

# Model A Flyer



Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

Web site [www.modelafordclubofnsw.com.au](http://www.modelafordclubofnsw.com.au)  
**September 2014**

**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



With the up and coming W.A. National Meet this month, Rob has had to work around his work commitments and his early departure to W.A. This meant that the flyer would have to be sent out a little ahead of time. Also with Nola and myself leaving early caused a few changes to the Presidents Run. Never the less I have just returned home from my allotted run to Bryan Wyborn's magnificent display of his auto collection. I'm sure the 40 or so who attended the day would agree they were totally blown away with the presentation of his Man Shed. Over past years we have seen many attempts to build a Model A Speedster. Bryan has had his style

and creation stored away in his mind for a number of years. His creation was on display for all of us to admire. I hope that one day all members will get the chance to experience a once in a life time look at Bryan's handy work. Congratulations Bryan, and on behalf of all those who attended, thank you. The Maroota Musta saw a small gathering of Model A's due to the wet weather conditions we have experienced over the last month or so (Although a number did attend in their modern cars). Speaking of rain, many of the estimated 16 cars which were ready to attend the CMC Day at Eastern Creek looked toward the skies before heading out for the day, me included. Well, I believe 5 Model A's made it and I say well done, but they were sorry they didn't take their wellington boots! A special thanks goes to Steve Rudd for his professional photos he' taken of our cars over the past year or so. Finally to all those who are travelling to the W.A. National Meet - have a safe and trouble free journey. I know I am looking forward to catching up with long time friends once again. Regards, Mal

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## Keith & Helen Capps have done it again!!!

My wife Helen and I have recently been on a trip around Victoria with "Freda" our 86 year old Model A Ford.

We encountered snow in the NSW highlands before travelling around the coast from Eden to Port Fairy, visiting Wilson's Promontory and Phillip Island, then a ferry trip from Sorrento to Queenscliff.

"Freda" dealt with some very wet, windy, cold conditions along the Great Ocean Road. She took us up through the Grampians (more snow) to Hall's Gap then Horsham and Warracknabeal across the top of Victoria to Mount Beauty, Albury, and home to Cowra via Urana and Wagga.

We really enjoy our old car, because of it we meet and talk with so many different people.

The little trailer carries a mobility scooter which one smart person insultingly suggested was for back-up purposes (that gave us a good laugh).

The only hiccup was at Eden where "Freda" required a new battery.

Regards Keith Capps.

*Ed.. You guys are an inspiration and hard core Model A'ers...well done and keep it up. Rob*



**For Sale: Sydney Barn Find 1928 Phaeton \$2500. Call Catherine Barrett 0423900451 - Bringelly Area.**



## Market Place

**For Sale: 1930 Model A Phaeton half restored but lots of parts \$5100.00...Malcolm Choyce 07 388 66308 (Editor: Looks like a good buy)**

**For Sale: Model A Luggage rack \$150 John Hyland 0246571734**

**For Sale: 6 volt generator \$50.00 6 volt coil \$25.00 call Des Fitzgerald 9605-6026 0421-084-170**

**Wanted: 2 AR wheels in good condition Paul Bullen 0408270703 or 0249530475**

**Wanted: 1930/31 Model A Fordor older resto preferred call Stephen Turfrey 0437727056**

**Wanted: Drivers side window post to suit a 28 Phaeton. Pete Butler 0247395723 or [petespic@tpg.com.au](mailto:petespic@tpg.com.au)**

# Upcoming Model A Runs

## Maintenance Day SATURDAY 18th October 12 midday.

Venue change, it will now be at Peter Dean's Garage, Unit 12, 3-11 Flora Street, Kirrawee.. Craig Finney has offered to run these days while Neville has been unwell. Starts 12 midday, but eat before you come..



## Memorial Run SUNDAY 19th October

This event will be at **YARRA BAY BICENTENNIAL PARK**, Yarra Bay Road La Perouse. Come in via Anzac Parade. Club BBQ supplied, meet there at 10am. Jim Allingham 9522 6094 or 0418 674 059



## Invitation Run 14th September

### CRACKIN' CANCER UTE & CAR PICNIC

Sunday 14 September 2014

10.30 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.



**Cure Brain Cancer  
FOUNDATION**  
Many minds, one purpose



- ☺ Country singer Leigh Warren
- ☺ Jumping castle (up to 15 years)
- ☺ BBQ
- ☺ Hot dogs
- ☺ Coffee van
- ☺ Raffle



All proceeds going to the (Charlie Teo) Cure Brain Cancer Foundation - \$15.00 per vehicle



**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**

Private property  
Galston

Lynne Livingstone  
☎ 0418 412 859

Pete Wigzell organising this run. Entry per car \$15 donated to brain cancer. Bring drinks, food & seats. Call Pete who will have the address..0419-259-056

General Information Ad, not a Model A run..

Sydney Antique Machinery Club Inc. PRESENTS

# Clarendon Classic MACHINERY RALLY

**Sept 20 & 21 at Hawkesbury Showground, NSW**

This year, bring any British engines & vehicles, but all makes are welcome. Plus, 150th year of Deutz engines, & 100th Year for all Dodge Bros vehicles. Vintage bus rides & see steam & stationary engines, model trucks, crawlers, the tractor pull, rotary hoes, BBQ, & free amusements for kids.

**Admission**

★ Children \$3  
★ Adults \$7

**Security onsite overnight Fri/Sat**  
Set up Friday or early Saturday  
Train Tickets separate

All welcome to look or exhibit. Exhibitors free but must book by completing the registration form on the Website: [www.sydneyantiquemachineryclub.com](http://www.sydneyantiquemachineryclub.com)  
Camping available but limited.  
Historic vehicle run on Sunday morning.  
Saturday night spit roast available for \$20 (pre-paid) until sold out.

**BIG NEWS!** Steam train rides running through Clarendon both days.

## Northern As Run 14th September Broke Village Annual Fair

**BROKE  
VILLAGE FAIR**  
AND VINTAGE CAR DISPLAY

1. Meet at the usual spot on the main road in Kurri Kurri at 8am.
2. Follow lead car through Cessnock and scenic winery country to Pokolbin to Broke, where we will be marshalled into a display area.

There are numerous food and craft stalls as well as various car and machinery displays.

For parking and marshalling purposes could you please telephone your intent to attend the run and display to Bob Allen on (02) 4325 2503 by September 7th 2014.



For more information contact Steve Muscat on 0418 453 203  
[www.sydneyantiquemachineryclub.com](http://www.sydneyantiquemachineryclub.com)

## *The Wanderers 17th September Outing*

### ***The Wanders Wednesday 17th September Run to the Tulip Time in Bowral.***

Meet at Pheasants Nest Service Centre 9-30am, then we will move onto The Bargo Pie Shop on Remembrance Drive for Morning Tea .

Depart 10-30 to travel to Bowral, turn left into Merrigang St. At the roundabout park anywhere in the street, "The Corbett Gardens" are on the cnr of Merrigang and Bendooly Sts. Lunch will be at The Royal Hotel in Bong Bong St (Great Lunch Time Specials )

Return home at your leisure. For more details contact John Hyland 46571734



## *The Wanderers - 23rd October*

### ***Wednesday Wanders trip to Sculpture by the Sea Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2014***

We meet at the Gateway Centre at 9:15 for Coffee & Cake.

Then we catch 333 bus at 10:17am to Bondi Junction Bus Terminal. Transfer then to a Tamarama Beach bus where Sculpture by the Sea is on display. After enjoying the sculptures along the shore line, we return to Bondi Junction for lunch at The Tea Gardens Hotel in Bronte Rd opposite the Bus Terminal.

After lunch we will catch a bus back to either Town Hall or Central Station for the trip home.

John Hyland 46571734

**sculpture**  
by the sea



## ***Northern A's Run to Margin's Mushroom Farm in August***

In August the Northern A's visited Kim & Chris Margin's Mushroom Farm at Woy Woy. In all we had ten cars arrive on the day, and the weather was perfect. It was also great to have Barry O'Shea join us, but unfortunately Paul & Paula Bullen had car troubles and did not finish the run.

At Margins Kim gave an informative talk on growing mushrooms and showed us around, and we soon learned how scientific and well organised growing mushrooms is (see pic).

After the visit we headed for lunch at the Patonga Beach Hotel. Boy is this a busy hotel on a Sunday, but we finally all got a park and enjoyed our lunch. Thanks again to everyone that joined us in their Model A's, and look forward to seeing you at the

Broke Fair on 14th September. See the details over the page.

Regards Leon Panov.



# Maroota Musta Report

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August, The Maroota Musta,**  
(SUPPORTING THE MAROOTA PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C)  
A beautiful day, and we had approximately seven Model A's at the event alongside many other vintage and classic cars.  
A large part of the day was taken up by club members trying to diagnose the engine noise in my car (Rob Taylor). At the moment it is either gudgeons or the edge of the piston

hitting the gasket. We will know by the end of the week as the head is coming off.  
Congratulations to Jim Gaucci, he took home an extra \$150 as his car was voted second best car of the show, but we all know it was really the best... well done Jim.  
So all in all a great day, no rain, good company and what was a lovely Model A run.



## 6th Sept - Bryan Wyborn's Model A Collection.



# The Ammeter!

by Tom Endy

The ammeter in a Model A Ford can be a very useful tool in a variety of situations that will signal to the driver the car's electrical status.

Whenever you park a Model A and are about to exit the car, glance at the ammeter, the needle should be pointing to zero. If instead it is pointing slightly to the left it is telling you that somewhere within the car there is some unauthorized current flowing that is going to drain the battery if you leave it that way long enough.

The cause may be the headlight or dome light switch is turned on. It is also possible the contacts in the generator cut-out switch have stuck closed. Another possibility is the brake light switch is closed due to a weak spring in the switch. What ever is the cause you will become aware of it and can immediately address the problem instead of returning to find a dead battery.

When you first climb into the car to go for a drive before starting the engine press your foot on the brake pedal while observing the ammeter. The needle should deflect to the left. This is telling you that your brake light switch works and at least one of the bulbs is not burned out.

When you start the engine and rev it up past idle the ammeter should deflect some distance to the right. This is telling you the generator has taken over the car's electrical load and is also supplying charging current to the battery. If the needle stays at zero or deflects to the left it is telling you the generator is not working.

The ammeter can also be used as a gauge to set the generator output. This is accomplished by moving the third brush in the generator. Moving the brush changes the generator output voltage level and will determine the amount of charging current that flows to the battery. The procedure is to have the engine running at an rpm higher than idle with everything except the ignition turned off. The generator is then adjusted for a nominal 8-amp output as registered on the right side of the ammeter. Eight amps is considered nominal, but you can set it for whatever value suits your driving

needs.

In 1929 Ford moved the black primary wire that runs to the ignition coil from the passenger side terminal of the junction box on the firewall to the driver's side terminal (reference service bulletin page 390, November 1929). The purpose of this change is to have the ignition current pass through the ammeter to provide a diagnostic tool when starting the engine. If for some reason the car refuses to start while cranking it over, observe the ammeter. The needle should be alternately moving from left to right past the zero mark. This is being caused by the ignition points opening and closing and it is telling you the ignition primary circuit is working correctly and the problem is elsewhere.

If you have replaced the generator with a modern alternator, which has a regulator, the ammeter will tell you a number of things. When you first start the car up and are rolling down the road the ammeter will more than likely be far to the right side of the zero mark. This is telling you the regulator in the alternator has determined that the battery needs significant charging to replace the power that was used by the starter to start the engine. After some period of time the needle will pull back to zero as the battery regains its full charge. If the needle remains far to the right for an excessive period of time it may be telling you that you may have a defect in the battery, such as a dead cell.

On a long trip the ammeter needle should be sitting on zero indicating that the battery is fully charged. However, it may also be an indication that the alternator is not working. An easy check is to momentarily turn the headlights on. If the alternator is working properly it will immediately pick up the additional load. You may see the ammeter needle flicker slightly, but it should remain on zero. This tells you the alternator is working. If the needle deflects to the right significantly and stays there it is telling you the alternator is not working and the battery has picked up the additional load.

The ammeter is a great tool. The more you pay attention to it the more you can determine what is going on with the electrical system. ☺