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## **President's Ramblings**



#### HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

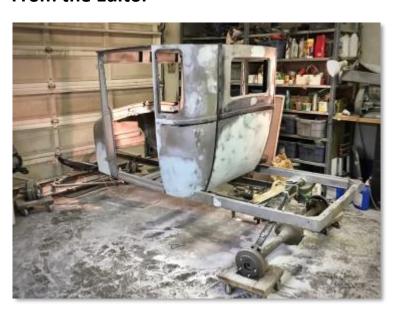
May 2017 bring you health, happiness and SAFE TOURING. My New Years resolution; Retire, again . . . . well maybe . . . ahhh . . . . nope, dang it, not in this lifetime! Apparently we form habits at about age 35 that cover about 95% of what we do. This leaves 5% to try and make those changes we call New Year's Resolutions. My advise . . 5% vs. 95% ain't going to win, so save your breath. I suspect a better approach is to make plans you can keep and enjoy. So . . . , My plans for 2017 include: Driving my T more this summer. Taking in Seniors Show 'N Shines, when able, talking up the hobby whenever I can with the younger crowd, (but also, any senior that

wants to tell Model T tales), and taking the youngster for rides whenever I get parental permission. We live in era of change, let's 'change' by promoting our hobby, the cars we love and GO OUT and HAVE FUN!!

AND REMEMBER: The Law of Mechanical Repair - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

AS WELL AS: The Law of Gravity - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.

## From the Editor



If you are new to the hobby and planning your first restoration, DON'T. Buy a car that is already road worthy and learn the restoration process by doing repairs. You may find that you enjoy touring more than restoring, and you will likely save money in the long run.

Many of us are passionate about old cars. In modern english passion means strong feelings, enthusiasm or romantic desire. Originally it meant to suffer. I am at the suffering stage of passion with my current project. Before spraying the primer I was impressed with my filling and sanding technique. I was able to keep most of the filler to the thickness of a credit card or less. Now that the primer is on I can't believe how many dents and creases I missed.

This year I plan to post a short note on the blog each Wednesday. This is not a New Year's Resolution it is more of a passion, "if you get my meaning".

### Minutes of the Foothills Model T Ford Club Meeting November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016, Aerospace Museum / The Hangar

President Ross Benedict called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. 26 members attended.

**Minutes** –Kristen moved the minutes of the October 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting be adopted, as circulated, seconded by Harry Lillo. Carried. Kristen thanked Robb for doing the minutes in October in her absence.

#### **Correspondence** – none

**Treasurer's Report** – Larry presented the finances for October and moved finance statements be adopted, seconded by Lawrence Gould. Carried.

**Membership** –Eileen reported that we now have 29 paid members for 2017. Eileen is accepting dues for the 2017 calendar year.

**Newsletter** – Robb reported that the newsletter was on line and seems that most can now access. Al Riise asked if the old site can be removed as it seems to still be active. That was news to Robb, as he thought it had been removed.

**Tools** – Glen McDonald informed everyone all tools are accounted for.

#### **Librarian's Report** – no report

**Directors Report** – Keith reported via Rick Bonebright that all is going well at MTFCA Museum. They have built a garage that will be used for repairs.

Art Bent reported that he would like to organize a Canada 150 tour thru Banff National Park next year and wondered if there is interest. In celebration of Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> there will be no park admission fees. There was some interest.

**Old Business -** Numbers for the Christmas Party are very low. As of this meeting only had sold 9 or so tickets. The club is committed to a total of 50 tickets for supper that evening.

Ron Rigby said that we may be able to reduce the number were are committed too if we let the Legion know right away. Ron also suggested that we consider joining with the Model A club and have one party. They do not have Santa come to their party.

Ross and the directors did a phone out to members to determine interest, which was not totally successful either. By meeting end there were 32 tickets confirmed for the party.

Another suggestion from Eileen was moving back to Banff Trail and have a caterer, or return to potluck format, which has been successful in the past, but some felt it was a bit of a hassle. Les commented that the potluck was not hard to do, members just need to step up to the plate. Liquor sales was also one of the reasons for the move to the Legion.

Ron Rigby won the 50-50 draw, again.

#### Tech talk

Larry did a demonstration and talk about brazing and soldering. Les had the 20 solid copper head gaskets made for different Model T applications, for members to pick up.

Thanks to Larry for picking up the donuts.

Election of Officers for the upcoming year.		Treasurer:	Larry Kynoch
		Tool Curator:	Glen McDonald
President:	Ross Benedict	Editor/Website:	Robb Wolff
Past President:	Robb Wolff	Librarian / Historian:	Jonathan Watson
Vice President:	Art Bent	Tour Committee:	open at this time
Secretary:	Kristen Anderson	Directors:	Jackie Bent
Membership Secretary:	Eileen Jewell		Tom Cerkvenac
			Bob Hauswirth

Lawrence Gould moved that nominations cease, second by Glen McDonald. Carried. **All positions were appointed by acclamation.** 





## **Silver Brazing and Soldering**

At the November meeting Larry Kynock did a presentation on silver brazing and soldering. He may do an article for the newsletter on this at a later date. In the photo, Larry and his helper Peter Anderson.





These are solid copper gaskets that Les Schubert had made here in Calgary. The two on the left are for overhead valve conversions and the one on the right allows for the use of bigger valves on the standard valve-in-block engine.





## **Election Night**

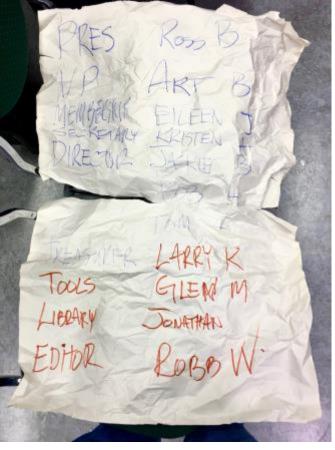
There were no protests, hanging chads or Russian hackers at our elections. In fact there was a distinct lack of voting. All nominees were aclaimed. What was missing was Art Jewell's call for nominees and his maticulous lettering on the flip chart. Robb Wolff filled in and did a sorry job with the flip chart; and he forgot to take a photo of the executive for the newsletter. Perhaps a photo is not that necessary since the faces of the new executive are pretty much the same as the former group, just a year older.

Those who attended the meeting brought a contrubution to the verterns food bank.





Tom van Dijk's Touring



From time to time club members send emails of interesting videos or photos. These will be uploaded to the club blog.

http://www.foothills-t.club/news/

Recently Sam sent a link to a video of a tractor pull truck blowing an engine. A link to the video will be posted on the blog.

https://youtu.be/sO\_OFfoxmgU









The Christmas Party was a success. We were concerned that we wouldn't meet the minumum quota for the venu but those who were able to come to the event were well rewarded. In the coming months we will decide whether to continue at the Chapelhow Legion or select a smaller venue.



Club President Ross, and Gail Benedict.



Emanuel Cohen with "Elfies" Peter and Kristen Anderson.



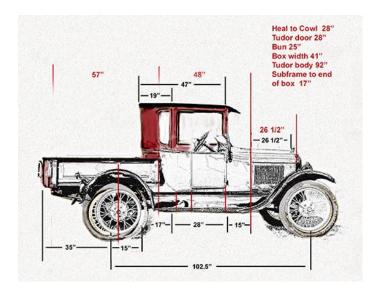


## 1926 Five Window Closed Cab Pickup

In the Fall of 2006 The Foothills Model T Ford Club enjoyed a corn bust at Emile Hermary's and Barb Burgess's home near Red Deer. As I drove into their yard I spotted a Model T pickup cab that had been cut down from a 1926-27 T Tudor.



Instantly my creative juices were flowing.



Since age 14 I had been driving a 1926 roadster T pickup that my dad bought as a rusty carcass from Eric Luther. That's Eric and me in the photo below. (About 1965?) That pickup has now been restored a couple of times and a removable camper conversion was added along the way. I like pickups and the thought of having one that was a bit more weather proof appealed to me.

A few years after the Hermary encounter Leigh Schubert phoned and said that his neighbour had some Model T scrap that needed to be hauled to the



dump. He wondered if I would help and explained that I could keep whatever parts I felt were salvageable. He knew that I was looking for a T Tudor body that I could turn into a pickup cab.

The invitation was a mixed blessing. I came home with the Tudor body, which I paid for, but I may have been better off spending real money to purchase a car that needed less reconstruction.

Even though Marge is pleasingly tolerant of my old car affliction I was surprised that she took a shine to this old car body. She referred to it as "The Pumpkin". The sheet metal panels were rusted through at the bottom and much of the belt line that separates the upper and lower quarter panels was also porous with rust.







The farmer method of converting a Tudor to a pickup was to cut the body at the back edge of the rear window and eliminate everything from there to the door pillar. The raw edge of the rear section was then crimped around the door pillar. A small section of the lower quarter which had been cut out for the wheel well also needed to be patched.



Emile Hermary's closed cab pickup

This resulted in a cute looking but cramped cab.

My idea was to keep part of the rear window opening and form a 5 window coupe style body.

After radical sheet metal surgery I abandoned that idea. The opera window wrapped around the back of the body and the belt line transition was jagged. It just didn't look right to me.



And the metal on the driver's side was too far gone to salvage.

When I first spotted the cab at Emil Hermary's place I also noticed some T bodies in the back field. Another trip to Red Deer was planned and I was soon the owner of two upper rear quarter panels and a windshield frame from a 1926-27 coupe. The coupe rear windows expanded the cab too



much for my liking so they were sectioned and narrowed. (to be continued)





### **Executive**

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Director	Bob Hauswirth	

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#### **Events**

February 11	Lethbridge Swap Meet
May 5-6	Red Deer Swap Meet
June 10-11	History Road, Wetaskiwin
July 16-21	National Tour, Whitefish MT

## **Birthdays**

JANUARY	1	MICHELLE BAMFORD
		ALICE EMERSON
		ANNA KYNOCH
	2	LORLEI GILES
	5	MAURICE CAMPEAU
		WILMA SQUIRE
	17	MIKE CUFFE
	18	KEN CANNING
		OREST KITZUL
	21	TED ZYLSTRA
	22	COLLEEN LONG
		ROBB WOLFE
	25	RICK SKIBSTED
	26	JACKIE BENT
	27	GAIL BENEDICT
	29	MARTINE BURGESS
	31	JANE TAYLOR

### Classifieds

**Please note**: All Advertisements from club members will be

published in three consecutive issues, free of charge. Non- member advertisements relating to the Model T will also be published free of charge as space permits. Send info to the editor: phone 403-540-2093, or email rw@chb.ca

### Sam Squire T Parts for sale

403-652-1859. High River.

1-Pre-1920 Frame with rear-end, rear tapered

spring... \$200.00.

2-frames 1921-1924 \$50.00 each.

4-Front axles \$25.00 each.

6-TSteering Columns \$10.00 each.

6-T headlight buckets 1921 & newer \$10.00/pair

1-1926 Hood, sort of \$20.00

Asst;d- small brake differentials housings 1924 & older

Asst'd crown gears, spiders, housings

5-pair Front fenders-, pre-1925 offers

2 PR-Running boards, pre-1925 offers

2-Spare tire carriers, post 1919. \$20.00

2- Engine blocks, 4 cylinder, pre-1925. \$75.00 each. transmission parts in pails, c/w drums, clutches offers.

