



President's Message

The Board Track Racer Story

The arrival of the beast is announced by distinct rumble from the split 4-inch un-muffled straight exhaust pipes. This is no puny Model T stocker housed in the narrow streamline Faultless body. Heads turn as the snarling and dripping red beast takes its place in the line.

No one is sure how many horses are caged within the temperamental, twin carbide engine. The full cross-flow Roof C head bolted to the Model T block smells of raw castor oil used to lube its 16 valves. Coolly the driver waits, outstretched arms, hands at 10 and 2 on the wooden steering wheel, the spark fully advanced, the coils buzzing softly.

Each car ahead leaves in turn and the line shortens. The driver watches the motometer as the temperature climbs well into the operating range. A quick jab of the throttle clears the beast's throat and it moves forward a few feet. The ground shakes, senses are maxed.

At last the way is clear. The front car is gone. One more jab of the throttle, one lurch and the designated position is reached. In its heyday this old board track racer would run over 100 MPH on the old planks in New York. The driver leans over to yell into the communication box on the left. "I'd like two cheeseburgers, one fries and two cherry Cokes please."

My message is that we need to drive our Model T's so we can enjoy them as well as have others enjoy seeing these 100-year-old marvels. A Friday cruise night at A&W is always a highlight for us. The T's always draw a crowd.

Happy motoringHarry



From the Editor

Welcome back Harry!

Looking forward to posting pictures and talking about both the garage tour and Coil Tuning Session next month. The events page for club organized activities is up to date and can be found at <http://www.foothills-t.club/events/>

I've made the rough draft webpages and I'm working with Glen McDonald and Jonathan Watson to get the club collects online.

Huge thanks to Robb Wolff for sending in a couple Tech Tips last minute and looking forward Rod Wallace's contribution next month.

Things of Note:

- Check out the website's blog post <http://www.foothills-t.club/news/> for information regarding:
 - Model T Safety Checks by Ron Rigby
 - The Best Tool Box Ever
 - Swap Meet at Dinosaur Downs Speedway April 14, 2018
 - Tours – List of upcoming tours or events (also can be found in the meeting minutes)



Minutes of the Foothills Model T Ford Club Meeting February 28th, 2018 The Hangar

President Harry Lillo called the meeting to order at 7:27 pm. 26 members attended.

Minutes – Kristen moved the minutes of the January meeting be approved as circulated, seconded by Darren Lloyd. Carried.

Correspondence-

- NAACC letter with membership cards. The membership cards also include different vendor discounts.
- MTFCA Thank you letter regarding donation of \$1000.00 to the Museum
- Spring Thaw Poster – April 29th at Heritage Park, hosted by the Nifty Fifty's
- SVAA Alberta Rides Magazine

Treasurer's Report – Larry presented the finances for January and moved the report be adopted as presented, seconded by Robb. Carried.

Larry discussed the costs of the newsletter. Darren has found a new cheaper format and supplier for the paper copies created. The cost is \$16.00 with postage of about \$2.50 each copy mailed. Larry called those receiving paper copies to see if they could change to email and only one is able to. An added surcharge may need to be added to those members. We will monitor and see if any others change to email versions.

Larry also commented that the club needs to order cheques. The cost can be considerable. Larry moves that we have 200 cheques printed in Calgary by Cheque Print for \$90.20 + GST. Seconded by Peter. Carried. Discussion was 200 enough and decided that number was sufficient.

Membership – Eileen reported that we now have 91 paid members for 2018, and 9 for 2019. She is still waiting on three members to renew. She also shows that we have 45 MTFCA memberships. In order to meet chapter status requirements, we need to have 50% of our membership belong to the MTFCA. Your membership in the MTFCA allows participation in National Tours and you also receive the Vintage Ford Magazine 6 times per year. Our club has also hosted four successful National Tours. When you join the MTFCA please let Eileen know your 5 digit membership number.

Eileen and Art can also order magnetic name tags for members. The cost is \$5.00 per tag and if ordered tonight should be ready for pickup at the next meeting.

Eileen has sent a get well card to Margriet van Dijk. She is recovering from hip surgery. Three weeks ago she was out walking with Max in an unleashed area, and another dog ran up to greet them and knocked her over. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Newsletter/Website – Darren reported that the newsletter is out in the new format. He thanked Ross for his article. Lawrence is on deck for the next issue.

Tools – Glen reported that many tools are out, but that they are all accounted for. Glen will create an updated inventory list of the tools and wondered if we should post on our website. Some of the tools are on permanent loan as they are too delicate or too heavy to move. We have received two new tools as well. An engine hoist and wooden spoke rim expander. Discussion on whether the list should be posted as then maybe we would have others wanting to borrow tools, then we risk damage and theft. Insurance was also discussed and is not an issue. John also suggested the tools could be tagged or painted with a distinctive paint. **Motion** by Glen that the tool inventory be updated and posted on our website stating that borrowing privileges are strictly for members only. Seconded by Tom Cerkenac. Carried.

National Club - Chris reported that \$41,000.00 of the \$50,000.00 had been raised. There may be a further donation pending to make up the balance. The area around the museum is being revitalized and generating new interest, in the Museum. There has been a 22% increase in visitors to the Museum. There are approximately 5900 members in the MTFCA which is down from the 8000 of a few years ago. The AGM will be held this Saturday in Florida.

Librarian – Jonathan reported that he has received the latest version of the Vintage Ford. Discussion – do we have a list of items in the library, which could also be posted on the website so that they may be loaned? Jonathan does not have listing but will to create one.

Tours – List of upcoming tours or events

Coil Session at Robb's March 17th There will be a demo and then a coil tuning. Starting at 9:00 am
Garage Tour possibly April 7th to Larry Kynoch, Al Millard, Call of West Museum in High River and lunch there.

April 14th Dinosaur Downs Drumheller Swap Meet

April 29th Nifty Fifty's Spring Thaw – April 29th at Heritage Park.

May 4 & 5 Red Deer Swap Meet

May 26th Innisfail Historical Village

June 2/3 President's Tour and Safety Check maybe around the Turner Valley area.

June 16 - 17 The Hangar Show and Shine

June 23rd Okotoks Ford with Model A's

Later in summer or early fall maybe poker rally around Chestermere

New Business

Valve Cover Races – Will try again on March 10th as the weather did not cooperate in February.

Robb has a player piano for sale if anyone is interested. Great exercise tool.

John talked about the TV program, The Cars that Made America. Not sure everyone agreed with the way Henry Ford was portrayed.

Larry reported that Trevor Landage has been facing some medical issues but has recently received more positive news. Harry reported that Stan Howe is also ill. He has fluid built up around his heart and in his lungs and will be seeing a specialist on Thursday. Lawrence reported that Barb Burgess is in Lacombe Hospital and waiting for accommodation in an assisted living facility.

We are thinking of them and wish them all the best.

Boyd Lampman won the 50-50 draw. Thanks to Larry for picking up the donuts and cookies.

Technical Session – Murray & Harry discussed simple things on a Model T that need attention.

Harry also asked if there was interest in a tour of the Hangar, there was significant interest, so will try to get something organized.





Robb Wolff's Garage Tech Tip #1

One of the more frustrating jobs when assembling a T engine, or inspecting the rod and main bearings, is getting the crankcase inspection plate back on. The retaining horseshoes slip and slide so that it is difficult to get the bolts started. Here is an idea that I saw years ago in a period Model T book.

I cut the heads of four 5/16" bolts and with a thin cutoff wheel on my angle grinder I cut a lengthwise slot in the shaft of the bolt. I swaged one end of a 1/16" piece of piano into the shank of the bolt. I then cut the wire to length.

Before making these handy dowels I would have never attempted to attach the inspection plate with the engine upside down on an engine stand. The system works slick as a whistle. Screw the dowels into the horseshoes leaving enough space for the retaining pin to slip through the hole in the inspection plate. Slip the plate



over the dowels. Use a pair of pliers to pull the dowels far enough through the cover so the pin catches and holds it in place.



Then it is easy to start the rest of the bolts. When your done simply unscrew the dowels.



1926 Model T Ford, Roadster Pickup
(tent camper conversion)

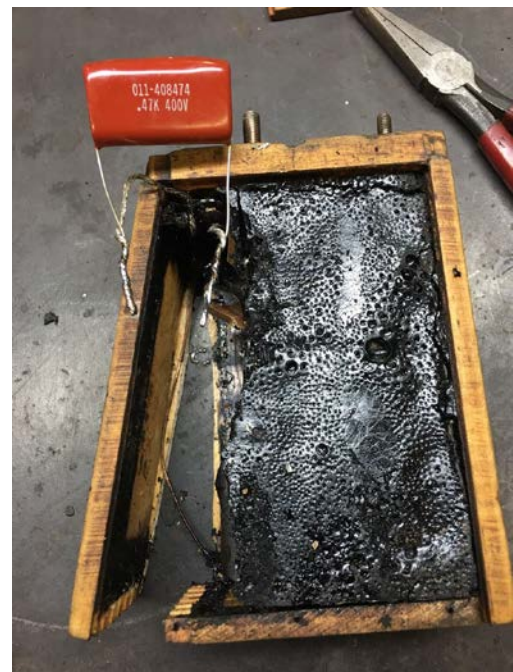
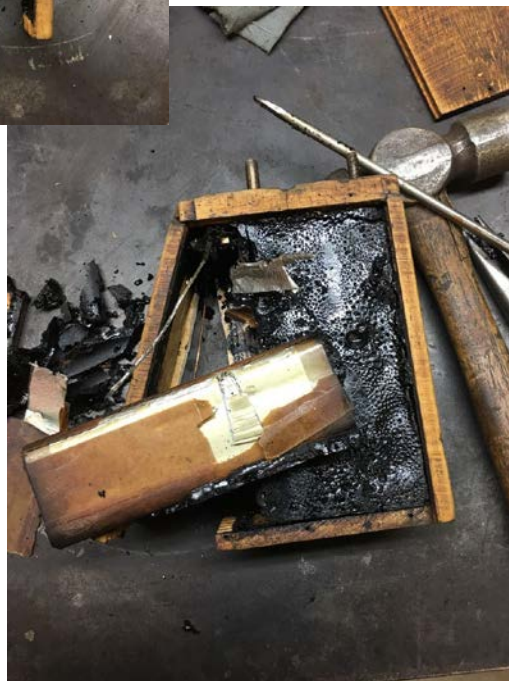
Robb Wolff's Garage. Tech Tip #2

The messy thing about restoring Mode T coils is chipping out the tar.



The solution is simple. Don't chip out the tar.

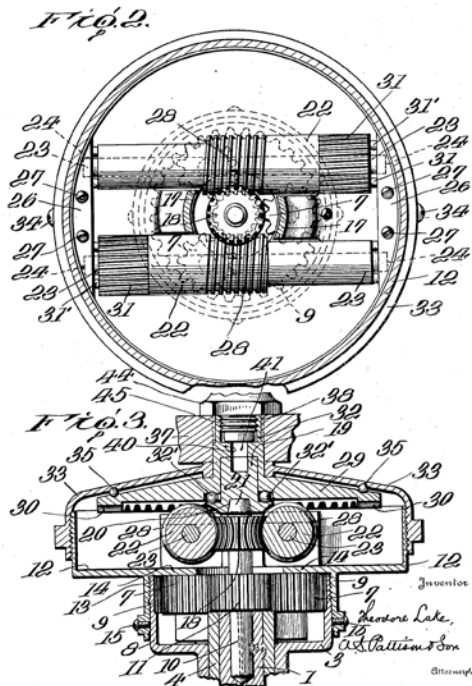
The T coil (box) is held together with finger joints and tar. The joints are not glued. After sliding off the "door" of the coil, push the blade of a screwdriver between the lower left side of the box and the condenser the pry the fingers apart. The top finger joint should open like a hinge. Now insert the screwdriver blade on the right side of the condenser and pry it loose. The new capacitors are narrow enough to easily slip in the space where the condenser was located. Hot tar poured along the finger joints will seal them and hold them in place.



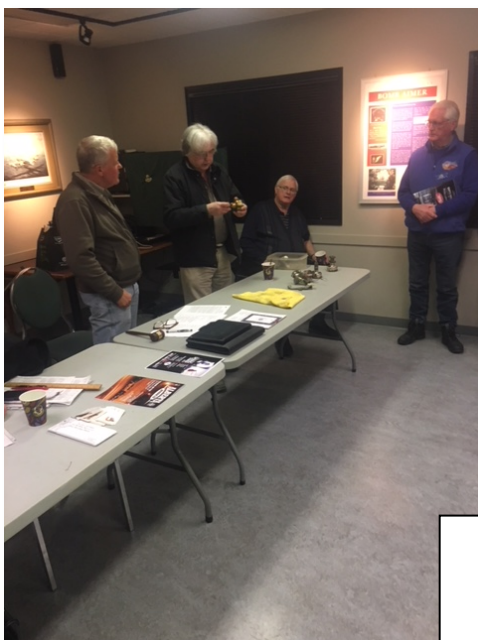
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AUTOMOBILE SAFETY STEERING DEVICE

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This invention relates to improvements in automobile safety steering devices, and is more particularly adapted for use in connection with the steering mechanism of a Ford automobile. It is well-known that the present Ford steering equipment permits the steering wheel to be moved through power being applied to the front wheels of the car on, rough and irregular road conditions, or objects encountered by either of the front wheels while the car is traveling, which makes the steering gear objectionable and dangerous in that the steering wheel is liable to be suddenly jerked from the grasp of the operator. The primary object of my invention is to provide a mechanism attachable to a Ford steering gear which will hold the steering wheel in the position in which it is placed, and will prevent it from being moved or influenced by the front wheels of the automobile hitting objects in their path of travel, or moved in any other maneuver whatever, except through revolving the steering wheel. Another object of the present invention is to accomplish the foregoing results by an attachable mechanism involving a worm-gear, whereby a Ford steering mechanism will be locked in substantially the same manner as other forms of worm-gears used in the larger automobiles.



Big Thanks to Harry Lillo and Murray Walkemeyer for doing the Tech Talk on Model T Steering

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:

Check the website for more classifieds.

<http://www.foothills-t.club/classifieds/>

- Wanted Rear doors for 26 27 model T touring. Please contact Ron 780 678 4019. Phone or text.
- Pre 15 Headlight hinges?
I am looking for sets or specifically the door side of a hinge set for some pre 15 Carbide Headlights that I am restoring. Would you have any damaged doors that would still have this side attached? Or, complete sets?
Ross Benedict 403-651-1612
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Happy Birthday to Members

MARCH	1	REG KOBER
	10	ALLAN MILLARD
	11	MERNELDA TODD
	12	WAYNE ANDERSON
	14	VICTOR PATTERSON
	18	JOHN SYLVESTER
	19	RICK BONEBRIGHT
	23	GEORGE HOWTON
	27	MANDY DANSEREAU
	28	RAY DEGEN
	31	LEN DAWSON
		JACKIE PRICE

1925 Ford Model T – How on earth does it run ?

No gas pedal or shift lever

No speedometer, tachometer or gas gauge

No heat, A/C or defrost

No driver's door

No side windows

No door handles or locks

No adjustable seats

No radio or entertainment system

No glove box or storage cubbies

No computers

No GPS

No power outlets

No power steering

No seat belts or airbags

No wheel brakes, power brake assist, anti-lock (ABS), stabilizer bars or traction control

No fuel, oil or water pumps

No fuel injection

AFTER-MARKET ADD-ONS

Rear view mirrors

Brake-light switch and brake lights

Hand-operated windshield wiper

Running board luggage rack

Contributed by Ross Benedict

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