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New Club Rooms Now Open - Port Road Croydon

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hello fellow Model T ford members.

By the time you receive this edition of the Buzzer Box we will have already **moved back to our home at Croydon**. It's been a long battle but we have now come out the other side and now get to enjoy our new club rooms for many years to come.

On behalf of the members I would like to thank John Eastick and his band of helpers for all the work that has gone into this final transition, I can assure you it has not been an easy task, John has spent many hours negotiating on behalf of the club and I think you will all agree the outcome has been amazing.

I hope you are so far enjoying the mild winter we are currently experiencing. It was very nice to see some rain in the last couple of weeks and I am sure the farmers will also be enjoying it. It's certainly needed.

The last event that was held by the club was the Annual midyear dinner held at the Tower Hotel in Magill. Thank you to Maxine for organising a

wonderful evening, The food was wonderful as was the company. It was nice to see so many attending and especially seeing some new members attending. Don't forget our AGM will be held in July. If you would like to offer your services in some form, please consider joining your committee or taking on one of the many rolls listed in the front of your Buzzer Box.



If you haven't already, please book your seat on the Steam Ranger trip that David Carver has organised by paying the fees directly into the club's bank account. Please also let David know you are attending for booking purposes at the lunch venue. The presidents run this year will be going to the Barossa Chocolate company. Morning tea will be along the way and provided by the club. Please let me know of your attendance as I need to make final reservations at the Café. As we are well into winter this run has been designed as more of a Modern/Classic run. It is also a great opportunity for some of our Associate members to attend and come along and enjoy an outing with fellow club members. Happy birthday to all the members celebrating a birthday in July.

I look forward in seeing you all on Wednesday the 3rd of July at 7pm for the general meeting

Don't forget that the July meeting will be held back in our Croydon Clubrooms on Port Road

Adam Jones



Registrations Now Open!

**BAY to
BIRDWOOD**
20 October 2024



On the Cover

My Time with The Jaffa

Back in 1972 whilst my parents Tony and Kay Russell were on a return trip from Queensland, passing through Gol Gol dad saw a Model T chassis and running gear on a property. Being the inquisitive type that he is he had to go in and chat with the owner, after some discussion the deal was done and that was the start of the Russel family's love for the Model T.

11 years later in 1983 with help from several members of the club Dad completed the restoration of the 1922 Model T Ford Tourer.

The car soon got the nick name "The Jaffa" due to the bright orange body colour and chocolate brown running boards and guards.

Many fun times were spent on car runs as a kid. In my late teenage years I drifted away from the club due to other commitments, and I guess it wasn't cool for a teenager to be seen with his parents in a Model T.

Around 2011 the Jaffa made its way to my place to make room for dad to restore the 1918.

With the Jaffa now living in my shed, I became interested in the car and the club again resulting in Kelly and I becoming active members.

Since having the Jaffa I have had the opportunity to use it in a couple of weddings for friends and go to car shows either on a Saturday night or early Sunday mornings as well as club car runs.

During this time i have had the pleasure of taking it on 3 annual runs which will be hard to forget with the first one resulting in 4 flat tyres over the 3 days. 6



The second run to Moonta Bay resulted in over heating on the first day which was caused by the crank pulley being broken. This now caused 2 issues for me as I had no electric start.

Thanks to the assistance of David Dunn and other club members after our lunch stop we removed the pulley and fan wired in the crank pin to prevent it from falling out allowing me to crank the car and continue on our way, I have now had 5 new tyres, new crank / fan pulley and new radiator hoses all fitted with the Jaffa and thankfully it hasn't missed a beat since. That is of course until the 60th Anniversary Run - and you all know what happened - Jaffa was trailered home from Port Augusta.

This has not dampened my spirits I Look forward to many more enjoyable club events and memories with the club while driving the Jaffa.

Thanks for reading "My Time
With The Jaffa"

Ian Russell



Footnote - there are now three generations of the Russell family along with their respective wives all active members of the Model T Ford Club. We look forward to the next generation continuing the family tradition.

Mid Year Dinner



Who in their right mind would venture out on such a cold evening for This year's Midyear Dinner well 38 members and friends gathered at the Tower Hotel at Magill. It has been a long time since some of us have been to this particular hotel, Maxine actually commented that she had not been here for 38 years and was amazed at just how much the place had changed. It has been beautifully renovated. It was good to see some new members attend and we welcomed extra friends who had joined us for the evening.

We had our own room with two long tables we were all eager to choose from the usual "pub grub" and drinks.

Food was served hot and soon devoured but the usual chatting at the tables kept the groups enjoying the warmth of the room well after the food.

We were all ready for a game of Deal or No Deal when Gary produced a silver Briefcase, Doretta chose her number – 18, but there was no money. The question is....

WHAT WAS IN THE CASE.....

I must admit that Allan looked exceptionally nice this evening with his matching hand bag.

Thanks to the country members who braved the cold to join the regular attendees.

Don't forget our July 21st Run to Auchendarroch House at 11.30 am for a light lunch then a trip on the Steam Ranger to Strathalbyn at 2.00pm, bookings are essential.

Gayl and David Carver.





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

Wednesday
3rd July
2024

AGENDA

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

JUST A SENIORS MOMENT

Our Memories Amendment.

In our article about our memories in the T Club, I made the mistake of saying that we completed our restoration in 1998 and took it to the Geelong Rally. Our restoration was completed in 2008 and it's first Rally was the rally in Echuca. In 1998 we were honored to be able to use one of Allan and Nancy's Model T cars which we were very grateful for. Apologies for the error.

Merry Perry

Since returning from the 60th Anniversary Run Rosina and I have sat back and recapped many aspects of the journey. It was very pleasing to get to Port Augusta with just 1 Model 'T' needing help. On a personal note, it was very enjoyable to have our 2 daughters and 3 grandchildren on the Pichi-Richi railway with us, this is a journey that I have had on my bucket list for a very long time and to share it with my family is something that I will always cherish. Some of you may know that my Model 'T' Ford came from Peterborough. On April 29th, 1926, it was purchased by Mr. S. Garard from Yongala for 179 pounds 10 shillings. I have always wanted to check out the garage from which my 'T' came from. We had a few hours to spare between the Museum and the Light Show. So, Rosina and I went walking along the Main Street to do some detective work and get some answers.

Firstly, we called into the Post Office, I asked the chap at the counter, if he knew of a Bill Smith Motor and Cycle Works, which was on the original receipt I have. He knew of a Bill Smith, but he had passed away and his brother Jack took over the business, he said "the garage is on the right towards Steamtown, he told us that there is a Senior Citizen Club on the same side of the road and encouraged us to give them a visit." So off we went, we found the Seniors Club, I walked in, there was about 8 to 10 people playing bowls, and they thought we were there for a game.



After asking about Jack Smith, a lady said, "I knew Jack, but he died a few years back, the garage still stands." the lady directed us to go further down the road and there it was the name had changed from Bill Smith to Jack Smith, although the signage had changed the building was still the same. Dusty Mechanical Services are the current owners of the garage. Unfortunately, there was not anyone I could contact with at the garage. Interestingly enough Dusty Mechanical Services have the contract to service the ambulances in Peterborough. Mission completed.



Albert Jones



IN HIS OWN WORDS

I joined the club when Tony Russell was our President, around 1988/89. My interest in T Fords started when I was an engineering trainee with BHP in Whyalla after leaving the farm at Gulnare in 1960. We did a subject called workshop practice and it was all about the design of gearing and the practical use of gear cutting equipment. The gear box we studied was that from a T model. That got my interest and I asked all those I knew, who had had older buckboards on the farm, what was still laying about. I could remember a T model at Yacka, we had a 24 Dodge, next door had an A model, there was a Rugby and a Chev also. At that time, all said, I found nothing. By 1987 I had found an engine with a G Box attached so I was away. Then all the parts started arriving from farms.

Lasscock's nurseries was just down the road from home and they were a small client of ours. I dealt with Ian, but one day, John turned up in his T to the factory. Within a couple of weeks I had joined the T Club.

1989 was the year the book, "Buzzerbox-First 25 years", was released.

I was given a rolling chassis for my 50th birthday. By the first Bay to Birdwood the T had no upholstery, no hood and Gordy quickly told me I had the steering wheel on back to front. I had never been able to drive a T, so I learnt the night before the Bay to Birdwood, when there was daylight at our factory yard. I reversed and went forward in the factory yard and then drove it home before dark as I had no lights, only some indicators.

Next morning we were off to the start I had 2 people with me one was the chap who, with the local mechanic at Gulnare, found the T at Spalding. The mechanic and my family were all going up in their moderns. Just as we got past Tea Tree Gully and were going up hill, cough/ cough. Bill a mate from Gulnare who was part of finding the T, says, "You must be low in petrol. But we were over half full, so we had to wait for the RAA to arrive, top us up to keep going. The mob at Birdwood had no idea where we were as none of us had mobiles then.

I joined the Committee and Rally Committee for Ts alive in 95. Then Ts Galore in 2004 and later Lizzies Convene in 2013. On occasions, when I could fit it all in with family events, I started to go on monthly runs. I was getting to know people in the club. The 95 Rally held in the valley was Sandra's first real introduction to the Club.

My first club auction day/swap meet was when we were at Parkside and those clubrooms were still being added to. Not soon after our last working bee they were burnt (torched ?) down, we will never know, and at the time I believe the local council was of no assistance to rebuild.

Buzzer Box at Gordy's, he cooked us scones. Those days we printed and collated the Buzzer box monthly. Wonderful evenings were had by all who attended. Later we moved to the clubroom at Croydon.

We have had many home bases. We moved from Parkside to Glenside and had a few meetings at the Burnside Town Hall. There were others. Maybe somebody could list them all. Then we found Croydon and started renovating it to suite our needs. What a job that was. But as usual we had great volunteers to assist and got the job done. We must have moved in prior to completion. It was 1997/98 before we were really in.

Over the years we have attended many great events, from runs to Rallies especially those we had in South Australia. We had many wonderful dinners and lunches, especially our 50th and 60th dinners. Today we see the new clubrooms emerging. As you are reading this we will most likely be getting ready for our first General Meeting and AGM in the new rooms. (We hope to see you all there!)

We enjoyed our activities at club events, especially when lunch or dinner was involved, some of the morning teas are to be remembered.

Lots of wonderful camaraderie and friendship over the years. May the Club prosper in the future as we move into new era in our new clubrooms.

Brian Teakle



FOR SALE

Ian Oates has many Model T parts for sale including:

**1927 chassis with block trans cover heads full diff turns nicely
two wire wheels with one rear hub two 21inch wood wheels 2
radius rods front and rear springs pair radius rods vet running
board brackets vintage motor near complete full diff enclosed
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suit vet ford**

Ph Ian Oates 0429001910

Auchendarroch

Meet 11.30am



House



for lunch

Sunday 21st July



Catch the 2.00pm train to Strathalbyn

Afternoon tea at the Bakery

Return Mt Barker 5.00pm

Cost \$38.00 concession

\$42.00 Adults

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please make payment into the clubs bank account

David Carver 0427 754 250



Presidents Run

Sunday 18th August

Meet Clubrooms - 9.45am

Lunch @ Barossa Valley Chocolate
Factory



barossa valley CHOCOLATE COMPANY

Bookings essential

Adam Jones

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Upcoming Events

DATE	ORGANISER	EVENT	LOCATION	START TIME
Wednesday 26th June	MTFCA	Buzzerbox Committee Meeting	Model T Ford Clubrooms Port Road	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 Barossa Valley Chocolate Factory	Model T Ford Clubrooms Port Road	09.45am
Wednesday 28th August	MTFCA	Buzzerbox Committee Meeting	Model T Ford Clubrooms Port Road	17.00pm 18.15pm
Wednesday 4th September	MTFCA	General Meeting	Model T Ford Clubrooms Port Road	19.00pm

OUR DREAM CLUBROOMS

PORT RD. CROYDON

By the time this article is read by members, the Club would have moved into the new Clubrooms. Whilst there are certain minor defects and outstanding works yet to be completed by various subcontractors and fit-out works by the Club, the building is being established as our new home at its great location at Lot 11 Port Road Plantation Croydon. What a great milestone to be achieved in the long journey.



The soft landscaping is progressing, despite several delays due of indement weather. For the great reveal, the barrier mesh will be removed once the soft landscaping has been completed.

The solar array and associated equipment had been subject to a late design change which has delayed installation but will commence in the very near future.

Whilst the Club has completed the Stage 1 relocation of the bulk of its possessions from Fawk Reserve Hall, the last meeting of its nine (9) Hiring Clubs will occur there on Tuesday 2 July 2024. Our Club will be the first club to conduct its meetings at Croydon, being for the General and Annual General Meetings on Wednesday 3 July 2024.

In an attempt to attract further hiring of the Clubrooms, two 'Hall for Hire' signs have been strategically placed on the facade of the building.

It is to be remembered that our Club and its fourteen (14) Hiring Clubs at the time had their last meetings at the former Clubrooms in this location in November 2021.

The Club has now received into its bank account the grant funding from the Government of South Australia for a new project to design, supply and install an additional solar battery.

This is a great outcome that intentionally, will contribute to the ongoing sustainability of the new Clubrooms.

A huge thankyou to all those members who made themselves available to assist with the move.

John Eastick



The Model T Ford Club acknowledges the Hiring Clubs that have provided tremendous support through the whole of the return journey and similarly are looking forward to re-establishing themselves at Croydon.

These clubs are:

Falcon Car Club
Ford 8 & 10 Side Valve Club
48 FJ Holden Car Club of SA
FB EK Holden Club
FX-HZ Holden Car Club of SA Inc
Monaro Car Club
Jaguar Classic Car Club
Land Rover Register of SA
SA Classic Speedway Association



MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD

6th February 2024

1. WELCOME:

- 1.1. Meeting commenced at 7.02pm.
- 1.2. In the President absence, the Vice 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. Visitors: Patron Tony Williams, Jayden Russell and Peter Magarey.

2. APOLOGIES:

- 2.1. Adam Jones, Trevor & Maxine Martin, Albert Jones, Allan & Nancy Bennett, Rod & Doretta Hills, Colin & Julie-Anne Hein and Trevor Norley

3. MYSTERY OBJECT:

- 3.1. Provided by Tony Russell.

4. FUNDRAISING:

- 4.1. In Doretta's absence, no raffle was conducted.

5. MINUTES OF LAST GENERAL MEETING, 1ST MAY 2024:

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

Moved: Brian Teake, that the minutes be accepted; Seconded: Stuart Bowshall; Carried.

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

- 6.1. Exhaust pipes: Ten (10) stainless steel pipes are now available for members to purchase at \$100 each; 2027 National Rally: An initial organisational meeting has been re-scheduled for Tuesday 11 June 2024 at 6pm at Fawk Reserve Hall and members are invited to register their interest to attend.

7. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- 7.1. The Vice President advised: The Committee has been busy; A meeting was conducted with the Hiring Clubs and will be reported further in the Project Manager's Report; The Vietnamese Community Group /Quin Tran's quest for Fawk Reserve Hall after our Club vacates, Odyssey will remain under the Vietnamese Community Group umbrella, the Group has something happening every day but elsewhere at the moment, our Club will be invited to some functions; Mid-Year Dinner list on front table, listed names will be emailed to the Secretary after the meeting.

Moved: Peter Perry, that the Vice President's Report be accepted; Seconded: Rod Crawford; Carried.

8. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- 8.1. In the Secretary's absence, the Vice President reported Correspondence In: The usual club magazines were received and forwarded/provided to Neil Hofmeyer for inclusion in the Library.
- 8.2. The Vice President reported Correspondence Out: Follow up emails to Hiring Clubs providing updates of Clubrooms progress; Email sent to members inviting them to a meeting to discuss the 2027 National Rally and invite suggestions for a Rally slogan (with some responses already received about attendance or not and/or slogans).
- 8.3. The Vice President advised: Some members have questioned why is it necessary to commence the planning for the 2027 National Rally so early to which the response was there was much work to be done and the Club needs to make a presentation about the 2027 National Rally at the 2025 National Rally in Ballarat; The Club has become aware of an extensive number of manuals for sale. A hard copy of this 16-page list is on the front table for review and is available to anyone interested – email the Secretary for an electronic copy.

Moved: Paul Van Ruth, that the Secretary's Report be accepted; Seconded: Merry Perry;
Carried.

9. MEMBERSHIP:

9.1. The Vice President advised: A 2024/25 Membership Form is available on the Club's website and 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; Approximately 65 of our 140 member units have now renewed their memberships; If you have not paid your membership to the Treasurer and had your Log Book signed by an Authorised Officer before 30 June 2024, being in 27 days' time, you will be driving an unregistered vehicle/s after 1 July 2024.

10. BUZZER BOX REPORT:

10.1. The Vice President reported: Thanks to all contributors of the June 2024 edition; Apologies for several errors discovered after printing; A reminder that when renewing your membership and you want to continue to receive your Buzzer Box by mail from and including the August 2024 edition, tick the box and pay an additional \$5.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT:

11.1. Kingsley Taylor advised: The reconciliation of accounts for the month of June 2024; a reconciliation is available for viewing after the meeting; The current investment account is intended to serve as the start-up for the conduct of the 2027 National Rally.

11.2. Kingsley Taylor raised the matter of the SA Car Clubs Program requiring a separate bank account for the purposes of the financial administration of a project to supply and install an additional solar battery in the new Croydon Clubrooms and funded by the SA Car Clubs Program grant of \$30k.

Motion: Proposed by Paul Van Ruth, that the Model T Ford Club of Australia Inc open a new bank account for the purposes of the financial administration of a project to supply and install an additional solar battery in the new Croydon Clubrooms and funded by the SA Car Club Program grant of \$30k. The signatories of this account shall be: Adam Jones, Kingsley Taylor, David Carver, Mik Bojko and John Eastick; Seconded: Ian Russell; The motion was unanimously carried by members present.

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 June 2024 edition of Buzzer Box: Practical Completion was issued on Friday 31 May 2024; This has triggered a number of actions, being steps to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy and a line in the sand for immediate defects rectification; Landscaping commenced on Monday 3 June 2024 and will take about 2 weeks; Permanent power was connected today after long delays due to process problems; Certain additional works soon to commence: E-W tilt frames on solar panels on upper level roof; Chair rail all-round the Meeting Room; Meeting with Hiring Clubs on Monday 20 May 2024 at which these clubs were advised of what is happening for the transition back to Croydon: General Meetings commence at Croydon from Wednesday 3 July 2024 (being ourselves); Induction sessions currently planned for 3rd week of June 2024; Working Bees: Two already held with further ones planned; Next one is moving day #1, hopefully next week – please write your name on list on the front table; Club is engaging a removalist for a day; Lease still awaited for review and signing, in the knowledge it is the same as we have had both at Croydon and Fawk Reserve Hall; Whilst the Committee has a general understanding of the potential costs that will appear in the Schedule forming a part of the Lease, details are commercial in confidence; Social Inclusion Discounts: Our Club reached out to Hiring Clubs to assist in the application: Statistics for resident clubs – 1,775 combined membership and 193 combined residents in Council area; Supported by the Government of South Australia, the SACCP Grant for an additional solar battery was

successful for \$30k and there is a preliminary plan in place to action the works; Club equity becomes \$1.03m; 'Hall for Hire' signage approved to attach to the new building; Building Opening: awaiting feedback from Council; Fawk Reserve Hall: Our Club will be extending the lease to support Odyssey and the Vietnamese Community Group to remain here up to and after we completely leave and Council enters into a new arrangement with our Club's successor.

12.2. A question was asked by Ian Russell: What are the terms for hiring the clubrooms: A: Long term hire only and not casual one-off functions.

13. PROPERTY OFFICERS REPORT:

13.1. No report provided.

14. CLUBROOMS MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR REPORT:

14.1. In Albert Jones's absence, the Vice President advised: There was nothing to report from Albert; For a period going forward, cleaning will be carried out by Rosa at both Fawk Reserve Hall and Croydon.

15. CLUBROOMS BOOKING COORDINATOR REPORT:

15.1. Bob Yates reported several additional bookings.

16. FEDERATION REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:

16.1. Rod Crawford reported: There had been no meetings of the Federation and therefore nothing to report.

17. PAST EVENTS:

17.1. *Registration Day* on Sunday, 19 May 2024; Organiser: Committee; Brian Teakle said it was a well organised day; Ian Russell spoke of how he saw so many new faces and encouraged people to bring out their cars on runs.

17.2. *Old Crocks Run* on 5 May 2024: Adam Jones, the Crawfords and the Hills attended; Rod Crawford spoke of his experience and certain feedback that he had received – see item 20.1 below.

18. FUTURE EVENTS – CLUB ORGANISED:

18.1. *Mid-Year Dinner* on Saturday 15 June 2024; Organiser: Maxine Martin; The Tower Hotel; Please advise the Secretary of your attendance and there is an attendance sheet on the front table; this sheet would be emailed to the Secretary after this meeting.

18.2. *Monthly Run* on Sunday, 21 July 2024; Organiser: David Carver; Further to the article in the June 2024 edition of the Buzzer Box, David articulated the itinerary and lunch and train trip costs; Members could attend one or other or both; A good response was being evidenced; Responses and payment of train trip are required by 28 June 2024.

18.3. *President's Run* on Sunday, 18 August 2024; Organiser: Adam Jones: In the absence of the President, there was no further information.

18.4. *September Monthly Run* on Sunday, 15 September 2024; Organiser: Paul Van Ruth Run: Paul articulated BYO lunch and that he would initiate a further discussion with Committee about morning tea arrangements.

18.5. *Monthly Run* in October 2024: Organiser Ian Russell advised date not set yet due to avoiding several other events.

18.6. *Monthly Run* on Sunday, 17 November 2024; Organiser: Kingsley Taylor; Kingsley is exploring the Macclesfield Strawberry Fair as the destination.

18.7. *Kids Christmas Party*: A date had not yet been established.

18.8. *2025 Annual Run* on Thursday 3, Friday 4 and Saturday 5 April 2025: Organiser: Kingsley & Jenny Taylor; Kingsley spruiked the itinerary, advised half the Motel is already booked and talked about the boat cruise arrangements.

19. FUTURE EVENTS - INVITATION:

- 19.1. *Loxton Historical Run* on Saturday 26, Sunday 27 and Monday 28 October 2024: Organiser: The Riverland Vintage and Classic Car Club; Information Packs and Entry Forms were available at the front table.

20. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 20.1. Vehicle safety: Rod Crawford spoke about and espoused the safety benefits of attachment type tail and front lights on older vehicles and he had his lights to display; Rod intends to raise at next Federation Meeting; Lynda Bowshall made some comments and Peter Perry mentioned that two such lights were included in the Rally Pack for the entrants to one of the interstate National Rallies; Tony Williams suggested that such lights be introduced to Rally entrants for the 2027 National Rally in South Australia.
- 20.2. Recent new member Peter Mullins (who arrived late at the meeting) was introduced by John Eastick and Peter gave his story. In brief, he was first introduced to old cars by his late father Arthur in 1984 and attended rallies. In his family, they currently have three old Fords.
- 20.3. Buzzer Box stories: Leading on from Peter Mullin's stories (item 20.2 above), Paul Van Ruth spoke of his requirements for future Buzzer Box stories; *In Your Own Words* for the September 2024 edition and Cover Stories more generally; Paul will catch up with Peter Mullins.
- 20.4. 2025 National Rally: David C advised that a newsletter was recently distributed to registrants, those that had not yet registered would not have received it; desire to have a group accommodation booking, need to act quickly.
- 20.5. Croydon Clubrooms: John Eastick spoke of how Croydon may be presented at the next General and Annual General Meetings on 3 July 2024 (being not completely ready).
- 20.6. Merry Perry thanked John Eastick for all of his efforts to get this far with new Clubrooms and this was met with applause.

21. MYSTERY OBJECT REVEAL:

- 21.1. Paul Van Ruth suggested it was a lid off a pressure vessel, noting that it had a bleed valve; This suggestion was accepted.

22. RAFFLE DRAW:

- 22.1. No draw.

23. CLASSIFIEDS:

- 23.1. Nil.
- 23.2. The Vice President advised that history has it that he receives no emails from anyone about classified ads to publicise.

24. NEXT MEETINGS:

- 24.1. Buzzer Box Night: Wednesday, 26 June 2024 from 5.00pm at the Croydon Clubrooms.
- 24.2. Committee Meeting: Wednesday 26 June 2024 at 6.15pm at the Croydon Clubrooms.
- 24.3. General Meeting: Wednesday, 3 July 2024 at 7.00pm at the Croydon Clubrooms.
- 24.4. Annual General Meeting: Wednesday, 3 July 2024 following the General Meeting at the Croydon Clubrooms.

25. MEETING CLOSURE:

- 25.1. The Vice 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 8.12pm.

"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."

- Henry Ford





Chicken and Vegetable Lasagne

2 skinless chicken breasts sliced or cubed.

1 tbs olive oil

500 gm pack frozen mixed vegs

1/4 cup chopped fresh basil leaves

1 1/2 cups grated cheddar cheese

1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese

420gm can creamy chicken soup

1-2 cloves garlic

250 gm lasagne sheets

Heat oil in large saucepan, add garlic and chicken.

Cook for 3-4 mins, add vegs and cook 3 mins.

Add half soup mix and basil and stir well.

Place a layer of lasagne sheets in ovenproof dish.

Spread half the chicken mix and sprinkle with 1/3 of cheeses.

Repeat layers finish with lasagne sheets.

Spread remaining soup and sprinkle remaining cheese.

Bake in oven (180C) for 25 to 30 mins until golden.



We all know Jenny for her amazing morning teas, she is quite the cake and slice queen.

On behalf of all the members a huge thank you to Jenny for sharing her recipes with us all each and every month.

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MOTEL

MODEL T FORD CLUB 2025 ANNUAL RUN

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THURSDAY 3RD, FRIDAY 4TH AND SATURDAY 5TH April
based at the Strath Motel

Members wishing to attend can book rooms by phoning the motel on 08 85363311
\$50.00 Deposit is required when making the booking and balance is paid on arrival.
22 rooms have been placed on hold - All unsold rooms as of the 1st February 2025 will be placed
back on the open market.

ROOM RATES

Family room \$215.00 per night
Standard room \$169.00 per night
Twin double room \$189.00 per night
Twin single room \$169.00 per night
Tri room \$195.00 per night

FIRST IN BEST DRESSED

On Friday the 4th April, all vehicles will depart Strath and travel to Goolwa for a full day (6hours)
charter on the Spirit of the Coorong .

This trip will include morning and afternoon tea and lunch, two guided tours of the National Park
(light refreshments can be purchased on board the boat)

PRICE.....\$145.00 per person (not payable at this point, just Email Kingsley with your
intention....kingsleytaylor512@gmail.com) payment will be required in December 2024.

**PLEASE NOTE THE SPIRIT OF THE COORONG TRIP IS OPEN TO MEMBERS & FRIENDS NOT GOING ON
THE 2025 ANNUAL RUN BUT PREFERENCE IS GIVEN TO THOSE WHO DO ATTEND.**

All other details about the 2025 Annual run will be advised later in the year

As we look to the future in our new clubrooms on Port Road, it is interesting to look back at the words spoken by those that have worked so hard to make sure that our club the "Model T Ford Club of Australia move's forward.

From the 25 year book

"The doors now are open wide to the future by the devotion of the past"

TINKERING WITH BOB

MODEL T FORD TINKERING BITS – CONTINUED No 10

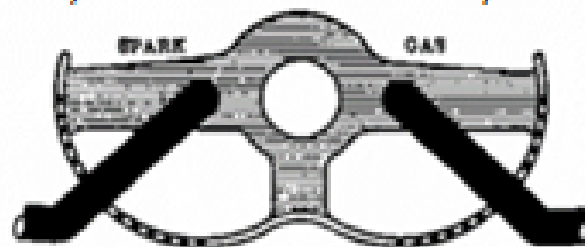
POSITION OR SPARK AND THROTTLE LEVERS

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.

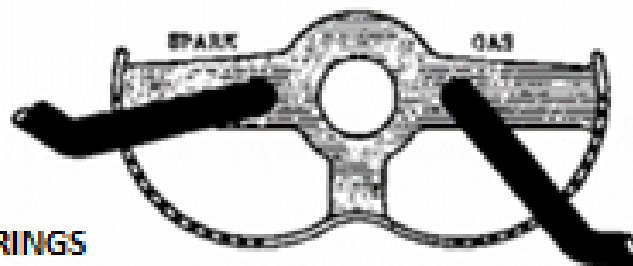
Please remember these are only as a guide as your vehicle may operate slightly different.

These are the follow on from those produced in TT No 9

- 8 For hill climbing while in low gear, advance the spark lever five or six notches and open the fuel as needed, under no situation should you race the engine.



9. For hill climbing while in top gear, retard the spark so as it will be advanced only two or three notches. Open the fuel to extreme. As soon as the engine begins to labour put it into low gear and set the spark and fuel as set below.



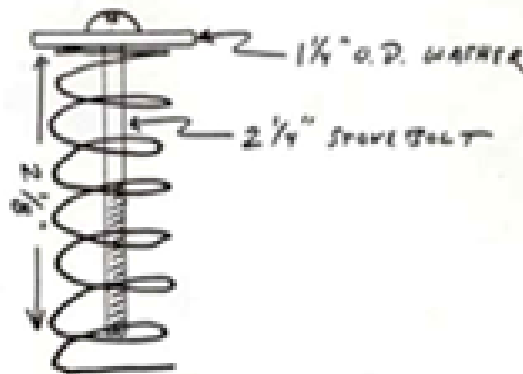
CHECKING VALVE SPRINGS

The Model T Ford service manual suggests that the valve springs be checked for strength when ever the valves are reground or replaced. This check is made by compressing the spring to 2-1/8" and the tension measured with a spring tension gauge. Yes, not every Model T owner has a spring tension gauge in their tool box.

A simple device that will do the job can be made using a 2-1/4" long set screw or bolt with a large washer held under the head of the bolt with a retaining nut. The distance from the bottom of the washer to the end of the bolt should measure 2-1/8". Either grind off the end of the bolt to length or add additional washer under the head.

Place the spring to be measured on your household bathroom scales and place the bolt on top of the spring so the hangs into the spring and is held on top of the spring by the large washer. Press down on the washer until the bolt end just bottom and read the pounds or

Under 24 pounds or 11 Kilos they are too weak, over 28 pounds or 13 Kilos they are too stiff. Be very careful when you purchase modern replacements spring that run over 40 pounds or 19 Kilos. These valve springs will cause excessive wear on the Camshaft and valve stems. It is very important top make sure the springs are straight and the ends are parallel with each other, bent or crooked springs should be replaced.



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EASIER FAN BELT INSTALLATION

Replacing the fan belt can always be counted upon to skin a f knuckles unless the crank ratchet, part No 3906 is removed, an awesome task unless a person uses one of those accessory ratchet retaining pins that are easily popped out. A permanent fix can be affected by removing the crank ratchet to your work bench vice and cutting about 1/4" off the end the next time a belt has to be changed.

Besides giving additional room when the next belt has to be changed, the ratchet can be pulled farther to the front, giving more room to replace the cotter pin in the crank handle retaining pin.

This modification will not impair the function of the crank ratchet nor cause any difficulty, should it be necessary to use the crank. Using a hack saw properly is an art that many have not mastered, so if your cut is not straight, the end of the starting ratchet can be easily trued on a grinder, or if you a lucky to have a lathe use that.



Happy
Birthday

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JILL FOX

IAN OATES

ROD CRAWFORD

ALAN MILANO

ARCHIE GIAGKOVLAS

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