



**President's message** I've been reviewing the old newsletters online for inspiration on what to write and it makes me excited to give a traditional club update of club activities. This is my fourth message to members but my first update of what we're working on. We've moved the March meeting to Saturday March 27 at 2pm. I'm optimistic we'll be in person but obviously, that part is tentative. Larry and I will continue to monitor regulations and venue availability. Keep an eye for an email and website updates. I'm hoping we'll get a good turn out and good weather. The tech talks online have been great and I'm looking forward to continuing that tradition in person. Many thanks to those that have contributed to that effort so far this year.

I spoke of the newsletters above and we have all since 2013 available online. We're starting a project to get older ones available on the website. Some will need to be digitized and the prospect of having this done professionally is being investigated for further discussion. As we approach our clubs 50-year anniversary, this could be an ideal investment to help preserve our own history. Further 50-year celebration ideas have been discussed and will continue in the March meeting.

The Presidents Tour or "T Day" with car inspections was talked about at the last meeting. I'm looking forward to working on those plans more and getting dates confirmed. I know the tour committee had canceled activities from last year that we can do this year. I think we're heading for a great tour season. I'm not sure how economic pent-up demand works but I know that I have pent-up demand for Model T adventures. Looking forward to seeing members soon.

*Darren Lloyd*

**We are not aging, we are ripening to perfection.**

**From the Editor:** Less than 30 sleeps till April 1! . . . . . Dare I forecast that we might see warmer temperatures and something green? Thanks to Peter Anderson and Robb Wolff for their two interesting articles this month. And Chris Bamford for his assistance. **Please, please** forward your pictures and a story of what you worked on this winter and now look forward to showcasing when we can get our Ts out again. There must be some more great creations, finished work and even some that are ongoing projects in your shop. Tell us about them.

Always looking for comments too.

*Ross Benedict*

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## Foothills Model T Club Meeting February 24, 2021 – via Zoom

President Darren Lloyd called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. 18 members attended, and we welcomed new member Tyler Peterson. Tyler and Gail own a restored 1922 Model T Touring.

**Minutes** – Kristen moved minutes from January 2021 be approved as circulated. Seconded by Robb Wolff. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Larry presented the finances for February 2021, and moved his report be approved as presented, seconded by Robb Wolff.

**Membership** – Larry reported on behalf of Eileen; as of tonight, she has received 68 paid memberships for 2021. She will be sending out more emails to those that have not paid yet.

**Newsletter** – Ross did not have anything to report – which was good, as he had no audio.

**Website** – Barry nothing to report.

**Tools** – Glen reported that tool use has been quiet, all items are accounted for.

**National Club** – Chris reported that he attended the recent MTFCA Board Meeting. There was interest from the fire department that originally owned the Model T Firetruck (at the museum) to purchase the truck back to be put on display in their museum. It is unique as all documentation is with the truck as well. This was one of the first donations to the museum arranged by Jay. The board voted to keep the truck in the MTFCA Museum.

**Librarian** – Jonathan has received the stamp and creating an inventory or catalog of the items as he stamps them. Al Riise reported that he has a box of club newsletters from 1971, which can be picked up for the digitization project. Chris reported that he has electronic copies of the newsletter from 2007 – 2013 for sure. He will inquire about the digitizing of the Vintage Ford that the MTFCA is doing.

### Tours

- Spokane Tour – they are hopeful that it will be held, Canadians may not be able to attend due to continued border restrictions.
- Camping restrictions could impact our summer tour. Reservations are opening for campsites shortly but will be restricted to individual sites – no group sites. Tom will ask Rod for some assistance and we will hope that COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted.
- Inspection day could be at Call of the West Museum possibly and if that is not an option, Harry suggested that the club meet again at their place.
- World of Wheels – April 30 & May 1<sup>st</sup> – same date as has tentative been chosen for the Red Deer Swap Meet.



- Call of the West may have a swap meet at the end of May.
- Collector Car day will be July 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Chris Bamford reported that the Vintage Touring Association of Alberta hope to be able run all legs of last year's tours, this year. The tour information and membership application form are included in the February Footnotes.

## Old Business

### Decals / License Plate Toppers - Still works in progress.

- Rod has been thinking the decals need a Model T added to the foothills. He has been working on this with Tom and they had a sample created. They will further enhance, getting the Model T the correct size. Members liked that adding a T to the foothills gave the decal more of a car club feel.
- Peter reported that most of the Wings & Buffalo decals had been sold and mailed out.
- Harry, Larry, and Robb have not gotten much further with their design for a license plate topper, as it seems that the foundry at Delburne does not seem to be interested in the project.

## New Business

Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> in person meeting at Call of the West may be a possibility.

The Foothills Model T Club is 50!

Discussion on potential activities to celebrate –

- Chris Bamford reported that the Edmonton club held a 900-mile tour for their 50<sup>th</sup>.
- They are planning the 60<sup>th</sup> and looking at re-enacting some of the events / tours from the past 60 years.
- Les suggested a tour from the first edition (1971) of the Rocky Rally Rooster now the Footnotes.
- Harry suggested republishing the first edition. There was a commemorative issue in the Vintage Ford of the 1988 Model T tour – it was the first big tour in Canada.
- 1977 was the first President's tour – camping – June event and meeting – Dog Pound, Crossfield, Pine and Pigeon and Chain Lakes were some of the locations.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm Chris Bamford.

**Tech talk** – Harry talked about the fire truck – seat creation process and the refurbishment of a chemical tank.

## Local Model T Snowmobile



A few years ago, I watched a YouTube video of Model T Snowmobiles. It got me thinking why can't I build one? My goal was to cross Dead Horse Lake this winter. Well, I could not build a machine like on the video with the budget I had (about \$79.80 in change). I spoke with a couple of longtime regular snowmobile guys out here and found a set of skis from a cutter (two-person tub on skis that you pull behind old snow cruisers, Motoski, Ski-Doo's etc.).

I talked to Bruce Brander about my idea, and he "donated" two worn out Model T wire rims. My neighbor welded the skis to the rims for \$40.00 and they look awesome! Next was to get tracks, chains, or something for the rear wheels for the \$39.80 I had left.



This fall I was cleaning . . . well moving stuff around in my garage and found two lengths of old manila rope behind some good stuff on the top shelf!! I did remember the old guys using rope for mud / sand etc. I did a search and found several ways to "lace" the tires / wheels. Lacing had to be opposite direction to keep from unravelling. Soon I had front skis and rear traction!

After the snowfall in December, I talked Kristen into helping me change out the summer wheels for winter wheels. It looked great, so time to try it at 8:00 pm!!



Well, the car wouldn't move, and I was dumbfounded. Thinking oil, brake on, something wrong in the tranny? So, I used more force, and more RPM, and pushed harder on the reverse pedal – success – sort of – the rear wheels spun but no movement! I realized that the metal skis have NO slippage on cement! Kristen jacked up the front end of our car with the floor jack and I back up and out onto the snowy ice-covered streets.

This set up works great on this type of roads. So, myself and best friend's five-year-old granddaughter took off and toured the town! Kristen stayed behind ready to come to our aid if necessary.

After a few trips around town, I decided to try deeper snow... NOT a good idea! We got stuck about 50 feet from the road. With two tow ropes my work truck and assistance from our local fire chief we were free again. By this time, it was getting late, and supper was getting cold, so we called it a night! The lake is going to have to wait until I figure out better floatation in deeper snow!

*Peter Anderson*



The white strap, on the far side, was for towing (if needed)



# CLUB BULLETIN BOARD



**REMINDER: 2021 Dues were due December 31.**  
Please forward to Eileen at 2728 - 18th Street N.W.,  
Calgary, Alberta T2M 3T8

Our next meeting is on March 27<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00. Where or how is tentative. If at an approved site, an e mail notification will be given or check the website. If Zoom, Instructions to join the meeting are on the on the [Foothills Model T Club website](#) under the [Club Meetings](#) page. The password to join the meeting is 'foothills'.

**TENTATIVE Swap meet: CAVAC Swap Meet at Red Deer**  
**April 30 & May 1 Westerner Park Red Deer.**

**Collector Car Day Canada/USA July 9, 2021**



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS** - 1 REG KOBER, 6 JANET NAGY, 12 WAYNE ANDERSON,  
14 VICTOR PATTERSON, 21 DAVE Mc COURT, 26 EVELYN Mc COURT,  
27 MANDY DANSEREAU, 28 RAY DEGEN, & 29 REBECCA LANG

OH, OH

A guy suspects his wife is experiencing hearing loss and wants to help her. He talks to his doctor. The doctor suggests a simple test to help him assess the situation. “Stand 40 feet away and say something to her in a normal tone of voice. If she doesn't respond, move to 30 feet, then 20, then 10. Get back to me with the results”. His wife is preparing dinner, so from 40 feet away he asks her “what's for dinner”. No response. He moves to 30 feet, no response. Then, 20 feet – still no response. At 10 feet he says, “Mary, what's for dinner?” She finally responds. “Bert, for the fifth time – it's chicken!”.

## Steam Bending Red Oak Sills

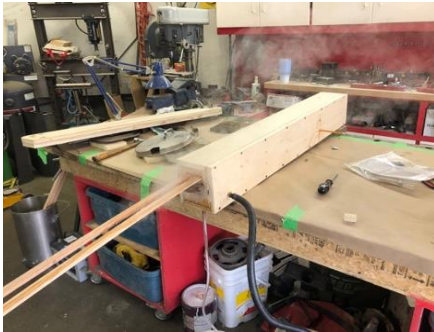
*On a 1912 Mother-in-Law Roadster . . . Robb Wolff*

The project I am working on has bent wood sills that cover the top edge of the birch plywood body panels. Articles from several woodworking magazines I read explained that white and red oak respond well to steam bending, and that air dried wood bends better than kiln dried wood. I chose kiln dried, 3/8" x 1 1/4" red oak door stops for my application. It is difficult to find air dried hardwood out west and the "door stop" dimensions fit my need and saved me from milling the pieces from a 6/4 rough board.

Initially I built a steam box large enough to accommodate oak boards 4" wide and 3/4" thick that I planned to use for the front sills. After some experimentation I realized that my setup would not produce enough heat to bend such large boards. The inside of my setup was only about 90 C.







Eventually I settled on a piece of 2" PVC pipe with two drilled end caps, which I wrapped in towels to help retain the heat.

Coming up with a steam source took almost a whole Saturday.



I stopped by several thrift stores looking for a tea kettle to put on my electric hotplate. No luck. Then I realized that Peter Anderson had my hotplate to melt tar for coil restoration. After several other dead ends, I remembered removing wallpaper with a rented steam generator. A few minutes later I located a used Wagner Model 705 Power Steamer on Kijiji.



My first attempts were made after soaking the wood overnight in water mixed with fabric softener. I then steamed the wood for an hour and attempted the bends. The mild bends worked fine but the more extreme bends failed.



Wood fibers will not stretch but they will compress. For the more extreme bends I



screwed wood stops to a metal strap, allowing just enough room between the stops to tightly capture the oak. The strap was attached to the fixture. I then steamed the wood for about 30 minutes and quickly fixed it in my jig. The setup worked like a dream.



**Here are a few things that I learned.**

- Pre-soaking the wood overnight doesn't hurt, but for relatively thin pieces it may not help much either.
  - Fabric softener really stinks up your shop. I won't be using it again.
  - Capturing the wood in the metal strap jig forces the inner wood fibers to compress and keeps the outer fibers from separating.
  - Bend the wood a bit further than needed because it will spring back a bit.
- If you bend the wood too much you will have to steam it again to unbend it.

*Robb Wolff*

Stopped by a roadside stand that said, "Lobster Tails \$2". I paid my \$2...And he says, "once upon a time there was this lobster...."

Apparently, the OIL MPG was as important as the gas mpg in the early days!

## OCT 15 *Ford Times*

Continuing coverage of the Model T (chassis features). "It's a veritable Pullman for easy riding." A 1357 mile trip is described in which 67 gallons of gas and 11-1/2 gallons of oil were used. "20 mpg gas and 85 mpg oil" noted but figures given indicate 118 mpg oil.

The driver of a Model T may have pulled into a gas station and say to the attendant "Fill up the oil and check the fuel."



Are my springs flat?



## Vintage Touring Association of Alberta

### Got a Pre-'32 Vehicle?

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Varied tour formats: progressive, hub and adventure/gravel.

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Occasional email newsletter/updates.

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### 2021 Touring Schedule

**Spring Hub Tour**, June 25-27,  
Fri-Sun Stettler/Big Valley Area

**Summer Progressive Tour**, Aug 12-15  
Thu-Sun Rimbey/Lacombe/Innisfail

**Fall Adventure/Gravel Tour**, Sep 25-26  
Sat-Sun Victoria Crossing/Bellis area

Dates & details subject to adjustment

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## Membership Application

*Please enclose \$20 Annual Dues payable  
To VTAA c/o Bob Callfas (Address above)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #2 \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-1932 Vehicle(s), attach additional information if applicable.

Year/Make/Model/Body style \_\_\_\_\_

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Year/Make/Model/Body style \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



## Classifieds:

Please note: All advertisements from club members will be published free of charge. Non-member advertisements relating to the Model T will also be published free of charge as space permits. Send info by e-mail to the editor at [rbmanagement@shaw.ca](mailto:rbmanagement@shaw.ca) or call 403-651-1612.

Check the website for current classifieds.  
<http://www.foothills-t.club/classifieds/>



**Wanted:** I'm looking for the upper cylinder water outlet housing for a project on my

1925 T. Barry at [iamvirtual@gmail.com](mailto:iamvirtual@gmail.com)



**For Sale:** I have a left rear Model T fender for sale, I believe it is for a '26-'27 coupe or roadster, but not sure. It has a couple of small dings in it, but it is solid, not rusted out. Located near Red Deer. \$100, Ken, 403-314-9404

**Wanted:** Does anyone have a spare T jack? Also seeking a manual for a 1926 T. Vincent Pratt in Lacombe. 403- 872-7097.

**For Sale:** A pair of refurbished Pre 15 Carbide Headlights. These lamps are not 100% restored lamps but have been assembled from salvaged lights and parts collected over the years. Buckets: Steel, sand blasted, primed, and painted. Chimneys: Original Brass E & J 656. Doors: New Brass. Assembled using Brass and Brass plated slot less bolts, to appear like round headed rivets. Reflector: Polished aluminum dish (NOT vendor supplied reproductions at \$110 each) Correct Burners and stands. Contact Ross Benedict @ [rbmanagement@shaw.ca](mailto:rbmanagement@shaw.ca) 403-651-1612



**For Sale:** Fresh out of 30 years of dry storage: Three. . . 26/7 Model T front fenders. Choice at \$200 each. Two...26/7 Gas tanks. Solid/ no dents/ need cleaning \$65 each . . Harry Lillo 403-273-6310 [1936cord@telus.net](mailto:1936cord@telus.net)



**For Sale:** After decades of collecting and receiving gifts, this truly one-of-a-kind collection is being placed on the market. The family of our late member, Roy Fulton, would like it to go to a like-minded antique auto buff. Their hope is to see the entire collection sold as one unit. For further information, details, and additional photos, please contact Nicole Brandrick at 403-805-5015 or [nicolebrandrick@hotmail.ca](mailto:nicolebrandrick@hotmail.ca)



A portion of the more than 325+ car and truck models

### WANTED:

Without swap meets this year, we are always looking for new classifieds. What's hidden away in your stash, that someone else can use ??



<b>The Model T Ford Club of America 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 996
Richmond, IN 47375-0996, USA
You can register online at <a href="http://www.mtfca.com">www.mtfca.com</a> or phone the MTFCA office 765-373-3106 <b>Please phone Eileen Jewell @ 403-282-3753 and let her know your MTFCA Membership #</b>

<b>Foothills Model T Ford Club Membership Application</b>	
Please send form along with \$35.00 dues to:  Eileen Jewell, Membership Registration 2728 - 18th Street N.W., Calgary, Alberta T2M 3T8	
Name	
Spouse	
Address	
City, Province	
Postal Code	Phone (    )
E-mail	
MTFCA #	
Your Birth Month and Day	
Your Spouse's Birth Month and Day	
Year and Style of Ts You Own	
Present condition of Ts You Own: 'R' Restored, 'PR' Partially Restored, 'UR' Unrestored, 'BC' Basket Case, or 'O' Original	

**CLUB EXECUTIVE:**

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| President           | Darren Lloyd     |
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| Tour Committee | Art Bent, Rod Wallace,<br>Tom Van Dijk, and<br>Paddy Munro |
| Directors:     | Tom Cerkvenac,<br>Peter Anderson, and<br>Keith Robinson    |

**Club Meetings:** Meetings, when we are able, are held at 7:00 PM on the fourth Wednesday of the month, excluding April\*, June, July, August, and December at: **The Hanger Flight Museum, 4629 McCall Way, NE Calgary.** \*April's date & locations may vary.

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