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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



G'Day all and I hope you enjoy your October edition of the Buzzer Box. Don't forget if you wish to continue receiving your editions in the mail you must contact our secretary Maxine Martin and advise her of your wishes otherwise you will receive your Buzzerbox in your email inbox.

Isn't it nice to finally have some warmer weather.

Who am I you might ask, yes, I am the newly elected President of the Model 'T' Ford Club, but I am much more than that, as some of you may have never met me, I thought I would take this opportunity to introduce myself. I was Born and raised on Kangaroo Island, did all my schooling there and decided to move to Adelaide in 2002. I was always a lover of vintage cars and Antiques in general. I got my first vintage car when I was 15 and that was a 1924 dodge buckboard that my father and I were **going** to restore. A job at Mitre 10 in Ingle Farm gave me the motivation to move to Adelaide, the big smoke. It wasn't long after settling into my new job and my new home that I purchased my first Model 'T' Ford a 1921 and joined the Model 'T' Ford Club.

I have been a full member of the club for 21 years and have very much enjoyed the club and the friendships that have been formed. I joined the committee and have served in various positions over the past ten years, I was elected Vice President in 2022 and now Presidency.

My love for all things old did not stop with just the Model 'T' approximately 11 years ago I purchased a 1929 Chevrolet Sedan and recently purchased a 1920 Dodge Tourer.

My Model 'T' has been off the road after running a bearing but with the help of some wonderful friends, I should soon have it back on the road. She will be receiving a new engine and should give me many more years of enjoyment.

On another note, Albert and I are so overwhelmed with the response for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary annual run. Entry forms were emailed out in Early September and at the time of writing this report we are almost at capacity. We are limited to 25 entries (Cars) due to accommodation.



We have an interesting run in October with Passage to Penfield organised by Ian Russell. This looks to be a fantastic day out with lots of different things to see and do including the train rides.

After a long break we have reintroduced guest speakers, our first invited guest will be Glenys Kandelaars at our October meeting.

### **What a transformation a transplant can make!**

Glenys will talk to us about her life living and growing up with Cystic Fibrosis, Cystic Fibrosis is something detected at birth usually, however Glenys lived a very "normal" life until her diagnosis at 61, then within 7 months she had had a double lung transplant.

Glenys and her husband Gerry now do volunteering and community presentations on behalf of **Cystic Fibrosis** and **Donate Life** to promote awareness to the public regarding organ and tissue donation.

Stay Safe and I will see you all at our October General Meeting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**Adam Jones**

### **Nairne Railway Station 140<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Sunday, 26 November 2023**

Vehicles to assemble at Summertown—Tregarthen Reserve  
( Corner of Tregarthen Rd., & Greenhill Rd.)

10.00am for morning tea/coffee and cake

Please BYO chair

The Overland will arrive at Nairne station at  
8.30am, there will be a canon salute,  
Light Horse guard and guided tours.

Catering will also be available at the station  
BBQ trailer, coffee cart,  
tea & scones, sandwiches & donuts

Please advise organiser Kingsley Taylor of  
your intentions to be a part of this day  
Ph. 0404 373 740





# On the Cover

I came to be a Model T owner quite by surprise. My Uncle Ray's health was failing him and he hadn't started the car in over 5 years. As a result, he offered me the Model T, I accepted the offer and bought the car but sadly soon after he passed away.

My time with the car has been interesting. It turns out the mechanical condition of the Roadster was quite poor. I attempted on two occasions to drive the car on the Annual Run but ran into problems just prior to them. The first on the morning of the run my car had no power. After the run I discovered the capacitors in most of the coils I had failed. The second run the brake band failed the week before.

However, I did make it to the Kangaroo Island trip albeit with the car running quite poorly. It was close as I almost turned back on several occasions but pushed on to Normanville for the first stop on the trip. No turning back from there. One thing about a Model T, if it's got fuel and spark it will run.

I must thank again the members that assisted me on the trip as it was a big leaning experience and good run to better understand the problems with the car. Kangaroo Island is a most enjoyable place for running around in a Model T.

Heading home the run up the hill out of Cape Jarvis was slow but once over the top things were good. The run back from Normanville to home highlighted I had a carburetor issue and to top it off the Bendix spring went when I pulled over to adjust an ever-changing mixture. I rebuilt the carburetor, fixed the starter motor, and started fault finding. Low compression with valves clearances out of adjust.





**cont.** The head came off to find none of the original exhaust valves were seating properly and the slop in the inlet valve that was open was amazing. The lifter to were sloppy so the engine came out and was stripped. New valves and lifter and new bushes throughout the transmission. Back on the road just prior to the National Rally in Dubbo with the engine running sweet. I did a little bit of running around my neighborhood, probably around 20km, before leaving for the national rally.

The trip to the National Rally wasn't without incident as I had just previously purchased a rather cheap Falcon sedan that passed by my nose for towing purposes. It was more a case of having something and then replacing it when I have a better idea of what I need, which I have. On the morning of the Queens commemorative public holiday on the edge of the Hay Plain the rear brake line broke. Unable to resolve the issue we made the decision to push on and make repairs the following day with just the front and trailer brakes, this makes for a somewhat stressful trip. It turned out just as easy to continue to Dubbo for repairs.



At the national rally I drove the car around the day before. On the day of the rally, I made the start and 8 km in trouble struck and then I was out. A combination of me having the brake band over tight and one of the triple gears seizing on the shaft. It appears that the new bushes I purchased through Synders have the wrong mix of brass in the bushes. Back

home with new studs in the transmission and replacing the faulty bush, the car is running well.

Last year's Annual run to Monta Bay the car performed well. Getting over the Hummocks Range with ease (for a standard Model T) and even enduring the strong cross wind on the way home. Of course, there is still more to sort out, but I suspect there will always be something.

**MATTHEW EDWARDS**



**SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2023**  
**10AM START AT THE CLUB ROOMS**  
**FOR A 10:30AM DEPARTURE**  
**ARRIVE 11:30AM TO SET CARS UP**  
**ON DISPLAY.**

**Covered in shoes essential**



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**September to pre purchase tickets.**  
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**Entry: \$12 per person (3 Years and older)**  
**\$40 for a family (Up to 5 people)**

**Things to do: Endless Train rides**

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**¼ scale speedway cars**  
**Miniature excavator and trucks in the sandpit**

**Canteen open for pies, pasties, sausage rolls, hot dogs**  
**and toasted sandwiches, hot and cold drinks and ice**  
**creams.**



# Drive It - Old Car Day

It all started at the information centre in Gawler. Jim, Glenys's, Michael, Ashley and Cathy Trenorden were there before me with the star of the show a beautifully restored 1923 Model T pick up and a 1953 Four Forty-four Wolseley. I arrived with my dove grey 1982 Alfa Romeo Giulietta. The T was on its maiden run and Michael was checking it out to see what else would need to be done to get it into top condition. Not to be outdone Jim had to show me the old-fashioned indicator that popped out from the side of the Wolseley, very impressive. Jim and Glenys shepherded Michael and his family back to Angle Vale.



I moved on to the next meeting point at the Lyndoch bakery. David & Gayle Carver were there with their poppy red 1966 Ford Mustang, the Left Hand Drive one. In an effort to elicit an interesting story I ask them if the Pope had ever driven in it. They answered, "No, but we do have a 1923 Model T Ford that we call the Pope Mobile." A 1984 Burgundy 240 GL VOLVO sedan brought by Rod & Cheryl Crawford was a real eye-catcher. Cheryl's Dad, Arthur, bought it new. After Cheryl inherited it it was kept in the shed for 16 years. A great deal of spit and polish and brand new brakes and tires saw it fit to be seen in public again. John & Di Eastick came in Di's 1972 Radar Red Volkswagen Super Bug. Di had always wanted to get one as her first car but her dad talked her into it letting him buy her a Honda. Years later, at a friend's 70th birthday party, there it was the car of her dreams. After a couple of glasses champagne, Di plucked up the courage to ask if it was for sale and it WAS. Her name is Susie Super Bug.

After a coffee and some sticky buns we moved on to Bethany. Pete Friend (by name and nature) brought Albert Jones in Pete's Rover 31 Coupe, originally imported to Perth from England. When Pete bought it, it was transported by train to Adelaide. Rod & Doretta Hills' 1971 SJ 6 Pine Green Jaguar I found one row over. (It might be a good idea to come a little early next time so that we can all park together.) The original owner shedded the car for 16 years before selling it to Rod. On one of its early runs, to the Sudan swap meet, the fan broke loose from the engine and fell through the radiator. Ron could not get hold of Doretta but she was woken by the neighbour to tell her of the disaster. Many dollars later it was brought home and fixed.



Ian & Sue Oates came in a Coral Red 1971 XY Falcon. Ian had the same model new when he was 19. With them were Tigger (the Australian cattle dog) and Brenton & Emily in a 1970 Mach 1 Red Mustang with Racing stripes which Ian bought last year.

John Clark was there with his 1917 Light Horse Patrol Car. John restored the car and built the replica body, modelling it from World War 1, black and white photographs. Erin from Erindale, a fully restored beautiful 1916 Model T tourer, was brought by Sarah Bowshall and Dave Dunn. Sarah bought it three months ago. Much vigorous polishing by John Clarke made it glow so much that David had to shield his eyes from the glare. Stu-



art & Lynda Bowshall's 1922 T Tourer was decked out with perfect little oval windows in the side and back curtains. Stuart was pulled over by the police whilst driving it one day. The constable suggested that he could improve his rear view by fitting side mirrors. He'd obviously never sat in a model T and how much vibration they make. We each got ourselves comfortable and started eating the delicious lunches that we had each brought. After lunch there was time to make the rounds of all the magnificent cars that were on display around the oval. I came across a beautiful grey 1922, Duncan and Frazer bodied, Model T pick up. Herb Pollard had restored it years ago when he was still a member of our club. It was originally made for the Adelaide Power Company. The photos he showed me of it, as he found it abandoned in a field, demonstrated just how much work restoring a "barn find" can be.

All in all it was a beautiful day and a good time was had by all. If you've never experienced a drive in an old car to Bethany, come next year. We'll be sure to be there again.



**Paul Van Ruth**





## Lizzy LADIES Chicken and Vegetable Spring Rolls

These are easy, oven baked and delicious, makes 20.

300gm chicken mince

¼ shredded Chinese cabbage (about a cup)

1 carrot, peeled and grated

1 zucchini grated

2 spring onions, thinly sliced

½ cup grated tasty cheese

1 egg lightly beaten

20 frozen spring roll wrappers, thawed

Rice noodles softened in hot water

1 tbsp soy sauce and 2 tbsp oyster sauce

Coriander if liked

Sweet and sour dipping sauce, sweet plum sauce and sweet chilli sauce for serving



Preheat oven to 200C. Line 2 large baking trays with bake paper. Place mince , cabbage, carrot zucchini, onion, cheese, noodles, and coriander if using, egg and soy and oyster sauce in large bowl. Using clean hands, mix well to combine.

Place 1 wrapper on workbench, with 1 corner facing you . Place 2 tbsps filling along the center of the wrapper. Fold the corner over the filling. Fold over sides and roll up tightly to enclose. Place seam side down on tray. Spray rolls with oil.

Bake for 25 to 30 minutes until light golden and crisp. Serve with dipping sauces.



# Earth to the Sky

We left home at a very reasonable time as we were going to meet the rest of our club members at Greenfields. The weather was beaut and we were looking forward to catching up with other members after being away for a while and it was going to be a really relaxed drive.

Just as we arrived, so did everyone else who drove from the clubrooms, which was good timing! Albert Jones arrived with a grandson and Lisette brought her grandchildren also, so there was a nice mix of ages attending.

First point of call was grabbing a takeaway coffee before proceeding on our Wetlands walk. The walk didn't take too long, and everyone was still getting used to the warmer weather. As we reached the end John Eastick gave us an informative talk about the origin and continuation of the Wetlands project as he worked in the Mawson Lakes area for around 12 years and had input over his time there.

We then moved onto the Planetarium in the University grounds where we parked our cars. It was only a short walk to our lunch stop at Relish on Main in Mawson Lakes. More of Albert and Rosina's children and Grandchildren arrived ready for lunch and the Planetarium visit.

We were given a room on our own which was nice. We all chose our drinks and eats, ordered and chatted while we were waiting. After a very relaxed lunch we headed back to the Planetarium for our visit.





Peter and I have never been there, so we really enjoyed the very informative talk about our sun, moon, planets and stars. Our guide was very passionate about the subject as she relayed many facts about our universe to us. We laid back in our chairs and eyes were on the ceiling where we learnt so much about what is out there or up there. We watched a short film called "Starlight" which was great and well put together.



After our visit we all just found our way home. Peter and I took a little detour to lengthen the trip home. A very enjoyable day, thanks Paul for organising.

Peter and Merry Perry



#### **Attendees**

Paul Van Ruth  
Brian Teakle  
Albert Jones and Grandson  
John and Di Eastick  
Jim and Glenyss Trenorden  
Peter and Merry Perry  
Matthew Edwards and sister Clare  
Kingsley and Jenny Taylor  
Adam Jones & friends Darren and Barbara  
Lisette Santin and Grandchildren



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# MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD

## 06th September 2023

### **WELCOME:**

Meeting commenced at 7.02pm.

The President welcomed everyone, including new members Robert Piscioneri and Nicholas Pettifor, reminded members to sign the Attendance Record Book and advised that this meeting will be audio recorded.

### **APOLOGIES:**

Patron Tony Williams, Bob Yates, Mik Bojko, Stuart Bowshall, Michael Trenorden, Peter & Merawyn Perry, Nancy Bennett and Ken Durward & Sally Nicholas.

Dan Wilden, Major Events Manager, History Trust of SA who was intending to do a presentation about the Bay to Birdwood event but advised that he was double booked and unable to attend.

### **MINUTES OF LAST GENERAL MEETING, 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2023:**

As distributed by September 2023 edition of Buzzer Box.

Moved: David Carver, that the minutes be accepted; Seconded: John Clark; Carried.

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE GENERAL MEETING, 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2023:**

The President advised a notice of member David Pettifor's passing appeared in the September 2023 edition of the Buzzer Box.

Membership payment was received from Nicholas Pettifor.

The suggestion for incorporating a Time Capsule in the new clubrooms will be considered by the Committee.

### **FUNDRAISING:**

Doretta Hills initiated a raffle and introduced two other methods of raising funds: the Squares concept that was initiated at the Old Car Day at Bethany and jars of Poormans Orange marmalade for \$4 provided by Glenyss Trenorden.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

The President advised that: Unfortunately, Paul Van Ruth had advised his inability to continue in the roles of Minute Secretary—Committee Meetings and Federation Representative due to his failing hearing; the Committee will resolve the Minute Secretary role and Proxy Federation Representative Rod Crawford has accepted the role of Federation Representative. Rod's appointment was applauded.



## **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES cont.**

Life Member Beth Martin's 100<sup>th</sup> year birthday celebration will be held at the Clubrooms on Sunday 24 September 2023 as an Open House and all members are cordially invited to attend between 1.30 and 4.30pm. This is a Special Event and significant Milestone in the history of the Club and the Committee resolved to honour the occasion by offering free rent to the Martin Family for the afternoon. Beth has been a member since 1968 and has continuously paid a full membership fee; A club member rang recently.

Adam identified that the member had been driving with an unsigned a logbook for 2 years. This is a further example of how some members fail to understand their responsibilities under the operation of the Historic Vehicle Registration Scheme.

Moved: Neil Hofmeyer, that the President's Report be accepted; Seconded: Rod Crawford; Carried.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

The Secretary reported about general Club matters: The usual club magazines were received and forwarded to Neil Hofmeyer for inclusion in the Library. Some were on the front table for reading tonight

Emails were received providing compliments about receiving a hard copy of the Buzzer Box.

An email was received from Dane Wilden, Major Events Manager, History Trust of SA about the aspects of the conduct of the upcoming 2023 Bay to Birdwood Event. 100 pre-1950 spaces are being held a little longer before being offered to post-1950 vehicles on the wait list. Vehicles will be started in blocks commencing with the oldest vehicles; Member George Long from WA advised that he was not renewing his Club membership due to his age.

Members known to be on the sick list will be sent a get-well e-card from the Club. Please advise if anyone is in this situation.

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

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

Paul Van Ruth attended the Annual General Meeting on 19 August 2023 but is relying on the receipt of the minutes to enable him to fully report; Sarah Clark from DIT attended; Certain coloured plates on historic vehicles will not be permitted; a motion was carried to schedule the Bay to Birdwood Run back to September from 2024 and Motorfest 2023 was in its final stages of planning; thanks to Rod Crawford for stepping up and Paul will assist Rod in anyway that he can, including attending the next meeting or two.

The President extended thanks to Paul for his valued contribution as both Federation Representative and briefly Minute Secretary for Committee Meetings and this was applauded by those present.



## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES cont.

### EVENTS AND RUNS COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Adam Jones spoke about the Club organised Past and Future Events and Invitation Events, as below; Organisers are required for 2024 Events and Runs in certain months.

#### PAST EVENTS:

*President's Run to Aussie Apricots* at Mypolonga on Sunday, 20 August 2023: Organiser, Immediate Past President, David Carver; Tony Russell spoke of the great day out in fantastic weather. John Eastick also spoke of the day and what the Prossers were managing. He and Diane travelled home along parts of the river to Murray Bridge, visited Sturt Reserve and travelled the Old Princes Highway back to Mt Barker towards home. The President thanked David and Gayl for a great run and this was applauded by those present.

*Drive It – Old Car Day* to Bethany on Friday, 1 September 2023: Organiser, Gawler Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club; David Carver spoke of the great day out and how the sun shone during the afternoon; Paul Van Ruth spoke of the day and how he went around interviewing club members to enable him to construct a story for the Buzzer Box. Paul highlighted two vehicles on their maiden trip: Sarah Bowshall and David Dunn in a 1916 T Ford Tourer called 'Erin' and Michael and Cathy Trenorden in a 1923 T Ford Traytop as far from home as the meeting point at Gawler. It was mentioned that the 2024 day will be on a Sunday and will understandably attract higher numbers and this will be interesting from a planning perspective.

#### FUTURE EVENTS – CLUB ORGANISED:

*'From Earth to Sky'* Run on Sunday 17 September 2023: Organiser, Paul Van Ruth; Visit to the Planetarium in Building P at the UniSA Mawson Lakes Campus; Secure parking; \$15 per head entry charge with children to age 16 for free and with pre-payment required in advance to the Treasurer; Run departs from Fawk Reserve Hall at 9.30am travelling to the campus via the Salisbury Wetlands for a look and then a purchased lunch at *Relish on Main* Café within walking distance of the Planetarium; the show runs between 2 and 3.30pm with a talk by an Astronomer; 45 limit on numbers at the show; Please advise Paul Van Ruth (Ph. 0405 153 968, [supa97@gmail.com](mailto:supa97@gmail.com)).

*'Passage to Penfield Park'* on Sunday, 29 October 2023: Organiser, Ian Russell; Run to the Penfield Model Engineers Society on Woomera Avenue, Edinburgh where there will be a tour talk, a diversity of trains and a racing track; on-site lunch options will be available; Meet at Fawk Reserve Hall at 10am for a 10.30am start; \$12 per head or \$40 for a family pass with pre-payment required in advance to the Treasurer; Attendees must wear closed shoes; Please advise Ian Russell by Friday 22 September 2023 (Ph. 0418 808 639, [kiar@bigpond.com](mailto:kiar@bigpond.com)).

*140<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration of the Nairne Railway Station* on Sunday, 26 November 2023; Club Organiser Kingsley Taylor; the preceding Mystery Tour will start at Trenorden Park at Summertown; BYO lunch or food and refreshment will be available; The Lions Club of Nairne & Districts will need to be advised of numbers attending; Please RSVP to Kingsley Taylor (Ph. 0404 373 740, [jenking@senet.com.au](mailto:jenking@senet.com.au)).



## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES cont.

Christmas Dinner 2023 on Saturday, 9 December 2023 at the Glynde Hotel: Organiser Paul Van Ruth; More details to follow.

Cherry Run in January 2024: Organiser Mik Bojko; More details to follow.

60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner on Saturday 3 February 2024; More details to follow.

St Patrick's Day Run on Sunday, 17 March 2024: More details to follow.

60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Tour 2024 to the Port Augusta region: Organisers: Adam Jones and Albert Jones; the dates have been confirmed as Thursday 11 to Thursday 18 April; Entry forms are now available and some are on the front table at tonight's meeting; the interest level is high and members are asked to not procrastinate about entering; \$50 deposit per person will be required with the entry; If not already, advise Adam Jones (Ph. 0430 118 446, [adam.jones6@bigpond.com](mailto:adam.jones6@bigpond.com)).

Celebration of the opening of the new Clubrooms at Lot 11 Port Road Plantation Croydon; More details to follow at a later date.

### FUTURE EVENTS – INVITATION:

Specific events can be raised at meetings if requested by any member.

Griffith National Veteran Vehicle Tour 2023 from Monday, 2 October to Sunday, 8 October at Griffith, NSW.

Strathalbyn Swap Meet on Sunday 8 October 2023.

Federation Motorfest 2023 from Monday, 16 October 2023, to Friday, 27 October 2023; Programme and Entry Form available at: <https://fhmcsa.org.au/10/events>.

Bay to Birdwood Run on Sunday, 22 October 2023.

All Ford Day on Sunday, 29 October 2023; Note conflicts with own club run

Down Under London to Brighton Run on Sunday 29 October 2023; Note conflicts with own club run.

Yankalilla Classic Motor Show on Sunday, 19 November 2023.

South East Safari 2024 Expressions of Interest closed.

### RAFFLE DRAW:

Prize pool of four.

Doretta Hills thanked those members who supplied prizes.

The Squares envelope was finalised by further sales and then drawn. The winner was Trevor Martin receiving \$20 from the proceeds.

Doretta Hills reminded everyone that all proceeds from fundraising activities is committed to the Charity of Choice *Operation K9*.

### CLASSIFIEDS:

All classifieds to be emailed to Bob Yates who will coordinate future classified advertisements.

Allan Bennett advised that there are no more Club owned Model T exhaust pipes available for sale.





## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES cont.

### GENERAL BUSINESS:

Health Awareness: The Secretary spoke of a request from a member to suggest all members be aware of their own health when attending Club events and runs and not subjecting others to any unnecessary health risk. This includes COVID which is still about in the community.

David Carver spoke of: His son Adam's experimentation with a 3-D printer and producing certain car parts and encouraging his daughter Yvette's partner Brandon with driving David's Mustang home from the President's Run.

Future Guest Speakers at Meetings: Brian Teakle asked about inviting a guest speaker from the Cystic Fibrosis organisation and this was encouraged; Glenyss Trenorden asked about a speaker option and this was also encouraged.

### NEXT MEETINGS:

Buzzer Box Night: Wednesday, 27 September 2023, 5.00pm at the Clubrooms.

Committee Meeting: Wednesday, 27 September 2023 at 7.00pm at the Clubrooms.

General Meeting: Wednesday, 4 October 2023 at 7.00pm at the Clubrooms.

### MEETING CLOSURE:

The President again welcomed new members Robert Piscioneri and Nicholas Petifor, thanked everyone for their attendance and invited them to stay for supper. Those present were reminded to sign the Attendance Record Book and collect an Entry Form for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour from the front table.

Meeting was closed at 7.57pm.

## Model T Ford Club Charity of Choice 2023/24

Did you know that Veterans are twice as likely as other Australians to experience post-traumatic stress disorder.

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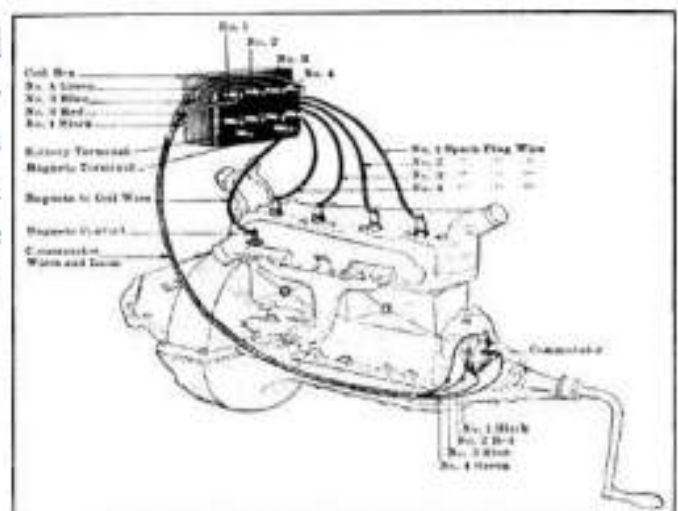
## MODEL T FORD BASIC SPECIFICATIONS - CONTINUED No 2

**IGNITION SYSTEM-** The model T Fords engine ignition system used a flywheel mounted magneto to produce the current necessary to produce a spark to initiate combustion.

This current was distributed by the timer mounted on the right front of the engine, analogous to a distributor on a modern vehicle, to one of the trembler coils, one for each cylinder. The coil stepped up the voltage and discharged it to the spark plug in each respective cylinder.

The ignition timing was adjusted manually by using the spark advance lever in the cab mounted on the steering column, which in turn rotated the timer by advancing or retarding the ignition timing spark. A certain amount of skill and experience was required to find the optimal spark timing for any speed and load.

The magneto was the first model T Ford component to be assembled on the assembly line and the method was copied to many other model T Ford production segments. The ignition system on the Fordson Tractor was similar to the Model T Ford.



**ELECTRICAL SYSTEM-** In the early years of the model T Ford production all engines were started by using the crank handle. A battery could be used to supply ignition current for starting, since it could be difficult to hand crank a very cold engine fast enough for the magneto to produce sufficient current. However, although all model Ts had a "BAT" position on the coil box switch and a corresponding terminal on the box. Ford did not supply or even encourage the use of a battery before 1919, when it introduced a battery driven electric starter. Even this was not standard equipment for all models until sometime in 1926, the last year of production.

Most cars sold after 1919 were equipped with a starter motor, which was operated by a small foot operated button switch mounted on the floor. These cars included a battery and generator for recharging the battery. In keeping with the goal of reliability and simplicity, the trembler coils and magneto ignition system was retained even on vehicles with a starter motor.









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## Would you believe a woman invented the Wind Screen Wiper

It may seem hard to imagine a world without windshield wipers, but there was one, and Mary Anderson lived in that world.

In 1902, she was visiting New York City. "She was riding a streetcar and it was snowing," While she was riding the streetcar that snowy day, "She observed that the streetcar driver had to get out and continually clean off the windshield."

Naturally, that caused delays, and got Anderson wondering: What if there were some sort of blade that could wipe off the windshield without making the driver get out of the streetcar?



Anderson went back to Birmingham, made a sketch of her device, and wrote up a description of it. Then she applied for a patent.

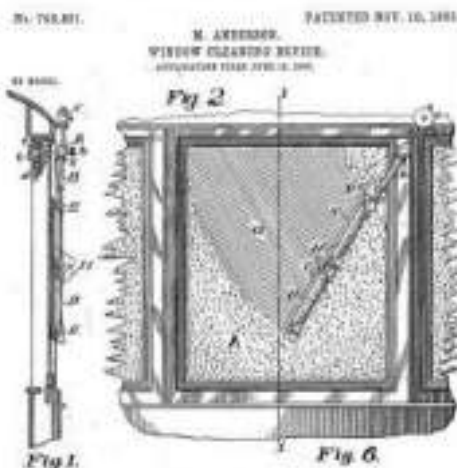
The patent application describes how the wiper was to be operated by a handle inside the vestibule of the motor car and be easily removable — "thus leaving nothing to mar the usual appearance of the car during fair weather,"

The application was filed June 18, 1903. On November 10, 1903, the United States Patent Office awarded Anderson patent.

Anderson tried to interest manufacturing firms to make this device for the emerging motorcar industry but got no takers.

A letter from the firm of Dinning and Eckenstein read:

"Dear madam," the letter begins, "We beg to acknowledge receipt of your recent favor with reference to the sale of your patent. In reply, we regret to state we do not consider it to be of such commercial value as would warrant our undertaking its sale."



It makes you wonder why the invention never went anywhere, but you would suspect it might have been because Anderson was an independent woman.

"She didn't have a father; she didn't have a husband and she didn't have a son," "And the world was kind of run by men back then."

Mary Anderson lived long enough to see the wind-screen wiper mounted on all cars.



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