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New Club Rooms Now Open - Port Road Croydon

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello fellow Model T Ford Club Members.

Wow October already! The year just seems to be flying by. It will be Christmas before we know it.
With the weather improving every day its time to get your cars cleaned up and back out of the sheds drive them on the streets, share your passion, let others admire your pride and joy. I would encourage you to all to make the effort and attend a club run SOON, as you can see from the stories in the following pages of our Buzzerbox we venture to some really interesting places and enjoy the company of like minded members.

Drive it Old Car Day is held every year on the 1st September, this year I was lucky enough to be able to participate, due to work commitments I cant attend mid week runs but this year the 1st September fell on a Sunday—fathers Day, Many club members have spoken about this day and how relaxing it is so I asked a couple of friends, the two Trevor's, to come along with me (Trevor Norley & Trevor Greening) and we made the trip in the chev. Apparently the numbers were down a little on previous years and that could have been due to the weather forecast and also being fathers day. The weather wasn't all that bad just a little windy. Our group found a nice sheltered area and we enjoyed a relaxing day just chatting. If you haven't done this run before I highly recommend you do it, it is just such a lovely relaxed day with members of other car clubs with the same passion just for a slightly different car.

Thank you to all those that supported Paul on his club run to Old Tailem Town. What a very interesting place it is. You could easily spend several days there as one just wasn't enough.
Maxine, Trevor, Gary and myself took advantage of the club run to Tailem Bend and decided to go up the day prior and go on a Ghost investigation of 3 building in Old Tailem Town on the Saturday evening, To say it was interesting is an understatement but I will let Maxine's story in the following pages fill you all in on our adventure.

Again it was great to see Lindsay and his friend Francis come down from Kadina to attend our monthly run.
I was saddened to hear of the Passing of David Kimber's brother, Dick, and I would like to extend not only my heartfelt sympathy to the Kimber family on their loss, but also the thoughts of our club members at this very difficult time.
Due to the fact that several of our members will be in Loxton for the Loxton historical Run - the run that Ian & Kelly Russell were organising for the Penfield miniature railway has been postponed to a later date. It is so important that people support those willing to organise runs for your enjoyment.
Have you entered the Bay to Birdwood this year, if so as you are travelling up North East Road towards Inglewood look to your right and give a wave to our members who will be standing on Rods corner cheering us all on.
Please don't forget that we will have a guest speaker from the K9 Association. Every year our club selects a charity to support through our monthly raffles. 2023/24 Charity of Choice has been the K9 Association we are very please to have the opportunity to hand over a cheque to this very deserving group at the October General Meeting. Thank you to all that buy tickets every month.
Happy birthday to all the members celebrating a birthday in October.
Don't forget our next general Meeting is Wednesday the 2nd of October at 7pm. These gatherings provide a vital opportunity for us to connect, share ideas, and collaborate on our next project. Your input and participation is what makes our club successful. Whether you're a long-time member or a newbie, your voice matters, and we want to hear from you!
Adam Jones

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FORD Model T 1923 Tourer

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Due to us having had a couple of operational setbacks during its life with us including a Bay to Birdwood episode when the cylinder head failed but it still made the trip from home to the Bay then Birdwood and back home again. Also, on a pre run trip to get fuel when the crankshaft broke this required a full rebuild of the engine and fitted a balanced crankshaft from Victoria the engine since then has been made a lot more reliable with some upgrades for example a distributor to replace the timer and the buzzer coils to aid driving and reliability. Also fitting a Z Head which has given the engine a bit more hill climbing power as we all know the little things help with day-to-day Model T driving challenges. All these things and more including help and technical assistance from past and present T Ford Club members has enabled us to have many years of Model T driving enjoyment and looking forward to more free time soon to get more time to enjoy using the T into the future.

Dale and Kay La Vars

For a small group, the day started at the rotunda Keith Stephenson Park Mount Barker.

A lovely morning tea was had as people arrived.

The run sheet was handed out and a lovely drive in the sun commenced, down past the green vineyards into Langhorne Creek.

From there we made our way to Wellington, where we were joined by a few more members.

Unfortunately, due to the amount of traffic using the ferry we were unable to fit all of us on the one ferry.

From the ferry we made our way through Tailem Bend and then onto Old Tailem Town. Here we were all finally to meet up as a group as some had stayed in Tailem Bend over night to enjoy… a ghost tour.

It was pleasing to see Ken out in his Model T Roadster with his friend David. (David is a member of the Mt Gambier Car Club, I believe Ken is quite envious of David with the array of cars that he owns) Kingsley was in the Model A with John as navigator. Ian and the Russell family all piled into Ian's statesman and Julieanne came in her Ford coupe.

We all had lunch in the tea rooms just next to the main office, tea and coffee is supplied with your entrance fee. Lots of chitter chatter was heard during lunch and finally with lunch consumed we all made our way out into Old Tailem Town.

Once inside the village there were over 110 pioneering homes throughout the 15 streets all decorated to the era. We were able to reflect on how difficult times were, how hard life was for our grandparents and great grandparents and how far we have come with modern technology.

Laid out like a small village that displayed set ups for the period, Inside the shops where of interest, with a surprise for some in the undertakers, if you found the pull cord.

What a large area with a lot of interesting items. Lots of opportunity to discuss the different pieces of equipment.

As was said, **'goodness me I'm old as I remember that.'**

We did noticed Kay sitting outside the Police Station after asking for assistance for a lost daughter, said daughter was last seen in the hotel.

I am pleased to inform you that mother and daughter were happily reunited. (thanks to modern technology).

After completing the tour, the owner Peter Squires came into the dining room and had conversations with those present. Peter Squires inherited the property that Old Tailem Town now stands on, from his Grandfather. He was already familiar with the property and it's history, having visited and played there while growing up. When it was passed on to Peter he had a decision to make on what he wanted to do with it.

He was happy to engage with questions. However, did admit to not being a Ford man.

We left Old Tailem Town feeling sad due to the deterioration of buildings, the amount of equipment, and the potential for the unlikelihood of being preserved.

It was lovely how the Model T and Model A sat so aesthetically in the surroundings, as how they would have been in the era.

Claire and Matthew Edwards

An evening at Old Tailem Town

With Paul deciding to organise a run to Tailem Town, something that has been on my bucket list for a very long time, Adam, Gary, Trevor and I took the opportunity to book in for a ghost tour on Saturday evening. (Adam and I have done a couple of tours together in the past) We stayed at the Bend Caravan Park, a beautiful park, very clean with great amenities. Anyway, we all headed off to the Hotel for dinner before embarking on the tour.

We met our host for the evening out the front of Tailem Town just before 8.00pm, yes that in itself was quite spooky and unsettling, finally a torch light headed towards us and we were guided into reception.

After a short chat and guidelines set, we headed over to the old Wolseley Church; said to be one of the most haunted buildings on the site – well this was very fascinating several things happened whilst we were there but the most notable was scratch marks that appeared on Adams neck, I can hear you all say "YEAH SURE", but I guarantee there was no rhyme or reason for this to happen, Adam said that he felt something on his neck and when we all checked there they were red scratch marks, and he said that his neck was quite sore.

We spent about an hour in the church, and we were told some stories of occurrences that have happened in Tailem town.

It was then time to head to the Emporium, which is possibly the creepiest building in town. The Emporium comprises of three buildings joined together to form a store that includes men's, women's and children's sections, each filled with nightmarish dolls and mannequins, all of us felt a little unsettled upon venturing into the building, we were told of a homeless man who had died many years ago and was buried on site, it turns out his grave is in the corner of the emporium. Adam felt quite ill after being inside for about 15 minutes and had to excuse himself and venture outside for a minute or two. Our guide told us that often females feel quite ill…

Next stop was the Bent Elbow hotel, for some reason I felt the need to ask about the "lady and her baby", interestingly enough there was quite a story to be told about a lady who lost her baby under very difficult circumstances in the bathtub.

What an amazing time we had with wonderful stories, historical incites and of course the experience of this remarkable place after dark.

We were all very keen to go back the next morning to see in daylight what we had experienced after dark.

Maxine Martin

My Other Car

This is my story on how I found MY OTHER CAR and now my only car ..1930..Ford Model A Coupe.
I was the proud owner of a 1912 Model T Ford some years back and like all car lovers, one is never enough. So about 8 years ago I started looking for a second vehicle to add to my collection.
At first it was very casual then the enthusiasm picked up and I looked at several, but things were not right. After a while I found a 1930 Chev that looked very promising, so I enlisted my good friend Gilbert Haywood to come with me and do a good inspection.
On the trip down the freeway Gilbert got in my ear and said, "you have a lovely Model T Ford, why not stay with Ford. Let me make a phone call to some members of the Model A Ford Club and see if any members have vehicles for sale."
By the time we reached the Toll Gate at the bottom of the Freeway, we had the name Bill Blackwood, phone number and address. Gilbert yells out turn left not right, and we will check out the Ford first.
We met Bill at his unit, and he drove us down to a storage shed he had in Marion, and it was love at first sight. Bill advised us the vehicle hadn't been started for a few months. He turned the fuel on, gave it plenty of choke and it burst into life. We moved a few other vehicles around and then took it for a drive. It had a few issues but nothing that couldn't be sorted out.

Heading home after a great day out

I took the vehicle on the spot and have never regretted the purchase.
Unfortunately, this is now my only car as I moved house and only have room for one vehicle, so this is not my other car but my only car, sad to say.

Kingsley Taylor

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Upcoming Events

DATE	ORGANISER	EVENT	LOCATION	START TIME
Wednesday 2nd October	MTFCA	General Meeting	**Model T Ford Clubrooms Port Road**	7.00pm
Sunday 27th October	Ian & Kelly Russell	Monthly Run	**POSTPONED New date coming soon**	
Wednesday 30th October	MTFCA	Buzzerbox Committee Meeting	**Model T Ford Clubrooms Port Road**	5.00pm 6.15pm
Wednesday 2nd November	MTFCA	General Meeting	**Model T Ford Clubrooms Port Road**	7.00pm
Sunday 24th November	Kingsley & Jenny Taylor	Macclesfield Strawberry Fete	**Meet: Macclesfield Recreation Ground Davidson Road**	10.00am for Morning Tea (supplied)
Wednesday 27th November	MTFCA	Buzzerbox Committee Meeting	**Model T Ford Clubrooms Port Road**	5.00pm 6.15pm
Wednesday 4th December	MTFCA	General Meeting	**Model T Ford Clubrooms Port Road**	7.00pm
Saturday 7th December	MTFCA	Christmas Dinner	**Bartley Hotel West Lakes Bookings Essential**	7.00pm

In his own words

Tony Williams

" In 1977, I settled in Adelaide with my partner and close friends in a great old villa on a large property on Port Rd, Croydon. On my return from six months backpacking and being financially challenged, I was enjoying happy days and working outdoors for a good innings with the Hindmarsh Council prior to further studies. Near my front door, we enjoyed watching the nearby Netball matches being played on the Port Road Plantation Reserve. The host Club was Barney's Rascals who operated from the 1970's to 1994 in clubrooms established by the former Croydon Bowling Club (1934 – 1970).

The MTFCA clubrooms are on Road Reserve land formerly managed by Hindmarsh Council until the merger with the City of Hindmarsh Woodville. The Town of Hindmarsh was established in 1838 as South Australia's first secondary town outside Adelaide and its first suburban village. The City of Woodville was a local government area in South Australia seceding from Hindmarsh from 1875 to 1993. I believe I was the first new employee of the merged Council, commencing in May 1994 as Recreation Planner.

In my first year, I had a call from Civic Centre Reception that another resident was on hold seeking suitable clubrooms. Facilities in the merged City were tightly held by long term tenants – with just one exception. I quickly accepted Mik Bojko's call as then President of the Model T Ford Club of Australia Inc. I explained that we had just one vacant clubrooms pavilion, but its future was under review – with options of demolishing it under early discussion due to its poor condition. Mik's mission was urgent due to the Club's leased building recently burning down.

With support from my Council Community Service Management Team, I prepared a report highlighting the options and MTFCA Expression of Interest including willingness and ability to undertake renovations in exchange for a long-term lease on agreed terms and conditions. My professional role was to encourage how use of Council facilities could be maximised. In the due diligence process for the Council report, I was obliged to check referees including the Burnside Council Officer responsible for the Club building lease and with whom I also had a personal connection. He explained that the Club was a very good reliable tenant, but the building's fire damages condemned the structure and its future use. With my conversation topic including how the Barney's Rascals had relocated, I gained confirmation that President Bojko was indeed not a Rascal. He emphasised Mik was a worthy ambassador and advocate for his Club.

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The report to Council on the new lease application had recommendations for negotiating to finalise the new lease, subject to required Public Consultation for use of Community Land and reporting on the outcome to Council. Arrangements were made to advertise and hold the meeting. A few hours prior to the wintry evening meeting, I visited the Port Road clubrooms venue and found no electricity. This was due to another Council Department team finding the building had been unoccupied for a lengthy time and to save costs disconnected it.

With a scramble and goodwill from other Council Emergency Response Team members, several torch lamps were gained, and the stage was set for Mayor John Dyer OAM visit to host the meeting with interested residents at the Port Road Clubrooms. With the building décor and old furniture and subdued lighting creating a unique atmosphere, Mayor Dyer declared the meeting open just as President Bojko made his entrance. Mik looked somewhat startled by the lamps' lighting effects and also being quickly introduced by me to just the small number of residents and the Mayor. The meeting attendees supported the Club application after a short discussion on the club's program and activities etc the rest is history.

At the following Council meeting a new lease was approved for 10 years plus 10 years Option of Renewal commencing from 1 September 1995 on a favorable rent fee. The Club in the first five years spent a six-figure sum on renovations, improving and upgrading the premises including hundreds of hours of skilled volunteers time on site. A commendable Regular Hire program was established and maintained with allied Vintage and Classic Car Clubs who enjoyed the advantages of the clubrooms and Location! Location! Location!
Footnote:
MTFCA gained a new lease term from 2015 with the City of Charles Sturt created from the merger of City of Hindmarsh Woodville and City of Henley and Grange in 1997. From the due restructuring of the Council Administration from the merger after a few years, I was appointed a Property Manager (Commercial including non-profit organisations) with a large portfolio that included MTFCA Inc.

After 25 years I retired from Council in 2019. About a year later I had a surprise phone call from President Trevor Martin who invited me to consider being Patron of the Club. I thought it was an honor and a fine complement to our working relationship from my past roles interacting with the Club. I enjoyed attending several social functions, club runs and meetings and still do.

Then came the eviction a long while ago and the upheaval of relocations due to the clubroom's termite damages impact on the building structure. The Club Management Committee led by then President David Carver, Secretary Sarah Bowshall, Treasurer Kingsley Taylor and Project Manager John Eastick coordinated with others, for an excellent ongoing determined lobbying program with Council to remind staff and Elected Members of the Club's exemplary tenant status in the past plus managing an active dynamic Regular Hire tenancy program as a Community Hub model.

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This was in addition to the regular tasks of managing the more routine Club and sub tenant operations at different venues.

Our respected Club members' abilities were recognised by Council and staff who have been very helpful in temporary relocation arrangements in acting on the opportunities of:

The use of the rare just vacated Fawk Reserve Hall, Athol Park and
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The Club has gained occupation of the new clubrooms from 1 July 2024. It is anticipated to soon finalise the lease terms and conditions for five years, plus five years Option of Renewal term on the valuable site of Port Road Plantation Reserve, Croydon once again.

Congratulations to All.

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80gm butter
1&1/2 cups icing sugar
2 tbsp lemon juice
1 tsp lemon zest

Preheat oven to 180C
Place all ingredients in a mixer and beat for 2 mins until smooth.
Pour into lined tin.
bake for 40-45 mins or until skewer comes out clean.
Allow to cool.

Icing: Combine butter and icing sugar until smooth, add zest and juice and

COCKLES

This is an easy and nice recipe, making 20 pairs
3 eggs
Use the weight of the eggs in the following :
Custard powder, sugar, SR Flour and butter.
Cream butter and sugar and add the eggs.
Sift custard powder and SR Flour together and add to mixture.
Put spoonsful on greased slide and cook in moderate oven.
Join with jam and, if desired, ice with pink icing and dip in coconut or sprinkles.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD
4th SEPTEMBER 2024

1. **WELCOME:**
   1.1. Meeting commenced at 6.59pm.
   1.2. The President welcomed everyone present 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.
2. **APOLOGIES:**
   2.1. Trevor & Maxine Martin, Albert Jones and Michael Trenorden.
3. **MYSTERY OBJECT:**
   3.1. One object, provided by Allan Bennett.
4. **FUNDRAISING:**
   4.1. A raffle was initiated using four prizes.
5. **MINUTES OF LAST GENERAL MEETING, 7TH AUGUST 2024:**
   5.1. As distributed in the August 2024 edition of Buzzer Box.

   Moved: Allan Bennett, that the minutes be accepted; Seconded: Paul Van Ruth; Carried.
6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL MEETING:**
   6.1. Nil.
7. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**
   7.1. The President was pleased to announce that the Committee had appointed Bob Yates as Treasurer with a hand over from former Treasurer Kingsley Taylor to happen over the next week or so. This was met with applause.
   7.2. The President thanked Kingsley and Jenny for the outstanding work they both did fulfilling the Treasury role for the last 6 years. This was met with applause.
   7.3. Over the past two years, the Club's Charity of Choice had been *Operation K9*. The Secretary has been in touch with this organisation, and it is pleasing that a representative will be attending our October 2024 General Meeting to make a presentation about the organisation and the Club will hand over a cheque for $1,000 comprising members contributions with a top up from the Club. This representative will be bringing a puppy named 'Dusty', coincidently named after our late member Paul (Dusty) Miller.
   7.4. After hearing suggestions at the last General Meeting, the Committee has decided to support *Bowel Cancer Australia* as its 2024/25 Charity of Choice. This organisation is the leading national charity dedicated to prevention, early diagnosis, research, quality treatment and care such that everyone affected by bowel cancer can live their best life. It is 100% community funded, committed to championing what matters most to people affected by bowel cancer and provides awareness, advocacy, patient support, research and health professional education.

   Moved: Anthony Russell, that the President's Report be accepted; Seconded: Tony Russell; Carried.
8. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**
   8.1. In the absence of the Secretary, the President reported Correspondence In: The usual club magazines were received and forwarded/provided to the Librarian for inclusion in the Library; *All Ford Day* entry forms; Information about *Power of the Past*; Invitation and information from the Motor Museum about the screening of *'Back of Beyond'* being about the Tom Kruse mail run; Invitation to attend the *London to Brighton Run* on Sunday 27 October 2024 advising that an information brochure is on its way.
   8.2. The President reported Correspondence Out: Emails to members about *'Drive It Old Car Day'* on Sunday, 1 September 2024.
   8.3. The President reported Correspondence In and Out: Emails with members about the planned meeting to discuss the *2027 National Rally* at 6.30pm on Tuesday 10 September 2024.
   8.4. The President reported event flyers received for: *All Ford Day* on 27 October 2024 and *37th Power of the Past* on 9 & 10 November 2024; These flyers will be placed on the Notice Board in the Foyer.

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

9. MEMBERSHIP:

9.1. The President reported: As of 27 August 2024, 15 of our 144 member units had not yet renewed their memberships; Unpaid Members are reminded that because you have not paid your membership to the A/Treasurer and had your Log Book signed by an Authorised Officer, you will be now be driving an unregistered vehicle/s; The Secretary has forwarded emails to all unfinancial members reminding them of their obligation.

9.2. A membership application was received from Jenny McKenzie of Albert Park. Jenny is a sister of Lin Warren (who was accepted as an Associate Member at the July 2024 General Meeting) and wishes to join the Club; Jenny attended the recent President's Run; The Committee recommends Jenny be accepted as an Associate Member.

Moved: Rod Hills, that the Associate Membership for Jenny McKenzie be accepted Seconded: Gary Warren; Carried.

9.3. Full Membership application received immediately prior to this meeting from Roger McGrath of Paris Creek with a 1915 Model T Ford Buckboard.

Moved: Rod Crawford, that the Full Membership for Roger McGrath be accepted. Seconded: Anthony Russell; Carried.

9.4 The President welcomed both Jenny and Roger to the Club and this was met with applause.

10. BUZZER BOX REPORT:

10.1. In the absence of the Secretary, the President reported: Thanks to all contributors of the September 2024 edition; Ian Russell is looking out for articles called 'My other Car', recognising that many members own and drive other makes of vehicle; Thanks to Tony and Kay Russell for their inaugural article in the September 2024 edition; More articles are sought; 52 members have now requested they receive their editions by mail.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT:

11.1. There being no Treasurer, no report was provided.

11.2. Given Bob Yates has been appointed as Treasurer at this meeting, he needs access to the Club's bank accounts.

Moved: Kingsley Taylor, that the Model T Ford Club of Australia Inc (Club) authorises newly appointed Treasurer Bob Yates to become a signatory of the Club's accounts held at the Commonwealth Bank; Seconded by Ian Russell; The motion was unanimously carried by members present.

12. PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT:

12.1. John Eastick updated members on progress since the last General Meeting: A big thank you again to those members that assisted since the move began. Small numbers of members have been here more recently for defined tasks on 3 occasions, being 13, 18 and 28 August 2024; Raised planter bed has been refreshed and planted with native plants thanks to Brian Teakle; Immediate AV problems were resolved on 5 August 2024; Lease as between Council and the Club: still work in progress with the document back with Council's Solicitors; Fawk Reserve Hall: Council EoI process to identify a successor to our Club closed on Thursday 29 August 2024. Council would currently be assessing submissions with a view to make a recommendation to Council. Anticipate end of October 2024 for handover back to Council and thereafter the successor. Our Club's Exit Plan has been developed and shared with Council; Fit-Out: $33k Council funding. Several agreement matters queried with Council and awaiting a response; Committee has settled on a list of items that includes window treatments, storage cupboards in the two Storerooms, Library shelves and display cabinets; Solar Battery Project: $30k State Government funding. Council has agreed in principle to the project and has stipulated that the Builder's Sub-Contractor be engaged to undertake the works. Current system producing and storing power and being monitored on an ongoing basis as a precursor to design of a system. The Club has received its first bill from AGL and pleasingly, more power is being generated and stored than being used but it is the significant difference in rates that is causing us to still receive a bill to pay. Scoping exercise underway for additional works: battery, panels and potentially back-up

power. There are a number of design and planning steps to move through before that company can be formally engaged and the physical work can commence. As time progresses, there is the gathering of more and more seasonal data about the performance of the system to inform the final design.

12.2. Discussion ensured about how this building will be using power, the various periods each day and how all of the providers offer very similar packages spread over any year. Kingsley has analysed the recent bill and provided a copy of the bill to Stuart Bowshall for an independent review. A suggestion was made by Peter Perry to check the electricity tariff for the electric hot water service.

12.3. A question was asked: What is the progress with air conditioning defects? A: John responded to say that he has had no progress report about defects generally, but he knows the Builder is onto the defects. John mentioned that of recent times whilst our own Club Members have been here, there has been little use of the air conditioning. During the day, the conditions inside the building are quite pleasant.

15. PROPERTY OFFICER'S REPORT:

15.1. Kingsley Taylor advised that he is currently in a transition period taking on the role.

16. CLUBROOMS MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR REPORT:

16.1. In Albert Jones's absence, there was no maintenance report.

16.2. Bob Yates reported on cleaning: Rosa Yates is currently cleaning both Fawk Reserve Hall and Croydon on Friday mornings; Croydon is still only a hygienic clean because the Builder has yet to do a final clean.

17. CLUBROOMS BOOKING COORDINATOR REPORT:

17.1. Bob Yates reported several new hiring opportunities at Croydon: *United Indians of South Australia* has entered into a longer-term hiring arrangement on Sundays and agreed to make provision for any pre-arranged and future bookings by our Hiring Clubs for such purposes as Registration Days or other special events; This group used the facility for celebrating the recent Indian Independence Day and used the flagpole; Other enquiries have been received from *The Cake Decorator's Association of SA Inc,* a crochet club and a dancing club and these are work in progress; At Fawk Reserve Hall, the Vietnamese Community Group and Odyssey Aerobics have expressed their interest in succeeding the Model T Ford Club.

18. FEDERATION REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:

18.1. Rod Crawford reported: The issue of better visibility using red rear flashing lights has some support in so much as no-one appears to object; The Federation President will follow up with the Department of Infrastructure and Transport; Acceptability of such lights for push bikes is not relevant because push bikes are not registered; A work in progress.

19. EVENTS AND RUNS COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

19.1. Adam Jones is seeking Organisers for the 2025 Calendar; three Events / Runs have been assigned with nine more to be assigned.

19.2. Adam Jones spoke of his current idea for his 2025 President's Run, being Coopers Brewery for a 1.5hour tour for $45 per head; It was decided to explore this opportunity in more detail.

19.3. Attendance lists for four imminent runs are being circulated – please add your names if intending to attend.

20. PAST EVENTS:

20.1. *President's Run* on Sunday, 18 August 2024; Organiser: Adam Jones; Paul Van Ruth reported that it was apt that the first Run away from the new Croydon Clubrooms was the *President's Run*. The Run was a wonderful experience, the morning tea was fantastic, the lunch meal and service were really good, it was good to see and meet new people, so he enjoyed himself; Rod Hills reported that it was a good day; Jim & Glenyss Trenorden reported on their bad luck travelling home and their experience with the RAA Roadside Service. They arrived home at 7.40pm. The prognosis during the following week was one of the brake slave cylinders had frozen. Discussion ensued about how the RAA normal protocol doesn't work for broken down older vehicles and this matter should be pursued for the future; Adam thanked everyone who came on the Run, with emphasis on those from Kadina and Lin Warren for the supply of morning tea. This thankyou was supported with applause.

20.2. *Drive It Old Car Day* on Sunday, 1 September 2024; Organiser: Gawler Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club; a number of members spoke about this day's activity; a good number of

Club members attended and parked up as a group; It was reported as a windy day but sheltered where the vehicles were parked; vehicle numbers were down, probably attributed to the day being Father's Day and the uncertain weather forecast; It was a great day for those that attended.

21. FUTURE EVENTS – CLUB ORGANISED:

21.1. September Monthly Run to *Old Tailem Town Pioneer Village* on Sunday, 15 September 2024; Organiser: Paul Van Ruth Run; Departure from Mt Barker at 10.30am and head for the ferry at Wellington for 11.30am / noon before travelling onto Old Tailem Town just outside Tailem Bend; There is a fully equipped dining room in which to enjoy a BYO lunch.

21.2. Monthly Run on 27 October 2024: Organiser Ian Russell; A return visit to *Penfield Model Engineer's Society* on Woomera Avenue, Edinburgh; A new start location will be selected, and our display needs to remain until 3.30pm; closed shoes are a necessity please.

21.3. Monthly Run on Sunday, 24 November 2024; Organiser: Kingsley Taylor; *Macclesfield Strawberry Fete*; Meet at the town oval with a Club morning tea provided from 10am, BYO picnic lunch. There will be food stalls, strawberries & icecream and Christmas Gift stalls.

21.4. *Kids Christmas Party* in 2024; Maxine Martin and Kelly Russell had previously discussed the opportunity.

21.5. *Annual Christmas Dinner* on Saturday, 7 December 2024; Bartley Hotel.

21.6. *2025 Annual Run* on Thursday, 3 April to Saturday, 5 April 2025; Organiser Kingsley & Jenny Taylor; members need to book their accommodation.

22. GENERAL BUSINESS:

22.1. Council Fit-Out budget: Allan Bennett suggested the Committee consider narrow venetian blinds on the doors and windows on the eastern side of the Meeting Room. These are neat and tidy and possibly more practical than other treatments, particularly in any breeze.

22.2. Framed vintage Model T Ford poster composite: David Carver displayed the composite poster as being restored by Gayl Carver (with the frame repainted by himself) and ready to be hung in the Clubrooms. There was a note on the back that recorded that it was donated in 1976 by then member Harry Kneebone. David & Gayl's efforts were applauded.

22.3. The President reported that his Model T Ford is nearing the end of its restoration with the engine and transmission ready for installation.

22.4. Urn in Kitchen: Neil Hofmeyer reported that the urn was discovered upon arrival tonight as being off its stone slab and still switched on. A message needs to be forwarded to Hiring Clubs advising the requirement to drain and turn off the urn after every use.

22.5. There will be a Guest Speaker at the October 2024 General Meeting.

23. MYSTERY OBJECT REVEAL:

23.1. The object was clearly a 'vintage' hacksaw and Allan Bennett told his story of its origins as a trade school project and it displayed the name RJ Russell. Allan presented the hacksaw to Tony Russell whose father was RJ Russell.

24. RAFFLE DRAW:

24.1. The raffle draw with four prizes was conducted.

24.2. The President congratulated all those that won a prize.

25. CLASSIFIEDS:

25.1. All classifieds to be emailed to Bob Yates who will coordinate future classified advertisements and to be included in Buzzer Box.

25.2. John Eastick wants a single sheet of weathered galvanised corrugated iron at least 1.8m long. Several members advised they could possibly assist John.

26. NEXT MEETINGS:

26.1. Buzzer Box Night: Wednesday, 25 September 2024 from 5.00pm at the Croydon Clubrooms.

26.2. Committee Meeting: Wednesday 25 September 2024 at 6.15pm at the Croydon Clubrooms.

26.3. General Meeting: Wednesday, 2 October 2024 at 7.00pm at the Croydon Clubrooms with a guest speaker.

27. MEETING CLOSURE:

27.1. The President invited all those present to stay for supper and a chat.

27.2. Meeting closed at 8.04pm with an applause.

TINKERING WITH BOB

TWELVE VOLT SYSTEM FOR THE MODEL T FORD

A LOW COST CONVERTION

Many followers of our wonderful hobby have seen fit to convert their Model T Ford to 12 Volts for several reasons.

Some time ago a very knowledgeable gentleman from the Model T Ford Club of Victoria, Mr. Malcolm Moors from Bendigo wrote an article which lent credence to the merits of converting your Model T Ford to 12 Volts.

While the Aussies may be upside down, to our way of thinking, there is no doubt that they have their heads screwed on right.

Malcolm advances the Ohm's law theory, which in essence affirms that as voltage increases, amperage decreases, they vary inversely. This is well and good as most of the local Auto Supply shops deal in wiring suited to 12 Volt systems, but on Six Volt, it is truly inadequate. Granted, those in the States are blessed with vendors who at a cost can furnish suitable wiring.

However, there is one important thing to consider when questing the 12 Volt system. According to Malcolm, starting and idling should be at 70% better. WHY? With Six Volts, on Battery, the coils will put out approximately 6100 Volts, on a Twelve Volts, you should get better than 12000 Volts. AND if you are a Purist, on Mag you will be able to coax about Seven Volts at 400 RPM. Not very much on a cold, crisp spring morning.

THE CONVERTION

THE STARTER MOTOR

Contrary to the belief of many T Ford owners, 12 Volts cause ***NO HARM*** to the Starter Motor and Bendix Drive system, ***IF*** it is in good condition. If the pinion is heard to hit the Flywheel, check the Bendix Spring to make sure it is not stretched, and the two mounting loops are in line. If there is a space between the coils of the spring and the holes are not in line, the spring should be discarded.

ED NOTE : This is a hotly contested area of debate among T Ford Experts. The, ***IF*** noted above is an important point. For if your Spring and Bendix are not in near perfect condition, damage can occur.

THE GENERATOR

As the original Model T Ford generator doesn't have a brain, it can charge any voltage until it reaches the point where it will self-destruct. With a three-brush generator, the battery is the voltage regulator. To make it work correctly, a 12 Volt cut out must be used. Just remember that voltage and Amps vary inversely. On 12 Volts the maximum charging rate is about Six Amps.

When making this 12 Volt conversion, it might be well to consider purchasing a 12 Volt Alternator or a generator that has been converted to fit the Model T Ford Engine. These bare available through the Companies dealing in Model T Ford parts overseas. These units will charge 20 amps or more and will keep the battery fully charged.

LIGHTS

All lights must, of course be replaced with 12 Volts bulbs, LED bulbs can also be used.

HORN

Using 12 Volts on the horn will frizzle the horn very quickly, so a resister or voltage reducer must be placed in the hot line. With Malcolm's conversion he came up with a good idea about building an internal resister placed inside the cover. With a multi meter he measured the resistance across the two terminals.

This will normally be about 1.1 ohms. Pick up some resistance wire or a respective resistor from an electronics supply shop, if using the resistance wire, wind an open coil that when finished will have the same resistance as the horn. A pencil or piece of dowel can be used to make a good coil former. Inside the cover remove the wire from the solder lug and place this nearly formed coil in series. Done correctly, the horn will draw the same current on 12 Volts as it did on 6 Volts.

FUSES

With this conversion, it is advisable to give thought to protecting the electrical system with a fuse. An inline 20-amp fuse holder, placed between the Battery terminal on the Switch and the Ammeter, is the easiest way. This substitutes this for the existing link.

REAR BRAKE SPRING INSTALLING TOOL

Having purchased a Model T Ford Tourer, I was advised that the rear brake shoes need to the replaced. Jacking the rear of the vehicle up and placing two Jack stands under the rear axle, I proceeded to remove the rear wheels, and failed brake shoes with no real issues. The new brake shoes went on without any issues, but the brake springs didn't, after some considerable time I became very frustrated and gave up. After some time looking at tools on the work bench, I found an old well used screwdriver with a large shank. Cutting the spade head off and bending to shape like the drawing attached, cutting a slot in the end to fit over the spring, they were fitted in about five minutes, what a handy tool.

HAPPY *Birthday* TO YOU

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