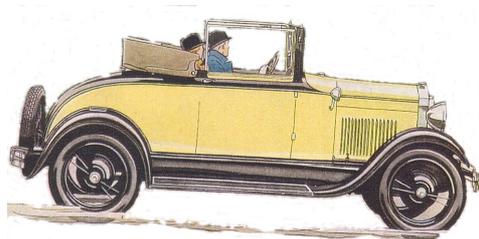


# Model A Flyer



Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

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**MAY 2009**

**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 was so nice to have a full house at the May meeting. A month off has been great and everyone was full of energy and eager for the outings planned.

A warm welcome back to Trevor and Pat Davis and their band of intrepid travellers, who have enjoyed a few weeks in the outback of NSW and South Australia.

Be sure to check the section dealing with forthcoming events as there is a lot ahead for your motoring pleasure, including Brian Wyborn's Back of The Blue Mountains Run in June, a run to the Central coast and the Inverell trip in October at which we are hoping to have a maintenance day for all those interested. Of course the monthly runs continue unabated.

Our Constitution is slipping a little out of date. I believe it needs an amendment to the registration section. It may also be an appropriate time to add some guidance to future Committees on how to deal with the issue of life memberships. It is pretty much silent on this issue other than to allow life memberships to be given. I believe it would be useful if, at the least, it sets out how a six person Committee resolves the issue of a deadlock. It may also be worth considering if the granting of life membership is best decided by the Committee or whether it would be better dealt with by the body of members. Please give some thought to this, and any other issues you would like considered and come to the next meeting to share your thoughts. Any changes to the Constitution have to be dealt with at the AGM so we need to be organized before November.

I know it is harder to come to meetings during the winter months, but they are convivial affairs with plenty of time for supper and exchanging of information. Your presence is very much appreciated and every one who attends makes our Club stronger. A big treat is in store next month as Roz Wigzell is supplying the supper and raffle. Thank you Sandy Young for your outstanding supper at the May meeting.

Till we meet again, safe driving, Kate Taylor

## **Thought for the month -**

How come 'abbreviated' is such a long word?

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## Club News

On behalf of members, the club extends its condolences to Barry and Elizabeth O'Shea on the recent death of Elizabeth's mother and also to Peter and Ros Wigzell on the death of Peter's mother. It is very sad when you lose your mum and we understand your feelings of loss.

News from the Bailey family is that Joan and Don are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to you both on this wonderful occasion.

The editor has received a letter from John and Leigh Streatfeild stating how much they enjoyed their participation in the Cowra Rally and seminar and they thank those from Sydney and Cowra especially Larry and Pam Gee. They also said that they appreciated the help from Neville Jones, Des Fitzgerald and others in solving some of their Model A problems.

**Please note:** If you intended to send your email address for the 2009 Membership List please do so ASAP. If you do not want your email details in the list but are happy to receive an individual email with the membership list attached please send an email to [greg\\_cribbin@rta.nsw.gov.au](mailto:greg_cribbin@rta.nsw.gov.au). This action by members will save a lot on printing costs. Should you not want certain personal details in the membership list and also in the Model A Ford Clubs of Australia National Register then please contact the Secretary Greg Cribbin on 9631 6063 by no later than the 22nd of May 2009.

### Club Events—Be cool, be there.

**17th May, Sunday 2009. Illawarra Fly Tree Top Walk & Café - via Robertson.** If going contact the organisers Ken and Sandra Young on (02) 4677 2446 as soon as possible as payment is now overdue. The cost of the walk is \$15 for adults, seniors are \$13.50 and children \$7.50. Information is available on [www.illawarrafly.com.au](http://www.illawarrafly.com.au). Details of the café menu and prices are available from Ken and Sandra. Meet at 9 am at the Pheasant's Nest Service Centre on the Hume Highway departing at 9.30 am sharp. It is another hours drive to the Tree Top Walk which is at Knights Hill. Turn off Jamberoo Mountain Rd into Knights Hill Rd which is halfway between Robertson and Jamberoo.

**17th May, Sunday 2009. National Motoring Heritage Day.** There are various locations which could be close to your area. Enquiries Ron Doyle 9772 3785.

**31st May, Sunday 2009. All Fords Day at Eastern Creek.** A limited number of free entry tickets car are now available from Ron Doyle 9772 3785.

**27th-28th June 2009. Back of The Blue Mountains Run.** An exciting exploration of little travelled areas near Tarana and O'Connell, this run has been thoroughly researched by Bryan Wyborn. Meet 8.30 am & depart 9.00 am on Saturday 27th May at Glenbrook Visitors Information Centre. Phone Bryan on **4576 1371** now to advise if coming and to obtain information for making your accommodation arrangements. Remember Model A's run better when cool but wear plenty of warm clothing!

**18th July, Saturday 2009. Xmas in July at the Camden Valley Inn.** Details in the June Flyer

**23rd August, Sunday 2009. CMC annual display day at Eastern Creek.** Car entry tickets at \$10 will be available from Ron Doyle 9772 3785 at the June meeting.

### Wednesday Wanderer's Events

**3rd June, Wednesday 2009. The Pines and Roughley House circa 1856 at Dural.**

Meet at Mt Wilberforce Reserve at Castle Hill Rd, West Pennant Hills at 9.45 am. We will leave at 10.00 am sharp in convoy to the venue. Cost is \$5 for the house tour plus morning tea. Please let Barbara Boshier 9871 2030 know by Wednesday 20th May if you are coming as we need to know for the catering. Lunch could be at the Dural Country Club should you wish.

### Event Reports

**19th April, Sunday 2009. Bayview Park, Burwood Rd Concord.**

This greatly anticipated outing with Mal and myself arriving almost at the same moment and jockeying for the best parking spot, I elected to park the Town Sedan at the entrance as a welcoming beacon and Mal graciously berthed his modern at the far west end on the car park to enable all of the Model A's to snuggle up together. Peter and Roz soon arrived, and being concerned at the threatening weather they were aboard the modern Ford. Greg, Felicity, Jeff and Elise followed shortly after in the green phaeton.

We commandeered the choicest picnic shelter in the area and settled in to make the most of the of the delightful surroundings as numerous members of the resident Ibis population did their best to

to make us welcome ( in the hope of scavenging some food) while the boys verbally built and rebuilt a fleet of old cars. A couple of travel updates from Trevor on their Outback Adventure added variety to the conversation, especially as Mal and Nola had been at Glenbrook to wave the group off earlier in the day, before joining us. The weather was warm and cool, wet and dry, windy and calm, obviously in trying to please everybody.



After lunch we strolled leisurely around the waterfront taking in the sights, our palates tantalized by the aromas from the multicultural meals of other picnickers that were feasting on their traditional fare. We eventually bade each other fond farewells and headed off home.

By Tom Virgona.

**19th April to 8th May 2009. Outback Adventure.**

By the date of departure our numbers had suddenly and unfortunately shrunk to three couples - Richard & Beth Payne, Des & Carol Fitzgerald and myself and Patricia. Also unfortunately we were soon reduced to two Model A's when the Fitzgerald's phaeton failed to proceed past Wentworth Falls and had to be replaced by their modern vehicle. From this point on everything went perfectly and we all got on very well and had a great time. On a number of occasions each did their own thing but usually met up at most nights at the same location. The Paynes and the Fitzgeralds went to Marree and had a flight over Lake Eyre whilst we hired a four wheel drive and went out to Arkaroola. Also the Paynes with great courage took an unsealed and corrugated back road from Marree to Roxby Downs and Woomera whilst the rest of us took the longer but safer route on sealed roads via Port Augusta. The Paynes only stayed one night at Woomera and went off to Whyalla to a car meet.

Some of the highlights of the trip were Lake Eyre, Wilpena Pound, Brachina Gorge, Parachilna Gorge, the Pichi Richi railway from Pt Augusta to Quorn, the Wadlata Outback Centre at Port Augusta and the antique market day at Burra. In the opinion of the writer the Wadlata Outback Centre is of world class standard and is an outstanding attraction but suffers perhaps from lack of publicity.

On the return leg we went in different directions at Mildura with the Paynes heading off to visit the Mungo National Park, the Fitzgeralds leaving us at Narrandera to visit relatives at Leeton and for us, 'home sweet home' beckoned. How far did we travel in total? Our speedo indicated 2690 miles. Did we have Model A troubles? Of course not - neither of the Model A's missed a single beat! Would I do it all over again? Yes, but not so Patricia! The Birdsville Track and northern areas would be more tempting perhaps but who would be crazy enough to come ???

By Trevor Davis

**Wednesday Wanderer's Report**

**6th May, Wednesday 2009. Cremorne Point for lunch at Mosman Rowing Club.**

We met at the usual Circular Quay coffee shop then boarded a ferry for Cremorne Point. A short stroll to the Cremorne Point lookout to admire the views back to the city. We then set off for a leisurely stroll of around 50 minutes admiring beautiful old houses one side and on the other side manicured volunteer made gardens over many years overlooking Mosman Bay. A must see! Arrived at Mosman rowing Club for a well deserved round of drinks and a lovely lunch overlooking the bay.



Thanks Barbara and Norm, well done! By Mal Bradley

**Technical Comment**

Most readers by now would have heard of and perhaps be enquiring about the newly advertised " Flathead Ted Brake Floaters" manufactured and sold by Ted Spain in New Zealand. As stated in the Model A Times - "Flathead Ted has developed a full floating and self energising brake system. This concept for the Model A mechanical brakes translates to a great improvement of the original brake system, as it stimulates the 1937-39 self energising brake action."

The Model A Times also states “that the floating action at the bottom of the shoes allow both shoes to make full contact with the drum, increasing stopping ability. Being able to float and self engage it only requires just one third the pedal pressure to apply the brakes.”

I do have some reservations however. The overall braking system effect up to the point of losing traction is not only due to the amount of pedal pressure applied but also to the total area of the brake shoe linings and the area of the tyre tread making contact with the road. So don't expect miracles to occur after fitting Flathead Ted's Brake Floaters. There has also been comment made by one user that troubles can arise if the brake drums are out of round causing a degree of lockup on reversing and also moving off at traffic lights. This could be due to the non retention of the top return spring which possibly would help the shoes to release. Feedback by members will be appreciated.

By Trevor Davis.

### Market Place

**For Sale:** Aluminium cylinder head Macs special \$100, 2 speedometers 28/29 \$50 ea, Klaxton horn \$350, Gemmer steering box restored with new parts \$400, Repair kit for Gemmer steering box (Baran brand) \$150, New electric fuel pump 6volt \$50, Mallry twin point distributor \$175, Prefect distributor \$45, Front engine mount (Mackay Silentruba) kit \$20, Generator three brush \$25, Four blade steel fan \$50, New two blade single skin fan \$65, New Float-A-motor rear mount kit \$130, Chromed centre bar rear to suit 30A, New high speed 3.54/1 crown wheel & pinion \$650, Datrally reground cam shaft (Vic) \$50, High lift camshaft \$40, Oil pump drive kit (USA made) \$100, Water pump \$25, Model C water pump \$45, Modified Model C water pump (ex G Cribbin) \$75, New Marvel-Schrebler carburettor \$80, Chromed distributor heat shield \$10, Twin carburettor manifold with 97 Strombergs Plus rebuild kit \$150, Set of tube extractors 4 into 1 suit Model A \$375, 1930 Model A head light bar \$25, 1930 Model A roadster rear window surround \$10, 1930 roadster rear vision mirror frame \$25, Two starter motors 6 volt \$60 ea, 1930 stainless steel radiator surround \$50, Two rear axles \$50 pair, Used Model C motor counter balanced complete \$1000, Model A motor with manifolds, carby, water pump & fan \$250, Assortment of Model A gearboxes & fly wheel housing for \$50, Two Model C cylinder heads \$150 ea, Eight Model A cylinder heads \$10 ea, Steering box 7 tooth \$10, Tillotson carburettor \$45, Front spindle pins (Ford) \$15, Box of assorted Model A distributors \$25, Two steering box arms \$5 pair, Box of used Bendix drives \$5, Running board rubber for 30A \$15 pair. **Terry Bullock 0428 231 305**

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

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

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