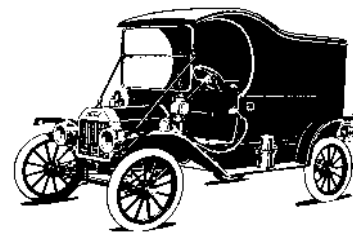




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Save the date for the Melbourne Cup Weekend Rally, part for sale and items of interest.  
*Vale Kevyn Brown*

## MTFCV May General Meeting - 14/5/2021

Ashburton Community Library, 154 High Street Ashburton from 8:00pm



Come and join us for a virtual tour of the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant.

Technology allows us a walkthrough of this magnificent building, which is regarded as the birthplace of the Model T Ford. We welcome you to this historical presentation of this landmark building and a walkthrough of its construction and present-day contents.



**Next Meeting Friday 14th May Ashburton Library 8 PM Covid restrictions apply.**

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**Please note submissions to June Edition of TTorque to be received by the Editor  
no later than 28th May**

## *Presidents Message*

Greetings all,

I hope all you are well in Model T land as we enter our winter season. I am very sad to advise the passing of Kevyn Brown. Kevyn was a key figure and personality in our club and will be sadly missed.

I would like to send a big Hello & Good Health to all our "Senior Members" around the State. We don't get to see everybody due to distance & life schedules etc.

We now have a Zoom license so we will practice at Committee meetings etc. I would like then to arrange a regular Zoom session for all members to "catchup", chatter & socialise. Our license allows 100 members & unlimited online time so I hope it works out great for all of us. When we become proficient at Zoom use Club Meetings can be included in our toolbox as well.

There will be a club "Sunday Drive" to Warburton & Marysville on Sunday 16th May. We will meet at Woori Yallock Bakery at 9am. Departing at 9.30 for Marysville via Maroondah Hwy. Lunch at Marysville bakery & return via Acheron Way arriving to Woori Yallock at approx 3.30-4pm. Details are in T Torque & email message.

Our next Rally will be held on 29th & 30th May. This is an overnight stay at San Remo/Phillip Island. Leaving Pakenham & driving the flats & hills to San Remo. There we will be spoiled by a "Seafood Feast" at Graeme & Marj Wagland's house. Meeting Sunday morning, we will then return to Pakenham via a different route in time to get home at a reasonable time etc. We will need numbers attending & any special alternate food requirements so please tell Wagland's or President prior to the event. Details are in T Torque & email message.

Our May meeting on 14th will feature a Virtual Tour of Ford Piquette Ave Plant & Museum hosted by Warwick Landy. Warwick will guide us around the plant etc with images projected to the big screen with commentary based on personal experience.

At our July meeting, Brian Churchill will present another chapter of Henry Ford & his Contemporary's. Ford History etc.

Our 2021 Cup weekend rally is to be held in Bairnsdale area hosted by the Bairnsdale Classic Car Club. We will be shown all manner of sights etc in & around the area.

Our accommodation will be centred at Swan Reach Holiday Park, 2143 Princes Hwy, Swan Reach. 51564366 The club has arranged for cabins to be held in MTFCV name. So, when you book mention you are with the MTFCV group. We were keen to secure cabins/ camp sites early to avoid any housing problems in Nov. "The early bird theory!" Swan Reach is 20Km east of Bairnsdale on Princes Hwy & the Holiday Park is over the river east of town centre in the LHS. Please let the committee know so we can advise Bairnsdale Club of attending numbers for catering etc.

SAFETY! Another reminder to permit holders. Remember that it is the Owner/Drivers responsibility to have your car/vehicle in safe working order.

Download our club checklist. Carry out a safety check on your car & repair/adjust any faults you uncover. If in doubt, ask a club safety officer for advice.

Don't forget we will be needing a Club Treasurer as our current treasurer is retiring in September.

If you can help the Club, please speak to a Committee member or ring Rhonda for a job description.

Well that's all for now,

Good Health & Safe Driving

"See You Over the Running Board"

Dave & Chez





*Ann Cupid (Secretary)  
General Meeting Minutes*

### **Minutes:**

Meeting Opened on Friday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 8.03pm by President David Weatherhead at the Ashburton library Ashburton.

**New Members:** Nil

**Visitors:** Nil

**Present:** 20 as per sign in register.

**Apologies:** Alan Flude, Peter Rutley, Bernie McKeegan, Robbie Dalton, Graham and Maree Hadden.

**Confirmation of minutes:**

**Moved:** \_ Paul Grady

**Seconded:** Geoff Brooke

**Business arising from minutes:** Zoom Meetings will soon be under way.

**Tonights Meeting:** Catch up and chat night.

**Correspondence In:** NAB statement x 1; Shannon's Autumn Auction Catalogue; Backfire Magazine; T Topics.

Emails: One from Ashburton Library inviting us to sign in with the QR code and then be able to sit closer together.

Email: Dave got notification from the Federation that the Golden Oldies Tour has been delayed due to Covid 19.

**Correspondence Out:** Corporate Affairs Report.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The treasures report was presented to the members by Rhonda Huitt

**Seconded:** Barry Hancock.

**Last month's rally report:** Last month's rally out of Colac was spoken about at last month's meeting and there are articles to read in the latest edition of T Torque.

**Swap Meetings/Clearance Sales report:** Dave and Ivor Austin spoke about a swap meet they went to in Pearcedale. Somebody scored a 1915 block for \$25. Alan Flude and Andrew Brand got some bargains as well. There were also some good bargains at Bob Ravita's. They are not letting anyone go through what's in the house. More info after a court date is settled.

### **Reports**

**Committee Report:** No meeting held.

**Delegate's Reports:**

**AOMC:** As in the magazine.

**Federation:** Next meeting is in May.

**This month's activity/run:** All Ford Day is on in Geelong, if going you need to pre register.

**Upcoming events:** Phillip Island Rally, possibly in May, will start at Dave Weatherhead's place for trailer parking. Watch emails and next magazine for more details.

**Technical Tips/Queries:** Nil

**Restoration Progress:** Nil

**New or unusual products:** Nil

**General Business:** Jo was thanked for all her hardwork as secretary over the last few years and presented with flowers and a plant.

Federation Golden Oldies Tour as previously mentioned has been delayed from August 2021. It will now be on March 27<sup>th</sup> 2022. The Tour will start from the Wunghan Picnic and travel the same route from there and end in Bendigo on Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022.

We still need volunteers to run our Geelong National Rally in 2025. Any ideas would be greatly appreciated.

BAIRNSDALE Melb Cup Weekend is on. Swan Reach Tourist Park are waiting for us to book out the whole Park. Some cabins have been reserved for MTFCV members so please mention the club when you book. There is another Caravan Park in town behind the pub as well as a few Motels around if preferred. Peter Curtis has a bus and will take us around for any night activities.

A trip to Mt Baw Baw is also being investigated.

**Next Meeting/Activity:** Warwick Landy will give a talk and virtual tour through Piquette Avenue Plant.

**Raffle Draw:**

**Drawn by:** Kevyn Brown.

**Won by:** Noel Huitt

**Prize selected:** Jumper Leads

**Meeting Closed:** @ 8.55pm.





My TT truck was on display in the Corowa Motor Museum and when we visited the Museum about 4 years ago. It was advertised 'For Sale'. The previous owner had died and the owner of the Museum had also passed away so it was left to the nephew (of the original owner) from Bendigo to dispose of it.

We came to an agreed price and picked it up from Corowa. On closer inspection and lots of re-search we found that the wooden spoked wheels had been replaced with 1950's light truck wheels. The engine was a miss-match of various years. The block had no casting numbers or identification and the engine number 1251 if originally fitted to a T Model it would have been manufactured in the first year of production. Subsequent investigation suggests that it was from a vehicle produced using Ford parts such as the short lived Palm. The head is correct and the "Hoggshead" is 1927. It is also fitted with an aftermarket Warford 3 speed gearbox. Front end design and the ignition system however has shown that the vehicle must have been produced, most likely in Canada, in 1924.

The next problem after locating hubs and fellows and having the wheels re-spoked was finding the keeper rings for the rear tyres. All we found were too rusted to be used safely so with deep pockets 2 new rims and keepers were ordered from the only manufacturer in the world of these antique items a business in New Zealand. We had to wait 3 months as his business exports all over the world.

Then! when I tried to drive it I found that I could not fit my legs under the steering wheel. Lo and behold the steering column had been shortened by about 12 inches. Probably so as a child could operate the truck whilst Adults walked beside unloading hay etc.

I managed to find a replacement steering column through the T Model Ford Club and once it was fitted I could now fit in the driver's seat.

The truck's history is that it was a farm vehicle all of its life in the Corowa area and was registered up until 1982. Obviously as things wore out replacement parts came from whatever was in the shed or could be scrounged. It is back to almost its original condition. and now proudly wears Club permit Number 8-040.

Ian Morley

## Pre Winter Club Rally on 29th-30th May.

Hi Folks,

This rally/drive will be an overnight stop at San Remo/Phillip Island. Model T's, Classics & Modern cars all welcome.

Graeme & Marj Wagland are kindly hosting a Seafood Feast for us at their home @ 9 Back Beach Rd San Remo.

If seafood doesn't suit normal BBQ fare will be on menu! BYO drinks! Seating for approx onsite maybe BYO??

We will need to gather at Weatherhead's 235 Bald Hill Rd in Pakenham at 9am for 9.30 departure.

My proposed route will be some familiar roads I like to travel across the Koo Wee Swamp basin.



Town past will be Lang Lang, Nyora, Poowong, Loch, Krowera, Archie's Creek, Kilcunda, Anderson to San Remo.

On arrival find your accommodation arrangements. We will then gather at Wagland's house at 6pm.

Party on , but not too late!



Sunday :- Meet at Wagland's house at 9.00 am & depart at 9.30.

Proposed travel to Sth Gippland hills via Wonthaggi , Lance Creek to Kongwak.

Kongwak has a Sunday morning market so we will stop for inspection & browse.



Leaving Kongwak we travel through on Anderson Inlet Rd past Moyorra to Bena.

Bena to Poowong on scenic Bass Valley rd. Leaving Poowong & travel through Athlone to Drouin for comfort break.

We then head back towards Pakenham by choice of routes depending on time.

Arriving at our starting point by approx 3.30-4 pm & disperse to home from there.

All these roads are paved & safe travelling. Fuel is available but recommend you carry an emergency supply.

Travel time outward & return route approx 4.5-5 Hrs depending on stoppages etc.

This Rally will incur a \$25/head rally fee.

Limited beds are available at Wagland's ring Marj ,0407 575734.

There is a Motel on Back Beach rd San Remo in walking distance for Wag's house if needed.

Please inform us of your intention to participate as we need to have numbers for catering.

Trailer parking at 235 Bald Hill Rd OK . Hopefully not wet weather etc. (Paddock can get boggy)

Any information needed ring me 59411088 BH, 59412035 AH, 0407339601.

Hope to see you all driving your cars,

Cheers, President Dave

## Stevens & Company Tools for Fords

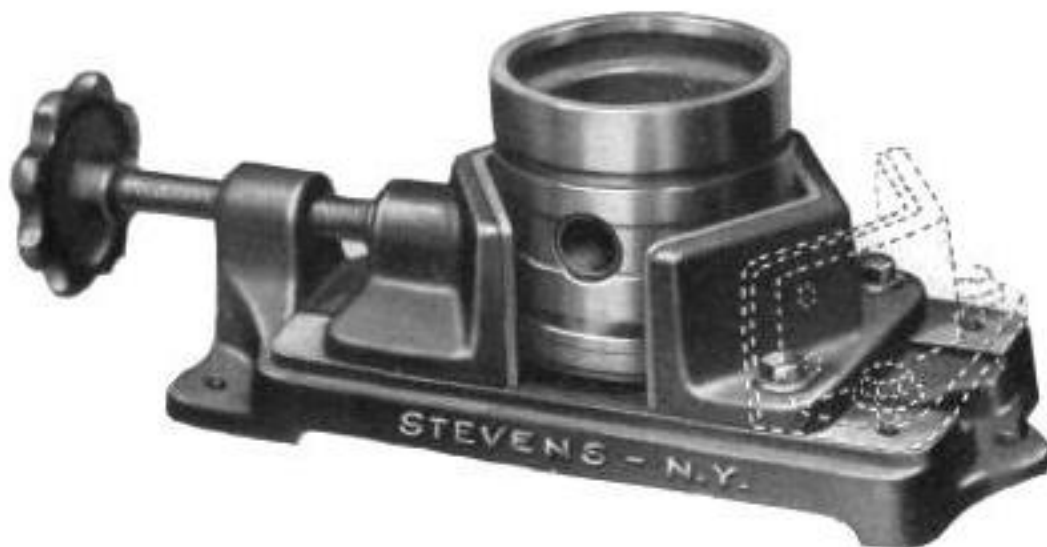
Stevens & Company was a tool supplier based in New York. They sold specialized tools for Fords as well as other cars.

In general they were well designed and made tools which worked well, and are popular with collectors and still used in Model T maintenance by many. Some of their tools are well known, others are not. Over the coming months we'll cover some examples.

Andrew Brand

# Stevens Universal Piston Vise

A Sensitive Shop Vise of Many Uses



**T**HE ordinary bench vise is too powerful to risk its heavy grip on the thin shell of a piston.

The Stevens Universal Piston Vise is designed purposely to protect the piston against distortion. It has four points of contact—its jaws are leadlined—it has a bed to support the piston—its pressure can be nicely regulated to exactly the right degree.

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The Stevens Vise has the greatest range—up to  $5\frac{1}{2}$  in.; it has a base  $10\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$  in. It is extra strong, accurately made and well finished.

**T-115—Piston Vise. Weight, 13 lbs. Price, \$5.00.**

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**For sale:**

Decent universal joint with minor wear \$25.  
Brake drum for 1926-27 wood wheel. \$10  
1926-27 Holley NH carby. \$15  
1909-13 2 piece torque tube front fitting, raw casting. \$30  
Vintage exhaust manifold. \$15  
Carby heat stove. \$15  
1923-25 coil box less lid. \$20  
Vintage radiator top tank with neck. \$25  
Pair black & brass sidelamps, unbranded 1913-14 style. \$300  
Pair vintage front fender irons. \$20  
Pair 1919-25 brake backing plates on cut off diff tubes. \$10  
1913-15 double key steering spider. \$30  
Set brass bonnet clamp raw castings, 1917-18 style. \$20  
Straight through NH carby. Good but needs float hinge replaced (included). \$100  
1926-27 front spring clamp / motor mount, good threads. \$40  
Vintage headlights. \$60 pair  
Klaxon horn – works. \$125  
1915-16 Kingston brass carby \$60  
Pair Duncan & Fraser windscreen brackets & posts. Solid, need straightening. \$60  
1913-15 transmission cover. Rough but has ribbed clutch pedal, “R” and “B” pedals. \$60

Andrew Brand, 0414 219 250.

**REMINDER FOR UP COMING REGISTRATIONS THAT ARE DUE.**

Hello there to all our club members,

Your committee felt that a reminder for people (especially those with multiple cars/bikes to keep a track of) of their upcoming registration due on their vehicles would be a good idea. Thus far it has jogged the memories or RTA checking of a few members, so is proving worthwhile. If you no longer own or have the listed vehicle on red plates can you please ring the secretary and let her know. This list has been compiled from our current registration register.

**MAY 2021**

Lloyd Davis 6062  
Ian Northey 3894  
Linda Phillips 71021H  
Ray Smith 3257  
Laurie Wadeson 3565  
Stephen Weatherhead 5470

**JUNE 2021**

Greg Angelo 1820  
Andrew Brown 5446  
Paul Daley 7637, 6875  
Noel Huitt 5108  
Barry Reddick 36374  
Mickie Turner 6243  
Graeme Wagland 5099  
David Weatherhead 258BH, 41328H  
Geoff White 457  
Bill Wallace 934GH

**JULY 2021**

Neil Bagot 5183  
Geof Baulch 546A-H  
Chris Cansdale 09187H  
Bill Wallace 5922  
David Weatherhead 0452H and 158BH

**AUGUST 2021**

David Dare 799  
Alan Flude 4590  
Russel Hughes 834  
Trevor Merton 5606  
Brian Smith 5494 and 5111  
Dean Williams 5415

**Thanks everyone**

**Ann Cupid**

**Secretary ( 0427 984 797)**

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**Meetings** are usually held on the second Friday of the month at the club rooms at the Ashburton Community Library, 154 High Street Ashburton corner of High Street and Munro Ave (Melway ref 60 C9) and an outing is **usually** held on the Sunday following the monthly meeting.

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