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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hello fellow Model T Ford Club Members.

Another month has been and gone, and what a busy month that has been, I am writing this report after I have returned home from registration day held at Fawk Reserve. It was so nice to see approx. 50 membership renewals and logbook authorisations completed, I must admit that it was nice to put a face to some of our newer members who have not yet made it to one of our runs. I encourage you all to make the effort to attend registration day, not only is it a one stop shop to get all your membership requirements finalised, but it is also a chance to catch up with fellow minded car enthusiasts whilst enjoying a free BBQ put on by our club. Thank you to all our Trusty Volunteers who attended on the day, it is you our members who assist in making sure that the day runs smoothly, registration day would not be possible without all of your assistance – THANKYOU.

Early May I participated in the “Old Crocks Run” conducted by the Sporting Car Club. What a fantastic day it was. I took 3 friends with me in the Dodge, and we had a wonderful time.



The highlight of the day for me and many others was a stunning 1909 Rolls Royce - this car certainly had lots of interested, a crowd of people were spotted around it all day. Interestingly it was a big 6-cylinder engine with 3 spark plugs per cylinder.

I hope to see you all at the June General Meeting, at the time of writing this report I am extremely excited to announce that this may be our last meeting held in our temporary club rooms at "Fawk Reserve" (subject to change) We are very confident that the July AGM will be held in our new clubrooms back at Croydon. I personally am very excited at once again being back HOME.

Speaking of our AGM it takes many hands to run this club - If you would like to offer your services in some way, please consider joining your committee by taking on one of the many rolls listed in the front of your Buzzer Box. Remember Many Hands Make Light Work.

Happy birthday to all the members celebrating a birthday in June.

Adam Jones  
President

**Before I die I am going to eat a whole bag of unpopped popcorn. That should make the cremation a little more interesting.**

### **Do you receive your buzzerbox via Post?**

As you would be aware Australia post has significantly increased the price of postage, therefore the committee has made the decision that with no increase to membership fees for 2024/25 we will need to pass this increase on to our members that receive their Buzzerbox in the mail.

A \$5.00 surcharge per year will be passed on to those members wishing to receive a copy in the mail.

Please indicate your wishes to continue to receive a hard copy by ticking the box on your membership renewal form and making payment to the treasurer along with your membership fees, no latter than the 1st July, You will continue to receive you buzzerbox by email or if you so choose you



# On the Cover

On a beautiful cool crisp morning we assembled at Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, Bolivar. There was plenty of time to fuel up our cars, and for those needing breakfast coffee and doughnuts seemed to be the preferred option.



After receiving our folders (the Bible for the next 8 days) with all the directions for our journey, followed by a brief chat, it was time to start our engines. It was quite an impressive turnout of cars with 9 Model T's and an assortment of both vintage and classic cars, along with a couple of moderns. There was a total of 18 cars that left Krispy Kreme's much to the delight of several onlookers. Two more cars were to meet us along the way.

Balaklava was our first stop; it was here that Adrian and Bernice joined the convoy. There was only time for a quick rest and comfort stop before we were on the road again heading for Martindale Hall. As we

pulled up in the car park a couple of familiar faces were waiting for us, Kingsley and Jenny, our travelling group, was now complete. What can I say Martindale Hall is just spectacular, it is here that we were to have the first of many meals a wrist band was fitted to identify that we were part of the lunch group. We were ushered into the main dining area where the staff had an array of beautiful sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, tea and coffee. (Editor's note the staff had prepared a special plate of food for Doretta being celiac oh boy can she eat there was not one sandwich left on her plate. She may have had some assistance from Jenny)



Prior to our arrival the instructions were "No Bags Allowed" well you can just imagine the comments from the men – "better leave the missus in the carpark"



With our bellies full and the bladders empty it was off again for the final journey on this our first day of touring in our Model T's.

We were all booked into the Clare Valley Motel. Once settled into our accommodation it was time for happy hour, a few beverages were had and lots of stories were told, but as usual – what happens on the run stays on the run. Dinner was booked at the Clare Hotel just a short walk up the road, well maybe a little bit more than a short walk, most of us were able to catch a ride in a modern/classic. As predictable as ever Rod ordered schnitzel, little did I know this was to be the first of many schnitzels – every meal Rod had was SCHNITZEL.



With the meal finished and more laughs had it was time to retire to our first of many different beds we would occupy over the coming evenings.

It was time to hit the road for **day 2** - Editor's note, we were woken this morning to the sounds of Rod singing in the car park. It was a rude awakening for poor Sally who does not do mornings. It was time that we said our farewells to Rod and Cheryl, they would rejoin our group in Burra for the return trip home. The instructions told us to regroup in the main street of Laura, however with the Laura fair in full swing it was decided to continue on to Stone Hut Bakery, This was an excellent decision there was not one complaint the pies were the biggest I have ever seen and they were just so tasty, but I must admit the milkshake that I devoured went down a treat. As we were sitting enjoying another story or two in walked Brian Teakle, this was where he was to join the touring party for the next 2 nights. Most of the group were heading off when Rod spotted Kingsley chatting with an ex-work mate from his days in the Territory, well Rod joined in on the conversation having spent some time in the territory himself, they say women can talk, I thought we were never going to get away.

Same story in Wirrabara, Rod sees a sign that says Husqvarna spares, we stop so that Rod can purchase a bar for his chain saw.... How long does it take to make a purchase.



Finally, we are continuing on our way, we eventually caught up with a group of our members on the side of the road, unfortunately for Ian and Kelly they had broken a wheel spoke, Tail end Charmaine to the rescue. It wasn't long and Ian's car was loaded, and Kelly was comfortably sitting in the back of Trevor and Maxine's Mitsubishi, Ian drove Anthony's T I know that it was a long drive for Ian in the not so familiar T belonging to Anthony.

Horricks Pass Road deserves a special mention, it was such an interesting drive and then along Spear Creek Road the scenery was amazing coming through the pass – spectacular even. I said to Rod "Spear Creek Road was part of the adventure in life", but all he was worried about was his beer would be too shaken up to open on arrival in Port Augusta.

Finally arriving at our accommodation (Majestic Oasis Apartments) it was a relief to see everyone turning up in various stages safe and sound, ready for the next adventure. No complaints about the rooms, the beds were enormous. Time again for some refreshments – Dinner was free choice however most of us had chosen to dine at the Golden Pearl Chinese restaurant, the food here was abundant, the best Chinese most of us had ever had. Not

to mention any names, some really enjoyed a dessert or two. (editor's note Rod stayed back at the motel and had a cup of soup whilst Doretta joined the group). I can tell you it was a long walk back to the motel my belly was well and truly over full and I was looking forward to some shut eye after a long day.





**Day 3 – Saturday** We made our way to the railway station for our trip on the Pichi Richi Railway, going from Port Augusta – Quorn. At the station, they had a band playing, our type of music, Stuart couldn't keep his feet still, Lynda being the good wife danced with him, others joined in eventually.

Whilst we waited some of us indulged in a coffee and some breakfast whilst others looked around the art display, there were all sorts of unusual things to be had, one item in particular caught John Scorgie's eye, after some bartering the purchase was made, she was to be picked up the next morning and spent the rest of the week in the back seat of the Mustang.

Promptly at 10.30am the train departed from the station for the 2-hour long journey. The scenery is amazing, how lucky are we to live in this beautiful state of South Australia. There were Kangaroos bounding around, and many people waving at us as we wound our way through this picturesque countryside.

Finally arriving in Quorn, we had 2 hours to look around at the variety of shops, and enjoy some lunch, some of us again shopped our way around the town of Quorn before heading back to the station for the return trip. On arrival back at our accom-



modation we had just enough time for some light refreshments and some nibbles before it was time to make ourselves beautiful and head to the Hotel Flinders for dinner – and yes you guessed it Rod had a schnitzel. (second one for the day)

Unfortunately, Ian and Kelly's Model T was unable to be fixed so bright and early Sunday morning Anthony arrived with a trailer to transport the 'T' Home. Ian and Kelly were not going to miss the rest of the run, they returned a little later in the day in their Statesman.

#### Day 4 - Sunday Back

in our cars for the short trip to Wadlata tunnel of Time then out to the Arid lands.

Wadlata Centre was well worth the visit, it made you realise how hard our forefathers worked, un-



der extreme conditions laying the railway tracks. There were many videos for you to stop and listen to, explaining how all this was achieved. (if you have never been – put it on your bucket list)

By now we are all a little hungry (not) so it is off to the Arid Lands for lunch and a tour. The food once again was delicious. We split into two groups for a tour of the gardens, it was really interesting, something I didn't think I would enjoy but I am so glad I did it.

After another full day we returned to our accommodation, for some much-needed refreshments. Free choice for dinner again tonight after such a large lunch we chose to just have a light tea, however others chose to light the BBQ. The day was completed with some more stories over a beer or three.

**Day - 5 Monday** We left Port Augusta as a group there was a number of locals checking out the cars as we all lined up next to the petrol station our first official stop was Wilmington for lunch, the poor girl in the local takeaway shop didn't know what hit her but she was so friendly none of us minded waiting. From Wilmington it was straight through to Peterborough for two nights, whilst the accommodation was lovely, it was a real come down after what we had been accustomed to in Port Augusta. We were spread around the town Rod, and I stayed at the caravan park. We had no idea where we were going so we decided to follow Ken and Sally, they went straight past the caravan park sign, we knew they had stayed there before so we just kept on following. Before we knew it and much to our surprise they turned into the bottle shop for more supplies. Ok, Rod did a u turn.



We at the caravan park enjoyed an afternoon together (more stories) editor's note – we at the hotel also had an enjoyable afternoon. As we sat around having a few light refreshments an ambulance vehicle turned into the park and pulled up alongside our cabins. All ok the paramedic driving the car was staying in the cabin next door. Leigh the Paramedic was very interesting to chat with and just so informative. Before we knew it, we had organised a tour of the ambulance station before leaving on Wednesday morning.

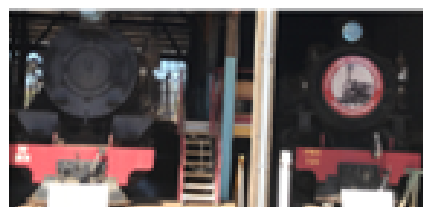
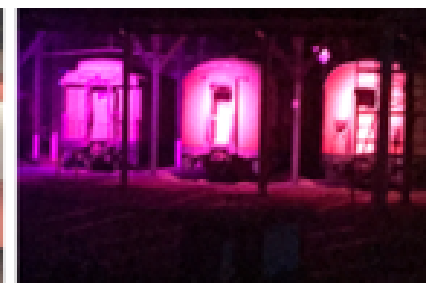
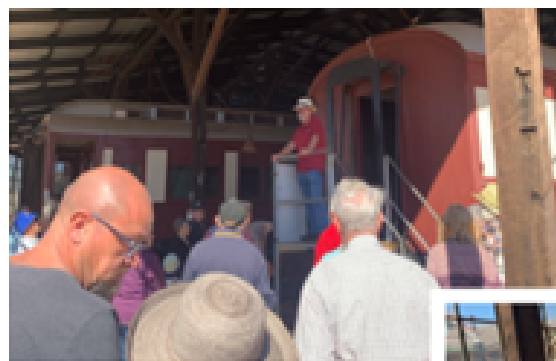


Evening meal was at the Junction Hotel, where we celebrated Stuarts 80<sup>th</sup> birthday this was Rod's fourth schnitzels (but who's counting)

**Day 6 - Tuesday** back in the cars again for a trip to the Steam town Heritage Rail Centre, it wasn't such an early start this am our meeting time was 10.00am – so many old trains and carriages, if only they could tell their stories. I think this was something that the men really enjoyed us ladies were just there for the ride..... It was very impressive walking down the ramps to look under the engines. Due to a storm several of the windows had been broken in the round house. Donations of \$5.00 per window have been sought from the volunteers to replace these windows our club made a donation to this cause of \$120.00. This donation was extremely well received. Back in town for lunch and a look around the many shops with their wares on offer. The stationary shop was a stop for most of us with a most amazing working model railway. Several of us went to the old picture theatre for lunch once again the poor staff were run off their feet with so many walking in of the street to enjoy what they had on the menu. On leaving I was able to peek in their kitchen oh my what a huge pile of dirty dishes they had to be done at the end of lunch service...no dishwasher.

Dinner was again own choice due to the fact that we had to be back at steam town for their famous Steam and light show. Unfortunately, they could not accommodate us as one group, so we were split into two, we were seated in an old carriage and then the lights and whistles started, a really interesting video was played it once again showed us how tough they did it back then, I cant imagine the men of

today being able to do half of the physical work those poor men had to do. I forgot to mention as we walked into the first shed there was a steam engine blowing smoke as it tootled along the tracks (it didn't really move)



**Day 7 - Wednesday** We say goodbye to Ian and Sue Oates, along with their Mustang, RAA to the rescue, their return trip home was on the back of a tow truck. They did, however, rejoin the group at Freeling for our farewell lunch. From Peterborough we headed to Burra, some made stops along the way for food and coffee and others made stops for retail therapy. We arrived in Burra a little ahead of check in time, so we all headed for the local bakery, some of us again did some retail therapy, Dianne left lots of money in one of the stores she visited. Finally, our rooms were ready we stayed at Paxton Cottages, such an amazing place. This is the second time we have stayed here with the Model T Club; the rooms are just so nostalgic a real taste of yesterday. As you would guess there was time before dinner for another happy hour and more stories. Tea this evening was at the Burra Hotel, another fantastic meal, the service was fantastic, and the food was very tasty, you guessed it Rod had another schnitzel (this was not his last) you just can't beat good country hospitality. After dinner we all retired to our rooms for the final sleepover on our adventure – the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Run.



**Day 8 - Thursday** On a very frosty morning, all keys returned to the caravan Park by 10.00am. We started the day with a photo shoot of both the cars and the occupants. The cars looked amazing lined up in the street with Paxton cottages as the backdrop, the occupants – well what can I say even the backdrop couldn't make us look good...Julianne and her magic camera had us all arranged in an orderly fashion. I would dread to think how many photos she took throughout the entire run; she would have an amazing photographic memory of our whole adventure.

Before long we were back in our cars and heading off on the final leg of our week-long adventure. We stopped at the Gungellan Hotel for lunch and to say our final farewells. (Rod enjoyed his final Schnitzel 6 all told) Again the food was great, and the staff must be commended for their prompt service. We had already said good-bye to Ken and Sally in Burra, it was a very long trip for them back to Clayton.

Many stories will be told about the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Run, many memories made. It is all about the friendships we continue to make within the membership of the Model T Ford Club of Australia

Rod and I had a great time with only one disagreement between the two of us... I think

I would like to thank all those that played a part no matter how big or small in making this Run such an enjoyable time.

**Sadly another Annual Run has come to an end.**

**Many stories have been told this week around various camp kitchens, but as always what happens on the run stays on the run (well mostly).**



# Mid Year Dinner

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024

7.00pm

Tower Hotel  
621 Magill Rd,  
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Bookings essential by 7<sup>th</sup> June  
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## Auchendarroch House

Meet 11.30am



for lunch

Sunday 21st July



Catch the 2.00pm train to Strathalbyn

Afternoon tea at the Bakery

Return Mt Barker 5.00pm

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\$42.00 Adults

To secure your seat

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David Carver 0427 754 250



# Upcoming Events

DATE	ORGANISER	EVENT	LOCATION	START TIME
Wednesday 5th June	MTFCA	General Meeting	Fawk Reserve Hall	17.00pm 18.15pm
Saturday 15th June	Maxine 0400 660 654	Mid Year Dinner	Tower Hotel 621 Magill Rd Magill	19.00pm
Wednesday 26th June	MTFCA	Buzzerbox Committee Meeting	Fawk Reserve Hall	17.00pm 18.15pm
Wednesday 3rd July	MTFCA	General Meeting followed by the AGM	Model T Ford Clubrooms Port Road	19.00pm
Sunday 21st July	David Carver 0427 754 250	Auchendarroc House Steam Ranger train ride	Meet Auchendarroc House for lunch	11.30am
Wednesday 31st July	MTFCA	Buzzerbox Committee Meeting	Model T Ford Clubrooms Port Road	17.00pm 18.15pm
Wednesday 7th August	MTFCA	General Meeting	Model T Ford Clubrooms Port Road	19.00pm
Sunday 18th August	Adam Jones Presidents Run			

Please consider your involvement in OUR CLUB



Notice is hereby given  
of the  
Annual General Meeting  
Model 'T' Ford Club of Australia  
to commence at the conclusion  
of the General Meeting



The Model T Ford Club of Australia  
needs members to become office  
bearers or to join our Committee of  
Management for the year 2024/25.

Members can nominate themselves  
or another member (with their  
permission)

Please refer to page 3 of the Buzzerbox  
for full a list of Office Bearers

# AGENDA

Wednesday  
3<sup>rd</sup> July  
2024

Vale  
Acceptance of previous  
minutes  
Presidents Report  
Secretary's Report  
Treasurers Report  
All positions declared vacant  
Incoming Presidents Report  
Honours & Awards  
Life Membership  
Clubman of the Year  
Lizzy Lady  
Restoration of the year  
General Business

Supper will be served  
at the  
conclusion of the  
meeting

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## Bacon, Egg and Onion Tart.

This is an easy and quite healthy quiche.

*250gm bacon pieces (or ham if desired)*

*1 fresh corn cob, with corn kernels removed.*

*375gm cottage cheese*

*6 beaten eggs*

*4 spring onions, finely chopped*

Brown bacon. Put cheese in large bowl, and gradually beat in eggs.

Mix in bacon, onion, corn kernels and sprinkle with pepper.

Line a 23cm flan with pastry and pour in filling.

Bake at 200C for 40 mins or until top is risen and golden.

## MEMORIES

We were married in January 1969 when the Club was just four years old. Our wedding cars were two veteran T Ford Tourers (of course!) provided and driven by Ian Todhunter, and Arnold Stringer. They looked wonderful outside the church, and took the onlookers attention much more than the bride!!



Anthony Bennett repeated history in 2017 and drove his bride Maggie away after their wedding at the National Motor Museum in his Model T 10 cwt lorry.

Cousin Chris Paine found three T Fords for his daughter's wedding in Clare.

**It's a special way to begin the journey of married life, and so many beautiful old T's are used for that purpose.**

**Nancy Bennett**



## IN THEIR OWN WORDS

### Memories of our time in the T Club

After buying our 26 Model T 10 cwt Truck which was in need of a full restoration we joined the T Club in the mid-90s and went along to our first T club meeting and immediately felt welcomed by other T members.

It wasn't long before we became involved in the club by joining the building committee to renovate the clubrooms on Port Road that used to be tennis and basketball courts and clubrooms. My Mum Joyce Weight and I came along each weekend and supplied morning tea to all of the hard workers and felt at least we were doing something to help out! It was a joy to be a part of the progress and completion of the work to create our new clubrooms.

We currently have new clubrooms being built after the older ones were demolished.

We have enjoyed many Annual Runs over the years and one memorable one was when we went to Pt Broughton. Gordie Dunn and Bob Sellar had their faces painted, Gordie was now a tiger and he really came out of his shell behind the makeup. Also, when we had the Annual run to Clare, Peter and I dressed up as B1 and B2 as we were asked to wear blue and white clothing. Walking from the caravan park we had children trailing along behind us singing "Bananas in Pyjamas". We had to tell them to go back to their parents before leaving the park!

We also enjoyed our annual camp outs on the June long weekend every year at the property of Bob and Elaine Sellar at McLaren Flat.

One year Gordie Dunn was getting his airbed blown up by Ian Oates. Ian set the machine going and in his laid-back way promptly forgot about it! Next minute there was a huge bang and white powder spewed out into the air. Gordie was laughing when Ian said,

"Don't know why your laughing Gordie, that's your bed!" Poor Gordie! Many good times were had on those getaways.



We have been very fortunate to attend every National Rally and Annual Run since 1995. David and Gayl Carver and Nancy and Allan Bennett were kind enough to lend us one of their Model T's to drive in our early rallies until Peter finished restoring our own Model T in time for the 1998 rally held in Geelong. Merawyn was happy to help out on the 1995 Rally held in Nuriootpa by producing the name tags for all entrants with some help from Adam Carver. Over the years we have made great T friends from overseas (mostly USA) and all around Australia.

We have felt honored to participate in club activities, whether it be serving on the club committee, national rally committee, All Ford Day committee, working bees, helping to cook on the BBQ when required and much more.

We used to enjoy Buzzer Box nights at Gordie Dunn's house. Back in the day we were typing onto Gestetner sheets and printing them out, collating and the whole box and dice on the night. We had lots of laughs while we were working. Now times have changed with the computer generation. Due to having retired in 2008 and getting away in our caravan throughout the years we haven't been able to be as visible with help but are only too willing to help out where we can.

We have made many friendships over our years in the club and thank everyone who has helped us in restoring our car and making our time at the club so enjoyable. This is what makes the club, the sharing of knowledge and friendship. There has been so much laughter and fun. 60 Years and still going strong, looking forward to many more good times.

**Peter and Merry Perry**



# MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD

## 1st May 2024

### 1. WELCOME:

- 1.1. Meeting commenced at 7.04pm.
- 1.2. The President welcomed everyone to this meeting, reminded members to sign the Attendance Record Book and advised that this meeting will be audio recorded for minute taking purposes and the recording will be deleted once the minutes have been accepted;
- 1.3. Visitor: Patron Tony Williams.

### 2. APOLOGIES:

- 2.1. Nancy Bennett, Michael Trenorden, Dale La Vars and Stuart & Lynda Bowshall.

### 3. MYSTERY OBJECTS:

- 3.1. Provided by Peter Perry.

### 4. FUNDRAISING:

- 4.1. Doretta Hills initiated a raffle of seven prizes.
- 4.2. The President reminded everyone that the proceeds go to Operation K9 and he encouraged members to buy up tickets.

### 5. MINUTES OF LAST GENERAL MEETING, 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2024:

- 5.1. As distributed in the May 2024 edition of Buzzer Box.

Moved: Mik Bojko, that the minutes be accepted; Seconded: Bob Yates; Carried.

### 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL MEETING:

- 6.1. Exhaust pipes: The Secretary has placed an order for ten (10) stainless steel pipes and will be available in ten days; The proposed 2027 National Rally meeting scheduled for Tuesday 7 May 2024 has been postponed until after the relocation to Croydon and will therefore be rescheduled.

### 7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- 7.1. The President advised: AGM on Wednesday 3 July 2024; Please consider your involvement in the Club by nominating for a position on your Committee; Life Membership: Nominations are now open and if you would like a copy of the criteria, please email the Secretary. If there is someone in the Club that you feel is a worthy recipient, please email the Secretary. The nomination must have both a nominator and a seconder and the case for award against the strict criteria.

Moved: Anthony Russell, that the President's Report be accepted; Seconded: Merry Perry; Carried.

### 8. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- 8.1. The Secretary reported Correspondence In: The usual club magazines were received and forwarded/provided to Neil Hofmeyer for inclusion in the Library; A 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour book will be provided for the Library next month by the Organisers.
- 8.2. The Secretary reported Correspondence Out: A follow up email, Facebook message and phone calls to the West Croydon Football Club seeking advice about ongoing Sunday activities on the adjacent oval with no response yet received; This could be an issue for our own Registration Day on Sunday 19 May 2024.

Moved: Doretta Hills, that the Secretary's Report be accepted; Seconded: Matthew Edwards; Carried.

### 9. MEMBERSHIP:

- 9.1. The Secretary advised: A 2024/25 Membership Form is now available on the Club's website in hard copy, including on the front table; This form includes a tick box for receiving Buzzer Box editions in the mail for an additional \$5 per year; Membership fees remain the same as last year.

### 10. BUZZER BOX REPORT:

- 10.1. The Secretary reported: Special thanks to all contributors of the May 2024 edition, with particular thanks to John Eastick for producing the last minutes so quickly, to assist in production interrupted by the conduct of the week long 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour; June 2024 edition contributions are now being sought by mid-May 2024; the Upcoming Events page has been re-orientated with the next event or run on the opposite page – this change was met with general approval of those present; Apologies for the incorrect reversal of the meetings on 24 June 2024 and 3 July 2024; Spare copies of the May 2024 edition are on the front table; Members could consider ways to avoid the \$5 fee by obtaining their copy by collection at a next meeting or from another member.

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- 10.2. Peter Perry thanked everyone involved for the very good efforts with the Buzzer Box.
  - 10.3. The President especially thanked Maxine Martin for her efforts collating the editions every month and her and Trevor collecting them from Scammells for distribution. Those present gave applause to Maxine for these efforts.

#### **11. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- 11.1. Kingsley Taylor outlined the reconciliation of accounts for the month of April 2024; a reconciliation is available for viewing after the meeting; The closing balance is back to normal levels because of all of the payments for the 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Annual Tour.

Moved: Anthony Russell, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted; Seconded: Ian Russell; Carried.

#### **12. PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- 12.1. John Eastick updated members on progress since the last General Meeting and article in the May 2024 edition of Buzzer Box: The currently scheduled Practical Completion date of 17 May 2024 still applies; Handover date to the Club still to be determined, may be influenced by completion of certain of the later trades, being landscaping and solar; Further to the article in Buzzer Box, Contractor Mykra has continued to make excellent progress; The internal activity with tiling completed, 2<sup>nd</sup> fix plumbing and electrical, painting, floor coverings, doors next week; The external activity with painting, roof flashings and gutters, block paving commences next week; Solar panels soon to commence; Relocation Plan: Been drafted and awaiting feedback from the Committee, comprises vacating this place and moving into Croydon, Club meetings from July 2024 and a series of Working Bees being planned over next two to three months with Club members being asked to assist in the move; The Club will be entering into a Lease for 5 + 5 years and commercial detail is work in progress; Landscape maintenance will be undertaken by Council and access will be provided through gates each side of the building; Grants: No advice received yet. If successful, a solar storage battery will now become a retrofit and this probable eventuality has been accommodated in the building services design; 'Cutting of the Ribbon' ceremony: Council to facilitate with federal and state government politicians and Council dignitaries and the Club will be asked what it wants eg display of Model T Fords, food offering, etc.
- 12.2. A number of questions were raised: Q: Allan Bennett – outstanding gutters and flashings and was there any plan to incorporate a verandah over the front door ?; A: No, but there is an eaves overhang and a short hood, Council and Club logos and trees & shrubs will be planted and together, will break up the facade; Q: Rod Hills – is irrigation included ?; A: Yes, the lawns and planted areas are fully irrigated using recycled water controlled from elsewhere; There was some discussion about appearance.
- 12.3. Following some comments and the questions, John provided a summary of how the project has got to where it is and the project drivers for what has been evidenced as a very impressive building delivery; The *Our Dream Clubrooms* article in Buzzer Box editions contains photos and some of these have been provided by Council.

#### **13. PROPERTY OFFICERS REPORT:**

- 13.1. No report provided.

#### **14. CLUBROOMS MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR REPORT:**

- 14.1. Albert Jones had nothing to report.

#### **15. CLUBROOMS BOOKING COORDINATOR REPORT:**

- 15.1. Bob Yates had nothing to report.

#### **16. FEDERATION REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:**

- 16.1. Rod Crawford reported: He attended the Federation meeting held on Saturday, 6 April 2024; He considers the management of the Federation is very good; Club Lotus has applied to join the Federation; The Federation issued 4,000 Log Books in February 2024; The Federation finances are growing healthily; Clubs are encouraged to advise any new Committee Members to read and interpret the government's Code of Practice for themselves; The Federation Tour is being held between 13 and 24 May 2024; The Bay to Birdwood event is being held on Sunday 20 October 2024; It was reported that electric vehicles do not contribute to petrol tax; At Federation Meetings, only Club delegates can report and vote but not any visitors.

#### **17. PAST EVENTS:**

- 17.1. *60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Tour 2024* to the Port Augusta region between Thursday 11 April and Thursday 18 April 2024; Organisers: Adam Jones and Albert & Rosina Jones; There was a long conversation about the Tour comprising various members comments – overall, it was an excellent Tour with many highlights and memorable moments, generally good weather, good accommodation, venues and meals; Distance travelled was around 780km with some travelling further to and from their homes; on average, calculated as around 14.5 hours driving at an average speed of 55km/hour; Several breakdowns and running repairs with two vehicles (Russell's T Ford and Oates's Mustang) trailered home; Paul Van Ruth requested a look over the Tour Book.

#### **18. FUTURE EVENTS – CLUB ORGANISED:**

- 18.1. *Registration Day* on Sunday, 19 May 2024; Organiser: Committee; 10.30am to 2.30pm; Free BBQ lunch; Doretta Hills volunteered to make all food purchases and volunteers will be sought on the day to cook the BBQ.
- 18.2. *Mid-Year Dinner* on Saturday 15 June 2024; Organiser: Maxine Martin; The Tower Hotel at the corner of Magill and St Bernards Roads has been selected as the venue; Please advise the Secretary of your attendance and there is an attendance sheet circulating at tonight's meeting.
- 18.3. *Monthly Run* on Sunday, 21 July 2024; Organiser: David Carver; David is considering the destination as Mt Lofty Botanical Gardens and considering lunch options.
- 18.4. *2025 Annual Run* on Thursday 3, Friday 4 and Saturday 5 April 2025; Organiser: Kingsley & Jenny Taylor; The general plan is to stay at the Strathalbyn Motel for two nights (22 rooms blocked out), dinner out for both nights, do a private charter trip on the *Spirit of Coorong* from Goolwa on Friday, look around Strathalbyn places of interest during Saturday and on Sunday morning with a BBQ lunch on Sunday in a park; An email will be sent out next week advising further details; John Eastick spoke well of the *Spirit of Coorong* trip.

#### **19. FUTURE EVENTS - INVITATION:**

- 19.1. *Old Crocks Run* on 5 May 2024: Adam Jones, the Crawfords and the Hills advised that they will be attending.
- 19.2. *Loxton Historical Run* on Saturday 26, Sunday 27 and Monday 28 October 2024; Organiser: The Riverland Vintage and Classic Car Club and introduced by David Kimber at the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour; Entry forms available on the front table; Suggestion by the Secretary that costs are very reasonable, those wishing to attend could arrange to stay together and it would support David Kimber for our Club to be represented; David Carver advised that the Austin 7 Club was attending and the nature and extent of the private collection.

#### **20. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- 20.1. *Website*: The Secretary advised that a Patron's Page and the 2024/25 Membership Form have been uploaded.

#### **21. MYSTERY OBJECT REVEAL:**

- 21.1. 1928 Buick radiator cap (incomplete).
- 21.2. Peter Perry provided a story of how he came to have the object and certain other items, including a poster of a 1926 T Ford Tourer.

#### **22. RAFFLE DRAW:**

- 22.1. Prize pool of seven; Doretta Hills thanked everyone and there was applause.

#### **23. CLASSIFIEDS:**

- 23.1. Nil.

#### **24. NEXT MEETINGS:**

- 24.1. Buzzer Box Night: Wednesday, 29 May 2024 from 5.00pm at the Clubrooms.
- 24.2. Committee Meeting: Wednesday 29 May 2024 at 6.15pm at the Clubrooms.
- 24.3. General Meeting: Wednesday, 5 June 2024 at 7.00pm at the Clubrooms.

#### **25. MEETING CLOSURE:**

- 25.1. The President: Reminded everyone to sign the Attendance Record Book and what was available on the front table; Invited those present to have a chat and enjoy supper; Closed the meeting at 8.10pm.



## OUR DREAM CLUBROOMS

— PORT RD. CROYDON —

By the time this article is read by members and anyone else, the Clubrooms would have reached the stage of Practical Completion between the Council and Contractor Mykra. Whilst there are certain outstanding works yet to be completed, the building is ready for the Club to move into in early June to establish the place as its new home.

Reading the last edition of Buzzer Box has highlighted to me how much building activity by many trades has taken place in this last month – quite remarkable !

Inside is completed and outside, the paving, fencing and gate modifications completed. Outstanding works include soft landscaping, solar panels, various minor items and a small number of defects and these will be dealt with relatively quickly. For the great reveal, the barrier mesh will be removed once the soft landscaping has been completed around mid-June.

The Club will have executed a new 5 + 5 year Lease and the process to relocate from Fawk Reserve Hall has commenced. A grant has been successful for an additional solar battery in the building.

Progress photos are still encouraged please. If you have any queries or are seeking clarification about the project, please don't hesitate to contact me.

John Eastick

# TINKERING WITH BOB

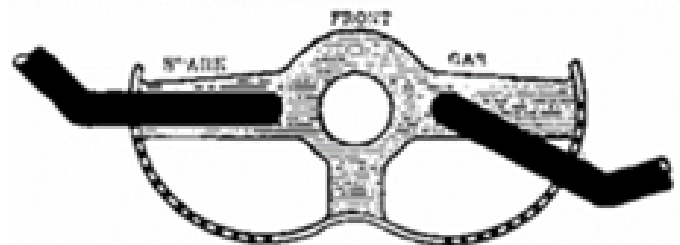
## MODEL T FORD TINKERING BITS – CONTINUED No 9

### POSITION OF SPARK AND THROTTLE LEVERS

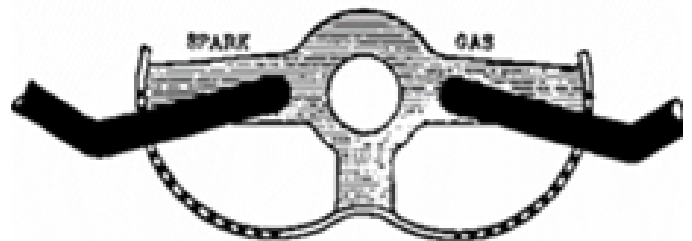
The following chart to be used as a guide for the positions of the Spark and Fuel levers on the quadrant as situated on the steering column for various conditions for the vehicle operation.

Please remember these are only as a guide as your vehicle may operate slightly different.

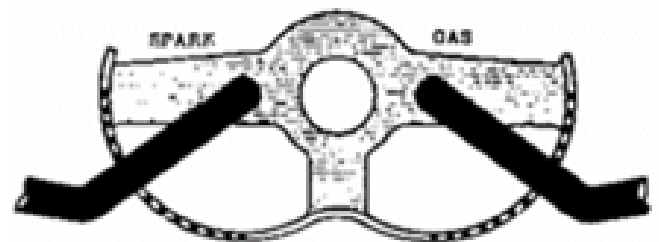
1. When starting the Model T Ford, the spark lever is fully retarded, the fuel lever is opened four or five notches.



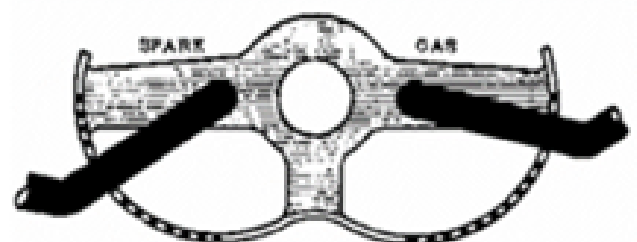
2. Position of the spark and fuel levers for running the engine when not driving the vehicle. This is the proper lever position for idling and coasting.



3. For starting vehicle at low speed, advance the spark lever about five notches and then open the fuel four or five notches.

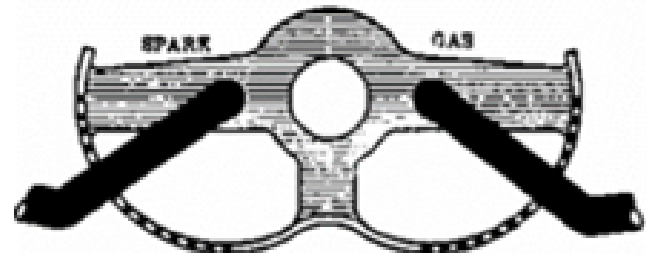


4. For speed of approximately 10 MPH, 17 KPH in high gear, leave the spark advanced about five notches and open the fuel two or three notches.

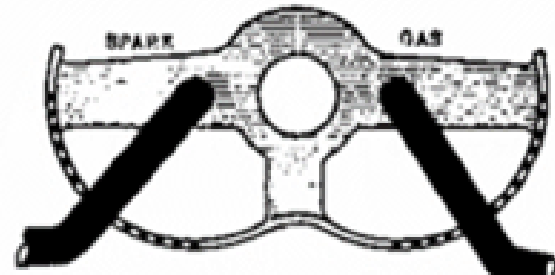




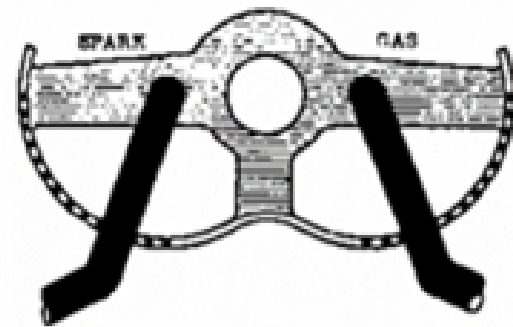
5. For speed of approximately 20 MPH, 33 KPH in high gear, leave the spark advanced about five notches and open the fuel five notches.



6. For speed of approximately 20 MPH, 33 KPH, advanced spark lever seven notches and open the fuel seven to eight notches.



7. To maintain road speed advance the spark and fuel levers as far as they will go.



The remaining two sections will be at the start of Tinkering Tips No 10

## Life Membership

Is there a member of your club that you think is worthy of this prestigious award.

**If so..**

The committee welcomes your nomination.

Nominations must be in writing, with a nominator and a seconder, and forwarded to the Secretary

Please refer to the constitution & bylaws for the criteria.

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