



## President's message: **Lost Art of Tinkering**

Upon reflecting on many years of working on old cars and broken machinery, my mind has been on the lost art of tinkering. I am sure all of us have spent hours in taking things apart, figuring out how they worked or in some cases why they didn't work. Sometimes the disassembly was the end of the process; but in more cases than not, we were determined to fix the broken piece or adapt something that could make it run again. How many of you took an old broken watch apart?? Did anyone get it working again?? At the

heart of tinkering is the exploration, investigation and making of things. It is also the merger of art, science and technology. Tinkering is more active than following instructions; it is building stuff. Your hands get dirty, you often work with others and problem solve. I believe we have fewer people growing up today who are tinkering. Maybe they are doing so in a different way with electronics. When I look at all the above, I see the art of tinkering and working on Model Ts as much the same thing. Even while driving we are fiddling with the spark, fuel mixture, feeling the low pedal, listening to the coils and exploring the car in general. Once stopped, that expands to setting up the bands, checking for leaks, and asking someone else how they think your car is running. Once in the shop the sky is the limit for tinkering. Let's preserve this lost art and encourage our young ones to take it up.

*Harry Lillo*

**MY FUTURE WIFE ASKED IF SHE COULD HAVE A LITTLE PEACE AND QUIET WHILE SHE COOKED DINNER...**

**SO I TOOK THE BATTERY OUT OF THE SMOKE ALARM.**

**From the Editor:** OH OH !! I know I'm in trouble for this caption already! The feature article is pretty much self-explanatory. Again, thank you Chris for your continued input preventing a total fiasco of the English language, Glenn McDonald for his *T Tool Time* items on what the club has available for our use, as well as his garage tour of these tools. Also, thanks to Robb Wolff for his 'Tech Tips'.

*Ross Benedict*



## Minutes of the Foothills Model T Ford Club Meeting January 22, 2020 – The Hangar

Vice President Darren Lloyd called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Twenty-five members attended. Darren wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Minutes** – Darren moved minutes from November be approved as circulated. There were no errors or omissions noted. Seconded by Robb Wolff. Carried. Les commented that he could not open the newsletter from the email link.

**Treasurer's Report** – Larry presented the finances for November and December, and moved his report be approved as presented, seconded by Chris Brancaccio. Carried. Larry reported that the SVAA and national club memberships are due for renewal. The memberships for each are \$5.00 per member for each club and \$2.00 per member for Commercial General Liability and \$50.00 administration fee. MOTION: Ross Benedict moved that we pay the SVAA \$7.00 per member (\$5 + \$2) and \$50.00 Admin fee and not the national club dues. Seconded by Peter Anderson. Carried.

**Membership** – Art filling in for Eileen reported the following; as of tonight, we have 69 paid memberships for 2020. There are 25 members from 2019 that have not yet renewed.

On behalf of the club, Kristen sent a get-well card to Eileen Jewell. Art thanked everyone for all the get well wishes Eileen has received.

If any members wish to purchase a name tag, please contact Art or Eileen Jewell. The cost of the tags is \$5.00 each and is payable on ordering. You have a choice of a magnet or a pin backing. We will try to have them ready at the next meeting.

**Newsletter** – Ross reported that the newsletter is out, and he will forward a PDF copy to Les. Fred Holt has some fenders for sale, they will appear in the next newsletter. Peter reported a notice on Kijiji of a Model T ('27 Tudor) from Rimbey that has been missing.

**Website** – Darren reported that all was well with the website.

**Tools** – The “tool tour” at Glen McDonald’s place to learn about the tools and how to use them will be on February 8<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10:00 am. Please ensure tools are being returned to Glen in a timely manner, so that others may use them. Ann has volunteered to prepare a light lunch for around 20 members. Glen commented that as the growler is out, he could do a demonstration with his if anyone is interested.

**National Club** – Congratulations to Chris Brancaccio who is now an official MTFCA Director. Chris reported that he has been working on the MTFCA website since 2010.



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February meeting is in Lincoln, Nebraska. Chris will take our concerns about exchange rates and membership costs to the meeting.

**Librarian** – Nothing to report.

## **Tours**

- Garage Tour – rear end differential rebuild at Robb's garage was well attended
- "T tool tour" February 8th at Glen and Ann McDonald's. 10:00 am
- Reynolds Museum tour, enough interest for a bus and when? Extra buildings are not heated. So maybe April? More investigation required. Number of attendees would determine bus size and cost.
- June 13<sup>th</sup> Okotoks Ford Show & Shine - June 20<sup>th</sup> Barnyard Cruiser Demonstration at High River

## **Old Business –**

### **Licence Plate Topper**

- More discussion about materials, design, colors and perhaps a trip to the foundry.
- It was suggested that a committee be formed to do some groundwork and report back.
- Rod Wallace will take the lead on the project and welcomes assistance.

### **Cut-away Engine**

- Larry reported that Harry has a trailer that could be used to haul the cut-away engine.
- Larry has been looking at various pictures and designs and estimates higher cost than the estimated at \$1,000 if everything was to be cleaned and polished etc.
- Some comments do we want it to be highly polished or left more original
- Where would you set up to build it
- Project would need a champion, someone to lead and supervise.
- Tabled until Harry returns.

## **New Business –**

- Robb reported that Chaffin's Garage is selling out and everything is 20% off.
- Discussed purchasing a timing cover tool. Larry will give his to the club.
- The April Meeting will need a different date or venue as the Hangar is booked for their AGM. Suggested we change the date rather than the venue. MOTION: Les moves we change the date to April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020, seconded by Peter Anderson. Carried.

Rod Wallace won the 50/50 draw.

Thank you to Larry for donuts and cookies. . . . . Meeting adjourned at 8:45

Tech talk – Murray displayed and demonstrated a unique oiler and some 26/27 Canadian hub caps for wire wheels. The Canadian Hub Caps are a bit different in shape.

Al Riise displayed various tools and a spark plug that could be taken apart.

Les displayed a bearing assembly and a Calgary Stampede license plate topper.

## Let's help find this missing T.

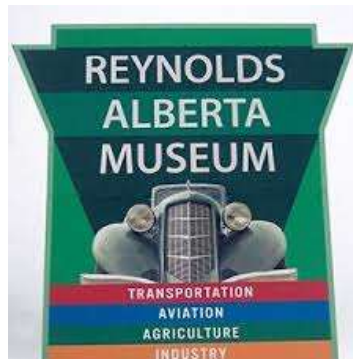
Last seen in storage in Central Alberta in June of 2019.

Green Tudor, Vin # WA98223848, relatively new interior. Can be returned "no questions asked". Reward for location and recovery. Call Steve Mardle @ (403) 872 3268 or smardle@hotmail.com



Wow . . How did that happen??

On Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup>, Robb Wolff held a 'rear end' workshop that saw a dozen or more attending. There were many insights and technical tips presented by Robb and others.



## Reynolds Museum Tour?

A visit to the Reynolds Museum is planned for early in May. If enough members are interested, we could arrange for bus transportation leaving Calgary 8-9 AM and return from Wetaskiwin 4 PM. For a group of people, the Museum may be able to open the warehouse for a tour of unrestored antique cars normally not accessible. The warehouse is not heated, so earlier than May is not practical.

The museum website is <https://reynoldsmuseum.ca/>

If you are interested to join send an email with comments to [tvandijk@telusplanet.net](mailto:tvandijk@telusplanet.net)

## Random Tech Tips with Robb Wolff



When you are working on a messy project lay a strip of parchment paper on your workbench. It doesn't bleed through and it makes for an easy clean up

*Robb Wolff*

### Help Wanted

Good day, I've inherited two 1926 Ts, one is a Runabout p/u, the other a Tudor. P/U is complete, (photos included) sort of running, carb kit on order. This old girl has not run in about 10 years, I have had it running, just not very long. The Tudor is a work in progress, needs interior and minor exterior finishing. I was not be able to attend the Jan meeting, but will be there for the Feb meeting.

My # is (780) 714-4463, E-mail [steve.mccaig@gmail.com](mailto:steve.mccaig@gmail.com)

Thank you, Steve McCaig





## ....Who were those masked men???

On Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup>, Robb Wolff held a 'rear end' workshop that saw roughly a dozen attending. It was great to see the younger 'newbies' attending, (along with us older 'once newbies'), that were picking up tips and learning more about their T and its mechanical layout. While recently stalking the MTFCA Forum, I found this conversation headed: ....**Who were those masked men???** This discussion mimics our club, as well as all Model T clubs and members I've had the privilege of meeting and being associated with. *Ross Benedict, Editor*

With permission of the writer, Robert Frankel of New Jersey, I share the following:

[Post](#) by [Cigarboxrob](#) » Sun Jan 12, 2020 5:24 pm

...And so, I sat with my monument to stupidity; A Model T in absolutely \*no\* danger of starting; All seemed hopeless. "That's it!" I thought to myself: "... You're not even capable of running off to join the circus....!"

"....We'll be down on Sunday if that's okay." Was the PM I received from Dave Young and Scott.

...Let me see...Is that okay...In a short reply, I enthusiastically responded: "YES!"

Dave and I had exchanged texts and photos prior; As a "Newbie," I had a car modified from stock and a few undisclosed problems. Needless to say, the car had compression at 18psi cylinder 1, 21psi cylinder 2, 12psi cylinder three and 20psi cylinder 4...It was a grave situation for me, and I'll repeat: Despite the online advertisement, the car was in absolutely \*NO\* danger of running.

...Dave and Scott BOTH drove over an hour away to meet me. Taking advantage of beautiful weather, I was a few minutes behind them as I was an hour away, myself!

... By the time I arrived, Dave and Scott had already "set up." They had a table, specialty tools and the hood was neatly folded nearby. Dave had set a timer-This was an issue of: "Model T Pride."

Before I had replaced ignition switch number 3 under the car, Scott was rebuilding the: "Professionally-Rebuilt Carburetor." Dave was conducting electrical tests. With the skill of a watchmaker, Scott was repairing faulty components. At the time? I was on my second bolt.

...Dave and Scott looked like a professional mobile unit for the pit crew at Indianapolis; They



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identified and repaired no less than 9 \*major\* issues that stopped the car from running and driving....At the 1:15 mark, we had something I never dreamed I'd have-Ignition.

Although the prior owner had lied through his teeth about so much, even a narrow Kevlar band on a wide and now \*warped\* '26 drum and no active footbrake to stop the car. Dave and Scott got the handbrake to at least stop ONE wheel-Which was good enough. It was time to celebrate!

...We enjoyed an \*amazing\* lunch at a local brewpub. People stopped, stared, honked and pointed. The comment of the day?

As we parked the car, a man came up to us with his wife to ask a few questions...As annoying as it was, he asked: "What's a car like that worth?"

"Well? Anywhere from \$3,000-\$6,000." was my reply.

(Bear in mind, they were walking \*into\* the brewpub, not \*out\* of it.)

"...Oh wow! I told my wife that's a half-million dollar car!"

...We all laughed.

...After an \*amazing\* meal, we rode off into the proverbial sunset. **To any: "Newbies" out there with a: "Basket case?" Fear not! There are some \*amazing\* members on this forum who are willing to go out of their way to help you get your cars on the road-And pass on valuable knowledge in the process! The camaraderie here has been \*priceless\* thus far! A great big thank you to \*all\* of you who have helped me!**

*I've highlighted Robert's last comment. You should add 'and local club members' after "this forum" . . .It truly says it All! Editor*

**When I sought permission to share this, I received this:** ".....Ross, as a 40-year old who first fell in love with antiques versus speed when I saw my first Model T at age 16? By all means! I'd love to see young people throw away their passions for "tuners" and work to preserve history instead! Let me know any way I can contribute and help ease the minds of the: "Newbies" out there! Cheers!

*Robert Frankel – New Jersey"*

**Thank you Robert.**





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## A Cute story:

The motorist pulls up beside a little girl on the side of the street and says "Hey little girl I'll give you \$10.00 if you hop in." - "No" says the little girl as she hurries on down the street. The motorist again pulls up beside her and says "Hey little girl I'll give you \$10.00 if you hop in, and, I'll give you a bag of candy. - "No" she says more sternly. "Okay kid, my last offer! . . . I'll give you \$20.00 if you hop in, and, I'll give you a BIG bag of your favorite candy. . . . Finally, the little girl stops, turns towards him and screams out . . . "LOOK, Dad, you're the one who bought that old Chevy instead of a Model T . . . YOU RIDE IN IT BY YOURSELF

**OUCH!!**



**Somewhere in the mid western states**



***If you haven't done so, please remember to renew your membership!***



# CLUB BULLETIN BOARD



**REMINDER: 2020 Dues were due December 31.**

**Please see Eileen at the meeting!!**



**The executive is seeking input into what the members would like to have speakers attend and discuss. Trailers? Licensing a T? Lighting? Or?**



**Kristen and Eileen are working on an updated Club Roster. Please advise either of them of any changes you might have. - Ts owned? New address, phone #, e mail address, etc.??**

**Eileen can be reached at [thejewells@telus.net](mailto:thejewells@telus.net) - Kristen at [peter05@telusplanet.net](mailto:peter05@telusplanet.net)**



**Please Note: We have adjusted our meeting time, to a starting time of**

**7:00 PM**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**\*\* Saturday Feb 8 - 10:00 AM garage tour at Glen McDonald's (see page 12)**

**February 15 Lethbridge swap meet (see ad on page 14)**

**February 26 Club Meeting - The Hanger, Calgary @ 7:00**

**March 25 Club Meeting - The Hanger, Calgary @ 7:00**

**NOTE: Tuesday April 21 Club Meeting - The Hanger, Calgary @ 7:00**



## T Tool Time



### Clutch Drum Puller

When dismantling a transmission this tool is a must. It makes the job easier and eliminates breakages. This useful tool has been the club collection for many years but to my knowledge has never been borrowed.

*Glenn McDonald*

### BIRTHDAY WISHES



**FEBRUARY** - 1 MARILYN LUNDQUIST, 8 MIKE REID, 11 MARJORIE PATTERSON, 15 CHRIS BRANCACCIO, 16 LAWRENCE GOULD, 17 DANIN BODNAR & EMANUEL COHAN, 20 CLIFF PROCTOR, 22 DOROTHY GOULD, 28 MARGRIET VAN DIJK.

### UPCOMING 'OFF SEASON' GARAGE TOUR

**\*\* Saturday Feb 8 - at 10:00 AM a GARAGE TOUR at Glen McDonald's - Come check out the club's tools. Demonstrations will be given to anyone who doesn't know how to use a particular tool.**

## 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/>



**For Sale:** 1926/27 T Roadster body mounted on chassis (motor stuck) with front fenders, splash aprons, running boards, radiator and shell, windshield posts, doors on body, seat springs, 21 inch wood spoke wheels (mounted on car), spare tire carrier, 1 poor right rear fender, and steering column. Good winter project. Al Riise 403-274-4474.

**FOR SALE:** 1927 Model T Pick Up, needs restoring, has most of the parts from what I can tell. Comes with 2 radiators, windshield and frame, and a gas tank. There is also an additional engine block with the truck, period correct, one that is in truck now is from a 1922, I believe. \$5000 OBO. Shannon Yarmuch. 780 405 1633. Fort Saskatchewan. [yarmuch77@gmail.com](mailto:yarmuch77@gmail.com). Additional photos at [www.foothills-t.club/classifieds](http://www.foothills-t.club/classifieds)



**Carb Wanted:** Stromberg OF carburetor-rebuilt or rebuildable. **Contact:** Ron Felzien 780 678 4019



**For Sale:** 1927 Model T Touring and additional parts. Engine was rebuilt by Star Motors - Edmonton. Newer tires and spokes. Has top, but no side curtains. Contact Mrs. Wendy Jager for further information and price. **Contact:** 1-780-786-4648 or 1-780-305-9297, Box 930, Mayerthorpe, Alberta, T0E 1N0, e mail at [wendyjager19@gmail.com](mailto:wendyjager19@gmail.com)

**For Sale:** 1 - T Front license plate mounting bracket. 2 - Early T crank handle brackets, on crankcase. 2- Early T mounting brackets for front doors. 1- Brass mounting bracket, 1 pair Royal Simplex wind wings mounting brackets - 11 1/12 inches. 1 - A3520-E Steering column mounting bracket. 1 Left taillight bracket /A-13471-L. 1-Tail light/license plate bracket/adjustable.  
**CONTACT:** Al Riise 403-274-4474 Calgary



**Wanting to buy:** New or used brass burner elbows that thread onto a carbide headlight burner base and connect to the gas line hose. Ross @ 403-651-1612 or [rbmanagement@shaw.ca](mailto:rbmanagement@shaw.ca),



**Lethbridge's 2020 Early Bird Swap Meet**  
Saturday, February 15, 2020 - Location  
Lethbridge Exhibition Park  
(3401 – Parkside Drive South)  
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Set-up: Friday Noon until 8:00 PM) Contact Mike Yakubowski @ 403-381-6971  
e-mail [ebswapmeet@gmail.com](mailto:ebswapmeet@gmail.com)