

## President's Ramblings



"I am looking for a lot of men who have an infinite capacity to not know what can't be done." . . Henry Ford . . . Actually, I'm looking for one or two people who can fulfil these words for the November election. My term as president will end In December and we'll need **you** to step up, take the presidency and vice presidency and editorship, Tour committee, etc., so we can keep this wonderful club viable, Please, consider allowing your name to stand. . . . With your Vintage Ford that MTFCA members received recently there was a request for input to the editor. I hope those who are members were forthcoming in giving their thoughts (One I had, was that The Vintage Ford be available in a digital form, should members choose to have it delivered that way, The costs should go down drastically!) . . . As well,

starting this December "every MTFCA Chapter will be given one (1) free membership to be issued to an individual by the chapter as their leadership chooses."

For this October meeting we have a guest speaker Alan Anderson of **Anderson Motor Sports Appraisals** to give advice, and some understanding of the need for appraisals.

## From the Editor



Important dates to mark in your calendar.

Foothills Model T Ford Club elections, November 22.

Christmas Party November 25. Tickets, \$35 per person must be purchased prior to Nov 15<sup>th</sup>.

Memberships fees are due before the end of the year. This will facilitate the timely renewal of our charter with The MTFCA.

It seems like there is always one more part I need before I can complete a job, so I have a lot of unfinished business. Recently I have been freshing a couple of engines that lost magnets, and working on my closed cab pickup project. Lateley I have been learning a lot about hydraulic brakes. I visited Bert Curtis recently where I picked up some 1940 Ford brake parts. Following the big fire in March he is actively working on a number of interesting projects including a mid engine powered super car.



All the king's horses 2004



## Minutes of the Foothills Model T Ford Club Meeting September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 The Hangar

President Ross Benedict called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm. 30 members attended. Ross welcomed two new members Terrence and Karla Robbins and Greg and Brenda Stapleton. Terrence has a 1917 Touring, restored, and Greg would like a barnyard cruiser.

**Minutes** – The minutes were posted on the website so Kristen moved the minutes of the May Meeting be adopted, as circulated, seconded by Paddy Munro. Carried. Barb and Ken Canning could not open, we will pass that information to Robb.

**Treasurer's Report** – Larry presented the finances for May – August and moved report be adopted, seconded by Ken Canning. Carried.

### Correspondence –

1. Alberta Rides Magazine Fall 2017
2. Email from Don Cameron – he is looking for a '26 or '27 running Roadster. His phone number is 403.823.0738 and email is roundtankbsa@yahoo.com.

**Membership** – Eileen reported that we now have 88 paid members for 2017, and 12 paid memberships for 2018. There are 58 MTFCA memberships. As noted in the September newsletter memberships are due for renewal by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Eileen reported that there are several new memberships for 2018 and several renewal memberships from past members. The renewal memberships are Don & Loretta White who now reside in Qualicum Beach, BC and Ray Degen who lives in Pincher Creek. Ray has a 1927 Roadster Pickup.

New memberships are Peter Gilding from Calgary and Peter says “Do not own a Model T yet, but I love them!” Next are George and Debra Fenwick from Raymond. They own a restored 1915 C Cab and an unrestored 1925 Speedster. Next is Don McLean from Fort Macleod. We welcome our past and new members, and look forward to meeting them at future meetings and events.

Eileen and Art also will also order name tags if members would like them. They are \$5.00 paid in advance and name tags are ready at the next meeting.

**Newsletter** – no report as Robb and Bruce Brander are out at the movie set.

**Tools** – No report

**National Club - Keith** reported that Chris Brancaccio is now a director of the Model T Ford Club of America.

**Librarian's Report** – Latest issues of the Vintage Ford have been received.

**New Business** – The annual Model T Christmas Party will be held on Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup> at the Chapelhow Legion, 606 – 38 Ave NE. The cost of the buffet turkey dinner is \$35.00 per person and tickets will have to be prepaid as we have to supply numbers to the Legion by November 15<sup>th</sup>. Cocktails at 6:00 and dinner will be served at 7:00. As usual we expect Santa to hand out gifts after dinner. Members please bring a gift marked either for a Lady or a Man. The suggested value of the gift is \$15.00. Ross has printed tickets and they will be available for purchase until November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Roster updates are almost completed. New members to be added.

### Tours –

- Tom reported that June 3 President's Tour Turner Valley – was a great day and included a stop at the Eau Claire Distillery
- All those in attendance reported a great time at the National Park Tour around Waterton. Ross reported that the RCMP stopped Roy Gale to insure he had a valid driver's license and insurance. He



was even placed in handcuffs. All done in good fun. There were many photo opportunities and everyone reported good fun was had.

- o September 30<sup>th</sup> will be the fall colour tour. Tour will leave from Cochrane Ag Society parking lot at 10 am. There will be a potluck / BBQ lunch held at Rod Wallace's. Please bring a side dish to share. Barb Canning and Art Bent will supply plates etc.

Discussion – Elections will be held in November. We will need a President, Vice President and Newsletter Editor.

Tom Taylor won the 50-50 draw.

Thanks to Larry for picking up the donuts and cookies.

**Tech talk:** Murray Walkemeyer discussed auxiliary starters. He displayed one that was a starter and generator combined which weighs about 70 lbs.

# STOP!

## Don't Crank That Ford!

Reprinted from **The Vintage Ford** article in the Volume 5 #3 (May/June of 1970)  
(This was about the dynamo that Murray Walkemeyer spoke of at our September meeting.)

***“INSTALL THE “DAYTON” MOTOR-DYNAMO AND END THIS PRIMITIVE DRUDGERY.***

Such a headline as this might have appeared in some publication during the late teens. Ford did not begin to supply the Model T with electrical starting equipment until 1919; Dayton was one of the many who offered this luxury as an accessory. The Dayton Motor-Dynamo mounted at the front of the Ford, replacing the hand crank. It remained connected to the crankshaft at all times, acting as a generator to charge the battery while the engine was running. Depressing the starter switch automatically connected the battery sections in series, giving twelve volts to start the engine. Releasing the starter switch connected the two six volt battery sections in a parallel system, and a pretty good seller in its day. Providing the engine was not too stiff this unit could spin it at about 400 rpm. On cold mornings - well, you could still crank.”

This material was submitted by Bob Berry of Van Nuys, Calif.,



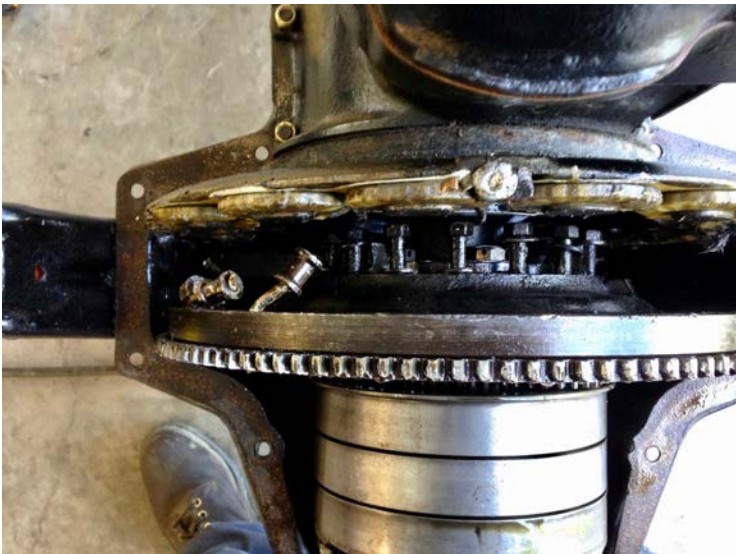
## Halloween Horror Stories

After recent magneto problems experienced by some of our club members I worry that magnets may come flying through the hogshead of my racer when I am crossing the finish line on the dirt track.

Here's what I am talking about. Roy's Fordor made a funny ticking sound when it started up on the movie set this summer. After climbing a hill and arriving at another set a couple of miles away, while in neutral, there was a terrible crash and the engine stopped.

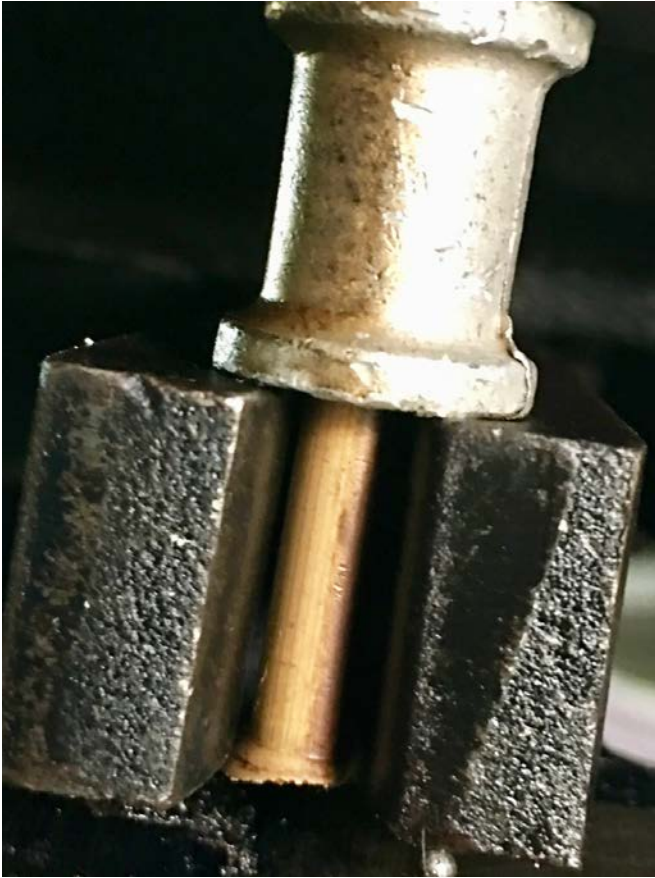


Bruce took his T out for a test drive after installing a new "used" engine. It performed fine until he was nearly home. He wasn't traveling fast when a magnet came through the hogshead.





Roy recently purchased a used engine earmarked as a backup for his movie cars. It is a bit dirty inside but all-in-all it is a good used engine, except one of the magnet keepers is missing and a couple of the brass magnet screws are bent. Tick, tick, tick ...



Glen McDonald tells me that when he charges T magnets he gives them a whack with a wood hammer handle. It is surprising how many magnets break.

So, what is to be done? Before seriously driving a newly purchased Model T it is a good idea to Plastigauge the crank journals, pull the head, or at least compression test the valves and rings. Even though it is a pain, it would be wise to pull the hogs head, check the transmission drums and carefully inspect the screws and bolts that hold the magnets in place. When rebuilding a mag, resist the urge to reuse the old brass screws and aluminum spools. New brass screws, properly peened to lock them in place and brass spools will give your old magnets a fighting chance. Loctite on the magnet bolts is also a good idea.

What about preemptive surgery? If your engine has thrown a magnet or if you are rebuilding an engine, should you put it back together the way Henry intended it. If the mag coil needs to be rebuilt, the timer is worn out and the coils need modernizing it will be less expensive to remove the mag coil and magnets, add slingers and purchase an e-timer. Maybe its like getting a knee replacement, a working original is always better but you do what you've got to do.





## 2017 Fall Colours Tour

Many thanks to Rod and Sharon for hosting the tour at their beautiful home in the foothills.



## Join the Club

<b>Foothills Model T Ford Club</b> <b>Membership Application</b>	
Please send this form along with your dues of \$35.00 to: <b>Eileen Jewell,</b> <b>2728 - 18th Street N.W.,</b> <b>Calgary, Alberta T2M 3T8</b>	
Name	
Spouse	
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City, Province	
Postal Code	
Phone	
E-mail	
MTFCA #	
Your Birth Month and Day	
Your Spouse's Birth Month and Day	
Year and Style of T's You Own	

<b>The Model T Ford Club of America</b> <b>Membership Application</b>	
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 <a href="http://www.mtfca.com">www.mtfca.com</a> or phone the MTFCA office 765-855-5248 Please phone Eileen Jewell 403 282-3753 and let her know your MTFCA #	

You can also register and pay online at:

<http://www.mtfca.com/clubpages/joinamember.htm>

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Bert Curtis' Collection



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## Events

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## Birthdays

OCTOBER	1	TERRENCE ROBBINS
	2	ROB MANDERSON
	6	RON BODNAR
	7	CHRISTINE ROBINSON
		DON WHITE
	9	ART BURGESS
		LARRY KING
	12	TROY DILLABOUGH
	16	ELSE SYLVESTER
	18	MARIE PROCTOR
	20	GEORGE FENWICK
	22	JIM FRASER
	25	KARLA ROBBINS
	27	TOM TAYLOR
	28	JOE DeMOTT



Fall Colours Tour 2004

## Classifieds

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

Looking for 26-27 Running Roadster  
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[roundtankbsa@yahoo.com](mailto:roundtankbsa@yahoo.com)

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twin Rear Light Unit 7 1/4" X 3 3/4"  
Has 2 red 3 1/8" Diameter lens Right  
one marked "STOP" Any assistance  
would be appreciated. John Middleton  
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