Model A Flyer



Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

JULY 2008

Club Meetings are held at Holroyd Community Centre, Millar 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



Most members have enjoyed a bit of time to catch up and indulge in a little "me" time over the past month.

We had a good turn out to the July meeting, especially considering we are in the middle of a cold snap. Club business is proceeding at a steady pace. The National Meet final accounts should be complete in the near future and I expect the outcome will be pretty much as expected.

There is nothing further to report on the creation of the cathedrals (rear fender protectors) but I hope to have something encouraging soon.

Don Bailey suggested that the Club have screenings of DVDs and videos at some meet-

ings. The focus of these would be technical and hopefully would be interesting and helpful to those either restoring or repairing their Model A's. Greg Cribbin and Peter Wigzell have agreed to look into the best way to put this plan into action.

Alan Hale was at the meeting and was thanked by the Club members for the wonderful web site he has created for us. Our heartfelt thanks also go to Rhonda Hale who has been working with Alan on this project. Alan suggested that if any club member would like a photo of their Model A on the web site to just contact him and he will tell you what he can do for you.

Ron Doyle has had a nasty accident while using his spring spreader, so just a reminder to take care. Best wishes for a speedy recovery Ron.

My run to Gloucester begins on Wednesday 16th July and we meet at the Caltex service station at Ourimbah at 10 am. I know some of you will meet us at the Molly Morgan Motel in Maitland for dinner and others will be joining us at Morpeth on the 17th July. For those who are only doing part of the run, I am glad you are able to join us and hope we can tempt you to stay longer. It is going to be a lot of fun. We have some new members joining us for their first run; I look forward to meeting them and of course viewing their cars.

Do not forget, 'Xmas in July' on the 26th of July at Camden, and the requirement that

you bring a red wrapped gift for a male or a green wrapped gift for a female. John Hyland has this event under control, so phone him if you have any queries.

Until next time safe driving always.

Kate Taylor

Club News

It is a coincidence our 'Xmas in July' outing on the 26th happens to be also the International Model A Ford Day. (Ref. The MAFCA magazine 'The Restorer')

A thank you card was received from Betty Wilson regarding the recent death of Ted Wilson, Mayor of Blayney who provided valuable assistance for the 2008 National Meet

Member Michael Foster has done his good deed for the month. The Club received a letter from a lady whose mother was suffering from dementia and she thought that the sight of a Model A might bring back some happy memories. Michael took his car along which was much appreciated and also very nice of him.

Ron Doyle reported much interest shown by the public in Alan and Rhonda Hale's car on display at the recent MotorEx show.

Tom Ryan was welcomed to the July meeting.

We are also pleased to welcome Fred and Pat Vearing of Ariah Park who have joined the club. They have a 1929 sports coupe which they are restoring. We look forward to meeting them.

We hear from the MAFC of Victoria of another fan blade coming detached. Remember that all original Model A fan blades will eventually fail due to hydrogen embrittlement. This is not a case of <u>if</u> but rather <u>when</u>. One option is the aluminium fan now available.

The DVD of the 2008 National Meet will be delayed due to a considerable editing task in reducing many hours of recording down to a manageable size. Our producer does not wish to compromise quality by cutting corners and we believe this is reasonable. A separate advice will be sent to all who have ordered a copy that editing will be completed by the end of August 2008. Copies will then be made and mailed out.

Club Events—Be cool, be there.

16th July, Wednesday to 20th July, Sunday 2008 (incl). President's Gloucester Run. 26th July, Saturday 2008. Xmas in July lunch at Camden Valley Inn, Remembrance Drive, South Camden. Once again we are coming together for lunch at a mid year function with Xmas as the theme. So get your Xmas hats, reindeer antlers etc on and come and join your fellow club members for lunch at 11.30 am at Camden Valley Inn. Would you also bring a small gift between \$5 to \$10 value wrapped in green for ladies and red for men so as our favourite Santa Norm can give them out at random? It proved to be a great hoot last year. Please phone John and Marie Hyland on 4657 1734 to provide numbers for seating.

17th August, Sunday 2008. All Fords Day. <u>Please note</u> that the swap meet to be held on the 16th August will be at Warwick Farm, not Peter Warren Motors. Des Fitzgerald on 9605 6026 needs the assistance of helpers on the Sunday. A concourse Model A is being sought. Entry is by window sticker only so you need to phone Des now to obtain one.

24th August, Sunday 2008. CMC Day at Eastern Creek. Ron Doyle on 9772 3785 wants 5 vehicles for a 80th Anniversary Model A display. Entry limited to buyers of tickets.

21st September, Sunday 2008. Lugarno Lions Fete and Display. More details later.

19th October, Sunday 2008. Memorial Day Run. Meet 10 am King Georges Park, Manning St, Rozelle for Club BBQ. More details will follow later.

INVITATION EVENTS:

14th September, Sunday 2008. Orange Blossom Festival.

21st September, Sunday 2008. Stationary Engines Display Hawkesbury Showground.

4th-6th October 2008 Pre 1940 Rally - Central Coast Vintage Drivers Leagues Club.

9th-13th April 2009. 9th National Model A Ford Rally at Taupo New Zealand

21st National Model A Ford Meet will be held in Launceston, Tasmania from Sunday 14th to Saturday 20th (changed) of March 2010 by the Model A Ford Club of Vic. For registration contact National Meet Director Kevin Churchill PO Box 72 Bittern Vic 3918. (For more information of any of these events contact our Secretary John Hyland)

Wednesday Wanderer's Event

6th August, Wednesday 2006. A tour through Neil and Pat Finn's Bent & Curved Glass Factories which specialises in glass bending & production of safety glass. For safety reasons please note this tour is strictly limited to 12 people, shorts must not be worn and shoes must fully protect the feet. Meet at 10.30 am at 257 Milperra Rd Revesby (north side). Approach from the west side-location is about 200 metres from Marigold St. There will be morning tea provided with the tour. Then we will go on to the second factory at 26-28 Barry Ave at Mortdale. After this we will adjourn to Neil and Pat's home at 69 Ogilvy St Peakhurst (South) for a sausage sizzle. Nearest corner is Evans St. Enquiries Neil Finn 0404 855 541.

Wednesday Wanderer's Report

2nd July, Wednesday 2008. Boat Trip to Bundeena.

After a cancellation last month due to wet weather we had a bright sunny day for our voyage across to Bundeena. The mansions, boatsheds and boats moored in Port Hacking produced the predictable response "wouldn't you like to live here."

A short walk up to Bundeena RSL for drinks and lunch overlooking the sparkling sea. A tour of Bundeena village before returning to Cronulla on the 2 pm ferry. The old timber double ended ferry



looked to be about the same vintage as our Model A's. We called at the Hazelhurst Regional Gallery at Gymea on the way home for a cuppa. Thanks Barbara and Norm for an enjoyable day out.

by Don Bailey

Events Report

22nd June, Sunday 2008. South Coast Mystery Tour.

We met at Sublime Point for the outing which had been superbly arranged by Barb and Norm Bosher. To our amazement cars continued to roll up as we stood around having morning tea and I think at one stage we had 15 Model As. Several could not come with us for the full tour however but it was great to meet everyone and catch up on the latest news.

Our next stop was at Mount Keira lookout but getting there was a test of navigational skills particularly as we were in a group led by the Allinghams. No one had told us that the Allinghams have a past history of not excelling at navigation so we were fortunate to be behind the Hylands who sensed something was wrong and pulled over. The view at Mt Keira was more heavenly than Sublime Point and provided glorious views of Wollongong and up and down the coast. On leaving here we decided to follow the Boshers after the Allingham experience and our trip down the hill and through the Wollongong city centre was uneventful. The mystery tour finished at Stuart Park where we settled amongst the local sea gulls for

lunch, with our backs facing into a stiff breeze. Our numbers were swelled by the arrival of Larry and Gail Smith and Darrel and Barbara Goss so there was more catching up to be done.

The tour notes did not include how to get home so we ended up getting lost. Maybe we should have followed the Boshers who have superior navigation skills. Eventually we found our way unintentionally to the start of Bulli Pass which we soon noted was not Model A friendly. The exciting bit was when the car jumped out of second gear on the steep incline but we survived and made it home safely. Thank you Barb and Norm for a great outing.





Some of the group at Mt Leira lookout.

Market Place

For Sale: One set of five 17 inch wire spoke wheels \$350. One pair of 17 inch wire spoke

wheels \$140. Suit 1934 Ford V8. Good condition.

Trevor Wiggins (02) 4267 2172.

For Sale: Pair of spray painters drying lamps and stands. One complete, the other one

needs new bulbs, each holds 4 bulbs. \$50. Greg Cribbin (02) 9631 6063.

For Sale: 1948 Plymouth 2 door coupe. Four seater, six cylinder side valve motor, LHD

74,000 mls. Asking \$23,000. Frank Thomas (02) 9427 4297.

Wanted: Any year AA truck chassis. David Agulina (02) 4274 1262 (M) 0410 812 166.

Web site

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