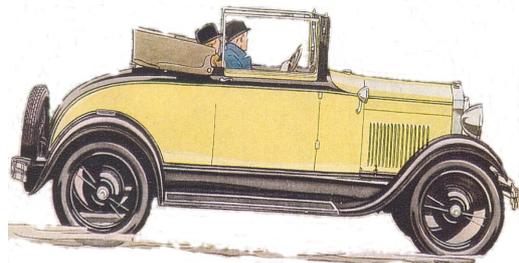


Model A Flyer



Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

Web site www.modelafordclubofnsw.com.au

OCTOBER 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



These are very busy times for your committee because of the 40th Anniversary celebrations and also the AGM coming up next month. There are a number of matters below which I hope you will carefully consider:

1. Firstly we have included a slip with this Flyer as an urgent reminder on the 40th Anniversary meal forms and raffle tickets which have yet to be returned by some members.

2. A 2011 membership renewal form is also enclosed and we especially ask that you respond soon. This will make life much easier for our treasurer who has enough to do as it is.

3. Also enclosed is a special proxy voting form which we invite you to complete should you be unable to attend the AGM meeting on the 12th of November. This is to allow you to vote for your next president as two nominations have been received for the position ie from Neville Jones and myself. Spouses & partners are also members so make a copy of the form if also wishing to vote. Phone any office bearer if needing more information or assistance in locating a proxy to vote for you. Under the rules of the present constitution no member can hold more than one proxy vote.

4. We did not received nominations at the October general meeting for the very important positions of vice president and treasurer. Nominations under the existing constitution rules may be received up to 7 days before the AGM and we will be most relieved to hear from you. The nomination form sent to you with the September Flyer can be used. Please call me on 9484 5116 if you want further information concerning these positions. Treasurer Annette Jones has set up a very good ledger system so virtually anyone can do the job with a little bit of guidance.

5. Neville Jones needs volunteers on Sunday 14th November at Bella Vista to assist with vehicle and crowd control so please help if you can.

Many of you may have watched the segment on ABC 1 TV Collectors program last Friday night showing our Model As at the Woolmers historic sheep station during the National Meet this year at Launceston. I saw the repeat on ABC 2 on Monday this week. Did you think Gordon did a good job to create something of general interest for the public on our Model As? I have included a photo here we took in case you didn't make it to Woolmers.

The logos on this page are of our main sponsors for the 40th Anniversary who we thank for their support.



SHARE THE PASSION

BUNNINGS



In the meanwhile keep smiling. Trevor Davis

Club News & Twitter

For the ladies attention, there will be a larger group of members at the AGM on the 12th of November because of the 40th Anniversary celebrations and ask if you would bring along a plate of food please.

Norm Boshier is now home and recovering from a hip operation. It will be great to see you back on deck Norm.

In your hearts please find a place for Margaret & Gordon Brown and family, particularly Robert who are doing it tough. They make an effort to come to most meetings which is commendable.

The NRMA 2011 Motorfest to be held on Wednesday 26th January 2011 will accept vehicles of more than 20 years of age rather than 30 years as previously. As the total number to be accepted will be maintained at 1000 it means that a considerable number of applicants will miss out. Entries will be accepted until **Friday 22nd of October**. Join the rush now! Register On-Line at mynrma.com.au/motorfest.

Club Secretary/Registrar Greg Cribbin advises that members with cars on conditional registration must ensure they have filled out the Club's 'Conditions Of Use' form prior to having their RTA form filled out and stamped.

Club Events—Be cool, be there.

17th October, Sunday 2010. Memorial Run, Sir Joseph Banks Park at Botany. Enter via Tupia St. Club BBQ, shed gazebo, childrens playground & bike track available. This day is also the occasion when any member wanting their vehicle to be judged for the Club Restoration of the Year award must attend. Please phone Trevor Davis ASAP on 9484 5116 if wishing to enter so we can make arrangements to judge your car. For other enquiries phone Jim & Maureen Allingham (02) 9522 6094. (M) 0418 674 059.

12th Friday to 14th Sunday November 2010. Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc 40th Anniversary.

Friday Night AGM. Starts at 8 pm at the Club rooms. Reminder on some eats for supper please?

Saturday Seminar Starts at 10 am at 44 Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills. Bring folding chair if needed.

The Lions Club is providing a BBQ lunch at a small cost.

Saturday Night Dinner. Starts at 6.30 pm at Parramatta RSL Bowling Club located at the corner of Macquarie and O'Connell Streets Parramatta.. Parking unit opposite the club. Your parking ticket **MUST** be stamped before leaving the club so you can exit the parking station without hassle. Dinner will be served between 7 and 7.30 pm.

Sunday- Visit Bella Vista House & Farm Park. Turn off Norwest Blvd at Bella Vista into Elizabeth Macarthur Drive and then turn into first entrance on left. Please arrive 9.30 am for parking of cars & be ready for 10 am start as we will have TV coverage with Fletch from Classic Restos there for the day.

Please bring table, chairs, plates, cups, tea & coffee etc. The Lions Club will provide a BBQ lunch for a small cost. For further information and enquiries phone Neville Jones (02) 9639 7044 (M) 0428 293 301.

12th December, Sunday 2010. Children's Xmas Party. Crestwood Reserve at Baulkham Hills.

26th January, Wednesday 2011. NRMA 2011 Motorfest. Register On-Line mynrma.com.au/motorfest

INVITATION RUNS (For information on the below phone Secretary Greg Cribbin (02) 9631 6063.)

16th October, Saturday 2010. Randwick Racecourse AJC 200 years of racing. City Tattersalls Cup Day. Model T and A Clubs are invited to display vintage cars on the rose garden lawn. Meet at 9 am in Driver Ave Moore Park. Further information Jim Allingham (02) 9522 6094. (M) 0418 674 059.

16th & 17th October 2010. Oil, Steam & Kerosene Field Days. Enquiries (M) 0417 215 513

6/7th Sat/Sunday November 2010. Shoalhaven Historic Vehicle 40th Anniversary Rally.

28th November, Sunday 2010. Lotus Sydney Tasman Revival. Pit Straight Car Club Picnic Day at Eastern Creek International Raceway. For fact sheet & entry form contact Phil Harrison (02) 9672 1000 or email phil@arcd.com.au.

Events Reports

19th September, Sunday 2010. Central Coast Club Meeting With Our Club At Brooklyn.



This was a well organised event by Neville & Annette Jones and Peter Wigzell. Many thanks to the ladies who brought plenty of nice things to eat for morning tea after which a great barbeque followed. Attendance by the Central Coast Club members was very good and they all looked very smart in their Club apparel. I thought our members were a little sparse in numbers, which being such a lovely sunny day, should have attracted more to venture forth. We even had a game of ladies soccer to watch and everyone enjoyed themselves. Many thanks to the organisers however who did a great job.

by TD.

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



Most of the out of town visitors stayed at the John Cadman Motel. Friday night's dinner saw most visitors enjoy a BBQ onsite at the motel while others enjoyed a steak meal at the local Steak House and the rest checked out the local pub's menus.

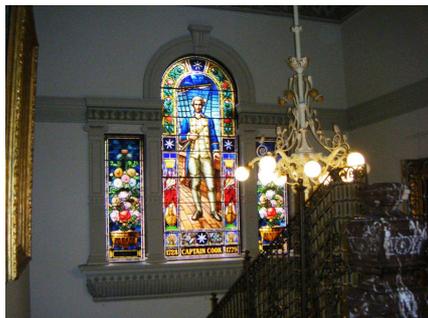
Saturday morning local members Geoff & Helen Bennett kindly made available their very large garage for the seminar. There were 38 people in attendance which was well received and I'm sure most went away with some new points of interest. Neville Jones, Des Fitzgerald and myself endeavoured to pass on a few technical points of interest. Many thanks to the host family for a fabulous morning tea and lunch. The ladies who didn't attend the seminar headed for the shops and a little R & R. Saturday night's dinner was at the club - boy, all you could eat and then some!

Sunday morning the local club of mixed vehicles assembled outside the motel for the tour to Rundle. A very nice drive of about 40 kms. The local pub put on a great menu which I'm sure all enjoyed. Most headed for home while a few went back to Tamworth. Thanks to Nev and Annette for a good weekend and thanks to all the local car enthusiasts who supported the weekend. Geoff Bennett donated \$171 to the Club towards the 40th Anniversary which was very much appreciated.

By Mal Bradley

Wednesday Wanderer's Report

6th October, Wednesday 2010. Guided tour of Sydney Town Hall.



Previously we went to Paris with the Everetts, now to New York with the Doyles - well the New York café for morning tea and lunch. We did a guided tour of Sydney Town Hall. We started at the vestibule and ended up in the basement. In between we visited the original 1888 reception room, up to the Council Chambers

and many other areas not accessible to the public. The 'birdcage' lift, chandeliers and the beautiful cedar doors are restored. There are many stained glass panels depicting the history of Sydney and paintings of Lord Mayors. Thank you Ron and Margaret Doyle.

By Don Bailey

Wednesday Wanderer's Event

3rd November, Wednesday 2010. Rail Trip To Wollongong. Meet at Central Country Rail Station for coffee at 8.45 am. Depart on the 9.28 am train for Wollongong. Train arrives Hurstville at 9.49 am and Sutherland at 10.00 am. There is a free bus ride from Wollongong station to the beach front. Take in the sea air and have a snack lunch. Suggest we depart Wollongong on the 1.51 pm train for Central arriving at 3.25 pm. Cost is \$2.50 plus lunch. Enquiries Don & Joan Bailey 9533 4030 (M) 0404 091 235.

1st December, Wednesday 2010. Xmas Dinner At St George Motor Boat Club, Wellington St, Sans Souci. Enter via Plimsoll St. Drinks at 11 am and lunch at 12 noon. Note that there is a No Right Turn if you are heading south on Rocky Point Rd into Wellington St. Please call Mal or Nola Bradley on 9522 6614 ASAP if intending to come as we need to book a table early.

Technical Comments

Model A Safety By Fuse Protection. Discussion here is intended for Model A owners who may not necessarily have an electrical knowledge and also for those with good electrical knowledge but lack experience with how to ensure safety protection in the Model A. Most of this information originated with John F Regan, owner of Fun Projects USA who is regarded as outstanding in this field, well versed in Model Ts and As and certainly forthright. In short John says one main fuse is all you need but you Do Need It. If it is accepted that the Model A has a 25 amp system (approx) it is normal practice to provide a fuse therefore of 1.25 times this value so a 30 amp fuse will do nicely. But install it in the takeoff lead right at the connection to the starter and nowhere else.

Placing a main fuse anywhere else is not as safe and defeats the only purpose of the fuse - which is safety!

Those who know that should the fuse blow when the motor is running the generator will generate a high voltage which burns out points, lamps and including itself should not be alarmed. The fuse will only blow if you have a severe short and why worry about the cost of a generator rewind when there is risk of melting your harness and the car catching on fire. The generator can still be fully protected at moderate cost if you wish by fitting it with a voltage regulator/cutout device as previously discussed in this column..

John Regan says fitting extra fuses in a vintage car is an overkill for such a simple 6 volt system and just adds potential trouble spots with no additional protection. He feels that most hypothetical issues invented in the mind are not real world problems. Remember a fuse is not to protect your wiring if it is old and needs replacing. If it is clapped out then replace it and then add the one main fuse. If you have added additional wiring to your car for such things as turn indicators and used for example wire rated at 10 amps then expecting a short occurring here to blow the 30 amp fuse could turn out to be interesting. In this case upgrade the wire gauge or add a separate fuse but only for exceptions such as this.

One final comment. Why do some Model A owners put battery switches in the main starter lead if Henry Ford didn't? Modern cars don't have them! Is it because your wiring is like a rat's nest and you have trouble sleeping at night about your \$15,000-\$30,000 investment and the house going up in flames etc?

I hope readers appreciate that the majority of the above comments are those of John F Regan who is a highly regarded professional engineer. You may not agree with his rationale. If you have any problems with protecting your electrics let me know and I will contact him or tell you how to reach him by email.

PS. Opposing views and comment are always welcome.

By Trevor Davis

Market Place

For Sale: Pair of Model A trumpet housings in good condition. \$150 for the pair.

Don Bailey (02) 9533 4030 (M) 0404 091 235

For Sale: Three 17 inch wire wheels \$130. Two 12 inch cast iron front hubs and drums. \$20.

Jim Haling (02) 9498 5038 (M) 0431 904 311

For Sale: Model A Powerhouse 6 volt generator. Choose between one rebuilt by John Everett at \$200 or one in good condition \$110. I need to keep one as a spare. **Trevor Davis (02) 9484 5116**

For Sale: Club badges- cloth \$5 and metal \$25. Club shirts can be ordered, for price & delivery contact

Neville Jones (02) 9639 7044.

For Sale: Pair of 1928 Model A front mudguards. Nearside is fair and offside is good. Sandblasted and undercoated. \$250 **Neil Freeman (02) 9913 2467.**

Wanted: Good 1928 Model A phaeton passenger side front mudguard. **Danny Jones (02) 4657 1729.**

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