

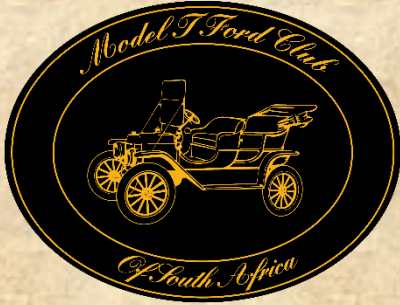
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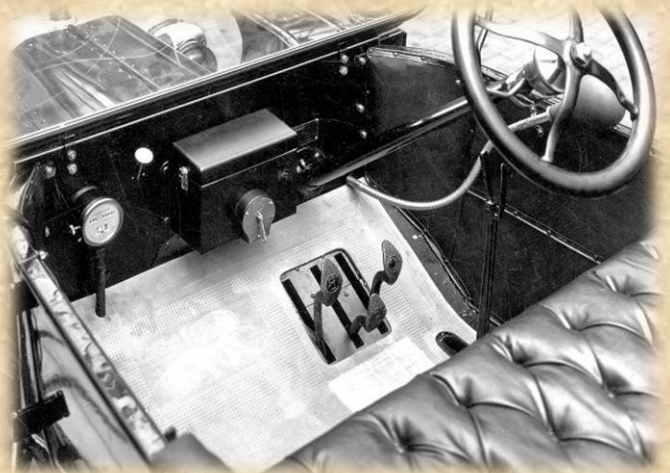
Cover Photo: Model T Ford steering wheel.

From the Driving Seat

Goeie Dag Lede

Met die winterkoue wat nou heers, glo ek daar word min gery met die Model T's. Dit gee darem kans vir nodige herstelwerk om gedoen te word.

I recently visited a farm upcountry, where cars are still tucked away in barns. Years and years of collecting and restoring. And very little driving. This made me think about the stories that our cars can tell. Please send your story to Phillip for the next T-Time. Where did you find the car? Who did it belong to? What did you have to do to fetch or recover it? Every car has a story. Tell us yours!



Kan jy nog ons vorige toere onthou? Die Wilderness toer, Oos-Vrystaat, Gariepdam en Paarl. Kan jy onthou hoe genotvol dit was en hoe jy dit geniet het?

There are only 3 weeks remaining for you to submit your entry form for this year's tour to the Lowveld. Entries close on 20 July. Please don't miss this opportunity to be part of an unforgettable tour in the northern regions of South Africa.

Baie sterkte aan ons lede wat sukkel met gesondheid. Mag julle sommer spoedige beterskap ervaar.

Keep driving and keep smiling...till next time!

Tertius du Preez

President: Model T Ford Club of South Africa

From the Editor

This has been another relatively quiet quarter. Cold weather seems to have an impact on the number of events taking place. The organising team are hard at work with the final stages of preparation for the 2025 ProAuto Rubbe Tour which takes place in the Hazyview area from 20 to 24 August. Take note that the closing date for entries is 20 July.

In hierdie uitgawe leer ons meer oor Delvin and Cindy Allan van Umtentweni, in Philip Kuschke se Kollig atriël. Hulle het 'n mooi trekker en oumotor versameling.

We also look at Heny Ford's six-cylinder Model K Ford in this edition. Some say it was a failure, while other sources differ. The car was produced from 1906 to 1908 and cost around \$2800 which was significantly more than the \$850 for a Model T Ford in 1908 which was eventually reduced to about \$260 in 1925.

Let's keep those cars running!

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.

Barrie Pieterse	01 July	Oliver Gerondeanos	05 September
Tertius Du Preez	03 July	Ockert van der Berg	10 September
Andre Wessels	08 July	Kerneels van der Berg	10 September
Eduan Naude (Son)	09 July	Siggi Duvel	15 September
Greg Bjorkman	12 July	Viv James	18 September
Emil Kuschke	14 July	Hennie Swanepoel	24 September
Warwick Perks	14 July	Cindy Allan	30 September
Jorge Alves	16 July	Annatjie de Wet	30 September
Arthur Duvenage	21 July	Charmaine Malherbe	03 October
Candice Slump	22 July	Delvin Allan	04 October
Johann van den Heever	25 July	Francois van den Heever	06 October
Mike Alexander	27 July	Jonathan Tacon	13 October
Elanie Stroebel	29 July	Francois Carstens	14 October
Shawn Venter	05 August	Diane Heyns	18 October
Tina Mouton	06 August	Syd Biddulph	22 October
Hannelie Pieterse	14 August	Susan Koch	23 October
Jopie Fourie	22 August	Rosita Kuschke	27 October
Eric Edwards	25 August	Sandy Casey	28 October
Annamarie Breytenbach	26 August	Heather James	29 October
Harvie van Heerden	03 September		

Regional Feedback

It has been quite cold lately and not many events took place. The Technical evenings still prove to be popular and are well attended.

Eastern Cape Region

By Paul Hoogendoorn

JUNE 2025

With only two club members in my region of which one owns a Model T there was very little activity so far this year. A plan had to be made to get some life into the region and luckily The Real Travel Guy, an anonymous reviewer came across my path with a very interesting request; would I be prepared to make Lizzie available for an advertising shoot for a local Ford dealership? Having agreed, a plan was put in place – I was going to proceed to Eastern Cape Motors in North End, Gqeberha in Lizzie and ask for assistance in identifying the awkward noise emitting from the drive train. The dealer principal, sales manager and service manager were notified that a customer with an extended warranty on his unique Ford was bringing his car for some attention.

We chose 3pm on a Thursday as the ideal time, the workshop personnel have their tea break then and the service reception area will be deserted. As I drove into the 'service tunnel' the workshop manager came out and obviously the game was up – within minutes the entire service and sales personnel were swarming around this unusual Ford and I had to field an impressive array of questions. What struck me was that very few of the personnel were aware of Ford's history and 'where it all began' – all being amazed at this 103 year old example still in near perfect running condition. The sheer mechanical simplicity of the T impressed the service personnel who nowadays have to carry out electronic diagnostics to figure out what is wrong with the new "Tupperware-based" vehicles being serviced.



Above: The Model T Ford drew a lot of attention from the sales and service team.





After a “photo-shoot” at the service area it was time to take Lizzie round to the showroom – parked next to the latest top-of-the range Ford Everest Platinum for a comparison between the two. As a joke we slapped the Everest’s amazing 10 year 1 million kilometres warranty door magnet on to Lizzie.





To view the afternoon's fun and a Ford Everest sales pitch, follow the YouTube link:

(Please excuse the poor sound quality and AI trying to translate)

<https://youtu.be/zdppN2ePYhY>

You can also select the following Tik Tok link:

<https://vm.tiktok.com/ZMSmUAFbE/>

At the end of the afternoon's fun I drove Lizzie back home – with a little challenge. I had been told that a Model T can barely make it up Mount Road in top gear so here I went, choosing Mount Road rather than my less hilly route home. Lizzie romped all the way up the hill at a steady 40 to 45 kilometres per hour!

Long live Model T !

Southern Cape Region

By Phillip Rosser

Philip Kuschke and I visited the Wizards on Wheels Car Show on 28 June in East London together with some SAVVA representatives. The show was well organised and attracted a huge crowd which were obviously eager to view the 200-odd cars on display. The exhibits dated from a 1922 Model T Ford through a range of 50's and 60's cars all the way to the latest 2025 all-electric MG Cyberster.

The display of cars was surrounded by a large Flea Market as well as a wide range of food stalls while some live music was playing. The show was well supported by the Border Street Rod Classic and V8 Club, the Border Vintage Car Club, the Concept Crew Club and the Queenstown Automobile Club.



The show did not have all that many old cars on display, but a good variety including one Model T Ford.

Forthcoming Events

2025 ProAuto Rubber Tour

The big event for the year is the 2025 ProAuto Rubber Tour which is the 2025 SAVVA National. The tour takes place from 20 to 24 August 2025 in the Hazyview area and is open to vehicles manufactured up to 31 December 1930 as well as for motorcycles manufactured up to the end of 1936.

The route planning has been done and one section will take us into the Kruger National Park! Participants will be staying at the Numbi Hotel and various places of interest will be visited in the beautiful surrounding area. This is going to be another great tour in a beautiful area. Please make sure to submit your entries before the deadline of 20 July.

Entry forms have been sent out. Contact Philip Kuschke on 082 856 5152 for more information.

Below is the club's events calendar which includes other club's 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. Events highlighted in yellow are MTFCSA events.

MONTH	DATE	MTFCSA EVENT	SAVVA CALENDAR EVENT	DAY	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Jul	6	PROPOSED EVENT	2025 Eden Classic Car Show	Sunday	
	10	Technical Evening			
Aug	3		POMC Cars in the Park	Sunday	
	9		SCOCC Women's Day	Saturday	Women's Day
	13 - 17		POMC Magnum Rally	Wed - Sun	
	14	Technical Evening			
	20 - 24	MTFCSA EVENT	ProAuto Rubber Veteran & Vintage Tour	Wed - Sun	
	30	Dispatch show	Concept crew club show Despatch		
Sept	11	Technical Evening			
	20		SAVVA AGM	Saturday	
	21		Modderfontein Swapmeet	Sunday	
	24	PROPOSED EVENT	SAVVA Drive it Day (Braai Day)	Wednesday	Heritage Day
Oct	9	Technical Evening			
	10 - 12		Rendezvous Tour	Fri - Sun	
	19	PROPOSED EVENT		Sunday	
Nov	'9 - 11		Fairest Cape Tour	Sun - Tues	
	13	Technical Evening			
	16	PROPOSED EVENT		Sunday	
Dec	16	PROPOSED EVENT		Tuesday	Day of Reconciliation
	25			Thursday	Christmas Day
	26			Friday	Day of Goodwill
Jan '25	1	PROPOSED EVENT		Thursday	

TEGNIESE AANDE

Die volgende Tegniese 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 Tegniese Aande op die tweede Donderdagaand van die maand plaasvind.

10 July 2025 – Topic will be communicated.

14 August 2025 - Topic will be communicated.

11 September 2025 – Topic will be communicated.

9 October 2025 - 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.

Spotlight on ...

By Philip Kuschke

Delvin and Cindy Allan - Model T Ford Club member number 79

How do you know you are dealing with a very serious enthusiast/collector? Well, you just have to listen to him and peep into his garage ... and that is what fascinated me about Delvin. Delvin and Cindy are not one-eyed Model T Ford enthusiasts; they are true lovers of a broad spectrum of old cars and old motorcycles.

Cindy and Delvin met through mutual friends in the early 1990s. Cindy has always been supportive of Delvin's love for old Fords — not only with patience during long hours spent in the workshop, but she is also showing genuine interest in the stories behind the vehicles. They often watch classic car shows together, and while the hobby keeps Delvin busy, she enjoys spending time on her own interests too.



Their collection consists of 5 Model A Fords, a 1934 Model B Pickup, a 1948 F1 Pickup, a 1966 Mustang, a T-Bucket, as well as a few tractors, including a Vaaljapie collection, Massey-Harris Pony, Farmall B and a Fordson 8N. Motorcycles include a range of Hondas, Royal Enfields, BSA's and a Harley-Davidson with a sidecar. This collection is neatly displayed in a "museum" on their smallholding in Natal. The selected motor regalia and old petrol pumps compliment the collection of vehicles, and it must be a pleasure to stop here and visit.



Above: Delvin's Model A Ford collection.

There are also three beautiful Model T Fords in their collection. This collection consists of a 1911 Model T Ford (ex Allister McDonald), a 1923 Four-seater (ex Sigg Duvel) and a very nice 1926 Coupe. Delvin recently acquired a very large collection of Model T Ford parts, from which he wants to build another two T Fords. He has already started a 1914 project (see photo).



Above: Delvin's 1911 Model T Ford (ex Allister McDonald).



Above: The 1923 Model T Ford (ex Sigg Duvel).



Above: The recently acquired 1926 Model T Ford Coupé.

Delvin's love for old cars has come a long way. He grew up in a family business that did general engineering work, and here he gained his love for the restoration and preservation of old vehicles – valuable knowledge and experience that he still uses today. Delvin does the restoration work on his vehicles himself, from the mechanical bench repairs, wiring and painting of the vehicles. The only work that is outsourced is upholstery work. He is truly an expert in many fields!

Delvin is currently restoring the engine and transmission of the 1926 Model T Coupe, after which he is eager to tackle his 1914 Speedster. (He has already started on this.)

Delvin and Cindy have a son and a daughter. Both children are not only interested in the vehicles but also have a great love for collecting vintage memorabilia. How blessed the Allan couple are that this special love has been successfully passed on to the next generation.

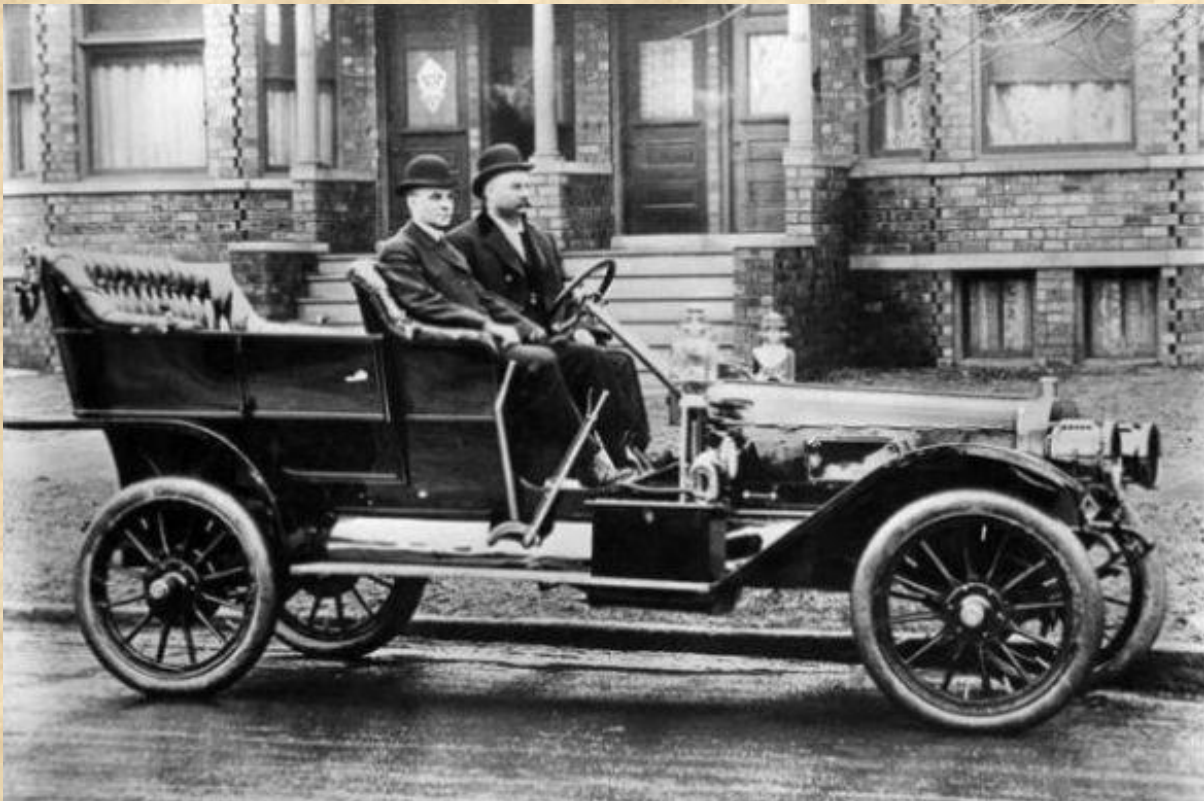
The Model T Ford members are excited to welcome Delvin and Cindy to the upcoming 2025 ProAuto Rubber tour in Hazyview with their 1911 Model T Ford.

A special word of welcome to Delvin and Cindy to the Model T Ford Club of South Africa!

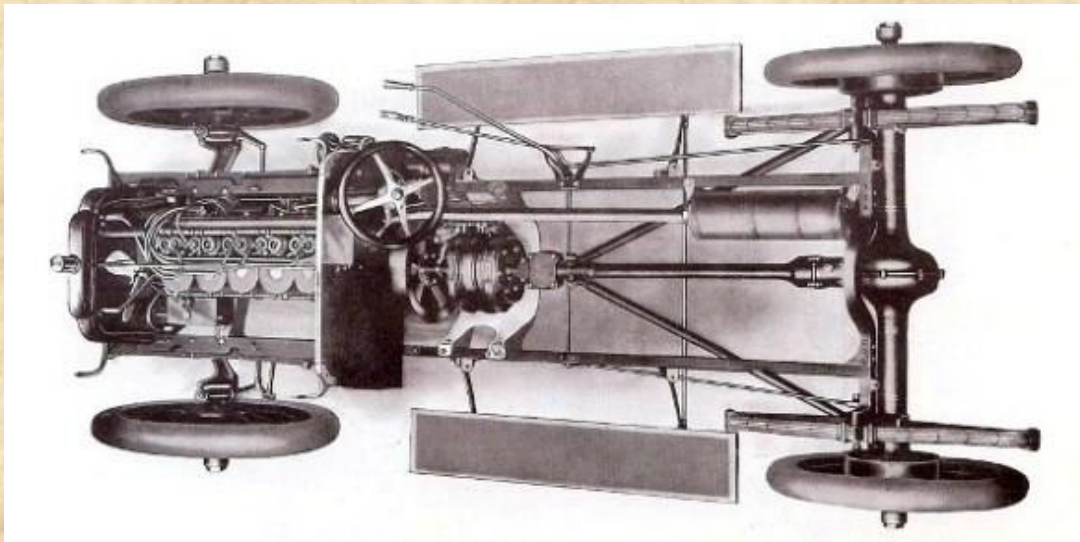
Down Memory Lane

The Six-Cylinder Ford Model K (1906 – 1908)

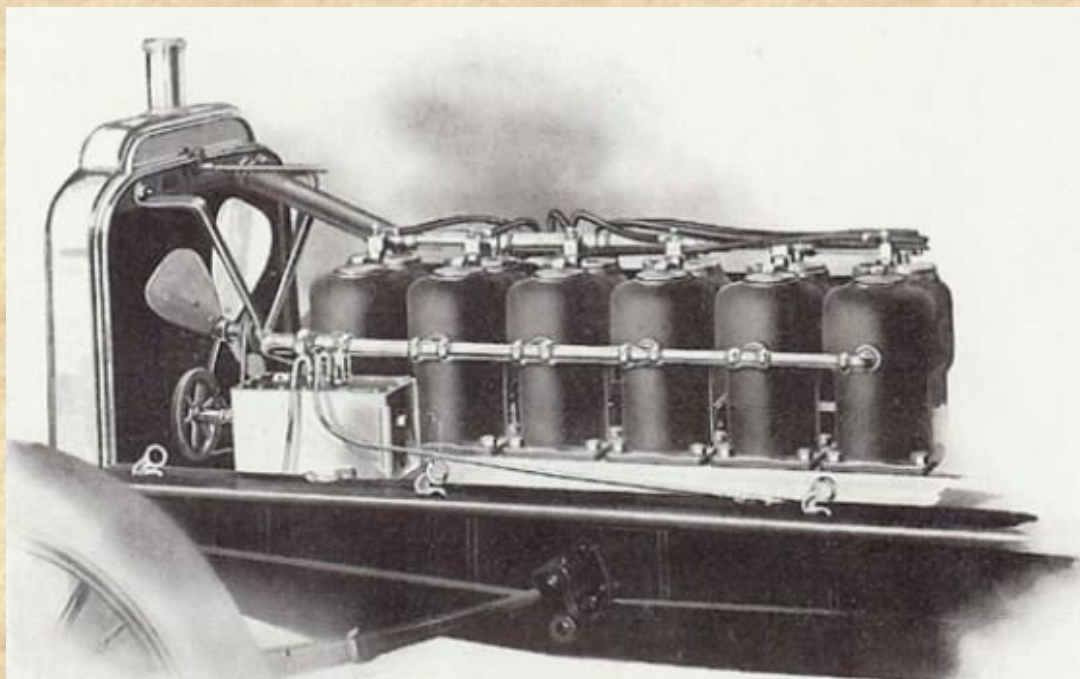
Before Henry Ford built his car for the masses, the Model T, he produced a machine for the sporting crowd with his six-cylinder, 40-horsepower Model K.



There are a few popular myths, or misunderstandings surrounding Henry Ford (pictured in the driver's seat above) and his six-cylinder Model K of 1906-08. As the story is often told, the Model K was a large, expensive automobile that failed to thrive in the marketplace, and this experience gave Ford a lifelong dislike of six-cylinder engines and a disdain in the high-priced market in general. However, a closer look at the facts reveals a more interesting story. In 1906, the first year it was offered, the Model K produced over 85 percent of Ford Motor Company's new car profit.



First, the Model K wasn't really such a high-priced car. At \$2500, later bumped up to \$2800, it was considerably more expensive than Ford's \$850 Model T that appeared in the autumn of 1908. But the Model K was still far cheaper than the popular premium cars of the day including Packard, Pope-Toledo, or Thomas, which all sold for \$4,000 to \$5,000 and more. So the prevailing view of the Model K as a high-priced luxury car is at least an over-generalization. Really, it was more of a mid-priced car. Next, it wasn't that big or heavy. With a wheelbase of 114 inches and a curb weight of 2500 lbs, the Model K was elegant for a car of its class.



A closer look at the engine can tell us what the car was really about. Sixes were quite rare in the USA when the Model K was introduced in 1906, and this no doubt was the product's chief selling point. The individually cast cylinders each sported a 4.50-inch bore and 4.25-inch stroke, yielding a total displacement of 405 cubic inches (6.63L). Output was nominally rated at 40 horsepower and the maximum speed was 50 mph. What the Model K offered was a lot of engine at a relatively low price—maximum bang for the buck. As Ford noted in an item in *The Automobile* on June 7, 1906, a six could be both lighter and more powerful than a four of similar displacement.

To help sell the performance story, Ford campaigned a race car (or a number of them, it seems) based on the production Model K under the name 666. The 666 racer enjoyed some success, but in

September of 1907 it nearly killed Ford's top technician and driver Frank Kulick when it plunged through a fence at the State Fairgrounds in Detroit and tossed him 60 feet through the air. The frightening wreck soured Ford on using racing to promote his company's products, at least for a time.

The Model K was offered for three years, 1906 through 1908, with only minimal changes. For 1907, a single magneto ignition system replaced the original twin setup, as Ford dryly noted that the extra ignition simply added cost, complexity, and additional parts to fail without addressing the actual problem: spark-plug fouling. Far from a failure, the Model K actually provided the bulk of the company's profits for a time, allowing Ford to pursue his greater goals, the low-priced N, R and S Models, and his ultimate breakthrough, the world-changing Model T. The Model K was a successful car overall, but with his Model T, we could say Ford had a better idea.



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Dear Participant

As the spring sunshine makes us all yearn to take to the roads in our veteran cars once again, we are pleased to announce that Early Bird entries for the 2025 RM Sotheby's London to Brighton Veteran Car Run opened on Wednesday 30 April.

We very much look forward to receiving your registration. Please note the following key dates for the Run:

Early Bird Entries: from Wednesday 30 April to Tuesday 15 July

Advance Entries: from Wednesday 16 July to Tuesday 19 August

Standard Entries: from Wednesday 20 August to Wednesday 17 September

Your car's appearance in the programme: you must be entered by Friday 29 August

Another key date for your diary is, of course, the inaugural Royal Automobile Club Concours on Wednesday 9 July. Veteran machines from the Run will form an impressive part of what promises to be a truly splendid event, and we are incredibly excited to see them prominently showcased within the display of the world's finest automobiles.

A tremendous year of veteran motoring awaits us – and it all starts with those Early Bird registrations from 30 April!

Best wishes

The Veteran Car Run Team

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



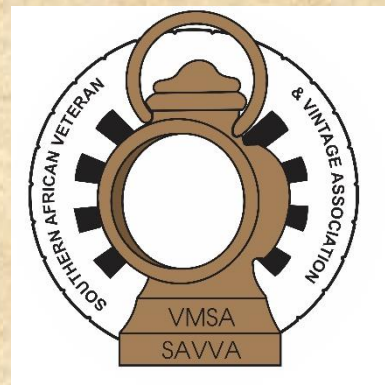
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Club regalia is still very limited at this stage. We would like to encourage the wearing of club shirts and caps to promote the MTFCSA. If anyone wishes to apply the MTFCSA logo to other clothing items such as ladies' scarves or peaks etc., please 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 (modeltfordclubofsouthafrica) 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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