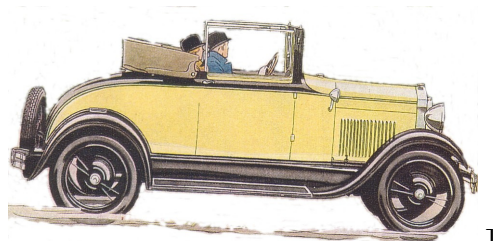


# Model A Flyer



Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

NOVEMBER 2008

**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



Annette, Greg and Kate

Greetings to all Club members. November's AGM has seen a changing of the guard with respect to the Committee. John Taylor, our astute treasurer, has completed his two years in office and has embraced retirement from his duties with a spanner in either hand; Annette Jones was duly elected your new treasurer. Gail Huckstepp our secretary has also retired gracefully and Greg Cribben is taking over this role. A big thank you to Gail and John for their cheerful service and a warm welcome to Annette and Greg.

Incidentally Gail is currently coping with the delights of shingles, so will now have time to rest properly. Our warmest wishes go out to you Gail for a speedy recovery. Ron, this is a good time to learn to cook!

I will be staying on for my second term as president and look forward to an exciting year ahead. I have a wish list for the year, and will be raising these wishes during general business at the December meeting, for discussion and hopefully approval. Ideally, I will see a contingent from the Club go to the States to help our American friends celebrate 50 years of the US Model A Ford Club. Hopefully a series of runs, (3 to 4 days duration) will be organized into the countryside, planned in such a way that every country member will be able to join in at least one run

With respect to our monthly runs, I would like to try a couple of variations which could include, a breakfast run, 5 minute talks by members on any topic whatsoever, some visits to retirement homes enroute to a monthly run so residents can inspect and enjoy our cars with us. My favourite are some runs planned around the needs and desires of our younger members who have young children.

The above are still dreams, I am sure you have dreams too, please share them at a monthly meeting or write and tell us what you would like. You can ring me, (0418 611 716) and I will share your thoughts at the next meeting.

Thank you for a second year as President, I will do all I can to make the Club everything you would like it to be.

Safe driving always, Kate Taylor.

## Club News From The General Meeting & AGM.

Marion Cook received a Volunteers Community Award for her many years of working for a number of charities. The award was made personally at her home by the Federal Minister For The Aging Justine Elliott accompanied by the Federal Assistant Treasurer Mr Chris Bowen and a group of photographers and reporters. The award has featured in the Fairfield Champion Newspaper. Many congratulations Marion. You have given so much.

As an economy measure members are requested to advise the editor if they want to download the Flyer from the Club's website or if they wish to have it emailed.

Members voted at the AGM to increase club fees to \$45 for city members, to \$35 for country members and the joining fee to \$15. Extra badges will in future be at cost.

New member Geoff Poole who has a phaeton was welcomed to the meeting.

### Club Events—Be cool, be there.

**6th December, Saturday 2008. Maintenance Day.** Due to overwhelming response on the previous occasion there has been a request for another one before Xmas. Start time is 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 9639 7044 or (M) 0428 293 301.

**7th December, Sunday 2008. Nurraging Reserve, Doonside.** Entrance is in Knox Rd. Meet at 10 am near the Colebee Centre/ Jannawi Garden complex. The Club BBQ will be available provided there is not a total fire ban. Enquiries Peter Wigzell 9837 2490.

**12th December, Friday 2008.** General meeting & Xmas supper. Ladies please bring a plate.

**17th January, Saturday 2009. New Year BBQ.** Meet 3.30 pm at Lambeth St Reserve, Henry Lawson Drive, Picnic Point.

**19th Sun. April to 8th Fri. May 2009. MAFC of NSW Inc Outback Adventure - 20 days and 19 nights.** This could be your chance of a lifetime to visit the outback. Visiting Dubbo(2 nights),Cobar(1),Broken Hill(2),Quorn(1),Arkaroola(2),Wilpena Pound(2), Woomera(2),Port Augusta(2),Burra(1),Renmark(1),Balranald(1),Narrandera(1),Yass(1) then home. Special attractions - Rocket range tour, visit Roxby Downs & opal mining at Andamooka, and steam train trip from Port Augusta via Pichi Richi railway to Quorn & return. For a detailed itinerary contact Trevor Davis (02) 9484 5116.

### CLUB INVITATION EVENT:

**23rd November, Sunday 2008. Orange Blossom Classic Car Display.** Meet at 9 am in the Bull and Bush Hotel grounds, Baulkham Hills. Entry forms from Peter Wigzell 9837 2490.

**9th-13th April 2009. 9th National Model A Rally at Taupo New Zealand.**

### Wednesday Wanderer's Events

**3rd December, Wednesday 2008. Xmas Lunch at Brooklyn & Visit to Dangar Island.**

Train leaves Central at 10.45 am, Strathfield at 10.58 am, Eastwood at 11.07 am & Hornsby 11.21 am arriving at Hawkesbury River at 11.44 am. Meet in 4th carriage from front. Suggest fish and chips at Brooklyn then depart on 1 pm ferry to Dangar Island for coffee and cake. Return on 3 pm ferry. Train leaves at 3.51 pm arriving Hornsby at 4.19 pm and Central at 4.56 pm. Ferry is \$5.40 concession return. If raining we will go to Gosford instead for lunch at Central Coast Leagues Club. Enquiries Barb and Norm Boshier 9871 2030.

**2009 Barrington Tops Wilderness Tour Proposal.** See previous Flyers for details. Still insufficient numbers going to make it viable. If interested in this proposal contact Trevor Davis soon on 9484 5116. Information at [www.barringtonwildernesscottages.com.au](http://www.barringtonwildernesscottages.com.au).

### Thoughts for the month-

I was born intelligent - education ruined me.

If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

## Club Outings Photo Album



**Newcastle tram -  
Wanderers 5/11/08**



**Memorial day  
19/10/08**



**Memorial Day  
19/10/08**



**Phil Dalton  
15/11/08**



**The Browns and the Bates  
15/11/08**



**Santa Norm  
15/11/08**

## Technical Comment

The Model A ignition switch and the associated armoured cable which is connected to the distributor is an ingenious system that has been designed purposely to be very difficult to bypass and thereby prevent theft. Many may not realise that if the system failed and they were not aware of what to do, their car would have to be towed home as a road service provider most likely could not assist? This would be costly if it involved a long distance. Fortunately this is not a regular occurrence but it did happen recently to one of our members. The following is an outline of what can be done to prepare for such an eventuality.



In order to bypass the switch and armoured cable it is necessary to remove the distributor from the engine. If the distributor has not been removed for some considerable time it may be rusted in position. In that case it can be extremely difficult to remove and a special puller available from suppliers may be required. (Macs Antique Auto Parts. Part No A12127PULL cost US\$40.25 - also available from Snyders.) Therefore an occasional check should be made that the distributor can be easily withdrawn and any rust found is removed while it is out. This is particularly so when planning to travel a long distance. Having removed the distributor, the armoured cable can then be disconnected by unscrewing the distributor from the end of the cable.

Then it is necessary to make a direct connection from the distributor to the ignition coil but this is very difficult to do without a special connector as shown in the photograph. 3.

This is called an ignition switch jumper cable and is available from suppliers. (Macs Antique Auto Parts. Part No A11575EJ, cost US\$ 18.50.) The connector screws into the distributor in place of and in the same way as the armoured cable. It will be necessary however to incorporate a switch in the connector lead in order to readily switch the motor off and on.

In making the connection to the ignition coil it is essential that it be made to the correct terminal. If the car wiring is correct then connection should be made to the ignition coil terminal on the driver's side of the car with the existing wire in place being disconnected. If the car wiring is incorrect however then the wiring and points will pass a very high current resulting in damage. Therefore before making a connection first check the distributor points are closed. Then brush the connector lead against the driver's side terminal of the ignition coil and if there is a massive spark then the car wiring is incorrect. Normally the current will be about 2 amps which will only cause a small spark. If necessary correct the car wiring.

Feedback and comments will be appreciated so please contact the editor.

### Market Place

- For Sale:** 1928 Model A Ford Tudor. LH drive. Early model with open front bumper bars. No rust. \$22,000. (A number of photos can be emailed to you by contacting the editor on (02) 9484 5116.) **Volker Aebischer (M) 0438 626 619.**
- For Sale:** 1929 Model A Ford Coupe. Immaculate condition, no expense spared on restoration & little used. Price on application. **Graham Smith (02) 9452 5985**
- For Sale:** Reconditioned Model A motor. Pistons 0.040 inch oversize, new rings, stainless steel valves and seats. \$2250. Leakless water pumps \$180 exchange.  
**Des Fitzgerald (02) 9805 6026 (M) 0421 084 170**
- For Sale:** Two sets rear tourer guards, steel rusty but overall good shape and lines. \$100 ea. 30-31 steering wheel and column but no gears \$60. Multi clutch \$50.  
**Ron Elks (02) 9644 9059 (M) 0419 296 201.**
- For Sale:** Club owned surplus stock at discounted prices. Crankshaft gear steel US made \$25. One sets of points \$20. Two water pump packings \$5 ea. **Trevor Davis (02) 9484 5116.**
- For Sale:** 2008 National Meet DVD \$20 includes postage. **Trevor Davis (02) 9484 5116.**
- Wanted:** Pair of 1930 front guards. **Des Fitzgerald (H) 02 9605 6026 (M) 0421 084 170**

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