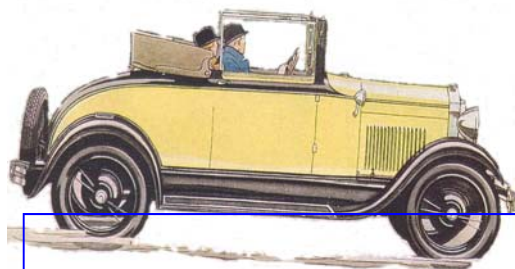


# Model A Flyer



Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

Web site [www.modelafordclubofnsw.com.au](http://www.modelafordclubofnsw.com.au)  
**APRIL 2013**

**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



Dear Members,

Great to see a healthy turn out at our April meeting.

Looking forward to our get together with the Berrima Car Club & the ACT Model A Club at Berrima on Sunday 21st April... I think it is important to see like clubs actively joining up on events. So look forward to seeing

you there too.

I am also looking forward to our June run to Newcastle to the "Back to the 50's" museum. I trust as many members as possible can make this a really good club outing. Cheryl & Dough Kirkwood are working hard to make this a successful event. See this issue of the

newsletter for details, and don't forget to book your room at the motel.

I reported to members the sad passing of Maxine Creedy from SA. A lot of you will remember her from years past at National Meets etc. We have sent a card of condolence.

As one passes another enters, so it is a good time to congratulate grandparents Ron & Margaret Williams on the birth of their third grand daughter... Also well done on 44 years of marriage..

The new Honour Board is up and looks great. Also apologies to those that wanted club shirts, due to insufficient orders, we have had to cancel this run. But the new club badges for those who would like one are still available. Please advise me if you need one and ensure I get the correct spelling of your name, as we pay for all badges produced.

Also the May Maintenance Day has now been moved to the 1st June.

*Yours, Neville Jones*

## NOTICE - New Club Mailing Address

**Model A Ford Club of NSW**  
**PO Box 1038**  
**MERRYLANDS NSW 2160 .**

## Burnum Burnum Reserve Run in March

On a spectacular Sunday morning we headed off to Burnum Burnum Sanctuary on the beautiful Woronora River. Thanks to Peter and Paul for their early bird start we were able to secure the best picnic spot.



After coffee and cake we spent our day walking, chatting, some energetic members climbed up to the bridge for a birds eye view, while the "Edna Jessie" conducted a few tours of the river.

We hope everyone enjoyed their day out.

Ten Model A's looked amazing lined up between the river and the bush.



Well done Paul and Denise



## Farewell to the Indians @ Centennial Park in April



# The difference between a Cabriolet, Sports Coupe & Roadster



The 1929 – 1931 Model A Ford Convertible Cabriolets (Types 68A, B & C) were premium Model A body styles. Cabriolets had two doors, a passenger compartment with a bench seat which could accommodate two adults comfortably and a standard rumble seat which could accommodate two additional passengers in fair weather. ***Mal's Blue Cabriolet above.***

Until late 1931 when the A400 Convertible Sedan was introduced, the Cabriolet was unique to the Model A line, in that it had a folding top and glass side windows, offering protection from elements comparable to a closed car and the advantages of an open car in fair weather. The crank operated side windows could be rolled up or down to provide weather protection with the top closed or to serve as wind wings with the top open.

## • ***Distinguishing Cabriolets from Roadsters and Sport Coupes***

The Model A Ford line included two other body styles which are easily and often mistaken for Convertible Cabriolets, the Roadster and the Sport Coupe.

• **Roadsters:** *See below.* The Model A Roadster was a two-door, folding top model with an optional rumble seat, available in standard and De Luxe versions. The Roadster was considered an open car rather than a convertible. Roadsters do not have glass side windows. Weather protection is provided by removable, snap-on fabric and isinglass side curtains. The folding top has



no landau irons, and with the weather curtains removed, the lower portion of the folding top frame is exposed. When the Roadster's top is folded, it forms a smaller stack on the rear deck, then a Cabriolet. Other distinguishing features of a Roadster are a windshield with standard wind wings which could be folded flat. The De Luxe Roadster was introduced in 1930, equipped with a standard single side-mounted spare tire in the left front fender, a single rear bumper, a luggage rack and coordinating colored wheels. Overall, the Roadster was a sportier and more affordable alternative.

• **Sport Coupes:** *Yellow Sports Coupe above.* The Model A Sport Coupe was introduced among the original Model A body styles in 1927 as a 1928 model, predating the introduction of the Cabriolet. The sport coupe is a closed car with a non-folding, padded fabric over wood frame top; decorative, non-folding, landau irons and a zip-open fabric and glass rear window, meant to resemble a convertible. ***Sport Coupes can be distinguished from Cabriolets by an exterior visor over the windshield, solid door frames which surround the side windows and partially painted instead of fully chrome plated landau irons.*** Like the Cabriolet and other closed cars, the windshield could be opened from the bottom for ventilation. 1928 and '29 Sport Coupe bodies have the early style Model A cowl, whereas the 1929 Cabriolet has a hood and cowl design similar to the 1930/31 models.

***Below is the A400 Convertible Sedan..***



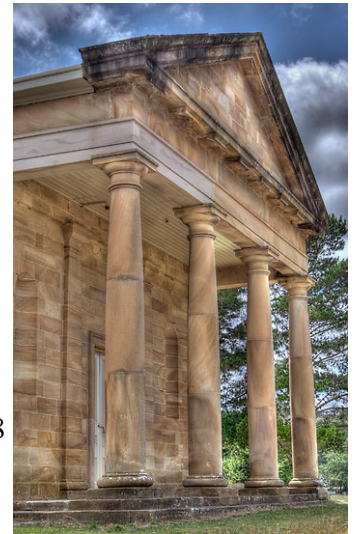
## *Sunday 21st April - Day Run to Berrima*

*On Sunday 21st April we are meeting up with the Berrima Car Club & the Canberra Model A Club in historic Berrima.*

So we look forward to a lovely run down to Berrima. Those who would like to can meet for a coffee at the 7/11 at Pheasants Nest for a 10am departure to Berrima.

We will meet the other clubs on the Canberra side of the gaol in the park on the right. There is plenty of parking there and you can enjoy a picnic lunch and a get together followed by and walking tour of Berrima..

Event coordinator Neville Jones 02 9639 7044 or 0428 293 301 for more details...



## *15-16 June Newcastle "Lost in the 50's" Museum, book now!!*



Cheryl and Doug Kirkwood have organised a fabulous weekend to Newcastle for us in June. Drive up Saturday afternoon, stay at the ECO-INN Motel at Warners Bay Saturday night. Please call them on 4948 9666 to book, and mention the club for the special rate of \$115.00 for the night.

Being June we thought dinner at a local club Saturday night would be the most comfortable.

Sunday morning we head off to "Lost in The 50's" museum. There you will see the 50's Hall of Fame with 36 American big finned cars, or you can go into The Rod Hall to see the Batmobile, Delorean, hot rods & a host of muscle cars. So this is no ordinary

museum, this is a true classic. Entry fee is \$15 per person and well worth it. This is not a general public museum, this is for special groups by booking only. At the end of our tour you can purchase lunch, coffee or a snack from Oldmates café right onsite.

So please put this in your diary, a great Model A run and a wonderful experience at the museum.

Let Rob Taylor know if you are attending for catering purposes please.

A more detailed trip guide in May... and thanks to Cheryl & Doug for all your efforts, we are looking forward to a big turnout..



## Club Events - 2013



**Sunday 21st April - Day Run to Berrima** We are going to meet up with the Canberra Model A Club for lunch, just outside Berrima Goal at 11am. Run Co-ord Neville Jones. 02 9639 7044 or 0428 293 301

**Sunday 19th May - Oil, Steam & Kerosene Field Day at Menangle. 9am - 3pm** More details at the May Meeting



**Saturday 1st June - Maintenance Day** Neville & Annette Jones's 10am start

**15-16 June Newcastle "Lost in the 50's" Museum.** Drive up Saturday afternoon, dinner Saturday night & visit museum Sunday morning... see article this issue for more details ..



**Saturday 20th July - Christmas in July** Camden Valley Inn. Put this in your diary and invite your friends for a great lunch experience.

**Sunday 28th July ALL FORDS DAY** Eastern Creek Drag Strip

**Saturday 17th August - Visit Woods & Woods Vehicle Restorers and Body Builders** Located at Woy Woy, meet Hawkesbury Bridge 8:30am. Rob Taylor Run Co-ord

**Sunday 18th August - CMC Eastern Creek Motor Sports Centre**

**Sunday 25th August - The Maroota Muster** is going to be held in the school grounds of the Maroota Public School. Run Co-ord Peter Wigzell

### OTHER EVENTS

**Sunday 19th May AUCTION at The Aust MOTORLIFE Museum Darkes Road, Kembla Grange Wollongong.** They will be auctioning a lot of old paraphernalia. Go to [www.motorlifemuseum.com](http://www.motorlifemuseum.com) for a catalogue.

**Sunday 7th July BLACTOWN SWAP MEET.** This will be at Smithfield Showground in Smithfield

## Market Place

**For Sale: Model A Ford Roadster/Ute partly restored.** Call John Amato @ Foster 6554-9737 or 0401-937-964

**For Sale: 2 x Four bladed fans for Model A.** One in good condition \$40 for both. Call Norm Bosher Ph 9871 2030 or 0422 147264

**For Sale: 1928 Model A Ford Delivery museum kept.** Email [casey.baldwin@me.com](mailto:casey.baldwin@me.com) for more details, it is in NSW.

**For Sale: 1929 Model A Ford Roadster partly restored in Newcastle.** Email or text Andrew (he is partly deaf) [robgreenwood83@yahoo.com.au](mailto:robgreenwood83@yahoo.com.au) or 0408210756



## Wednesday 3rd April - Callan Park Tour

We met at Central Station at 9am for coffee (the rain had played havoc with Sydney public transport this morning), before catching the 440 bus to 'Callan Park' in Lilyfield.

**Brief History** - In 1839 Crown Solicitor and Magistrate John Ryan Brenan was granted 105 Acres on Iron Cove and named it "The Gary Owens Estate" (for reasons unknown) and built a house called The Gary Owens House as a great social place for Sydney's society. In 1864 he went Bankrupt. In 1865 a John Gordon bought and renamed it "Callan Park" and built another house called "Broughton House".

The entire area was purchased by the Colonial Government in 1873 who built a hospital on the site as it stands today. From 1884 to 1994 it was a Lunatic Asylum other than part of the complex being used post WWI as a recuperation Hospital for



returning Vet's. Some famous inmates were Louisa Lawson and son's Charles & Peter (Brother's of Henry Lawson Poet), JF Archibald Editor & Publisher of THE BULLETIN. Sydney University took a 99yr lease on the site in 1996 and moved their College of the Art's there. We were joined by Jason and undergraduate in Modern Art who gave us a great history lesson

and tour of this college.

After the tour 12 members decamped to The Red Lion Hotel for lunch. After lunch due to the inclement weather we called it a day and went our merry way. Thanks' to Tom & Carol Virgona for organising the day at Ron William's suggestion .

Your Intrepid Reporter John Hyland



## Join the Wanderers at their next outing



**Wednesday 1st May 2013. Visit the 'Westpac' Life Saver Rescue Helicopter Base at Cape Banks.** YOU WILL HAVE TO DRIVE.

Directions - Proceed towards La Perouse. Just past the intersection of Anzac Parade and Bunnerong Road, continue on Anzac Parade toward La Perouse, turn LEFT at the entrance to BOTANY BAY NATIONAL PARK. Follow the road for 2km through bush and left at Golf Course entrance. There is parking at the Base but no refreshments. Please bring thermos, we will supply goodies. TOUR starts promptly at 10.30am and is free but a donation would be

appreciated. LUNCH will be at Brassiere Bread Cafe, 1737 Botany Road, Banksmeadow. Joan and Don Bailey 0404091235

**Wednesday 15th June visit to RAAF Base Richmond - please bring your Model A, more details to follow next meeting.**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Japanese High Explosive Shell Damage Sites at Rose Bay.** In the very early morning of 8th June 1942 the Rose Bay area was shelled by a Japanese submarine located off Malabar. Meeting at the Quayside Gateway Food Court at Circular Quay for morning tea we will then travel by bus to Rose Bay. Here we will look at two sites, one where a shell exploded and another where a shell failed to explode. A comprehensive information pack will be available on request prior to the visit together with photos of the damage which occurred. Guidance and comment will be provided during the visit. There will be very little walking involved and at most 200 metres. Lunch is available at inexpensive cafes close by. Details of meeting time and bus travel will be provided later. For planning purposes please advise your interest ASAP in case many wish to attend. Enquiries Trevor Davis 9484 5116.