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# Model A Flyer



Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

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**Club Meetings** are held at Holroyd Community Centre, Miller St Merrylands. The parking entrance is in Newman Street. Meetings are held from 8 pm on the second Friday of each month unless otherwise stated.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I'd like to begin my report with congratulations. The first being Steve & Megan Garland for taking out the Concourse Trophy at Ipswich. Then away from model A's to Grandparents, Alan & Rhonda Hale now have a grandson Lachlan to Renae & Graham.

Now back to Ipswich, on behalf of all our members who attended the national meet may I say to all the Queensland members, well done, or as some say, you done good. What ever church your committee visited to pray for fine weather you need to call again and say thank you. It was good to hear that most of our members arrived home without to many problems. It goes to prove that the Model A is almost bullet proof. My new Resto the P.L. that's Presidents Limo, performed well as I only had less than 150 miles on the clock. My advise to those of you who have " cast" metal dogbone shock links, think about changing them. I broke 2 sets. It was good to be driving on 21 inch wheels again after a 30 or so years break. It brought back memories of those days of push



bikes and tram lines.

I'd like to welcome new members Mick & Sue Rack, Cheryl & Douglas Kirkwood & Peter & Rose Marie Kellaway. Hope to see you all at some of our future outings.

Ron Huckstepp was the lucky winner of a high compression head at Ipswich, this is fine if you own a model A. So what does one do, you go out and buy your old Sport Coupe back. This has to be the most expensive raffle ticket I've heard of. The 2014 Meet will be held at Busselton, WA . September 22nd to 27th. for more info and early bird newsletter email.

[toni.mahony@bigpond.com](mailto:toni.mahony@bigpond.com) Accommodation bookings for the WA meet will be handled through the Clubs Secretary. Looking forward to next months run to Mudgee, Ian & Faye Ray have been busy putting together a great weekend.

As always, Happy Motoring, Mal.

**To see a range of photos from the Ipswich Model A National Meet, go to our website**

<http://www.modelafordclubofnsw.com.au/>

***Misplaced from the Model A Garage in Ipswich "old style valve lifter". Owned by Bob Stone, if you know its whereabouts please call Bob on 07 3206 0465 or 0407 677 202. Assuming got accidentally packed away by helpers..***

## Club Events - Be cool, be there.

**Sunday 15th April Rouse Hill House** Arrive 9:30am at the Visitors Centre for tea/coffee at 10am. A tour of the property & house will commence at

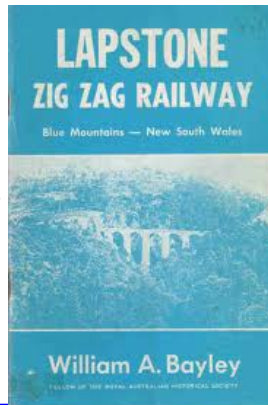


10.30am. This requires some walking, so wear appropriate shoes please. Cost \$8pp or \$4 concession for the tour. BYO picnic lunch. For details & if you need assistance

with walking call Peter Wiggall as a Golf Buggy can run people up to the house... 9837-24900419-259-056

**4th - 6th May Mudgee/Gulgong Run** The drive from Sydney to Mudgee is sensational. Gulgong is Model A era town, just historic. Will be a good weekend. If interested in this weekend call Ian 4966 4926 or 0408 688 106 from the Hunter for details..

**20th May 2012, Sunday. Visit Lapstone Zig Zag Railway.** Built on the eastern escarpment of the Blue Mountains in 1867 it allowed steam trains to travel between Emu Plains and Glenbrook. It was in use until 1913 when an alternate rail route was constructed. It is now of historical interest only but enough of it still remains for us to appreciate. Some walking is in-



involved but visiting just a part of it is still worth while. New member Peter Butler who is also a member of the Valley Heights Train Museum has offered to be our guide. **Meet at the Tourist information Centre at Glenbrook at 9.30 am for morning tea.** Note that here is the only toilet facility on the tour. Departing at 10.15 am we will travel on a scenic drive past the Glenbrook lagoon and down Mitchells Pass Rd to the 1833 Lennox Bridge and then onwards to park at a ruins site and monument to John Whitton and railway builders. Here we can walk to look at the Knapsack Gully bridge and for the more fit members visit other parts of the zig zag railway. Enquiries Trevor Davis 9484 5116.

**2nd June Maintenance Day** Neville & Annette Jones.

### Invitation Events

**20th May Tilligery Motorama at Tilligery RSL** Tilligery is 40km north of Newcastle located in Port Stephens. Over the last two years they have raised \$29,000.00 for the Nicholas Trust, which supports paediatric palliative care. The Motorama plays a big part in this fund raising, and they expect over 4,500 people to attend. The vehicle static display also includes live music, helicopter rides, stalls and food and drinks. They are hoping for 300 cars, and the entry fee is \$10 which goes to this very worthwhile charity. Entry details contact Don or Linda Barrett 0427 450 911

## Mudgee/Gulgong Run - Friday 4th to Sunday 6th May

**Friday 4th May drive to Mudgee** - Accommodation suggested at Mudgee Riverside Caravan Park (Short Street) meeting there Friday afternoon.

As it will be a settling in period and possibly late in the afternoon we would suggest members make their own arrangements regarding Friday evening meal. The cabins at Riverside Caravan Park have cooking facilities and there is a nice BBQ area as well so some members may wish to cook their own meal. There are a number of restaurants or places in the town (most a short walking distance from the park). The Caravan Park Management should be able to advise us of the best places to get a meal.

### Suggested Saturday Programme (5<sup>th</sup>).

After breakfast drive to Gulgong (approximately 26km) and have a look at Main Street - Museum - Henry Lawson Museum and any other items of interest in this area.

From Gulgong drive back via Mudgee to vineyards and have lunch at Robert Oatley Vineyards. It is a very nice place with a nice dining area, a wine museum, a green down by the creek and a nice parking area for the cars.

There are many wineries in the area and some members may wish to visit those or any other points of interest they know of should time in the afternoon permit.

Suggested venue for Saturday evening meal is the Soldiers Club (a short walk from the Caravan Park). Bookings essential.

Could members who are interested in these venues please let us know by Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

Members may wish to have a BBQ Breakfast on Sunday morning before we all leave to return home which could be discussed on Saturday.

Should any questions or concerns regarding the above please contact myself on 02 49 664926 or 0408 688106.

Regards,

Ian & Faye Ray



## Wednesday Wanderer's Events

### April Lady Lunalot Report

The April Wanderers trip to Gosford was scheduled for a few days after the National meeting in Ipswich. So it was pleasing to see fifteen starters including three couples who had just driven back. We had a hearty lunch at a pub near Gosford station, where we caught up with club members Elizabeth and Barry O'Shea. Good weather, a scenic train trip and lunch made for a happy day. Thanks to Barbara and Norm Boshier..... by Don Bailey



### 2nd May to Picton Botanical Gardens.

Meet at the rest area at the top of Razor Back Range, cnr of Mt Hercules Road & Remembrance Driveway, Picton 10am. We will leave at 10:15am for morn-



ing tea at The Common Grounds Bakery Picton. (Good spot) From there we will visit the Botanical Gardens then adjourn to the Picton Hotel Bistro for lunch..

### Call Barbara if interested in a November visit to the Blue Mountains

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Trip to the Blue Mountains in November staying for 3 days and 2 nights. Cost is \$128 per person.

Please call Barbara Boshier 9871 2030

## Market Place

**For Sale.** 2 x1928 phaeton rear guards, original brackets included...\$300, 5 x 21" wheels & tyres, wheels painted cream, Firestone tyres fitted to rims...\$450 **Peter Butler 0247395723 Lower Blue Mts.**

**For Sale.** 6 Volt horn relays era type with screw terminals \$18.00.each.Get that horn going good. **John Everett 0297734941 Mob:0408852878**

**For Sale.** Single plate flywheel with pressure plate and clutch plate.\$80.00  
**John Everett 0297734941 Mob:0408852878**

**For Sale.** 1929 Tudor, Grey leather upholstery, good reliable car, sky blue with grey swaging, tinted safety glass, whitewall tyres, \$ 25,000 **Call Larry Smith on 02 44485009** or email [gail27@tpg.com.au](mailto:gail27@tpg.com.au)

**For Sale:** 240v twin cylinder air compressor 8 cfm \$250 call **Pete Wigzell 0419 259056**

**Wanted:** Front bumper bar 1930 model A in good condition. Have good rear bars to exchange or sell. Also need 19 inch white wall tyres in good cond. **Wayne Hulbert 0418 869993**

**Wanted:** Top left hand side 28-29 bonnet. **Des Fitzgerald 0421 084 170.**

**Wanted:** Houdaille shock absorbers in any condition. **Trevor Davis (02) 9484 5116**

**Free:** 1928 Phaeton door trims, fair condition brown colour. **Rob Taylor 0417 861 411**

## Technical Comment On Clutch Sticking

After a year fixing up the mechanicals on our recently acquired 1930 Town Sedan it was disconcerting to find, on the very eve of departure to the National Meet at Ipswich, that the clutch plate, which had been overhauled, was stuck to the flywheel. This had happened before a number of years ago on our 1928 Tudor and every suggestion made to me at the time unfortunately did not work. On that occasion I had to remove the rear end which was a laborious task so I was now very determined to find a better way. The reason it had happened before seemed to be due to electrolysis between the brass chips embedded in the clutch lining and the steel of the flywheel brought about by humid conditions. In more recent times I have found an article by Les Andrews in the USA on this subject and apparently it happens quite a lot in some of the states. Les had formed the same opinion about sticking.



It occurred to me that, if I locked up the transmission system and rear end, it might be possible to break the unwanted attachment of the clutch lining by means of the starter motor. Therefore with the ignition turned off, with top gear engaged and the handbrake and foot brake applied,

I pushed in the clutch pedal then hit the starter button. Presto - to my great delight it worked like a charm!

I happened to mention this to a motor mechanic friend who said it was the enormous torque of the starter motor combined with the gearing with the ring gear which did the trick. Something had to give he said and fortunately in my case it was not the starter. He commented that when he was an apprentice with GMH many years ago he had the job of unsticking clutch plates of Holden's which often sat out in a storage paddock for half a year or more waiting to be delivered.

(Contributed by Trevor

### Congratulations to Steve & Meagan Garland on winning the Concours d'Elegance at Ipswich



### 23-25 November Club Run to Hunter

Come for a fantastic weekend away to the Hunter where we are lucky enough to visit Steve & Meagan Garland at their place at Butterwick, just near Morpeth. They have two large sheds full of Model Ts & As that Steve may one day restore. After winning concourse he is now restoring at 1912 Model T which you will see. Not only all

Steve's cars, but Neville Jones is joining us to present another Maintenance Seminar for our country members at Steve's.

Motel accommodation at Maitland is being arranged, BBQ lunch at the Garlands, tour of Morpeth and Saturday night dinner at the Maitland Bowling Club. Visit the Wollombi Pub on the way home for lunch too...

Mote details to follow, but put it in your diary..

### National Meet Western Australian 2014 - Busselton Margaret River

The 2014 Meet will be held at Busselton, WA September 22nd to 27th. For more info and early bird newsletter email. [toni.mahony@bigpond.com](mailto:toni.mahony@bigpond.com) Accommodation bookings for the WA meet will be handled through the Clubs Secretary

## Model A National Meet Ipswich March 2012



### Queensland

Model A Club put on an outstanding event.. Ipswich Show Ground was a good venue that accommodated the 170 Model As with ease. It was great to see so many NSW members there and enjoying themselves. No major mechanical problems encountered on the way up, and plenty of assistance to minor issues by other club members once there. The Queensland members were most generous; I needed a loan starter motor, well there were three on offer. Ken Warburton wanted to leave his car in Brisbane so he could fly back to Sydney, no worries he had many offers from Qld members to look after his car.. they were such a happy and obliging lot (maybe as a result of their state election)..



The Meet HQ on the first day looked fantastic. The theme was the "commercialisation of the Model A", so around the room were Model A utes, trucks, tow wagons etc, Model As at work with associated static displays.

Also it was a fair day, with stalls selling jams, period clothing, patchwork quilts, antique bric a brac and of course Henry with his Model A parts, all doing a brisk business. The major raffle of the meet was for a completely over hauled Model A engine. many tickets were sold and for the week of the meet many enthusiastic Model Aers thought they were going home with a rebuilt engine...

### Hubley Racing

Now we have to get serious about this Hubley Car racing. It looked like a lot of fun, and also a way to get the kids involved by assisting them to prepare a car for racing. Just a great way to socialize older folk with the younger folk in a fun and exciting environment... So think about. Neville Jones is selling his cars, so how about a couple of you buy one each and we can kick this event off..



Some of the events through the week:



- Seminars on electrics, klaxon horns and general Q&A
- Period fashion show, held by the local retailers of period dress
- Hubley races, won again by Qld (Neville Jones competed on behalf of NSW, but unfortunately he wrote off his best car in the warm up session, it went so fast it became airborne )

- Runs each day to interesting places
- Concours d'Elegance judging, well done again Steve Garland on winning
- Model A Garage for general maintenance, and in some cases major surgery
- Major tour on Thursday to the historic Boonah where we took over the town with lots of people in period dress and the main street dedicated to Model As
- Bus trips into Brisbane
- Gala Dinner and presentations on Friday night

All in all a very busy, fun and enjoyable week and well done to the Queensland Club for a great meet.



### National Meet 2014

The Perth Model A Club made their presentation, to be held in September 2014 at Busselton. Busselton is a very popular seaside holiday village which is the gateway to the Margaret River. You could not ask for a better location. Touring the Margaret River in your Model A would be just fantastic, the only problem is the stopping off at all the beautifully presented vineyards and tasting their product. If you have never been there, you really don't realise what a spectacular part of Australia this is, and a place to be visited... Now we just have to decide on how to get our Model As there.

*Is this your new Model A Gopher Annette??*



## More photos of NSW Members at National Meet Qld



## Exhaust Heat Shield from WA Club

Western Australia Club are selling exhaust heat shields to raise money for the National Meet. I think they are \$25 each plus postage, and Peter Butler has one fitted to his ute...

If interested email [toni.mahony@bigpond.com](mailto:toni.mahony@bigpond.com)



### Hale a Grandson!!

Alan and Rhonda Hale welcomed grandson Lachlan Ryall to their growing family. 6lb35oz 10.4.12 a beautiful son to Renae and Graham, a brother for Matthew and cousin for Breanna.

Congratulations to all..



### NSW Model A Ford Committee 2012

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