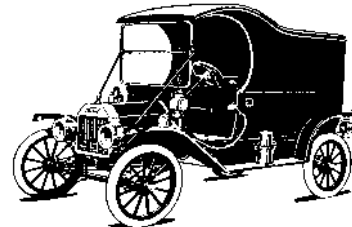




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Our cover photo for this month features club member Geof Baulch with his replica Quadricycle. For those that missed the car and Geof's presentation at the February meeting, read the full article in this edition of *T Torque*.

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- Echuca Rally pictorial
- Geof Baulch Quadricycle Feature
- Recollections from Bob Griffiths
- A Northern Vic/ NSW members' run report

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on what  
you are  
going to do."*  
-- Henry Ford --



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## NEXT MEETING:

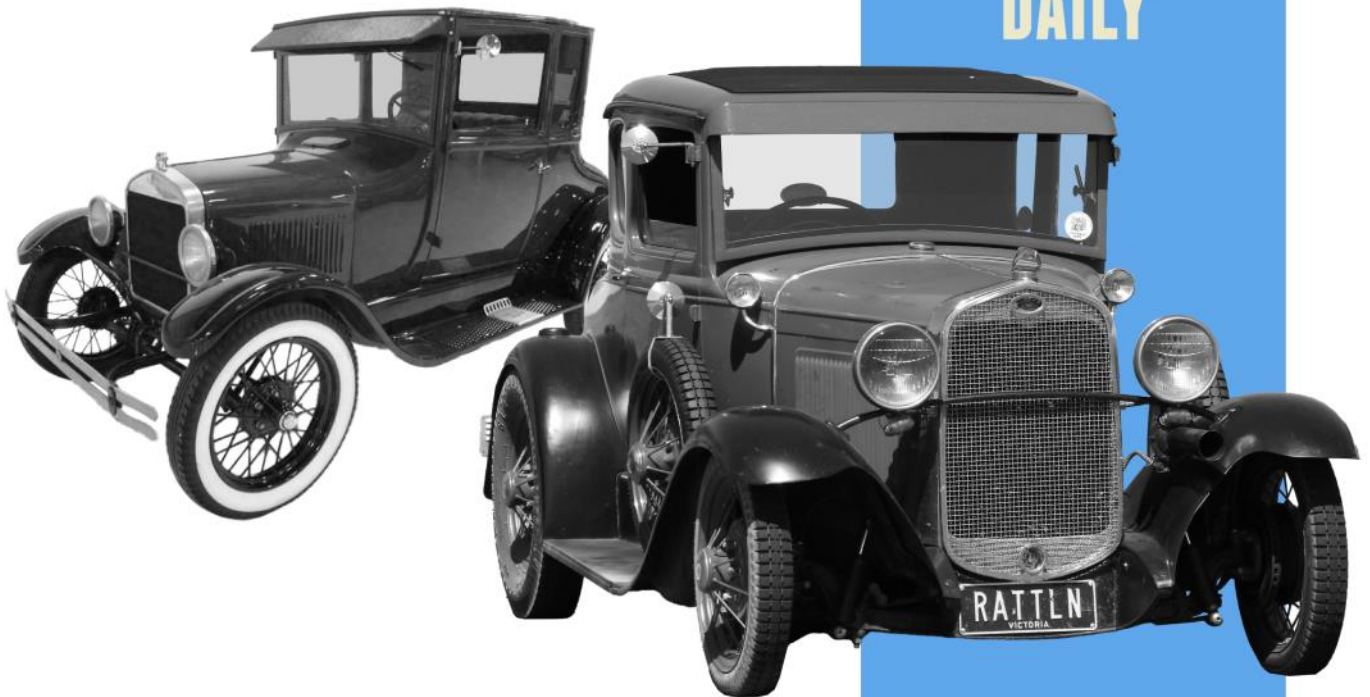
**April 10, 8pm**  
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Rally - reports,  
photos and  
stories

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## President's Message



**G**reetings to all Members,  
We hope you are all keeping well. I am sitting here in our kitchen on Monday night, 23rd March, writing this report and thinking ahead to Moama at the same time. Dean and Anne have put so much time and planning into the Moama Rally and it is going to be a fantastic weekend. By the time you read this report, the Rally will be over and we will be talking about it at the April meeting — plenty to look forward to.



A big thank you to Geof Baulch for bringing his Quadricycle to the last meeting in March. Having to do this on the ground floor made it a bit hard for our Zoom members to see it, but members from another car club on the lower floor joined in and were most intrigued with Geof's machine. Geof and Jo don't get home until nearly 2am, then still have to get the trailer home — a huge effort. Thank you, Geof.

March had a few activities on, with the Yarra Glen Swap Meet and a visit to the Steam Park, with Kalorama on the following weekend. Unfortunately, Thelma and I had to miss these activities this year, as we had to keep her nose out of the sun after her recent operation.

For those who would like to go to Historic Winton on May 30th and 31st, they have made a generous offer to our Club with free entry for two people per car and the opportunity to display our cars in the indoor area. We need at least six cars, but they are hoping for around ten. Onsite camping is available, but you will need to book if you wish to camp or bring a trailer or caravan.

Another date to remember is 12th April, where we will be treated to a visit to Andrew and Lynda Phillips' garage and car collection, followed by lunch at a venue to be confirmed.

We are still looking for activities at our General Meetings, so if you or someone you know might like to come along and present or share something of interest, that would be greatly appreciated.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Moama. That's all for now folks, so from over another running board.

— John & Thel —



*When she wants to dine somewhere expensive!*

## Junior Membership

The Committee is currently developing a new Junior Membership category. While this is not yet finalised, the aim is to encourage younger people to become involved in the Club and help support the future of the Model T hobby. Junior Membership would be open to individuals under 18 years of age and offer a simple, low-cost way for young enthusiasts to take part in Club activities, receive *T Torque* electronically, and potentially receive a small package of Club items such as a badge, sticker or hat.

The intention is that Junior Membership would be a participation-based category rather than a full voting membership. Junior Members would not have voting rights or be eligible for Committee roles, but would be encouraged to be involved, learn, and contribute where appropriate. The proposed fee is modest (around \$20 per year), reflecting the goal of making this category accessible while fostering the next generation of members.

The proposed Junior Membership category is already creating excitement — especially for Grace Csorba. Subject to the finalisation of the Constitution, the Committee would be delighted to offer Grace the honour of becoming the Club's first Junior Member, marking a wonderful step forward in encouraging youth involvement in our Club.



## April General Meeting Minutes



**Meeting opened at Friday 13th March 8.02PM by President John Huitt at the VDC rooms, and via Zoom.**

**New Members:** Gary Hartley, Wayne Hendy

**Attendance:** 24 present at VDC rooms and 8 on Zoom

**Apologies:** Cheryl Weatherhead, JD, Orlando Talamo, Jenny Stevens, Chris Bagot, Russell Medhurst, Brian Smith

**Visitors:** Garry Angus and Anne Salmon

**Confirmation of Minutes:** **Moved:** -Jo Baulch **Seconded:** Barry Hancock

**Business arising from Minutes:** Nil

**Tonight's Meeting:** Geof Baulch has brought in his Quadricycle

### Correspondence

#### In:

- **EMAIL:** LHD vehicles wanted for movie, AOMC bulletin, Federation invoice
- **MAIL:** *Backfire* magazine, P.O. Box invoice

#### Out:

- Welcome letters to Gary Hartley and Wayne Hendy

### REPORTS

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was presented to the by John Fotakis. We received a letter from the Tax Department telling us we are required to do a self assessment. Garry Angus can do this for us but it is quite expensive. Garry also advised us we can invest our money in a reward saver account. **Seconded:** Chris Dillon

**Last Month's Rally Report:** Fiona Dillon gave a report on the lunch run to Narbethong Pub, Warwick Landy gave a report on the *Darum Heritage Run* and Geof Baulch gave a report on the *Lismore Tractor Pull*.

**This Month's Activity/Run:** Moama Rally

### Upcoming Events:

- *Romsey Men's Shed* are showing their car on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March, Moama Rally 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> March, Mortlake Picnic 29<sup>th</sup> March, All Ford Day 29<sup>th</sup> March, Morning tea at Andrew and Linda Phillip's house 12<sup>th</sup> April, Demonstration Day at JD's 9<sup>th</sup> May, Murrabit Picnic 17<sup>th</sup> May, Historic Winton 30th-31st May

**Swap Meet / Clearing Sales Reports:** A report was given on the Yarra Glen Swap Meet, quite a few members went and all congregated at Andrew Brand's stall. John Horsfel had a 1911 LHD unrestored Model T for sale there.

### DELEGATE'S REPORT:

- **AOMC:** No Report **FEDERATION:** Report in magazine

### TECHNICAL TIPS & QUERIES: Nil

**RESTORATION PROGRESS:** Dean Williams has finished painting, will be putting together this weekend and has sent crank to the crank man.

**PARTS WANTED:** Les from Korumburra is looking for an ignition switch for a '24, Ross Cartledge is after a column top horn button

**FOR SALE:** David Jenkins is asking for expressions of interest for a '24 Tarrant

### GENERAL BUSINESS:

- The November General Meeting will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> November, this is the first Friday of the month. This way it will not clash with the Bendigo Swap Meet.
- Dean and Ann are looking for some volunteers to make some salads for the Moama rally

**NEXT MEETING ACTIVITY:** Discuss Moama Rally

**RAFFLE DRAW:** **DRAWN BY:** Peter Rutley, **WON BY:** Barry Hancock, **PRIZE SELECTED:** Bunnings voucher

**MEETING CLOSED:** 8.58PM

— Ann Cupid —





## Under the Hood



**G**reetings Members,  
As I write this, we are preparing for the Moama 3-Day Rally. We can't wait to be there and enjoy everything Dean and Anne have organised for us. We look forward to receiving your reports and photos from the event for inclusion in *T Torque*.

A special thank you to all those who contributed to this edition. March has certainly been a busy month, with plenty of events to choose from. It is a pleasure to present Geof Baulch's Quadricycle build story in this issue. Members who attended the March meeting were fortunate to see Geof display and speak about this special project, so it is great that our wider membership can now enjoy the story as well.

I have not heard otherwise, so can we assume that the email distribution for the March edition worked well? As always, please call or email if there are any issues, and we can follow this up with the committee.

While browsing the MTFCA forum this month, I noticed a well-supported discussion around member age and participation — a topic many vintage motoring clubs are currently facing. How do we encourage younger and newer members to join? What might the average age of our own membership be, and what are we doing as a club to ensure our future? The graph below shows results from current USA club forum participants. Would our club reflect

a similar trend, with lower participation in the 0–40 age group and higher numbers in the 65–80 range? The challenge for us is to grow participation among younger members to ensure a sustainable future for the club. I'm sure the committee would welcome ideas and discussion from members on this important topic.

Over the past month, I have been out and about in the Ts locally, attending the Yinnar Cars and Coffee before heading to the Leongatha Rotary Show 'n' Shine. I also enjoyed a field trip in the T with members of the local historical society, visiting a historic building in the area dating back to the late 1800s.

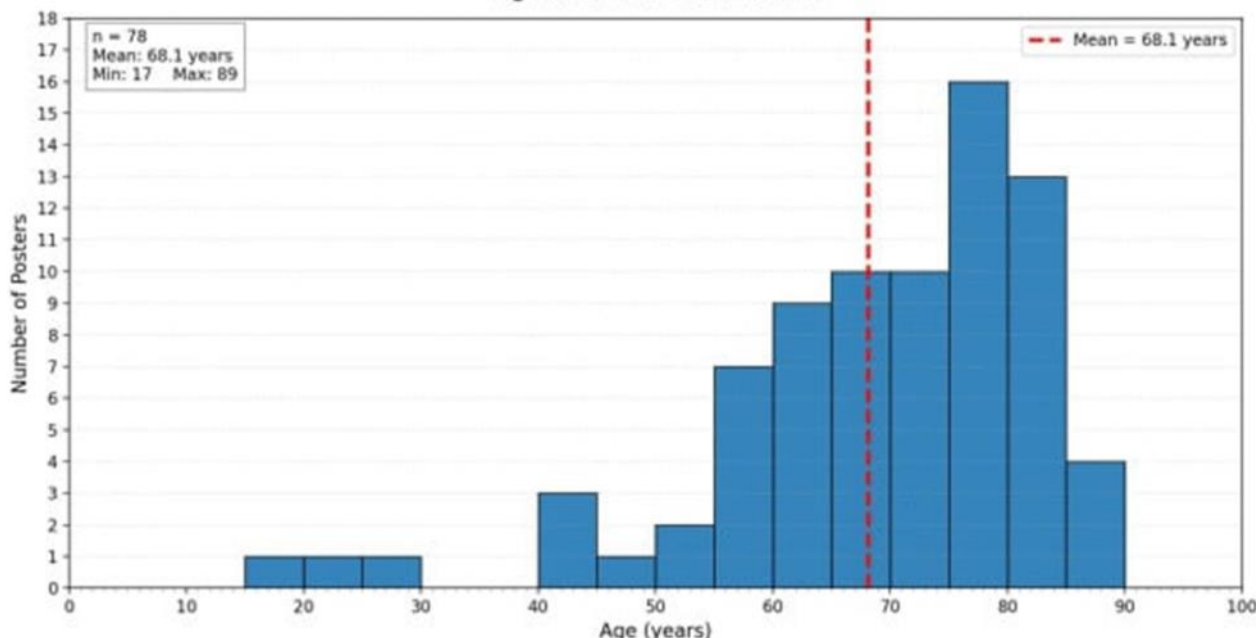
Until next month, keep touring in your Ts.

— **Warwick & Paula Landy** —

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



Age Distribution of Posters



| Club Calendar 2026                                                                           |                      |                                                                                                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|             |                      |                |
|  April       | <b>CLUB MEETING:</b> | 10 8pm General Meeting—Echuca Rally photos & stories                                              |
|                                                                                              | <b>CLUB EVENTS:</b>  | 12 TBC—Coffee Run / Garage Crawl to Andrew & Linda Phillips                                       |
|                                                                                              | <b>OTHER EVENTS:</b> | 18 AOMC Heritage Festival, Steam Centre Scoresby                                                  |
|  May         | <b>CLUB MEETING:</b> | 8 8pm General Meeting—Peter Natoli, Electrical Presentation Part 2                                |
|                                                                                              | <b>CLUB EVENTS:</b>  | 9 Safety Day at JD's Workshop, 7 Ford Place Longwarry<br>16-17 Heyfield Vintage & Machinery Rally |
|                                                                                              | <b>OTHER EVENTS:</b> | 20-31 Historic Winton, T Club Display— see 'Upcoming Events'                                      |
|  June        | <b>CLUB MEETING</b>  | 12 8pm General Meeting—Guest Speaker: Geoff Scott, first MTFCV president from 1980                |
|                                                                                              | <b>CLUB EVENTS:</b>  | TBA                                                                                               |
|                                                                                              | <b>OTHER EVENTS:</b> | TBA                                                                                               |
|  July        | <b>CLUB MEETING:</b> | 10 8pm General Meeting—AGM                                                                        |
|                                                                                              | <b>CLUB EVENT:</b>   | 12 Annual Club Lunch                                                                              |
|                                                                                              | <b>OTHER EVENTS:</b> | TBA                                                                                               |
|  August     | <b>CLUB MEETING:</b> | 14 8pm General Meeting—activity TBC                                                               |
|                                                                                              | <b>CLUB EVENT:</b>   | TBA                                                                                               |
|                                                                                              | <b>OTHER EVENTS:</b> | TBA                                                                                               |
|  September | <b>CLUB MEETING:</b> | 11 8pm, General Meeting—activity TBC                                                              |
|                                                                                              | <b>CLUB EVENT:</b>   | TBA                                                                                               |
|                                                                                              | <b>OTHER EVENTS:</b> | TBA                                                                                               |

## Club Permit Renewals

### **\*\*Important Notice – Permit Submissions\*\***

Members are reminded that permits should now be sent directly to their **nearest Club Safety Officer**. Please note that the club mailbox is no longer cleared on a regular basis, so sending permits there may result in delays. When submitting permits, please include a **stamped, self-addressed envelope** to allow permits to be returned promptly.

Club permit renewals must be signed by the club permit holder and an authorised MTFCV officer to confirm that the permit holder is a current member of the club.

Members having vehicles permitted through MTFCV must be a financial member. If you no longer own or have the listed vehicle on red plates, please contact the secretary.

**Ann Cupid, 0427 984797**  
**[secretary@mtfcv.com](mailto: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.

### April

Andrew Brown 7805

Laine Bull 4421

Bruce Csorba 7399

Paul Daley 61287H

Paul Grady 7640

Bernie McKeegan 07099H

Linda Phillips 0824H6,  
3406H9, 0824H4, 0824H7,  
0824H3, 0824H2

Orlando Talamo 8825

David Weatherhead 0452H,  
C9939, 5172

### May

Lloyd Davis 6062

Laurie Ford 7431

Ian Northey 3894

Linda Phillips 71021H

Ray Smith 3257

Laurie Wadeson 3565

### June

Gregory Angelo 1820

Chris Bagot 698

Geoffrey Brooke 3358H2

Andrew Brown 5446

Robert Dalton 6481

Laurie Ford 7457

Noel Huitt 5108

Linda Phillips 1188H3,  
3629H4, 6129H6

Mickie Turner 6243

Graeme Wagland 5099

Bill Wallace 934GH

David Weatherhead 258BH,  
41328H

Rhonda White 457

James Wotherspoon 8089



## Rally Report



### National Steam Centre Heritage Rally

On Saturday 7th March Chris, Emily and Catherine Dillon and I went to the Steam Festival in Scoresby. This is an annual event held over the Labour Day long weekend each year. On this day many members bring their small steam engines and have them up and running in a dedicated display area, together with assorted other machines. Borg from our club was there with his



steam engine. Many farm-type machines, including a hay baler—I wouldn't like to think how long it would take to bale even a small paddock of hay!

There were also many of the big engines in the large shed which were fired up, mostly steam-powered, with some diesel. The engine room from the steam tug Lyttleton II was set up and running, an awesome display of steam power. This was rescued from Geelong as the tug was being cut up for scrap—a close call made possible by the dedicated members of the club. Also running was the backup diesel generator from the Abbotsford Brewery, along with many historic engines from all over.



There were many operating steam rollers, trucks, engines from the gold rush era, every imaginable size engine, including the enormous walking dragline engine. The miniature train was running, and tractor rides were also available. An amazing array of machinery of a bygone era, and well worth a look for anyone interested in machinery history. [Here's a link](#) to our club Facebook where you can view additional photos and video. report on the club of the day for additional photos and videos.



— Jenny Stevens —

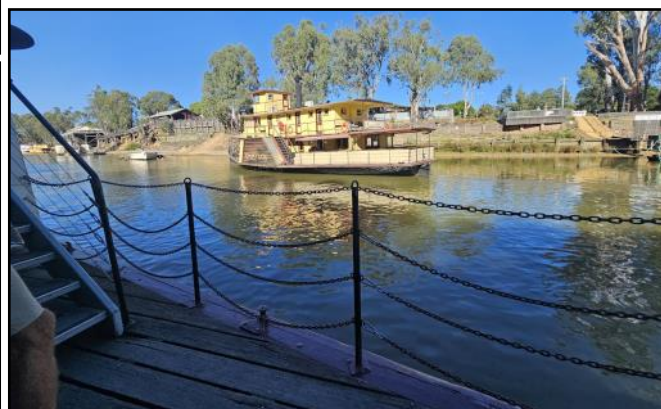


## Moama Rally Pictorial



### Moama, March 27 - 30

What a weekend! Below are just some of the activities and events of a fantastic few days. Reports and more photos to come (hoping for a short report from all participants—please send them in!)





## Rally Report



### Kalorama - March 15

Attended by Steve Brown and his friend Noel, Chris Dillon and Russell Medhurst.

On Sunday morning, Chris and Fiona Dillon arrived at my place at 9 am in their 1911 Tourer, and my friend Noel came along for the ride in my 1914 roadster. We then drove up the mountain together, having to overtake a very slow 1930 Singer on the way. There were not many places to pass on the way up.

Arriving at the oval fairly early, we got a good spot in the middle. It was a little bit cold to start off with, but it soon got quite warm. Luckily, we had the Dillons' roof for shade.

Russell and Marcia Medhurst were there in their Chev sedan, and Bruce, Jennifer and Grace Csorba were also there and enjoyed a picnic lunch. We were the only two Model Ts there, and it turned out to be a very enjoyable day.



— Steve Brown —

**Top:** Dillon's Tourer & Brown's Roadster

**Left:** There is always a fine display of cars at Kalorama including this line up from the Rolls Royce club.



The Riley Club





## Rally Report



### Northern State Members' Rally



It was a great weekend up at Deniliquin where our new member, Robin Hendy once grew up. Her and her husband Wayne invited us on a run out to Wanganella & Boonook Stations where Robin's Dad once worked. Unfortunately we didn't quite get there as we had to sort out a few issues in the newly acquired Model Ts. I reckon this could very well create an opportunity for the club to join in, in a great weekend of driving and learning in the future.



There were 4 Model Ts, Wayne & Robin Hendy's 1911 Tourabout, Stuart & Kerryn Mumford's 1913 Roadster, David Lang's 1916 Tour and Lynda's & my 1915 Speedster. We also enjoyed the company of some other great friends Robert & Ruth Cook, David & Debra Sutton, and their daughter Natasha, and Barbara Ridgeway who all enjoyed joining in on the much fun & antics these unique old cars bring.

[Here is a link](#) to the video of the story of the shears embedded in a tree, which was shared by Don to our club Facebook page.

— Don McPherson —





## A Club Friend's Recollections



### Reflections of the family 'T' and Model A Fords

— Roberts S Griffiths —

*This month it is a pleasure to present an article from Model A Club member, Bob Griffiths. Bob has been a regular at the Model T & A Christas rally where he had this article on display. Bob also donated a pair of T wheels which were auctioned and the proceeds split between the clubs. Bobs family T is particularly unique Davis & Fehon body with accessory wire wheels. There are enough similarities and features of this car that lead me to believe it has survived and is owned and rallied by a member of the NSW Model T Club. More on that later if I can confirm it. — Ed.*

At 90 years of age, I can clearly remember the day that dad brought the Model A home and parked it behind his Model T. He was giving it to his brother, my uncle Wally Griffiths, to use the motor to drive a saw bench at Pomonal near Ararat, Vic., as he was operating charcoal pits to provide fuel for gas producers. It was November 1940; WW2 had started, and I would have been 7 years old. Pointing to the 'T', dad said, "Do you want a last ride in the old car?" At the time I was sitting in the front seat of the 'A', saw this very modern gear shift and shiny handbrake, and said, "I want to go in the new car!" At a stretch, I could just see out through the windscreen.

In 1918, my grandfather Walter S. Griffiths ordered a new Model 'T' Ford from Odean Ford Dealers in either Junee or Wagga Wagga, NSW. He was farming at Strathmore near Old Junee. The car was maroon in colour and body by Davis & Fehon in Sydney. In January 1919, my dad and Grandfather went with the dealer to Sydney to pick up the vehicle. The first night at the hotel, in their upstairs room, my grandfather called the downstairs clerk to ask how to turn off the light—the family had used oil lamps all their lives.

The Dealer would have driven the 'T' back, and it was put on show at Wagga Wagga. Dad often recalled a story from



the farm where, one day, my grandfather was driving the 'T', panicked, and drove into a haystack to stop it. The earliest photo of the 'T' shows dad in the driver's seat and a couple of his mates in the car, posing and carrying on at the farm. The photo of the 'T' with the dog shows my brother Russell, who was born in January 1932. The photo of the 'T' at a roadside picnic stop is somewhere near Euroa, Victoria, and shows my grandmother nursing me as a baby (I was born in May 1933), with my brother Russell and father (born Sept. 1908). This dates the photo about 1934, with me about 1 yo. and dad 26 yo.

The photo with the Model 'A', taken at Hepburn Springs, Victoria, shows my dad and the three boys on the running board. This was taken by my mother on December 12th, 1942 (yes, she dated the original print). We would have been there to book Christmas lunch, as Mum's friend had a café, and we often went there for Christmas. Our Model 'A' came off the Geelong assembly line in March 1931, according to our engine number, and has been in our family since November 1940, but that's a story for another time.



## Article of Interest



### Building of Henry Ford's Quadricycle

In October 2008 the Science Works at Spotswood asked the MTFCV if we could arrange to have some Model T Fords at an Open Day they were holding. A few members turned up with their Ts and one member in a Holden. If my memory serves me correctly we were privileged to see a working Kitchen Sink Engine and a Quadricycle, both replicas of Henry Fords first engine and car (horseless carriage).

I was so interested that I took many photos of the Quad for future reference as it seemed like an easy enough car to build. I had seen another Quadricycle down at the Ford Discovery Centre some years previously and this second one really got my curiosity going. I then saw another one a few weeks later at Lardner Park, so as far as I was concerned it had to happen. All I had to do was get plans from George De Angelis in America. I was a bit hesitant about this due to if they were genuine or not. Lots of internet surfing then I was assured by Graham Hadden that they were, and well worth the money (\$550).



So now I had the good plans it was time to find the necessary parts to build my Quadricycle. Mind you I had already built 2 or three Kitchen Sink Engines by now, so the Quad was going to be built one way or another.

The chassis was built from an old tank stand that was of imperial size to be authentic. The wheels Henry used were bicycle wheels, so 4 old bike wheels (must be the rear wheels because of the number of spokes) were scrounged for. The spokes were cut out as they needed to be a heavier grade, and new hubs were made to suit. The engine was built by using hydraulic rams cut and machined to suit the 2 ½ inch Ford Prefect pistons (which is the correct sizing for the Quad). For the inlet valves Henry used ordinary plumbing stop taps, so these weren't an issue to procure. They just needed to be modified so they opened under vacuum (atmospheric valves). The exhaust valves operated off an eccentric cam follower. The exhaust valve guides I turned up out of pig iron I was given at the casting premises. The differential I was able to match gears for but the (crown wheel) sprocket to hold the spider gears I had to machine. The brass engine mounts and oiler holders I made patterns for and got them cast locally and then machined down to fit. The globe oilers themselves I sourced at the Bendigo swap meet. The flywheel I was going to get cast as well so also made a pattern for it, but in the end I got it machined from a billet as it was cheaper to do so.





## Article of Interest



### Building of Henry Ford's Quadricycle

Top ratio runs on an 18 inch pulley, low is a 6 inch pulley on the flywheel. The steering tiller is made from an 1871 BSA (Martini Henry) gun barrel and the timber work for the body is from the floor boards of an 1870's building that was demolished here in Ballarat. I started assembling the parts in about 2013 and had it running in 2017, so there was a lot of procrastination going on.

Henry Ford only built one Quadricycle, and it was from this one in the Ford Museum that George De Angelis drew up the plans. George built one for himself and one for the Museum. George had worked for Ford for 22 years in the engineering staff art department.

#### FACTS:

- 2 cylinders, horizontal and parallel, 4 stroke; 3 to 4 hp at 800 rpm, 3:1 compression ratio, 2.5 inch bore, 6 inch stroke, 71.9 cubic inch engine capacity, kerb weight 500 lb.
- 2 speed transmission, no brakes with tiller steering.
- Dimensions: Wheelbase 49 inches, length 79 inches, height 43 inches.
- Tyres 1.75 x 28 inch
- Speed: 0 to 10 mph 12.5 secs, 0 to 18 mph 21.0 secs
- Gas Mileage 36.4 mpg (US)
- COST: NOT DISCLOSABLE, one was sold in London for 52,900 pounds in 2018

Today the Quadricycle goes all over the place from Swan Hill, Mildura, Lismore, Cruden Farm and left on display at Eclipse Ford in Ballarat. It also turns up at many Federation picnics as requested. Long journey but well worth it.

— Geof Baulch —



Above Left: Flywheel, cylinders and oilers

Left: Detail of the bicycle wheels

Below: The finished article. One final detail to complete is the seat upholstery





## Swap Meet Report



### Yarra Glen Swap Meet—March 8

This year's event saw the introduction of online ticketing, and to be honest, I was ready for some organisational chaos. Given the peculiarities of the venue, logistics for this swap meet are a challenge. I'm pleased to say the organisers did a fantastic job, and it all went very smoothly. There is always a wait in the staging area, but people were patient as far as I saw, and it's the safest way to do it.

Once inside, I parked the car and trailer and went for a quick walk before setting up. James and Angus Wotherspoon had a site with a selection of T parts available, including some nice demountable wheels. One seller had a pair of 1926–27 windscreen frames and some bonnet panels. The windscreen frames were gone by the end of the day. Apart from the sprinkling of T parts, there was a lot of interesting items to look at.

Chris, Fiona, Emily and Catherine Dillon were there (and had a car on display), but I was out looking when they visited my site. I spoke to Chris later, and he reported some nice finds. Bruce and Jennifer Csorba dropped by. Bruce has a knack for finding unusual stuff and showed me some period accessories he'd bought for his early Holden—a

tailpipe deflector with a built-in reflector and a coat hook that attaches to the top of the rear window. Jennifer was kind enough to mind my site while Bruce and I went off in search of a radiator cap he'd seen.

Dean Williams and Ann Cupid, and David and Julie Jones, stopped in for a chat. I also bumped into Ian Seamer on my travels, and I saw Jenny Stevens' coupe on display (from a distance).

It's always a nice atmosphere, and the weather was very pleasant this year, so it made for a great day. It was nice to catch up with friends and chat to attendees. I sold a few bits and bought some too, so it was a successful day for me. My network failed me, though—nobody alerted me to the set of FN brass hubcaps that were there. Just as well I already knew about them...

— Andrew Brand —





## Restoration Update



### 1926 Ute

At the request of Warwick, it is pleasing to share an update that my 1926 ute project is pretty much finished. But are they ever actually finished?

After years of work the ute recently passed its safety inspection and I was able to have a club permit issued just in time to participate in the upcoming 'Haulin the Hume' Rally. Warwick caught up with me while I was at Frank's place with the car doing some fine tuning and test driving on some quiet Gippsland roads and was able to get the following photos.



As with many projects, this one is the result of much collaboration and assistance. I take this opportunity, in no particular order, to thank those friends and club members who have helped with the project along the way. The car is fitted with many period accessories including three different types of auxiliary transmissions, a Ruxstell diff, a Warford gearbox and a UTC inline underdrive.



Lighting is well covered with twin Glasco stop/tail lamp assemblies, accessory sidelamps and windscreen-mounted spotlights. A dash-mounted petrol gauge, tacho, speedo and power outlets line the dashboard.

The suspension is complemented by a Henderson front spring with correct era badging attached and rear accessory override springs. The chassis has been extended and the back is fitted with a custom timber tray.

The next project is to build a camper trailer to fit onto the custom made tow bar!

— Robbie Dalton —





## Trad'n Table



A free trading place to advertise your goods. Note that an ad stays in for two issues unless otherwise advised. All 'For Sales' must include prices. Vehicles for sale must include engine number or registration number (not club permit number), by law. Publication of ads does not constitute endorsement of price, condition or authenticity by the club. Please send ads to the Editor at [torquenews@hotmail.com](mailto:torquenews@hotmail.com)

### **FOR SALE: 1924 Tarrant Special Tourer**

Expressions of Interest are invited:

- Complete and running
- Body by Holden
- Vehicle is ready to rally, starts and runs well, nothing to do but enjoy!



**PH: David Jenkins**

**0408 312742**



Recommissioned in 2022, the following work has been done:

- 2022: radiator and fuel tank rebuilt
- 2023: wheels rebuilt by Dean Williams
- 2024: gearbox rebuilt including rabbit clutch, bands and triple gears
- 2024: new roof and timber bows
- 2025 rebuilt generator

### **FOR SALE: 1910 MODEL T FORD**

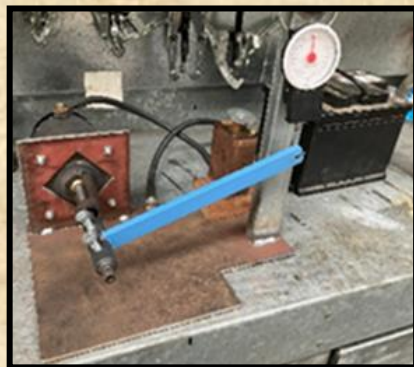
*Listed on the Aussie Model T Cars and Parts page. A rare opportunity to purchase a very nice early T. — Ed.*

Open Valve Engine, Engine No 29472. Located in Ballina, NSW 2478. Please private message me if interested.

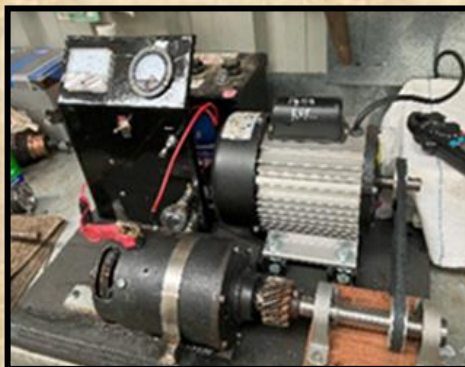
**\$60,000 Maria Pennisi**



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## Membership

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

Members receive 11 monthly editions of the Model T Torque newsletter. The Model T Ford Club participates in and administers the VicRoads Club Permit Scheme. Members have access to a full register of Model T owners and their vehicles.

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

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

## Meetings

General meetings are held on the 2nd Friday of each month (except January) at 8pm at the **Vintage Drivers Club Clubrooms, Factory 8, 41 Norcal Rd, Nunawading** and / or via 'Zoom' online.

Meetings start promptly and usually include a guest speaker and informal supper. They conclude at approximately 10pm.

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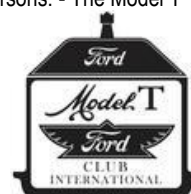
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Both clubs produce excellent magazines (Vintage Ford, Model T Times) and the Model T Ford Club encourages membership of both organisations.





## Newsy Bits



### Renowned Collection to Go To Auction

A rare and unique USA Model T collection will soon be up for auction. Jim Finney, a well-known restorer and collector of rare and unique early Fords, has sadly passed away, and his collection will soon be offered at auction.

Jim's cars were all meticulously restored and had won some of the highest awards available for early-era vehicles. Jim had a particular passion for early Model T Town Cars and had numerous examples within his collection. It will be interesting to see what they achieve at the upcoming auction.

[Here is a link](#) to the upcoming auction, with the catalogue yet to be finalised.



### Kongwak Garage Collection Goes to Auction

Some members may recall visiting the old garage in Kongwak, South Gippsland, during one of our weekend rallies. The building was packed wall-to-wall with enamel signs and automotive collectables — a true step back in time. This month, the entire collection has been placed up for auction. As a club, we were fortunate to experience this remarkable collection while it was still intact and displayed in its original setting.

The Ross and Gwen Chapman Collection is a well-known and highly respected automotive collection that has been housed in the historic Kongwak Garage in Gippsland, Victoria, for many years. Ross and Gwen have been passionate collectors for decades, with the collection's origins tracing back to Ross's parents, who operated the Kongwak Garage. Over time, the site became home to an impressive array of automobilia, admired by enthusiasts and visiting clubs alike. The collection features an extensive range of garage and automotive memorabilia, including petrol pumps, enamel signs, light boxes, tins, oil racks and bottles.

Items will be offered for genuine sale on an unreserved basis across a series of auctions conducted by Burns & Co at their Bayswater auction rooms.

[Further details can be found here.](#)



### Old Club Car Resurfaces!

A former club car, once owned and restored by foundation member, the late Ken Clyne, has resurfaced with a new owner, Greg Norris, in NSW. Greg recently posted on our club Facebook page and also contacted Andrew Brand via the club website. He is keen to learn more about the history and build of his car.

Can any members assist with further information?

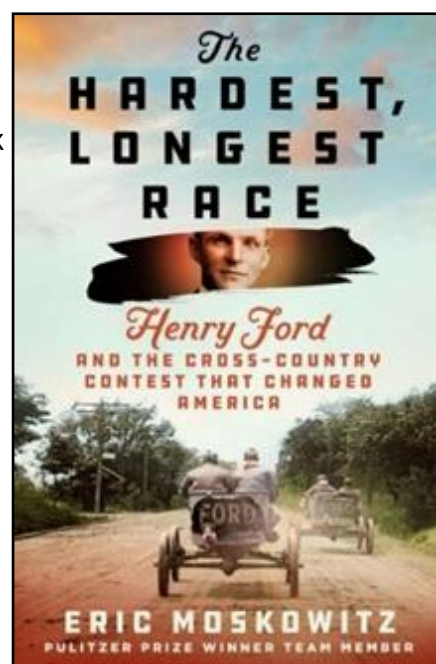


### New Model T Book Released

A new book detailing the famous 1909 Ocean-to-Ocean Race, contested in two new 1909 Model Ts, is now available for pre-purchase.

During research prior to publication, the author uncovered an interesting link to early Model T sales and promotion in Australia. This fascinating connection will be explored further in a future edition of *T Torque*.

For those interested, the book can be ordered via [this link](#).



Do you have any 'Newsy Bits'?

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## Upcoming Rallies and Events



### FEDERATION SCORESBY PICNIC



#### Car & Motorcycle Show

**Sunday 26th April 2026**

National Steam Centre, 1200 Ferntree Gully Rd, Scoresby

- Hosted by: *Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club Inc.*
- Entry: FREE, Display Vehicles: 25 years and older
- Features: Trade displays, machinery displays, live music
- Food: Food stalls or BYO picnic
- Extras: Trophies and free raffle for display vehicles
- Enquiries: Gary Stocking – 0418 140 844  
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**49<sup>th</sup> HISTORIC WINTON**  
**30th and 31st May 2026**

[www.historicwinton.org](http://www.historicwinton.org)  
Winton Motor Raceway, Benalla, Victoria

Photos: Ian Smith

The Model T club has been invited to display our cars.

For details contact: Noel Inman PH: 0418 558539



**Sunday May 9**



### JD's Workshop

7 Ford Place, Longwarry  
From 10am

*Take the opportunity to get your T out on the road and bring it along for a safety inspection. It's also a great chance to sort out any issues, share advice, and enjoy a relaxed BBQ with fellow members.*

### Heyfield Vintage & Machinery Rally Weekend

Join us for a fantastic weekend exploring some of Gippsland's best roads and attractions.

#### Saturday:

- Cruise along some of Frank van Ekeren and Warwick Landy's favourite Gippsland roads
- Dinner at the newly restored Rosedale Hotel

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