



# T Footnotes



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## President's Message

Someone once asked Roy how fast his white speedster would go. His reply was right on the money, "About 20 mph faster than I can stop and about 15 mph faster than I can steer". It is partly for these reasons that I offered my camper truck for sale at the Lethbridge Swap Meet. I need a T that will steer well and stop well when pulling our new camping trailer.

At the "meet" a number of my Model T friends pointed out just how crazy it would be to sell a vehicle I have enjoyed since I was 14 and replace it with the souped-up pseudo hot rod I planned to build. Well the Camper T didn't sell so I plan to upgrade it to 4 wheel hydraulic brakes and downgrade it to a 4:1 rear end ratio so we can climb the hills on the way to the campsites and slow down on the other side.

We enjoyed ourselves as usual in Lethbridge. Glen found some rare parts for his Model R and Jonathan found a windshield for his brass car. Stan as usual walked away with a desirable Stromberg carburetor but passed on a broken Ruckstell, and I sent some wire wheels south to Montana.

*Robb*



Harry Lillo, John Steele, Robb Wolff, Peter Anderson



2014 Dues are now due !!





2013 Christmas Party

On a frosty December 7th evening, 42 Foothills Model T'ers gathered at the Banff Trail Community Centre for the Club's annual Christmas Party.

After a happy hour of socializing and swapping Model T tales, Art Jewell asked everyone to be seated and thanked them for coming. Art thanked Orest and Carole Kitzul for donating and cooking the ham, and Barb and Ken Canning and Veronica and Jonathan Watson for cooking the turkeys. President Ken Canning welcomed guests, and then presented Stan Evenson with his and his wife Shirley's 25 Year membership pins. Robb Wolff gave the blessing and we all enjoyed a delicious ham and turkey dinner accompanied by a wonderful variety of pot luck salads, veggies and desserts.

After dinner, Santa and his trusty elf arrived to distribute the gifts each person had placed under the Christmas tree. Santa also had some "special" gifts for several members whose deeds or misdeeds had come to Santa's attention during the past year.

Our thanks to Ron Rigby who came early to help set up the hall. Thanks also to Marge Wolff and all the ladies who organized and set out the food, and to all who helped with the clean up. And of course, a special thanks to Santa who took time from his busy schedule to visit his Model T friends.

An enjoyable time was held by all.

Eileen & Art

Welcome new members: (joined for the 2014 member year)

Art & Jackie Bent, Cochrane, AB, they have a 1917 Touring

Rick and Linda Skibsted, Rosebud, AB

Rod & Sharon Wallace, Cochrane, AB

Maurice & Evelyn Campeau, Ft. Kent, AB, 1917 Roadster

Joe & Dolores DeMott, Drumhellar, AB, 1926 Truck

As I have not been that consistent in mentioning the new members, these are the members that joined for the 2013 member year.

Lloyd & Susan Barberree, Rimbey, AB, 1916 Touring

Bruce & Anne Brander, Sundre, AB, 1919 C Cab

Bob & Colleen Long, Nanton, AB, 1915 Touring

Roger and Jan Peterson, Greenville, TN

Mike & Mary Reid, Sherwood Park, AB, 1911 Touring

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**Minutes of the Foothills Model T Ford Club Meeting**  
January 22, 2014, Aerospace Museum

President Robb Wolff called meeting to order at 7:35pm There were 17 members in attendance. Robb welcomed everyone to the January Meeting. New member Lloyd Barberree was in attendance. Minutes: Kristen Anderson – Kristen read the minutes of the November 2013 Meeting and requested they be adopted as read. Art Jewell seconded. Carried. There was no business arising from the minutes.

Treasurers Report: Ross Benedict – Eileen Jewell provided the Treasurer’s report for November and December 2103, in Ross’s absence. Eileen moved that the report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Peter Anderson. Carried.

Membership: Eileen Jewell – Eileen reported that we have 52 paid memberships for 2014. Eileen reminded members that we need to record their MTFCA membership numbers. You must be part of the parent club in order to participate in / on National Tours. AI asked if the MTFCA has our membership numbers, which they do as they assign members a number when they join. Kristen reported that she sends to MTFCA the minutes of the November meeting with the new Executive as well as a copy of the current roster which includes the membership numbers.

Editor’s Report: Chris Brancaccio – November newsletter is on the website, Chris forgot to send an email. He is working on the January issue.

Upcoming Events:

- February 15th Swap Meet and SVAA Meeting in Lethbridge.
- Club Meetings are the 4th Wednesday of every month.
- MTFCA AGM & Cruise Feb 24th – Mar 1st.
- Next 2015 tour committee Meeting is March 19th at Cam Clark Ford at 7:00pm.
- March Meeting will have to be held elsewhere as the Museum is not available.
- Red Deer Swap Meet and SVAA Meeting will be May 2 & 3
- Safety Inspection will by Sunday June 1st if that works for Ted Zylstra
- President’s tour will be Saturday June 7th and we will probably run the Watson’s Honeymoon Tour which was cancelled due to poor weather.

Tool Curators Report: Glen McDonald – No report. Robb displayed a Stevens Reaming Fixture – used to repair front axles. Dan Hatch is making reamers / taps and bushings or inserts for around \$465.00. He is not going to continue making the reamers.

Motion: Peter Anderson moved that the club spend \$465 Canadian to purchase a set of reamers and inserts to for club members to use in front axle repair. Lawrence Gould seconded.

Discussion –

- Reamers can be easily damaged and should be used under supervision or by experienced members, as should all of the club tools
- Club should or could charge a deposit for use
- Axle owner would be responsible if there was damage





Amended motion: Club purchases the reamers and inserts from Dan Hatch, for approximately \$465.00 Canadian and that they be left in the care of Robb Wolff. Club members will be charged \$50.00 to offset costs. \$20 for parts and \$30 depreciation of tools (reamers). Carried.

Librarian's Report: Jonathan Watson – No report

Tours and Workshops: Horace and Tom are working on a Garage tour for March / April in the High River / Aldersyde areas. Lunch perhaps at the Saskatoon Farm.

President's Tour June 7th as discussed earlier

Museum of Making – Tim stated that the Museum will be a stop on our 2015 tour, so would like to go out there and run through the day and logistics. The tours will have to be staggered as they can only accommodate 20 – 30 visitors through the Museum at a time. Club members will need to help with that day rather than tour the museum. July 26th is the date that Tim would like to do the dry run.

July 13 – 18th is the National Tour – San Diego California

Possible camping tour this summer to Cypress Hills and area. This trip we will hub rather than move camp every day.

Rod Wallace – Ghost River for the fall tour September / October.

2015 Tour: Last meeting was held on Jan 7th with 25 people in attendance. Events are coming together. Ross is organizing registration, Ken and Barb Canning have offered to host the hospitality room, the tour day planning is well under way. Bob Hauswirth will be coordinating trouble trucks. The final banquet will be held at Glen Eagles and Art & Eileen will be organizing that event. A deposit has been paid to Glen Eagles for the facility. All groups will require volunteers to make sure that all events run smoothly.

Motion: Chris Brancaccio requests that the Foothills Model T Club advance \$2000.00 to the 2015 Jubilee Tour Committee as seed funds. Seconded by Tim. Carried.

New Business: Al Riise asked for the minutes to be emailed prior to the meetings. Chris will send them out, when he receives them.

Ken received an email regarding insurance. Robb will email him back stating that we are not interested in a presentation at this time.

There are back issues of Hemmings and Old Autos for anyone that is interested in them.

Winner of the 50/50 draw, Dan Meier.

Thanks to Jewells for picking up the donuts.

Adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Show and tell: Reamer tool and Carbs.





Dr. Perry Doolittle is the first Canadian to drive across Canada from Halifax to Vancouver.



In 1912 the president of the Victoria Automobile Club, Albert E. Todd, donated a gold medal to be awarded to the first driver to make it from ocean to ocean entirely on Canadian roads, and the lobbying drivers staked a signpost at Alberni next to the Pacific that declared itself to be a “Canadian Highway.”

Dr. Doolittle, a Toronto physician and early president of the Canadian Automobile Association, was hoping to raise awareness for his campaign to build a road from Halifax to Vancouver.

In 1925, he and filmmaker Ed Flickenger drove a donated Model T Ford on a highly publicized road trip; they solved the problem of there being no roads in remote areas simply by driving along the existing railway tracks. They swapped the car’s rubber-tired wheels for ones of flanged steel and, with the permission of Canadian Pacific, drove on the tracks across the swamps of northern Ontario and through the most challenging mountains of the Rockies.

Because the railway was not considered a Canadian road, the Todd Medal remained unclaimed.

Eventually, in 1946, a retired brigadier from Winnipeg decided to take the medal challenge. Macfarlane was a larger-than-life character who made and lost two fortunes before finding success in the textile industry. He was also a born salesman and negotiator, and he persuaded Chevrolet to give him a new Stylemaster sedan for the epic drive.

He and his friend Kenneth MacGillivray, who navigated but never took the wheel, crossed the country from Louisbourg, N.S. to Victoria in just nine days, with few problems aside from rain and snow. They ate well and slept comfortably, and stopped for a day in Winnipeg.

The Todd Medal was presented to Macfarlane at a dinner in Victoria, though not by Albert Todd himself — he had died 18 years before, while serving as the city’s mayor.

The Trans-Canada Highway Act was passed in 1949, but construction did not begin until 1950 and it officially opened in 1962 although it was not officially completed until 1971. I remember a friend who moved here in the 50’s tell me when he was working in Saskatchewan he used to come to Calgary through the Montana.



Static Electricity and re-fueling your car

The Petroleum Equipment Institute recommends the following simple precautions to avoid causing static fires while refueling:

- Always turn off the engine.
- Don't smoke near gas pumps.
- Never re-enter your vehicle while refueling.

While the author of the email got the main (and most important) point right, he or she also contributed a few exaggerations and falsehoods. Here's a comparison of the email's claims with what was actually documented in the PEI study:

CLAIM: Out of 150 cases, almost all of them involved female drivers.

EXAGGERATED. According to news reports, investigators found that 78% (or roughly three-quarters) of the static-caused fires involved women, who apparently have a greater tendency to return to the vehicle while refueling.

CLAIM: Almost all cases involved the driver getting back into the vehicle while the nozzle was still pumping gas...

EXAGGERATED. Around two-thirds of the documented cases involved the subject returning to the driver's seat.

CLAIM: Most had on rubber-soled shoes.

UNDETERMINED. The report says that in 94% of the cases where footwear was identified the subjects were wearing rubber-soled shoes. But type of shoe was not identified in every case.

CLAIM: Most men never get back in their vehicle until completely finished. This is why they are seldom involved in these types of fires.

EXAGGERATED. At least 20% of the documented cases involved males.

CLAIM: Don't ever use cell phones when pumping gas.

FALSE & IRRELEVANT. The report flatly states that cell phone use was not a factor in any of the reported incidents.

CLAIM: It is the vapors that come out of the gas that cause the fire, when connected with static charges.

TRUE, though not explicitly stated in the report.

CLAIM: Several of the 150 cases (not nearly all, but several) involved 1994 Dodge Caravans.

FALSE. Out of the 81 incidents broken down by make and model in the summary report, exactly one involved a 1994 Dodge Caravan. (Six other incidents involved Dodge Caravans of various manufacture dates.)

"When you exit the car, first of all you're going to open your door, and when you touch the door you're no longer charged," says Bob Renkes, executive vice-president at the Petroleum Equipment Institute in Tulsa, Okla.

"Then you're probably going to touch the nozzle to get it out of the boot. You may use a credit card, you're going to touch that, too. Usually there's a door on your car that gets you to the fill cap, and you're going to touch the cap. So you have seven or eight times when you'll dissipate your static electricity – and all it takes is once. So we never usually have a problem when we initially fuel."

More information on this can be found on the internet reviewing the claims and the facts.



## Events

**Feb 26** - Regular Meeting, Aerospace Museum  
7:30 pm

**Mar 15** - workshop

**Mar 26** - Regular Meeting, AT WOODRIDGE  
FORD 7:30 pm

**Apr 23** - Regular Meeting

**May 2-3** – Red Deer Swap Meet

## Birthdays

February 1	Marilyn Lundquist
February 4	Rob Hutchinson
February 8	Mike Reid
February 9	Ed Helmich
February 15	Chris Brancaccio
February 16	Lawrence Gould
February 17	Emanuel Cohen
February 17	Danin Bodnar
February 20	Cliff Proctor
February 21	John Provost
February 22	Dorothy Gould
February 23	Lloyd Barberree
February 28	Margariet van Dijk

## For Sale – For Trade

**Please note:** All Advertisements from club members will be published in three consecutive issues, free of charge. Non-member advertisements relating to the Model T will also be published free of charge as space permits. Send info to the editor: phone 403-271-1238, or email [Brancaccio@platinum.ca](mailto:Brancaccio@platinum.ca)

**For sale:** 1917 Ford Model T touring, hand cranker, uses hidden battery for spark, top requires some patching, news tires, tubes, and flaps, One spare front wheel with tire. Side lamps & tail light operated on lamp oil, has been on display at the Reynolds-Alberta Museum (2009) & Pincher Creek Mall in 2011. 4 cylinders, 20 hp black in colour, windshield folds down.

2 - 1917 to 1924 Ford t frames

2 - 1926/27 Ford t frames-one with running boards & brackets.

Several Ford T engine blocks, wood spoke wheels & rims, 21 inch or 30x31/2 for Ford.

Al 403-274-4474 Calgary

**For sale** 1965 Ford Galaxie 500, 2 door hardtop, 352 engine. This was an older restoration that was in storage for several years. It has new wheel cylinders, brakes, wheel covers and door kick plates. Body rust free, interior is clean. One owner car until 2007. Asking \$7,000 or best offer. Must sell lost storage.

Lawrence Gould [L.Gould@telus.net](mailto:L.Gould@telus.net) Phone 403-227-1883 cell 403-302-2694



**Wanted:** Looking for a similar Lens Ring ( 9" ID) and Chimney Top and for 1912-14 T Gas Head Light, No need to be brass . . . Please call Ross 403-651-1612







The Foothills Model T Ford Club

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

If you have already renewed for this year, would you please pass this renewal form on to someone who also shares in our interest of the Model T Ford.



If you have not renewed please take time now to complete this renewal form and send it along with your dues of \$25.00 to our Membership Secretary:

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I do not object to having my name printed in the Club Directory: Signed:



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The Model T Ford Club of America
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Yes! I want to become a member of the MTFCA and receive THE VINTAGE FORD!

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Please forward MTFCA membership numbers to Eileen when received.

2014 Club Executive

Table with 3 columns: Position, Name, Phone Number. Lists executive members including Robb Wolff, Ken Canning, Ross Benedict, etc.

All numbers are 403 area code

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