





A Publication of the Foothills Model T Ford

## **President's May Message**





While browsing the Model T Ford Club of America forum recently I learned that a California member, Cliff King, passed away while on a club tour with his two daughters and many friends. I don't believe I ever met him. One of the members talks about his discussions with him earlier in the day about a technical matter with an air filter. It made me ponder who my true mentors in the Model T hobby have been and if members are being mentored today. My two significant mentors were Oscar Simrose and Gord Watt. Many of you in our club today never knew them as they passed away a while back. Both babbitted our engines and helped us with our cars. Both also contributed significantly to the makeup of our club today. Let's make sure that those of us that have Model T knowledge pass it on to the generations that follow us. It would be difficult for this old car hobby to continue without that foundation.

#### From the Editor



Paddy Munro's article on restoring a Model T in Mexico is below and Lawrence Gould is on deck for September.

I used the Tool Form on the website and I'm looking forward to using the spoke expander at the inspection this month. I'm excited to hear if anyone else has used the form.

I have built a history page using Rod Wallace's article from last month. You can find it under the "About Us" section on the website or at www.foothills-t.club/history/. I believe Rod is going to continue

sending me content to add. We might change it as with this style of page you cannot have a navigation bar at the top and it looks different from a phone to a desktop but I think it looks ok. I will try to get a better video for the page this summer.

#### **Things of Note:**

- I've added a place for a future family section below.
- Check out http://www.foothills-t.club/news/ for information on
  - Upcoming events
  - o The first BC tourist







#### Minutes of the Foothills Model T Ford Club Meeting April 25<sup>th</sup>, Woodridge Ford

President Harry Lillo called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. 31 members attended. We also had two guests join us Tony Stauffer and John Gallagher. Tony's wife Erin is Emile Hermary's granddaughter. They have 3 Model T's; 1926 ¼ ton restored, ? Clown Car (Touring) restored, ? Snowmobile unrestored. John was helping with Ken Hudgeon's speedster, he has now purchased it.

**Minutes** – Kristen moved the minutes of the March meeting be approved as circulated, with the note that the Drumheller Swap meet was cancelled. Seconded by Al Riise. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Larry presented the finances for March and moved the report be approved as presented, seconded by Darren Lloyd. Carried. Larry has received the new cheque stock ordered for the club. Larry also reported that coffee for the evening was being supplied by Woodridge Ford.

**Membership** – Kristen reported in Eileen's absence. We now have 95 paid members for 2018 and waiting on one renewal. We have 45 members that belong to the MTFCA. Please let Eileen know your 5 digit membership number, when you receive it. If you have a change in email, postal address or phone number please let Eileen know, so that we can keep our roster information as current as possible. Membership dues are \$35.00 per year.

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 also passed along the message that Trevor Landage is home from the hospital after his recent surgery. Eileen has sent a get-well card to him. Trevor hopes to attend the Red Deer Swap Meet.

Roster discussion – Roster can be produced in booklet format for approximately \$1.15 each and could maybe ready for the May meeting. Ross moves we go ahead with printing and distributing at the May meeting. Seconded by Peter Anderson. Discussion moved to the format. It was suggested that the town or city was more or just as important as the physical address. Darren will look at it again and if possible, he will add the town or city. As a result, this item is tabled to the May meeting when we will review again. Les also mentioned that if electronic then members can print on their own and modify as they need.

Newsletter/Website – Darren reported that the newsletter is out. Darren also reported that Google no longer allows for blind carbon copying when sending messages, so as a result email addresses are visible to all members. Darren asked if that was an issue for members. There are ways around this, but they are costly. No one objected, so all things will stay as they are. Rod Wallace is gathering information on our club including the history to gain / promote awareness of our club and get it onto the website. Rod and Darren will work on this project together. Al Riise has a binder of the first 10 years which he will share with them.

**Tools** – Peter has the crank coil tester and the computer that has the ECCT program is now working correctly, so Peter is working with it now to better understand how it all works. All asked if there was a transmission reamer set that was used on the brass bushings. Harry uses a SUNNEN hone and does not believe that the club owns a set. Les believes you probably can purchase one but he has never had to replace the bushings either, only the pins.

National Club - No report.

**Librarian** – Jonathan working on an inventory of library items. Jonathan has a copy of the Vintage Ford that has an article that reads in part; 45<sup>th</sup> Chapter was formed by a group of 9 dedicated Model T'ers. Jonathan brought back a box of items from Emile's to go through for possible addition to the library. Jonathan also brought along a poster of an Atwater Kent Radio Advertisement and the radio.

**Tours** – List of upcoming tours or events

April 14<sup>th</sup> – Garage tour was well attended.

April 29th – Spring Thaw Show and Shine Calgary and Rendezvous Days in Eureka





May 26<sup>th</sup> – Safety Check will be held at Braeside Automotive

June  $2^{nd}$  - President's Tour to Turner Valley. Tom asked if we can start from Les and Karin's. It will be about a 35km drive on back roads. Wheels will be washed if possible. 10 - 12 interested in attending. Some members may be looking for a ride share for the June tour or for the fall tour.

Aspen Crossing is another tour alternative. If there are 24 or more attending there is a 20% discount. Price would be \$106.00 per person and would include lunch.

Heritage Park does not have a limit on the number of cars for Dominion Day. Tom C will let Art Bent know at the next meeting if he will be able to attend.

July 25 - 28, 2018 North Country Waterways Oldies Tour – brass era to 1940's cars. Progressive tour, no trouble truck and optional stop at Bruderheim Model T Races. 5 - 6 cars maybe interested.

Rod Wallace has also suggested a tour of the YahaTinda Ranch, sometime before September. Maybe a spring tour take modern cars and have a picnic.

**Old Business -** Sale at Barb & Emile's was a great day even though the weather was cold and miserable. There were tractors and stationary engines as well as other items left. Everything must be off the property by May 24<sup>th</sup> as it has been sold. The club did not purchase any tools. Art and the family donated a transmission balancer to the club. Harry will send a thank you note on behalf of the club for them allowing the members the opportunity to purchase items. Next meeting May 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be a tail gate swamp meet prior to the meeting in the Hangar parking lot, beginning at 6:30 pm. We may also have a tour of the Hangar that night as well.

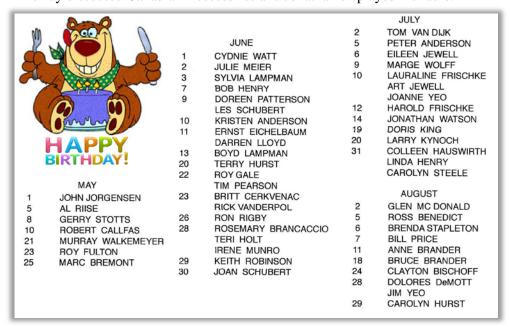
**New Business** – Pete has been in touch with Earl Pitman from Carbon. He has Model T & A parts for sale if anyone is interested in meeting Pete there on Friday April 27<sup>th</sup> in the morning.

Trevor's table at the Red Deer Swap Meet is available if anyone wants to take it over. Roy Fulton had a bad fall trying to move a chair and has a compression fracture of 2 vertebrae. Barb Burgess has been moved to Ponoka to a care facility.

Harry and Paddy have been discussing getting the ladies to attend the monthly meetings or be more involved. Articles in the newsletter or on the website, driver training, something for them to do during garage tours, own tech sessions, fashion show. Those are some of the items suggested. Everyone to think on it and come back to the May meeting with more concrete ideas.

Art Bent won the 50-50 draw and donated back to the club. Thanks to Larry for picking up the donuts and cookies.

Technical Session – Murray discussed Canadian Accessories and Jonathan displayed his radio.







# Paddy Munro's Garage

Restoration of 1926 Model T Ford Roadster pickup while in Mexico

I have always been interested in Model T's. I started acquiring Model T parts in the 1970's and looked forward to restoring my treasures. Work, family and many other interests delayed this until I joined the Calgary Foothills Model T Ford club in 2012. I had a problem and that was, we were enjoying the warm winters of Baja Mexico





years, I had the pleasure of building a 1926 Roadster Pickup and a 1926 Touring, 3 nice running T motors and transmissions, 2 Ruckstell rear-ends and 2 stock rear-ends.





and also enjoying many activities in Canadian summers. The only solution I could come up with was to build Model T's in the Baja. We purchased a house in the Baja December 2013 and I built on an attached 12 ft. by 32 ft. shop. The view from the 1 meter by 2-meter windows was palm trees and the sea of Cortez.

Next, I had to acquire all the parts and necessary tools to build a 1926 Roadster pickup. The machine work and crankshaft and flywheel balancing were done in Canada. New parts were purchased from Lang's. Over a period of five





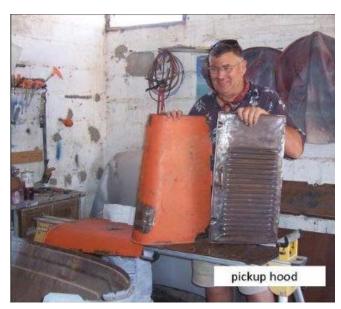






I do all the mechanical work and rough body work. The upholstery, finished body work and paint were done by small, one-person shops in Santa Rosalia, Baja.

Examples of Mexican restoration pricing would be as follows: The body work and painting with the labor for the 1926 Roadster pick-up was about \$900. CND. Upholstery including material and labour, side panels, seats and convertible top for a 1926 Roadster pick-up was about \$800. CND. The 1926 Touring was extremely rough and needed extensive body work beyond my skill level. I did cut, fit and tack body and fender pieces. Good quality body work and painting including the labor and materials and the use of a spray booth, cost about \$2,000. CND. The upholstery including material and labour, side panels, seats and convertible top for the 1926 Touring, cost about \$1,100. CND. When you are not a mechanic the learning curve can be steep and challenging. I was thankful for the manuals provided by the MTFCA and Tinkering Tips by Mike Bender and Fred Huston. Foothills Model T club members like Les Schubert and Harry Lilo with their years of experience, were greatly appreciated for their willingness to mentor new club members. Part of my learning process was listing and acquiring every nut and bolt, engine parts, driveline parts and body parts. It is impossible to acquire any T parts in the Baja. The only part I missed on the 1926 Roadster pickup was one rear spring perch. Working with people from a different culture and language can be challenging. That being said, I like Mexico



and most of the time I liked living and working with Mexicans. The current political situation between the U.S. and Mexico is making the possibility of this type of project much more difficult. My suggestion is, when you cross the border, make it absolutely clear that you are Canadian and have a roughly assembled complete car.







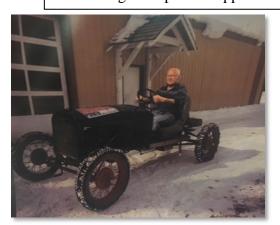








Ken Hudgeon's photoshopped into his completed car after his passing









## **Family Section**

It was suggested at the last meeting (see minutes above) to have a spouse section (with non-Model T Topics) in the newsletter in an effort to involve more family members in the club. If authoring this section seems interesting to you please email the club at foothillsmodelclub@gmail.com



Executive

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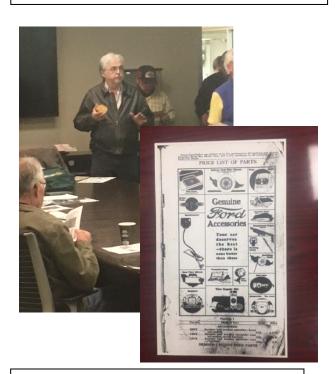
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MTFCA Rep Keith Robinson

Tour Committee: Art Bent Rod Wallace

Tom Van Dijk

Directors: Tom Cerkvenac Bob Hauswirth

Keith Robinson



Murray Walkemeyer hosting the Tech Talk Canadian Accessories







### Classifieds

Ads have been shortened to fit. See more at <a href="http://www.foothills-t.club/classifieds/">http://www.foothills-t.club/classifieds/</a>

Used Tires Wanted. I need to replace my front tires and would like to save a few bucks by get used ones if possible. Currently running Firestone 4.5-4.75-21. Please contact Darren at 403-354-5907

1926 Ford Model T Touring For Sale
Original body, engine and frame
numbers match. - engine built by
the experts at Antique Auto
Ranch in Spokane WA, builder of
championship "Montana 500"
cars - A great runner, smooth,
strong and very reliable.
Appraised at \$20K, asking \$18K.
Car located in Edmonton.
Jay Mauer 780-297-1544 (voice & texts) or
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I have a 1917 touring car in need of major restoration.

I was going to restore it as a light patrol car from the Great War; however the floods of 2013 put a

ding in my plans and I had to restore my home instead. Time has gotten away from me so I will have to find a new home for this old gal. I still has its complete headlights and windscreen frame, and after market coil springs on the suspension. \$1500.00 Cheers Scotty - Cell 403 200 6589

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.
Ross Benedict 403-651-1612
rbmanagement@shaw.ca



#### Join the Club

# The Model T Ford Club of America Membership Application

Name

Address

City, Province

Postal Code

Annual Dues Includes six issues of THE VINTAGE FORD regardless of the date of initial enrollment: \$50.00 (in U.S. funds) for outside the U.S.

Mail To: The Model T Ford Club of America

P.O. Box 126

Centerville, IN 47330-0126

You can register online at www.mtfca.com or phone the MTFCA office 765-855-5248 Please phone Eileen Jewell 403 282-3753 and let her know your MTFCA #

#### Foothills Model T Ford Club

**Membership Application** 

Please send this form along with your dues of \$35.00 to:

Eileen Jewell,

2728 - 18th Street N.W.,

Calgary, Alberta T2M 3T8

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Your Birth Month and Day

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