

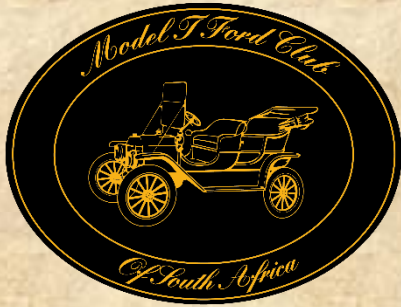
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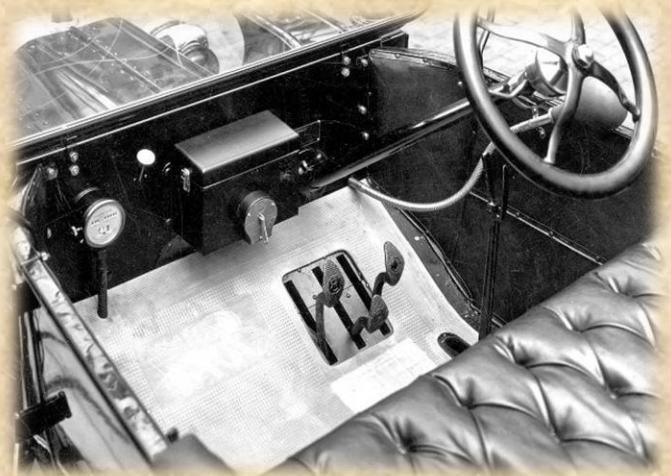
**Cover Photo:** Are Barn Finds still around? Taco Kamstra's 1926/1927 Model T Ford. We'll find out more about this car soon.

# From the Driving Seat

Hi Everyone

It gives me great pleasure to present this report for the term I served as president of the Model T Club of South Africa between December 2024 and November 2025.

Firstly, I would like to thank my fellow members of the committee, Hennie Marx and Paul Hoogendoorn as well as all the regional champions for assisting me in handling the club's affairs this past year. Without their help it would not have been possible.



During the year we welcomed five new members to our Model T family. Our current membership stands at 67 members. This shows that the interest in veteran cars is on the increase and what is even more heartwarming is the fact that many of these members' age is about half of their car's age.

A big shout-out goes to Phillip Rosser for all the effort he puts into the **T -Time** . This quarterly publication stands out amongst other club newsletters and is testimony of the quality of cars and members we have in our club.

I wish to thank Kobus Botha, who willingly keeps the Technical Evenings rolling. Not only that, but he also manages to keep it interesting with relevant topics. This is probably one of the most difficult things to do nowadays. There is only so much that one can explain and discuss about a Model T, and to still find new and interesting topics is a miracle. A big thank you to everyone that conducted a presentation and also to all members that frequently attended the technical evenings this year. The presentations were of good quality and very educational.

In August this year, our members saw the club playing host to the Pro Auto Rubber Tour. This National Tour for veteran and vintage cars was held under the auspices of SAVVA. It was held in Mpumalanga, more specifically, the Hazyview area. Everyone will agree that the tour was most enjoyable, the weather good and the camaraderie exceptional, as always. Our club gained a lot of exposure during the Ignition TV episodes that were broadcasted in October.

The Committee is already hard at work to host the 2026 Model T Tour for club members. This will take part in the Eastern Free State around Bethlehem, Clarens and Golden Gate. The location was specifically chosen to be central so all members can attend without fuel costs breaking the bank. It is also the club's 10 year birthday, so be prepared to be spoiled!

In September we attended the Annual General Meeting of SAVVA in Johannesburg. Again, members of the Model T Ford club were amongst those elected to serve on the Executive Council. They are:

Paul Koski as SAVVA president  
Philip Kuschke as secretary  
Hannie Kuschke as treasurer  
Tertius du Preez as trophy officer  
Phillip Rosser as editor of the Automobilst  
Eric McQuillian as ITAC representative

Well done to all these members. You make us proud and showcase the high level of respect that our club earns amongst the old-car-movement in this country.

Talking about networking between clubs. I would like to thank Pierre Malherbe for the work he has done to keep our website fresh and relevant. If you still haven't visited [www.modelt.co.za](http://www.modelt.co.za) then I strongly suggest you do so. You will be pleasantly surprised. Also, thanks to Phillip Rosser for distributing other club's newsletters amongst our members.

As decided at the 2024 AGM, we have awarded honorary membership to Hugh Clare Talbot, who resides in the United States. More recently Philip Kuschke has made contact with the secretary of the Model T Ford club of Great Britain. They have attended our last Technical Evening, and I am sure that these ties will become very valuable to our club in future.

Lastly, Emil Kushke is currently driving our 2026 Calendar-project from Lesotho's side of the river. A big thank you to him and Philip Kuschke, for all the effort they put into producing a high standard gloss calendar that every member can be proud of.

Unfortunately, my circumstances changed to such an extent that I feel I am neglecting my duties as president of the club. I don't want the club or its members to suffer from that, nevertheless take away the enjoyment that this club offers. In light of the above, I have decided to step down and rather hand the reins over to someone that is in a position to guide and lead the club to exceed the high levels of standard that was already set previously. Best wishes to Kobus Botha, the new president, and his committee. May you carry this club into its teenage years, and may it stand out as a highlight in promoting the vision and mission that was established upon its inauguration.

I would like to thank every member for tolerating me this past year and also for driving and enjoying your Model T Ford. Thanks to our Heavenly Father for His grace upon us and the opportunity we get to be custodians of these vehicles. May He keep us all safe this festive season and may you all return safely to your homes and loved ones.

May you have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

Till next time...

**Tertius du Preez – Outgoing president: Model T Ford Club of South Africa**

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## From the Editor

Soos ons hierbo in die uitgaande president, Tertius du Preez se boodskap sien, is Kobus Botha tydens die afgelope Algemene Jaarvergadering verkies as die nuwe president van die Model T Fordklub van SA. Cassie Lourens van Vryheid is tydens die eerste komiteevergadering na die AJV deur die komitee gekoöpteer as streeksvertegenwoordiger vir die Kwazulu-Natal Streek. Baie geluk aan Kobus en Cassie.

Club events are organised by the regional champions (the committee is still looking for a volunteer to take over these responsibilities in the Gauteng Region). We hope to see more members participating in the Technical Evenings on ZOOM. This is where we learn more about our cars and get to meet other members. Please make an effort to attend, you will not be disappointed.

Please ensure that your club subs are up to date. Several people seem to have forgotten to pay the subs of R250-00 which are due in January each year.

I also want to wish everyone a blessed festive season. Let's keep driving our cars in the new year!

**Phillip Rosser**  
**Editor**

# Club subscriptions

The club's financial year now runs from January to December (previously March to February). This means that subs are due on 01 January 2025. Subscriptions remain unchanged at R250-00 per family per year.

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## Birthdays

A happy birthday to our members during the next quarter.

If we have missed your birthday, please advise Phillip Rosser so that we can ensure that the database is up to date.

Kobus Botha	03 January	Adrie van den Heever	13 March
Jakkie Calitz	04 January	Theresa van den Heever	14 March
Venessa Lubbe	07 January	Madaleen van Heerden	16 March
Cassie Lourens	11 January	Elsa Mollentze	16 March
Carlos Marques	13 January	Willie Lubbe	20 March
Harry Heyns	18 January	Miemsie Janse V Rensburg	26 March
Letisia Rivas	18 January	Megan Greyvensteyn	26 March
Joyce Riddell	19 January	Veertjie Fourie	16 March
Jaco Stroebe	23 January	Freddie Durow	30 March
Poppie Hoogendoorn	23 January	Thasvir Premrajh	31 March
Paul Hoogendoorn	30 January	Elize Duvenage	31 March
Fred Calitz	02 February	Leon Oelofse	07 April
Alba Carstens	02 February	Paul Koski	09 April
Kevern Mollentze	03 February	Rod Crookes	13 April
Ali van Jaarsveld	05 February	Stef-Steyn Walters	14 April
Danie Schmidt	05 February	Johan Slump	15 April
Pierre Malherbe	08 February	Piet de Wet	15 April
Johan van Dyk	11 February	Jozua v d Merwe	24 April
Paul Mouton	12 February	Corne Marx	24 April
Taco Kamstra	14 February	Ann Zwets	24 April
Hannie Kuschke	15 February	Juliana Lance	24 April
Colin Greyvensteyn	19 February	Pat Biddulph	28 April
Johann Rust	27 February		

# New Members

A special welcome to the new members that joined the club during the last quarter. We look forward to meeting you at our next virtual meeting.

Lukas and Anna Nel from Centurion.  
Deon Crafford from Klerksdorp.

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# Tears and Joy

Brandon and Charmaine Inkley have announced that a baby girl will be added to their family in June. Congratulations to you and Ouma Wilma and Oupa Pierre Malherbe!!

It is with sadness that we hear of the passing of Jopie Fourie on 4 December 2025. Our condolences to the family and friends.

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# Forthcoming Events

Below is the club's events calendar which includes other clubs' events as well. The calendar is set up so that chapters can organise an event even if it coincides with another club's event. Please remember that all events are covered by a SAVVA certificate/permit. Dates can be changed but Peter Bolze, the SAVVA Motorsport portfolio holder (082 648 6972 or motorsport@savva.co.za) must be informed at least 3 days before a change.

MONTH	DATE	MTFCSA EVENT	SAVVA CALENDAR EVENT	DAY	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Jan	1	PROPOSED EVENT		Thursday	New Year's Day
	8	TECHNICAL EVENING		Thursday	
Feb	1		Kalk Bay Veteran Run (Crankhandle Club)	Sunday	
	12-13		VetTour (SCOCC)	Thurs - Fri	
	14		George Old Car Show(SCOCC)	Saturday	
Mar	12	TECHNICAL EVENING		Thursday	
	13-14		DJ Rally	Fri - Sat	
	15		Modderfontain Swapmeet	Sunday	
	21	PROPOSED EVENT		Saturday	Human Rights Day
Apr	3			Friday	Good Friday
	6			Monday	Family Day
	9	TECHNICAL EVENING		Thursday	
	27	PROPOSED EVENT		Monday	Freedom Day

# TEGNIESE AANDE

Die volgende Tegnieuse Aande word beplan. Skakel gerus in met die ZOOM skakel wat uitgestuur word. Dis baie maklik en as jy sukkel, skakel gerus vir Phillip Rosser by 082 410 5490 en hy sal met graagte help. Daar word ook 'n bietjie sosiaal verkeer aan die einde van die aanbieding. Kobus Botha is die sameroeper. Skakel gerus vir Kobus indien jy jou projek of tegniese vaardighede met lede wil deel.

**Let asb. daarop dat die Tegnieuse Aande op die tweede Donderdagaand van die maand plaasvind.**

15 January 2026 – **Please note that the January Technical evening has been moved to 15 January 2026.** A technical question was submitted and Oliver Gerondeanos will do a presentation on the magnetising of Model T Ford magneto magnets. Keep sending those technical questions to Philip Kuschke on 082 856 5152 or e-mail at philipe.kuschke@gmail.com.

February 2026 – There will be no Technical Evening for February.

12 March 2026 - Topic will be communicated.

9 April 2026 - Topic will be communicated.

All the Technical Evening presentations are available on YouTube. The links are available on the new website at: [www.modelt.co.za](http://www.modelt.co.za).

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## Down Memory Lane

A bit of nostalgia. This is what 125 years of progress in South Africa looks like.

In 1923, Ford assembled 10 Model T cars per day at a disused wool shed in Struandale, Port Elizabeth. Today, it manufactures 720 vehicles per day at its Silverton plant in Pretoria.



A Ford Model T cavalcade in the 1920s in Port Elizabeth following the success of the production facility in Port Elizabeth.



1926 Model T Ford  
Pick Up

In 100 years Ford went from the pick up above to the Pick Up below!



2025 Ford Ranger  
Hybrid Pick Up



The Streets of  
Johannesburg in  
1900. Only horse -  
drawn carts and  
trams.



The Streets of Johannesburg in 1950's. Trams and cars.



The Streets of Johannesburg in the 1960's. More modern cars and busses with no more trams



The Streets of Johannesburg in the 1980's. More modern cars and no more busses.



The Streets of  
Johannesburg in 2025.  
Chaos – anything goes.

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## International News

### **London to Brighton Veteran car Run Organised by the Royal Automobile Club 2 November 2025**

#### **Sunshine greets 340 Veteran Car Run finishers in Brighton**

As dawn broke over autumnal London, 384 pioneering veteran cars, their intrepid drivers and passengers, and crowds of early-rising well-wishers gathered in Hyde Park this morning (Sunday, 2 November). Despite pre-dawn rain, spirits remained high as everyone eagerly awaited sunrise to signal the start of the 2025 RM Sotheby's London to Brighton Veteran Car Run – the latest staging of the world's longest-running motoring event.

This magical annual institution is the largest and most remarkable gathering of veteran vehicles on Earth. It's also a true celebration of the life-changing benefits that accompanied the birth of motorised transport at the end of the 19th century.

It is now 129 years since the original Emancipation Run of 1896, which celebrated the passing of the Locomotives on Highways Act. That landmark legislation raised the speed limit for "light locomotives" from 4 to 14 mph and abolished the requirement for a man to walk ahead waving a red flag.

Evoking that freedom, today's much-loved homage began, as always, with the symbolic tearing-up of the red flag – a pre-dawn ritual that this year also marked the 125th anniversary of the game-changing 1000 Mile Trial of 1900. That audacious 22-day journey introduced the new-fangled motor car to communities across the nation.

To honour this milestone, the red flag was torn up by racing driver and broadcaster Alex Brundle and presenter Charlotte Vowden, who had the privilege of leading the field away from Hyde Park driving a very special 1899 Wolseley 3.5hp Voiturette.

Affectionately known as OWL (after its registration plate), this Wolseley belongs to the British Motor Museum collection in Gaydon. It is the only working survivor from the original 1000 Mile Trial.



As daylight arrived on an unseasonably warm – if wet – morning, the Run's curtain-raiser featured a group of pre-1905 motor and pedal cycles, also bound for Brighton. Notably the brave penny-farthing riders drew admiration as they set out for the Sussex seaside resort's Madeira Drive.

Precisely at 7:00am, with the sun rising, the first batch of pre-1905 'horseless carriages' was flagged away by Duncan Wiltshire, Chairman of the Royal Automobile Club, which has lovingly curated the Run since 1930.

The oldest Victorian 'light locomotives' led the cavalcade as an extraordinary variety of ancient cars chuffed and wheezed their way through Wellington Arch and down Constitution Hill, past Buckingham Palace, through Admiralty Arch, and into Whitehall. Then it was edging Parliament Square and across Westminster Bridge beneath the gaze of Big Ben. Here, the 60-mile route divided in two to ease traffic flow in south London.

Half of the participants followed the traditional A23 route via Kennington, Brixton and Streatham Common, while the other half travelled across Lambeth Bridge, through Vauxhall, Clapham Common and Tooting. With the weather improving, the two routes merged again on the A236 north of Croydon, reuniting the cavalcade as it headed towards the South Downs in Surrey and West Sussex.

As ever, vehicles set off in age order, with the earliest starting first in OWL's wheel tracks, allowing the first pioneers the most time to reach Brighton.



Among the early starters was the much-loved Salvesen Steam Car – effectively a steam locomotive for the road, complete with a stoker shovelling coal into its fiery furnace. It was joined by numerous motorised tricycles, many with riders and passengers dressed in charming period attire.

Mercedes-Benz Heritage previewed a key anniversary. In 2026, it will be 100 years since Daimler-Motoren-Gesellschaft and Benz & Cie merged to form Daimler-Benz AG, creating the Mercedes-Benz

brand. Anticipating this centenary, the company entered a 1901 Benz Spider and a 1904 Mercedes-Simplex. Although the Simplex was unable to start, the Spider successfully completed the course.

Thereafter followed a staggering variety of antique machinery dating back to motoring's earliest days – some with steering wheels, others with naval-inspired tillers; some powered by petrol, others by steam, and even a few by early electric batteries.



This diversity reflected the pioneering spirit of innovation as different propulsion systems competed to define the future of transport – a dilemma echoed in today's automotive industry. Reflecting the modern shift toward sustainability, several veteran cars ran on SUSTAIN's e-fuels, while the Salvesen operated on eCoal, made from a blend of olives, coffee and molasses.

While the Run looked ahead to a greener future, it also honoured a bygone age when motoring technology was in its infancy – long before roofs, windscreens, heaters, radios or satnavs became standard.



As always, the event's eccentric charm and deep heritage drew huge crowds along the route. Tens of thousands of spectators lined the pavements and verges to cheer on participants throughout the journey.

The Run attracted entrants from across the globe, including cars from Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Holland, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Monaco, Sweden and Switzerland, along with a 26-car contingent from the United States.



In total, more than 100 marques were represented – from Adler, Albion and Argyll to Waverley, Winton and Wolseley. A handful of names, such as Cadillac, Ford, Renault, Vauxhall and Mercedes-Benz still thrive today, though most are long defunct. Among these, De Dion Bouton had the largest showing, with over 50 entries.

Taking advantage of bright Sussex sunshine, no fewer than 340 starters completed the celebrated journey to Brighton before the 4:30pm deadline, proudly collecting their coveted finisher's medals. Many hailed the 2025 Run as one of the best ever, praising the ever-improving route signposting, the 280 enthusiastic volunteer marshals, and the fervent support from well-wishers along the way.

The first car to reach the Sussex seafront was the No 46 Renaux tricycle, winner of the 1900 Paris-St Malo road race, completing the journey in just under four hours to be greeted by the mayor.



Having flagged away the early starters, Duncan Wiltshire enjoyed an untroubled run to Brighton aboard a 1901 Mors owned by the Royal Automobile Club.



“What a fantastic RM Sotheby’s London to Brighton Veteran Car Run it has been today,” said a delighted Wiltshire. “The turnout from spectators was mighty impressive, with some of the biggest crowds I’ve ever seen lining the route once the sun came out. You also have to marvel at the organisation. This is an incredibly complex event, seamlessly overseen by hundreds of wonderful volunteer marshals who ensure the smooth and safe progress of these extraordinary vehicles.

“This has been a fabulous way to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the 1000 Mile Trial. Our 60-mile journey from London to Brighton on modern roads felt pretty heroic, so it’s hard to overestimate the enormous challenge faced by those spirited early motorists on their nationwide adventure back in 1900 – a feat well worth saluting in this milestone year.”

Having led the field away from Hyde Park, Alex Brundle was equally thrilled to reach Brighton after completing his first Veteran Car Run.

“It was such a joy and an incredible experience – my sincere thanks to the British Motor Museum,” he said. “Shamefully, I didn’t know much about the event before, but now I’ve completely fallen in love with it! To have the honour of tearing up the red flag and leaving Hyde Park first, driving OWL in such a milestone year for the car, was amazing. Being in one of the older cars was a real challenge, which only added to the fun... as did seeing so many people lining the roads. I was blown away by the crowds.”

The RM Sotheby’s Veteran Car Run provided a fitting climax to the Royal Automobile Club’s busy London Motor Week, which featured a host of events. The penultimate highlight was the free-to-view St James’s Motoring Spectacle on Pall Mall – the perfect curtain-raiser to today’s grand finale.

Please support our main and secondary sponsors for the 2025 ProAuto Rubber Tour. We appreciate their support for the tour.

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# The Trading Post

## For Sale:

1926 Model T Ford Roadster in good condition for sale. Price: R230 000-00. Contact Jozua vd Merwe on 083 232 6782



## Model T Ford Club Regalia

Club regalia is still very limited at this stage. We would like to encourage the wearing of club shirts and caps to promote the MTFCSA. If anyone wishes to apply the MTFCSA logo to other clothing items such as ladies' scarves or peaks etc., please contact Emil Kuschke on 082 6554 879. It is important that the correct version of the club logo is used at all times.

Club caps are available at a low price of R80-00 each.

Bumper badges are R100-00 each.

Please speak to your regional champion to place your orders.



## MTFCSA Social Media

The Club has an active Facebook page (Model T Ford Club of South Africa), Instagram account (modelfordclubofsouthafrica) and website (www.modelt.co.za). You can follow these pages by scanning the QR codes below or visiting the pages directly.



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