

Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

Web site www.modelafordclubofnsw.com.au

AUGUST 2011

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

Greetings. Instead of the usual photo of my self I wanted to highlight the contribution of others. The first photo is of Phil Dalton who did such a splendid job of arranging the Xmas In July event. Those who did not attend will never know what they missed and suggest they make sure to attend next year. This daytime event is much more convenient to arrange than a Xmas party in December which we have not had for quite some time.

The second photo is of Jim Gauci's Fordor which was entered in concourse at All Fords Day at Eastern Creek. We thank Jim for representing us and making the effort which entails a lot of preparation to have the car looking its very best. It did not win but we who attended thought it was very deserving. At the same event club award trophies were presented to Greg Cribbin and Kevin Sherson by the sponsors for their well presented cars. We unfortunately did not receive a club entry for Shannons CMC Display Day judging to be held at Eastern Creek on the 21st of August. Maybe next year! Dennis Ashton has made good progress after the accident with his coach and is now back earning a living. Norm Bosher had a successful hip operation recently and is now having undergoing rehabilitation for the next two weeks. Our best wishes to both. Greg Cribbin advises of recent information he found on the RTA website concerning seatbelts and child restraints applying to club vehicles with conditional registration. Drivers of historic vehicles registered under the conditional registration scheme are exempt from the requirement to fit child restraints when car-



rying children between 12 months and seven years of age, **provided** :
* They have written advice from an authorised engineering signatory that it is not reasonably practicable to install seatbelts and/or child restraints in the historic vehicle, and
* This written advice is carried in the vehicle when transporting any child between 12 months and seven years of age. All passengers under 12 months of age must be restrained in an approved child restraint.

(Note: An authorised engineering signatory is entitled to charge a fee which could be substantial.)

A reminder from Ron Doyle to those members who borrow books from the club that they must ensure that the loan is recorded. Ron advises that a green Maintenance Book Vol 2 by Les Andrews is missing and this occurred some time after the March general meeting. Please check if you have the book and let Ron know on 9772 3785.

At the September general meeting there will be a presentation by the son of Carol and Des Fitzgerald on opals and we understand that opals will be for sale. Please bring your lady acquaintances along and also your cheque book! We would like to have more presentations at meetings so can you help? Any topic within reason!

In the September Flyer there will appear two notices. One will concern calling for nominations for 2012 committee positions and the other will call for names and ages of children for the Xmas outing to be held Sunday 4th December at Trainworks Ltd, Thirlmere. Please would you start thinking about these?

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Scott Nieass's 1930 Briggs under restoration

I first saw the car in the online trading post about mid August 2007. It was advertised as a 1928 Briggs Four Door Sedan located in Adelaide S.A. I knew nothing about what this was, however I did like the shape of the car. Not knowing much about Model A's I rang my older brother in Qld to ask his advice. My brother advised that Brigs Four doors were a very worthwhile car and thought I should buy it.



So I advised my wife that I was going to Adelaide to get a car. She of course was ecstatic with my enthusiasm (NOT)... I rang the local servo, hired a car trailer and that night drove 19 hours to Adelaide. Met my brother in-law who lives in Adelaide and we picked the car up.

After a quick meal and five hours sleep I was back on the road to Sydney. This time it took 26 hours with the added weight. Only having a four day break from work I was just a bit pushed for time, but I did make it back to Sydney in time for work.

The day I arrived home, I went up to the local storage facility, negotiated a deal and that is where the car stayed for the next 15 months and the fun began.

I must admit I had bought myself a restoration challenge. So much was missing, and the car was in a really bad state. So after joining the Model A Club

and attending a number of Model A Seminar days I met Neville Jones... In this time I had pulled the car to pieces and moved it from the storage facility to my home. I don't have a driveway, so I had to carry my dismantled car piece by piece down the side of our house up to my shed in the back yard.

After numerous conversations with Neville, I decided on turning the Briggs into a station wagon. This would certainly make the resto much easier, but also provide me with a unique Model A that would be family friendly.

So the chasis is all done, another motor acquired and totally rebuilt and a new transmission with O/D from the states about to be installed. In the meantime Neville has put a lot of time into hand crafting a station wagon body onto my Briggs front. I must say I think the finished car is going to be very special. I am hoping to able to drive her to the national meet in Queensland in March.



Thanks Scott

Henry Ford & the Johansson Gage Company



On 15th October 1923 the sale of the Johansson Gage Co of Sweden to the Ford Motor Co. was negotiated and announced. Ford's purpose at the time in buying the company had not been stated other than it gave the company its own source of precision instruments. Then on the 25th of October 1923 Henry Ford announced plans for the development of the Johansson Gage Co which included building at Dearborn, Michigan one of the greatest laboratories in the world. This business was placed initially in charge of former owners Carl Johansson and Carl Willenius.

Henry Ford had seen the need for tight quality control of manufacturing operations so as to maintain high production rates of vehicle assembly. Every part had to conform to stringent tolerances otherwise parts which did not fit correctly seriously interrupted mass production as

operations often achieved daily production rates in excess of 4000 vehicles. Due to changes of operational conditions such as wear of the machines, jigs and tools, changes in temperature and humidity, and material variations, manufacturing variations constantly occurred which had to be closely monitored by gauges so that corrections and adjustments could be made to the manufacturing processes. However it was also vital that confidence could be placed in the gauges themselves, particularly those which measured length. This led to the need for reference standards which in turn were traceable to and conformed with International Standards. At that time the world's leading manufacturer of reference standards for length was the Johansson Gage Co.

Carl Edward Johansson devoted many years of labour and research to reducing the inaccuracies of the mid 1800s measuring devices such as the micrometer and the calliper.. In 1897 he produces his first set of precision gauge

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Club Events—Be cool, be there.

21st August, Sunday 2011. Shannons CMC Display Day at Eastern Creek. Three helpers are needed for about one hour to assist with parking of cars. Also needed is a concourse car from one of our ticket holders to represent the Club. Please assist if you are able. Contact Ron Doyle on 9772 3785.

3rd September, Saturday 2011. Maintenance Day. Wanting to learn more or having a problem with your Model A, then come along? Venue is at Neville & Annette Jones's residence at 44 Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills. Will start at 10 am with morning tea and finishes with BBQ lunch costing \$5. **Essential for catering purposes** to advise Neville if coming by phoning 9639 7044 or 0248 293 301.

18th September, Sunday 2011. Lugarno Lions Fair. Remember - you need a sticker on your car to enter the grounds. Entry forms are obtainable by phoning Phill Peluso on 0418 428 789 or Neil Thompson (B) 9580 9877 or emailing carshow@lugarnolions.org.au. The Fair is at Gannons Park, Peakhurst UBD p292 G8. Meet at Jacques Ave Riverwood near the Fire Brigade Station at 9.30 am. We will proceed in convoy to Gannons Park, entering at Boatwright Ave at Peakhurst. A large number of vintage and classic cars will be on display and we would like to keep the Model As together. There will be facilities in the park such as stalls for food, craft, plants, books and rides for children. A fun day out for the family!. Enquiries Don Bailey 9533 4030 (M) 0404 091 235.

16th October, Sunday 2011. Memorial Day at Holroyd Gardens Park, Holroyd. Entry is in Walpole St. Visit the old brick kilns, memorabilia and Sydney Children's Museum. Enquiries Jim Allingham 9522 6094.

30th October, Sunday to 2nd November, Wednesday 2011. Southern Aurora Train To The Melbourne Cup. Four days and three nights with sleeper car accommodation. Fine food and comfortable nostalgic travel plus visits to Beechworth, Rutherglen, Milawa (Brown Bros) wineries and a stop at Chiltern for a late afternoon stroll. VIP reception and refreshments with exclusive enclosure seating at the race meeting. \$1,995.00 per passenger twin share or single. Discount of \$100 if paid for by 1st July. Meals provided are breakfast (3), lunch (1) and dinner (3). Phone Trevor Davis 9484 516 for more details or email info@heritageexpress.com.au or phone 9379 1110 for a brochure.

20th November, Sunday 2011. South Coast Motorlife Museum. A run from Heathcote via Stanwell Tops, along Lawrence Hargrave Drive across the Sea Cliff Bridge to Kembla Grange and a visit to the Motorlife Museum. Enquiries Rob Taylor 9411 5644.

4th December, Sunday 2011. Adults & Children's Xmas Party at Trainworks Limited, Thirlmere. www.trainworks.com.au. Arrive 10 am onwards and enter at 10 Barbour Rd. This is Australia's newest and biggest rail experience following the injection of \$30 million of NSW State Government funds. Space is reserved for our party with the Model As on display. Much to do, see and enjoy. Steam train rides on the day. Enquiries John Hyland 4657 1734.

August 2012. Run to Birdsville. Email Trevor Davis trevordavis4@optusnet.com.au for itinerary details or phone (02) 9484 516.

5th, 6th & 7th May 2012. Three Day Tour To Gulgong and Dubbo. Proposed by new members Ian and Kay Ray who invite expressions of interest. Contact Ian on 4966 4926 or the Events Committee members Neil Finn on 9854 1304 or Norm Bosher on 9871 2030

INVITATION EVENTS

21st August - "The Maroota Muster @ Maroota Public School. This is a small school and they would like 10 Model A's to come along as a static display. This is the schools annual fund raising event. Pete Wigzell's grand kids attend this school. Call Pete if you would like to attend 9837-2490 or 0419-259-056

10th-11th September 2011. North West Annual Swap Meet, Gunnedah Showground. For details contact John Hyland 4657 1734.

18th September, Sunday 2011. Bushland Shire Festival at Fagan Park, Arcadia Road Galston. Car display with lunch and drink vouchers provided. Enquiries Event Officer Jane Brown Hornsby Shire Council 9847 6702 Mondays and Fridays.

15th & 16th October - Oil, Steam & Kerosene Field Day. 86 Menangle Road, Menangle Park. Saturday 10 am - 4 pm, Sunday 9 am - 3 pm. Adults \$10, Children \$5, Pensioners \$5 & Family (4) \$25. Phone 0417 215 513.

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Very soon you should receive an updated Club membership list which is being arranged by Neville Jones and Robert Taylor. I hope you did advise of any changes of your details as it is now too late unfortunately.

Safe motoring always.

Trevor Davis



19th July, Saturday 2011. Xmas In July.

Congratulations Phil on creating such a great atmosphere with those fantastic decorations. The Santa dance trio was a great hit. Everybody enjoyed themselves immensely. Camden Valley Inn certainly is a top venue for this event.

by Norm Bosher.



Henry Ford & the Johansson Gage Company cont...

blocks, guaranteed to have an error of less than 16 millionths of an inch per inch of length. Fourteen years later, with a small team of workers, gauge blocks were ready to be produced in commercial quantities. Johansson was granted his first Swedish patent on 2nd May 1901, SE .. patent No 17017, called "Gauge Block Sets For Precision Measurement". Johansson formed the Swedish company CE Johansson AB on the 16th March 1917. Johansson spent many years in America, crossing the Atlantic Ocean 22 times. The first gauge block set sold in America was to Henry Leland at the Cadillac Automobile

Company around 1908. The first Johansson manufacturing plant was established in America 1919. Due to the World War 1 recession his company got into financial difficulties and he wrote to Henry Ford in 1923 to propose a business arrangement which led to transfer of ownership. On April 29th 1925 Henry Ford sent to his friend, Thomas Edison, the first complete set of Johansson gages manufactured by his company in the United States. The set consists of 81 blocks, and these delicate little pieces of steel were accurate within four millionths of an inch. **(Compiled by Trevor Davis)**

2012 National Meet at Ipswich.

Entry forms are available from our website under "Tours" and print of Newsletter #2.. Hurry up and lock this one in, as you need to also book accommodation. All details on our website under "Tours".

Need your help on Model A Maintenance Days

Neville Jones, Greg Cribben and other club members run these wonderful Model A Maintenance Days. The guys would really appreciate it if you are coming along, can you bring one of your Model A problems to be discussed and hopefully fixed on the day.

In other words where you can, bring your car, or bring the bit. The boys are happy to talk about brakes, carbies, steering etc.. But actually getting in and assisting in fixing your problem would really make the day a little more rewarding for everyone.

So please bring your problems along on the day...

Thanks...

At the Pearly Gate.

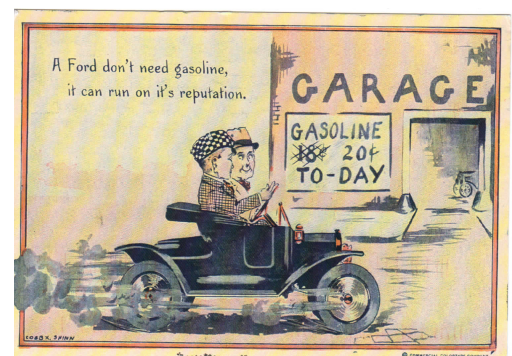
A motorist stood at the Pearly Gate,
His face was wan and old.
Meekly he asked St Peter
For admission to the fold.

"What have you done," St Peter asked
"To seek admission here ?"

"I've driven a '30 Chev on Earth,
For many, many a year."

The gates swung sharply open
As St Peter touched the bell.
"Come in," he said, "and take a harp,
You've had enough of Hell."

Adapted from Australis Australia.



Wednesday Wanderer's Event

August Rocks Discovery Museum at Kendall Lane, the Rocks Report.

Thirteen wanderers attend which was remarkable as Norm and Barbara Boshier, who organised the outing, could not come as Norm was in hospital, and also Don and Joan Bailey had gone away on yet another trip. Fortunately the Finns were back from their trip overseas. Unfortunately however our information on where to meet for morning tea was not sufficient so a humble apology to those affected. The museum proved to be of considerable interest not only for the quality and quantity of the displays but also with the restoration standard of the sandstone building. It is well worth visiting and is in Kendall Lane off Argyle Street and open 10 am - 5 pm.

The place was of special interest to me as my great, great grandparents Thomas and Eleanor Davis with their three children arrived from Upavon in Wiltshire on the ship Queen of England at Sydney Cove on Tuesday, 9th of January 1855. I do hope it was a nice summers day for them. The museum gave me some idea of how Sydney Cove and the Rocks area might have looked on that occasion.

by Trevor Davis

7th September, Wednesday 2011. Nielson Park - Centenary Celebrations Including Photographic Exhibition in the 1850 Gothic Greycliffe House. Meet at 9.15 am for morning tea at the Gateway Quayside food centre, the entrance being near McDonalds and across from Circular Quay in Alfred Street. Depart at 10.02 am for Nielson Park on bus 325 from stand D at Circular Quay. We will be able to buy lunch at the Nielson Park Kiosk (built 1914) - a brochure at hand advises 'there will be a special historic menu reminiscent of the Park's grand Edwardian days.' - at present day prices no doubt!. Or, if you wish, bring your own lunch. Enquiries Davis Tours 9484 5116 (M) 0400 285 088.

Market Place

For Sale: 1928 AR Model A Phaeton restored 1968 & unregistered but in good condition. Has early engine number CA 3334 and has done 80,000 miles. Original blue green paint. \$26,000. Phone Peter Foster in SAust (H) 08 8443 8638.

For Sale: 1929 Model A Tudor - restored 30 years ago, black paintwork with white walls. The car is in excellent condition. Motor reco 5000 miles ago.. In full rego. ST 095. \$28,000. Ph. Steve Tate. 0249458152.or Email. smtatie@primusonline.com.au.



For Sale: 1928 Fordor Leather Back Sedan, unrestored in original condition \$15,000 call Merv Shipp 02-4731-4587 mob 0407786021

Wanted: Model A Ford Chasis - Craig Finney 02 95482424

Wanted: Cast iron head for 1935 Ford R.H.S. (21 studs with water pump in the head.) Believe the 34, 35 & 36 are the same. **Ken Warburton 0438 692 737**

Wanted: Two Model A rear Tudor/Phaeton mudguard brackets (LH & RH). Also cowl and fuel tank to suit 28/29 Model A. **Larry Smith (02) 4448 5009 or gailandlarry@shoal.net.au**

Wanted: Two tooth steering box for Model A. **John McMurray 0434 077 247**