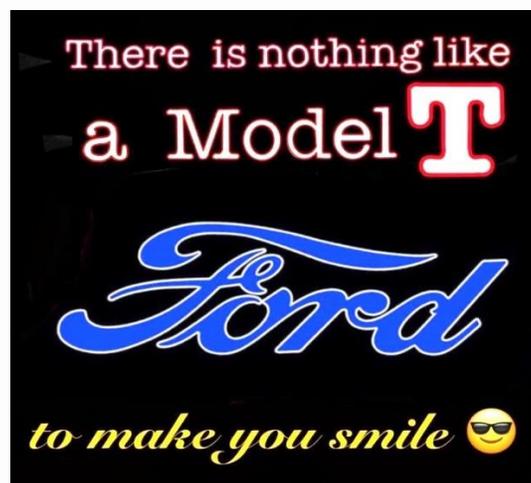




## APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS



**Breaking News!! First Place at the 2024 World of Wheels!!  
Congratulations Eric!**



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& Tom van Dijk  
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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**

The Foothills Model T Ford Club publish the T  
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A recent survey said 9 out  
of 10 men stated their  
wives are always right. The  
10<sup>th</sup> hasn’t been since the  
survey was taken.

**Editor’s Notes** Thanks to Larry Kynoch for  
his impressive research, Ricky Williams, a  
Facebook contributor, for allowing the  
“Herman” story to be published, and Chris  
Bamford for his review and corrections of  
my newsletter works.



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** Welcome to the first full month of spring! However, sitting here composing this note late on April 2nd, snow clouds are gathering. My hope is that this will be the last blast of winter weather and we can begin to prepare our Ts for the upcoming touring season. My Ruckstell project is progressing slowly, I removed the axle today and Rob Wolff has been kind enough to advise me on what I may need to complete this project. As part of our regular meeting, we end with a Tech Talk on various subjects relating to the Model T. I would like to thank Murray, Rob, and many others for their contributions (these are especially useful to a newbie like me!). During our last club meeting we heard a promising report on the 2025 National Tour. Plans seem to be coming together and there is much interest and involvement from our members as well as potential destinations and venues. The town of Stettler particularly has shown keen interest in welcoming this tour. Thanks to all our members who have volunteered for the planning and execution of this awesome event. I am really looking forward to our tour(s) this summer as well, hope to see you there!

**Shout Out to a Canada Border Services Employee!**

I would like to share with all of you a very pleasant experience I had recently at the Canada Border Service office while trying to clear a parts shipment (I know most of you are probably thinking "what?!"). The previous time I cleared a parts shipment the CBS representative charged me duty on parts for antique cars that originated in a different country than the U.S. It was only \$3.00 so I didn't pursue the question. On my most recent visit to clear a parts shipment a different rep also asked the country of origin of some of the parts. At this point I shared my belief that it shouldn't matter. Overhearing our conversation another rep joined us and said "good question, let's find out" at which point he searched for and pulled up the relevant CBS bulletin and interpretation, but he didn't stop there. He continued with a general web search and found an article from the Antique Automobile Club of America forum on this very topic and shared with me the relevant links for both (included below). After reading these, his conclusion was that the country of origin shouldn't matter. Kudos to him and to all who choose to go above and beyond their required duties! Cheers!

*Bill McPhail*

Canada Border Services:

<https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/dm-md/d10/d10-15-20-eng.html>

Antique Automobile Club of America Forum on this topic:

<https://forums.aaca.org/topic/354183-import-duty-free-into-canada/#comment-2137831>



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# CLUB BULLETIN BOARD



The \$35.00 - 2024 dues can now be paid via mail or e transfer

to: Ann McDonald, Membership Registration @  
2605 Carleton Street, SW, Calgary, Alberta, T2T 3K8  
Or e transfers to: [agmcdonald@shaw.ca](mailto:agmcdonald@shaw.ca)

**PLEASE NOTE: DATE CHANGE FOR APRIL'S MEETING!!!**

General club meeting @ 7:00 PM **Thursday April 25th, 2024**,  
The Hanger Flight Museum 4629 McCall Way, NE Calgary.



Seniors Residence Visit: Colonel Belcher Residence  
Wednesday June 26<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Tom Van Dijk  
if you can attend this event. Stay tuned for other visits this year.



Okotoks Ford have invited us to their annual All Ford BBQ and Show and Shine. Model Ts and As are most welcome as well as any other Antique Fords!

**June 8, 2024** . Place: Okotoks Ford. Time: 11:00am-2:00pm

**The Reynolds-Alberta Museum** is pleased to announce that registration for our 2024 Restoration Workshops is now open! The dates for our courses are:  
Wed Nov 20 &#8211; Vehicle Restoration Process, Thurs Nov 21 &#8211; Mechanical Inspection and Assessment, Fri Nov 22 &#8211; Metal Finish and Repair, Sat Nov 23 &#8211; Surface Preparation and Paints, Sun Nov 24 &#8211; Vehicle Detailing

Everything is up on our website and Museum Store, so feel free to sign up for the five-day courses online. Here is link to purchase:

<https://atms.alberta.ca/reynolds/Selection.aspx?item=88>

Of course, you can also contact me to register for any individual courses or if you have



any questions. You can phone me at 780-312-2071 or email me at [booking.reynolds@gov.ab.ca](mailto:booking.reynolds@gov.ab.ca). Feel free to pass this along to any of your friends or family that might be interested.

Juanita Voth, Booking Coordinator, 780-312-2071

REYNOLDSMUSEUM.CA  
6426 40th Avenue, Wetaskiwin, AB  
Canada, T9A 1W8



Goodbyes are always hard, but we need to follow in their footsteps to keep the Model T spirit alive.



- Palline Riise at 84 years of age, leaving husband Al and family. Pauline volunteered for many positions over the years with APAC and enjoyed the friendship in our club, as well. A Celebration of Life will be held April 27 from 2-5 a Chapel of the Bells - 2720 Centre Street North, in Calgary.

[Pauline Riise | Obituary | Calgary Herald \(remembering.ca\)](#)



- Terry Hurst has passed, following an extended residency in a care facility. Terry was a founding member of our club, with the first club meeting being held in their kitchen some 53 years ago. A celebration of life is to be arranged for later in the spring.



- Cliff Proctor at 82 years of age, following a brief illness, with family at his side. Cliff was the Patriot of four generations of Proctors who are club members. A service is to be held April 18<sup>th</sup> in Red Deer. **The family has requested that, weather permitting, those who are able, to bring your Model Ts.**

[Cliff Matheson Proctor | rdnewsnow.com](#)



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# VTAA Summer Tour

## Around & About Innisfail

### June 13-16, 2024

*Quieter roads, slower speeds, exceptional fellowship*

#### Thursday June 13

- Evening tour to Markerville

#### Friday June 14

- Destination Dickson, Glennifer Lake & Red Lodge
- Lunch provided
- Pizza dinner, 5-pin bowling & games etc.

#### Saturday June 15

- Destination Red Deer and the C&E Trail
- Lunch provided
- Wrap-up roast beef buffet banquet

#### Sunday June 15

- Short drive and refreshments following breakfast

#### Hotel

- Days Inn by Wyndham
- 510-40 Ave, Innisfail, AB
- Ph 403-227-4405
- Tour room rate \$149/nite + taxes, book under 'Viintage Touring Association'
- Complementary hot breakfast, indoor pool, hot tub

#### Need to Know

- Pre-1932 original vehicles only, no trouble truck
- Trailer parking available off-site
- Routes are good, paved roads with very little gravel
- Fee includes four meals & several breaks
- Tour details subject to change

### Tour Registration

\* Please make cheques payable to VTAA, and snail mail to 52461 Range Road 224, Sherwood Park, AB T8A 4R4 or E-transfer to [vintagetouring@outlook.com](mailto:vintagetouring@outlook.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ I will require trailer parking \_\_\_\_\_

Passenger #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Passenger #2 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone (cell preferred) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-1932 Vehicle Year/Make/Model/Body style \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed = Number of persons (driver + passengers) X \$100/person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \*

DRIVER RELEASE STATEMENT: In consideration of the right to attend this tour, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Vintage Touring Association of Alberta against any and all claims, costs, and liabilities arising from damage or injury to property or persons resulting from my participation in the 2024 VTAA Summer Tour. The driver has proof of insurance on the entered vehicle under the policy listed below, and the vehicle is legally registered and licensed. The driver is a member in good standing in the Vintage Touring Association of Alberta.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance Company

\_\_\_\_\_  
Policy #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature



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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FOOTHILLS MODEL T FORD CLUB, March 27, 2024, THE HANGER

President Bill McPhail called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm with 28 members present.

**Minutes:** Kristen moved the minutes of the February meeting to be approved as circulated in the newsletter, seconded by Tim Pearson, carried.

**Treasurer:** Larry provided the financial report for February, and moved the report to be adopted, seconded by Darren Lloyd, carried.

**Membership:** Kristen reported that we have active Chapter Status with the MTFCA with 50% of our membership and all the executives belonging to the MTFCA. Please consider joining the parent club. Kristen will follow up for a copy of the Certificate of Insurance in a couple of weeks.

Harry reported on those members that have recently passed away – Pauline Riise, Terry Hurst (a founding member of our club), Cliff Proctor and Dennis Sanford. These members will be missed.

**Tools:** No report.

**Newsletter:** Ross reported that the April newsletter needs only the President's message and minutes and will be ready for distribution.

**Librarian:** Jonathan has received the club copies of the Vintage Ford.

**Website:** All is good with the website.

**Tours:** Robb provided a slide show presentation of the 2014 tour of Cypress Hills and advised that the same campground is booked for this year's tour. Robb shared that Cypress Hills is at the same elevation as Banff. If you require hotel accommodation, please contact the Elk Water Lodge as soon as possible. More details to follow.

**National Tours:** Chris met with Dave McCourt, a club member from Stettler. The community is extremely excited to be the host hub for the 2025 National Tour.



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Chris will be the Chair with Karee as Co-chair, Ross registration and will share accounting with Larry, Day tour chairs – Peter and Kristen Drumheller, Les and Karin Wetaskiwin, Art will coordinate lake day. Chairs are still required for the train day and one more day. Dave will be the Stettler point person. There are many other positions / activities that will need to be filled. i.e., Friday banquet, tour books, hospitality, parking, trouble trailers with some parts and fuel.

The Tyrrell Museum is the only venue asking for upfront payment or deposit. **Motion:** Larry moves the FMTFC to pay for expenses incurred by the committee for the 2025 National Tour until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. In January of 2025 we will request \$2500.00 US from the MTFCA as seed money, to be paid back after the tour. This seed money will pay back any club expenses to date. In January we will set up two bank accounts – 1 – Canadian Funds and 1 – US Funds. Seconded by Ross. Carried.

## Old Business:

- Bill will be placing an order for parts early next week. If anyone needs anything, please contact him.

## New Business:

- Karin Schubert brought various framed pictures to be 'rehomed.'
- Bill asked about how to expand on getting cars out to more seniors' centres, do we have a committee? Tom is organizing the trip to Colonel Belcher for a show and shine on June 26<sup>th</sup>. They wish to have the club there around lunchtime. Tom will keep us up to date. It would be nice to visit Art Jewell and other facilities.

Ross Benedict won the 50/50, which he donated back.

## Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

## Tech Talks

- Murray displayed and discussed aftermarket headlights.
- Peter had a show and tell about coils.
- Robb had a presentation on fixing steering wheels.

### Larry's Corner of interesting facts

## MODEL T STARTERS 6-VOLT VERSES 12-VOLT



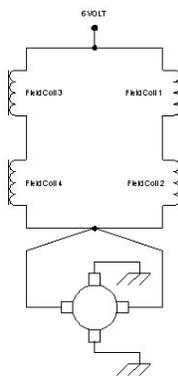
In the past year I have taken apart three 6-volt Model T starters that were being run on **12-Volt**.

- The 1st one: Elongated Bendix spring, bent retainer bolts and damaged gear.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> one: Elongated Bendix spring, damaged gear.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> one: Elongated Bendix spring, damaged gear.

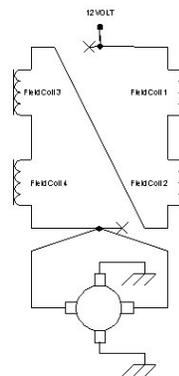
I have seen pictures of the starter drive tearing out the ring gear and causing magnet damage. The original starters are designed for 6-volt applications. If you apply 12-volt they do crank better, but 12-volt slams the Bendix into the flywheel with great speed and torque,

I do realize that there are many advantages of running your Model T on 12-volt, but I do believe if you want to continue to run this way, I suggest two things.

1. Check your starter drive on a regular basis.
2. Use a starter that has the 12-Volt conversion

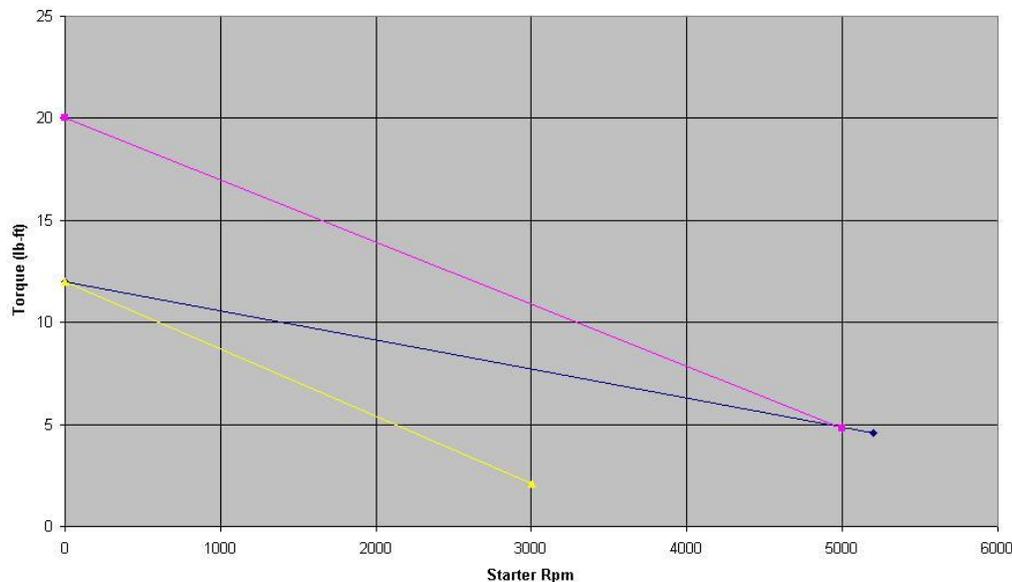


Original 6-volt in parallel



12-volt conversion in series

### Torque Curves for a Model T Starter – CHART BY Ron Patterson



A 12-volt battery almost doubles the torque on the Bendix spring, the Bendix gear as well as the ring gear on the flywheel.

6-Volt Stock (yellow line): 13 ft-lb initial torque, decreasing with RPM.

12-Volt Stock (red line): 20 ft-lb initial torque, decreasing with RPM.

12-Volt Modified (blue line): 13 ft-lb initial torque, decreasing with RPM.

You will notice that the torque and the RPM's are remarkably close with the 6-volt and modified units. The starter drive will hit the ring gear in the very first rotations of the starter. As the chart shows the 12-volt units will run faster than 6-volt units but remember the car will usually start very quickly if everything is working in good order.

Six-volt batteries have thicker plates than 12-volt units and can take a deeper charges All batteries should have a battery tender hooked to them year-round.-This will prolong their life and have the proper current always available for starting.

*Larry Kynoch*



## Herman Goes Viral

### Another saved part of the Model T History by Ricky Williams, a Facebook contributor.

thought, sure I'll go fishing.

One Saturday morning, a couple of weeks ago, I guess you could say I was being lazy. My grandson called and woke me from a dead sleep at 7:45 am and wanted me to go fishing with him. I told him I had been asleep, would get up, and call him back. I got up, put on my overalls, and checked the weather. It was going to be a nice spring day, so I

After checking the weather, I flipped over to Facebook to see what was happening in everyone else's world. An ad from Facebook marketplace popped up on my phone. I thought it looked interesting, so I clicked on it. In about 2.5 seconds I was in love. (NO, it was not one of those ads.) There, in the ad, was a 1926 Model T truck. The truck was in its original condition, and you could immediately tell it had a story. I was hooked already. My wife, Vandy, came into the room and I asked her what she thought about the truck. She loved it! I saw that it was located within driving distance, so I sent the owner a message to ask if they would please contact me. Needless to say, I called my grandson back and told him I wouldn't be able to go fishing with him. Later that morning the owner called. He answered a few questions about the truck, and, after a little negotiation, we made a deal and Vandy and I were on our way to Rosebud, Missouri. This is a 350-mile trip, one way, and we were going to drive there, pick up the truck, and get back home that night. On our way North on I-55, while passing through Cape Gerado, Missouri, the owner called to make sure I was still coming to get the truck. Although I thought this was a little strange, it was not until I arrived in Rosebud that I discovered there had been quite a bit of interest in the truck, and they had received several other calls. The owners were genuinely nice. They invited Vandy and me into their home to show us their collections. While we were there, the owners were still getting calls from others, who were asking about the truck, and knew it had an interesting story to tell.

After bidding farewell, we loaded up and headed home, hoping to make it by midnight with the truck in tow. On the door of the truck is the original owner's name. It was Herman J. Mees. Vandy and I always name all of our Model Ts, so she decided a very fitting name for the new truck would be "Herman." Because I knew "Herman" had a story to tell, on Sunday morning I started doing some research to see if I could find



information that would tell me part of "Herman's" past history. Herman J. Mees (1890-1978) was a farmer, from Columbia, Illinois, and used the truck to sell produce. I knew "Herman" spoke to my heart, and he would speak to others too. I wanted to share his story, so I posted pictures of my newly acquired 1926 Ford Model T truck to "The Model T Ford Club of Facebook" site. Immediately, I started getting a lot of comments and likes from others on the site. The "Model T Ford Club of Facebook" has 65,000 followers and I was pleased "Herman" was being so well received. I learned from the comments of others that I had acquired a Martin Parry bodied truck, so I did a little more research and

found out it was called a full top express truck. That night, before we went to bed, I told Vandy that "Herman" was going to get 1000 likes on Facebook. The next morning, I woke up and checked to see if "Herman" had made his 1000 likes and discovered, while most of us were asleep, "Herman" had gotten thousands of likes during the night. Some of you don't know what "going viral" means, but that is where a post on Facebook (or other internet sites) gets liked and shared time after time and pretty soon a whole lot of people are seeing, liking, and sharing a post. Later that day "Herman" had over 15,000 likes headed toward 20,000. The comments kept coming too, one after another. Everyone was in love with "Herman." His name, his looks, and the story of me not going fishing with my grandson to go buy a truck, sent "Herman" into orbit. On Monday night, I got a message from the "Model T Ford Club of Facebook" administrator, that "Herman" had received almost 200,000 views and was climbing. He informed me that people all over the world were liking and sharing the pictures and story of "Herman" the Model T truck. I started receiving messages from a lot of people asking questions about "Herman" and his story; where he came from, how much he cost, and was he for sale? By Tuesday night, I got another message from the administrator, saying "Herman" was getting over 100 comments an hour that all had to be read and approved. He expressed that he was being flooded and was going to have to discontinue the ability to comment at 1,100 posts. He told me, at that time, "Herman" had 370,000 views. Over the next few days, I watched in amazement as

interest in “Herman” continued to rise. Although they could not comment, people were still viewing “Herman’s” post and hitting the like button...40,000 likes...50,000 likes, and within a couple of days, “Herman” had 58,100 likes and 2,114 shares from all over. Last night, I realized that “Herman’s” post had finished it’s run, and I messaged the administrator and asked if he could tell me how many views “Herman” wound up with? This was his response to me. “So, there is a lot to unpack here. The number of views for the unplanned acquisition of Herman is staggering. 1,100,000 views! Repeat-1.1 million; 58K likes; 2.1K shares; 1.1K comments before the page admin turned off commenting as each one had to be reviewed”. He continued to say, “the average number of post views is between 2-4 thousand. Previous “viral” posts have reached 100K. The “Herman” post is unprecedented. I turned off commenting when it reached just under 500,000 views”. When I received this message and realized Herman had gotten 1,100,000 views, my jaw hit the floor. I called out to Vandy and said listen to this. I read the message from the administrator to her and said that “Herman” had gotten over 10 times more views than any other post in the history of “Model T Ford Club of Facebook” What a story these cars have to tell. There is no other car, in history, that can spark the emotion of this little 20 horsepower, 170 cubic inch car we call the Model T Ford. It’s hard to explain to people that don’t feel the allure, how these cars pull on every heartstring of our bodies. “Herman” has found a permanent home in my collection. My plans for him are to fix a few things, such as an original Martin-Parry spare tire carrier that was missing and an original horn. “Herman” will not be restored, as he would be just another restored Model T if you took away his originality. I will get him running and drivable, and share “Herman” and his story with others.





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 Ross Benedict at [rbmanagement@shaw.ca](mailto:rbmanagement@shaw.ca) or call 403-651-1612. Check the website for current classifieds. [www.foothills-t.club/classifieds](http://www.foothills-t.club/classifieds)

**Bill McPhail is entering a Model T parts order monthly (just after the first of the month.) Please use [billmodelatprts@gmail.com](mailto:billmodelatprts@gmail.com) for all part-related orders being sent to Bill.**



**Wanted to buy:** Do any club members have a 1915 drivers side front fender for sale?? Contact Kelly Tytlandsvik – [emes@sasktel.net](mailto:emes@sasktel.net) 306-461-5808



**For Sale:** 1926 Model T Coupe \$11,500.00 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

**Correction, phone number is now correct!**



**Four Sale:** 1924 Model T Ford, very clean body for such a vintage classic car, clearly been kept indoors as it is now, was running when parked a couple of years ago. If you're mechanically inclined, you're welcome to give it a tune up and test drive before purchase. New red leather seats, spare tire in trunk, electric start with original key, certainly not a perfect car but for its age it's excellent. Just turned 100 years old this year, so get your hands on this centenarian while you still can! Price does not include GST, however unlike most other dealers, we do NOT charge any additional documentation fees or administration fees or anything, NO FEES, so the price here is the price you pay! If you are interested in viewing, please call or text [hidden information]. Showing by appointment only. If viewing is not an easy option, then let us know and we will be happy to take a walk around video with better details, just ask! \*Please call or text **403-681-5151**, or e mail [warwickandrews@hotmail.com](mailto:warwickandrews@hotmail.com) for questions or to set up a viewing. Warwick Andrews.



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