

THE MOTOMETER

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2025



**FRIENDS
OF
VINTAGE
MOTORING INC**



**“The Voice of Friends of Vintage Motoring”
“Timeless Stories, Technical Wisdom,
and Club News”**



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WELCOME

TO THE TEAM

Colin & Abee Greene

Albert & Rosina Jones

Peter & Sue Friend

Welcome to this exciting new chapter in Vintage/Veteran Motoring

Christmas Party – Saturday 13th December

What a wonderful way to finish our first calendar year as Friends of Vintage Motoring. The weather turned on a beauty - glorious sunshine with just a hint of South Australian summer. Perhaps a little on the hot side, but that certainly didn't dampen anyone's spirits.

Members and families gathered from mid-afternoon, there was plenty of laughter, as everyone reflected on just how much our club has achieved in its very first six months.

The highlight for our younger members - and a few of the adults too - was the much-anticipated arrival of Father Christmas. Right on cue, despite the warm conditions, Father Christmas was in fine form I am told, taking time to chat with the children, pose for photos, and hand out presents.

All in all, it was a fitting and memorable way to wrap up our inaugural year. A huge thank you to Kelly and Ian and their band of helpers for all their hard work, and to Jake and Cheree for generously opening their home to us for the afternoon. Thanks also to everyone who helped organize the day and to all who attended.

I look forward to many more events, runs, and Christmas parties together in the years to come.

On behalf of Gary and myself, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and thank you for your support throughout the year. We wish you and your families a safe, happy, and enjoyable New Year, and we look forward to sharing many more motoring adventures together.

Adam



Club Polo Shirts & Caps are now available

Polo shirts - \$35.00, Caps \$20.00
email Maxine to place your order

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My Time With “The Jaffa”

By Ian Russell

Back in 1972, while my parents, Tony and Kay Russell, were on a return trip from Queensland, they passed through the tiny township of Gol Gol. Dad, ever the inquisitive type, spotted a Model T chassis and running gear sitting on a property. Naturally, he had to stop for a look—and a chat. After some discussion, a deal was struck, and that chance roadside discovery marked the beginning of the Russell family’s long-standing love affair with the Model T Ford.



Eleven years later, in 1983, Dad completed the restoration of the 1922 Model T Ford Tourer, with the help of several fellow Model T enthusiasts. It didn’t take long for the car to earn its now-famous nickname: “**The Jaffa.**” With its bright orange body and chocolate-brown guards and running boards, the name was inevitable.

As a family, we enjoyed countless memorable runs in The Jaffa during my childhood. Of course, like many teenagers, I drifted away from vintage cars for a while—other interests came along, and let’s be honest, it wasn’t exactly *cool* to be seen riding in a Model T with your parents!

Around 2011, The Jaffa came to live at my place to make room for Dad’s next project, a 1918 Model T restoration. With the car now sitting in my shed, something shifted. My interest in vintage motoring was rekindled, and Kelly and I soon found a new appreciation for the charm of the Model T. From there, the journey has been incredibly rewarding.

Owning The Jaffa has allowed me to be part of several friends’ weddings, attend Saturday night cruises, join early Sunday morning shows, and enjoy many club runs. Along the way, there have been a few moments we’ll never forget.

On one of my first long trips, we suffered **four flat tyres in three days**. On another occasion—our second overnight run to Moonta Bay—we overheated on day one. The culprit turned out to be a broken crank pulley, leaving us without cooling *and* without electric start. After a lunch stop, we removed the pulley and fan, wired in the crank pin so it wouldn’t fall out, and crank-started the car to continue the journey. Not the most conventional repair, but it worked!



Since then, The Jaffa has been treated to five new tyres, a new crank/fan pulley, and fresh radiator hoses. I'm pleased to say it hasn't missed a beat since. I'm looking forward to many more adventures—and many more memories—behind the wheel.

Thanks for reading "My Time With The Jaffa."

— Ian Russell

Footnote

Today, four generations of the Russell family, along with their respective partners, are proud active members of Friends of Vintage Motoring.

We look forward with great anticipation to seeing the next generation continue this special and enduring family tradition.



With big smiles and Christmas cheer, the following children all thanked Father Christmas for coming along to celebrate the magic of Christmas at our Christmas Party and for the beautiful presents he shared.



Henley	Nora	Mae
Mikaela	Sophia	Oliver
Sienna	Ivy	Nerys
Lacey	Zoey	Zavier
Dylan	Molly	Noah
Ava-Lee	Lily	Emelia
Domenic	William	Sebastian

GREAT NEWS!

Friends of Vintage Motoring is now a **recognised club through DPTI**.

This means we are now authorised to **issue MR334 forms and Logbooks** 🎉

What do you need to do to transfer your vehicle to

Friends of Vintage Motoring?

Prior to 30 June 2026, you must complete the following steps:

1. **Have your current logbook cancelled**

This must be done by a registrar of the club you are currently a member of. If you are a member of the *Model T Ford Club*, Bob is a registrar of that club and can cancel your logbook for you.

If you are a member of another recognised club you must go to a registrar of that club to have your logbook cancelled

2. **Have a new MR334 form completed**

This will be completed by one of our Friends of Vintage Motoring registrars.

Our recognised registrars are Bob, Mik, and Adam.

3. **Complete a MR1 form**

Available from one of our three registrars

4. **Lodge the MR334 form along with the MR1 Form**

Take the completed MR334 form to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.

5. **Purchase a new logbook \$5.00**

Buy a new logbook from one of the Friends of Vintage Motoring registrars.

Important Note

You **must be a financial member of Friends of Vintage Motoring** before a new MR334 form and logbook can be issued.

Membership Fees for 2025/26 are \$15.00

Membership Fees for 2026/27 are \$25.00

If you have any questions or need assistance, please speak with either myself or one of our registrars—we're happy to help.



Historic Cummins House



Tour & Devonshire Tea

\$12.50 per head
payable to the clubs account in advance

**Sunday
1st February 2026**



Meet 1.00pm
cnr. West Lakes Boulevard & Brebner Drive
West Lakes



RSVP - Mik 0438 814 810

mikbojko@hotmail.com

Friends of Vintage Motoring Christmas Dinner

13th Dec 2025

It was a perfect summer day. Clear blue sky. We had 31 Adults & 19 Excited happy children attend the party and dinner festivities. The Gazebo's and tables and chairs were set-up in row on Jake and Cheree's lawn. The bouncy castle kindly donated by Allmat Timber Supplies set-up in the shade of the big gum tree was a very big hit with all the children. As people started to arrive with food platters in hand, the camaraderie was evident, with many hugs & Merry Christmas wishes doing the rounds.

As the afternoon progressed, the excitement became palpable as word of Father Christmas's arrival was imminent, a shout went up and all the children rushed to see Father Christmas arrive in a Bright green Model T Truck. He sat in a place of honour and started to give out presents to the children who all sat and waited for their names to be called. Once all the presents were given out, it was time for Father Christmas to go amongst high fives and waves.

Then it was time for the dinner to commence the food was excellent and plentiful. Barbeque sausages & Burgers, Salads, Roast Pork with crackling, Yorkshire pudding and Chicken, and for the children there were Dinosaur chicken nuggets and Chips it was a very impressive spread. Then out came the deserts, again a large selection of tasty morsels was spread out including Pavlova, Trifle, Mince pies, Chocolate crackles, Cookies & Brownies. There was very little left – Testament to the tastiness of everything.

Many thanks need to go to the efforts of Kelly & Ian, Maxine & Trevor for their organisational skills, Jake & Cheree for the use of their yard and facilities and the very kind donation from Munno Para Foodland.

Also a shout out to everyone who attended bringing along not only themselves and their festive spirits it really does show the true meaning with our club's name.

A great day was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Finally, we wish all family and friends a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Best Wishes,

Dale, Kay, Jarryd, Sian, Nathan, Dylan & Molly





Upcoming Events

Friends of Vintage Motoring

**Sunday
1st
February**

Cummins House
Organisers: Mik & Marg Bojko
mikbojko@hotmail.com

**Sunday
29th
March**

Penfield Trains
Organisers: Ian & Kelly Russell
kiar@bigpond.com

**Sunday
12th
April**

Presidents Run
Save the date more info to come
adam.jones6@bigpond.com

**Sunday
3rd
May**

Breakfast Run
Organisers: Maxine & Trevor Martin
trevmax1@bigpond.net.au

**Sunday
7th
June**

**Organisers: Dale, Kay & Jarryd
LaVars**
djlv@esc.net.au

MEETING MINUTES

09/11/2024

<p>Welcome</p>	<p>In the absence of Adam Bob welcomed all those present to The December Meeting of the Friends of Vintage Motoring.</p> <p>Bob expressed his thanks on behalf of the members for the work Maxine had put into the club to get it to where we are now in such a short time. He also thanked all those that had contributed to making today such a huge success.</p>	
<p>Present:</p>	<p>Mik & Marg Bojko, Trevor & Maxine Martin, Dale, Kay & Jarryd La Vars, Ian & Kelly Russell, Anthony Russell, Tony & Kay Russell, Bob & Rosa Yates, Debie Spackman, Jess & Adrian Czabania, Kieren O'Neill, Sian & Nathan Costi, Jake & Cheree Bonici, Erin Lawes, Simon Czabania, Brian & Heather Walsh.</p> <p>Visitors: Lisa & Patrick</p>	
<p>Apologies:</p>	<p>Nil Recorded</p>	
<p>Acceptance of Minutes:</p>	<p>As published in the October Motometer and distributed by email</p>	<p>Moved: Dale Seconded: Kay L That the minutes be accepted Carried</p>
<p>Secretary's Report:</p>	<p>Email sent to all members re upcoming events Application for recognition as a car club with DPTI Maxine advised that our application for recognition as a car club has been accepted and was gazette on Thursday 14th December. Application for membership to the Federation Purchase of 100 logbooks @\$2.00 Set up of account with the State library—Motormeter</p>	<p>Moved: Tony Seconded: Jake That Secretary's Report be accepted Carried</p>
<p>Treasurers Report:</p>	<p>Bob presented the Treasurers report As per the financial statement signed by the Public Officer Ian</p>	<p>Moved Ian Seconded: Jarryd That Treasurers Report be accepted Carried</p>
<p>New Membership:</p>	<p>Colin & Abee Greene Albert & Rosina Jones Peter & Sue Friend</p>	<p>Moved: Trevor Seconded: Kelly Carried</p>

Monthly Runs:	<p>1st February Run: Cummins House – Mik Bojko</p> <p>29th March Run: Penfield Trains</p>	
The Motometer:	November edition published and distributed by email thanks to all those that contributed	
Memorabilia	<p>Polo shirts - \$35.00</p> <p>Name Badges available - \$5.00</p> <p>Biros - \$2.00</p> <p>Key Rings - \$6.50</p> <p>Stickers - 2 for \$5.00</p> <p>Caps - \$20.00</p>	
General Business:	<p>The following were thanked for their invaluable assistance in making today's Christmas party such a huge success:</p> <p>Foodland</p> <p>Mik & Marg Bojko</p> <p>J&M Designs</p> <p>Allmat timber supplies</p> <p>Jake & Cheree for hosting the event at their home</p> <p>Kelly & Ian for their coordination of the day.</p> <p>Federation Rep - Dale La Vars</p> <p>Conditional Registration Officer - Bob Yates</p> <p>Price for members to purchase logbooks - \$5.00</p>	<p>Moved Trevor</p> <p>Seconded Tony</p> <p>Carried</p> <p>Moved Cheree</p> <p>Seconded Dale</p> <p>Carried</p> <p>Moved Mik</p> <p>Seconded Bob</p> <p>Carried</p>
Meeting Closed:	<p>Bob thanked all those for their attendance and the meeting was declared closed.</p> <p>The Christmas festivities continued.</p>	



Christmas Word Search Puzzle



TYULETIDEMCHRISTMASLIGHTSPACBNG
 NSLIHAOAHVHSNBGESNOWFLAKEBDKHCI
 CRHDVCGSCTIGNTOMOTATHREEWISEMEN
 STOYSYUHAOMEDHEWNUTCRAACKERVFJWG
 CNLBJCMEYSNCBORNAMENTSUZSWIYZIE
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 LWKFUYZNERHCDISWBGRCGEVERNAKUKN
 LECAEPWVSAYVEQUJBTNALNCSRSITAE
 SOOINREINDEERHSAOECARAHOMOEAAPV
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Angels
 Candy Canes
 Chimney
 Comet
 Donner
 Frosty
 Ivy
 Joy
 Noel
 Prancer
 Santa Clause
 Snowflake
 Tinsel
 Yuletide

Bells
 Cards
 Christmas Dinner
 Cookies
 Elves
 Garland
 Jack Frost
 Manger
 North Pole
 Presents
 Scrooge
 Snowman
 Toys

Blitzen
 Carols
 Christmas Lights
 Cupid
 Family
 Gingerbread Man
 Jesus
 Merry
 Nutcracker
 Reindeer
 Season
 Spirit
 Vixen

Bow
 Cheer
 Christmas Tree
 Dancer
 Festive
 Holidays
 Jingle Bells
 Mistletoe
 Ornaments
 Ribbon
 Sled
 Stockings
 Winter

Candles
 Chestnuts
 Church
 Dasher
 Fireplace
 Holly
 Jolly
 Nativity
 Peace
 Rudolph
 Sleigh
 Three Wise Men
 Wreath



Christmas Wishes

As our very first calendar year as **Friends of Vintage Motoring** draws to a close, I find myself feeling incredibly grateful for what we've built together. What began as a simple idea — a place for people who love old cars and good company — has grown into a genuine group of vintage/classic car owners filled with friendship, kindness, and shared joy.

This year wasn't just about engines, chrome, and carbies. It was about the moments in between: the early-morning chats over coffee, the helping hands offered without hesitation, the laughter around a bonnet, and the feeling of belonging that settled in so naturally. In less than twelve months, we've watched strangers become mates and a club become something that truly feels like home.

As Christmas arrives, Trevor and I hope you all enjoy time with the people who mean the most to you. May your homes be full of warmth, your hearts full of peace, and your days touched with the simple joys that make this season so special. And perhaps, in a quiet moment, you'll smile at the memories we've made this year — the runs, the gatherings, the shared passion that brought us all together.

Thank you for being part of this journey and for giving our club such a strong, spirited beginning. I look forward to the adventures ahead, the stories yet to unfold, and the friendships that will continue to grow.

Wishing you and your families a heartfelt Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with happiness and good health.

See you all in 2026

Maxine

SWAP MEETS & CAR SHOWS

Saturday January 17th & 18th-Yesterdays Power Rally

Milang Oval

Sunday January 18th - Hahndorf Lions Swap

Meet & Toy Sale

Sunday January 18th - All Holden Day

Wigley Reserve, Glenelg

Sunday February 1st - McLaren Vale Swap Meet

Sunday February 15th - Murray Bridge Swap Meet

Sunday February 22nd - All British Day

Sunday 15th March - Woodside Swap Meet

Sunday 15th March - Gawler to Springton

Veteran & Vintage Run

Sunday 22nd March - All Ford Day

Sunday 3rd May - Old Crocks Run Wigley Reserve Glenelg

**FIND TREASURES YOU NEVER
KNEW YOU NEEDED!**