

Ford Torque

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2026



Model A's at the Christmas Party

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MODEL A FORD CLUB of VICTORIA Inc.

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A Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA)

www.modelafordclub.org

The main aim of our Club is to encourage the purchase, preservation and use of the Model A Ford, relevant literature & technical & historical information.

A genuine interest in the Model A Ford is all that is required to join the Club.

The Model A Ford Club of Victoria was founded in 1975 as the Model A Restorers Club (Aust) Vic Branch and changed its name to Model A Ford Club of Vic in 1982. We have hosted National Meets in Echuca 1982, Wangaratta 1988, Wodonga 2000 and Launceston 2010. Members' Model A Fords cover a wide range of both Canadian and U.S.A. origin, including some rare examples of the marque. We meet bi-monthly, starting January, in the Tintern Room at Hawthorn Library - see page 3 for details.

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CLUB PERMITS

The Club will sign permits for Ford vehicles manufactured between 1918 and 1948. NEW permits require a current road worthy certificate. Send Permit applications & renewals to

Brenden Wolfe

45 Hacketts Creek Road

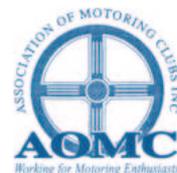
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LOOKING FORWARD

Club meetings are held bi-monthly in the odd months. Meetings are on the FIRST Wednesday evening EXCEPT January which is usually the LAST Wednesday, at 8.00 p.m. SHARP in the Tintern Room, Hawthorn Library, 584 Glenferrie Road Hawthorn Melway 45 D11. NOVEMBER is our AGM.

NEXT MEETING

28th January

General Meeting - Nibble & Natter

NOTE THE NEW MEETING
ADDRESS DETAILS AT RIGHT

WE ARE

MOVING

our meeting place
effective NOW

TO

Room 3 -

Tintern Room
Hawthorn Library
584 Glenferrie Rd.

HAWTHORN

This is expected to
be for 12 months
while the Kew
Library is having
some vital
maintenance work
done.

PLANNING AHEAD 2026

Invitation Club Run

Club Run

Date	FEBRUARY	Page
6 - 8	Darnum Heritage Display 48 Pedder Street DARNUM Trucks, cars, Boats, Motorbikes	5
MARCH		
8	VDC Yarra Glen Swap	5
15	68th Kalorama Rally Kalorama Memorial Reserve	5
APRIL		
26	Picnic at Scoresby	5
MAY		
17	National Motoring Heritage Day	
30-31	Historic Winton	
OCTOBER		
18-24	Model A National Meet Albany W.A.	

Thank you to the following contributors to this edition -

Russell Boyle. Rob & Joan Griffiths. Rob Rush. Mark Dohrmann. Henry Ford Research Center.
Jim Cannon. Tom Endy. Sue Rush.

President's Message



So we stride into 2026! I am confident that our great Club will grow this year in numbers, activities, and the sociable contacts we all enjoy and value.

As your incoming President, my intentions for this year include building on the Club's asset of generosity and collegiality, ensuring interesting meetings and conversations, and implementing plans to bring younger people into our group. The 40 to 60 years cohort has been noted as a likely target. We also need to do more to align our messaging with the real interests of young people today - using social media, suggesting and delivering engaging technical meetings which will help advance their hobby and perhaps their career. Personal invitations to attend meetings and workshop visits will help us. Our Website and Facebook page are also more important now.

Recently, at the large Swap Meet at Bendigo, it was apparent how much support and interest our club enjoys. We had friends and visitors (including from interstate) drop past our well-manned position, and chew the fat about all manner of subjects. About 25 of us later shared a pleasant meal together at the Botanical Hotel in Bendigo.

Mutual advice and practical help is a hallmark of our Club. We have a great Newsletter in Ford Torque, numerous interesting activities to attend, and a very good committee. I look forward to working with them and enjoying the pleasure of members' company during the forthcoming year.

Kind regards

Mark Dohrmann

Welcome New Members

Graeme & Christine LOADER, Newcomb. 1930 Pickup under restoration.

Leeton & Amanda HULLEY, Langwarrin. 1928 AA truck, 131" wheelbase.

We hope that your membership will be rewarding.

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 **Bendigo Bank**



48 Pedder Street, Darnum, Victoria.
February 7th and 8th 2026



Gate open to public -
Saturday 10am to 4pm
Sunday 9:30am to 3pm



Admission - Adult : \$15.00 - Children 5 to 12yrs \$5.00

Saturday Night Dinner

Bookings Essential. Contact Helen 0437953304

Display contacts - Peter 0419001948
Vyn- 0419315423 Ross - 0407860248

Email : heritagetrucks3820@gmail.com

The Display will have trucks ,cars ,stationary engines ,tractors ,earth moving equipment, motorbikes ,steam traction / engines, boats, plus much more

All Displays are to be 25 years or older

Unpowered Camping Exhibitors Only

No dogs allowed in public area



VINTAGE & CLASSIC CARS, PARTS & ACCESSORIES
Garagenalia - Collectibles - Show & Shine



Sunday 8 March 2026

Yarra Glen Racecourse
Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen VIC

Gates Open:

Sellers: 6:30am Buyers: 7:30am Show n Shine: 8:00am

Entry - \$10 (children under 12 free)

Site Fees - from \$25

Online Site Bookings open mid November through 
or scan the QR code:



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FEDERATION
SCORESBY PICNIC
Car / Motorcycle Show



26 April 2026

National Steam Centre
1200 Ferntree Gully Rd
Scoresby, VIC.

Starts 10am

Hosted by the Dandenong Valley Historic Car club.

FREE ENTRY

Vehicle 25 years and older are welcomed to park in the Display Area.

Trade Displays
Food Stalls / BYO Picnic
Steam Machine Displays
Trophies
Children's Animal Farm
Free Raffle Drawn 1pm

BRING THE FAMILY

Enquiries:
Gary 0418 140 844,
Len 0403 230 641, Ray 0409 216 273
Trade Displays: Michael 0474 835 334

AOMC Club & Trade Showcase

The Association of Motoring Clubs (AOMC) had their second Club & Trade Showcase at the Penrite factory in Dandenong South on October 18th. It was a coolish and sometimes wet morning so we were all pleased to have the large undercover area to protect us, but maybe not our cars. A great opportunity to engage with the twenty five traders, ranging from parts suppliers to restoration consultants. An excellent day, not to be missed as we look forward to the 2026 event.

Charlie & Linda's
2 door Phaeton



The Club Stand



Russell & Gillian's
Taxi, above and right
with some other Club
stands.

Photos: Russell Boyle



LIBRARY BOOKS - Available for Loan AT MEETINGS - See page 8

AA Truck Supplement to Restorers Shop Manual	Restorer Magazine Index 1956-1998
Antique Ford Repaint Manual	Restorers Model A Shop Manual Complete & Illustrated (2 copies)
Ball & Roller Bearings Informative Booklet	Technically Speaking (Restorers Club Series) 1
How to Restore the Model A Ford	Technically Speaking (Restorers Club Series) 2
How to Restore Your Model A (Vol 1) 2 copies	Technically Speaking (Restorers Club Series) 3
How to Restore Your Model A (Vol 2) 2 copies	Technically Speaking (Restorers Club Series) 4
How to Restore Your Model A (Vol 3)	Technically Speaking (Restorers Club Series) 5
How to Restore Your Model A (Vol 4)	Technically Speaking (Restorers Club Series) 7
How to Restore Your Model A (Vol 5)	Technically Speaking (Restorers Club Series) 8
How to Restore Your Model A (Vol 6)	Technically Speaking (Restorers Club Series) 9
Illustrated History of Ford by George H. Dammann	Technically Speaking (Restorers Club Series) 10
Matchless Model A (early manufacturing photos)	Technically Speaking (Restorers Club Series) 14
Model A Ford for the Restorer (Victor Page)	The Complete Canadian - Aust Model A Service Bulletins
Model A Ford Mechanics Handbook (Vol 1) by Les Andrews	The Ford Model A, as Henry Built It
Model A Ford Mechanics Handbook (Vol 2) by Les Andrews	The Model A Ford Carburetors by Paul Moller
Model A Ford Paint and Finish Guide	The Model A Ford Tune-Up by Alan Bergman 2/2
Model A Ford Restoration Hand Book	The Right Hand Drive Model A Ford by Les Pearson
Model A Ford Service Bulletins (Blue)	The Victorian Club Permit Logbook Scheme - 2011
Model A/AA Technical Reference Guide	
Restore The Model A Pickup 2 copies	
Restore the Open A's	

LIBRARY BOOKS - BY REQUEST - See page 8

Model A Ford Judging Standards Australian Edition	The Cars That Henry Ford Built
Woodwork Plans to Suit 28, 29 Model A Fords	Ford Body Parts List
Ditzler Dependable Automobile Finishes Match Book	The Gem From The River Rouge by Fahnestock
Geelong Motor Show Catalogue 1927	Get a Horse
Harrah's Automobile Collection	Essentials of Upholstery & Trim for vintage and classic
Le Baron Bonney Vol 5	Model A 1928-31 Obsolete and classic auto parts
Henry's Lady	Model A Ford Judging Standards Aust. ed
The Wiring Book List of Looms (Electra Loom NSW)	Advertising the Model a Ford
MAFCV Photo Album	The New Car Australia Welcomes The Model A Ford
Woodwork Plans to Suit 28, 29 Model A Fords + notes	Ford Reference Book 1939
The Fords an American Epic by Collier & Horowitz	Ford V8 Cars and Trucks by V. W. Page
My Life and Work Henry Ford by Henry Ford	Henry's Fabulous Model Ford
The Great Today and Greater Future by Henry Ford	Ford in the Thirties
MAFCV Photo Album	Parts price list Model A
Woodwork Plans to Suit 28, 29 Model A Fords + notes	The Motor Car 1920 - 1940
The Fords an American Epic by Collier & Horowitz	Snyders 2011 Catalogue; Brattons 2007 Catalogue
My Life and Work Henry Ford by Henry Ford	Vintage 2002 Catalogue
The Great Today and Greater Future by Henry Ford	Le Baron Bonney Co. 2000 Catalogue
	Bert's 2003 Catalogue; Mac's 2011 Catalogue



Boyling Point

Humor collected
by
Russell Boyle

Some More One Liners

When one door closes and another one opens,
you are probably in prison.

It's the start of a brand new day and I am
off like a herd of turtles.

When I ask for directions, please don't use
like "east".

My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.

I heard $5/4$ of people are bad at
fractions.

What kind of murderer has moral fiber?
A cereal killer.

What time is it when the clock strikes
13? Time to get a new clock.

ATTORNEY: This
myasthenia gravis,
does it affect your memory at all?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And in
what way does it affect your memory?

WITNESS: I forget.

ATTORNEY: You forget? Can you give us an
example of something you forgot?

**If a telemarketer calls, give the
telephone to your 3 year-old
and tell her it's Santa.**



OUR LIBRARY BOOKS

On page 7 we have TWO lists of library books available to Members for borrowing between meetings. The TOP list shows the books that are available at our bi-monthly meetings.

Due to the temporary loss of our regular meeting room at Kew and our storage space, some of our books are in storage elsewhere. If you wish to borrow a book that is on the BOTTOM list, Sue will need to arrange for it to be bought to the meeting. Please don't leave it to the last minute to tell her by email on srush38@bigpond.net.au

**Model A Ford Club of
Victoria Inc.A0004008Y
Annual General Meeting
(#51)**

Wednesday, 5th Nov. 2025
Phyllis Hore Meeting Room,
Kew Library & via Zoom.

Annual General Meeting
opened by President, Greg
Rose at 9:23 p.m.

Attendees: It was
established that a quorum
was present. 180 current
memberships + 134 named
partners = 314 voting
members x 10% = 32. Thirty
three members were
present in person and 9
online via zoom.

Rob Rush was nominated as
the Returning Officer for the
meeting.

Apologies: Brenda Smith,
Geoff Hayhow, Lou and
Kathy Holden, Ned Rowse
and Ken Clark.

Confirm Minutes of 2024

AGM: The minutes of the
2024 Annual General
Meeting, held on the 6th
November, 2024 and printed
in the Jan/Feb 2025 edition
of Ford Torque were
confirmed as a true record
of events. Moved: Alan
Bergman. Seconded:
Michael Gerassimou....
Carried.

President's Report: President
Greg Rose presented his
report based on our Club's
activities during the last
twelve months. He
thanked Club Members and
the Committee for their
support and expressed the
hope that the future remains
positive with running more
club events and encouraged
members to suggest runs
and to use their cars as often
as possible. He then
informed Members that he
has enjoyed his time as
President but felt it was time
to step aside to give another
member the opportunity to
fill the President's role.

The Treasurer's Report: Erica
Churchill presented a
comprehensive report
on the Club's finances for
the financial year 1/7/2024
to 30/6/2025. Copies of this
report are tabled and
available on request.
Erica moved that the
Treasurer's report be
accepted as true and
accurate. Seconded: Phil
Bradshaw.....Carried.

In answer to a question from
Annette Moodie about
donated spare parts, it was
determined that there are
none in stock. The Club's
Spare Parts policy required a
stock take to be included in
the annual general report.

Erica said this would be
implemented.

The Treasurer moved to
have the Membership
approve the Committee
recommendation to
maintain the present annual
subscription fees for the
duration of the 2026/2027
subscription period.

City Membership with the
email version of Ford Torque
be \$50, or \$55 with the
printed version /
Country Membership with
the email version of Ford
Torque be \$45, or \$50 with
the printed version.

Seconded: Peter
Churchill.....Carried.

Election of Office Bearers:
Brian Churchill was called to
chair the elections.

Brian, on behalf of the
members, thanked the
Committee for their efforts
during the year. He then
declared all Committee
positions vacant and noted
the Secretary has
nominations for some of the
Committee positions. He will
accept nominations from
those attending the meeting
and will be asking the
membership to extend the
time frame that a member

can hold a position on the
committee, as some
members will exceed the 2
years stipulated in the Club's
constitution.

President: Mark Dohrmann.
Nominated by Kevin
Churchill. Seconded by Kris
Cunningham.....Carried.

There being no further
nominations Mark was
elected President.

Vice-President: Kevin
Churchill. Nominated by
Mark Dohrmann. Seconded:
Rodney Webster....Carried.

There being no further
nominations Kevin was
elected Vice-President.

Secretary: Rob Rush
nominated by Erica
Churchill. Seconded by Kris
Cunningham.....Carried.

There being no further
nominations and having
served more than 2 years in
succession as Secretary
Brian moved that Rob's
position be extended to the
next AGM. Seconded: Peter
Churchill..... Carried. Rob
Rush was elected Secretary
but stipulated this was his
last term in this position.

Treasurer: Erica Churchill
nominated by Rod Webster.
Seconded by Michael
Gerassimou.....Carried.

There being no further
nominations Erica was
elected Treasurer.

Resolution to determine the
number of Ordinary
Committee Members: It was
moved by Brian Churchill
that the number of Ordinary
Committee Members be not
less than 3 and not more
than 7. Seconded: Michael
Gerassimou....Carried.

Ordinary Committee
Member Nominations:
Russell Boyle nominated by
Rob Rush. Seconded by Sue
Rush.....Carried.

As Russell has served more
than 2 years in succession on
the Committee, Brian moved

that his term be extended to
the next AGM. Seconded by
Mark Dohrmann.....

.Carried.

Roz Fisher nominated by
Ross Fisher. Seconded by
Rob Rush.....Carried.

Kris Cunningham nominated
by Rob Rush. Seconded by
Charlie Grima.....Carried.

Peter Churchill nominated by
Mark Dohrmann. Seconded
by Michael

Gerassimou.....Carried.

As no further nominations
were forthcoming, Brian
Churchill congratulated the
successful nominees and
declared the above
Committee positions filled.

The following Members
were thanked for their
ongoing commitment to the
Club:

Ford Torque – Kevin and
Erica Churchill.

Ford Torque Distribution –
Rob & Joan Griffiths.

Club Delegates –Kevin and
Erica Churchill.

Webmaster – Mark
Apterman.

CPS – Brenden Wolfe and
the CPS signatories.

Librarian – Sue Rush.

Merchandise – Sue Rush and
Faye Gillson.

Zoom co-ordinator – Geoff
Hayhow and Anna Condello.

Club runs and outings –
Special mention for the
efforts contributed by
Russell Boyle, David Tulloch
and also for Brenda Smith
for all the work she and her
assistants did in organising
the Club's 50th Anniversary
Celebration.

Supper Roster and Ticket
Sellers – Joan Griffiths, Faye
Gillson, Brenda Smith, Helen
Bell, Glenda Chivers, Annette
Moodie and Anna Condello.
There being no further
business, Greg Rose thanked
Brian for chairing the AGM
and everyone who
participated.

AGM closed: 9:50 pm.

RR

MAFCV Gippsland Trip - Friday



On a coolish October morning, Chris, Sharyn, Russell, Petra, Vin, Kevin & Erica met at the BP Roadhouse on the Princes Freeway. But "where's Charlie, Linda & Wilma" became a catch cry until we all caught up at Traralgar.

Photo below is of a mural depicting the Co-operative Butter & Cheese Factory in Newry in the 1920's.

Lunch was at the Farmers Arms Hotel, Newry, after meeting up with David Tulloch and Jim Ballard, our weekend tour organisers and guides. From Trafalgar to Newry the wind blew making going very challenging, so a good feed at the pub and a drink eased the stress.



MAFCV Gippsland Trip - Friday



After lunch we visited Bill Jessep's blacksmith shop and map room. There was a tool collection on the wall and a demonstration of making a fire poker which Linda took home. Bill's map room contains hundreds of historic maps of Gippsland. Next was a clock workshop. Neil Wishart is one of a few clocksmiths left in Victoria and his workshop was "alive". Hard to imagine changing all those clocks for daylight saving or even winding them up. Then a delicious afternoon tea and off to the motel and then dinner and our guest speaker, Graeme Dyer, owner of Dyers Transport. The picture at right shows Russell with Colin, our Maffra member, and his Model A roadster.

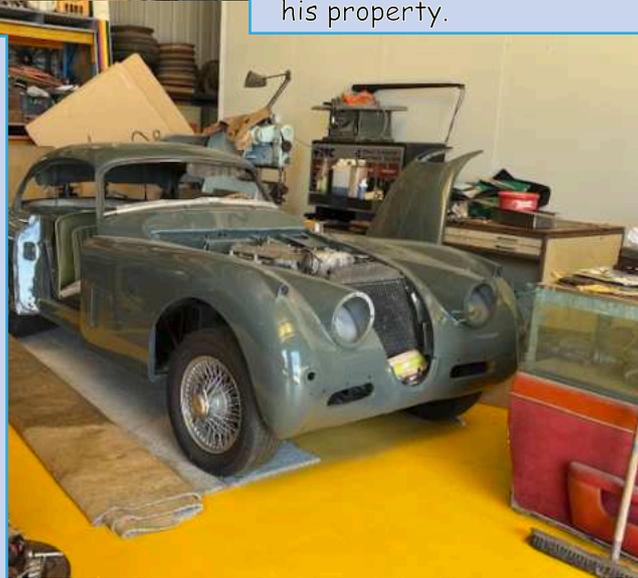


MAFCV Gippsland Trip - Saturday

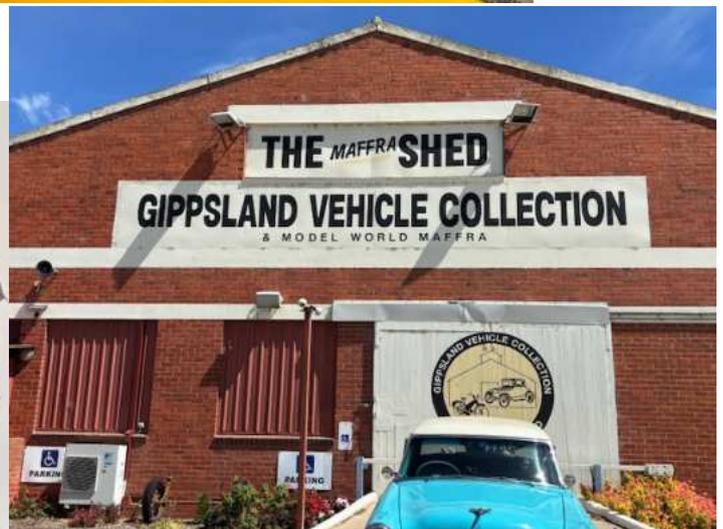


Two of David Tulloch's horse drawn carriages David told us about these interesting vehicles, followed by a very enjoyable morning tea and a walk around his property.

After David's it was onto Wayne's collection of English sports cars, including a three wheel Morgan, Austin 7 and a Jaguar, photos right & below. Then it was on to the Gippsland Vehicle Collection in Maffra, for lunch and a tour of the collection which is well worth a visit. Then it was off to afternoon tea at the showgrounds and a talk by Des Widdis from Sale Agricultural Society. We returned to the showgrounds for a Pizza dinner and to hear about Gippsland's dairying history from Rob Noble. Thank you to David for organising very interesting guest speakers.

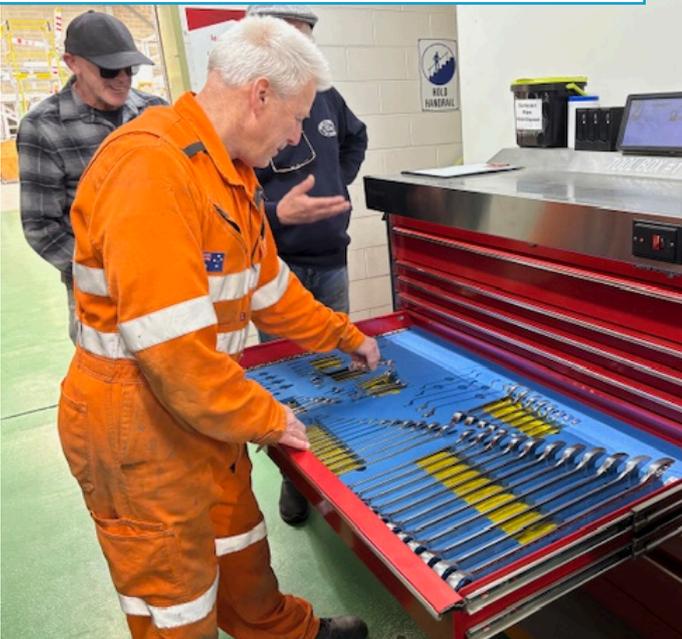


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MAFCV Gippsland Trip - Sunday

The whole weekend went like clockwork due to the pre planning and ability of our hosts to adapt as the need arose. Everyone who attended certainly thoroughly enjoyed the activities that had been arranged. The visit to the Longford helicopter operation was special as the "public" are not normally allowed in there. A huge thank you to David & Judy and Bill & Chris for their outstanding efforts over the weekend. We made presentations to the organisers and our guest speakers.



A visit to the Longford helicopter base was a highlight. The tool boxes (\$50,000 each), top and left above, are electronic and won't operate unless all of the tools are returned. The helicopter engines are returned to Canada for rebuild after removal from service. The "Leonardo" helicopters are similar to those used by the Police. Those at Longford are used to ferry workers to and from the gas rigs in Bass Strait.

Model A Ford Club of Victoria General Meeting Minutes.

Wednesday,

5th November, 2025.

Phyllis Hore Meeting Room, Kew Library and online via Zoom.

Meeting opened by our President, Greg Rose at 8:05 pm.

Attendees: 33 and 9 via Zoom.

Attendees noted on the register.

Apologies: Brenda Smith, Geoff Hayhow, Lou and Kathy Holden, Ned Rowse and Ken Clark.

New Members: Nil.

Visitors: Danny George has a Model A Coupe and is joining the club.

Sick List: Ross Fisher has been unwell and we wish him well.

Confirm the Minutes of the last

General Meeting: The minutes taken at the 3rd September, 2025 General Meeting as published in the November/December 2025 edition of Ford Torque were confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Moved: Alan Bergman. Seconded: Mark Dohrmann.....Carried.

Business arising from the minutes:

Kevin Churchill gave Members a brief description of the facilities and parking arrangements at the Hawthorn Library where our Club will be conducting their meetings during 2026. Hawthorn Library, Room 3 The Tintern Room. First General Meeting will be held on Wednesday the 28th January. More details will be in the next edition of Ford Torque. Greg Rose moved to accept the business arising from the minutes be accepted. Seconded: Anna Condello.... Carried.

Correspondence Inwards: Usual correspondence from the AOMC with the relevant information and invitations passed on to Club members as well as their News Bulletin, CCA's latest 'Radshell' and

Country Motor Australia publications // We have received an invitation from Shaun and Angie to visit Henry's at a date to be decided // I have received a summary from Ian Lightowlers regarding the Ford Flathead Festival // The AOMC AGM and delegates meeting will be held on the 17th November // I have received a very small number of nomination and proxy forms. // Chris Allen has contacted me and will be at the Bendigo Swap and so will get his rally bag // Bernard Livingston from Mildura wants to borrow a copy of Alan Bergmans Model A Tuning publication. // Model T Club want Father Christmas to visit the Ashburton Scout hall // Brenda Smith's message from NZ was read to the meeting in which she thanked the Club and outlined her reasons for stepping down from the Committee.

Correspondence outwards: The relevant information, publications and invitations emailed to members // Fliers emailed about the AOMC Penrite Expo, Ford Flathead Festival, etc.....// Encourage members to go online to the AOMC website for all the weekend Car Club activities // The Club has paid the 12 month subscription fees for the Zoom account and the Telstra USB modem. // Sherry Winkinhofer's A- World has been forwarded.

Rob Rush moved that the inwards correspondence be accepted and that the outwards correspondence be endorsed. Seconded: Michael Gerassimou.....Carried.

Business arising from the correspondence: Nil.

Treasurer's Report: Erica Churchill presented her report indicating the Club is in good shape financially and gave a run down on the changes to the bank balance since the last General Meeting in September. Copies of the report are available on request. Erica Churchill moved that the

Treasurer's report be accepted as a true and accurate record. Seconded: Alan Bergman.....Carried.

Past Events Report:

September:

3rd MAFCV General Meeting

14th International Model A Ford and Memorial Day at Ashburton.....Rob Rush reported on a fine day and a successful event attended by about 20 members.

October:

9th MAFCV Committee Meeting

a) 10th-12th Gippsland weekend away.....Russell Boyle attended this event and reported 4 Model A's and 8 people met up at Trafalgar, had morning tea and proceeded to Rosedale, Maffra and then Tinamba where they met up with David Tulloch and Jim Ballard who had done a fantastic job organising attractions for a fun filled three days away. Some of the highlights included visiting David's property and seeing his collection of restored horse drawn vehicles, Bill Jessop's Blacksmith Shop, Neil Wisharts Clock making and repair business and dinner at the Showgrounds where, one of the speakers, Graeme Dyer gave a talk on the trucking industry. Other sites visited were the Maffra & Gippsland Car Club Collection and a visit to the Longford Esso Gas Plant to see the helicopter workshops. Russell gave credit to the organisers for a great weekend away.

b) 12th Yarrambat Historical Society Open Day.....Rob Rush, Kris Cunningham, Danny George and Craig Burke attended in their Model A's. Always an interesting day, with sheep shearing, wool spinning, historic machinery that includes a working 'Ore Stamping Machine', an historic school room with all the fixtures from early last century, a bagpipe band and a presentation by the local school children. We always receive a free coffee and a BBQ sausage. Members invited to attend in 2026.

General Meeting Minutes Cont'd

c) 18th AOMC & Penrite Club & Trade Expo.....Charlie related the initial showers didn't put people off as there was a good turn up of different types of cars. Charlie, Russell, Rob & Kevin attended.

d) 19th Ford Flathead Festival at the Scoresby Steam Centre.....Charlie reported on a good turn up of Side Valve Fords. 5 Model A's were present. Good weather. Plenty to see and people to talk to at the site. Hope to get more Model A's there next year. Russell encouraged to leave the Zepher home next year.

e) 19th Bay to Birdwood: No participants.

Coming Events Report:

November:

5th MAFCV General Meeting & AGM

9th Historic Commercial Vehicle Club at Yarra Glen.

15th & 16th Bendigo Swap & Dinner at The Botanical Hotel on Saturday.....Peter Churchill has 10 booked for dinner so far. Rob encouraged members to utilize the MAFCV site for refreshments and to store their purchases whilst continuing their search for bargains. 16th MG Car Club 100 year celebration at Rob Roy.....Rob read out Wayne Rushton's invitation and suggested this outing for those not going to Bendigo. Always a good day with 'Hill Climb Action', good food, onsite parking and good family entertainment.

24th Florence Thomson Tour bookings are now closed.

December:

7th A&T Christmas Party...The Ashburton Hall is booked. Donated gifts for the Christmas raffle are always appreciated. Rob thanked those who have already donated gifts, but more are needed.

7th Cruden Farm.....entries close today for club displayed vehicles.

11th MAFCV Committee Meeting

2026

January:

11th Breakfast on the Yarra.....One of our Club's favourite events. Updates will be posted via email.

18th Cruden Farm: Members encouraged to book online by December the 7th if they wish to have their cars in the Club's display line up.

28th MAFCV General Meeting

2026: Sun 18th to Sat 24th October:- National Meet – Albany, WA

2028: Sat 21st to Sat 28th October:- National Meet – Ballarat, VIC
Members suggested to be involved with car run options as this is not the sole responsibility of the Committee.

General Business:-

Membership Report: Kevin

Churchill reported 171 paid up memberships with 6 outstanding. He thanked those members who have paid their dues and encouraged the late respondents to reply.

New Member application: Nil

AOMC: Kevin Churchill reported that Federation and the AOMC are working with VicRoads on aspects of the CP System. The AOMC have implemented an Apprentice & Business Support Grant Scheme and are seeking suitable applicants. The MAFCV have applied to join the AOMC's Membership Plus Scheme.

Ford Torque: Kevin thanked Members for their contributions. Next deadline is 3rd Jan. Photos or stories of past events or activities are always requested.

CPS: No report.

Website: Mark Apterman is always happy to receive photos for the website.

Library: Please don't lose track of books or magazines you have borrowed from the library. Sue announced that the library will be condensed during 2026 as we no longer have on site storage for the books. A list of the Club's library books will be placed in Ford Torque

and online for members to pre order so they can be available to collect at subsequent General Meetings.

Clothing & Merchandise and

Property: Stock on hand:- 2 men's chambray shirts & 1 women's chambray shirt, 2 men's & 2 lady's polo tops, 2 rugby tops, 3 caps, 32 MAFCV badges+ @ \$15 ea.

Advance notice was given regarding a new supplier for our Club's clothing.

Other general business items or items from the floor: Nil.

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*Our ongoing thanks go to Peter and Dulcie Lachmund for the tools which they have donated to the club. At each meeting a box of tools is available from which members can select items.

*Brenda Smith has a 1931 Slant Windshield, LHD 'Barn Find' for sale, which goes well.

Tonight's Activity:

A strictly timed 3-5 minute talk, by 3 Club Members on any subject or experience that could be of interest to the listeners.

#1) Alan Bergman:

Alan gave a very interesting talk on what to remember when buying a new or used car.

Some key points were:- Why is a low mileage vehicle on the lot ? i.e... A dealer buy back because a purchaser made the wrong choice and wants another model. // Vehicle was a demo or a loan car that may have been abused or a service department loan car. // Do not rely on registration details. Always check the compliance plate to determine the year of manufacture for insurance and resale purposes. // Drive away with no more to pay, so ensure your purchase has enough registration. // The best time to negotiate a favourable deal is towards the end

General Meeting Minutes Cont'd
of the month when dealerships need to reach their quota targets. Alan informed us that hackers are now able to alter digital odometer readings....so buyers beware!

#2) Charlie Grima:

Many years ago, Charlie and Linda had a wholesale Fern Nursery and decided to follow the successful American example and start a tiger and red earthworm farm. They became one of the biggest producers in Victoria, but unfortunately did not realise how much intensive work would be involved in the production and marketing side of the business, all the while having their own separate day jobs. Charlie gave us an overview of a worm's life cycle and the ongoing work involved in looking after them. Interestingly the largest earthworms in the world are found at Korumburra, Gippsland and can measure three metres long.

#3) Gary Coleman:

Gary told us about an incident that

happened during his and Joanne's recent overseas trip. For a start Jo's new phone didn't recognise her finger, so didn't work for the six weeks they were away. On arriving in Paris after a ten-hour train trip they needed to catch a taxi. They were approached by man who grabbed their suitcases, said he knew their destination and ran to his car with Gary and Jo desperately trying to keep up. He threw their cases in the back and was about to drive off but was thwarted by a bus pulling up alongside. When Gary asked, the driver quoted 79 euros. At this stage Gary realised he was not a real taxi but a thief. So, he and Jo jumped out, grabbed their suitcases, told the driver what they thought of him and returned to the taxi rank where they were charged 28 euros for the same trip. The moral to Gary's story is not all taxi drivers are to be trusted.

**Greg thanked Alan, Charlie and Gary to a round of well deserved applause from the Members.

The General Meeting closed at this stage in order to conduct the 2025 Annual General Meeting.

Raffle: Following the AGM Greg conducted the raffle. He thanked the ticket sellers, the Rushes and any members who had supplied the night's prizes.

Supper: Annette Moodie provided the hot food and the variety of delicious treats we all enjoyed for supper to commemorate her Model A being ninety years in the Moodie family and to also express her appreciation for the mechanical help she has received since joining the Club.

Greg Rose's last official duty as President was to thank everyone who attended the meeting and those members who joined in via Zoom.

The General Meeting closed at 9:15 pm.

Next General Meeting: Wednesday 28th January, 2026 at the Hawthorn Library.

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Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday to all of our members celebrating a Birthday in January & February including:

JANUARY: 6th Joan Wilson; 8th Barry Hoghton; 13th Joe Condello; 19th Peter McMahon; 19th Chris Saltmarsh; 20th Joan Griffiths; 21st Rod Wood; 25th Bernard Livingston; 29th Graeme Baker; 31st Esko Oinonen; Chris Allen; Scott Wilding.

FEBRUARY: 1st Tony Howard; 3rd Brian Skewes; 7th Elizabeth Russell; 13th Robyn De Vries; 14th Robert Balfour; 15th Glenda Chivers; 29th Louise Miles.

2026 FORD TORQUE DEADLINES

Note: Please observe deadlines as it makes the job easier for everyone. Late items may be held over. Photos, articles, hints etc. always welcome to 75fordtorque@gmail.com.

March-April 6th February; May-June 8th April; July-August 5th June; Sept-Oct 7th August.

FORD MODEL "A" MECHANICAL TIPS

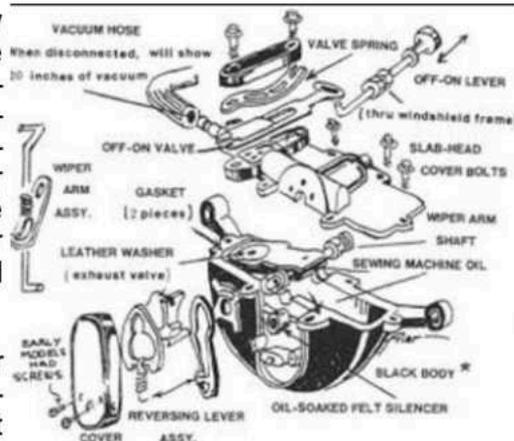
TRICO VACUUM WIPER LUBRICATION

From The Henry Ford Research Center



The Trico type wiper motor does not operate properly without an internal lubricant. This is especially the case when a rebuilding kit has been installed, since the reciprocating parts fit tightly, resulting in high friction. An opposite effect occurs in the used motor where the reciprocating parts are worn. In this case, internal leakage of air past the seals occurs. Believe it or not, the performance of the engine is affected as leakage in the wiper motor lowers the intake manifold vacuum and leans out the fuel-air mixture.

In consideration of the above points, an ideal wiper motor lubricant must reduce friction and have a high enough viscosity not to act as a sealant. Additionally, the lubricant must not congeal in cold weather, must not thicken with age, must not cause corrosion of the die cast and brass parts, and must not attack the leather or plastic seals. The author has tried several lubricants, but two have given the best performance. Marvel Mystery Oil works well, particularly on a rebuilt motor. It has one drawback: the viscosity of the Mystery Oil is a bit too low. In a relatively short time, the oil is sucked out of the wiper motor by the engine manifold vacuum. On the other hand, brake fluid is excellent. It lasts longer than mystery oil due to its higher viscosity, and is especially effective on an old motor which has been idle for years. (Careful brake fluid leakage may ruin paint)



Here's how to lubricate the motor, which should be done three or four times a year:

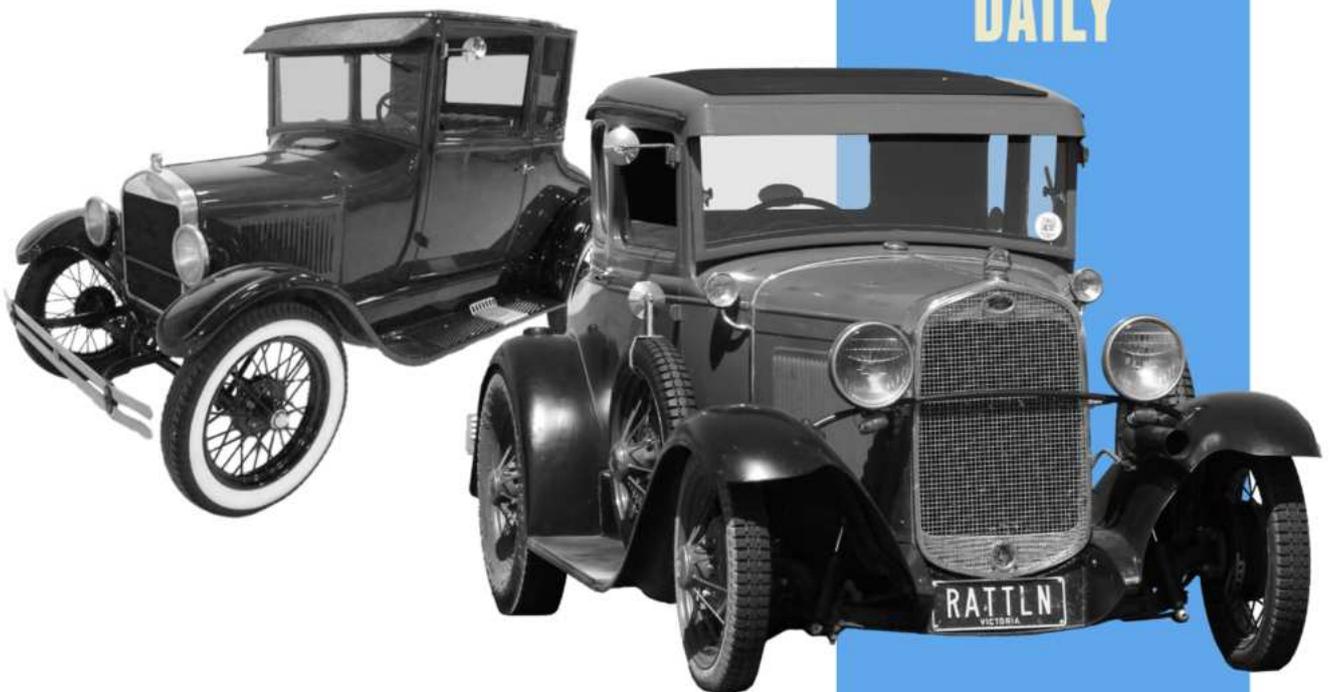
1. Remove the vacuum hose at the wiper motor. Lightly hold your finger over the hose nipple on the motor and cycle the wiper blade back and forth.. Note that in one direction the motor sucks in air, and in the opposite direction, the motor expels air through the nipple. Place the wiper blade in the position such that the motor will begin to suck air at the nipple
2. Attach a six-inch long piece of hose to the motor nipple and hold the open end up. Using a squeeze bottle, force one teaspoonful of lubricant into the hose. Place a rag on the cowl below the wiper motor. Hold another rag over the open end of the hose.
3. Cycle the wiper blade back and forth several times. Repeat the process again, adding a second teaspoonful of lubricant.
4. Start the engine and run the wiper motor. It should run well. If it does not, the wiper motor should be disassembled, cleaned, inspected and a rebuilding kit installed. It is normal for the wiper to slow down when the car is accelerated, but it should not stop altogether.
5. Always test the wiper motor on the car it was designed for, the Model "A" Ford.

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Jim's Tech Tip on Brake & Wheel Bearing Work

Whenever I pull a brake drum to inspect the brakes, replace worn parts, or to clean and repack the grease in the wheel bearings, I like to keep all of the parts clean and organised at each wheel. I also want to keep the floor of my shop clean.

I have found that the cardboard "flat" from a case of soft drinks, drinking water, etc., provides the perfect place to capture the wheel and brake parts as they come off the car. If the flat has a plastic wrapper over the outside of it, leave that in place to trap any liquids that might



spill in the tray. I also line the bottom of each flat with newspaper.

I write on the newspaper with a big marker, "RF", "LF" etc., to help keep track of which parts came off each wheel. I dispose of the messy newspaper after the wheel work is complete, but I can reuse the flat box itself a few times.

Until next time,

Have a Model A Day

Jim

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T & A Christmas Party



A great day was had by T & A members at our Christmas party. A wide selection of raffle prizes was on display for people to choose from. Out in the grounds there was a magnificent display of A's & T's, some of which were decorated with tinsel.



Thank you to all of those members who helped out on the day. From setting up the raffle table, to putting away after the event, it was a real team effort. Special thanks to Sue & Rob for their huge part in the running of the day. As a bonus, we won the cup - by just one car. Rob Griffiths donated two original, (grease too) wheels, which were then auctioned and the proceeds shared between both clubs.

Photos: Russell Boyle

The FelPro Company has for many years manufactured the better quality head gaskets for a Model A Ford. The part number is 7013. Most of the major suppliers carry it under their own part number and don't necessarily tell you in their catalog that the gasket is a FelPro. Bratton's carry it under their part number 8070 (\$19.00) and they do identify it as a FelPro. You can also order one under the FelPro part number from any Napa store.

The FelPro 7013 is copper clad on each side with asbestos looking material sandwiched in between.

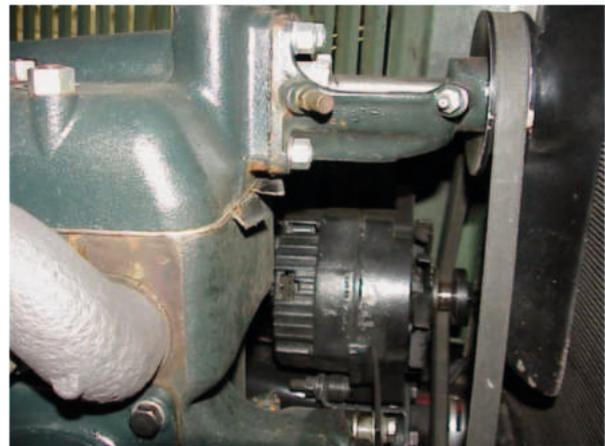
A number of years ago FelPro offered the 7013 with several different dash numbers to accommodate different applications. The 7013-1 was for use with an engine with a standard bore and up to .080 over, I believe. If there was a 7013-2, I do not know what the application was for and I have never seen one. The 7013-3 is for use with an engine bored .100 or more over. The difference is that the gasket has the piston openings at a larger diameter. This feature makes for very narrow gasket material in the area between the #1 and #2 pistons and the #3 and #4 pistons. A blown head gasket is a common occurrence in these two areas.

As the Model A came out of common use there was less demand for head gaskets and suppliers and the manufacturer determined that the FelPro 7013-3 would suffice for any application. Therefore the -3 is all that is available today and they have a -3 stamped in the upper left corner of the gasket.

I recently acquired an old stock FelPro 7013-1 that I intend to use on an engine that is bored .020 over. The area between the cylinders is noticeably wider and hopefully better able to withstand blowing out in these areas.

In recent years another head gasket for the Model A has come on the market and is referred to as a "modern head gasket". Most of the major suppliers carry it. The price however is considerably higher. A number of people have expressed satisfaction with the performance of the new gasket.

However, I had a bad experience with the one I attempted to use. After about 1,000 miles I noticed the front of the gasket had delaminated and migrated out a full inch and was sticking out under the water pump. Surprisingly the gasket had not blown and the car still ran good, but when I removed the head it appeared to be just about ready to go. ☺



A "modern head gasket" delaminated and sticking out under the water pump.

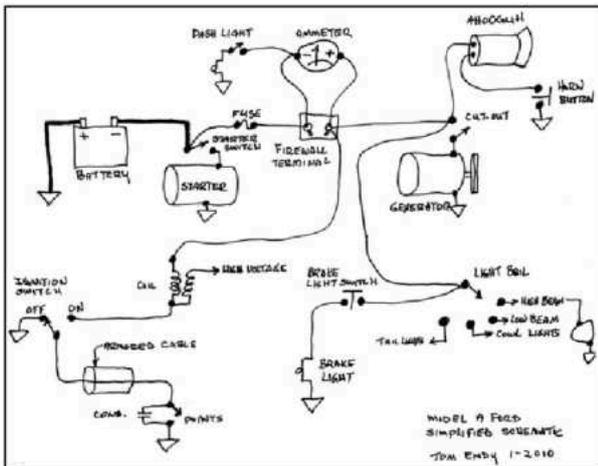


FelPro 7013 head gaskets. The gasket on the left is a -1, the arrow points to the area between #3 and #4 cylinders, note how wide the area is. The gasket in the center is a -3, note the area between #3 and #4 cylinders is very narrow. The number -3 is stamped on the gasket. The gasket on the right is a -3 that blew out between #3 and #4 cylinders.

Ignition Electrical

by Tom Endy

The best tool to have along in your Model A tool bag is a trouble light. They can be purchased at any auto parts store and they work on both 6 and 12 volts. When encountering an ignition fault whip out your trouble light before someone in the crowd cries out "change the condenser", and run a check of the ignition system.



Looking at the diagram above, start at the starter switch where the battery cable attaches. Next check both sides of the fuse. Move to both sides of the terminal box on the firewall. All of these points should light the trouble light. Next check both sides of the primary of the coil. With the ignition key off both sides should light the trouble light. Put a business card between the points and turn the key on. Put the trouble light probe on the arm of the points, the light should light.

If the trouble light does not light at all of these points, that is where you are losing voltage to the points. Quite often the loss will be found between one side of the coil and the arm of the points. The fault possibilities are then numerous and something you don't want to mess around with on the road.

This is where a spare distributor that has been road tested on your car with the timing and point gap set. You also need a bypass cable. Many of the suppliers sell them. Replace the distributor with your spare and attach the bypass cable to the replacement distributor and clip it to the primary side of the coil where the wire going to the key is attached. Remove this wire from the coil first.

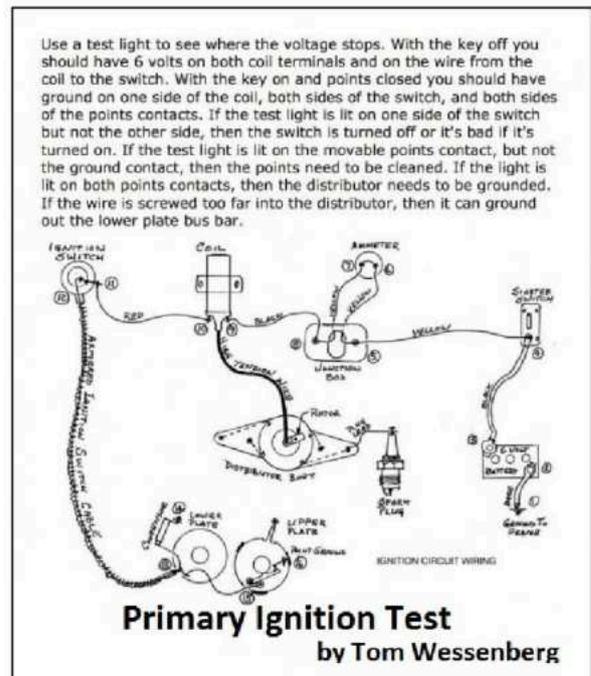
This will bypass the ignition key, the pop-out cable and any fault inside the distributor.

Note on the diagram that when the ignition key is switched to off the pointer goes to ground. This puts a ground on the ignition points and prevents hot wiring. Part of Henry's anti-theft thinking.

As a suggestion, make a copy of this diagram and put a red dot at each voltage point and carry it with the trouble light. The diagram can also be used to check out the rest of the electrical circuit using the trouble light.

Another suggestion is to remove the wire at the brake light switch going to the light bale. Fold it back and wrap it with electrical tape to insulate it. Run a new wire from the switch direct to the fuse. In the event of a short circuit in the rat's nest of wires in the light bale, disconnect the wire going to the light bale from the cut-out. Now you can drive the car during daylight hours and still have brake lights.

The diagram below was posted on Fordbarn by Tom Wessenberg and should be helpful to those who do not understand electrical schematics as it shows the actual components. This diagram can also be copied and carried with the trouble light. Put a red dot at each of the voltage points.



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Gippsland Weekend Photos

Clockwise from left - our Model A's on display at the Sale Showgrounds, the business end of a Leonardo helicopter, Model A's in David's driveway, the blacksmith making a fire poker, a pair of Leonardo helicopters being serviced and a row of Anniversary Clocks.

Photos: Russell Boyle

