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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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* In Memoriam

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
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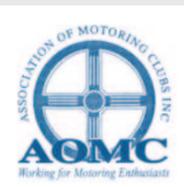
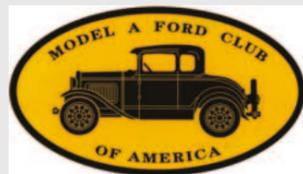
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LOOKING FORWARD

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
4th March 8 p.m.
Tintern Room, (room 3) 1st Floor, (lift)
Hawthorn Library
584 Glenferrie Road Hawthorn

Details at right

Next Meeting
Guest Speaker
Alan Bergman

Tips & Traps of
Purchasing a Second Hand
Vehicle (10 Commandments)
In the Customer's Shoes.

PLANNING AHEAD 2026

Club Run		Invitation Club Run
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15	68 th Kalorama Rally Kalorama Memorial Reserve	5
APRIL		
26	Picnic at Scoresby	5
MAY		
17	National Motoring Heritage Day	
30-31	Historic Winton	5
JUNE		
14	**Rose Cottage Awards & Anniversary Lunch	Flier
OCTOBER		
18-24	**Model A National Meet Albany W.A.	

** Club Attendance Award Eligible

COMING IN MAY

We are very fortunate to have Brian Churchill as our speaker at the May meeting. Those of us who have heard Brian speak previously know that he researches his topic very well. In May we will hear from Brian about his favourite auto maker Henry Ford and his connections with aviation.

Thank you to the following contributors to this edition -

Russell Boyle. Rob & Joan Griffiths. Mark Dohrmann. Henry Ford Research Centre. Tom Endy. Rob Rush. Sue Rush. Ford Motor Co. David Tulloch. Chris Wickersham. RACV.

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President's Message



Dear Fellow A Lovers,

The year has started off very well. In January we enjoyed a pleasant Sunday morning Breakfast on the Yarra and later had an excellent turnout at the popular Cruden Farm Festival. The first general Club meeting at our new venue at Hawthorn Library worked well, and will suit us perfectly this year.

Your committee has been hard at work, and we can promise a great year of speakers and events. Keep an eye on Ford Torque for details. Ford Torque will be publishing plenty of useful technical articles, as well as tales of members facing or fixing challenging technical problems.

We are also looking to recruit more members (including in regional Victoria) to share necessary Club jobs. Don't forget that it's your Club and we all have to make it work. More people on board means easier work and shared knowledge of what's going on. We will offer jobs you like and can do.

There will also be lots of opportunities at coming meetings for nibbling and nattering with your fellow members.

Hope to see you there at our next meeting. Think about bringing a friend!

Kind regards

Mark Dohrmann

Welcome New Members

David & Adele COHEN, Caulfield South. 1931 Victoria.

Lindsay & Alison KINGHORN, Woodend. 1930 Phaeton

We hope that your membership will be rewarding.

NEXT Ford Torque Deadline is 3rd April

The Vintage Drivers Club presents



**YARRA GLEN
= 2026 =
SWAP MEET**

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:



Enquiries - yarraglen.swap@vdc.org.au or
Iain 0473 832 277

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68TH KALORAMA RALLY

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2026

The Need for Speed



One of Melbourne's pioneering Motoring Events. Running since 1956.

Vehicles prior to 1990 eligible for Mystery tour and display on the oval.

Mystery Tour commencing at the Manhattan Hotel 9.00 am for a 9.30 start.

Vintage and Post Vintage Motor Cycle Clubs Displays, Vehicle Awards.

Kalorama CFA Kiosk with a variety of food and drinks.

GENERAL PUBLIC WELCOME!

OPEN 10AM
ENTRY \$10
PROGRAMS \$2
CHILDREN UNDER 16 FREE!

For the safety of participants and volunteers, this event will not proceed under a Total Fire Ban or Catastrophic weather conditions.

**KALORAMA MEMORIAL RESERVE
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All Proceeds to The Kalorama CFA 



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**FEDERATION
SCORESBY PICNIC**



Car & Motorcycle Show

Sunday 26th April 2026

National Steam Centre
1200 Ferntree Gully Rd
Scoresby, Vic



Starts 10am
Hosted by the Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club Inc.

FREE ENTRY

Vehicles 25 years and older are welcome to park in the Display Area.

Trade Displays, Machine Displays, Live Music
Food Stalls or BYO Picnic 

Trophies, Free Raffle for display vehicles.

BRING THE FAMILY

Enquiries: Gary Stocking 0418 140 844, Len Mizzi 0403 230 641

49th HISTORIC WINTON

30th and 31st May 2026



www.historicwinton.org

Winton Motor Raceway, Benalla, Victoria





Of Birthdays, Library Books & Help

Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday to all of our members celebrating a Birthday in March & April including:

MARCH: 1st Sue Bradshaw; 3rd Adele Cohen; 7th Tony Anderson; 16th Maureen Ross; 22nd Andrew De Vries.

APRIL: 9th Roger Stokes; 10th Mark Wheeler; 14th Ann Newell; 18th Elvi Oinonen;
25th Faith Hayhow; 30th Joe Chapman.

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

CLUB HELP NEEDED

The Club needs **YOUR** help. Several areas have been identified where we need members' assistance. Some jobs are ongoing, some are as required and all of them can be done from anywhere in Victoria. For starters -

****Glenda Chivers** would like leads for sponsorship, raffle prizes etc., for our National Meet in 2028. Call Glenda 0431 709 248 or arglen10@bigpond.com

**** Volunteers** needed for our 5 minute talks at meetings. Your choice of topic. So far, we have had stories about worm farms, taxis in Paris, an organisation that assists people with disabilities and 2 rare Model A's in Australia. We just need 2 or 3 talks at a meeting where we don't have a guest speaker. Call Kevin to discuss, 0412 802 177 or 28tudor@protonmail.com

**** The editor** needs a "backup" person to prepare Ford Torque in emergency or "leave" situations. Applicants **MUST** be comfortable with computers have some layout skills - what looks good to you is what we want - so if interested call Kevin to discuss 0412 802 177 or 28tudor@protonmail.com

LIBRARY BOOKS - Available for Loan AT MEETINGS - See page 6

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

LIBRARY BOOKS - BY REQUEST - See page 6

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

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

WITNESS: Yes.

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

WITNESS: I forget.

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

What sits at the bottom of the sea and twitches?

A nervous wreck.

Why can't you explain puns to kleptomaniacs?

The always take things liter-ally.

What did the left eye say to the right eye?

Between you and me, something smells.

I asked a supermarket worker where they kept the tinned peaches. He said, "I'll see," and walked away. I asked another and he also said, "I'll see," and walked away. In the end I gave up and found them myself, in Aisle C.

We Need First Aiders

Now that MAFCV has Insurance via AOMCPlus, we are required to improve our risk management which is a great idea, quite apart from saving something like half the Insurance cost.

We should have a designated First Aider at all events and meetings. If I can compile a list of all members with suitable qualifications who are likely to attend a meeting or event, even if only occasionally, then we can appoint someone from this list. Qualifications include a current First Aid qualification, or a career, past or present, as a Doctor or Nurse and possibly other qualifications which we could consider.

Should there be a need for First Aid we need to complete an Incident Report which you would need to sign.

If you are happy to have your name added to the list or would like further details, please contact Erica Churchill on 0404 811 422 or churchill.eric@gmail.com

Club Awards

The Frank Smith Memorial Award

is an encouragement award presented to a Member:

(i) for any particular achievement or for assistance given by that Member;

(ii) who is restoring an A but is not finished;

(iii) who has finished restoring their A

The decision is made by Committee and is based on nominations received from Members, or on Committee Members' observations.

Please contact any Committee Member if you wish to make a nomination for this award. There is a Perpetual Trophy and a Keepsake Trophy.

Nominations for 2026 close on April 10th.

Trophy at right.

Attendance Award

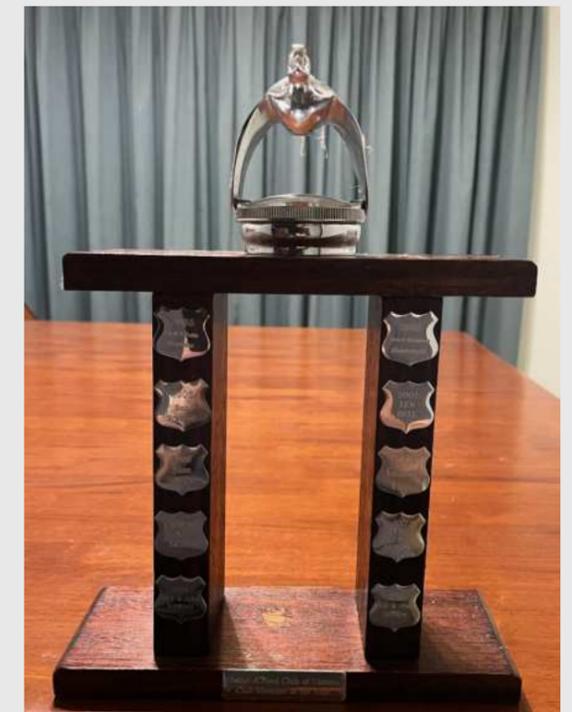
This award is being re introduced to encourage members to attend our events and complete the attendance sheet at those events. Full details of the award are on page 21 of this issue.

Club Member of the Year

This award is a perpetual Trophy and a Keepsake Trophy. It is awarded to a deserving Member from nominations made by Members to Committee, or on Committee Members' observations. Please contact any Committee Member if you wish to make a nomination for this award. Nominations for this award close on April 10th

Trophy at right

All awards are presented at our Rose Cottage lunch in June.



Spark Tester

Your Model A fails to proceed, often at the worst possible time. One of the troubleshooting things is to test the coil for spark - 90% of FTP problems are electrical. Testing the coil for spark requires finding the right spanner, removing the spark plug, finding a good earth, making sure the spark plug is firmly locatedetc. The simple gadget described in this article may help. Years ago an RACV patrolman used one of these on my modern car. Simple to make and very handy in an emergency. You need :

1. an "alligator clip", the sort you find on jumper leads;
2. a small hose clip, preferably the type with a hex head screw for tightness;
3. any small working spark plug, for a lawn mower or similar

Slip the hose clip over the alligator clip. Spread the tangs of the alligator clip to fit the spark plug TIGHTLY as possible. Tighten the hose clip around the spark plug. DONE!

To use it, clip your coil high tension lead to the plug and put the clamp on a good earth, such as a head nut. Cranking the engine will show whether you have spark from the coil or not.



Spark Tester Parts

Completed Tester below



From the Bench By Chris Wickersham

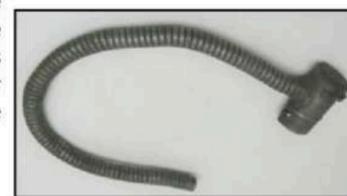
FROM THE BENCH BY CHRIS WICKERSHAM

Keeping the Engine Compartment Clean

After putting a lot of work into a restoration or even if you have just cleaned and detailed the engine and other under hood components of your Model A, you want to keep it that way. It is easy to keep the engine area looking its best if your Model A was restored as a show car and rarely driven but how about those of us who often drive our cars and participate in long distance tours. One area that is especially a problem is the left side of the engine where the oil fill and breather tube are located. Normal blow-by and oil droplets from the oil fill tube can wet the driver's side of the engine including the water inlet tube and hoses, wiring, firewall, pedals and floor boards. The starter is one component that is especially susceptible to being coated with a film of oil. Not only does the oil make a mess and collect a lot of dust and dirt but oil can deteriorate the radiator hoses and electrical wiring insulation. So, in order to keep the engine area of our Model A's clean and presentable, we can either routinely clean up the oily mess or try to reduce the amount of oil that is expelled from the oil fill and breather tube, and direct what is left out of the engine compartment in a manner that keeps everything cleaner. So how do we do this?

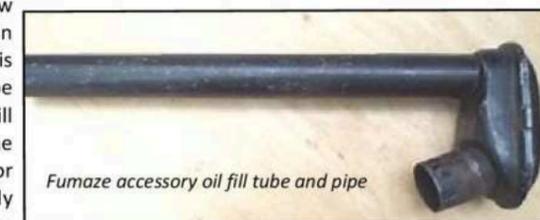
First, let us take a look at the evolution of the Model A oil fill tube. The Model A oil fill tube performs two functions. First it provides a means of adding oil to the engine and second, it provides a means for the engine to "breathe". All internal combustion engines must have a way to allow excess products of combustion that may pass by the rings (blow-by) to exit the crankcase and allow fresh air to enter the crankcase. The Model A oil fill tube was designed with internal baffles that were supposed to only allow fumes to escape but trap and return any oil droplets back into the crankcase. This original arrangement proved less than satisfactory and the baffles received two re-designs to attempt to reduce the amount of oil droplets that were allowed to exit the engine. The improved baffles did help some but the problem still persisted.

Soon after the Model A was introduced, accessory manufacturers offered many "fixes" for the oil droplet, blow by problem. Different design oil fill tube caps and special baffles or screens that went inside the tube claimed to prevent this from happening while other designs incorporated a pipe or flexible tube that directed the fumes and droplets down and to the rear of the engine compartment.



Accessory oil fill cap with flexible vent hose

The Fumaze accessory oil filler is the one that I like best. It has a handy cover that can be opened to add oil to the engine and a pipe that directs the fumes and oil vapor down and to the rear of the left engine splash pan. This helps to keep most of the droplets and fumes out of the engine compartment and definitely keeps the left side of the engine compartment much cleaner. These "fixes" all help to a degree, none completely solve the problem.



Fumaze accessory oil fill tube and pipe

The engineers at Ford were well aware of this ongoing problem so as part of the design upgrades for the 1932 Model B engine, the oil fill tube was made substantially larger with a much more sophisticated baffle design. While not perfect, the Model B oil fill tube is much better at controlling oil droplets while still allowing the engine to properly breath. The Model B oil filler tube and cap is a direct replacement for the Model A. At this time, they are not being reproduced so you will need to look for a good used one

In summary, to control the oil droplets coming from the oil fill tube, be sure the oil fill tube is in good condition and all the baffles are in place. The later design oil fill tubes work better than the early design. Accessory fillers with a separate vent tube will help

reduce the mess in the engine compartment. The Model B oil fill tube and cap is the best solution to control blow-by and keep oil droplets from making a mess in the engine compartment.

Tech Tip

If you are cleaning a used oil fill tube, DO NOT use a bead blaster or a sand blaster. The sand or glass beads will get into the baffles and are almost impossible to remove. Glass beads or sand can do major damage if it gets into the crankcase. A good way to clean the inside of a used oil fill tube is to immerse it in solvent for a day or two and then wash out with dish washing detergent and hot water. This may have to be repeated several times if the tube is excessively dirty.

Breakfast on the Yarra 2026

Breakfast on the Yarra attracted 26 Club members and wives on quite a cool morning in contrast to the 40 degree heat we had a couple of days prior.

Approximately 12 Model A's made the journey and they looked splendid parked along the boulevard.



The barbeques were cranked up early in the morning as people cooked their egg & bacon muffins and enjoyed them while watching the rowers training on the Yarra. There was the usual chatter and catching up with members we haven't seen for a while and discussing Model A problems, experiences and modifications. Also, there was quite a bit of interest from the passing public. Russell

Festival of Motoring Cruden Farm 2026

An excellent day at this annual event which was very nearly cancelled due to windy weather.



A great event today with 14 Model A's and 25 members and partners attending on a very warm, but pleasant day. Many and varied cars of all makes from some very early vintage cars to the latest Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars. Of course the Model A's were on the lovely grass section and were admired by many of the visitors and other car enthusiasts.

Very encouraging to see so many Model A's & members turn up and enjoy a picnic lunch and chatter.
RB



Model A Runs on Diesel By David Tulloch

Of the 4.85 million Model A Fords manufactured, maybe- just maybe! - a 1933 tourer owned by father of Ross Smith, Sale, Vic., is (or was) the only A to run on diesel! Ross's father Phil, of North Balwyn, owned and operated Diesel Services at 529 Spencer St., Melbourne, beginning in the 1930's and through the war years, specialising in fitting Gardner and Dorman diesel engines to cars and trucks (business shareholders being grandfather and uncle)

Phil, says Ross, was exempted from military service, his work being classified "essential service" as the company was servicing Navy Corvettes and professional fishing fleet boats. Ross recalls that when his father drove the "diesel" A (registered SW769) from home to Spencer St., he was often jeered at, people believing he was using then rationed precious petrol, when in fact he was using diesel, at three pence a gallon.

Fortunately, Phil recorded for Ross how he engineered the conversion of the A engine.

For starting and idling, Phil drew on the petrol tank. He cut off the carburettor when on diesel. The diesel fuel pump was driven from the crankshaft. Diesel was drawn from a 2.6-gallon drum under floor of back seat, piped by hose under bonnet. Accelerator rod front end was connected to the Zenith butterfly; a lever controlled by the driver adjusting air-fuel ratio.

A secondary coil fired a secondary spark for greater spark. Exhaust heat was redirected to a cleaner casing to heat up air into the Zenith butterfly. Injectors were fitted into the cylinder head.

Phil bequeathed Ross with an under-bonnet photo showing numbered conversion components.

A clever man, was Phil.

Ross, who cherishes the written detailed conversion notes written by his father, was apprenticed as a diesel mechanic to his father's businesses Diesel Services and Atkinson Vehicles. Ross has owned a Chev. 6, Fiat 501, 1928 Lea Francis Hyper Sports, 20 hp Rolls Royce, currently driving a 1964 Lancia and 1972 Mazda 1800.

He is currently President of Stratford Historical Society.

DT

Model A Runs on Diesel By David Tulloch

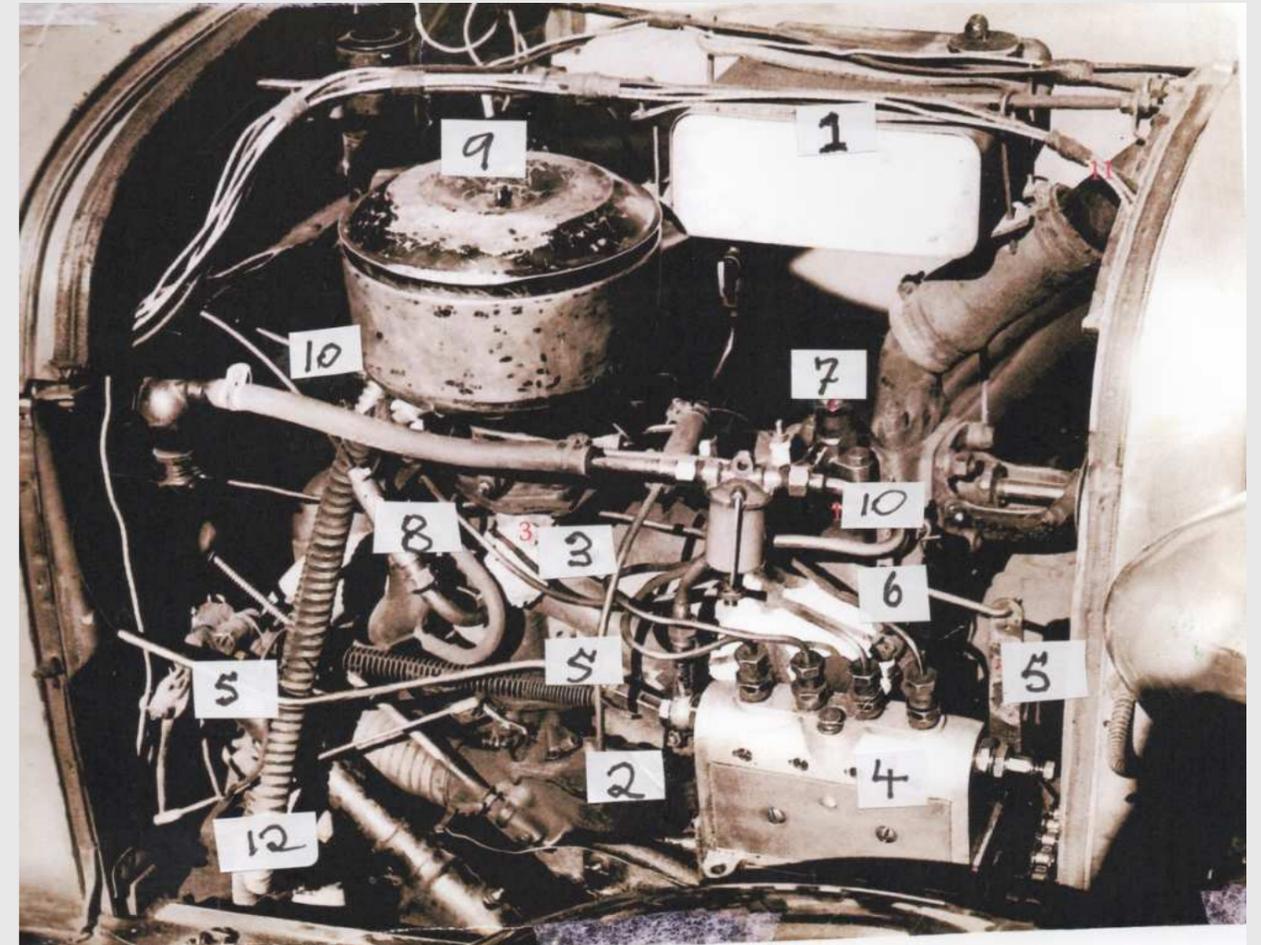


Photo legend:

- 1: Petrol tank for starting and idle. 2: Ford carburettor shut off when on diesel
- 3: Butterfly section zenith carb. 4: Fuel pump driven from crankshaft.
- 5: Accelerator rod front end connected to zenith butterfly.
- 6: Swinging lever control from driver to zenith butterfly for maximum air/fuel ratio.
- 7: Injector fitted in cylinder head. 8: Extra air for tuning on long set speed.
- 9: Second coil fired second spark. 10: Rod to driver to be able to set maximum air/oil ratio on long runs.
- 11: Headlamp wires out of chassis as diesel fuel causing trouble.
- 12: Exhaust heat to air cleaner casing to heat up air to zenith butterfly as frosting seen at certain speeds.

Model A Ford Club of Victoria General Meeting Minutes.

Wednesday, 28th January, 2026.
Tintern Meeting Room, Hawthorn
Library and online via Zoom.

Meeting opened by our
President, Mark Dohrmann at
8:00 pm.

Attendees: 29 and 1 via Zoom.
Attendees noted on the register.

Apologies: Ray & Faye Gillson,
Mark Wallington, Phil Bradshaw,
Lou & Kathy Holden, Peter
Churchill, Len & Helen Bell and
Denis Ragsdale.

New Members: Nil.

Visitors: David Cohen introduced
by Alan Bergman. David shared
his experiences driving his Model
A Ford internationally, including
trips to India, Japan, Cambodia,
and Thailand. He described his
car as reliable with an overhead
valve engine producing 120
horsepower. He also shared a
story about getting his differential
repaired in China.

Danny George has a Model A
Coupe and is wanting to join the
Club.

Sick List: Nil.

Vale: Mark informed Members
the sad news that Karen Jenkins
from the Model T Club had
recently passed away. David
Jenkins has been active in
organising events for both Clubs
to attend.

**Confirm the Minutes of the last
General Meeting:** The minutes
taken at the 5th November, 2025
General Meeting and AGM as
published in the January/
February 2026 edition of Ford
Torque were confirmed as a true
and accurate record of the
proceedings.

Moved: Anna Condello.
Seconded: Mark
Dohrmann.....Carried.

**Business arising from the
minutes:** Nil.

Correspondence Inwards:
Regular updates from the
AOMC with information
and invitations relevant to
our Club's activities //
Canada's Capital A's latest
'Radshell' magazine and
Country Motor Australia
publications // Glenda has
passed on information that
the WA Fiat/Lancia Club
have planned a large Trans
Continental rally heading
East to Victoria
commencing on Sunday
25th October. Our MAFNM
ends on Saturday the 24th
of October. So be warned
when booking your return
accommodation. Also, we
can expect the WA rally
details and entry forms to
be sent out mid-February.
// Rob & Joan Griffiths have
donated an original
windscreen transfer 'The
Model A Restorer's Club,
Vic Branch'. The Club's
original name before we
became 'The Model A Ford
Club of Victoria' in 1982.

Correspondence outwards:
The relevant information,
publications and invitations
I email to the membership.
// Our President has sent
letters to Rob & Joan
Griffiths and Peter & Dulcie
Lachmund thanking them
for their contribution to the
Club // Members are
encouraged to go on line to
the AOMC website and find

Car Club activities for the
upcoming week end //
Sherry Winkinhofer's A-
World has been forwarded
to members, as has the
Oct/Nov edition of CCA's
Radshell // Invitation
received for vendors and
exhibitors to register for
the All Ford Day at
Geelong, Sunday 29th
March // Invitation to
attend the Leeton Art Deco
Festival // The Club's
annual activity statement
has been submitted and
accepted by Consumer
Affairs Victoria.// Erica
Churchill noted the Club's
Tax Return has been submitted.
*Rob Rush moved that the
inwards correspondence be
accepted and that the outwards
correspondence be endorsed.
Seconded: Russell Boyle.....
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, 5th November 2025.
Copies of the report are available
on request.

In answering a question from
Russell Boyle. Erica explained that
the hiring expense for the
Ashburton Scout Hall was still to
be finalised.

*Erica Churchill moved that the
Treasurer's report be accepted as
a true and accurate record.
Seconded: Michael
Gerassimou.....Carried.

Past Events Report:

November:

5th MAFCV General Meeting &
AGM
9th Historic Commercial Vehicle
Club at Yarra Glen....No report.
15th & 16th Bendigo Swap &
Dinner at The Botanical Hotel on
Saturday.....Kevin, Russell, Kris
and Rob manned the site for the
two days. We had good
weather, membership enquiries
and a few swap items found
new homes. On Saturday
evening we met up with 25
country members for a very
enjoyable dinner and social
gathering.
16th MG Car Club 100 year
celebration at Rob Roy....No
report.

December:

7th MAFCV & MATCV Christmas
Party at the Ashburton Scout
Hall....Mark congratulated and
thanked everyone who organised
this event. The Model A Club won
the attendance trophy.
11th MAFCV Committee Meeting

2026

January:

11th Breakfast on the Yarra.....A
well attended and successful
event. Fine weather and a good
line up of Model A's.
11th Korumburra Swap Meet....
Rod reported not a great deal of
Model A parts at the site.
18th Festival of Motoring at
Cruden Farm.....Well attended,
good weather, successful day.
28th MAFCV General
Meeting.....First meeting at the
Hawthorn Library went well.

Coming Events Report:

February:

7th Ballarat Swap Meet to be
held at the Showgrounds.

7th & 8th Darnum Heritage
Display (Details page 7, Nov/Dec
Ford Torque).

8th Picnic at Hanging Rock.

9th MAFCV Committee Meeting.
25th Brunch run to Tooradin....
Members to be emailed the
details shortly.

March:

4th MAFCV General Meeting at
the Hawthorn Library.
8th VDC Yarra Glen Swap Meet....
Glenda Chivers informed
members a display area was
allocated for our Model A's and
that volunteers are welcome to
help on the day.
15th 68th Kalorama Rally....
Members encouraged to attend
as this is always a well attended
event that supports the local
fire brigade.

22nd Brighton Classic Car Show
at Firbank Grammar
29th All Ford Day, Geelong....
Details are available on line.

April:

14th MAFCV Committee Meeting
May:
1st Florence Thomson Tour.....
Annette is our Club's only
entrant to date.

6th MAFCV General Meeting.
?? Annual Awards presentation
at Rose Cottage...Date to be
finalised.

June:

?? MAFCV Committee Meeting

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

2028: Sat 21st to Sat 28th
October:- National Meet –
Ballarat, VIC.....Glenda Chivers
mentioned the need to secure
sponsorships and corporate
contacts in the next few years to
help sponsor this Meet.

General Business:-

Membership Report: Kevin
Churchill reported 174 paid up
memberships, with two new
members joining recently.

New Member application: Nil

AOMC: No report.

Ford Torque: Kevin thanked
Members for their contributions.
Next deadline is the 6th of
February. Photos or stories of
technical interest, past events or
activities are always appreciated.
Kevin received thanks and
appreciation from the
membership for dedicating many
hours to ensuring the newsletter
continued to be produced to a
high standard during a
challenging transition period from
one software system to another.

CPS: No report.

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

Library: The library will be
condensed during 2026 as we no
longer have on site storage for
the books at Hawthorn. 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:- 1 men's
chambray shirts & 1 women's
chambray shirt, 1 men's & 2 lady's
polo tops, 2 rugby tops, 3 caps, 32
MAFCV badges+ @ \$15 ea. .
Please place your order well in
advance so you can have it
available at the following
meeting.

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

**Cars/Parts for Sale or Car/Parts
Wanted:**

*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.

* Jeff Phillips from Drysdale has a Model A Tourer for sale. Details to be in the Mar/Apr Ford Torque

Tonight's Activities:

Russell Boyle and Kris

Cunningham demonstrated to the members the different types of carburetors that were produced for our Model A's.

Advice was given on what to look for when purchasing a second hand carby and how to disassemble and rebuild them. Both presenters were thanked for their informative talk, with a special mention to Kris for supplying all the carby's.

Ned Rouse asked whether anyone could explain why his rebuilt carburettor had an unusual leak. Various

suggestions were put forward but nothing conclusive was arrived at.....To be continued.

Rod Webster told us the history of his very original 1929 Coupe which was originally assembled on July 10, 1929. The car came from the Leroy Hartung collection in Chicago and was auctioned in 2011. Rod purchased it from Brenda Smith after her husband Warren passed away. The car is highly original with its original black paint, pinstripe, and correct parts. It represents an excellent example of a well-preserved 1929 Model A Coupe

Mark Border has a very rare Slant Window Sedan which is unusual as it has an October 1930 engine, but slant window sedans weren't produced until 1931. The car was purchased from a 93-year-old owner in Sydney and has unique features including an internal sun visor and a fold-back seat that converts to a bed.

Mark Dohrmann is involved with Freedom Solutions, an organization that builds and modifies equipment to assist people with disabilities. Examples included modified bikes, gardening tools, chairs, and other assistive devices. This presentation highlighted the importance of community service and how technical skills can make a meaningful difference in people's lives.

Raffle: Roz Fisher and Peter Churchill were thanked for supplying the raffle prizes as were club members for their contributions, especially Joe Condello for the Model A parts.

Supper: Mark also thanked those involved preparing tonight's supper and helping in the kitchen.

The Meeting closed at 9:30 pm.

Next General Meeting:

Wednesday 4th March, 2026.

Hawthorn Library, Glenferrie Rd Hawthorn.

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Engine Lubrication

The engine lubrication system is an exclusive Ford development and is a combination of pump, gravity feed and splash system with oil reservoir in the valve chamber.

The pump is located in the bottom of the oil pan and is run off a gear on the camshaft on the same shaft which operates the distributor. It is enclosed in a fine mesh wire screen through which the oil filters before it is pumped up into the valve chamber. The screen is surrounded by a shield so that the oil is pulled through it. The oil flows into the valve chamber in a continuous stream whenever the engine is running, but it is in no sense a "forced feed".

The oil in the valve chamber provides direct gravity feed lubrication to the main bearings of the crankshaft and the front end of the camshaft bearing. Small pipelines lead down from the valves to these bearings. The bottom of the valve chamber is so designed, through the use of small inbuilt dams, to provide reservoirs of oil for each bearing. As the engine rests in the chassis, on a three-degree angle sloping to the rear, the oil arriving in the valve chamber flows back, filling each reservoir, the overflow oil being carried by an external pipe down to the front end of the oil pan, where it flows back into the pan, filling the troughs through which the connecting rods are lubricated and from which all other moving parts are sprayed by the splash system. From the pan the oil flows to the bottom of the case to be pumped back again. *Ford Motor Company, 1928*

The Oil Pump

By Tom Endy

The Oil Pump

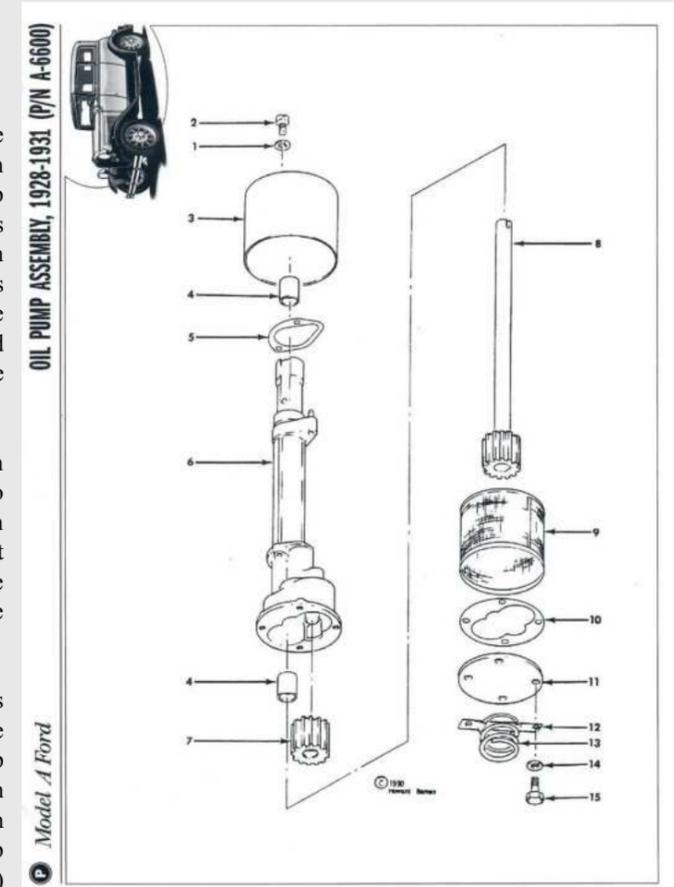
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The Model A Ford oil pump is a fairly simple device, its sole purpose is to capture oil from the oil supply in the engine pan and raise it up to the valve chamber where it collects and runs down through ports to the crank shaft main bearings. The balance of oil then pours through an opening in the front of the valve chamber and dumps onto the timing gear, and then returns to the pan. There is very little actual oil pressure as is found in modern cars.

About all that needs to be done during an overhaul of the pump is to replace the two bushings and the two gaskets. The screen should also be either cleaned or replaced. Most everything else usually does not need to be replaced, although all the parts are available from most of the suppliers.

However, Henry laid a trap for you. There is an early and a late version of the pump. The only difference is the internal bore of the pump housing. The early pump (1928 through November 1929) uses bushings with an outside diameter of .656. The later pump (November 1929 until the end of production) uses bushings with an outside diameter of .625. The inside diameter of both bushing sizes are all the same, one half inch (.500). So, you must pay attention to which size bushing you need to order for an overhaul. Both sizes are available from most suppliers.

It is not clear why there were two sizes of pump housing. There is speculation that Henry did it to confuse and confound the next hundred years of Model A enthusiasts.

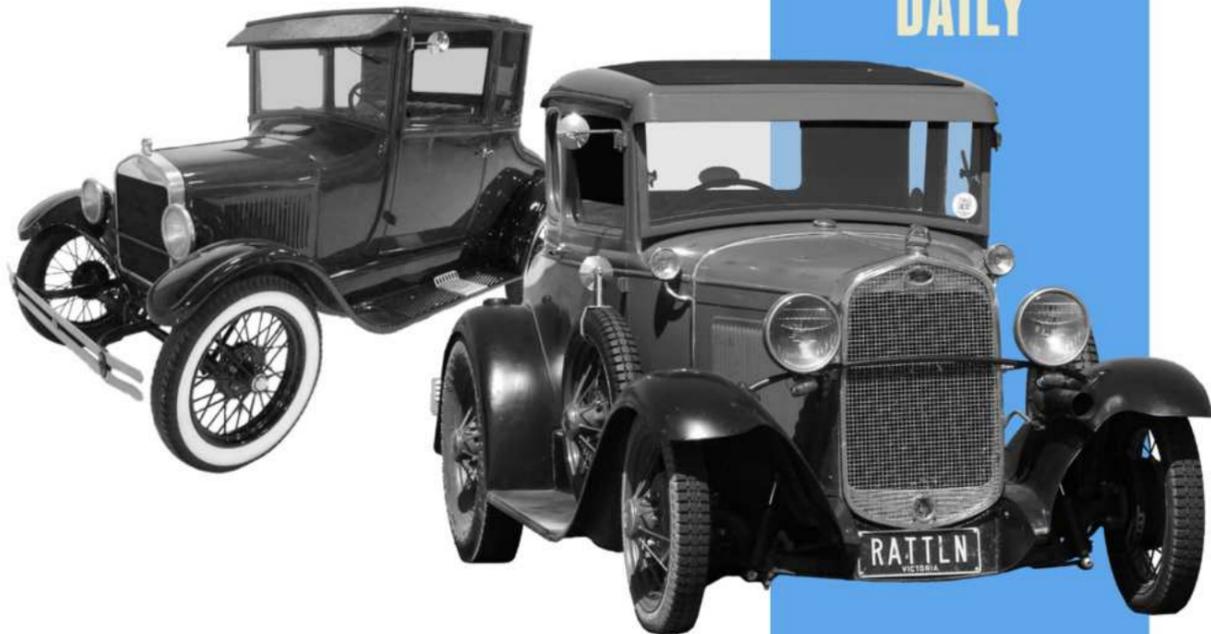


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1	34805-S	Lockwasher (1/4)	2
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3	A-6611	Cover-Oil Pump Screen	1
4	A-6612-B	Bushing (.625 OD/.500 ID)	2
5	A-6626	Gasket, Cover Screen	1
6	A-6603-C	Body Assembly	1
7	A-6610	Gear	1
8	A-6608-B	Shaft Assembly	1
9	A-6623-B	Screen, Filter	1
10	A-6619-R	Gasket, Oil Pump Cover	1
11	A-6616	Plate, Oil Pump Gear Cover	1
12	A-6618	Clamp, Retaining Spring	1
13	A-6620	Spring, Retaining	1
14	34805-S	Lockwasher (1/4)	4
15	20309	Bolt (1/4 - 28 x 1/2 Hex)	4

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Attendance Award

Committee has decided to reinstate an Attendance Award. You can gain points towards this award by attending meetings and events and ensuring your name is recorded on the attendance sheet.

Points awarded will be 1 for attendance regardless of how many in the family attend and 1 additional point for attendance in a Model A Ford.

Events which will count towards your points will be marked in the calendar on Page 3 of Ford Torque. These will be all MAFCV organised events and those organised by others and listed in Ford Torque, such as the A & T Christmas Party, where everyone is likely to be able to put their names on the attendance sheet.

For this year the Award will be a \$100 Visa type card - one you can spend on pretty much whatever you wish. For this year, all meetings from November 2025 to May 2026 will be counted. Events to be counted will be the A & T Christmas Party, Breakfast on the Yarra, Cruden Farm, Tooradin and events marked in Ford Torque between this issue and the May meeting. The award will be made at Rose Cottage this year.

The current tally of points will be available at meetings for you to check your points and if you cannot make a meeting and wish to check where you are up to please call Erica Churchill on 0404 811 422 or churchill.eric@gmail.com

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