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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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reads “Since nobody applied for the job, and I can’t afford to retire anyway, looks like I’m staying on for another year.”

Thanks to Larry Kynoch for his impressive research, Monica Watson for the Christmas Luncheon photos. Chris Bamford for the review and corrections of my efforts.

**Happy New Year everyone!**



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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

### **Happy New Year to all!**

I am hoping everyone had a great Christmas break with family and friends. Our "T" Christmas party was well attended and

was a fun time to catch up with each other as well as visit and get to know members that we don't see as often. Looking back on 2023 it was a year that produced pleasant and lasting memories. Some highlights were:

- The Okotoks Ford Tour (that sadly I was not able to attend)
- Model T Days, at Harry and Rosalie's, which was a fun time as always. Although saddened by his recent passing, we were so happy and privileged to help celebrate Don Campbell's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at this event and appreciated visiting him and the comments he shared with all of us.
- Our summer tour in July was outstanding. Thanks to Karee and Company for planning and executing this. For me, the only glitch was my timer failing, I guess two cylinders firing at once is not a good thing. But with the help of Pete and others I was up and running in no time.
- The Prominence Way Retirement Community Show and Shine hosted by Art Jewell. Thank you, Art. The club has been discussing having similar shows at other Seniors' residences (which I am in full support of).
- The Fall Colour/Rosebud Tour. Thanks to Rick and Linda Skibsted for hosting us for coffee and snacks as well as the tour of their garage and property. Although not perfect weather conditions were not perfect, it highlighted the stoicism of our members (especially Rosalie Lillo experiencing "T" driving in some challenging conditions.)

In closing I would like to thank all those serving on committees, the board, those providing info and participating in our tech talks, Ross Benedict for his tireless work on our newsletter, as well those working in the background to make our club a success.

Wishing all a happy and prosperous 2024! Best Regards,

*Bill McPhail*



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## 2023 Club Christmas Luncheon



### FIRST GO AT OPENING A BLOCK FOR OUR CUT-AWAY MOTOR



Yikes, a mice nest!



A full garbage can and vacuum



Pan isn't much better.



We recovered a decent crank



Cutting free the crank



Start of cut-away motor

Unfortunately the block wasn't salvageable due to solid rusted pitons and valves that likely would destroy the block when attempting to free them.



## **BABBITT BEARINGS** **(a "Larry Kynoch Research")**

In 1839, Isaac Babbitt received the first patent for a white metal alloy that showed excellent bearing properties. Since then, the name babbitt has been used for other alloys involving similar ingredients. Babbitts offer an almost unsurpassed combination of compatibility, conformability, and embeddability. They easily adapt their shapes to conform to the bearing shaft and will hold a lubricant film.

Foreign matter not carried away by the lubrication is embedded below the surface and rendered harmless. These characteristics are due to babbitt's hard/soft composition. High-tin babbitts, for example, consist of a relatively soft, solid matrix of tin in which are distributed hard copper-tin needles and tin-antimony cuboids. This provides for "good run-in" which means the bearing will adsorb a lubricant on the surface and hold the lubricant film. Even under severe operating conditions, where high loads, fatigue problems, or high temperature dictate the use of other stronger materials. Babbitts are often employed as a thin surface coating to obtain the advantage of their good rubbing characteristics.

For the past 20 years, Egge Machine Company in Santa Fe Springs California is recognized as an expert in Babbitt work on pre-war vehicles. Our Babbitt King removes and replaces worn bearing material on main bearings, connecting rod bearings, and (some) cam bearings on antique and vintage engines. The general era of engines that used babbitt bearing material range from the early 1900s to the middle 1930s with the exception being the Chevrolet 216cid and 235cid engines, which used babbitt for the connecting rod bearings as late as 1953!

Babbitted bearings are typically made with an outer shell of either steel or bronze that holds a layer of babbitt material on the inside. The babbitt material acts as the bearing surface which wears over time of operation. However, in some engine applications there are no actual bearing shells. In these applications the "main bearings" are poured directly into the block and main caps. After examination, our babbitt specialist melts out the old babbitt material and pours a new layer of babbitt and machines it to a new semi-finished bearing. This semi-finish includes the machined oil grooves and/or oil pockets. The next step is to have a well-equipped shop perform an align-bore to size the semi-finished bearings to accept the crankshaft.

Some connecting rods have an insert or shell to hold the babbitt material, other times, when there is no outer shell, the babbitt material is poured directly into the rod itself. With the



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connecting rods, our babbitt specialist can cut the material to size if supplied with the appropriate crank size.

Edge uses "4X" babbitt material, which is a nickel-based aircraft quality babbitt material selected for its top quality and long life. All pricing for babbitt work is done on a case-by-case review and will depend on the length of time and level of difficulty to perform to work.

Reminder to all of our DIY's and shop mechanics: Please do not discard any worn parts from your project vintage or antique engine, as they may be crucial for proper identification of the correct replacement part or needed for remanufacturing.

### **All THIEVES ARE NOT STUPID** ( a continued from November's newsletter)

#### **4. A new twist to a purse snatch**

At a local mall, a woman went grocery-shopping and left her purse sitting in the children's seat of the cart while she reached for something off of a shelf. You think you know how the story goes, but please read on! Her wallet was stolen, and she reported it to the store personnel. After returning home, she received a phone call from the Mall Security to say that they had her wallet and that although there was no money in it, it still held her personal papers. She immediately went to pick up her wallet, only to be told by Mall Security that they had not called her. By the time she returned home again, her house had been broken into and burglarized. The thieves knew that by calling and saying they were Mall Security; they could lure her out of her house long enough for them to burglarize it. *Helpful tips:* Always keep one eye on your belongings; consider making a call before leaving the house to make sure the call wasn't from anyone suspicious.

**Oh, Oh . . . "WE ARE MOSTLY NO LONGER AT AN AGE TO POSTPONE ANYTHING!"**

*Most of us grew up in the 40s-50s-& 60s, studied and dated in the 50s-60s-70s, got married and discovered the world in the 60s-70s-80s, most ventured into the 70s-80s, and stabilized in the 90s. Most got wiser in the 2000s and went firmly through the 2010s.*

*Turns out most of us lived through NINE different decades. TWO different centuries. TWO different millennia...*

*Most went from the telephone with an operator for long-distance calls to video calls to anywhere in the world, went from slides to YouTube, from vinyl records to online music, from handwritten letters to email and WhatsApp...*

*From live matches on the radio, to black and white TV, and then to HDTV...*



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*Most went from Blockbuster and now we watch Netflix, most went from the first computers, punch cards, diskettes and now we have gigabytes and megabytes in hand on our cell phones or iPads...*

*Most wore shorts throughout our childhood and then long pants, oxfords, Bermuda shorts, etc. Most dodged infantile paralysis, meningitis, H1N1 flu and now some escaped COVID-19...*

*Some rode skates, tricycles, bicycles, mopeds, gasoline, or diesel cars and now a few ride hybrids or 100% electric...*

*Yes, we've been through a lot, but what a great life we've had! They could describe us as "exennials" people who were born in that world of the forties, who had an analog childhood and a digital adulthood. We're kind of Ya-seen-it-all. Our generation has literally lived through and witnessed more than any other in every dimension of life. It is our generation that has literally adapted to "CHANGE".*

*A big round of applause to all the members of a very special generation, which are UNIQUE. Here's a precious and very true message. . . . TIME DOES NOT STOP!*

*Life is a task that we do ourselves every day.*

*When you look... it's already six in the afternoon.*

*When you look... it's already Friday.*

*When you look... the month is over.*

*When you look... the year is over.*

*When you look... 50, 60, 70 and 80 years have passed!*

*When you look... we no longer know where our friends are.*

*When you look... we lost the love of our life and now, it's too late to go back.*

*Do not stop doing something you like due to lack of time.*

*Do not stop having someone by your side, because your children will soon not be yours, and you will have to do something with that remaining time, where the only thing that we are going to miss will be the space that can only be enjoyed with the usual friends. This time that, unfortunately, never returns...*

*The day is today! Hopefully, you have time to read and then share this message... or else leave it for \*Later\* and you will see that you will never share it!*

***Always together! . . . . Always united! . . . . Always friends!.....***





## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FOOTHILLS MODEL T FORD CLUB, NOVEMBER 22, 2023, THE HANGER

President Darren Lloyd called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm with 23 members present.

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

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

**Membership:** Ann is collecting memberships for 2024. Payment of membership dues can be sent by e transfer to [agmcdonald@shaw.ca](mailto:agmcdonald@shaw.ca) or paid at a meeting.

**Newsletter:** Ross reported he is working on a January newsletter and there will not be a December issue. Larry has provided an article for January. Ross will need material for future months. Please continue to share your projects or stories with him.

**Website:** Nothing new to report on the website.

**Tools:** Glen reported that all the tools are accounted for. There is 1 exhaust nut wrench available for purchase, at \$15.00.

**National:** No report

**Librarian:** Nothing new to report.

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

- The Garage Tour at Burt Curtiss's shop in Crossfield was well attended, and interesting. Bert will be retiring at the end of this year.

**Correspondence:** none received.

### Old Business:

- Darren still has club decals if anyone wants them.
- Wespen Industries still offers rust removal services.
- Cutaway engine project – we are entering the engine deconstruction phase, and the project has been divided into the following four teams. Cutting, Electrical, Transmission/Bands, and Bearings.
- **Motion** Harry moves that the club spend \$500.00 for incidentals and materials for the project currently, and request more if necessary. **Second** by Joe Nagy, carried.
- Les has a clutch – that would allow you to hand crank or use a starter.
- Have buzzing coils – keep things simple but keep it fun.
- Darren has sprayed own the transmission and bands.
- Les is working on or will help with bearings.



- Peter donated a coil box with a new wood kit.
- Rotational team – will work on testing rpms etc.

**New Business:**

- Les found a steam generator for wood bending at Lee Valley. It will run for two hours and has a low level shut off. **Motion** by Les that the club purchase at a cost of 104.48, **seconded** by Glen. Carried
- Karee attended the weeklong Auto Restoration Workshops at Reynolds Museum in Wetaskiwin. It was remarkably interesting and informative. The Curator and Mechanic shared lots of knowledge and skills. Some items included metal prep, patch welding, sanding, paint preparation and much more. Karee reported that there is also a great resource center.
- Larry reported that he spends around \$20.00 on parts when cleaning generators. **Motion** by Ross that the club purchase a soldering gun to be used for these projects, at a cost of \$150.00, **seconded** by Harry, carried.
- Larry has also requested that we raise the coffee to \$2.00 per person
- Peter was asked by another club about insurance for tours. He will direct them to the SVAA.
- Christmas Party will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Asian Buffet and cost is \$25.00 per person – cash only.

Kristen won the 50/50.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.**

Robb Wolff ran the club election, with the results as follows:

**President:** Bill McPhail, **Past President:** Darren Lloyd, **Vice President:** Vacant, **Secretary:** Kristen Anderson, **Treasurer:** Larry Kynoch, **Membership Secretary:** Ann McDonald, **Newsletter:** Ross Benedict, **Webmaster:** Barry Moyer, **Tool Curator:** Glen McDonald, **Club Historian:** Jonathan Watson, **Directors:** Karin Schubert, Tom Van Dijk, Darren Lloyd, **Tour Committee:** Peter Anderson, Robb Wolff, Karee Harms, Glen McDonald, Harry Lillo, **& National Representatives:** Chris Brancaccio, Keith Robinson.





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# CLUB BULLETIN BOARD

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

**General club meeting @ 7:00 PM Wednesday January 24, 2024**

**The Hanger Flight Museum, 4629 McCall Way, NE Calgary.**

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

**Watch February’s newsletter for an article on wood bending and a poem on “Restoration of a Model T Ford” Created by AI, and more!**



[Flivver Channel Talks to Don Booth about Ford Model T Restoration \(youtube.com\)](#)

[Flivver Channel Talks to Dave Woodworth: Auto Camping in the 1920s \(youtube.com\)](#)

“These two interviews are interesting to watch on YouTube and there are many more talks and videos on that Channel that are sure worth watching.” *Larry Kynoch*



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**For Sale:** 2-T Blocks, pre-26. One tanked, one not. 12-inch electric planer-needs switch. 2-3-dip oil pans-early with cover. 4 Running board brackets for 1918 Frame. 1 Pair Side Wind windows for 26 T Touring with glass. T Spare tire carrier, 30x31/2 tire, Pre-1920, requires a wood frame to hold. 3- T standard aluminum pistons. Color Lube chart in paper tube for a T. 3-Transmission bands, narrow, with removeable clips. 1-Steering wheel, 1- Graphite steering wheel. 1-Model T-small rear differential with gears. Not high speed. Standard Model A Head-not high compression. 1930 ? Chev Radiator and Shell. Contact Sam Squire 403-652-1859.

**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.

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



**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:** 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)



**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



**Four Sale:** Aftermarket 17" Mahogany (?) DILL Lockable Steering Wheel c/w key. Ready to attach to a standard Model T. \$350.00 OBO. (Shipping extra) Ross Benedict 403-651-1612, [rbmanagement@shaw.ca](mailto:rbmanagement@shaw.ca).



## Who else is out driving the oldies these days? Send photos!



*The Winter Be Damned gang had their last country drive and lunch for 2023 on Boxing Day. Left to right: Bob Callfas, 1930 Hudson Eight, Brent Pelligrini; Mike Reid, 1930 Model A, Mark Reid; Matt Hotte (Strong's Garage), 1927 Ford, Ryan Fenrich; Chris Bamford (camera), 1912 KisselKar 4-50, Gordon McGillivray. Near-record high temperatures and low precipitation give the landscape east of Edmonton a distant southern Alberta look.*

*Chris Bamford*

*\*Not that you'd know it by their choice of cars!*

So, anyone other than the boys up north and Eric that have had their Ts out? Send in pictures.



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Please send this form along with your annual membership fee of \$35.00

To Ann McDonald, Membership Registration @  
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