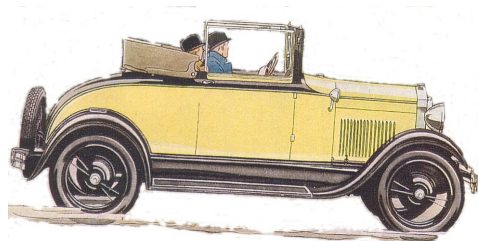


Model A Flyer



Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

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AUGUST 2009

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.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Many, many thanks to all Club members who have sent me cards and email greetings over the past month. I was stunned that quite a few of these greetings came from the extended Model A family in other States. I cannot tell you how much I appreciated your kind thoughts. I am well on the way to normal, what ever that is, and the surgery now just seems like something that involved someone else but not me.

A couple of doses of Parvo virus have delayed my radiation treatment, so that will now begin in a couple of weeks and I am told is preventative only. A month from now it will hopefully all be over..... unless the Hog Wog strikes.

John and I will definitely be on the Central Coast run and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there.

Meanwhile I leave you in Neville, Annette and Greg's capable hands and I look forward to seeing you at the September Meeting.

Best wishes and safe driving always, Kate Taylor

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The August Meeting was well attended, with Spring just around the corner. We have another new member John Everett Jnr who attended the August Seminar with John Snr. The raffle was once again won by Norm Bosher. Many thanks to Carol Fitzgerald for the lovely supper. All the 2008 National Meet DVDs have been sold. Anyone requiring one should contact the producer in Bathurst - the editor Trevor Davis has his details. The 40th Anniversary in 2009 is well under way. It was nice to have a good response at the August meeting.

The Glen Innes run has been changed to meet in Tamworth on the 24th and 25th of October 2009. Those possibly coming please contact me as numbers are down and we need confirmation, specially country members.

There is a list of options for life membership in this Flyer. Could we have all responses to the Secretary as soon as possible as the changes must be notified 28 days prior to the AGM?

It is great to know Kate will be back in the President's chair in September. Happy Father's Day to all the dads and happy motoring.

Neville Jones.

A thought for next month :

(In memory of 11 Sept 2001) - 'Hole In The World' by the Eagles.

Club News

All members who would like to indicate their preference on the method used to approve life memberships please phone Greg Cribbin on 9631 6063 or email gandcribbin@optusnet.com.au prior to 10th September. The three preferred options chosen at the August meeting are:

1. To be decided by the Committee.
2. To be decided by the existing Life Members.
3. To be decided by the Committee and existing Life members

Ron and Margaret Doyle have two young grandsons who have had medical problems recently and we hope they are now very much better. We also report that former member Mark Tait has had a little scare with heart trouble but is now recovering with a change in life style.

Dennis and Mary Ashton have been blessed with two grandchildren - Shiona Lee in April to their daughter Sarah and Lucas in July to their son Mark. Congratulations to respective families.

Updated membership lists are available to all members, who have not already been emailed a copy (on 12/8/09), if they send an email to gandcribbin@optusnet.com.au. There are numerous changes to email addresses and a couple of new members added. As copies were sent to all members only a couple of months ago, it is intended to only email out updated copies.

Should you desperately need a Model A part we now have sufficient members who have provided email addresses making it worthwhile for us to forward your request to these members.

Club Events—Be cool, be there.

23rd August, Sunday 2009. Shannon's Eastern Creek. A concourse car is needed. Phone Ron Doyle on **9772 3785** if you can help. Car entry tickets were \$10 and if you have reserved a ticket from Ron please note that you are expected to pay for it. Gates open at 7 am.

20th September, Sunday 2009. Fagan Park Arcadia Rd Galston. Meet 9.30 am at Mt Wilberforce Lookout near Thompson's corner at junction of Pennant Hills Rd & Castle Hill Rd, West Pennant Hills for morning tea provided by our President Kate Taylor. Depart 10.30 - 10.45 am & travel via New Line Rd to Fagan Park. Entry fee is \$5 per car (bring change for the boom gate). BYO lunch. Please phone Peter Wigzell on 9837 2490 if going as he needs to advise Kate the numbers coming for catering purposes.

18th October, Sunday 2009. Memorial Day at Deepwater park, Milperra. Details later.

15th November, Sunday 2009. Visit and Xmas Party at Bankstown Airport Museum. Please note that the venue given last Flyer was incorrect. Enquiries Peter Wigzell 9837 2490. Details later.

INVITATION RUNS

27th September, Sunday 2009. Orange Blossom Festival, Baulkham Hills. Meeting at the Bull and Bush Hotel. Enquiries Peter Wigzell 9837 2490

7th February, Sunday 2010. 30th Birthday Cootamundra Antique Motor Club & Michael Livingstone Memorial Run. To be held at Jugiong Park near swimming pool turn off Hume Highway at Jugiong. Enquiries Gwen Livingstone modela@bigpond.com or (M) 0428 421 039.

Event Reports

18th July, Saturday 2009. Xmas in July lunch.

As we drove up to the venue in our Model A our immediate thought was "Good heavens, we must have come on the wrong day!" This was because there was not a single Model A in sight. We even checked that there was nothing parked out the back. However once inside we found that nearly everyone had arrived and, might I add, looking perhaps a little sheepish. Had we missed reading in the Flyer that you must not come in your Model A? Madam President, we urgently need you back at the helm to restore order. Apart from this everything went off very well due in large part to the Hylands who had made all the arrangements and provided decorations. Santa Norm, in his usual resplendent best, carried out his duties of issuing the presents. Yes, it is intended to have a repeat next year which Phil and Sue Dalton will organise. Let's



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make it a **Model A Xmas in July** event however. On behalf of all those who went our many thanks to John, Marie and Norm.

By Trevor Davis

2nd August, Sunday 2009. Model A Maintenance Day. This went off extremely well with those present getting involved in the discussion and questions on numerous topics in regards to maintenance and general repairs to their Model A's followed by a chat over a BBQ lunch polished off with some amber fluid or a cuppa tea. Topics discussed included steering boxes, brakes, Flat Head Ted's brake energiser kits, carburettors, starter Bendix bolts and vacuum gauges. It was great to see new members Ken Warburton and John C Everett, and also one of the clubs long standing members Michael Foster. In total we had 6 A's, 1 V8, 1 Valiant and numerous moderns. By Greg Cribbin.

15 – 16th August 2009. Central Coast Run.

On Saturday morning I phoned President Kate and asked 'where are you?' She replied she was in the reptile park holding a crocodile. Knowing Kate this I could well believe. I really would like to know however what happened with the python that the Taylors and Wigzells are seen holding in the photo. Was John left holding the head while the others beat a hasty retreat?

Seems everyone had a super time due to the superb hospitality of the Central Coast Leagues Vintage Drivers Club. We joined the run on Sunday at Terrigal for morning tea and what a spread the ladies put on for us all! A great spot as per the second photo with lots of vintage cars on display for the public to admire.

Afterwards we drove down the scenic coast road via Kincumber to Patonga for lunch. This again was provided by the Central Coast folk. We are supposed to reciprocate next year but I can't see how it is possible to emulate our 'country cousins'. Patonga used to be a quiet little spot mostly occupied by sand flies, several fishing shacks and a pier - now it is being loved to death by hordes of campers and picnickers just like us. Hardly any parking space can be found there now.

We express our gratitude to our hosts by recording here that we had a fabulous time. Thank you Robert & Elinor Allen and Barry & Elizabeth O'Shea and club members for all your hard work.

by Trevor Davis



Australian Reptile Park, Somersby NSW



Wednesday Wanderer's Events

2nd September, Wednesday 2009. Sydney Masonic Centre visit. Learn about the myths and mysteries of the Masons. A free guided tour of the rooms, stories and regalia that you've always thought were secret. Meet in Morgan's Coffee Shop on the corner of Castlereagh and Goulburn Streets at 9.45 am for a 10.30 am tour. The entrance to the Masonic Centre is next door to Morgans, in Goulburn Street. Lunch venue to be decided. Enquiries Joan 9533 4030 or Barbara 9871 2030

Wednesday Wanderer's Report

5th August, Wednesday 2009. Run to Paris.

Fortunately this was not as it first seemed as it was actually to the Paris Café at La Perouse. Barbara Boshier forewarned her 99 year old mother about this trip who retorted "You didn't tell me you were going to Paris!"

Again we travelled by rail and bus for \$2.50 each - courtesy of the State Government. Who would want to work for a living! As seen in the attached photo the servings were enormous and much more than some of us could manage. Dragging ourselves up the hill afterwards to the bus was an ordeal.



But very much of an ordeal was the trip back to the city at a speed which must have been an all time record for a bus. Many thanks to John and Jeanette Everett for taking us to Paris for so little cost.

by Trevor Davis

Technical Comments

Flathead Ted's Brakes. Our Club Secretary Greg Cribbin has advised that the Model A Times and the internet have many articles on these brakes. The instructions included with the kit are difficult to follow and the explanation of how it works needs improvement. The kit will not improve poor brakes but will make good brakes much better. All brake drums must be turned to run true and the brake shoes and linings must be radius ground to suit the drum circumference. The brake operating lever must be set at 15 degrees forward when the free play has been removed. Use of shims in the brake operating wedge may be necessary. Brake pedal pressure is reduced to about a third of that before the kit is fitted. Rear roller pins that adjust/centralise the rear shoes are now also available.

Market Place

- For Sale:** 1930 Ford A deluxe roadster. Won best Model A, best authentic, best paint, best upholstery and best chassis at the 1988 Nationals. Has won numerous awards since then. For scanned copy of photos and copy of awards and description contact Club Secretary Greg Cribbin email gandfcribbin@optusnet.com.au. \$35,000 **Ron Pearson (03) 5447 2312.**
- For Sale:** 1929 Model A phaeton. Older restoration, low mileage car in immaculate condition & mechanically A1. Many accessories plus some spares. Full registration BKR65Q until 31/3/10. \$25,000. **Mark Tait (M) 0412 546 366**
- For Sale:** Refurbished Model A 6 volt generator. \$200. **John Everett (02) 9773 4941**
- For Sale:** All 2008 National Meet DVDs have now been sold. A copy could still be obtainable from the producer. For his contact details phone **Trevor Davis (02) 9484 5116.**
- For Sale:** 1929 original black steering wheel splined in good condition. \$175.
Rob Taylor 0417 861 411
- Wanted:** Top for a 1928 Model A roadster. **Paul Contos (M) 0407 921 957.**
- Wanted:** Country member wanting two Model As to help out at his daughter's wedding on 6th March 2010. Travel will be Sans Souci to Watsons Bay Naval Base then to Victoria Barracks at Paddington. **Gary Conyers (02) 6772 6346 (M) 0427 726 346 .**
- Wanted:** Model A phaeton any year in good condition.
Evan Gobby W.Aust (08) 9246 2400 (M) 0429 082 222
- Wanted:** 21 inch tyre in good condition. **Rob Taylor 0417 861 411**

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