

Model A Flyer



Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

Web site www.modelafordclubofnsw.com.au

March 2017

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



Welcome to this autumn edition. The committee has been busy organising our run schedule for the remainder of the year which is in this issue. We have also been discussing the annual membership fees. See the proposed fees for 2018 on page 3, and let me know how you feel please.

Unfortunately we had to cancel our February run to the nursing home due to wet weather. March we have the Pre WW11 Car Display at Cronulla, which is a wonderful fundraiser for the Sylvanvale Foundation for the disabled.

The Northern A's are running to Mangrove Creek Dam at the end of the

month as well. Our first Maintenance Day is Saturday 8th April at Mal Bradley's home in Miranda.

I would once again like to send best wishes to Joan & Arthur Bates. Joan is now in a nursing home after suffering a stroke. Also to Trevor Davis, who is unwell and Neil Finn. Des Fitzgerald is out and about, but still suffering with his back. Anyone else who is not well, we wish you all the best and a speedy recovery.

My "President's Run" this year is a weekend away to Orange. See initial details on page 3 and remember to book your accommodation if you intend on joining me.

Also there will be no meeting in April, as it falls on Good Friday.

Next meeting will be Friday 13th May.



Look forward to seeing you all at our terrific outings.

Regards, Rob Taylor

Your 2017 committee

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Sunday 19th March Pre WW11 Vintage Car & Bike Show

This is the 3rd event at Cronulla to raise funds for the Sylvanvale Foundation, an organisation that supports the disabled.

Location: Cronulla Mall, Cronulla Beach, NSW

Date: Sunday 19th March, 2017

Time: Please arrive by 8:00am departing at 4:00pm.

**It's a great day at Cronulla and we have 15 spaces, so call Ken Warbo
0438 692 737 to book a spot.**

Maintenance Day - Saturday 8th April - Mal Bradley's Home

Meet: 31 Queanbeyan Avenue, Miranda Tel: 9522-6614 0431-764-103

Details: 10am to 1pm- bring a chair, there will be a BBq but Nola will be away.

Feature: Today we will be getting an update on the restoration of Mal's 1931 A400 Model A. This is a rare car in Australia, and the restoration includes a conversion from LHD to RHD. Mal also has a 31 Cabriolet and a 30 Fordor Sedan and a very understanding wife in Nola. Alan & Rhonda Hale also have a beautifully restored A400 on the central coast.



NORMAN LINDSAY GALLERY & MUSEUM



Sunday 23rd April

Meet at Glenbrook Visitor Information Centre (cnr Ross St & Gt Western Hwy) at 0930am for a brew. **Depart** for Gallery 10am. Bring a picnic lunch, or enjoy the local café onsite. Museum entry is free for National Trust Members, \$12 concession or \$15 adults.

NORTHERN A's RUN

Sunday 26th March MANGROVE MOUNTAIN

On Sunday:

Northern Group - Depart 8:15am Kart Track, Cameron Park to convoy down M1.

Central Group - 9am meet Wyong Milk Factory for morning tea.

Then we will all convoy to Mangrove Creek Dam where we will have lunch at the Mangrove Creek Golf Club.

Run coordinator - Bob Allen 4325-2503 or 0407-001-034



Presidents Run to Orange - 22nd - 25th September

The proposed schedule for this weekend away:

Accommodation Central Caleula Motor Lodge, 60 Summer Street Orange Ph 6362 7699, I have 15 rooms on hold for the this event, so if attending, please call them and take one of the reserved rooms. \$157 twin per night or \$142 for a single.

Friday 22nd Sept Arrive Orange - group dinner to be organised.

Saturday 23rd Sept Model A Run to historic towns of Canowindra, Cudal & Borenore. Afternoon free in Orange. Dinner to be organised that night.

Sunday 24th Sept Historic house drive-by in Orange then on to Mt Canobolas Lookout, followed by lunch at a venue TBA. Afternoon free followed by an organised dinner.

Monday 25th Sept After breakfast at the motel, checkout and head home.

More details to follow folks.

New Proposed Membership Fees for 2018

Your club committee have been concerned with the ever increasing cost of Australia Post, as the monthly newsletter is our largest annual expense. We are therefore considering a change in our fee structure for 2018 to overcome this growing expense. What we are considering is:

**Metropolitan Membership \$35
Country Membership \$25**

This new membership fee DOES NOT include the mailing of the newsletter each month. We will email to all members, BUT if you want the newsletter mailed, you will need to add \$10 to your annual renewal to help cover the postage. We would like your feedback on this proposal, so please let the Rob Taylor know by:

Email - thetaylors79@bigpond.com or call 0434 314 198 re this proposal

Northern 's A's February Run Report

Rain did not deter 5 Model A's and 19 people including the Cox's from Sydney, making the long run to meet at Norah Head. The Ark is a lovely cafe close to the water's edge, but the weather prevented any lighthouse viewing.

The group continued in the rain to the home of Peter & Lorraine Michaels at Brightwaters near Morisset. Their lovely view was damp and moody, but the company was warm and friendly. We thank our hosts for their generous hospitality.

Travelling home we encountered extremely heavy rain.

Cheers, Di



With thanks Lance for designing our website!!

Hi Rob,

I was pleasantly surprised yesterday when Ken Young came up to me at the rifle club and presented me with an awesome plaque and delicious bottles of red wine from you.

It was my pleasure and privilege to be involved in the rebuilding of your website and I am more than happy to continue to assist with it as needed into the future.

I'd like to say a very special thank you to you and the Model A Ford Club for the wonderful gift and I must say it was totally unexpected.

Wishing you and all your members happy motoring.

Warm regards,
Lance

PS Ken Young presented on the club's behalf a lovely plaque & 3 bottles of red wine.



The Wednesday Wanderers

Report for 1st March - Wanderer's Sculptures on the Wharf, Woolloomooloo

There seems to be a pattern where we rise on the morning of our outing to find it raining cats and dogs and wonder if the day will be a washout. So it was again for this outing, but by the time eleven of us had gathered at Circular Quay the rain was barely a drizzle and there was no hesitation to tackle the walk through the wilderness of Sydney's Botanical Gardens where the rain was just a heavy mist. Robert Brown joined us at Woolloomooloo Pier, which was lined with an array of sculptures varying from ingenious to ridiculous. The sculpture mediums ranged from rusty steel and aged wood to highly polished stainless steel and aluminium. The economy items were constructed from PVC pipe fittings and seemed to adopt the shapes of giant dog poo dropped from a height. Privileged residents living above the pier in luxury waterfront units flaunted their affluence by mooring their massive boats along the pier literally a stones throw from their residences above. These folk also enjoy the convenience of restaurants at ground level where the cost of a main course would buy a four course meal for a whole family at Maccas. After two hours of appreciating a different lifestyle to mine we regrouped at a nearby pub for a wholesome meal at a reasonable price. Our Mercedes Limo (RMS Bus) then chauffeured us to Town Hall Station for the rail trip home. By now the sun was laughing down on us as our wander was over and we each headed off for home. All in all a pleasant day out.

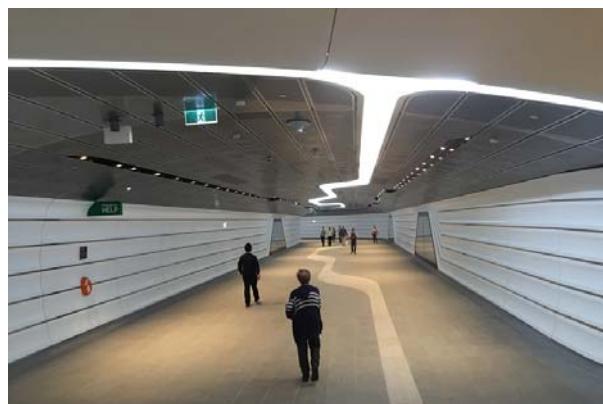
Regards Tom Virgona

Upcoming - Wednesday 3rd April

Walk the new tunnel between Barangaroo and Wynyard know as "Wynyard Walk".

Meet at No. 4 Wharf Circular Quay at 9.30am to catch the 9:35am ferry to King Street Wharf, Darling Harbour. We will enjoy morning tea at one of the trendy cafes before we start our walk. We will then slowly walk back to Wynyard via the new tunnel which has lifts and escalators instead of stairs. Alternatively return on the ferry and meet up at the AMP Food Court, 50 Bridge St for lunch or one of the many local pubs.

Don & Joan Baily Ph 0404 091 235



Our NSW Model A Ford Website.

Please have a browse around our new website.

About Us - has a sub section of all Model A related videos

Membership - has lots of forms you can utilize, membership renewals, fees, constitution, historic declaration, the First Forty Years of our Club.

Events - also has a sub section of "Tours"

Gallery - is now divided into years and you can click from one photo to the next

Links - Many popular A Model Ford websites including Australian clubs and parts sellers - there is also a great sub section on Model A Ford mechanical parts.

Club Items Available

* Club Window Stickers \$3.00 * Club Metal Badge \$25 * Club Cloth Badge \$5

Call the Treasurer Jim Haling 0431 904 311 if interested.

Confirmed Run Schedule for 2017

March Sunday 19th - Pre WW2 Vintage Car, bike and boat show at Cronulla Mall

April Saturday 8th - Maintenance Day at Mal Bradley's home to view A400

April Sunday 23rd - Norman Lindsay Cottage at Faulconbridge

May Sunday 21st - Oil, Steam & Kerosene Family Fun Day at Menangle

June Sunday 18th - New Bus Museum Sydney at Leichhardt

July Sunday 16th - Menangle Military Muster

July Sunday 30th - Combined Fords Day at Eastern Creek

August Saturday 5th - Maintenance Day at Guildford

August Sunday 13th - Shannon's Eastern Creek Car Show

August Sunday 27th - Maroota Musta at Maroota Public School

September Sunday 17th - Lugarno Lions Club Fair @ Lugarno

September Friday 22nd to Monday 25th - Presidents weekend away to Orange

October Saturday 14th - Men & Machines

October Sunday 22nd - Memorial Day Run

November Saturday 4th - Maintenance Day, venue TBA

November Sunday 19th - Gosford Car Museum

December Sunday 10th - Stanwell Tops/Ocean Drive picnic run for Christmas

Market Place

For Sale: 1929 Horn Rod near new \$100 & Rebuilt C Model Motor & Gearbox \$9200.00 includes carby, generator, water pump, dissey all manifolds rebuilt, so this is an easy motor change. Call Ron Elks 0419 296 201 or Email ron.elks@hotmail.com

For Sale: 1928 Phaeton (Norm Boshers old car) - \$28500 call Rolf Chrystal 0414 653 250

Wanted: 2 x 16 Ford Wire Wheels plus hub caps if available John Hyland 46571734

Wanted: Model A Tudor in good condition John Stevens Nambucca Heads 0407411496

Wanted: 28/29 AA truck. Timken diff, rear hubs or wooden spoked wheels any condition - Doug Bull 0447 745714.

Wanted: 1930 Model A roadster in good condition. Eddy Tabone (02) 9636 7776 or 0412 663 608

Wanted: 2 tooth steering box only, bell housing with pedals RHD. John Carroll 02 9871 8473 or 0423 502 203

Wanted: RHD conversion parts, bell housing with pedals, 2 tooth steering box, spark/advance & throttle rods, starter pedal, gearbox top with central handbrake, foot brake cross shaft, intake manifold with swivel, accelerator pedal, front stub axle steering links and RH drag link. Ralph Stedman 0407 755 747 or Blantyre@hotmail.com

Services: Model A Ford White Metal Bearings - if needed call Dean, Dean Repairs 0401767761

Please advise me if your ad is no longer required. Editor

Part 2 of Elsie's NZ story

After my first display at the Galaxy of Cars, January 2016 in Auckland, I was retrieved from being terminally ill to what was to be a total rejuvenating mechanical experience, but until that started in late April 2016, I convalesced in a lovely shed that was devoid of starlings.

The medical profession is only catching up to the mechanical profession with the interchanging of parts and I am thankful to the surgical mechanics that worked on me. Not only were original parts sourced and donated by other concerned Model A custodians in Auckland, but new parts were also incorporated in my resurrection from the lonely shed that I was subjected to for twenty five years contemplating my outcome.



As can be seen from the above photos any dignity that I may have had was stripped and my bare skeleton revealed to show a weakened state, especially in my front cross member which had seen the attempt of repair. This was replaced by another cross member.

My main heart, the engine, was subjected to severe scrutiny and on closer examination it was revealed that I could quite easily have been placed in the terminally dead class. Investigation exposed what I had been subjected to internally and to name a few: I was fitted with two differing types of pistons, my camshaft was damaged due to the tappets being fitted upside down, my valves were worn out with one valve permanently open, nails were used abundantly in the place of split pins and my cam gear was glued to take the slack out of the hub. No surgeon works alone and when extensive mechanical examination takes place extra mechanical opinions, although not often sought, are freely given. The next door neighbour, a retired engine re-conditioner proclaimed, "This is the worst ever put together engine I have ever seen." A definite testament to what Henry Ford's Model A Ford's can be subjected to and still work.

I had arrived in Auckland with another engine transplant in my tray, but close examination after removing some grime revealed the word "DICKIE" and that revealed why it was not in me. This is because it also could be classed terminally dead after internal investigation, as multiple (5) cracks were found in the block near the exhaust valves.

My well worn clutch had loose rivets and my gear box was also suffering from years of use. The good thing was my diff did not leak any oil, but scrutiny there found that it will not leak if there is nothing inside to leak out.

The accessory parts that keep me functioning were also scrutinised and repaired or replaced as required. The generator was the first piece of my old self to be transformed with a rebuild, new brushes fitted and with a coat of paint it looks like new.

My radiator posed a problem as wire had been used here to hold this part of me together, a practice that was not confined to the radiator. This wiring practice was the demise of my radiator and a new one had to be sourced to make sure my future life was not going to be short lived.

The hubs were inspected, crack tested and new drums and studs were fitted, relined with new bonded shoes as I am expecting to create quite a speed and do want to be able to stop when required. Steering was rebuilt as it is important to go in the correct direction. Wheels were sandblasted internally and new tyres fitted. The outside of the wheels were kept with their original patina to match my body as I intend to be able show that I have been and still will be a great work horse. The left hand side of the diff was taken off to fix the oil leak at the banjo housing, the main reason for there being no oil contained inside.

My body was also in a sad state of repair and the removal of a piece of tin in my tub showed just what Corriedale urine and the constant outside weather conditions I was subjected to in my life on the farm in Moonlight can do. My front guards had tears and cracks, my cowl was badly rusted and my doors would hardly shut. Valances were repaired along with the doors and the cowl was rejuvenated with the rusted sections and parts of the sub-frame replaced. My fuel tank was also repaired where it had rusted out.



My tub was the subject of much attention with the rear cross member non-existent in some areas and only six rivets and a bit of rust holding the top to the bearers. This required large amounts of donor material, but now it is back to where it was meant to be, thanks to the ability of the plastic surgeon/mechanic.

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While all of this was going on another block that was in much better condition than the ones I had were sourced and sent off with other internals to the engine re-conditioner. He took his time to make sure all my vital parts were in the best condition for final assembly and installation which took place at the end of October. New seats were fabricated out of second hand canvas awning, which are much better than the chaff sack coverings I had to live with on the farm.

With all my parts in place and after a short test drive my big day came when I ventured to the compliance centre to see if in my present condition I can legally venture out onto the public roads. November 30 arrived and I travelled the short distance to the compliance centre to be met with lots of laughter from the mechanical testers. I was not too put out as they did not know what I knew and that is when you are in the hands of competent repair people you should have nothing to worry about. This was the case, with only minor adjustment needed for me to gain my Warrant of Fitness and Registration with my old black and white DQ 972 plates.

I am now occasionally seen on the streets of Auckland getting my joints moving freely again, all the bugs out of my system and I do create attention that is deserving of someone eighty six years old, with the patina to show it. I just can't wait to attend the Galaxy of Cars show again next year and show those that scoffed at my appearance that I am still a worthy workhorse.

