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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Firstly, I would like to wish all club members their family and friends a Happy New Year I hope that you have had a relaxing and enjoyable festive season and are now ready to join together in celebrating 60 years of the Model T Ford Club.

Happy 60<sup>th</sup> birthday to our fantastic club - The Model T Ford club of Australia, What a milestone.

This club was formed before I was even born, and I have to wonder if the people (our foundation members) when they held their first meeting way back in February 1964 ever dreamt that the club would still be going strong 60 years on. I personally am looking forward to the birthday celebrations to be held at the Bartley Tavern, West Lakes. If you haven't already secured your seat please do so by making payment of \$45.00 per head into the clubs account, this promises to be a wonderful evening.

Our first official club run for 2024 was held, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January (Mik's Famous Cherry run), This year with a twist as we went to Melba's Chocolate Factory, chocolate and cherries. I was delighted to see so many in attendance, Thanks Mik for once again organising this run.

Speaking of runs we have a full calendar for 2024 with many interesting runs being organised by a group of volunteer club members, including the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour in April. Please support the organisers by coming along, most runs are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, keep an eye on the center page of the buzzerbox. If you haven't been on a run before, make the next month's your first.

I have organised a club run to a private collection, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February (Please see the advert in this edition of the Buzzer Box). I do require for catering purposes numbers by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

On a personal note, many of you will know that I am finally getting a shed erected that will house all of my collection under one roof, I am so excited to have my shed finally built, with only the concrete floor to be poured and then the roller door fitted, within the next couple of months this project will be totally finished ready for me to start filling.





I won't know myself having all three cars at home. I can't wait.

I look forward in seeing many of you at the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations and at our next general meeting on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> February.

Adam Jones - President



The poster features a dark background with a golden starburst pattern. At the top, the text 'Model T Ford Club of Australia' is written in a gold, serif font. Below this, the number '60' is rendered in large, bold, golden 3D-style digits, with a 'TH' in a smaller font to its right. The number is surrounded by dynamic splashes of water and several golden stars. Underneath the '60' is the word 'BIRTHDAY' in a bold, golden, sans-serif font. Below that, the word 'celebrations' is written in a flowing, golden cursive script, flanked by two golden stars. The date 'SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY' and time '7.00PM' are displayed in a bold, golden, sans-serif font. The venue 'The Bartley Hotel' is written in a bold, golden, sans-serif font, with 'Bartley Terrace West Lakes Shore' in a smaller font to its right. At the bottom, the text '3 course meal \$45.00 per head' and 'limited numbers, bookings essential - Maxine Martin 0400 660 654 no later than January 20th' is written in a smaller, golden, sans-serif font. Two golden champagne bottles with popping corks are positioned on either side of the bottom text.

Model T Ford Club of Australia

**60<sup>TH</sup>**

**BIRTHDAY**

*celebrations*

**SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY**  
**7.00PM**

**The Bartley Hotel** ★ Bartley Terrace West Lakes Shore ★

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# On the Cover

**By Rob Trunks**

I have always had a passion for old cars, inheriting it from my Dad, who always took me to car shows and swap meets from a young age.

I happened to come across our Model T on facebook and showed my wife saying how cool it was. I expected her to say, "Why would you want something old like that?" But surprisingly she liked it and said straight away we should go have a look at it.

We messaged the seller and organised to have a look that afternoon. As soon as we pulled up and we saw it in person, we couldn't believe how cool it was. We had a good look, saw how it was driven and operated and then we came away to think about it.

I was a bit unsure about buying it as the driving configuration was quite daunting to me as the would-be driver, but the wife (Christie) said we should get it. She loved the idea of how old and unique it was and simply said, "How often are we going to see something like this? We should jump on it." So, we contacted the seller and said we would take it! Lucky, as he had someone else on the way to come look at it also.

I myself was still a bit daunted by it. When we got there to collect it the owner said he would drive it to my house, luckily for me. But first he took me to a local car park and gave me a quick 20min rundown on how to start and drive it.

Once done we drove it to our place where all paperwork was signed over and it was in our garage now. For the rest of that afternoon, I was in the garage practicing starting it.

From there on I decided to try and drive it and we just went up and down the street. My wife loved it and so did my daughter. It was quite an enjoyable experience driving it. From there on I watched many YouTube videos, trying to teach myself to drive it and with talking to club members at general meeting, where I could, get any advice I could.

As time went on, I slowly got a bit better and finally got into high gear which was quite the achievement. After that we have been driving it



locally around Andrew's farm, slowly getting used to traffic with its big debut travelling to the Penfield Model Railway Park to join fellow members. The car drove excellently. I drove on my own there with my wife and daughter following behind and on the journey home my daughter hopped in the passenger side.

Our model T is a 1924 pickup. We bought it locally in northern Adelaide for \$7000. The previous owner had it for 25 years and we have just enjoyed it as is. Future plans are to address the electric start and the generator and a set of rear guards to follow the shape of the car a bit nicer.

Owners are Rob, Christie and Bec

A festive Saint Patrick's Day poster. On the left, a cartoon leprechaun with a red beard, green hat, and green suit is smiling and pointing towards the event details. The background is decorated with a string of green and orange bunting flags. The text on the right reads: "Please join us SAINT PATRICK'S LETS EAT, DRINK & BE LUCKY MAR SUN 17 AT 10.30am ENTRY \$15.00 | LUNCH PROVIDED BYO DRINKS More details to follow".

*Please join us*

# SAINT PATRICK'S

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MAR SUN **17** AT 10.30am

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BYO DRINKS

More details to follow



# Nairne Railway Station 140th Birthday Celebrations

The alarm goes off at 6am, check the BOM website and all looks fine, look outside and I can't believe my eyes, fine misty rain, as the morning progresses no more rain.

We arrived at our morning tea stop (Summertown) and Stuart and Lynda Bowshall have already arrived. Not what you would call a warm day but nothing a thick jacket can't fix.

Over the next half hour all the rest of the members arrive and tuck into a delicious morning tea prepared by Jenny T

At 10.30am all members were called to start your engine for the half hour drive to Nairne where we were warmly greeted by the Nairne Lions Club.

We were entertained by 3 trains passing through the station, women in period costume handing out what I assumed was Birthday cake, Light Horse guard display, Red Cross ladies providing Devonshire Tea and the Lions mobile BBQ. During the morning ex South Australian Railways employees provided information on various aspects of train life at Nairne Railway Station over the years.

GREAT DAY WITH A GREAT GROUP OF PEOPLE.

Kingsley Taylor





# Happy **BIRTHDAY**

**Lisette Santin**

**David Kimber**

**Neil Hofmeyer**

**Robert Magarey**

**Nancy Bennett**

**Kay Russell**

**Sabina Tropa**

**Rosa Yates**

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**February 25th**

**Meet 9.00am**

**Fawk Reserve**





## IN HIS OWN WORDS

*It only seems like yesterday that we were celebrating our 50th anniversary and our founder, Allen White, was still with us. But here we are all ready to celebrate our 60th. This year Maxine thought that it might be a wonderful thing to record some of the memories of the members down the past 60 years. So, this year we will have a series of articles in each of the Buzzer Boxes. We will rely on volunteers from amongst the various members who have been with the club over that period to write these articles for us. We will start this series with the words of Allen which he wrote a long time ago when we were celebrating the 25th anniversary. (Allen wrote in 1989)*

### How I acquired my Model T Ford



I had just arrived home from work one night in June 1961, when I was called to the phone. A friend was calling to tell me of a Ford T, he had heard about. The following Sunday I left for Swan Reach to see a Mr. Siedel who owns the garage just off the punt. A friend of mine, Michael Topham, accompanied me on the trip. We arrived at 11:30 am. Anxiously we knocked on the door of the garage, no answer! We then disappointedly drove down to the river to

have a lunch and wait. Hurriedly, we went back to the Garage at 1 pm and to our surprise, Mr. Siedel had at that minute arrived home from church. The car had been left to him by an uncle, the late Mr. Cork of Mount Pleasant.

On making inquiries, he said he was going to throw it over the bank or use the rear axle for a harvester. Price? – About 7 pounds. He said it was in a shed at Mount Pleasant and gave us instructions on how to find the home of Mrs. Cork. I still hadn't seen it, but the price was in my bracket.

I'm sure I hold the record from Swan Reach to Mount Pleasant. I spoke to Mrs. Cooke, who directed me to where it was stored. It was in a shed just off the main road. We opened the old door and peered through the darkness at the old car. It was covered with dust, bags, and cobwebs. What is it? Yes, it's a Ford! We had a quick look and then left for home. My father soon explained it's oddity, Duncan and Fraser body.

My brother and I anxiously drove to Swan Reach the following Friday to purchase it. The value has sprung from £7 to £30 in less than a week. I eventually purchased it for £20.

We drove to Mount Pleasant to pick it up the following weekend, prepared with a trailer, ramps, ropes and many hands. After 10 minutes we had it running and within half an hour dad was driving her home (I didn't know how to!) It was the first time she had been started in more than two years incidentally we had to take it out the back way as Mrs. Cork did not want to see the old car leave.

The car was purchased new by Mr. Fred Ayers and sold to Mr. Cork who owned it for the following 34 years.

Generally speaking, no one was very interested in vintage American cars, so, as a consequence, they were virtually worthless. It was these very conditions that enabled the schoolboys Jeff Potter, Chris Marsh, John & Scorgie, Allen Tolfts, Nigel and Neville Merrit, from Norwood high school, to be proud owners of their very own Model T's.

*Encouraged by this enthusiasm Allen placed advertisements in the local and daily papers and wrote many letters setting out his intention to form a car club for Model T's.*

*(from; Buzzer Box - First 25 years. P3, Ed. Yvonne A Learmonth)  
(Allen wrote on the 15th of January, 1964.)*

Re: MODEL T FORD OWNERS' CLUB

As you are interested in the formation of a club for the purposes of preservation and restoration of the Ford T motor car, I am pleased to inform you that an inaugural meeting will be held in the rear of Avenues Hotel, 106 Payneham Road, Stepney, at 8 pm, Thursday 6th of February. I hope that you will be able to attend this meeting and submit any suggestions you may have for the club.

Looking forward to meeting you.

Your sincerely,

Signed Allen White.

*This instalment is the first in the series I hope to keep each instalment in chronological order in each Buzzer Box in six year blocks starting with stories from members who experienced the club and its people from 1965 to 1970 in the March edition (closing date is the third Wednesday of each month.)*

*Please send me your stories anytime you have them. They can be any length, short or long but confined to about a page and a half. Please help us all reminisce.*

*Collated by Paul Van Ruth*





Our Founder (late) Allen White travelled from England to be with us to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Model T Ford Club.

Throughout the history of this great club the one thing that has been a stable event every year except when we were all in lock down during covid has

been the Annual runs.

The first annual run was held in December 1964 to Murray Bridge the entry fee was 10s per car. Accommodation was at the Bridgeport Hotel at a cost of 1pound 6s – bed and breakfast. The annual dinner was hosted by the hotel at a cost of 1pound 2s 6d. (I am not sure if that was expensive because I was only two at the time) having organised a few Annual Runs in later years I wonder why it was necessary to start the cars at two-minute intervals.

If anyone was to ask me if we had any members still in the club that joined in the 60s my answer would have been John Scorgie, but looking back through the clubs history it is interesting to see that there are other current active members that joined during those first few years of the club's history.



**Neil Murrie - 1914**



**Rod Hills - Rugby**

Allan Bennetts name first crops up with his attendance on the 1966 Annual Run, turn the page and we find Neil Murray and Rod Hills being attendees in 1967, with the Martin family's first Annual Run in 1968.

The Seventh Annual Run was well supported with 42 cars taking part in a two-day run to Wallaroo. Some familiar cars were on this run - Allan Bennett won most meritorious with his 1922 Tourer; Allen purchased the car in 1964 at Whitwater (near Balaklava) for \$60.00 it took him approximately 2 years to restore.

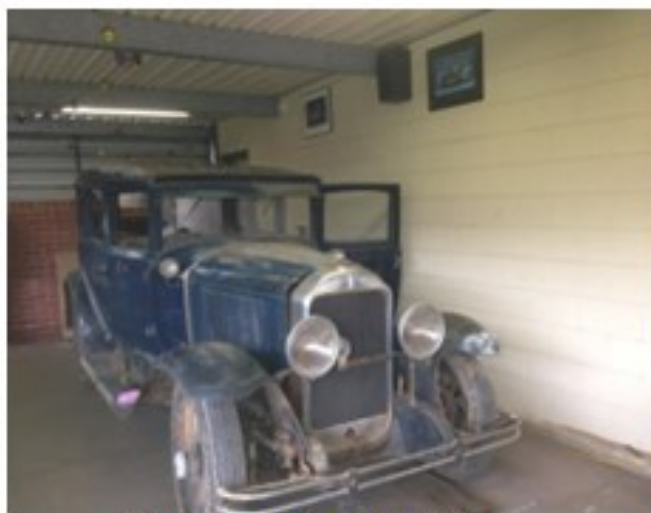
John Scorgie's 1925 Coup (How many Annual Runs has the coup actually participated in) this car was purchased from the original owner in 1951 for the equivalent of \$24.00. John says that he reregistered it in 1962 for a hack for himself, the car along with John took part in



**Johns Coup & Allens Roadster**

Henry Fords Centenary in 1963. It was repainted for one season in the club and then restored to its present condition.

Trevor Martin 1929 Buick sedan, Trevor says that he and his dad went to a property in Cadell chasing ford T parts, they were told to go down to the tractor shed that is where the parts were housed. To their delight in the shed alongside was the Buick. The



**Trevor's Buick**

car was first owned by the Adelaide City Council before being sold and put on blocks in 1952. All they needed to do was flush out the fuel tank drain the oil and it was ready for its first club run.







# Cherries and Chocolates

By Peter Paul Mary Van Ruth

Where have all the Cherries gone, long time passing?

Where have all the Cherries gone, long time ago?

Where have all the Cherries gone?

Big storm has smashed them everyone.

With apologies to Peter Seger and those famous namesakes of mine Peter, Paul and Mary. The song just popped into my head as we bemoaned the fact that in spite of coming a week earlier this year, the terrible weather had resulted in all the cherries, that survived the massive downpour, being sold.



After a beautiful ride from the Gully Public House in Tea Tree Gully along the scenic winding road we had all arrived at the Cherry Cafe in Kenton Valley without incident. (Almost, I'd got the departure time wrong but Mik Bojko soon got me right.)

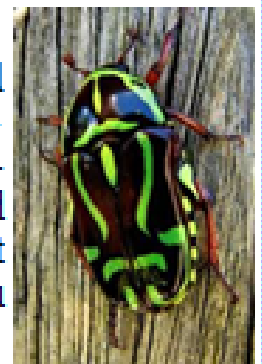
When will they ever learn?

Not to worry, there were enough left over for us to have our much loved cherry milkshakes, cherry pies and of course the coffees and drinks to go with it.

Harvest usually begins in mid November and continues into mid January (because of the crop damage this year, the harvest was over before Christmas.)

Over 10 varieties are grown which include; Merchant, Santana, Stella, Lapins and Sweet Georgia. The Adelaide Hills has a large native bird population including Adelaide and Eastern Rosellas, Rainbow and Musk Lorikeets, Red Wattlebirds and Crows, so the trees are netted during the cherry season to minimise bird damage.

Room was made for the latecomers and we all enjoyed a wonderful time musing over the weather. We shared Christmas and family photos and one particularly interesting photo of a beetle. I later discovered that it was a fiddler beetle which is only found in Australia and mostly on the east coast. The wet weather has perhaps encouraged it to migrate to the south. Luckily it is a harmless beetle should you come across it.



We moved on to our next destination Melbas chocolate's in Woodside. It was also easy to find and before long we were all together marveling over the chocolate one does that were available for us to purchase. It was crowded and particularly difficult for Liz who was with me to see what was on offer but Glenys Trenorden volunteered to take her around and read the labels for her Thanks Glenys. We made our purchases and then made our own ways home to hopefully get some lunch on the way in Woodside or Oakbank. Thanks Mik for organising a wonderful trip and if the weather is better next year we might even get to buy some cherries.



## Cherry Run with NO Cherries

With the weather forecast saying it is going to be wet, wet and overcast I decided not to take the Prefect rang Ian as he was going to take the T Ford he had also decided no T Ford, maybe the Statesman or the modern. I then asked if he and Kelly would like a couple of passengers. He said yes would pick us up around 9-30am.

Sunday morning arrive with no rain and the weather looking good we met up with others members at the Tree Gully Hotel where everyone had the same idea as us and had came in an enclosed car except for one who had his roof rolled back. After a bit of a chit chat and a happy new year Mik handed out a run sheet and we were on our way with clear skies and still no sign of rain.

We proceeded up through the Chain of Ponds which was looking good with everything so nice and green, drove through Gumeracha to the Cherry Farm where everyone arrived safely and saying where's all the bad weather. This was our brunch stop. On arrival we were told that they had no fresh Cherries but they had lots of yummy things to choose from for morning tea. I had scrumptious warm cherry fruit cake and cream with a cup of coffee. When everyone had had their morning tea we headed off to Melbas Chocolate Factory still no rain.

Who needs more chocolate after Christmas well one or two more pieces won't hurt. Then it was time to say our goodbyes and head home what's this drops of rain on the window screen by the time we got to the main road it was bucketing down and then came the thick mist but it had all cleared up by the time we got back to Gumeracha.

With no more rain we had a nice drive back to our place.

Thank you Mik for a very enjoyable day

Kay and Tony Russell



Cordially invites your club to our Annual Breakfast Run



To be held at

7:30am Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Glandore Community Centre, Clarke Avenue, Glandore



A charge of \$7.00 per person is requested to cover costs.

Please bring along your chairs, plates and cutlery. Please come along and join in with fellow Early Ford Enthusiasts

# EVENTS THAT SHAPED THE WORLD IN 1964

The model T Ford Club of Australia was formed in Adelaide South Australia

Nelson Mandela sentenced to life in prison in South Africa

Cassius Clay changes his name to Muhammad Ali

Roy Emerson wins the Australian Open Tennis (singles)

Australian destroyer HMAS Voyager sinks after colliding with Aircraft carrier HMAS Melbourne - 82 people are killed.

Australian Test Cricketer Richi Benaud retires, Bob Simpson is appointed captain.

Ian Chappel plays his first test cricket match.

Dawn Fraser wins Gold at Tokyo Olympics

Ford produces the first of its Mustang

Beatles hold 6 top spots in the Australian record charts, and tour Australia

9 men sentenced to 25-30 years jail for the 1963 "Great Train Robbery."

Margaret Court wins her second French open tennis singles title.

Vietnam War is in full flight and National Service is introduced to Australia.

South Africa is banned from the Olympic because of the Apartheid Policy

Australia beats USA (3-2) in the Davis Cup

Martin Luther King Jr wins Nobel Peace Prize

Australian Betty Cuthbert 4<sup>th</sup> Gold medal at Tokyo Olympics

Donald Campbell sets a new world water speed record.

Australia takes delivery of its first Mirage jet fighters.

Rock band the Easybeats are formed.

Australian Prime Minister is Robert Menzies

The TV show Homicide starts.

'THE AUSTRALIAN' newspaper starts production.







## Spicey Nuts

1 large egg white  
550gms mixed nuts (about 6 cups)  
¼ cup castor sugar  
2 teaspoons garlic salt  
1 teaspoon curry powder  
½ teaspoon ground cumin  
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon  
pinch ground cloves  
½ teaspoon cayenne pepper  
1 teaspoon ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 160C and line several baking trays

In a large bowl whisk egg whites to stiff peaks, then add nuts and stir through.

Mix all remaining ingredients together in a small bowl, stir into nut mixture.

Spread nuts in single layer on trays.

Bake to deep golden colour around 15 – 30 minutes.

Cool and put into sealed container.

## Nuts and Bolts

Nuts and Bolts is a savory recipe that uses nutri grain and nuts. This Nuts-and-Bolts Recipe differs from the others because it requires you to bake the nuts and bolts, which adds to the flavor.

750 grams nutri grain 1 large box  
2 cups peanut oil  
750 grams salted peanuts 2 packets  
6 teaspoon curry powder  
3 packets french onion soup mix you can also use cream of chicken

In a large bowl, combine nutri grain and nuts.

In a separate bowl, combine soup mix, curry powder and oil.

Add the oil mix to the nutri grain and mix well ensuring all the nutri grain is covered.

Spread over a large tray and bake for 30 minutes at 150 degrees, mixing every 10 minutes.

Remove from the oven and allow to cool. Store in an airtight container.

# MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD

6th December 2023

## **WELCOME:**

Meeting commenced at 7pm.

The President welcomed everyone, reminded members to sign the Attendance Record Book and advised that this meeting will be audio recorded.

Visitor: Jady Russell.

## **APOLOGIES:**

Bob Yates, Trevor Norley, Tony Williams, Rod Crawford and Ken Durward & Sally Nicholas.

## **MYSTERY OBJECTS:**

Nil.

## **FUNDRAISING:**

Doretta Hills initiated a raffle.

The President reminded everyone that the proceeds go to Operation K9.

## **MINUTES OF LAST GENERAL MEETING, 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2023:**

As distributed in the December 2023 edition of Buzzer Box.

Moved: Mik Bojko, that the minutes be accepted; Seconded: Brian Teakle; Carried.

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL MEETING:**

Nil.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

The President mentioned that it was pleasing to see both Lynda Bowshall and Rod Crawford on the road to recovery after recent operations.

On behalf of himself, the Committee and the office bearers, the President thanked everyone for all the work they have done in the past six months and together we have achieved a lot to get to where we are at the moment, he thanked Gayl Carver for placing and decorating the Christmas tree in the clubrooms; These thanks were followed by applause.





## **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

The Secretary reported that the usual club magazines were received and forwarded to Neil Hofmeyer for inclusion in the Library; There are currently 140 financial members with 56 Model T Ford owners; There were unknown issues with the distribution of the December 2023 edition of the Buzzer Box whereby some members received multiple copies and for this an apology was provided. The matter is being investigated; The Facebook page is now operational; When members are out and about and observe anything that would be of interest to members, they are encouraged to please send to the President or the Secretary for uploading; One such recent occasion was Jim & Glenyss Trenorden participating with their T Model in the Salisbury Christmas Pageant on Saturday 2 December 2023 – this arose as they are members of the Salisbury Historic Society.

The Secretary advised that the Club has invested in a Square that enables a portable credit card payment facility for members to make payments to the Club.

The Secretary advised that she had received several comments that she was not telling members enough in her reports at meetings and asked what members wanted to hear about. There was no specific response provided.

Moved: Dale La Vars, that the Secretary's Report be accepted; Seconded: Rod Hills; Carried.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Kingsley Taylor outlined the reconciliation of accounts for the month of November 2023; a reconciliation is available for viewing after the meeting; The balance has increased by about \$3,000 because of all of the member payments received and being held for various runs and events including Christmas Dinner, 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner and 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Annual Tour.

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

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

John Eastick updated members on progress since the last General Meeting: CROYDON DESIGN: The tender recommendation has been presented to the Council's management for sign-off and this is awaited; Timing for a construction start is now expected to be in January 2024; The Drawings and Specification are on the front table and members are invited to inspect after the meeting; CROYDON COUNCIL PROCESS: Nothing to report; FAWK RESERVE HALL: The Council has provided the Club with an extension of the lease until such time as the replacement building is ready for occupation; GRANTS: Nothing to report.

## **PROPERTY OFFICER' S REPORT:**

John Eastick advised nothing to report.

## **BUZZER BOX REPORT:**

The Secretary reported: Thanks to all contributors of the December 2023 edition; February 2024 edition contributions are now being sought by early January 2024; Thanks to Paul Van Ruth for deciding to talk to members about Front Cover Stories; Currently, there are sufficient stories.

The Secretary spoke to an idea that members are encouraged in the 60th Year to write an article about what the Club meant to them; Articles can be as brief as one or two paragraphs and would be included when received and if enough members did this, there would be a different story or stories in each edition; Paul Van Ruth will collate a history story using contributions.

## **CLUBROOMS MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR REPORT:**

Albert Jones had nothing to report.

## **CLUBROOMS BOOKING COORDINATOR REPORT:**

In the absence of Bob Yates, nothing was reported.

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

In the absence of Rod Crawford, Paul Van Ruth advised there was nothing he was aware of to report.

## **EVENTS AND RUNS COORDINATOR' S REPORT:**

Adam Jones spoke about the Club organised Past and Future Events and Invitation Events, as below; Organisers have now been secured for every month, so the Club now has a full calendar of organised Events and Runs excepting the Christmas Dinner in December 2024. Thank you to those members that stepped up to organise future events.

## **PAST EVENTS:**

*140<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration of the Nairne Railway Station* on Sunday, 26 November 2023; Club Organiser Kingsley Taylor; Kingsley spoke of there being only a small number of attendees because of competing events on that day, meeting at Summertown and driving the Nairne Railway Station, the main events were conducted at about the time that the Overland arrived at 9.30am and before the Club arrived at 11am and by which time the crowd had dwindled, three or four goods trains went through and it was a good time for all that attended, the event finished by about 2pm; Paul Van Ruth went onto to say it was a terrific day out and a great morning tea put on by the Taylors; Rod & Doretta Hills and Allan Bennett spoke about the goods trains that



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

*Christmas Dinner 2023* on Saturday, 9 December 2023 at the Glynde Hotel: Organiser Paul Van Ruth; A booking has been finalised at 45 people attending; Paul spoke of access to the carpark and private room; Rod Hills mentioned that back in the 1960's on his way to work when driving the Glynde corner, he lost a door off his 1929 Chevy.

*Cherry & Chocolate Run* on Sunday, 7 January 2024: Organiser Mik Bojko; The departure time is 10am at the Tea Tree Gully Hotel; buy your own lunch will be in Woodside, noting the Lobethal Bakery is not open; Just turn up but as a courtesy, please RSVP to Mik (Ph. 0438 814 810); the Secretary will send out an email to members.

*60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner* at the Bartley Hotel, West Lakes on Saturday 3 February 2024: Organiser Maxine Martin; Private room overlooking the lake; Menu was read out and there is no salad bar provided; Bookings are essential; Please pay \$45 per head in advance to the Treasurer, preferably by EFT or alternatively, by credit card using the Square; Please RSVP to Maxine Martin (Ph. 0400 660 654, [trevmax1@bigpond.net.au](mailto:trevmax1@bigpond.net.au)).

*Private Car Collection* on Sunday, 25 February 2024: Organiser, Adam Jones; This is about a collection not open to the general public; Meet at Fawk Reserve Hall at 9am; \$5 per head which includes a morning tea and which will be donated to a charity; The collection includes a home visit and large warehouses adjacent Mawson Lakes; BYO lunch and a BBQ is available for use; numbers required for catering purposes by Friday 16 February 2024; Please RSVP to Adam Jones (Ph. 0430 118 446, [president@modelfordclubaustralia.org.au](mailto:president@modelfordclubaustralia.org.au)).

*St Patrick's Day Run* on Sunday, 17 March 2024: Organiser Maxine Martin and Rod Crawford; Surprise destination; Lunch will be provided at a cost and BYO drinks; there will be a prize/s for the best Leprechaun/s; More details to follow.

*60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Tour 2024* to the Port Augusta region between Thursday 11 April and Thursday 18 April 2024: Organisers: Adam Jones and Albert Jones; one only vacancy remains; The Port Augusta motel accommodation needs to be paid for by the end of January 2024 – please pay the Treasurer, preferably by EFT; Adam would write to all participants; No-one had any questions at this stage of the Organisers.



## **EVENTS - INVITATION:**

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

*Salisbury Christmas Pageant:* Jim and Glenyss Trenorden entered their T Model and it had been 19 years since they previously participated in this event; This time, their T Model was the only vintage vehicle; Jim suggested this event was not a potential club event.

*Kapunda Christmas Pageant:* Allan Bennett spoke about this.

*National Pharmacies Christmas Pageant:* Maxine Martin mentioned that the Scorgies and Heins participated with the Hein's elephant 'Nellie' and this year was the Scorgies' last time doing this after about 30 years.

*Gawler to Barossa Veteran & Vintage Run on Sunday, 14 April 2024:* The President mentioned that the is being conducted during the period of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Tour 2024 and asked that those members not attending this Tour to please support this run.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Tony Russell spoke of his old tricycle restoration project and asked members to suggest how the front pedal wheel was assembled; Tony passed it around for any ideas because he needs to build a new one.

Buzzer Box Cover Stories: Paul Van Ruth spoke of his new role in assembling future stories.

Maxine Martin mentioned that she, Trevor, a one-year-old and a two-year-old attended the recent Wiggles Show at Entertainment Centre and thoroughly enjoyed it.

## **RAFFLE DRAW:**

Prize pool of nine.

## **CLASSIFIEDS:**

David Carver has a trailer sailor boat built by Ken Durward he wants to move on for free; photos available for anyone interested.

David Carver has three soft and bald tyres for Model T / Model A that may be useful for moving vehicles around at home.

David Dunn has a Model T Ford Z Head for sale.

All classifieds to be emailed to Bob Yates who will coordinate future classified advertisements and to be included in Buzzer Box; The items mentioned at tonight's meeting will be forwarded to Bob.



## **NEXT MEETINGS:**

Buzzer Box Night: Wednesday, 15 January 2024 from 5.00pm at the Clubrooms.

Committee Meeting: Wednesday, 15 January 2024 at 6.15pm at the Clubrooms.

General Meeting: Wednesday, 7 February 2024 7.00pm at the Clubrooms.  
Note: This is the Club's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Meeting and will include a supper.

## **MEETING CLOSURE:**

On behalf of himself and the Committee, the President thanked everyone for their attendance and their support over the last 12 months and wished a safe and happy Christmas; those present were invited to stay for Christmas supper, pizza and pies, pasties and sausage rolls supplied by the Club.

Those present were reminded to sign the Attendance Record Book.

Meeting was closed at 7.50pm.



**It is time for a celebration of this very significant milestone in our journey back to Croydon!**

The Committee are very pleased to advise that a construction contract has been awarded by The City of Charles Sturt (Council) to MYKRA Pty Ltd (Mykra) of Klemzig.

Mykra will mobilise on site at Croydon on 29 January 2024 after the Christmas close down period and its off-site planning activities. Subject to the weather and other factors, completion is currently scheduled for May / June 2024.

The core funding for this building is a \$1m grant under the Federal Government's *Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program*

Relocation from Fawk Reserve Hall is still likely to be around July 2023.

If you have any queries or are seeking clarification about any of the above, please don't hesitate to contact our Club's Project Manager, John Eastick

# TINKERING WITH BOB

## MODEL T FORD TINKERING BITS – CONTINUED No 5

### COKE AND THE MODEL T

It seems weird that the most famous of the soft drinks and the Model T have something in common. Not being addicted to COKE, like so many, this weird association eluded my limited knowledge until it was put before me on a tour.

To remove rust from nickel plated hubcaps and the Radiator Shell, rub the parts with a crumpled piece of aluminium foil dipped in Coke. To clean corrosion from the battery terminals, pour a can of Coke over the 4 terminals to bubble away the corrosion. To loosen a rusted bolt, apply a shop towel soaked in Coke to the rusted bolt for a few minutes.

To remove grease from work cloths, empty a can or bottle of Coke into a load of greasy cloths, add detergent and run through the regular wash cycle.

To remove the remains of bugs and road grime off the windshield, moisten a sponge and give it your best, cleaning. Don't forget to rinse the window screen with running water.

For the educated, Cokes active ingredient is Phosphoric acid, it has a PH of 2.8 and would dissolve a small nail in four or five days.

Have spoken to people from the Coke plant, they used Coke to clean the engines etc on all their trucks.

### SAFEGUARDING THE MODEL T GENERATOR

Fuses in the electrical circuit, whether the ones in our home, older type or the ones in our Model T, are like a safety valve on a steam locomotive, they protect the system in case of a malfunction. Many instal a 3Amp fuse in the line running from the starter switch to the terminal block.

This arrangement will protect all the wiring and keep the battery from harm should a short occurs, but when the fuse blows it puts the Model T generator in jeopardy of self-destruction. With no electrical connection, Open Circuit between the generator and the battery the voltage regulator with a three-brush generator, the voltage keeps building up and very soon the commutator starts throwing lead.

If you have installed a 30 Amp fuse inline, you will have saved your generator.

In the next edition of Tinkering Trips, we will have a section in relation to doing a modification to the Model T Generator.

### COTTER PINS

A Model T Ford uses a total of ninety-five cotter pins to help keep it together, and a cotter pin 3/32 inch in diameter will fit sixty-nine of these places, trivia.



## **CASTELLATED NUTS**

When replacing castellated nuts, at times it is most difficult, if not impossible, to line up the nuts and bolts so that the cotter pin can be inserted. A simple fix, without impairing the efficiency or usefulness of the nut, is to grind, or file a little off the bottom of the nut or add a thin washer.

This will allow the nut to be drawn up just a little further making it a snap to put the cotter pin in place. This can be especially helpful with the rear axle nuts and bearing cap, and other places where a snug fit is important, and the holes in the bolts and the slots in the nuts don't seem to line up properly.

## **PREVENTING REAR END OIL LEAKS**

During the assembly of a rear axle, while parts are still all clean, leave the seven nuts and bolts that hold the two axle housings together a couple of turns loose. Then, very carefully pour a cup of gas tank sloth in through the drive shaft opening. Next roll the assembly, one revolution, which will allow the compound to run into the joint between the two-axle housing. With the drive shaft opening pointing down, the surplus sloth will run out. Tighten the seven bolts and nuts and allow the assembly to sit over night in the draining position. Any surplus material around the drive shaft opening can be removed with solvent.

## **DO YOU KNOW?**

That a hydrometer reading of a battery is not the real indication of a battery's condition? This reveals only the chemical condition. To find the power available it is necessary to check the battery under load with a load voltmeter.

The Voltage loss, caused by excessive resistance in cables, connections or parts may make the difference between a car that will start and a car that won't start? Battery cables and grounds connections must be tight and free from corrosion.

That some cables and those for use with 12 Volts, 4 Gauge, have only 50 % as much copper as the 6 Volt cable, 0-1 Gauge, therefore can have only 50 % current carrying capacity.

That a common loss of voltage and unsatisfactory performance in the primary ignition circuit is excessive resistance in the cables? New cables that are too small will not remedy the situation, they must be the proper size and gauge.

That cracked and soaked insulation of the sparkplugs wires allows electricity to leak away and rob your Model T of pep and power.

That a 10 % loss of voltage in the Model T lighting system, causes a 30 % loss in candlepower? Couple this with dull and beat up reflectors, and it is doubtful that you have enough light to get out of the rain.

**TORQUING HEAD BOLTS** - To be explained in next addition



**Glenyss & Jim Trenorden out and about celebrating Christmas**

## **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.

In 2013 OPK9 program was launched to provide highly trained assistance dogs to veterans living with PTSD. Since 2020, the program has been supported by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Each dog is individually matched and trained to meet the specific needs of each veteran in the program. Comprehensive after-care is provided to ensure success for both the veteran and their dog.



The program is ensuring veterans improve the quality of their lives and have a pathway to recovery from their PTSD, with improved mental and physical wellbeing.





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