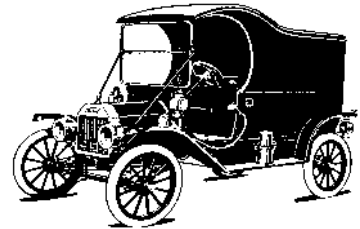




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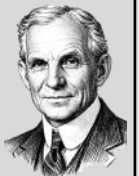


The brass Ts below the Picola Silo Art on the Moama Rally.
Thanks to Don McPherson for the photo.

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- Moama rally reports and pictures
- 'Haulin the Hume' Report,
- Garage Crawl
- Romsey Men's Shed TT Truck launch

"Nothing is particularly hard if you divide it into small jobs."
- Henry Ford -



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NEXT MEETING:

May 8, 8pm

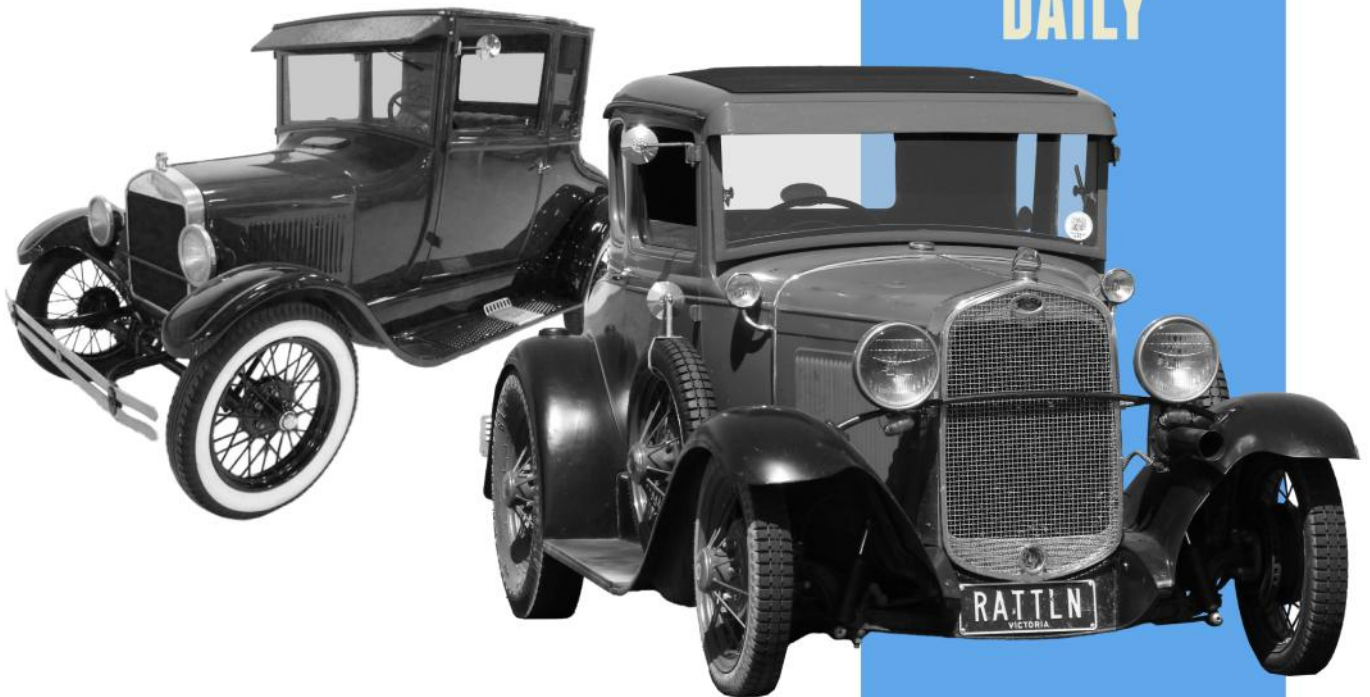
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President's Message



Greetings to all Members,
Hoping you are all well. Here we are in May already, with the year flying by.

In late March, we were treated to a fantastic weekend rally run by Dean and Ann. As we predicted, this was an outstanding rally, starting out with a BBQ dinner in the camp kitchen at the Moama Tourist Park.

Day 1 was a most enjoyable run to Deniliquin, including a visit to the Depot Car Museum and lunch in the diner, with some choosing to visit the wineries



as well. Day 2 was a scenic drive down to the town of Wunghnu for the Goulburn Valley Vintage Tractor and Machine Club 41st Annual Rally. We were invited to take part in a parade on the tractor pull strip in our T Models and were all presented with a Certificate of Appreciation. The organisers also provided us with lunch, tea and coffee—an event I have always wanted to attend, and we finally got there. Sunday night dinner at the golf club was most enjoyable. Day 3 marked the end of the rally, with a paddle steamer ride cruising on the P.S. *Pevensey* river boat, followed by lunch at the hotel, which topped off a fantastic weekend rally. A huge thank you to Dean and Ann for organising such a great rally. You can both feel proud of yourselves.



On April 12th, we had the pleasure of visiting the Phillips property, when Andrew and Linda opened up their car collection for our club members to see. We were treated to an amazing collection of Fords, Holdens, Dodges, and more. We were made very welcome with morning tea, biscuits and cakes. A huge thank you to Andrew and Linda for allowing us to visit your beautiful property. The day finished off with lunch at the Lilydale Hotel. Also, a big thank you to Steve Brown for organising such a great day.

It may be a bit late to remind you all, but hopefully we will still get a good roll-up for J D's workshop for our **Safety Day** this month on May 9th. We will be using Treasurer John Fotakis' Model T as a sample for some repairs, along with the usual BBQ. I'm sure this will be a most enjoyable day out. On May 16 and 17, Warwick and Frank have organised a weekend run to the **Heyfield Vintage & Machine Rally**. We hope to see a strong turnout. **Historic Winton** is coming up on the 30th and 31st of May. Anyone wishing to attend, it's not too late. Model Ts are invited, with two free entry tickets and show space for our cars. Please give me a call on 0428 387 499 or Noel Inman on 0418 558 539 if you can make it.

Peter Natoli will be doing a presentation at our May General Meeting, and one of our founding members, Geoff

Scott, will be our guest speaker at the June meeting to tell us how it all started—one not to miss.

Sadly, our Vice President Chris Bagot informed us at our April Committee Meeting that he will be stepping down from his role at the AGM. Chris has just got too much going on at this stage, along with running the dairy farm. We will all miss Chris's input on the committee.

So in July at the AGM, we will be looking for a new Vice President and a President, as I will have completed three years in the role. Now is the time for members to consider putting their hand up for one of these important positions. *Club Person of the Year* is coming up soon, so start giving it some thought as to who you think should receive this recognition.

That's all for now folks, so from over another running board. — **John & Thel** —

CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR

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

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

Forms attached with email or contact a committee member



May General Meeting Minutes



Meeting opened at Friday 12th April 8.00PM by President John Huitt at the VDC rooms, and via Zoom

New Members: Nil

Attendance: 12 present at VDC rooms and 3 on Zoom

Apologies: Geof and Jo Baulch, Cheryl Weatherhead, Korina Galatis, JD, Noel and Rhonda Huitt, Brian Smith, Robbie and Christine Dalton, Russell and Marcia Medhurst, Ross and Maureen Cartledge, Alan and Jill Flude

Visitors: Garry Angus and Anne Salmon

Confirmation of Minutes: **Moved:** John Fotakas **Seconded:** Steve Brown

Business arising from Minutes: Nil

Tonight's Meeting: Chat about Moama rally

Correspondence

In:

EMAIL: Zoom account due, Presidents/rally director's meeting,

MAIL: NAB statement, Backfire magazine, T Topics magazine

Out: Nil

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Given to the members by Treasurer John Fotakis. He and President John Huitt tried to contact the ATO in regards to doing a self assessment to find out if we need to pay tax. The ATO refused to speak to them and will only speak to our ATO representative. If anyone knows who this is please let us know. **Seconded:** David Weatherhead

Last Month's Rally Reports:

- Dean Williams, Jenny Stevens and Orlando Talamo gave reports on the Moama rally.
- A big Congratulations to Jenny Stevens who was awarded best Vintage car and to David Lang who was awarded best Veteran car at the Wunghnu tractor pull.
- Orlando also gave a report of the unveiling of the Romsey Men's Shed T Truck

This Month's Activity/Run: Sunday, we will be visiting Andrew and Linda Phillips's property in Coldstream to look at their beautiful collection of vehicles.

Upcoming Events:

April 18: *AOMC Historical Festival Steam Centre*, May 9: *Safety Day at JD's*, May 16 & 17 *Heyfield Vintage Machinery Rally*, May 30 *Historic Winton*

Swap Meet / Clearing Sales Reports: Nil

Upcoming Swap Meets: April 11: *Horsham Swap Meet*, April 12: *Castlemaine Swap Meet* and *Scoresby Motorcycle Swap*, April 26 *HTPAA Antique Hand Tool Market*

DELEGATE'S REPORT:

- **AOMC:** Next meeting in May, **Federation:** No Geof tonight

TECHNICAL TIPS & QUERIES: Nil

RESTORATION PROGRESS: Dean Williams still sorting out cranks for his '22 Roadster. He was told by the crank man if you have old cranks lying around keep them standing up because if they are lying down they will bend.

PARTS WANTED: Nil

FOR SALE: Dot Reddick is selling her car, more information to come in next edition of T Torque.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- The Committee is looking at doing an up to date contact book for members. It will have member's names, suburb, phone number and email address. We didn't discuss too much tonight as not many members. Please let us know if you would rather have your information left out.

NEXT MEETING ACTIVITY: Member talk (we have two people we are trying to contact)

RAFFLE DRAW: **DRAWN BY:** Dave Weatherhead, **WON BY:** Noel Inman, **PRIZE SELECTED:** Polishing Cloths

MEETING CLOSED: 9.19PM

— Ann Cupid —





Under the Hood



Greetings Members,
This T Torque edition has evolved into a bit of a tribute to the Echuca Moama region, featuring coverage of the most recent Moama Rally. Thanks to those who sent reports and photos for inclusion.

Our club has quite a history with the Echuca Moama region which goes back to our second ever Melbourne Cup Weekend Rally held back in 1985! Geof Baulch was able to search the T Torque archives and share with me that 12 Ts participated, with most driving all the way from the meet-up point on the Hume Highway at Kalkallo to Echuca. Morning tea stop was at Kilmore and lunch at Random House at Kilmore. Weekend activities at Echuca included a paddle steamer cruise on the Pevensey, a visit to the Allambee Motor Museum and a dinner cruise on the Tisdall Princess motor launch. Breakdowns were minimal, with some issues reported with New Day timers and Vic Ashton having some mechanical issues on the return journey to Melbourne. I remember the rally well, sitting in the mother-in-law seat of Dad's 1912 Roadster surrounded by 3 days of luggage for the 3 of us!

In 2008, our club was the host in Echuca/Moama for what was the biggest gathering of Model Ts ever seen in this country, the CenTenery Rally, which attracted 270 Model Ts from all over Australia. It was a mammoth undertaking and will never be forgotten by those on the committee who put the event together. A feature of the rally was the final banquet at the newly constructed Moama Golf Club's function room, which was the only venue in the region capable of handling the 600 rally entrants for a meal! It was a pleasure at the recent Moama rally to be reunited with all of the rally committee members who planned and executed the event. With the exception of Graeme and Marilyn Baker, all the committee are still members of the club and owning and driving Ts. Graeme and Marilyn still keep tabs on our club activities and were pleased to join us for a reunion in what was a much more relaxed night at the same Moama club, 18 years later!

Not so pleasurable was the failure of the diff in my Fordor late Saturday afternoon, upsetting my visit to the local winery. Upon dismantling and inspection, a broken pinion was found to be part of the problem. Not sure if the modern thrust bearing failed first and broke the pinion or the other way around? Anyway, the pinion has been replaced and the thrust bearing replaced and installed just the way Henry built it!

— **Warwick & Paula Landy** —

All contributions to
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Enjoying a drive in the Moama countryside prior to 'disaster' striking!



2008 Echuca National rally committee members: Paula & Warwick Landy, Graeme & Marilyn Baker, Bob & Shirley Draper, Geof & Jo Baulch, Richard & Shirley Wearne, Ray and Sandy Smith.

Club Calendar 2026		
		
	CLUB MEETING:	8 8pm General Meeting—Peter Natoli, Electrical Presentation Part 2
	CLUB EVENTS:	9 Safety Day at JD's Workshop, 7 Ford Place Longwarry 16-17 Heyfield Vintage & Machinery Rally
	OTHER EVENTS:	20-31 Historic Winton, T Club Display— see 'Upcoming Events'
	CLUB MEETING	12 8pm General Meeting—Guest Speaker: Geoff Scott, first MTFCV president from 1980
	CLUB EVENTS:	TBA
	OTHER EVENTS:	14 Rob Roy Hill Climb
	CLUB MEETING:	10 8pm General Meeting—AGM
	CLUB EVENT:	12 Annual Club Lunch
	OTHER EVENTS:	
	CLUB MEETING:	14 8pm General Meeting—activity TBC
	CLUB EVENT:	TBA
	OTHER EVENTS:	30 Cars & Coffee, Manhattan Hotel Ringwood 1 Federation Delegate's Meeting 30 Federation Picnic, Marong
	CLUB MEETING:	11 8pm, General Meeting—activity TBC
	CLUB EVENT:	TBA
	OTHER EVENTS:	26 Shepparton Swap Meet
	CLUB MEETING:	9 8pm General Meeting
	CLUB EVENTS:	TBA
	OTHER EVENTS:	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 <u>secretary@mtfcv.com</u> 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.			
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Rally Report



Moama - 27-30 March

Day 1: How happy we were to arrival at rally central, Big 4 Holiday Park Moama. Model Ts of various years and body styles lined the streets and car parks alongside our cabins.

That evening an excited group of more than 30 T owners and enthusiasts, lined up for the sumptuous BBQ meal, and to reconnect and enthuse with others about their planned driving adventures over the next two days.

Day 2: Saturday morning 28th March

24 Model Ts lined up for start of rally out front the Big 4 Holiday Park. An air of anticipation among the participants plus 2 dogs filled the air.



The cold wind from the day before had blown itself out. Just a crisp early morning made for good driving conditions. Ann and Dean gathered the group for a short briefing before setting off.

Locals enjoyed the sight of our passing parade of rally cars as we departed the streets of Moama. The sun began to shine by 9.15am as we headed north into the countryside and towards Mathoura. What! a flat tire for us at 10.10am! Tail end Charlies in their moderns, Veronica and Jake Brown, and locals Richard and Shirley Wearne from Echuca, pulled over to assist us. Many thanks to our backup teams. A quick change over to the spare, then followed the fleet into Mathoura for morning tea at Memorial Park.

Mmm! Locked toilets at the park! Meant a longer walk to find relief! Scouts set forth and found two alternative locations. Ah...

comfortable now! Pressed on to Deniliquin and stopped at 'the Depot' for a journey through time as we viewed a magnificent display of vintage, classic and hot rod cars and memorabilia, a business founded by Neville and Debbie Purtill, and family.

We then headed to lunch at Waring Gardens. After lunch, the fleet headed back to Moama via the highway route. We flew home in company with Robby and Christine Dalton in their 1922 black tourer, Wow! does their machine travel at the speed of light!

That evening we dined at the Border Hotel with Rob and Shirley Draper, owners of a beautiful mid blue 1915 T tourer, a most enjoyable meal with fellow T enthusiasts. This capped off a fabulous day with like-minded, friendly people. Many thanks to Dean and Ann for their thoughtful rally planning.

— Paul & Angela Woodman —





Rally Report



Moama - 27-30 March

What a great event! Great weather. Great company. Great area. Thank you Dean and Ann.

This event was a little different for me, Helen stayed with Louise's family and I had grandsons, Oscar (Rowdy) and Spencer with me camping at the caravan park,. the boys in their swags and me in the tent. The weather gods were kind so it all went to plan.

My little '27 Roadster wouldn't accommodate us all, so Spence rode with me and Rowdy rode with David Lang who generously invited him along in his car for the weekend. I think David entertained his passenger pretty well for the duration of the event, I am sure the amusement and good company was mutual. (Thank you David for helping to foster the next generation and making it fun).

I am sure others will write about our daily events so I will add a little side story. On Sunday, the boys had seen enough of spluttering hit and miss stationary engines, and David suggested they could go back to the park for a swim. Both Rowdy and Spence jumped at the opportunity. So later Don McPherson, Dave Jenkins and I headed back together. A short time later David rang, his car had stopped, (fuel problem). Rowdy sent me a pin drop position and so, with Don's local knowledge we set off to help. However it was not to be, for as we neared the position, Dave Jenkins RH rear tube gave out a loud shriek and let the tyre down. Bugger! Dave however, had used his spare tube that morning, Don didn't have one and I have 21 inch wheels. Just when things were looking a bit grim, David Lang and the boys had got his car going again and the rescuers became the rescued, for a tube was presented.





Rally Reports



Moama - 27-30 March

Great you say, well our flat tyre in question was stationary on an ants' nest, so the hardy drivers proceeded to fit the tube to the offending wheel whilst fighting flies and ants. With four blokes fitting a tyre it went on, (possibly the Hawaiian shirts helped). Dave got out his trusty battery powered pump and up went the tyre, well only half way, it seems the morning puncture sucked up most of the energy from the battery. "Never mind," I said confidently, "I have a pump." So I rummaged it out of its long hibernation in the boot and much to everyone's dismay (aka laughter), the valve hose was severed. "She's right, we will shorten it." A short time later we are ready to finish the job. In the meantime, what little air the tyre had, had been let out with the failed attempts to pump up the tyre. All set and started the pump. Yep pumping but no pressure, pull of the plastic covers and try to coax the now much reviled electric pump to no avail.

Not many options left, lets waive down a four wheel drive. Yay, a lady stopped, no pump, but have one back at the house and offered to go get it. Not sure how far the house was, but around the time we were all coming to

the conclusion we had been told a furphy, the lady arrived back with the goods, and five minutes later we were all back on the road and heading back to camp.

Footnote: Yes, there are still good Samaritans. The offending pump now resides at the local tip! I have been on a few runs now with the kids, and have thoroughly enjoyed it, they re quite wide-eyed at how the cars work and the whole experience. e.g. "Gee Pop there's no seatbelts, that's weird." We need to foster and include them, you will get as much out of it as they!

— *Brian Smith* —



Well wasn't it a wonderful weekend. Ann and Dean did themselves proud with what they organised for us!

We caught up with all at Denni timing it just right time to see everyone driving into The Depot. Many of us had a most enjoyable lunch at the Depot with Pete scoring Jo's leftover pancakes. Some of the members called into a winery before heading back to the park. Apparently the wine was very enjoyable.

Saturday night was relaxing with lots of talking and many of us having pizzas for dinner. Sunday you had the choice of going to the tractor pull at Whungnu or shopping around town. Paula and myself chose to shop and a leisurely lunch at the Bridge Hotel before going back to the caravan park catching up with Kerrie lazing by the pool having been entertained by the pool guy. We all had a good giggle about that whilst sharing a glass or two of wine.

Pete had travelled over to the tractor pull with Frank and back with Jenny enjoying his rides in both the different Model Ts. By all accounts the tractor pull was a great highlight of the weekend. Dinner was organised at the Rich River Golf Club. Meals were great and served very efficiently. Good evening had by all. Monday morning saw us having a leisurely cruise on the Pevensy Paddle Boat up the Mighty Murray. Relaxing and peaceful before we had to say our goodbyes and head of home.

Once again it was a great weekend and if anyone didn't enjoy it they only had one person to blame and that was themselves!!

— *Lynda and Peter Ninnis* —



Rally Report



Moama - 27-30 March

I would like to congratulate and thank Dean and Ann most sincerely on a memorable and enjoyable rally.

My rally started at the barbecue, a great get-together, catching up with old friends, making new friends and enjoying a very tasty meal.

Saturday, our trip to Deniliquin — my buddy Oscar and I had our good friends Wayne and Robyn Hendy as passengers — we travelled out the Perricoota Road and through Green Gully. The country looked absolutely great after recent rain, then we had morning tea in Mathoura before continuing on to Deniliquin and a tour of the excellent Depot Museum and a delicious lunch in the diner.

Sunday morning, 25 Model T Fords travelled to the Wunghnu Vintage Machinery and Car Rally. Wow, what a fantastic day — vintage cars, tractors, stationary engines, woodworking, Meccano and a tractor pull. After taking in all of the rally, it was time for Oscar and me to head back to Moama. Along the way, we encountered a loose pack nut, exhaust pipe and muffler, and a temporary fix is now a permanent one!

Sunday night, we enjoyed a very tasty meal at the Rich River Golf Club, presentations etc.

Monday, we had a most enjoyable leisurely cruise on the PS Pevensey, and all too soon it was time to load up and head back home.

I would really like to sincerely thank Brian Smith for coming and bringing his grandsons, Oscar and Spencer Kilgour. Oscar came and rallied with me at the 70th anniversary of the Veteran Car Club of Victoria in Swan Hill last year. He absolutely loved it and is an up-and-coming young enthusiast, and I will help and encourage his love of Model Ts whenever I can. We both had the very best time on the Moama rally together, and I sincerely thank you, Oscar, for coming with me.

Thank you to all my friends on the rally. I have been a member for 45 years and feel totally privileged, and I thank the club and members for that. Very kindest regards, your good friend and buddy,

— David 'T' Lang —



How's Oscar's smile as he enjoys a drive of David's T?



David looking not too fussed as he does a few roadside repairs on the exhaust system.



Oscar and Spencer enjoying T time with David.



Moama Rally Participants



1923 Roadster
Greg & Debbie Russell



David Lang & Oscar Kilgour
1916 Tourer



Graham & Maree Hadden
1925 Ute



Geof & Jo Baulch
1924 Tourer



Ann Cupid, Dean Williams & Raven
1926 Tourer



The Browns: Steve, Tamara & Lightning (dog) & Tom
(Veronica & Jake Brown not in pic)
1916 Tourer



Warwick & Paula Landy
1926 Fordor



Russell & Marcia Medhurst
1926 Coupe



Jenny Stevens
1925 Coupe



David Lang
1916 Tourer



David Jenkins, Oscar & Red Bear
1916 Tourer



Don & Lynda McPherson
1915 Speedster



Moama Rally Participants



Richard, Shirley & David Wearne
1924 Tourer



John Docker
1923 Tourer



Robbie & Christine Dalton
1923 Tourer



Paul & Angela Woodman
1923 Tourer



John & Thelma Huitt
1927 Coupe



Geoff Brooke
1924 Tourer



David & Melissa Beaty
1925 Roadster



Peter & Lynda Ninnis



Bob & Shirley Draper
1915 Tourer



Brian Smith & Spencer Kilgour
1926 Roadster



Alan & Caroline Weatherhead



Orlando & Desma Talamo
1926 Tourer



Moama Rally



Corey, Ray & Sandy Smith
1926 Tourer



Frank & Kerry van Ekeren
1926 Tudor



Wayne & Robin Hendy
1911 Tourer

Moama Fun, Food & Wine!

Above: More Moama Participants

Below: A visit to Morrison's winery

- Ann & Dean outlining the day's activities to everyone.
- David & Don in their Hawaiian shirts
- Club dinner at Rich River Golf Club





Rally Reports



Haulin' the Hume

Not long after I had my Apple truck on the road, I heard of a truck run (25 years or older) from the Ford factory in Campbellfield to Albury, to celebrate the old Highway 31, following as close as possible to the original road and going through all the bypassed towns. Bruce Gunter from NSW dreamed up the first one in 2011 (Haulin' the Hume) from Richmond to Yass. I missed that one and also last year's run.

In Victoria, Rob French was behind the Victorian "Crawlin' the Hume". They have been run alternately each year since. I know a few Victorian T members who have been on the run; I have not missed any. However, like all good things, the paper trail—permits, insurance, etc.—required to run an event like this is huge and has worn out the organisers, and sadly it may be the last.



There were 360 trucks officially entered in this year's run, with another 40 or so tagging along. For me, I had just finished replacing my broken crank, so this was its maiden trip. There were a few minor hiccups on the shakedown, but thankfully it ran flawlessly on the run. No Commer knockers this year, but plenty of Detroit diesels—their sounds are both very distinctive. On the old Wangaratta straight, most of these trucks get up to full noise, and gosh, it was great listening to them as they passed (many times over the course of the day).

It has been a great event for the drivers, the spectators, and Chiltern (this year's lunch stop). The main street was lined as if waiting for royalty—what a spectacle! My family has joined in at different times over the years, so there are lots of memories, lots of laughs, and lots of good blokes sharing a couple of "frothies" at day's end.

— Brian Smith —

Romsey Men's Shed TT Truck Completion Launch Day

I received a note of thanks from Jeff Smith at the Romsey Men's Shed, thanking our club for our attendance and project support at the launch of their newly restored TT Truck. A number of our members were able to attend this mid-week event in their Ts, showing strong support for what has been a terrific community project. — Ed.

"The chassis and parts given to the Shed by Doug Newnham about three years ago are now ready for public display as a beautifully restored utility/truck, first registered in 1926—marking its 100-year anniversary. Surprisingly, the T has remained in the Macedon Ranges since its original sale at Gardners Garage, Gisborne in 1926. By agreement, it will stay in the Romsey district, owned by the Shed and available for community events."





Rally Report



May Club Run

The Andrew & Linda Phillips Car Collection

Conveniently for myself, the May club run coincided with our early morning departure from the Spirit of Tasmania, meaning if we left in time we would just make the meeting point for the day's run at Lilydale Lake. Timing was perfect, and we arrived just as the Ts were preparing to leave. A short run through Lilydale suburbia took us to the Phillips property.

We assembled outside the first shed, which was home to a large selection of immaculately presented 1970s and 1980s Australian-built Fords. For me, it was like going back in time, as many of the cars in the collection were ones my Dad owned and I rode in as a child! The same shed also included an upstairs mezzanine area featuring a replica 1950s American diner, complete with a pinball machine.

After being blown away by the contents and presentation of the first shed, we walked further down the property to two more sheds. The second shed was home to some American muscle cars, movie tribute cars, and the Model T of the collection. Andrew's 1926 Tourer was once owned and restored by early T Club members, Ian and Carol Mallows.

They were able to join us for the day and see their old car again after many years.

Shed three included a spectacular line-up of Ford Broncos.

After completing our inspections, we returned to shed one where we were treated to tea and biscuits by our hosts. Unfortunately, we had to leave and head for home, but a number of members headed off to a nearby pub for lunch. My favourite car of the collection was Linda's red RS2000 Escort, which was what I wanted to own as my first car. I never got to own one, but still have a soft spot for them.

A big thanks to Andrew and Linda for hosting our club for the day.

— Warwick Landy —





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

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

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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

WANTED TO BUY...

- 1915 brass side lamps door rims and clear glass and brass chimney top

PH: Russell Black

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WANTED TO BUY...

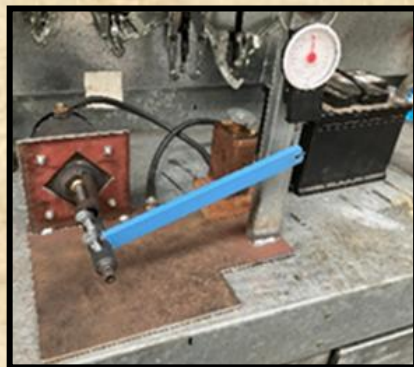
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PH: Warwick Landy

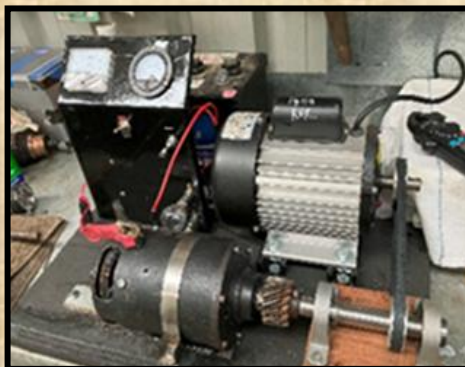
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Members receive 11 monthly editions of the Model T Torque newsletter. The Model T Ford Club participates in and administers the VicRoads Club Permit Scheme. Members have access to a full register of Model T owners and their vehicles.

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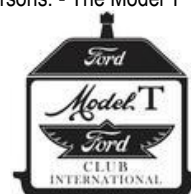
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Both clubs produce excellent magazines (Vintage Ford, Model T Times) and the Model T Ford Club encourages membership of both organisations.





Newsy Bits



Classic Cars, Big Smiles in Rochester

The *Campaspe News* recently reported the following: The streets of Rochester came alive with the sound of vintage engines on Thursday, April 23, as Rochester and Elmore District Health Service and Rochester Motoring Club brought back the beloved tradition of vintage car rides for aged care residents."



Rochester Motoring Club member Ray Smith and Rochester and Elmore District Health Service aged care resident Carmel Murphy, who gave the other residents a wave as they drove off.

[Read the full article here.](#)

Winners are Grinners!

David Lang and Jenny Stevens recently attended the *Wunghmu Picnic Day*. Both came away with awards, David for best 'Veteran Vehicle' and Jenny for, 'Vintage Car'. Their awards were presented at the Moama Rally dinner.



Scoresby Federation Picnic

Robbie Dalton had his Ute on display and another non-member veteran T was also displayed.



Engine Failure Due to Silicon!

Club member, Dennis Greenwood from Kerang is currently overseeing an engine rebuild on his 1926 Tourer.

Dennis believes silicon blocking an oil line was the cause of his problems.



Touring Tasmania the Vintage Way

Club members Jones and Dillons have recently completed a tour of Tasmania in a pair of David's vintage Austin 7s. David reported challenging roads and long days, but a magnificent time enjoying the spectacular scenery and venues along the way.

Apparently, state tourism subsidies make it quite attractive for car clubs to visit. Perhaps it's time the T Club headed over for a run — who's up to the task?



Club Members Conquer the 20's Rally

David Jenkins successfully completes Vintage Drivers Club *Spirit of the 20's Rally* in his 1916 Veteran T. Also participating was club member Russell Medhurst in his Vintage Chev Sedan.

Perhaps David and Russell could report on their adventure at a future club meeting?



Members Special Birthdays!

Happy 60th to Caroline Weatherhead! It was great to have a catch up with her at the Moama rally just days after her birthday.

And a happy 80th to Bob Draper. Robbie Dalton was right onto it presenting him with his OBE (Over Bloody Eighty) award to commemorate the occasion.

(Sometimes these 'special' birthdays slip past the editors unnoticed. If you are aware of any, please let us know.)



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