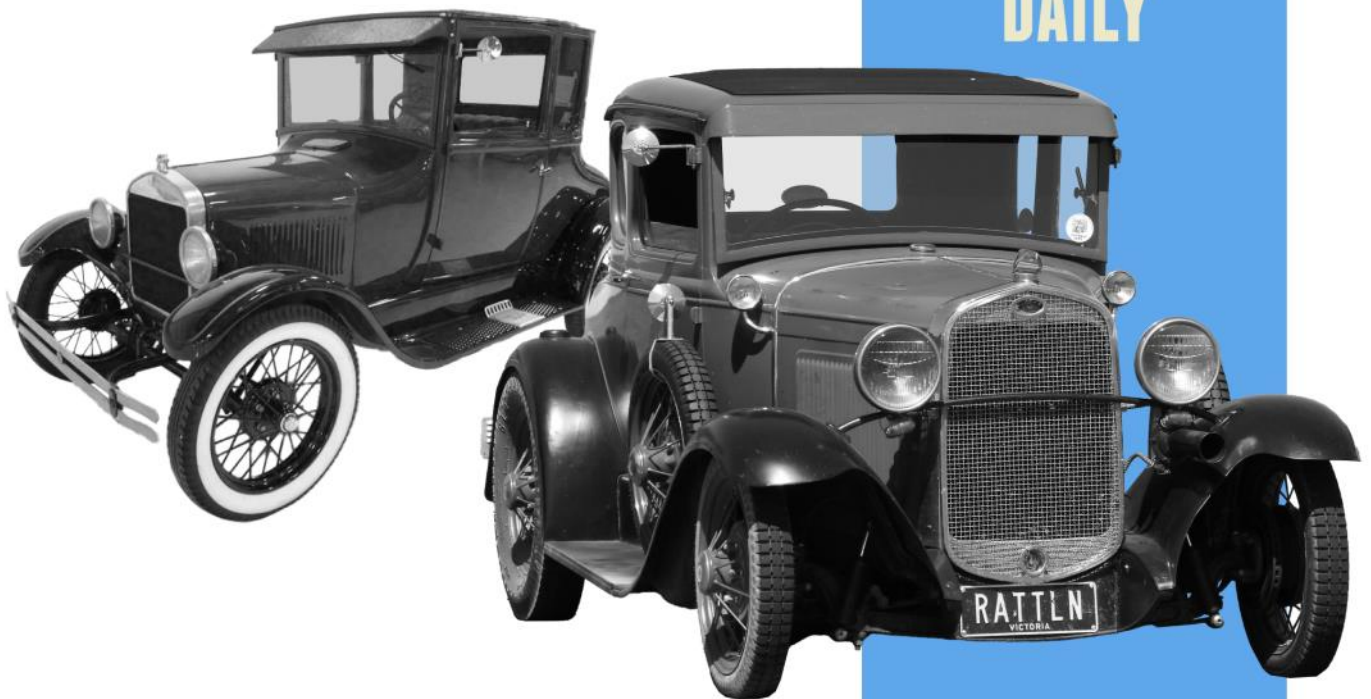
## **IN THIS ISSUE...**

- Alan Flude member profile
- AOMC and Federation minutes
- Veteran Car Club 70th Anniversary Rally Report
- Flathead Ford Festival report

## **NEXT MEETING: November 14, 8pm**

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

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## President's Message



**G**reetings to all Members,  
Hoping you are all well and recovered from our National Rally in Ballarat last month and brought home many great memories. Although some of us had some serious repairs to do on our cars. I haven't had many reports on those at this stage, but I did hear that Jenny Stevens has removed her engine and a new transmission is being built for her.



It is with great pleasure to report that we have a new Treasurer, John Fotakis. John and his lovely wife Karina reside in Sandringham. John is a member of club and has agreed to fill this position and this is hugely appreciated. Thankyou John.

We had the *Flathead Ford Festival* at Scoresby Steam Park on the 19th October, which was a great success. Luckily no rain on the day and not too windy. We had 9 Ts attending, which was a good turnup, even though some of our regulars were out due to breakdowns and some were away on the Veteran Rally. There was a great rollup of visitors through the gate, giving a good collection of gold coin entry, enabling us to make a healthy \$700.00 donation to the Steam Park (leaving some profit for next year).

It was disappointing that the Swap Meet at Chris & Fiona Dillon's had to be called off due to inclement weather, which did actually happen. Good news, it was rescheduled for Sunday, 9th November.

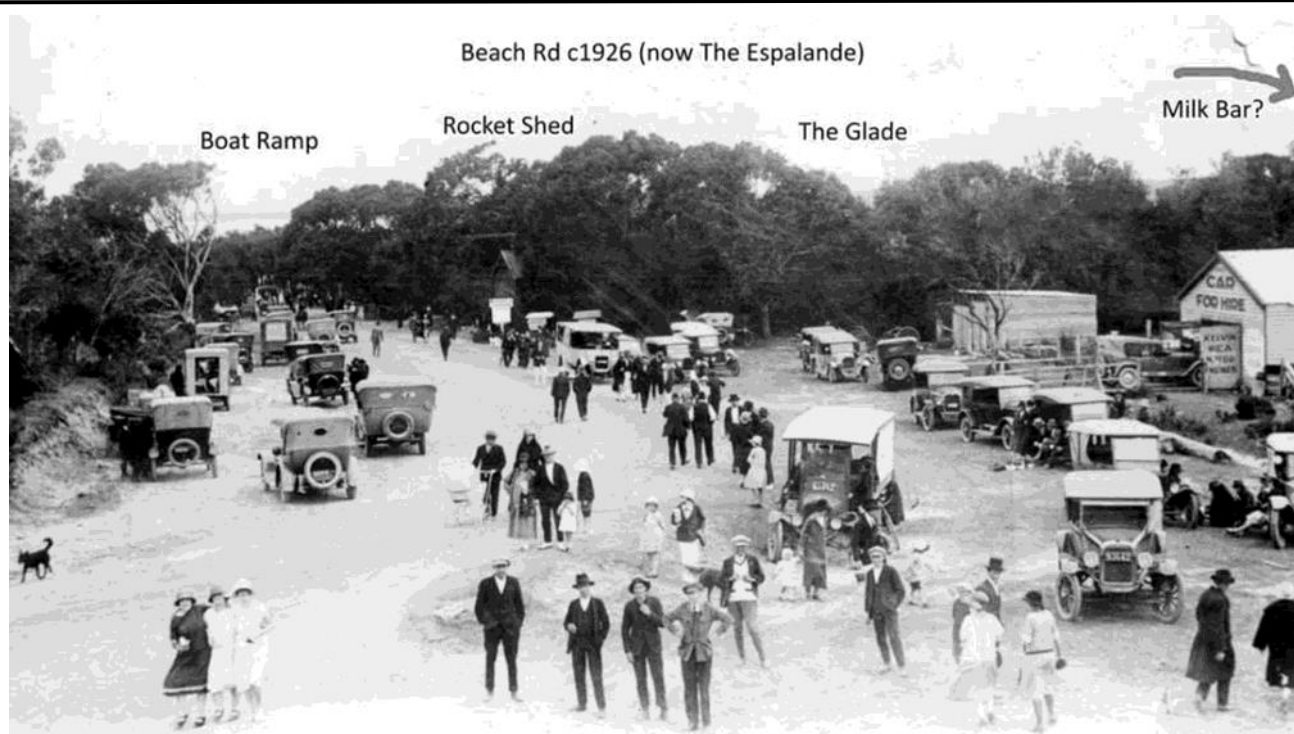
At the last General Meeting in October, a decision was made to write to the South Australian Rally Committee, to consider changing the rally the date back to conform with the school holiday times as in all other past National Rallies. However, we did receive a reply stating that after consideration, they are unable to do that, so the rally date stays as advertised.

Don't forget if you are looking to go to Cruden Farm in January next year, you must register by December 7th. It is always an enjoyable day out and it's a free day. We need to be able to show off our club.

T & A Christmas Party is coming up on December 7th at the Ashburton Scout Hall. Let's show some strong support and see if we can retain the Cup again for the most Ts there. Steve Brown has been working away with Rob and Sue from the Model A Club in preparation for the Raffle Prizes and organising some games.

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

— John & Thel —



As we approach the Summer, this photo is appropriate! Pictured is what is now known as the Esplanade at the popular Gippsland beach town of Inverloch C1926. A number of Ts can be seen in the photo.



## October General Meeting Minutes



**Friday 10th October 2025 — Meeting opened at 8:06PM by President John Huitt at the VDC rooms, and via Zoom.**

- **New Members:** Ann Cupid
- **Attendance:** 35 present at VDC rooms and 10 on Zoom
- **Apologies:** Noel & Rhonda Huitt, David Jenkins, Mark Border, Russell Medhurst, Connor Bagot, The Brand family
- **Confirmation of Minutes:** N/A      **Moved:** -      **Seconded:** -
- **Business arising from Minutes:** -
- **Tonight's Meeting:** Talk about National Rally
- **Correspondence**



**In: Email:** AOMC bulletin, Federation Agenda, email from MTOQ: *"Just a quick note to thank the Victorian club and especially the organising Committee and all the Victorian members who helped with the 2025 National rally. I'm sure I speak on behalf of the majority of QLD members who attended, in saying that a very enjoyable time was had by all. Alright maybe except for the weather, which Geof assured us he had nothing to do with."*

**MAIL:** T.Topics, Backfire magazine, NAB statements

**Out:** Nil

### **REPORTS**

- **Treasurer's Report:** N/A

### **Last Month's Rally Report:**

- ♦ Thelma Huitt: Congratulated the Rally Committee on such an amazing job, said the rally bags were fantastic, candle was beautiful.
- ♦ Chris Dillon: His whole family went and had a great time
- ♦ Peter Ninnis: Congratulated the Rally Committee, he loved it, said it was very well run, the venue was great and the food was terrific.
- ♦ Orlando Talamo: This was his first National rally and he loved it, said the signs were great but he missed one and got very lost. He was able to use his GPS to get back to the Vegemite museum and found it easy with the rally guide to find his way back. He did have a few car problems and was so thankful for all the people that jumped in to help him sort these problems out. He also said how much he loved the sound and light show at Sovereign Hill.
- ♦ Warwick Landy: Loved the sound and light show, he said it was amazing and that's one of the reasons you go to Sovereign Hill. He congratulated Geof and Jo for starting the rally and seeing it all the way through to the end. He also thanked all the members who volunteered and helped out. Warwick also mentioned how good a job Angie did promoting and advertising the rally and the display day. He also mentioned the Monday night state dinner had over 70 people attend.
- ♦ Jenny Stevens: was devastated her car broke down before the rally started. She thanked everybody that let her travel in their car for the week, she had an absolute ball. She thanked the rally committee saying they did a fantastic job. She won an award for her car, even though it was on the trailer, and she loved it. She also said that Tom, who came all the way from the USA, had never tried scones before. He said they were awesome and worth the 24 hour trip on the plane. He also took home some Vegemite from the Vegemite museum. She also thanked Henry's for the \$30 voucher everyone received in their rally bags.
- ♦ Cameron Smythe: said the smiles on the faces of the elderly people's faces from the nursing home when they got a ride in a Model T was great. He loved the day we had Dunolly.
- ♦ Brian Smith: said the catering and meals were great and commented on how many people turned up for display day.
- ♦ Robby Dalton spoke about how the kids loved the cars and one got in his car for a photo.



## October General Meeting Minutes continued...



- ♦ Alan Flude: Spoke about Tom from the USA, he loved the rally, he spent time in Alan and Jill's car and also spent time travelling with Robbie and Christine Dalton. He also stayed a night at John and Thelma Huitt's house after the rally and they drove him to the airport the next day
- ♦ John Huitt: thanked Shaun and Angie for doing such a great job bringing up parts and for everything that they did. He also thanked Bruce Csorba for being the daily news reporter.
- ♦ Dave Weatherhead: said the committee deserve a certificate in herding cats, he also thanked Bartlett's for all the engraving and the photography.
- ♦ Geof Baulch: thanked everyone for their help, he thanked Paula and Warwick Landy for their help with the rally guide, he also thanked Paul Daley for printing them. He thanked all the volunteers, all the raffle ticket sellers, Jo thanked Noel Inman, Geof thanked Dave Weatherhead for the table pieces, and thanked the back up trailers. Also thanks to Greg Russell for offering up his truck the days he took it out. He really hopes he thanked everyone. Geof and Jo also said that Ballarat Council helped out a lot.
- ♦ Please send any photos you have to Geof to put into the coffee table book. There are a few rally signs left at \$50 each, Car badges for \$25, Lapel badge \$5, 1 club shirt size 2XL \$36, some rally cutlery.

**This Month's Activity / Run:** Oct 19 Ford Flathead Festival, Oct 26 Club Swap meet at Dillon's Motors .

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- October 18 AOMC Club and Trades Expo, October 19 Ford Flathead Festival, October 26 BawBaw Picnic, October 26 Club Swap Meet at Dillon's Motors, entries are now open to Cruden Farm

**SWAP MEETINGS/CLEARANCE SALES REPORT:** Dean and Ann went to Shepparton Swap Meet. Dean was selling but did have a bit of a walk around. There was past member, Bob? Selling Model T parts and Andrew Brand had his stall there as well.

**UPCOMING SWAP MEETS:** 12<sup>th</sup> October Charlton Swap, Colac Swap, 19<sup>th</sup> October HTPAA Antique Hand Tool Market in East Caufield, 26<sup>th</sup> October Club Swap Meet, Clarkfield Swap, Talbot Swap, 4<sup>th</sup> November Yering Swap, 8th-9th November Bendigo Collectables Fair, 9<sup>th</sup> November Edenhope Swap

### **DELEGATES REPORTS:**

- **AOMC:** No Bernie tonight      **Federation:** Meeting is next week in Llanelly

**TECHNICAL TIPS & QUERIES:** Nil      **RESTORATION PROGRESS:** Nil      **NEW OR UNUSUAL PRODUCTS:** Nil

**Parts Wanted:** Hartmuth Scholz is looking for hood holders for 1926 Roadster      **For Sale:** Nil

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**











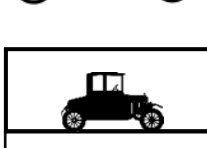
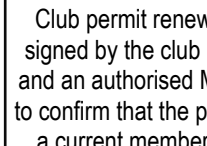
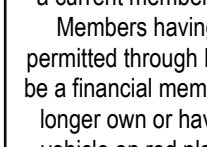
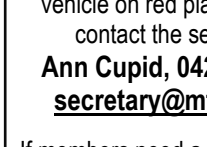
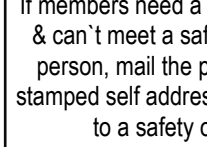
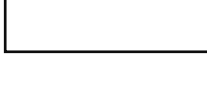
- Geof discussed some of the things mentioned at the President's meeting, the main one being that National Rallies will now be held every 2 years and the agreed sequence will be South Australia, Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria.
- Warwick Landy moved a motion in July to have our Model Rules looked at so we can set up some new rules and bylaws. We now have a sub committee to do this. It consists of 1 executive committee member and 3 past Presidents. Now that the National Rally is over they can make a start on these new rules. If any member has any rules they think should be added please speak to a committee member. Once these rules have been set they will be sent out to the members and then voted on at the following general meeting. The Sub Committee is hoping to have this done by early next year.
- Warwick Landy also wanted to speak about the South Australian National Rally in 2027 being held out of the school holidays. He read a letter he had draught out asking them to consider changing the dates and made a few good points as to why they should. He requested a motion that the club send this letter to the rally Committee. The motion was adopted and most members were in favour of this.



**NEXT MEETING ACTIVITY:** Quiet night before the Bendigo Swap

**RAFFLE DRAW:** DRAWN BY: Barry Hancock, WON BY: Brian Smith, PRIZE SELECTED: cleaning rags

**MEETING CLOSED:** 9:59PM

— Ann Cupid (Secretary) —

	<b>Club Calendar 2025 / 2026</b>		
 <b>November</b>	<u>CLUB MEETING:</u>	14 8pm General Meeting—activity to be confirmed	<u>CLUB EVENT:</u> 15-16 Bendigo Swap
 <b>December</b>	<u>CLUB MEETING:</u>	12 8pm Christmas Break-up	<u>CLUB EVENT:</u> 7 T & A Christmas Party
 <b>January</b>	<u>CLUB MEETING:</u>	No meeting	
 <b>February</b>	<u>CLUB EVENT:</u>	18 Cruden Farm Festival of Motoring, details <a href="#">here</a> , entries close Dec 7	26 Australia Day Rally Maroonah Dam picnic
 <b>March</b>	<u>OTHER EVENTS:</u>	11 Korumburra Swap Meet	
 <b>April</b>	<u>CLUB MEETING:</u>	13 8pm	<u>CLUB EVENT:</u> 15 T Run Narbathong Pub for lunch (Dean Williams)
 <b>May</b>	<u>OTHER EVENTS:</u>	6-8 Longwarry Heritage Vehicle and Truck Display	
 <b>June</b>	<u>CLUB MEETING:</u>	13 8pm	<u>CLUB EVENT:</u> 27-30 Echuca / Moama Rally
 <b>July</b>	<u>OTHER EVENTS:</u>	29 Kalorama Rally, All Ford Day, Mortlake Federation Picnic	
 <b>August</b>	<u>CLUB MEETING:</u>	10 8pm	<u>CLUB EVENTS:</u> 12 Coffee Run / Garage Crawl to Andrew & Linda Phillips
 <b>September</b>	<u>OTHER EVENTS:</u>	18 AOMC Heritage Festival, Steam Centre Scoresby	
 <b>October</b>	<u>CLUB MEETING:</u>	8 8pm	<u>CLUB EVENTS:</u> TBA
 <b>November</b>	<u>OTHER EVENTS:</u>	23-24 Historic Winton	
 <b>December</b>	<u>CLUB MEETING:</u>	12 8pm	<u>CLUB EVENTS:</u> TBA
 <b>January</b>	<u>OTHER EVENTS:</u>	TBA	

	<b>Club Permit Renewals</b>		
<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><b>Ann Cupid, 0427 984797</b> <a href="mailto:secretary@mtfcv.com">secretary@mtfcv.com</a></p> <p>If members need a permit signed &amp; can't meet a safety officer in person, mail the permit with a stamped self addressed envelope to a safety officer.</p>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>January</b>
	Paul Daley 981	David Beaty 6967	Stephen Brown 660
	Chris Dillon 3220	Paul Daley 7870	Peter Brown 8009
	John Huitt 5325	Chris Dillon 2106H4, 8037H5	Paul Daley 983
	Noel Huitt 74998H	Bob Draper 342	Justin Deakon 513EH
	David Jenkins 7916	Norman Morgan 6155	John Huitt 12239H
	Russell Medhurst 8-245	Kirsten Morton 481	Andrew Phillips 20526H
	Andrew Phillips CH9993	Andrew Phillips 4731	Linda Phillips 67029H,
	Linda Phillips 24744H,	Linda Phillips 52322H,	89755H, 89754H, 89753H,
	51257H, 24745H, 01905H	77872H, 87725H	10905H
	Russell Gregory 26760H	David Weatherhead 3035H	Cher Wallace 46GH-6
	Hartmuth Scholz 7646		David Weatherhead 54598H
	Graeme Wagland 8188H		
	Bill Wallace 99499H, 260RH		
	Richard Wearne 6102		
	Colin Weidemann 8314		





## Under the Hood - Editorial



**G**reetings Members,  
I hope you enjoyed last month's souvenir edition of *T Torque*, celebrating our club's successful hosting of another National Rally. Once again, a final thanks to the organising committee for their efforts.

This month it is back to normal presentation and content. Thankyou for your contributions. Keep them coming. It is a pleasure this month to present the long awaited member profile of longtime member Alan Flude. Paula and I enjoyed sitting with Alan over dinner at Ballarat and capturing his memories and enjoyment of the club to share with the members. Thanks to Peter Ninnis for his coverage of the *Veteran Car Club 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally* in his home town of Swan Hill. At least 6 of our members participated in this event. Lets hope that our T club is going strong after 70 years!



Back in July after the AGM, I moved a motion for the club committee to investigate our current club constitution and by laws for our club. As a result I am now a member of a sub committee currently reviewing the rules and regulations of our club. A good mate and member recently questioned, why do we have to have rules? Can't we just drive our cars, go to interesting places and socialise? If you choose to be a member of the *Model T Ford Club of Victoria*, we are an incorporated organisation and at the very least, we are bound to run by the 'Model Rules' for an incorporated association as governed by the states corporate affairs office. Club business and activities must be run according to at least the basic model rules for an incorporated club.

Without incorporation our club would not have access to such memberships and privileges such as the club permit scheme, liability insurances and membership of other bodies such as the AOMC and Federation. For the members' reference, here is a link to the [model rules](#) at *Consumer Affairs Victoria*. Note that this is a link to a downloadable copy. A subcommittee consisting of 3 past presidents, our current vice president, president and secretary are currently reviewing the model rules and constructing a constitution and a series of by laws that should serve our club and its executive for many years to come. We would love to receive your comments and ideas as we work through this process in the hope of presenting a new constitution and by laws for adoption in the near future. If you have input or ideas please contact myself, David

Weatherhead, Geof Baulch, Chris Bagot, John Huitt or Ann Cupid.

Until next month, keep touring in your Ts,

**Warwick Landy**

All contributions to  
[ttorquenews@hotmail.com](mailto:ttorquenews@hotmail.com)

**Below & Right:** More from 'Cars & Coffee' morning as reported by Stephen Brown







## Rally Report



### MODEL T FORD CAFÉ RUN – SUNDAY 14th SEPTEMBER

We met at 10 a.m. at Kilsyth McDonald's. The weather was great for a pre-National Rally drive-in.

We arrived in our 26 Tudor and were greeted by Colin & Pam in their Tudor, Robbie & Christine and their 1920 Tourer. Soon after more arrived. This included Russell and Marcia and their 27 Coupe, David and Karen and their 24 Tourer, James & Erina and their 24 Tourer, Andrew Brown and his 15 Tourer, John and Thelma and their 27 Coupe, Bruce & Jennifer and their 15 Speedster, Geoff Brooke in his MG, Angus Wotherspoon in his lovely restored Mini, Ross & Maureen in their modern and Tammarah and Lightning in their modern.

We all sat outside undercover and enjoyed a cuppa or something to eat. After our morning catch-up a few of us decided to have lunch at the nearby Kilsyth Club. A big thankyou to all those who came. We are hoping to do it again sometime soon.

— Stephen Brown —

*It was a great result to see a good number of Ts of varying years and styles as a great promotion for our club. Getting them out in a public place such as McDonald's on a Sunday is a great way to promote the usability of our cars and the social aspect of our club. More exposure more members?*

—Ed.







## AOMC Report



*The committee has advised that Bernie McKeegan has now resigned from the position of our club's AOMC delegate. The club thanks Bernie for the time he gave to the role. As the club currently has no representative attending AOMC meetings, we are sharing a summary of the recent meeting minutes to keep members informed. If you are interested in taking on the position of AOMC delegate, please let the committee know.* — Ed.

### AOMC Delegate Update & Meeting Summary – August 16, 2025

**Venue:** Maldon Vintage Machinery & Museum

#### Meeting Overview:

AOMC President Keith Mortimer welcomed 71 delegates from 55 clubs and thanked the Maldon Vintage Machinery & Museum for their hospitality.

#### VicRoads / CPS Report:

AOMC and Federation representatives met with VicRoads on 20 May 2025 to discuss a proposed online permit renewal system. The plan would let clubs endorse renewals online, enabling members to pay electronically and reducing secretarial workload. Endorsement by the club will still be required before renewals are accepted.

VicRoads is also investigating an electronic logbook via its app, with both paper and digital options expected during transition. Questions were raised about digital access, custom plates, and temporary permits; these will be considered in future discussions.



#### Apprentice & Business Support Grants:

Launched in May to assist businesses providing services to clubs. Applications are encouraged, with the first awards to be presented at the Club & Trade Showcase on October 18 at Penrite HQ.

#### Treasurer's Report:

As of 31 July 2025, AOMC holds \$281,009 in funds with \$9,735 outstanding. Invoicing and payment processes have improved, and financial reporting is on track. AOMC remains in a strong position to support future initiatives, including the MembershipPLUS Insurance Scheme.

#### MembershipPLUS Club Insurance Scheme:

Launched 1 July 2025 after several years' development. Offers Public Liability and Volunteer Workers Insurance at lower cost, covering club volunteers and event officials. Around 30 clubs have already joined. Clubs must prepare Risk Management Plans (RMPs), with AOMC templates available soon to assist. Questions were raised about responsibilities, claims, and underwriters (Lloyds of London and CGU). AOMC emphasised that the scheme supports good governance and recommended clubs review it against their current cover.

#### Club Permit Scheme Handbook:

The 2015 handbook is being updated, with a draft to go to VicRoads and the Department of Transport for approval.

#### Engine Number Records:

Philip Johnstone has handled 20 recent enquiries and over 3,000 searches in his 23 years of service.

#### General Business:

Discussions included short-term permits for large unregistered vehicles and requests to hold a second regional delegates meeting each year.

#### Guest Speaker:

Alan Miller from the Maldon Vintage Machinery & Museum spoke about the club's history, restoration projects, and collection of over 40,000 engineering drawings saved from disposal.

**Meeting Closed:** 2:15 pm      **Meeting & AGM:** November 17, 2025 – Springvale

To read more detail, the full minutes can be found [here](#) on the AOMC website.



## Federation Report



### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October — Bendigo Historic Motorcycle Club Rooms, Llanelly

Lunch was provided for all attendees as usual.

#### Past events were reported on:

- The Marong Picnic, on 31<sup>st</sup> August was another great day with 250 vehicles on display. As it looked like rain locally in the morning the crowd was a bit later in arriving. A great day was had by all with the raffle prizes all going off. Rotary once again provided lunch. The Peter Mac Hospital Fundraiser events are again underway by a number of Federation Clubs. Well done to those that are doing something to help Peter Mac. The Federation Name has been put on the Honor Board at Peter Mac for our efforts to date.



#### Upcoming Events:

##### 2025:

- Baw Baw picnic date this year is 26<sup>th</sup> October. It's a great event and just off the freeway with an excellent venue that has a large display of engines. The new toilet block there is now completed.

##### Events for 2026:

- Mortlake Picnic, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March. The local shire is once again helping with funding for this event.
- Wunghnu Vehicle Machinery and Collectables Display is 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March with their annual picnic on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March.
- Scoresby Picnic is 26<sup>th</sup> April
- Murabit Picnic is 17<sup>th</sup> May which is also National motoring Day, they will have a band, food and coffee van in attendance.
- Marong Picnic is Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August, celebration of 70 years of Ferguson 35s.

**AHMF update:** The *Australian Historic Motoring Federation (AHMF)* AGM will be held on 4th October in Melbourne. Things to discussed include insurance for clubs, emission targets, events, taxation on clubs, changes to State and Territory rules and requirements, plus the amounts to be awarded from *The Robert Shannon Trust*. The Federation members at this meeting voted to donate \$41,500 to the trust for future recipients.

**Federation Website:** any information on events or reports could people please send these to Rebecca for inclusion.  
[www.federation.asn.au](http://www.federation.asn.au)

**Federation/AOMC Joint Meetings:** A VicRoads number plate survey has been sent out to all clubs. This will be a topic at the next joint meeting. Members should be aware that CPS renewals should arrive 4 to 6 weeks before they mature and that it is your responsibility check and to contact your VicRoads office to have it renewed before the maturity date.

**Golden Oldies Tour 2026:** it will again start from the Marong Picnic and then head to the Swan Hill area for a week. The *Open Tour 2025* in the Horsham area was a great success. This was organised by Michelle and John Goddard along with Kris and Lloyd Healey. The Grampians Shire was most appreciative of the event in their area. The next Open Tour will be in 2027 and it seems that entrants are looking more to hub type tours instead of packing up and moving several times.

**Bendigo Swap Update:** Volunteers will have received their letters with wrist bands. Site Holders mailout was scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> September. Toilets and showers have been hired with a disabled toilet included. 19 Food vendors have been secured. Electronic payment at gates and the booking office are also being provided. In conclusion the Bendigo National Swap Meet Committee is confident that the 25-26 events will be well organised, enjoyable and financially successful.

#### Next Meetings:

- 14<sup>th</sup> February Geelong/Western District HVC,
- 16<sup>th</sup> May Heathcote District CC
- 1<sup>st</sup> August Wunghnu/Goulbourn Valley VVT & FM Club
- 24<sup>th</sup> October Hamilton & District VV&C Drivers Club

— Geof Baulch (Federation Rep) —





## Rally Report



### Flathead Ford Festival

Another great day was enjoyed by all at the annual *Flathead Ford Festival* at Scoresby Steam Park, on Sunday 19th October. Fortunately the weather was kind to us, although a little windy, but the rain held out.

We had a pleasing number from our club on display, I think nine in total. A fantastic day for all the Flathead Ford Clubs to get together, have a chat at the same time, showing off their cars. There were a good display of T and A models, many Early Side Valve V8s and Hot Rods. Always, a good display of Ford Prefects and Anglias. This year there was a good display of Zephyrs from the Zephyr Club.

Always reliable was a great coffee from the coffee van. The food truck was well supported and we were also afforded a lovely generous slice of homemade cake, celebrating 100 years of Fords in Australia by Gary Yule from the Ford Prefect Club's niece. Looking forward to next years Flathead Ford Day.

— **Thelma Huitt** —

*Not covered by Thelma, it was another opportunity for Dalgety Ts to be on display in their 100<sup>th</sup> year. Three Dalgetys, belonging to Warwick Landy, Paul Woodman and Noel Inman were displayed and created lots of interest as Ford Australia's first product and 100 year old vehicles.*

— **Ed.**







## Member Profile



### Alan Flude — 'My Life With Cars & Model T Fords' (Part 1)

My father's first car was a 1926 Model T Tourer. On driving it home for first time to my grandfather's house in Ormond, where he lived, he drove it straight through the front fence and knocked part of it over. A picture in the family album and that early memory of my father's Model T stays with me.

I grew up with boats in the family and had an early interest in go-carts, anything mechanical that I could tinker with. In 1968 I bought my first car, a 1965 Volkswagen Beetle. That car went through significant performance modifications over the years, where at a club level I competed in different events. I did much of my own mechanical work and that interest became a hobby.

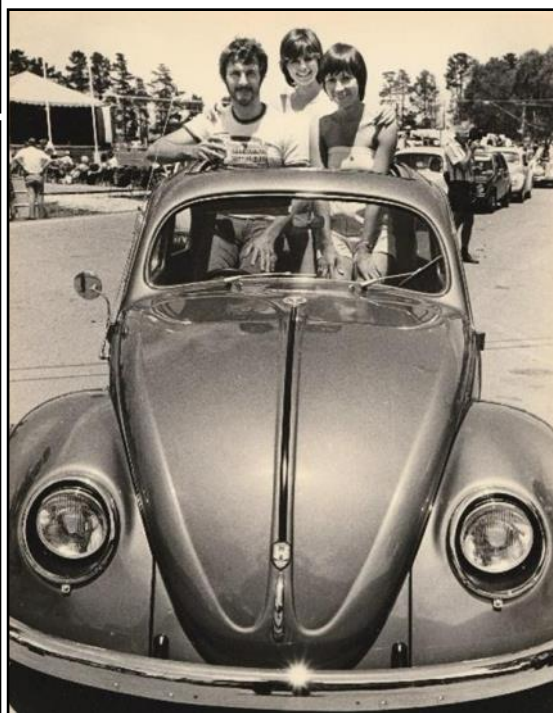
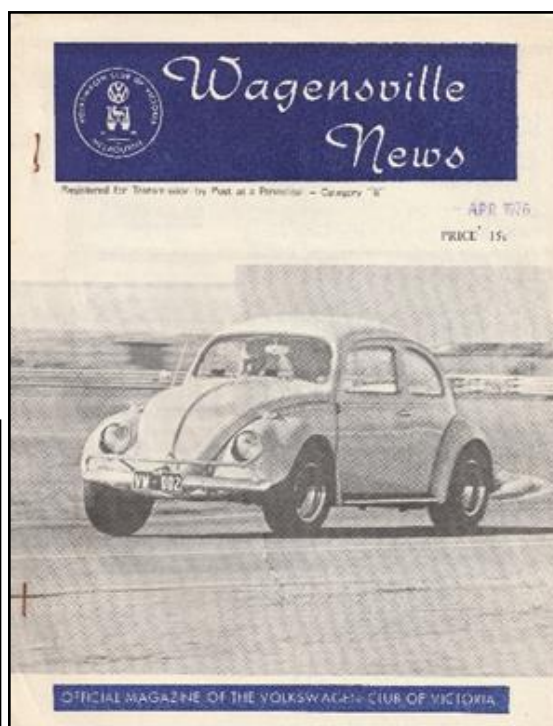
In 1974 I purchased a rare 1952 VW Beetle, a basic Standard model. It had been imported into Bendigo, Australia in 1963. Later I discovered that John Olsen, a former Model T Club member, bought that car in Bendigo when living nearby. Through a friend, my ownership of this 1952 reached John Olsen. I promptly received John's phone call stating "You've got my car, and I want it back". According to John, after buying it in 1963 he had to sell to fund repairs on his new VW, that had been smashed. John had always hoped to buy this 1952 back, but lost contact after it changed owners. We met in 1975, John showed me his new VW Beetle, and gave me the original 1952 owner's manual and documentation he had kept. That was a very generous gesture and we became friends. John also had an interest in Model Ts.

**Cover Picture** - Ballarat National Rally 2025

**Right:** Calder Raceway in 1976, on a club race day

**Bottom Right:** Dandenong Octoberfest 1981, with Jill and her friend from England

**Bottom Left:** 1977 VW Karmann Cabriolet, with our son Richard in 1986







## Member Profile



### Alan Flude — 'My Life With Cars & Model T Fords' (Part 1) continued...

When visiting John's house again, he proudly showed me part of his Model T Ford collection of lamps and other veteran T parts, safely stored in the master bedroom. I can recall his wife not being very impressed. A couple of years later I was invited to his home and found several Ts parked in the driveway. It turned out to be a Model T movie night with his friends from the Mornington Peninsula. That's where I met Ivor Austin, Bob Ravida and others, those friendships continued. I saw John building his 1916 T Shooting Brake, and remember his enthusiasm describing the first national T rally outing at Parkes in 1983.

After the mid 1970s I spent 2 years overseas travelling much of the world, many countries that are not accessible or safe today. I did tours through German car plants, with letters of introduction into Volkswagen and Porsche factories. I was fortunate to get into the abandoned Schlumpf Collection in Mulhouse France with about 500 'dust covered' cars on display. Later it became the National Automobile Museum. Not to waste an opportunity, I found various parts to complete my 1952 VW when travelling through Germany, Belgium, Norway, Cairo and even Kabul in Afghanistan.

My interest in restoring cars and chasing elusive car parts grew, I first went to Bendigo Swap in 1979 and never missed a Ballarat Swap. Swap meets have provided some very good friendships over the years, an opportunity to locate parts we all want and sometimes don't really need. I can look back on some great times, whilst also reflecting on friends that have unfortunately passed away.

In the early 1980s I had bought a 1938 DKW Sports Tourer to restore, an opportunity to attend night school at Frankston TAFE in the Vintage Car Body Restoration course. There I learned the craft of body and metal work, meeting others with a common interest. Building veteran Model Ts was prominent amongst that group, making panels for their 1912 to 1916 bodies. On completing the body work of my DKW, I was hooked and wanted to build a veteran Model T. In 1987 I came across an abandoned Model T speedster project for sale, a job-lot including early veteran parts. Bob Ravida's was building a 1914 Tourer at TAFE and with his support I bought that speedster project; securing a set of Budd wire wheels, a Ruckstell rear end and an assortment of early veteran parts. That purchase was the start in building a veteran Model T, so I joined both the Model T Ford Club and the Veteran Car Club.

*To be continued in December edition...*



From Top:

- 1971 VW Karmann Ghia on a club display in 1990
- 1913 T body during construction, with my father Doug in 1992
- 1913 T body trial metal body skin fitment
- Barossa national rally 1995, with Neil's 1911 T Tourer





## Rally Report



### Veteran Car Club 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally Swan Hill

Well, the Swan Hill Veteran Rally has been and gone! What a special rally it turned out to be. The rally consisted of 107 vehicles with the oldest being a 1903 Humberette. There was also a 1911 Stanley Steamer along with 11 veteran motorcycles, some with wicker basket sidecars. Sponsored by the RACV the event for pre 1919 cars was celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the formation of the *Veteran Car Club of Australia (Victoria)*.

It was a great honour that Swan Hill was selected for this rally. The rally has been 7 years in the making! Due to covid it was cancelled twice and then reinvented in 2024 as the 70th Anniversary Annual Rally.

The event was coordinated by Michael and Claudia Holding from the Veteran Car Club and what a fantastic job they conducted, a huge credit to them both. The Rally started on Wednesday afternoon at 4:00pm in the *Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement* on the banks of the Mighty Murray River with rally registration and a mayoral welcome. We enjoyed complimentary drinks followed by hors d'oeuvres and canapes until 6:00 pm with a river boat cruise on board the Pyap to follow. Thursday was to be a big challenge to try and get 107 cars and motor cycles across the Speewa Punt which crosses the Murray River at Speewa Island! The temperature was not in favour of Veteran cars as it was sitting at 36 degrees! HOT!

Anyhow here is how it will worked. The Rally was divided into two groups, one group would cross the punt in the morning and the second group would tackle the punt in the afternoon! Once over the punt we were all served up a magnificent morning/ afternoon tea put on by the lovely CWA ladies. It was delicious!!! In actual fact the crossing went off without a hitch! We then headed on towards Tooleybuc for lunch at the Tooleybuc Club. The kids from the local Central School all came over and admired all the shiny Veteran cars. After lunch we all made our way back to Swan Hill. The total distance was 117 kms.

Friday was to be the "BIG" day! 188 kms. All the Veteran cars lined up at *Riverside Park in Swan Hill* ready for our drivers' briefing from our rally directors, all very enthusiastic to set off for the day ahead! Mark Bail was travelling with me that day and he was really looking forward to catching up with all of these very unique Veteran cars. We headed off at a leisurely pace and made our way through to the Murrabit Reserve.

All the cars lined up there under the shady trees as the temp was quite warm. Here we were treated to an excellent morning tea put on by the Murrabit CWA! We left there at approximately 11:45 and headed on to Barham, approx 22 kms, a nice leisurely drive. Upon our arrival at Barham all the cars were lined up at the wharf, a very spectacular sight! Here we had a special treat in store for us, that being the paddle steamer "MELBOURNE", which had just tied up at the wharf after a long trip upstream all the way from Mildura! We all enjoyed a long lunch stop here before setting off towards Bengeroop Pump Museum. Here we were all parked by the one and only marshal, my wife Lynda! We were all treated by the pump being fired up by Lindsay Schulz. It was a great sight to see and hear the pump running! From here we all headed back to Swan Hill via Pental Island Road. It was a very enjoyable day of flat road touring. Happy hour & pizzas were enjoyed back at the caravan park in the evening.



A neat T Speedster



A beautifully presented 1910 Tourer from Queensland.





## Rally Report continued...



### Veteran Car Club 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally Swan Hill

Saturday saw us all lining up for our regular morning briefing at Riverside Park before departing on a much shorter run, approximately 90 kms. Our morning tea stop was to be at Chasney Estate. Here we were treated to some delicious lavender Scones! We were also able to buy lavender ice-cream. The farm specialises in olive oil so I think that a lot of people took away quite a few samples! From there we headed over to the Catalina Flying Boat Museum where once again all the spectacular Veteran cars were lined up on the foreshore of the Lake. This was to be our lunch stop and we were also treated to a guided tour of the Museum. It was very enjoyable!



Above: A row of 1915s. Centre is Don McPherson's 1915 Speedster.

Below: Over 100 Veteran cars at the olive and lavender farm. How many Ts can you spot?

Then it was back to Swan Hill to prepare ourselves for the 70th Anniversary Dinner which was being held that night at the magnificent Swan Hill Art Deco Town Hall. It was a perfect venue to wind up what had been a sensational Rally. Amongst all these magnificent Veteran cars I counted up 19 Model Ts! Quite a few drivers were from our Victorian Model T Club also. Chris and Fiona Dillon were also there in there outstanding 1909 Minerva Type R.

— Peter Ninnis —

*Rally Entrant 1913, Ford Model T Runabout*







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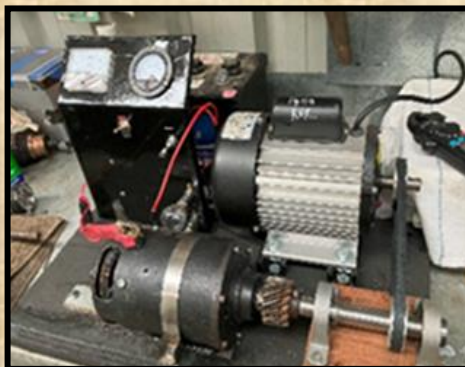
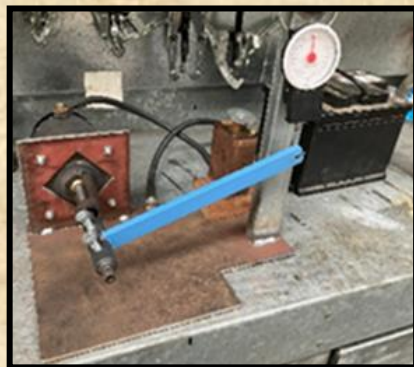
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## Newsy Bits



### Alan Bennett Takes Top Honours at Bay to Birdwood

South Australian T Club member Alan Bennet has taken out the prestigious award at this year's Bay to Birdwood event, winning the 'Preservation Class' with his 1925 Dalgety Buckboard. He is shown here with a nice trophy for the car in its 100th year!



### Modern V8 Meets Vintage T!

HV8 Super car champion and current Dick Johnson Racing driver Brodie Kostecki has recently taken a spin in a model T. The Model T was at one point owned by MTOQ member



Gavin Pocock and is now owned by former Touring car legend, Tony Longhurst. [Here is a link to the video.](#)

### Rare 2 Lever T Number 220 Auctioned at Mecrums in the USA

Early 2 Lever Model T number 22 was recently auctioned in the USA. The car failed to make its reserve so its future is now unknown. If you like looking at early Ts there are some great pictures of the presentation of this early T in the [auction catalogue here](#), and also some interesting discussion on this car on the [MTFCA forum](#).



### March 3 Day Weekend Rally Update

Rally organisers Dean and Ann have spent the Melbourne Cup weekend around the Echuca area checking out what promises to be a great 3 day rally in March. (See 'Upcoming Rallies & Events') If you have not already entered or booked accommodation be sure to let them know you are coming. Their car is pictured here, catching up with Deniliquin member, David Lang who is assisting with route planning and local sites.



### Andrew Brown Runs the Tourer at Rob Roy Hill Climb

These images were recently captured of Andrew Brown operating the 1915 Tourer at the Rob Roy Historic Hill climb. Currently Andrew's Speedsters have some mechanical issues so I assume, as to not miss out in the Edwardian category, Andrew entered the 1915 Tourer.



### New Stamp Release Features Member's Car!

Australia Post, in conjunction with Ford Australia, have released a new stamp series celebrating 100 years of Ford Australia. Club and committee member, Noel Inman, was fortunate to be invited to the photo shoot and supply the representative iconic Model T vehicle for the stamp series image. Noel says, "I've had my Model T for about 4 years, and I'm the third owner. It has the original paint and no dents. I've had a couple of these over the years and even raced in them. There's nothing quite like it," Noel Inman, 1926 Ford Coupe Model T owner.



### McFeeters Museum Selling Up!

A few of our members may be familiar with the McFeeters Motor Museum in Forbes, NSW. The former owner, Bill, was a member of our club for many years and was a keen Model T enthusiast. At least one T features in the auction catalogue as do many other rare and unique Veteran and Vintage cars. The auction will be handled by Victorian auction house, Burns & Co. [Here is the link](#) to the auctions earliest promotion.





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The club conducts an annual Model T only, cars and parts Swap Meet. Member participation in other club gazetted events is also encouraged.

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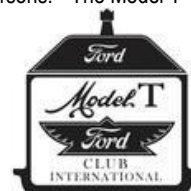
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(Note: this is not a long weekend!)



- Fri 27 night — welcome BBQ at the caravan park
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