



Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

Web site www.modelafordclubofnsw.com.au

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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



It is my personal view that 1930 was a great year and for the following reasons. The Town Sedan in the photograph, which became a member of the Davis fleet on the 5th of March 2011, was manufactured in that year. Showing signs of its age, much like its owner standing alongside, we are both of the same birth year. Who amongst you can claim to be driving a vintage car of the same age as yourself? 1930 is

also important in that the astronauts who travelled to the moon ie Neil Armstrong, Edwin (Buzz) Aldrin and Michael Collins were born that year. We knew of the depression years! Understandably not many Town Sedans were sold in 1930. I bought the car to drive to Birdsville this year and I was delighted to find that it has a camping body. No sleeping on the hard ground for me! The car is in very original condition and, depending on your point of view, it would be a shame if it was ever to be restored as it has that much character - a view also expressed by Barbara Boshier when she saw the car this week. Known past club owners were Arthur, Rose and Greg Haddow and also Mal Bradley who owned the car in the early 70s.

At the March general meeting I again sought the views of members regarding emailing of the club newsletter. We presently have about 31 members who receive the Flyer by email which approximates about 40% of those who have their email address included on the membership list. There are of course two points of view about this matter. The case for "*Continued page 3*"

Model A Ford Clubs' Donation to Westmead Children's Hospital

Neville & I presented the cheque for \$1,288.50 to Hazel Grunwaldt of Westmead Children's Hospital. This was the profit made from the 40th Raffle after expenses were paid. After some discussion with Hazel as to the best place to allocate the money, we decided that as they were desperate for Premmie Babies feeding pumps which cost about \$1200, this was where we wanted it spent. Hazel told us that the Nurses would be very excited to receive a pump as they still feed the premmies via eye droppers, a pump would allow the nurses more time with other duties. We left feeling elated that the club was able to achieve this goal. ***Many thanks to all members that made this possible without your assistance this goal would not have been achieved.***

Annette & Neville Jones.





Birdsville Outback Tour in Your Model A Ford 18 – 31 August 2011



Fulfill that once in a lifetime dream of seeing Lake Eyre, the rugged beauty of the Flinders Ranges and visit Birdsville and the Dig Tree near Innamincka. The tour will start at Port Augusta, South Australia which offers the world famous Wadlata Outback Centre and the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Gardens.

Travelling north we will pass through: historic Quorn and Hawker, Wilpena Pound, Flinders Ranges National Park, Blinman and through the Parachilna Gorge, Copley, Here visits can be made to Leigh Creek, the nearby large coal field and further to the east there is Arkaroola in the beautiful and rugged Gammon Ranges National Park. We next travel to Marree, take a flight over Lake Eyre. From Marree we travel via Mungeranie Roadhouse to Birdsville. This will entail a minimum of two days of travel with camping out at night. At Birdsville we can stay one or two nights keeping in mind that the Birdsville races occur on 2-3 September 2011. Leaving Birdsville we travel via Cordillo Downs and Innamincka to the site of the Dig Tree where Bourke and Wills found provisions on their return journey from the Gulf. We will camp one night near Innamincka where the tour will finish.

Call Trevor Davis (02) 9484 5116 or trevordavis4@optusnet.com.au for details or visit our website.

February Run to Berrima & Harper's Mansion

We met at Pheasant Nest for coffee, then off we went to Berrima and Harper's Mansion. There were 43 members and 8 A's. A great roll up.

We were taken on a tour of the house, then wandered around the garden's and maze (thought I would never get out!). This was followed by a leisurely lunch on the back lawn under the shade of a big tree, where we were joined by members of the Berrima Historical Vehicle club. Afterwards some set out to the Gum Nut Cafe for coffee and cake (yummy!), then



homeward bound.

An enjoyable relaxing day was had by all. Great job Norm and Barb. Thanks Pat Finn.

Model A Maintenance Days hit the spot!!!!

Once again Neville & Greg presented another very worthwhile maintenance day; this was a more hands on event. Steve Rudd came in his 1930 Tudor, and with Greg's guidance Steve adjusted all his brakes. Gordon Brown came along with his 29 Phaeton, driven by Robert, and the timing was adjusted and an electric short fixed. And finally Jim & Carmen Gauci came along in their 29 Leath-erback, which had the brakes and king pins checked by Neville.

Ken Shepherd and his son came to the maintenance day and were so enthused they went home, tinkered with their Model A Phaeton, and actually started it for the first time in 44 years. They rang Neville so he could hear the car running.

Great bbq and plenty of Model A chatter amongst members ... Thanks boys. Next event 7th May..



Ken's Model A...

John Everett Snr's Model A Pickup

The story of the 1928-29 A Ford pickup.

Having owned model A Fords since I was 14 I have restored five over 50 years. In 2000 I sold my tourer of 35 years which I restored in 1975 to buy a sedan which I did not like. So I sold it and then had no A Ford. Neville Jones told me that club member, Andrew Garafoli, had some parts he may be willing to sell as he had lost interest in restoring. I contacted him and arranged a visit. He told me that he bought the engine block from me in the 1980's and started from there. He had completed a running chassis with new tyres and rebuilt engine and had some body parts a mixture of all year models.

I purchased all the parts, then dismantled and rebuilt all the mechanical components to my liking. The body consisted of a radiator, bonnet, cowl, front doors, seat back and front guards. I purchased from our club members commercial running boards, valances, seat springs, rear roadster guards and a windscreen.

A complete new steel ute back was sourced from Queensland and a Mitchell overdrive from USA. 35 ford wire wheels and radial tyres found locally. The ute was assembled and painted Ford Orange.

I have had it running for 5 years and do about 5000 miles a year. So far no problems yet.

Thanks John Everett Snr



'All American Day' at Castle Towers - Winners Robyn & Max Squires



Congratulations to Robyn and Max Squires from Greystanes for winning 'Best Stock Engine Bay' and 'Best Vintage pre '48' at the "All American Day" at Castle Towers. Their car, a 1928 Tudor called "Elizabeth" did us all proud. Well done the Squires, lovely car..

President's Report continued

the club is that there will be substantial savings in printing and postage costs which will help in keeping club fees as low as possible. Also members will enjoy receiving their Flyer in full colour, in having first look at what is for sale, in not having to store old copies and in filing for easy access electronic copies in their computer's memory devices. The opposing point of view is that the down time for copying the Flyer takes a while particularly if on dial up. Hopefully we may be able to improve on this situation by reducing the number megabytes needed. We would like to suggest to the uncommitted members that they continue to receive their hard copy for the present but request the editor to send them also an email copy as a trial so that they can fully evaluate the advantages.

I attended the March maintenance morning organised by Neville and Annette Jones, Greg Cribbin and Peter Wigzell and was very impressed by its

value, particularly for some of our newer members. On this occasion considerable practical help was provided in making brake adjustments and ignition timing involving three Model As. There is always something new to learn and I have yet to meet the club member who can claim otherwise. We do have a network of skills throughout our membership. We have members who are ever ready to provide advice and assistance on request. Just ask around next time you have a problem and older members or the committee will point you in the right direction.

Another reminder to you all that we welcome members who would like to polish up their presentation skills by giving short presentations at our general meetings. Any subject by male or female members on their hobbies, craft skills or experiences will be just fine and certainly will be appreciated. Help the committee to make your club more interesting. Safe driving at all times and best wishes from me.

Trevor Davis

Wednesday Wanderer's Event

2nd March 2011—Tahmoor House & lunch at Huckstepps Report

We met at Razorback Lookout on a rather cloudy day, obscuring the view back to the coast. Ron led us on to Tahmoor House where we were joined by several members of the Berrima Club. Morning tea and cakes were served after we saw a video and inspected the property. It was a very early colonial building from 1824, and was used as an Inn and Cobb & Co depot. During its lifetime it had many extensions and alterations, falling into disrepair before the present owners carried out extensive restoration work. Many of the original features are still visible including hardwood floors and a flight of well worn sandstone stairs. The "secret Men's" project in the shed was an added attraction for the motoring enthusiasts. Then off to Harry and Laurel Huckstepp's home for a B-B-Q lunch and a selection of cakes for desert. Thanks to Laurel and Harry for the opportunity to see one of Australia's oldest buildings and providing lunch for 24 wanderers. by *Don Bailey*.



6th April - Blue Mountains Leura Report 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.

4th May Power House Museum Ultimo - Consumer Exhibition Choice

Market Place

For Sale: Tow bar to suit Model A, includes tongue and 50mm ball \$100 & rebuilt Powerhouse generators 6V & 12V \$200 or \$160 with repairable exchange John Everett 9773 4941 or 0408 852878

For Sale: Model A Ford Jim Beam Decanters, call Allan 49 505 777

For Sale: 1990 Ford Capri Convertible, good condition \$3000 call Jim Allingham 0418 674 059

For Sale: Two Tillotson Model X carburettors in fair to good condition. Offers to Greg Hadow 0425 351 012.

Wanted: Distributor to rebuild and 21" tyre for spare.. Rob Taylor 0417 861411

Wanted: 1927 Model T wire wheels - will buy or swap for 21" Model A wire wheels. Des Fitzgerald 9605 6026 or 0421 084 170

Vehicles needed for Ch 9 TV Series

My name is Stephen and I'm the vehicle Coordinator for a TV Series to be filmed in Sydney this year for Channel 9. We are looking for **Vehicles to Hire** from 1910 till 1934 for the show which is set in 1926 till 1934.. The Series is based on the "Razor Gangs" in Sydney of the time.

It would be great to see some "A" Models on screen.. We start filming on the 4th April for 17 weeks. Hear from you soon.....Thanks. Stephen on 0418264963 or ssafilmcars@bigpond.com

Club Events—Be cool, be there.

20th March, Sunday - Club Run Tench Reserve on the Nepean at Jamisontown. Meet there 10am - Peter Wigz

17th April, Sunday - **President's Run to Cattai National Park.** A tour de force which has been specially chosen and planned for you and your Model A through gorgeous scenery using sealed back roads in the Hawkesbury River Valley region. Meet at the Mt Wilberforce Lookout at Thompson's Corner at West Penant Hills at 10 am where morning tea will be provided. At 10.30 am we leave for Sackville via Windsor and then cross the Hawkesbury River via the Sackville Ferry to reach the Cattai National Park. Coin machine entry is \$7 per car. Facilities are excellent and there is a historic home which can be visited. Arranged by Davis Tours, contact Pat or Trevor on 9484 5116 or 0400 285 088 for more details.

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 - Camelot @ Camden - Meet Curry Reserve, Camden Valley Way 9:30am - House visit \$12

19th June, Sunday - Picnic Day Newington Armoury

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

26th March, Saturday - Ringrose Public School Fete would like some cars for display. Arrive 8:45am Ringrose Avenue, Greystanes. Contact Helen Ozols on 9613 0022.