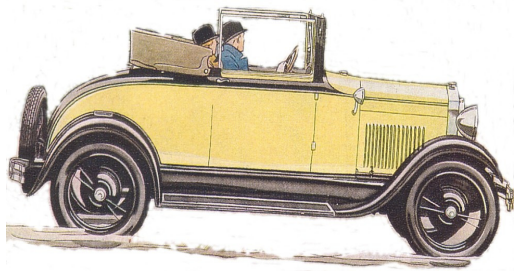


# Model A Flyer



Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

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**JUNE 2010**

**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



Whilst scanning our slide collection onto a DVD we came upon this image taken many years ago. Hopefully someone may remember where it was taken. All the children are now adults and it is interesting to think that many will now have their own children. Tell us how many Model A members you can identify. I will try to find some more images in time for the 40th Anniversary and place them in an album.

We welcome the following new members and hope they have an enjoyable time with us. Allan and Learna Borg of Rossmore who own a 1928 AA truck. Also Graham and Norma Barker of Dubbo who own a 1929 phaeton and a 1928 utility.

Time is getting a bit short so if you are intending to go to the seminar and country meet at Tamworth in September please contact Neville Jones (02) 9639 7044 or (M) 0428 293 301 ASAP. (See the events column for details.) Pat and I unfortunately can't come as we entered our Model T sometime ago in a Model T National Meet beginning on the same weekend. This is always a problem when you are a member of two car clubs and we do apologise.

Now is the time to decide if you wish to come to our Xmas In July event. This is very popular with members and is always well attended. Details are given in the events column and Phil Dalton on 4659 6075 is waiting to hear from you to finalise seating arrangements. We went in our Model A last year and hope more members will do the same. I do want to encourage all members to use their Model A's as much as possible. Why do some of us have a valuable asset parked in the garage which rarely goes anywhere?

This brings me to my next request which concerns the Birdsville tour I am planning for August next year. There are now a few who have expressed interest and I am working now on details. It is intended to go to Port Augusta via Cobar and Broken Hill to meet up with others and to visit the Wadlata Outback Centre prior to our departure north. The proposed route is Quorn, Hawker, Wilpena Pound, Parachilna Gorge, Leigh Creek, Marree, Birdsville then Innamincha and the Dig Tree before returning home. We will probably return to Sydney via Bourke and Moree. The trip north of Marree will require us to camp out for a number of nights which sounds like a lot of fun. Please let us have your ideas and hopefully decide to come.

To further encourage members to use their Model As, I have another madcap idea and that is to have a weekend away at Salisbury which is at the foot of the Barrington Tops State forest. This is a gorgeous rain forest area with the Williams River passing through it and with established walking tracks. I lived in the area during WW2. There are cabins available which, although a little bit up market, are not too outrageous in price. It is thought we could go up on a Saturday morning and come back on the Monday morning. If anyone is interested I will then come up with more detail. Hope to hear from you.

In the meanwhile keep smiling and, of course, safe driving always.

Trevor Davis

## Club News & Twitter

On the 18th of June Barry and Elizabeth O'Shea will celebrate their golden anniversary. On behalf on members we congratulate and wish them all the best for this happy occasion.

New member Allan Borg attended the June meeting and was made welcome.

Des Fitzgerald had a week in hospital last month and is back on deck again. He and Carol braved the cold night to attend the June meeting.

Barbara Bosher is undergoing a course of radiotherapy and is responding very well. She said she would have come to the meeting but was feeling a little tired from the treatment.

We were entertained at the June meeting by a demonstration of a small, portable pipe organ by Mark Gibbons, a friend of the president. The organ music is contained on a punched paper roll similar to a pianola and is orchestrated to play with a maximum of 20 pipes. We were entertained by Emily Burden who played one of the rolls for us without making a single mistake.

### Club Events—Be cool, be there.

**20th June, Sunday 2010. Visit Baha'i Temple, Ingle side.** Experience the beauty and tranquillity of this place of worship. Meet at St Ives Showground, Mona Vale Rd at 10 am for morning tea & early lunch. Tour of the temple starts at 12.30 pm. Enquiries Neville Jones 9639 7044.

**3rd July, Saturday 2010. Maintenance Day.** William Gallo hopefully could be demonstrating the ins and outs of panel beating at the Jones's residence at 44 Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills. Commences at 10 am for morning tea and includes BBQ lunch and seminar. Cost is \$5. Members are invited to suggest topics which they would like to have covered. Enquiries Neville Jones 9639 7044 (M) 0428 293 301.

**17th July, Saturday 2010. 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 Santa can give them out at random? Please phone **Phil Dalton on 4659 6075** if coming as he has to reserve seating.

**24th July, Saturday 2010. Eastern Creek Swap Meet and Track Racing.** From 7 am.

**25th July, Sunday 2010. All Fords Day, Eastern Creek.** Ron Doyle requires 4 members to help with parking. Please help if you can. Tickets must be placed on the windscreen.

**15th August, Sunday 2010. Whalan Reserve 1/10 Scale Electric On Road Club Challenge.** Meet at 9.30 am at the reserve. The entrance is off Debrincat Ave at Tregear about 100metres west of Wilkes Cres. Follow the road through the centre of the reserve to the track. Racing commences at approx 8.30 am. Stay until about 11am or longer if you wish to watch the quicker classes compete at speeds of up to 100kmh in modified class. Then travel to the lookout in Western Sydney Regional Park at Horsley Park. Turn off Wallgrove Rd into Saxony Rd & then right into Border Rd for a brief stop and then onto Western Sydney Regional Park facilities just off Elizabeth Drive for lunch. Enquiries Greg Cribbin 9631 6063.

**22nd August, Sunday 2010. CMC Display Day Eastern Creek.** Prepaid ticket must be placed on wind-screen.

**19th September, Sunday 2010.** Combined run with Central Coast Club. Brooklyn under consideration.

**24th Friday - 27th Monday, September, 2010. Seminar & Country Meet at Tamworth.** Arrive Friday with seminar starting 10 am Saturday with lunch being catered for at the home of Geoff Bennett 10 Gipps St Tamworth. Saturday night dinner to be selected. Sunday will be a run to Nundle for lunch. Either return to Tamworth for the night or return home from Nundle, your choice. This weekend is about meeting our country members and helping them in any way we can. If you know any country people with Model A's who could like to attend please let them and us know. We have chosen the motels below as they are close to where the seminar will be held and close to town. Please book your accommodation ASAP and advise the motel staff you are part of the Model A Club booking. As there are weddings on the same weekend and is also in school holidays please book quickly. **Cadman Motor Inn 103 Ebsworth St Tamworth 02 6765 3333, Golden Grain Motor Inn 228 Goonoo Goonoo Rd Tamworth 02 6765 3599, Roydons Motor Inn 110b Church St Tamworth 02 6765 7355.** More information is to follow about the weekend. Urgent if coming so please phone **Neville Jones (02) 9639 7044 or (M) 0428 293 301.** We need to know numbers for booking and catering. Looking forward to meeting you all.

**17th October, Sunday 2010. Memorial Run, Sir Joseph Banks Park at Botany.** Details later.

**26th - 30th March 2012. MAFC Qld National Meet.** Early bird registration forms available.

### INVITATION RUNS

**21st August, Saturday 2010. Bedgerebong & McFeeters Motor Museum Forbes.** Phone Greg Cribbin 9631 6063 for details of this invitation.

**12th September, Sunday 2010. Baulkham Hills Fest at the Bull and Bush Hotel.** Phone Greg Cribbin 9631 6063 for details of this invitation.

## Events Reports

### 29th May, Saturday 2010. AJC - 150 Years of Racing.

This was an invitation event for a display of vintage cars to which Mal Bradley, Peter Wigzell and Jim Alingham attended in their Model As. Mal reported that they were feasted royally with no expense spared.

### Wednesday Wanderer's Report



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**2nd June, Wednesday 2010. Anzac War Memorial, Hyde Park South.** We had a good rollup at our designated meeting place at the Sydney Town Hall. Unfortunately we found that our venue here for morning tea had closed down so off we went to the Queen Victoria building instead. The visit to the memorial went well and we spent a good hour there. We were invited to put the names of any relatives killed action on paper gold stars which could be dropped from the upper floor to be gathered up later to be burnt and the ashes collected. I wrote the name of Roy Besant Davis, a nephew of my great grandfather, who was killed at Hamel just one fortnight before WW1 finished. Our thanks to Mal Bradley who copped some flak over the missing morning tea venue but escaped pack drill. by Trevor Davis

### Wednesday Wanderer's Event

**7th July, Wednesday 2010. Exhibition at Sydney Museum Cnr Bridge St & Phillip St. Skint! Making Do In The Great Depression.** Just the exhibit for the younger generations who have it all and want more! Meet at 9.30 am for morning tea at the Gateway Café at Circular Quay. If you wish, we could go back there for lunch. Concession \$4, general entry \$8. Enquiries Trevor Davis 9484 5116.

### A Model A Story



Max Nulley, who is the owner of the Lions Den Hotel in north Queensland, provided this photo to club member Barry Rose. Max tells the story his way: “ The fella (don't even remember his name) had just driven the A-Model (unrestored except a paint touch up about 40 years ago) from Adelaide to the tip (Cape York) via the peninsula development road. He stopped in at the pub with his mate (in a Mazda 4wd ute) for a drink before continuing his journey south via the Bloomfield track!

The car had been in his family since new and he drives it regularly. From memory, he'd also driven it to Perth and back. I (as a car nut) was so impressed with his adventure (which he didn't think it was - he had no fan fare, not trying to prove anything, just

loved driving his car) that I asked if he'd park the old girl out front for a photo, which he did.

I asked him if he'd had any trouble with the car on the journey, he told me a blinker rattled loose near Birdsville! “

( The Lion's Den Hotel is situated 28 kms south of Cooktown on the famous Bloomfield Track.)

(Many thanks Barry for the above.)

### Technical Comments

**Head gaskets & oil filters:** Member Richard Payne has advised the following. ‘We have a high compression head and had to use a newer design gasket. Torqued it once only and after 5000 miles there has been no problems. Another thing that interested me when the engine was rebuilt, I installed one of the bypass oil filters that fits on the modified gear case. After 5000 it was removed and cut open. There was a significant amount of junk in it, so it must be working. I think with modern detergent oils the contaminants stay in suspension longer, which is why the filter picked them up. ( Apology to Richard for being late with this.)

**Painting Your Car:** I don't profess to be an expert on painting but rather an amateur who has made many mistakes along the way. However I do take a little pride in my workmanship even if it is not up to professional standards. Generally I will ask many questions and read as much as I can. Others have been a great help to me along the way.

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Getting to the point, I sprayed my Model T Ford last year and went to a lot of trouble to try and make a good job of it. It was therefore disappointing when after one year I started to notice blemishes which I am pretty certain were not there when it was finished. Where did these blemishes come from I asked myself as the body filling and undercoating were aspects which had been very carefully undertaken. I then remembered an article I had read many years ago and had largely forgotten. I had neglected to consider shrinkage!

Hopefully the following will help the reader to avoid this pitfall. The article appears in Volume 3 page 23 of the Restorer book titled "How To Restore Your Model A". In the article it is stated that "for a surface that will develop only the barest minimum of sand scratches on the final top coat the following schedule will work well but if you don't mind small flaws and sand scratches beginning to be visible in about 3 months then shorten it as you wish." (It does look a bit extreme but it is all a matter of patience and the result you want.)

#### **Primer - Surfacer Schedule**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Operation</b>
1st	Hand sand any body filler repairs with 60 grit paper, and spray 4 coats of primer/surfacer.
8th	Block sand with 100 grit paper and spray 3 coats of primer/surfacer.
15th	Block sand with 220 grit paper and spray 3 coats of primer/surfacer.
21st	Block sand with 320 grit paper and spray 2 coats of primer/surfacer.
26th	Block sand with 400 grit paper and spray 2 coats of primer /surfacer.
30th	Hand sand with folded pad of 600 grit paper and spray colour top coats.

Compiled by Trevor Davis

#### **Market Place**

- For Sale:** Model AA truck parts. Chassis, motor, gearbox, differential housing, two repaired axles, fuel tank, mud guards and windshield surround. **Adrian Wearne 0407 363 834**
- For Sale:** 1939 Ford Deluxe V8 Sedan. Good unrestored original condition. Full registration. Distance travelled 87,000 miles. POA. **Ron Doyle (H) (02) 9772 3785.**
- For Sale:** Model A Ford 1928 (or maybe 29) driver's side front mudguard with wheel well \$200. **John Everett (02) 9773 4941 (M) 0408 852 878**
- For Sale:** Club badges. **Neville Jones (02) 9639 7044**
- Wanted:** Right hand windscreen post for 1928 tourer. **Des Fitzgerald 9605 6026**

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