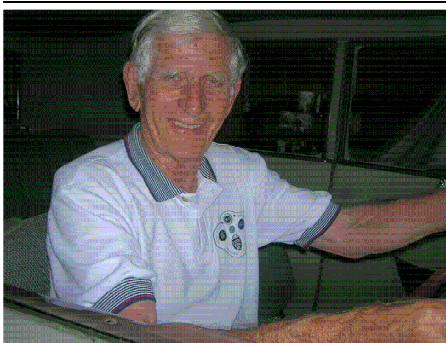


Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

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FEBRUARY 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

It is gratifying that our new editor Rob Taylor has settled into the job very well and is getting the clubs newsletter out in a timely manner. Nothing however makes the job harder if the editor does not receive items from members to publish so I implore you to pick up the pen and make your valuable knowledge known to members. I am certain Rob won't mind if you send a rough draft as it usually doesn't take much effort to lick into shape. There must be lots of tips about restoring your Model A that you have learnt which will help others just starting off with their restorations.

Our committee would like to make our meetings more interesting by introducing presentations by members at the end of each general meeting.

The Model T club, of which I am also a long time member, has always had presentations and whilst most have concerned the Model T there have also been presentations on a whole range of topics. We can, with your support, try to make our meetings as brief as possible, say 30 to 45 minutes which is about the limit of most folk's attention span anyhow. I will begin with these presentations by giving a talk on light emitting diodes as used in automobile applications at the March general meeting. Neville Jones will give a presentation on wood working tools at the April meeting and Neil Finn will give a talk of glass forming and treatment at the May meeting. Hopefully some of you will be able to come up with topics for the following meetings. Remember they do not have to be Model A related and can for example be on your hobby, craftwork or any other activity such as collecting. The lady members of course will be most welcome to give presentations on their activities and interests.

I have just received my copy of the January/February 2011 MAFCA - The Restorer and was interested to read an article titled 'Texans Down Under In Tasmania' by Pam Henricks and Dan Parrish of Lewisville, Texas. The article is well written with observations and comments much to the point. It is amusing to read of the experience of getting through customs at Tasmania with Model As running out of petrol through waiting for so long. From personal experience we felt it was like entering a third world country and perhaps even more protracted. This was particularly evident to us having driven down from Sydney for the meet and having entered Victoria at the border at 40 MPH. It was also unintentionally funny when the article finished by saying 'As the sun was setting, we loaded most of the Model A's back on the Spirit of Tasmania and crossed back over to Australia.' - I am sure that will go over big in Tasmania!

We welcome & look forward to meeting new member Greg Reichart of Dubbo who has a 1928 Model A utility and also welcome back former member Paul Bremner of Greystanes. We regret to hear from member Neil Boon of Goonellabah that he has had to resign due to poor health.

We thank Larry and Pam Gee for their generosity in donating a new copy of Les Andrews book on Model A Ford maintenance as they had heard that we are missing one of the club's copies.

The February meeting coincided with the birthday of inaugural & life member Mal Bradley. Happy birthday was sung with much gusto followed by 'hip-hip-hooray' from the throng. The birth year has a big 0 on the end and that is all we will say here - however Mal, you are only as old as you feel!

Safe driving at all times and best wishes from me.

Trevor Davis

Happy ...0th Birthday to....
Mal Bradley
Neville Jones & Annette Jones

Welcome New Club Members
Greg Reichart from Dubbo
Paul & Margaret Bremner from Greystanes



Australia Day 2011 - Great day out!!!!

Australia Day's Motorfest was a fantastic turn out of every type of car imaginable. For car enthusiasts it was a smorgasbord of dreams...

The Models A's were represented in force, with 17 Model A Ford Club Cars, and numerous other Model As with the many other clubs in attendance.

A shady campsite was found under the trees in Hyde Park, which made for a very comfortable day. Also a chance to get to know people a little better.

We arrived at 7am to park the cars, NRMA provided a sausage sizzle breakfast and a show bag.. All registered attendees also received a Motorfest 2011 Medallion. We were allowed to leave at around 4.40pm.

Through out the day we saw:

- Heaps of different cars

- Old time rock concert; Mal Bradley really got into it
- Macca All-over did his show just near our campsite
- More old cars to keep us dreaming
- Old fire engines, buses, caravans, speedway bikes and cars, and even an aeroplane.

Even though it was a long day, it was a good day. Some members though did need their afternoon nap, see Ernie below..



Club Events—Be cool, be there.

20th February, Sunday Harpers Mansion, Berrima An inspection of the house, garden & Maze. Meet @ Pheasants Nest Service Station at 9:30am. We will leave @ 10am to travel to Berrima via Mittagong on the Old Hume Highway. Harpers Mansion is in Wilkinson Lane, on the right hand side as you come into Berrima. We will meet up with members of the Berrima District Historic Vehicle Club at 11:30am. BYO lunch, table & chairs..

5th March, Saturday 2011. Maintenance day at Neville Jones's place, 44 Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills, start at 10.a.m. for morning tea and BBQ lunch \$5. Please ring Neville if attending for catering on 9639-7044 or 0428-293301.

20th March, Sunday - Club Run Tench Reserve on the Nepean at Jamisontown.

17th April, Sunday - President's run to the northside. Meet at Thompson's Corner at West Pennant Hills and proceed north through Dural to Cattai Ridge Rd and thence cross by punt to Cattai National Park. Full details in next Flyer. Trevor Davis 9484 5116

7th May, Saturday 2011. Maintenance day at Neville Jones's place, 44 Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills, start at 10.a.m. for morning tea and BBQ lunch \$5. Please ring Neville if attending for catering on 9639-7044 or 0428-293301.

15th May, Sunday - Club Run. CMC Day National Motoring Heritage Day

INVITATION RUNS (For more information call Secretary John Hyland Ph: 4657 1734)

20th February, Sunday 2011 Sydney Super Swap Meet. Hawkesbury Showground Clarendon info 0410 447927

27th February, Sunday American Car Show @ Pittwater Rugby Park Pittwater Road Warriewood - Gold coin for displaying your car.. Contact Bob Radnidge 0417 186430

12th March, Saturday Hawks Nest Motorfest Hawks Nest Oval - Contact John Sharp 4997 1081

ROUTE 66 TOURS 2011 - IN A MUSTANG

The tour dates are Summer - July 30 to August 20 and Fall - October 8 to 29 inclusive of travel time from Australia. Please visit us at

www.route66tours.com.au . Very Basic Itinerary - <http://route66tours.com.au/images/a3.pdf>

Ken Murphy's Model A's from Narrandera

This is a photograph of two of my cars. The third is in pieces on the shed floor as I am in the process of restoring a 1928 AA Truck. Hopefully it will be on the road by the end of the year.

I purchased the 1928 phaeton in the photograph as my first car at the age of 19 years. I purchased it in Hay, which was my home town in 1969 for \$24.00. It was as the story goes only driven to church on Sundays by two little old ladies from Booligal. It was a complete car but needed a restoration. It was my only car until 1971 when I bought a new XY falcon. The car was re-restored in 1980 when I had more money to do a better job. The second car is a 1929 Model A roadster. I purchased this car in pieces from a property in the Parkes area. A seventy-six year old gentleman called Jack Smith helped me restore it which caused him a great deal of trauma as over one weekend I changed the plan from an Australian utility to a roadster. The roadster was completed in 1981. I have established a replica 1920's garage and the roadster is part of the display as a working model. Both cars give me a great deal of pleasure and especially on the quiet country roads around Narrandera. I have enjoyed being a long member in the Model A Club of New South Wales. Thanks Ken Murphy



Twilight Run to Milperra Park in January

41 Club members enjoyed a delicious sausage sizzle, well cooked by the Everett boys. A big thank you to John & Marie Hyland for doing their usual great job in getting all the necessities for the BBQ. Also thanks Marie for being "bread butterer extraordinaire". It was also great to Peter and Di Paice, our members from Singleton come down for the event. A great time was had by all..... Barb & Norm Bosher



Technical Comments

Greg Cribbin's Model A Ford Brake Adjustment Procedure

After having Greg adjust my brakes after installing new brake linings, I stopped on a sixpence (5c). I followed the "Green Book" on brake adjustment, but Greg pointed out to me, "the adjustment in that book is designed for Model A's running on dirt roads.. Because you need the rear brakes on so you can steer with the front wheels. We drive on bitumen these days, so ALL brakes should come on at the same time." Well I think he is right.. My brakes are standard Model A brakes, except for a floater kit, and they are fantastic after Greg did the fine tuning. Here is what he did.

The steps we took with the brake adjustment was:

- Disconnected the rods.
- Adjusted the brakes on each wheel until the wheel just rotated without too much drag.
- Then connected the brake rods from one axle to the pedal linkage, then adjusted the rods on that axle so as both wheels would brake evenly.
- Then connected the remaining two brake rods and adjusted those so as all four wheels would brake evenly.

Then road tested and readjusted at each hub at the adjusting screw where necessary.

Once the rods are adjusted correctly and the shoes settled in, you would normally then only need to adjust the brakes at the adjusting screw and not touch the rods. Thanks Greg



Wednesday Wanderer's Event

2nd March 2011—Tahmoor House & lunch at Huckstepps Visit Tahmoor House 27 Remembrance Drive Tahmoor. Meet at the rest area at the top of Razor Back Range, Corner of Mount Hercules Road and Remembrance Drive at 10am and leave immediately for Tahmoor House. Morning tea at the house at 10:30am, cost \$5. We will then inspect the house and surrounds. Parking at rear of house. Lunch will be a sausage sizzle at the Huckstepp's Villa, 117/25 Tylers Road Bargo. Please ring Laurel on 4684 3509 or 014 348 724 if you are coming along for catering purposes.

6th April - Blue Mountains Leura Report Unfortunately this trip was cancelled in February due to the *heatwave conditions*. Meet at Central Railway Country Station for coffee & Cake at 8:30am. Train To Leura leaves Central at 9:09am, Strathfield at 9:22am, Parramatta at 9:34am & Penrith At 10am, we will be in the 4th carriage. We arrive Leura at 11:06am in time for a leisurely stroll around the village before deciding on what café suits us best for lunch. Depart Leura for home on either the 1:25pm or 2:43pm train, the decision is yours. Let's breathe in the fresh mountain air and escape Sydney's humidity. NB we will all be in the fourth carriage..

Market Place

- For Sale:** Model A Mufflers - made to order by Maurie Creedy (MAFCSA). Mailed by registered post, complete unit with pipes unattached \$300.. Call 08 8555 0349 for details.. Maurie
- For Sale:** Change over Carbys - rebuilt, all passages cleaned, float set, jets resized to orig, new parts used where required, body painted black \$160 Bill Mayberry 03 9563 8207
- For Sale:** Pair new fibreglass Front Mudguards 28/29 \$600.00 the pair and 1 Reproduction Black Steering Wheel VGC 28/29 \$250.00 Call John Hyland Ph: 4657 1734 or Mob 0417 683457
- For Sale:** Fabricated model B cylinder head marked:- Forrester compression ratio 7:1 with model B water pump, attached is an exhaust and inlet manifold fitted with twin SU carburettors. \$850 the lot. Also AR complete rolling chassis good condition \$1500 , 1929 rear tub in good cond \$500 Contact BOB TREVAN 0416 214 902 Lismore
- For Sale:** 1 new Aermore Exhaust Horn \$200.00; New starter drive \$80; Qty of A Ford Window regulators 3 hole mount, need resto \$60; Qty front & rear hubs, backing plates, brake drums \$20 each.. Model A engine #CA69804 was running when taken out \$400 John Everett 9773 4941 or 0408 852878
- For Sale:** New High Volume Air Filter for LH drive car \$45, New chrome plated lower water pipe for 29/31 \$25 & new closed car hinged mirror (1) \$45 call John Carroll 9871 8473
- For Sale:** 3 x B Model conrods N.O.S. in original boxes labelled B6200A.. Best offer Don Bailey 0404 091235
- For Sale:** 1990 Ford Capri Convertible, good condition \$3000 call Jim Allingham 0418 674 059
- Wanted:** Side curtain fasteners with ring ..Norm Bosher 9871 2030

Who's the pretty gal??

Come on you old and bold club members, we need to know who is in the photo taken many years ago at NSW Model A Ford outing???



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