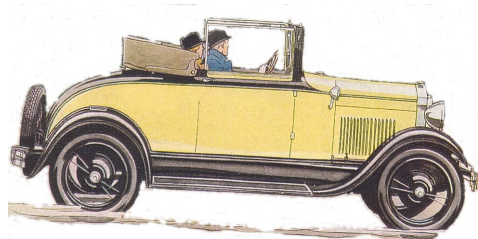


Model A Flyer



Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

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DECEMBER 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



I do hope all members will read the following as I am concerned that some might turn up for a meeting in January to find the doors closed. As previously advised, Holroyd Council is having the meeting room painted out. Our next meeting therefore will be on the 12th of February 2010 so we look forward to seeing your smiling faces there once again. There will not be a Flyer for January 2010. There will however be a meeting in March even though a number of us will be away at the 21st National Rally in Launceston.

Neville Jones has been very busy arranging the events programme for 2010 and we do hope many will find the time to involve themselves. Details of the early outings in 2010 appear in the events column. We particularly would like members to give early consideration to coming on the weekend away at Tamworth 24th to the 27th September 2010. At the moment accommodation there is plentiful but you can never tell what might happen in between. I will be

doing my utmost in the meanwhile to entice you to my president's run to the Valley Heights Locomotive Depot Heritage Museum on Sunday 11th April 2010. There will be a public display of our cars and the museum staff will be making an effort to ensure our visit is a rewarding experience.

I commend Phil Dalton for donating an enlarged photo of Model A historical interest to the CMC when he attended the last meeting as a club delegate. I also commend the lady members for bringing lovely things to eat at the conclusion of our December meeting. As a bonus William Gallo gave us a short talk on his Model A experiences during a recent visit to Uruguay. Many thanks William for your contribution & I thought the lunch every Tuesday for the Model A men a great custom!

High on the list of my presidential objectives is giving priority to making our meetings reasonably brief and to the point. This is to allow for increased post meeting discussion and socialising which all seem to enjoy the most. It has been said that when meetings in general get to about 20 minutes in duration, attention and interest tend to fall off fairly rapidly. I don't think we can get to that level of efficiency but with your co-operation I do believe we can get through our meetings in less than an hour. You might notice that I will resort at times to more formal meeting control when the occasion requires but don't despair at first and particularly if I make a few mistakes along the way. I did make one boo boo amongst others at the December meeting and overlooked asking Kate Taylor to give her delegate's report on the Bendigo meeting. Fortunately nothing much of great importance arose at Bendigo but I will make amends at the February meeting. Sorry Kate!

We on the committee wish you all a great Xmas and hope you have an interesting and terrific year ahead. In the meanwhile keep smiling and of course safe driving always. Trevor Davis

Club News

As previously stated on page 1, if you wish to avoid being lonely please do not turn up for a meeting in January 2010 as the room is not available due to maintenance and painting.

Proud father Greg Cribbin reports that Ben came third outright winner in the super stock class which he says is the second quickest class for electric RC cars. Not bad when you consider there was 132 entrants from all over Australia, of which there were about 35 in his class!

We welcome new members John and Susan Dikeman and look forward to meeting them at our meetings and outings.

Peter and Roz Wigzell will be heading off next year on an African continent adventure. Peter won the best employee of the year award where he works earlier this year which has provided the necessary funds for their adventure. Best wishes to you both for a great trip.

Darren Cook had a recent health scare with chest pains but said medical tests have failed to discover anything wrong. Also Marion Cook had a health problem this week but Darren said she is quite okay now and getting about.

Richard and Beth Payne have moved to Norfolk Island and anyone wishing to contact them should use their email address provided in the membership list. We hope you are both well.

Club Events—Be cool, be there.

16th January, Saturday 2010. Twilight BBQ at Deepwater Park Milperra. The Club will provide bread, sausages and sauce. BYO everything else. Bring coins for the best 21st century toilet we have ever seen. Arrive from 3 pm onwards. Enquiries Peter Wigzell 9837 2490.

26th January, Tuesday 2010. NRMA Motorfest.

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. Please advise Gwen Livingstone (M) 0428 421 039 if going.

21st February, Sunday 2010. Kissing Point Park. Meet at junction of Waterview St and Charles St Putney from 10 am onwards. Bring everything you will need such as chairs, umbrellas etc. BBQ, shelter and shade trees available. Beautiful spot on the river. Enquiries Neville Jones 0428 293 301.

6th March, Saturday 2010. Seminar at Craig and Leone Finney's address 4 Terrigal Place Engadine. Start at 10 am for morning tea, BBQ lunch & seminar. Enquiries 9548 2424 (M) 0438 881 417.

21st March, Sunday 2010. Warragamba Dam. Details in February's Flyer.

18th April, Sunday 2010. President's Run to Valley Heights Locomotive Depot Heritage Museum. Meet at 9.00 am at Glenbrook Tourist Information Centre for morning tea. Depart for Museum at 9.30 am. Web infoblumountains.net.au/locodepot. Enquiries Trevor Davis 9484 5116

24th Friday - 27th Monday, September, 2010. Seminar & Country Meet at Tamworth.

INVITATION RUNS

28th February, Sunday 2010. Central Coast Annual Show Shine. Contact Secretary Greg Cribbin 9631 6063 who has an information sheet.

March 14-20th - 21st National Meet at Launceston. Enquiries Kevin Churchill PO Box 72 Bittenn Victoria 3918 or e-mail nationalmeet2010@gmail.com or (03) 5983 8981

Event Reports

6th December, Sunday 2009. Penrith Lakes.

by Trevor Davis



We thought it would be very hot at the Penrith Lakes with little shade but to our surprise the trees had grown since the last time we were there and we had a comfortable time of it. The turnout was not great as only 4 Model As came but this was probably due to it being December when most folk have too many functions to attend. We were honoured with the company of Jim and Cheryl Morrow and daughter Lauren who came in their modern.

This photo shows a gathering around Peter and Roz Wigzell's phaeton which has had 2.



a reconditioned engine fitted plus a new syncho gearbox. The second photo is of Peter Wigzell enjoying a sun bake whilst at the same time tightening the Pitman arm bolt and thereby taking some of the slop out of his steering. Roz had the good sense not to come.

After lunch and a bit of natter some went off to look at the white water rafting facility which is near by. We headed off for home instead taking the M4, M7 and M2, arriving there in record time and hang the expense! Now that we have a blipper fitted all we need now is one of those GPS things, provided of course that we can remember where it is that we wish to go. Getting lost is becoming more of a problem for us in recent years.

Wednesday Wanderer's Events

3rd February, Wednesday 2010. The Boshers Place at 1 Alexander Pde Carlingford. Come and help us christen our pool renovation. Have a swim if desired, morning tea at 10 am followed by a sausage sizzle and natter for lunch. BYO drinks. To assist with catering please advise if you are coming by 30th January. Barb and Norm Boshers 9871 2030.

Wednesday Wanderer's Report

2nd December, Wednesday 2009. Xmas Lunch.

by Mal Bradley



We had 20 Wanderers attend the Xmas lunch at the Panorama Restaurant at Bulli Tops overlooking the South Coast beaches. On arrival our lunch organiser Joan Bailey was greeted with "I am sorry but we don't seem to have a table in your name!" We despatched Don to the bar to order a strong Scotch to settle Joan down. The receptionist went away to check the situation over and came back with "Don't worry, we will be able to fit you all in."

Walking into the restaurant dining room one had the same view that the kite flyers just up the coast would have as they launch themselves off the cliff. The meal was very good and well presented. Those who sat on the eastern end of the table had a fabulous view. The men enjoyed checking out all the ladies on the next table - I should mention that the bus coach parked outside did have a sign 'Blue Rinse Set Tours' but not sure what that meant! Many thanks to Joan and Don for a great lunch with a grand view.



Technical Comments

Head Gaskets: The following comment has been received on the use of composite material silicone coated head gaskets from Dick Przywitowski, Technical Director of MAFCA - " The new silicone head gaskets have been well received. I have installed them on my own Model A with great success. The one thing to keep in mind is you need to make sure you have the surfaces of the block and head very clean with all debris removed. There is no need to use a coating or sealant on these gaskets as the silicone bead will seal. I have not heard of any different procedure for tightening the head nuts. Just follow the prescribed pattern of tightening, as well as the torquing sequence."

Club member Richard Payne sent the following comment - " We have a Snyder's high compression head and had to use the newer design gasket. Torqued it once only and after 5000 miles there have been no problems." Club member John Everett tried the new gasket and it unfortunately failed for a reason unknown. Club member Mal Bradley believes that it is worth while to check the torquing again after a short time of use, this being done when the engine is cold.

A further thought on this subject concerns judging. Will the non use of a copper asbestos gasket lead to loss of points? The approved use of the composite gasket under Australian judging standards will come as a blessing as some owners suffer the leakage of oil and coolant through the asbestos causing unsightly rust and staining of the engine block. by Trevor Davis (02) 9484 5116

Market Place

For Sale: Not really - just a tricky way to remind you that there will be no January meeting!

For Sale: Bendix starter motor unit complete, new ex USA in original sealed package \$60. Head gasket new \$25. Drive shaft camshaft to distributor new \$10. New distributor cam \$10. Used distributor cam \$5. Vintage jack ratchet type VGC \$20. Vintage hand pump plunger VGC \$20. **Doug Wilson (03) 9570 9658**
66 Brady Rd Bentleigh East VIC 3165.

Wanted: David Burrell is producing a new car magazine for collectible and classic vehicles titled Retroautos. The first issue has now been produced. If you have an interesting vehicle and are prepared to write a story of its restoration and background he will be pleased to hear from you. David Burrell can be contacted at PO Box 243 Jannali NSW 2226 or (02) 9528 4993 (M) 0407 770 409 email david@retroautos.com.au
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