

**President’s message:** Hello Members, When I took over as president, I thought the hardest part would be coming up with something to say in this message each month. As it turned out, after the first few Covid messages it’s been easy going. The club has such an amazing active group it’s easy to talk about all the remarkable things going on. This is my last message after three years and I’m excited to find a seat facing the other direction in the meeting.

The project for the engine is finally starting in November. The opportunity for members like me to learn from elders on this type of project is formidable.

The [Christmas](#) gathering was discussed at the meeting and the details are being worked out. Hosting the National Tour was tabled again.

Elections are this month. If you have any interest in any roles, please let me know. Getting to work with members is a very rewarding experience.



**From the Editor:** Another year is almost in the books, Model Ts are put away (except Eric’s) and we are on to Christmas present wishes (and buying). Thanks to Larry Kynoch his input with this newsletter, and, as always, Chris Bamford for helping me keep my English language teachers at peace. We pause in December (other than the Christmas gathering on December 2<sup>nd</sup> - (see page 4) and we’ll be back in January with a new Board President and Executive. Come on out to the November 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting to cast your votes. . . . .

**Merry Christmas to everyone!!**

*Ross Benedict*

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## Minutes of the Meeting Foothills Model T Club October 25, 2023- The Hangar

President Darren Lloyd called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm with 21 members in attendance.

**Minutes:** Kristen moved the minutes of the September meeting to be approved as circulated in the newsletter. Seconded by Al, carried.

**Treasurer:** Larry provided the financial report for September, and moved the report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Joe, carried.

**Membership:** Ann is collecting memberships for 2024. 15 have been renewed already. Payment of membership dues can be sent by e transfer to [agmcdonald@shaw.ca](mailto:agmcdonald@shaw.ca) or paid at a meeting. It was noted that Don Campbell passed away on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Harry was going to ask Terry Hurst if Don was a founding member. Glad we were able to celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday with him.

**Newsletter:** Ross reported that he is working on the November issue. Please continue to share your projects or stories with him.

**Website:** No report

**Tools:** Glen reported that all the tools are accounted for. He brought the exhaust nut wrenches that are available for purchase at \$15.00 each. Bill McPhail will be placing a parts order on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Anyone is needing parts please send Bill an email. Terry brought in surplus sockets for members to take home any that they could use.

**National:** No report, the discussion regarding a National Tour was tabled until November.

**Librarian:** Kristen passed along the club copies of the Vintage Ford Magazines that she has received.

**Tours:** Harry, Karee, Glen, Robb

- Karee has arranged a Garage Tour at Burt Curtiss's shop in Crossfield for October 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm, if there is enough interest (appr 12 members said they would attend). Bert will be retiring at the end of this year.

**Old Business:**

- Cutaway engine project – discussion included whether to proceed with the project. Comment made that if the engine needs work it need to go to Bert before he retires.



There will be a project meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 4:00 pm to discuss the project – tear down, who will work on what sections etc.

- Darren still has club decals if anyone wants them.
- The Cam Gear Nut wrench – needs a little more development.

#### **New Business:**

- Elections are in November, and will be run by Robb Wolff and Darren, please contact either of them if you are interested in a position.
- Christmas Party – suggestions were to go back to the Asian Buffet or to the Legion on Horton Road. Date – December 2 with back alternate date, December 9. Larry will advise what location works best.
- November 4<sup>th</sup> is the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Calgary Swap Meet – Bowness Community Hall

Les Schubert won the 50/50.

#### **Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm**

#### **Tech talk**

Larry gave a fantastic audio-visual presentation on Model T bodies. More information can be found at [www.coachbuilt.com](http://www.coachbuilt.com).

### **All thieves are not stupid.**

**1. LONG - TERM PARKING** Some people left their car in the long-term parking at the airport while away, and someone broke into the car. Using the information on the car's registration in the glove compartment, they drove the car to the people's home and robbed it. So, I guess if we are going to leave the car in long-term parking, we should NOT leave the registration/insurance cards in it, nor your remote garage door opener. This gives us something to think about with all our new electronic technology.

**2. MOBILE PHONES:** I never thought of this! This lady has now changed her habit of how she lists her names on her mobile phone after her handbag was stolen. Her handbag, which contained her mobile phone, credit card, wallet, etc., was stolen. Twenty minutes later when she called her husband, from a pay phone telling him what had happened, husband says, "I received your text asking about our Pin number and I've replied a little while ago." When they rushed down to the bank, the bank staff told them all the money was already withdrawn. The thief had actually used the stolen mobile phone to text "hubby" in the contact list and got hold of the pin number. Within 20 minutes he had withdrawn all the money from their bank account.

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# CHRISTMAS PARTY

**DECEMBER 02 @ 11.45 A.M.**

**ASIAN BUFFET**

**9125 BONAVENTURE DRIVE SE**

**\$25.00 PER PERSON**

**INCLUDES ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET**

**MONGOLIAN BBQ. SOFT DRINKS TEA COFFEE**

**NO RSVP NECESSARY**



Larry Kynoch’s presentation at our last meeting brought new insight into the Model T world of production through 1909 to 1927. Here is a small, and we mean small, snippet from where Larry obtained a wealth of information for the presentation. When you have time check out <http://www.coachbuilt.com/>

Coachbuilt.com provides information on North American coachbuilders and features material unavailable elsewhere. You can see both Alphabetical and Geographic via the indexes at the head of the page.

“Unbeknownst to many, the Ford Motor Company relied upon outside suppliers for most of its coachwork during its first quarter century. It’s hard to determine who made Ford’s first



automobile bodies but soon after the Model T was introduced the names of various Michigan-based sheet-metal, millwork and body-building firms begin to appear on Ford's supplier list. Initially most of the Model Ts bodies were supplied by Ford's existing auto body suppliers C.R. Wilson (1903) and Everitt Brothers (1908). O.J. Beaudette (1910), Kelsey-Herbert Co. (1910), American Body Co. (1911), Hayes Mfg. Co.(1911) Milburn Wagon Co. (1911) and Fisher Body Co.(1912), and the Kahler Mfg. Co. (1915). Regardless of their origin, all of the Model Ts bodies were interchangeable, however the individual parts in a body would not necessarily fit a similar-looking body if it were made by a different manufacturer. Ford even built their own body plant in the mid-teens to help keep up with demand.

Typically, Ford's body suppliers did not supply the Model Ts fenders, with the exception of the Hayes Mfg. Co., who had supplied them with fenders from day one. As Ford's needs increased, additional Hayes-owned plants supplied additional fenders as required. The J.W. Murray Mfg. Co. of Detroit and Ecorse, Michigan also supplied Ford with Model T fenders and other stamped-metal products such as hoods and frames.

While many of Ford's body suppliers furnished them completed bodies, that is, bodies ready to be mated with finished chassis on the assembly line, a large percentage of them furnished Ford with bodies in-the-white, composite bodies delivered without trim, paint, varnish, and hardware. Ford's bodies in-the-white were typically finished by American Auto Trimming, Windsor, Ontario based firm with a large satellite plant in Detroit.

Convertible tops were initially supplied by two firms, O.J. Beaudette and the American Top Co. of Jackson, Michigan. O.J. Beaudette is thought to have supplied Ford with well over 2,000,000 bodies from 1910-1922 when the firm became a subsidiary of the Fisher Body Co.

In late 1911 Ford started supplying its dealers with its first commercial vehicle, the Model T Delivery Wagon. Produced in late 1912, bodies for the Delivery Wagon were built by O.J. Beaudette and the Milburn Wagon Co. These were initially painted red, with standard blue fenders. In January Ford announced that fenders would be black and the bodies unpainted. A poor seller, production was discontinued early in the year. The last were sold in December 1912.

What follows is a chart of OEM Ford Model T & TT Body Suppliers with approximate dates each firm worked with Ford."

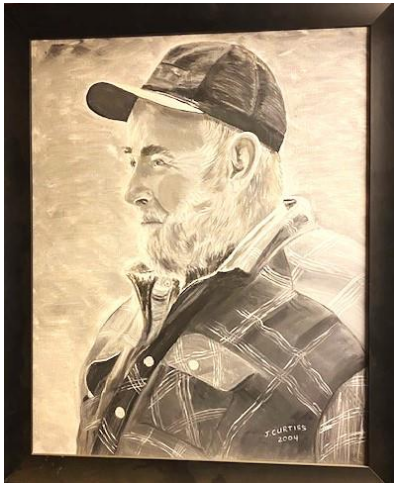




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Manufacturer	Specialty/Body Type	Years
American Auto Trimming	Paint & Trim	1909-27
American Body	Open Bodies	1911-22
American Motor Body	Closed Bodies, Center Door Sedan	1920-23
OJ Beaudette	Open Bodies, Delivery Wagon	1910-22
Briggs	Open & Closed Bodies, Fenders, Sheet Metal	1909-27
Budd	Fenders, Sheet Metal	1915-27
Detroit	Open Bodies	1908-15
BF Everitt	Open Bodies	1908-09
Everitt Bros	Open Bodies	1912-27
Fisher Body	Open & Closed Bodies, Center Door Sedan	1908-23
Wm. Gray	Open Bodies	1908-12
Hayes Mfg	Fenders, Sheet Metal	1908-24
Kahler Mfg	Open Bodies	1915-21
Kelsey-Herbert	Open & Closed Bodies	1910-14
Midland Steel	Frames, Sheet Metal	1910-27
Milburn	Delivery Wagon	1911-12
Monroe Body	Open Bodies	1908-11
Murray	Open & Closed Bodies	1913-27
Towson	Open & Closed Bodies	1908-24
Trippensee	Open Bodies	1908-22
Widman	Millwork & Trim	1908-24
CR Wilson	Open & Closed Bodies	1908-24
Wilson-Hayes	Fenders, Sheet Metal	1908-16
Wadsworth	Closed Bodies, Center Door Sedan	1917-20



## A Road Trip To The Past

*Robb Wolff & Ross Benedict*

Karee Harms arranged a Garage Tour at Burt Curtis's shop, Competition Services, in Crossfield on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.

Following an impressive lunch at Shorty's in Crossfield approximately 24 members and family had a one-and one-half hour tour of Bert's shop. He's been in that location for more than forty years, and, I suspect he has had the first piece of equipment for that long too. Bert is retiring at the end of the year, and we wish him well.



Bert purchased the building in 1967 for \$3,500 and began building high-performance motors. In recent years the antique auto restoration folks learned of his skills so he has been busy doing a lot of work on vintage engines. The challenge in machining vintage blocks and cranks is that they have often been

previously machined so there isn't a lot left to work with. Many of our Club members are running cars with cranks and blocks that were machined or balanced by Bert.



In the days before computers

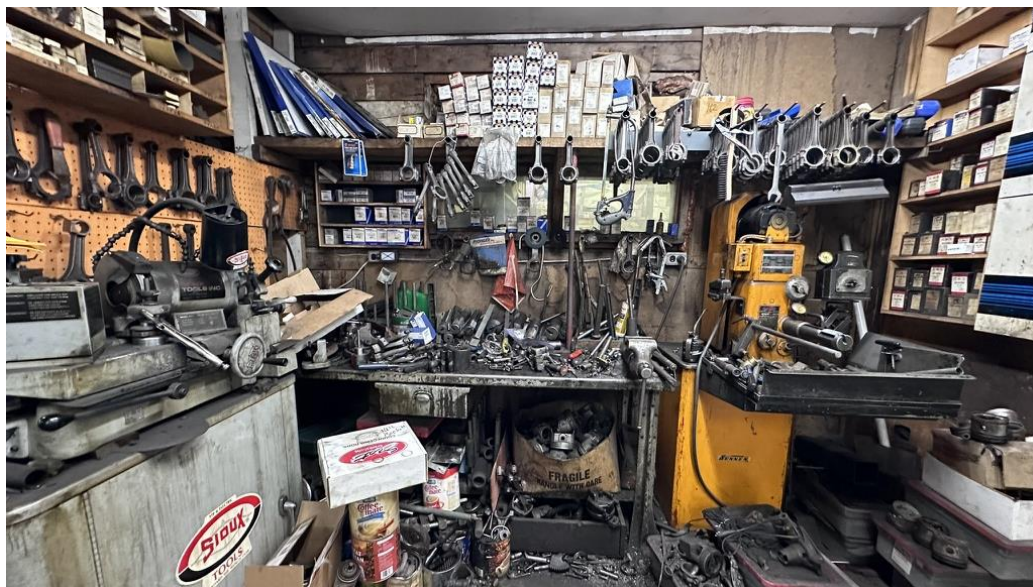


Crankshaft Lathe - Some Model T cranks just don't have enough good metal left to regrind and sometimes the good ones are too bent to salvage.





Bert Curtis, Terry Clark, Marel Clark, Karee Harms, Rick Skibsted, Jonathan Watson, Les Schubert, Peter Anderson, Karen Schubert, Larry Kynoch, Eric Hamilton, Lawrence Gould.







Crank Balancer - It makes you contemplate how potentially short life can be when you see Bert spin a T crank, flywheel, and magnets up to 5,000 rpm on the balancer.



Bert, preaching the gospel of speed to Eric Hamilton.



Super lightweight pistons for a Chev 350 drag truck engine.

Bert purchased this building in 1967 for \$3,500.

*The photo at the start of this article is a pencil drawing of Art, by his wife in 2004.*





# CLUB BULLETIN BOARD

The \$35.00 - 2024 dues can now be paid via  
e-transfer to [agmcdonald@shaw.ca](mailto:agmcdonald@shaw.ca)

**Wednesday November 22 General club meeting @ 7:00 PM**

## **Club Elections**

The Hanger Flight Museum  
4629 McCall Way, NE Calgary

## **Cut Away Engine workshop**

Initial Teardown, Assign jobs and Piece Out

Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM

Location: Harry Lillo's  
Chestermere Lake.

## **Christmas Gathering December 02 -11:30**

**ASIAN BUFFET 9125 BONAVENTURE DRIVE SE**

**\$25.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET MONGOLIAN BBQ.  
SOFT DRINKS TEA COFFEE. NO RSVP NECESSARY**



**CAMBELL, Donald Leslie**

**June 28, 1923 – October 13, 2023**

Donald Campbell, of Calgary, AB

Passed away on Friday October 13, 2023, at the age of 100 years.

Condolence, memories, and photos may be shared and viewed  
with Donald's family at [www.MHFH.com](http://www.MHFH.com)

Don, an early, if not founding member of our club, gave an  
inspiring talk of 'the club being a family' to those in attendance  
at his June 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday gathering (pictured at left).





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**For Sale** Cover plate. 1926/27 battery cover plate, steel, for battery access hole in steel pickup or roadster beds. \$45.00 CDN. Shipping extra. Al Riise 403-274-4474 or [ariise2telusplanet.net](http://ariise2telusplanet.net)



**For Sale or Trade:** I have a new 1923 Rootlieb hood. Still in its box. Would sell or swap for a “Low” hood. Open to any reasonable offer. I also have a number of earlier T parts I am willing to trade or sell. Send me your needs and I will see if I’ve got it. Contact-Grant Jones 306-260-2560 or [grantwjones@shaw.ca](mailto:grantwjones@shaw.ca). Saskatoon, Sk.

### HOOD 23-25 HIGH STEEL



Part # T-4050-2325 | Model Year 23-25

STEEL MODEL T HOOD Excellent quality reproduction hoods made by Rootlieb. This is considered the high hood. If you have a 1923, it is on the border-line, and could be either a high or a low. This hood is the correct one for the 1926-27 TT Truck. Six louvers per side, latch dimples, pressed steel handles. U.S.A.

**For Sale:** Model T parts 26/27 rear axles, rear springs, front axles, splash aprons, running boards, 21-inch wood spoke wheels and front spindles. 19-inch Model A wire wheel. Al Riise 403-274-4474. [ariise2telusplanet.net](http://ariise2telusplanet.net)

**Wanted:** 1926/27 Model T Ford Roadster Deck Lid. Call Al Riise 403-274-4474. [ariise2telusplanet.net](http://ariise2telusplanet.net)





**For Sale:** 1926 Model T Coupe \$13,500.00 or best offer. The car is in good physical condition, has not been run since I've owned it in 2019. Henri Kooperberg [henrikooperberg@yahoo.com](mailto:henrikooperberg@yahoo.com), 403-554-7803 located on Horse Creek Road, Rocky View County Alberta T4C 2W2



### All thieves are not stupid, continued

**3. GPS:** Someone had their car broken into while they were at a football game. Their car was parked on the grass which was adjacent to the football stadium and specially allotted to football fans. Things stolen from the car included a garage door remote control, some money and a GPS which had been prominently mounted on the dashboard. When the victims got home, they found that their house had been ransacked and just about everything worth anything had been stolen. The thieves had used the GPS to guide them to the house. They then used the garage remote control to open the garage door and gain entry to the house. The thieves knew the owners were at the football game, they knew what time the game was scheduled to finish and so they knew how much time they had to clean out the house. It would appear that they had brought a truck to empty the house of its contents. Something to consider if you have a GPS - don't put your home address in it. Put a nearby address (like a store or service station or nearby police station) so you can still find your way home if you need to, but no one else would know where you live if your GPS were stolen.



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Birth Date D/M	
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Year and Style of Ts you own	
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**CLUB MEETINGS:** Meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the fourth Wednesday of the month, excluding June, July, August, and December at: The Hanger Flight Museum 4629 McCall Way, NE Calgary

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