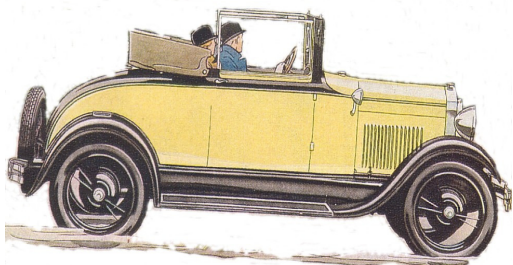


# Model A Flyer



Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

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**MARCH 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



We have just arrived back from the National Meet held at Launceston which explains the lateness of this Flyer. We had a great time, enjoyed the trip there and back including travelling on the ferry. I will be writing a letter to the Model A Ford Club of Victoria to thank their members for their hospitality and to congratulate their committee on a successful meet. The photo shows me at the wheel at journey's end wearing a smile of relief as we had a car problem in Launceston. We thank Mal Bradley who quickly diagnosed the cause and got us going again. Also our car unfortunately stopped two kilometres from home in very heavy traffic and Patricia, in a moment of despair, set off on foot leaving me to sort things out. A helpful NRMA patrol man however soon got the Model A underway again

and I caught up with Patricia before not too long, who was by then running out of puff.

Not so lucky were Kate and John Taylor who had terrible troubles on their trip down. A number of our members did their best to help along the way but eventually the car became considerably overheated approaching Melbourne and refused to go any further. Valuable assistance was provided by Victorian Club member Bernie Olando to store the car and investigate the breakdown while Kate and John continued on to Tasmania in a rented vehicle. After the meet, with Peter Wigzell assisting with repairs, the car was made ready for the return journey and eventually the Taylors made it home okay. Peter and Roz also travelled along with them for much of the way home in case further assistance was needed. Not so lucky were Phil and Suzette Dalton who only got as far as Goulburn where their Model A failed to proceed. They continued on in their backup vehicle owned by Phil's parents Charles and Val Dalton and made it to Launceston.

Congratulations to club members Steven and Meagan Garland on winning the 1928/29 closed section prize at the meet with their 1928 Tudor. The concourse winner was Allen Stafford of the Model A Restorers Club ACT and the blue ribbon winner was Rod Wood of the Model A Ford Club of Victoria. I had the pleasure at Launceston in presenting first run trophies to Di & Peter Paice, Richard & Beth Payne and Steven & Meagan Garland. These trophies were crafted by Neville Jones to whom much credit is due.

The 22nd National Model A Ford Meet will be held at Ipswich, Queensland from Monday 26th to Friday 30th of March 2012. The National Meet Director is Les Dunstan. If wishing to attend write to the Meet Secretary at 1376 Old Cleveland Rd, Carindale Qld 4152 for an early bird registration form. We do hope you will be able to go. I will bring some copies of the early bird form to the April meeting.

We are hoping for a good attendance at the Valley Heights Locomotive Depot Heritage Museum & Steam Tramway on **Sunday 11th of April. (Note: We have had at the last moment to change the date.)** We will provide morning tea at the Glenbrook Tourist Information Centre meeting area. The Museum has made special arrangements for our cars to be on display and given us a discount on the entry fee.

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

Trevor Davis

A joke from the Launceston National Meet newsletter: My grandfather started walking 10 kms a day when he was 60. He is now 97 and we have no idea where he is.

## Club News

On behalf of members we offer our condolences to Robert Brown and to his parents Gordon and Margaret Brown and family on the sudden death of Robert's brother Rodney on the 19th of February 2010. The club was well represented at Rodney's funeral by a number of our members.

Barbara Boshier will need to have an operation soon and Norman has had a stent inserted recently. Norm will also need an operation in about 3 months. We hope both of you will soon be fighting fit and back on deck.

Some progress has been made on the Club shirt project and hopefully we will make a decision at the April meeting. Lady members should tell the committee what they prefer.

### Club Events—Be cool, be there.

**11th April, Sunday 2010. (Note new date) President's Run to Valley Heights Locomotive Depot Heritage Museum.** Meet at 9.00 am at Glenbrook Tourist Information Centre. Morning tea provided. Depart for Museum at 9.30 am. Discount of 10% if we have 20 or more members attend. Adults \$11.50, seniors \$10, school children \$8, families (2 adults & 2 children) \$31.50 and children aged 4 and under are free. Charges include museum entry, unlimited rides on the steam tram, guided tour of the site and display pace for 12 cars. Web infobluemountains.net.au/locodepot. Enquiries Trevor Davis 9484 5116.

**1st May, Saturday 2010. Maintenance Day.** To be held at Neville and Annette Jones home at 44 Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills commencing at 10 am for morning tea, 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.

**16th May, Sunday 2010. CMC National Motoring Heritage Day.** More information to follow.

**22nd August, Sunday 2010. CMC Display Day Eastern Creek.** Entry only by prepaid ticket.

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

### INVITATION RUNS

**2nd May, Sunday 2010. Walk in the Park - Big show and shine.** Koala Park Doyalson. Hosted by the Ford 49-62 V8 Club of NSW. Enquiries Ray Kelleher 9743 0847 or Arthur Herdman 4971 2666.

**2nd May, Sunday 2010. Early Ford V8 Club Annual Concourse, Show & Shine Day.** To be held at the Ettamogah Pub, corner of Old Windsor Rd and Merriville Rd Rouse Hill. If wanting to go contact our Club Secretary Greg Cribbin ASAP on 9631 6063.

### Events Reports



#### 21st February, Sunday 2010. Kissing Point Park.

This turned out to be a relaxing spot down by the river with most of the area to ourselves. Not many turned up for some unknown reason. I had to hurry off at mid day to a prior engagement but would have liked to stay longer as this was one of my favourite painting spots.

Report by Trevor Davis.



**6th March, Saturday 2010. Seminar.** The maintenance seminar at Craig and Leone Finney's home was enjoyable. This covered a number of topics contributed to by members including a demonstration by Greg Cribbin on brake adjustment. It was good to have some of our long standing members in attendance to pass on some of their knowledge. The day was capped off with a BBQ lunch. Thanks to Craig and Leone for hosting the day.

Report by Neville Jones.

#### 14th -20th March 2010. 21st National Meet at Launceston.

Best attendance by a club went to the Western Australia Model A Restorers Club this time. I have forgotten now what the formula is for deciding the winner but we had no hope as only 12 Model As from our club made it to Launceston. Two of our cars failed along the way as mentioned in my report on page 1.



Our trip went well except for a frustrating time finding our way through the traffic mazes in Melbourne to the ferry berth at the bay beach and also on return from Launceston at Melbourne due to a traffic accident on the Westgate Bridge. Melbourne is like Sydney in that there are too many people trying to share the roads and all going at top speed wherever they can. In short a rat race!

At Launceston the meet headquarter was in a relatively new building on the North Esk River near its conjunction with the Tamar River. Parking was an unexpected problem which occurred with short notice to the organisers but we all coped well and the host club members pitched in to control and safeguard the cars. Amenities for drink and food and socialising were very good. We went to see a number of local attractions at Launceston and also went on a run on back roads along the Tamar River to visit Sea Horse World and Platypus House at Beaconsfield and on a run to the Woolmers Estate at Longford. Each day we received a daily news sheet on the meet prepared by editor Jim Merrett which kept us briefed on what was happening or on things we might like to know.

Les Booth and I were joint concourse judges for the section under the bonnet. We had to work our way through a lot of information contained in the judging standards so it was not an easy time for us, not withstanding our many years of experience with Model As. Anyone considering entering their cars in future meets would be well advised to purchase a set of Australian standards from the Victorian Club as we noted a number of non-conformances which could have been easily corrected during restoration.

The presentation dinner was held at the Albert Hall which, although a very old building, is an excellent venue right in the city. Because of parking problems the organisers arranged buses to transport us from our accommodation and return us safely on completion. Some of our members won some good raffle prizes.

Concourse judging resulted in the following:

28/29 Open Class 1st Timothy Salt MAFC(V),  
 28/29 Closed Class 1st Steven Garland MAFC(NSW).  
 2nd in 28/29 Class Julian Gill. CFC (TAS)  
 30/31 Open Class 1st Allen Stafford MARC(A).  
 30/31 Closed Class 1st Gary Skerman MAFC(V).  
 2nd in 30/31 Class Gregory Stone MAFC(V).  
 Concourse winner Allen Stafford. MARC(A).  
 Blue Ribbon Rod Wood MAFC(V).  
 Livingstone Young Driver Award: Jesse Denholm  
 Longest Distance Driven: Kath & Noel Neil MVEC(NT)  
 Longest Distance Travelled: Dan Parish Texas  
 Hard Luck Award: MARC(WA)

Photographs above are as follows numbered 1 to 4 from the top:

1. Model As queued up to get on the ferry at Melbourne.
2. Jim Allingham all prepared for a good time at the presentation dinner.
3. Mal Bradley also well groomed but not sure for what.
4. Larry Gee has just won a bunch of flowers and is trying to get Pam to hold them.

Report by Trevor Davis.

**21st March, Sunday 2010. Warragamba Dam.** We had 16 members turn up at Warragamba Dam in three Model As and four moderns where we found a shady spot under a couple of large trees for the day. We went for a walk to the information centre and spillway lookouts looking at the information panels along the way. It was great to have Jan and Ken Shepherd from Grose Wold accompany us. All in all a great relaxing day was had by all.

Report by Greg Cribbin.

### Wednesday Wanderer's Event

**7th April, Wednesday 2010. Lunch at Drummoyne Sailing Club.** The venue is open from 12 noon. Parking is available in St Georges Crescent Drummoyne. Enquiries Tom Virgona 9809 6350.

**5th May, Wednesday 2010. Sydney Park, St Peters.** Meet at the usual Circular Quay coffee shop at 10 am. Travel to and explore the new landscapes, ponds, tracks etc at Sydney Park. Lunch will be in a pub in King St Newtown. Enquiries Don and Joan Bailey 9533 4030 (M) 0404 091 235.

### Wednesday Wanderer's Report

**3rd March, Wednesday 2010. Sydney Jewish Museum.**



The outing to the Jewish Museum at Darlinghurst was very interesting and well laid out after bypassing security whilst they had a break. Learnt a lot about their history and religious customs. Overall a very enjoyable day.

In attendance Everett's, Virgona's & Davis's.

Report by Tom Virgona.

### Market Place

**For Sale:** 1929 Model A roadster. Older restoration but with excellent paint, upholstery and chrome plating. Body colour is maroon with light beige hood and cream wheels with spare wheel on the rear of the car. Has cowl lights, radiator stone guard, cast iron drums, 19 inch wheels, 80% rubber, new muffler plus many extras. Drives well and looks very attractive. Full registration. \$28,000. **Neil Freeman ( 02) 9913 2467 (M) 0417 447 313**

**For Sale:** 1939 deluxe Ford sedan V8 in good working, original condition. Low mileage & full registration. \$22,000. **Ron Doyle (02) 9772 3785**

**Wanted:** Loan of some Model A front end components for use at maintenance seminar days.

**Neville Jones 9639 7044**

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