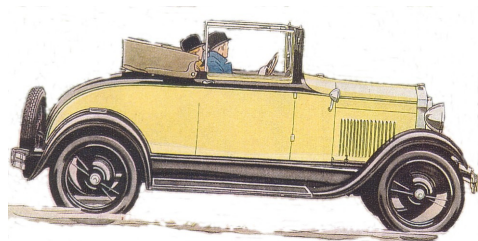


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Club Meetings are held at Holroyd Community Centre, Miller St Merrylands. The parking entrance is in Newman Street. Meetings are held from 8 pm on the second Friday of each month unless otherwise stated.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(Sent by email on 4th July to the editor)

I have recently been diagnosed with cancer and begin treatment tomorrow (*ie 5th July*) starting with surgery. I have been informed that I will be out of action for 6 weeks, although I will be the judge of that. Neville Jones has kindly agreed to run the July and August meetings for me. I am so sorry to jump ship mid stream, but hopefully it is only temporary. I am so jealous that you will be all going on runs without me but I truly hope you have a lot of fun. Behave and enjoy.

Best wishes Kate Taylor.

(Mobile call received 11th July by the editor from Kate advising all is going well and that she

and John were heading off for a relaxing weekend.)

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am standing in for our President Kate Taylor who now has had the operation for cancer. She has received the great news that all is now well with only checkups needed. On behalf of the members our very best wishes go to Kate and we are looking forward to seeing her back in the chair when she is once again feeling fit. If anyone has any queries could they please let me know until Kate is well again.

Barry O'Shea came to the July meeting and spoke of a weekend run to the Gosford area on Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th August. Barry and Bob Allen have put a lot effort into organising this weekend so please support them and come on this run. Contact Barry on 4393 5707 and let him know whether you are coming both days or on either day as there is only a small number going at this stage. The other run for August is CMC Eastern Creek Day.

Welcome to our new members Graham and Charmaine Pout from Forbes. They are proud owners of a rare, early Model A phaeton. A big thank you to Barbara Boshier for our lovely supper and chicken dinner raffle, recipe and all. The winner of the raffle was husband Norman!!!
Happy motoring, Neville Jones.

Thought for the month -

An optimist said: This is the actually the best the world can offer.

A pessimist commented in reply: I agree. (Heard on ABC FM)

Club News

Please note that the Flyer is usually produced on the weekend immediately following the monthly general meeting. Those members who have elected to have the Flyer sent by email receive it on Monday morning. The remaining members receive their hard copy by about Wednesday or Thursday at the latest. This unfortunately means that these members can be several days late in learning about items for sale. This recently happened to one of our members who missed out on a very scarce item he wanted to buy. We do urge members to again consider how they wish to receive the Flyer. Emailing the Flyer also saves the Club considerable expense over the year apart from saving the trees and sparing Patricia who helps with the envelopes and address stickers..

To Alan and Rhonda Hale our congratulations on the recent arrival of a granddaughter. And Ron Williams advises his retirement at 65 years. Hope we'll see you Ron out with the Wanderers!

Club Events—Be cool, be there.

18th July, Saturday 2009. Xmas in July lunch at the Camden Valley Inn, Remembrance Drive South Camden. Time to get your Xmas hats, reindeer antlers etc out and join your fellow members for lunch at 11.30 am at the 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? **Please phone John and Marie Hyland on 4657 1734 to provide numbers for seating.**

2nd August, Sunday 2009. Model A Seminar Day. Starts at 10 am at 44 Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills for morning tea. There will be a charge of \$5 for a sausage sizzle lunch. **Contact Neville Jones if attending on 9639 7044 or (M) or 0428 293 301.**

15th Saturday & 16th Sunday August, 2009. Central Coast Run. Meet at 9 am Saturday at Mooney Mooney Sports Club car park. Directions: After crossing Hawkesbury Bridge turn left passing under the freeway and arrive at the Pacific Highway. Turn left and then a little further on turn right into Kowan Rd and then into the Club car park. We then travel on the Pacific Highway to Reptile Park spending the day there. Morning tea and lunch provided by Gosford Car Club. If staying over night, travel then to your Gosford accommodation. Have evening meal at Central Coast Leagues Club. On Sunday meet at 9 am at Leagues Club car park. Travel on Entrance Rd to Wamberal then on Ocean Beach Drive to Terrigal for morning tea provided by Gosford Car Club. Then onto Woy Woy & then Patonga for lunch provided by Gosford Car Club. Afterwards travel along Woy Woy Rd to Kariong then short trip to Freeway & safely home. Reptile Park adults/seniors \$15, family of 2 adults & children special price. **If coming for 1 or 2 days please let organisers know ASAP. Phone Barry O'Shea 4393 5707 or Peter Wigzell (M) 0419 259 056.**

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.

20th September, Sunday 2009. Fagan Park Run Galston. Details later.

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

15th November, Sunday 2009. Xmas Party Day at Australian Army Museum at Holdsworthy. Details later. Enquiries Peter Wigzell 9837 2490.

INVITATION RUN

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

27th-28th June 2009. Back of The Blue Mountains Run. Full credit to Bryan Wyborn for a well organised and researched run which enabled us to have a great experience. I would describe this as a 'drop in & drop out' event which will soon become clear. At the starting grid at Glenbrook we had Harry and Laurel Huckstepp, the Wigzells in their A, Bryan Wyborn with his A and passenger Ian deBeuzeville, and the Davis's. As per the Presidential Report we were missing the Taylors which saddened us all. At Old Bowenfels we were joined by Jim & Cheryl Morrow and family in their A. Off we went out west past Lake Lyell to Tarana then took the Mutton Falls Rd to O'Connell. Here we paused for afternoon tea and were joined by John and Leigh Streatfeild. At this stage the Mornings said goodbye and went home. The rest then continued onto the Rockley Hotel where we were

joined by Larry and Pam Gee in their A. We had a fabulous time at the hotel, hosted by the congenial Tom Clunes, and after dinner the Streatfeilds went home. In the morning the Gee's went home and the rest of us continued on in the mist and rain to Oberon for lunch. Here the group decided to call it a day. The highlights of the trip were travelling on little used back roads, the magnificent scenery of the western side of the Blue Mountains, and the quaint village of Rockley where time seems to have stood still since the late 1800's. Many thanks, Bryan. (by Trevor Davis)



At the Rockley Hotel

Wednesday Wanderer's Events

5th August, Wednesday 2009. Run to Paris. Not really. Meet at 10am at the Gateway Café at Circular Quay. At 11 am board Bus No L94 at stand E in Alfred St for travel to La Perouse for lunch and historic walks. Enquiries John and Jeanette Everett 9773 4941.

Wednesday Wanderer's Report

1st July, Wednesday 2009. Charles Darwin - Voyages and Ideas That Shook the World. National Maritime Museum. Don't know what happened but folk turned up in droves, some from as far away as Orangeville and Harrington Park. Thirteen came, would you believe! When Harry Huckstepp first initiated the Wanderer's outings in 1997 who would have thought it would still be going strong in 2009. Could it be the invention of the low cost rail, bus and ferry ticket for going wherever you wish to go?

The Charles Darwin exhibition was also free which was well received by our mob. A guide was hurriedly arranged for us on the spot but after 10 minutes he disappeared as if like smoke because everyone wanted to move along at their own pace. Frankly there was too much to see and after an hour I felt exhausted and wobbly in the legs. And still going strong was John Hyland who was determined to see everything on offer and was the last to emerge. Then we were off to the lunch venue which I had chosen but which was a little low key - I think I would choose something a bit more up market next time, seeing that we save so



much on the travel ticket generously discounted by the State Government. Should others go to the Exhibition? Yes, most certainly but don't try to see it all in one go. (by Trevor Davis)

Technical Comments

Flathead Ted's Brakes. Further news has been heard of this modification due to the experience of a MARC member at Canberra. In this case the installation went well without any problems. Members are asked to keep us informed of their experience as this may help others to decide if they wish to purchase the kit. Hopefully we should be able soon to establish a consensus for your consideration.

Tyre Pressures. Ford recommends that tyre pressures be maintained at 35 lbs per square inch. This appears to be all too embracing as Model A tare weights and loading vary, and also tyres manufactured by various manufacturers vary. Inspection of the wear of rear tyres is a good way to decide if tyre pressure overall should be altered. Why? Wear of rear tyres is virtually unaffected by steering alignment problems. More wear seen on the centre of the tread compared with the outer edges indicates that a lower pressure should be tried. Conversely less wear in the centre of the tread indicates that a higher pressure should be tried. If the front tyres are not badly scrubbed due to misalignment it should be possible to determine if these tyres are being over or under inflated.

Adjusting Toe In. Experience gained over many years suggests that too much faith is placed by Model A owners in using an adjustable measuring rod to set the toe in of the front wheels. Even adjustment by steering alignment professionals using better equipment has been found to give false results. Many homemade adjustable measuring rods show considerable ingenuity in their construction. Owners of such devices firmly believe in them but unfortunately this is an illusion. The reason for wrong results is that the method is one of measurement either between the inner side of the front tyres or between the edges of the rims, all of which usually provide irregular measuring points. Typically if one considers that the distance between the front wheel rims to be of the order of 1305 millimetres and the toe in to be measured is of the order of 3 millimetres, then the potential for measurement error can be very high.

There is fortunately no need to use the above method as a simple alternative is available. This method is based on the fact that a mark placed on the tread on any tyre will travel in a perfect circle when rotated, irrespective of any wobble or other irregularities present. There is a proviso however and that is there is no movement due to loose wheel bearings. If so the bearings should be adjusted.

The method is as follows. Glue a small piece of paper, such as that made by a hole punch, on the tread of each tyre at the same height from the ground. A small dot is made with an ink pen on each piece of paper and with the aid of a helper the distance between the two dots is measured with a steel tape. The measurement is made again with the wheels rotated to the rear. The difference in the two measurements is the toe in. With care this method can give a reading accuracy better than one millimetre particularly if zero on the tape is taken as some offset value ie say the 100 millimetre mark. Those who remain unconvinced that their method is flawed should carry out this measurement using the tape. It is believed the results will surprise even the unconverted. (by Trevor Davis)

Market Place

For Sale: Four hydraulic car dollies for in garage movement use. \$400 for the set. As new.

Richard Payne (02) 4360 2218 Email pynrc@aol.com

For Sale: 1930 Model A Ford deluxe roadster. **Ron Pearson (03) 5447 2312**

For Sale: New, unused piece of Daley's vehicle floor carpet, premier dark brown 2 metres by 1.8 metres. Bargain priced at \$75. **Trevor Davis (02) 9484 5116**

For Sale: 2008 National Meet DVD \$20 includes postage.

Only 2 copies left so contact ASAP **Trevor Davis (02) 9484 5116.**

Wanted: One good 21 inch wheel for 1929 Model A. **Norm Boshier (02) 9871 2030**

Wanted: Couple of early Model A hub caps in good condition.

John Everett (02) 9773 4941

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