

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.



Congratulations to Ken Warburton for organising a wonderful Pre War Car Show in Cronulla in April to raise money for the Sylvanvale Foundation. This organisation provides care for people with disabilities. We had 15 cars on display, Ken raised \$20K more details in our article on page 5.

On the Easter weekend unfortunately member Charlie Vowell's had an unfortunate surfing accident at Hawks Nest. He was dumped and as a result broke both his left leg and right femur. Fortunately he was with a friend who held his head above water until surf lifesavers arrived. Charlie is now in rehab and recovering, but it will be 12 weeks before he can

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put any weight on his left leg. We wish you a speedy recovery Charlie.

Those of you going on the Maitland Run at the end of the month, have been invited to morning tea at Lorraine & Peter Michaels home at the end of the freeway. Morning tea is 10am and they would love to see any members drop in. Ron & Edna Cox will be there, 6 Pillapai Road, Brightwaters. 2264.

If you have not done so, but intend travelling and staying in Maitland, please call and book at the motel. I have to apologise, as I now cannot attend, I have my daughter coming up from Melbourne to spend the weekend with mum & dad. So apologies, as I know it will be a great weekend organised by Kate Taylor...

We have our first Maintenance Day on Saturday 7th May. It will be in Guildford, so quite central for most members. See article on page 2 for details, but would love to see you there.

We wish all those members travelling to Darwin for the National Meet a safe trouble free trip. It will be a memorable event.

Regards Rob Taylor

Your new committee for 2016

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Upcoming Model A Runs

April Weekend Run to Maitland & Tocal Fair

FRIDAY 29th APRIL– Optional Runs

Travel to Maitland in morning, suggest easiest way M1, turn onto Hunter Freeway off ramp to Kurri & Maitland. Visit local winery Wyndham Estate Branxton OR Trip to historic Morpeth **BBQ Dinner** - meats / salads / drinks available across the road at Woolworths or Aldi.

SATURDAY 30th APRIL

DAY 30th APRIL Breakfast at motel—Day trip to Chichester Dam via Dungog. Trevor Davis will supply a run map to those interested. OR Day trip to the beautiful Hunter Valley Gardens - Seniors \$25 each Dinner at Maitland Bowling Club - just a short walk from the Motels

SUNDAY 1st MAY

Breakfast at motel - Tocal Field Day - Seniors \$13 each

Model As can be exhibited at The Tocal Homestead with a bus every 15 minutes to and from the Tocal College. Tocal Field Day features include: Horses, Quad Bike Safety, Stalls, plus an extensive range of demonstrations and displays including Cattle Dog demonstrations, Whip Cracking, Billy Boiling Competition, Ute Muster, Bake or Burn, Tocal Horse Course display & Talent at Tocal

TOCAL HOMESTEAD

Tocal has one of Australia's finest collections of colonial farm buildings dating from the 1830's. Tocal Homestead won the Hunter Central Coast award for excellence in tourism in 2008, 2009 and 2010. There is a working blacksmith shop as well as Homestead tours.

Maitland City Motel - 12 rooms, mention Model A Ford Club - \$125 per room per night Tel: 4932 8322. Book before 15th April 2016

Maintenance Day Saturday 7th May 10am @ Guildford



Our first Maintenance Day for 2016 will be Saturday 7th May starting at 10am at Rob Taylor's Sydney Safety Training centre at 395 Guildford Road Guildford. This address is on the WESTERN SIDE of the railway line, and cannot be accessed via Guildford Road from Woodville Road. If coming along Woodville Road, please go to Oxford Street (Aldi Supermarket) and travel over railway line and follow signs to Guildford Village. If you drive a Model A, please park in rear of the building down the side drive, all moderns please park on the street. There will be tea, coffee & biscuits, plus a sausage sizzle.

Greg Cribben, Mal Bradley, Trevor Davis plus others will provide professional assistance. We will be looking at:

- Headlight Adjustments
- Brake checks
- Timing checks
- Polarity checks

So bring your Model A in for some TLC plus any issues you need addressed. We have a wonderful panel who will assist you.

See you there.

Due to work commitments Craig Finney can no longer organise the maintenance days. Bryan Wyborn has kindly indicated he would store for the club all the Model A Parts Cutaways. Thank you Bryan. He will also host another Maintenance Day at his extensive Model A Garage in Kurrajong later in the year. So thanks Craig for your efforts over the past 2 years. We are looking for another member to take on the organisational duties of getting the Maintenance Days up and running.. Call Rob Taylor please.



Sunday May 15th Bare Island Run

Bare Island is a picturesque spot overlooking the entrance to Botany Bay. Captain Cook first spotted the area now known as Bare Island in 1770, and referred to it in his journal as 'a small bare island'. The fort was built in the early 1880s to protect Sydney's back door. It was in operation until 1908, after which time it became Australia's first war veterans' home.

On Sundays The Bare Island Fort is open for guided tours. Tickets can be purchased prior to the tour from the La Perouse Museum. Bookings are essential so please let me know if you are coming along, so I can pre will bring a shade cover, let's hope the wind is not too book our tour tickets for the fort. 0434 314 198.

Getting there is simple, Bare Island is located at the end Meet at 10am in Bare Island Park area where you will of Anzac Parade at La Perouse. Please bring a picnic lunch, your chairs and thermoses of hot tea or coffee. I



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see the Model A's.

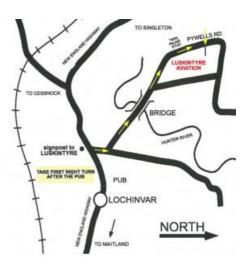
Saturday 4th June visit Vintage Wings Luskintyre Airstrip



Saturday 4th June we are visiting Vintage Wings in the Hunter Valley with the Northern A's. Drive up in your Model A, or come along in a modern, it will be well worth the experience. Meet at the airstrip at 10am - this is an "Open Day" so there will be plenty of aircraft action. Also there coffee shop will be open, and they have a BBQ selling

sausage sandwiches.

Come along for what should be a great outing.



National Heritage Day 15th May 2016. On this day you can drive your Model A to one of

many locations.

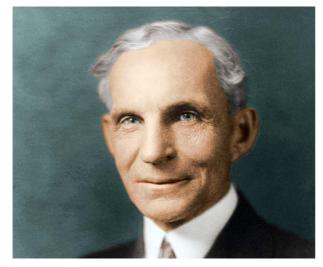
Motorlife Museum Kembla Grange - Berry Showground Berry - Sydney Harbour National Park Georges Heights -Campbelltown Steam Museum - Museum of Fire Penrith - Wentworth Falls Lake & Memorial Park The Entrance.

So meet up with other car enthusiasts on the day at one of these venues...

Market Place

For Sale: Model A Piston Rings 4.84-0.60 oversize, \$40 & pair of front spring perches \$70 call Des Fitzgerald 0421 084 170 Wanted: B Model Fly Wheel Housing call Des Fitzgerald 0421 084 170 Wanted: Model A Ford Horn Services: Model A Ford White Metal Bearings - if needed call Dean, Dean Repairs on 0401767761

Henry Ford - died 69 years ago 7/4/1947



Born on July 30, 1863, near Dearborn, Michigan, Henry Ford created the Ford Model T car in 1908 and went on to develop the assembly line mode of production, which revolutionized the industry. As a result, Ford sold millions of cars and became a world-famous company head. The company lost its market dominance but had a lasting impact on other technological development and U.S. infrastructure.

After a few trials building cars and companies, in 1903, Henry Ford established the Ford Motor Company. Ford introduced the Model T in October of 1908, and for several years, the company posted 100 percent gains. However, more than for his profits, Ford became renowned for his revolutionary vision: the manufacture of an inexpensive automobile made by skilled workers who earn steady wages. In 1914, he sponsored the develop-

ment of the moving assembly line technique of mass production. Simultaneously, he introduced the \$5-per-day wage (\$110 in 2011) as a method of keeping the best workers loyal to his company. Simple to drive and cheap to repair, half of all cars in America in 1918 were Model T's.

From a social perspective, Henry Ford was marked by seemingly contradictory viewpoints. In business, Ford offered profit sharing to select employees who stayed with the company for six months and, most important, who conducted their lives in a respectable manner.

The company's "Social Department" looked into an employee's drinking, gambling and otherwise uncouth activities to determine eligibility for participation. Ford was also an ardent pacifist and opposed World War I, even funding a peace ship to Europe. Later, in 1936, Ford and his family established the Ford Foundation to provide ongoing grants for research, education and development. But despite these philanthropic leanings, Ford was also a committed anti-Semite, going as far as to support a weekly newspaper, The Dearborn Independent, which furthered such views.

Henry Ford died of a cerebral haemorrhage on April 7, 1947, at the age of 83, near his Dearborn estate, Fair Lane. Ford, considered one of America's leading businessmen, is credited today for helping to build America's economy during the nation's vulnerable early years. His legacy will live on for decades to come.

Coming Club Events

Sunday 19th June-Run TBASunday 31st July-All Fords DaySunday 14th Aug-CMC Shannon's Eastern Creek23-24th September-Weekend run to BraidwoodSunday 16th October-Club Memorial Run

Sunday 20th Nov Sunday 11th Dec visit

- Hawkesbury River Run
 - Coolangatta Winery & Bigfoot

Invitation Events coming up

6-8th May	- Dubbo Antique Automobile Club Autumn Tour 2016
14-15th May	- Cooma Monaro Historic Car Club Vintage & Classic Pre 1960 Car Rally
14 - 15th May	- Oil, Steam and Kerosene Family Day from 9am to 3.30 pm at the Campbelltown Steam
_	& Machinery Museum, 86 Menangle Rd.
15th May	- National Heritage Day

An email from New Zealand Hi Rob.

Di and Peter Paice are here with us at the North Island Model A Club event in Thames this weekend. We are hoping you can include this in your emailed Club Newsletter. It is possible some of our Club members already receive this, but it would be good to receive a copy for our club records.



The Wednesday Wanderers TUESDAY 3rd May

A tour of the NSW Tennis Centre & museum at the Wanderers Guide is Ron Cox - 0408402997 Olympic Park will start at 10am on Tuesday 3rd of May at the Tennis Centre, Rod Laver Drive.

Special parking area will be set aside for our cars at the site, and the tour of about 90 minutes will be followed by a light lunch, all supplied at a cost of \$15 per person.

Enter the Olympic Park via the roundabout off the Homebush Bay Drive or Underwood Road onto Australia Avenue, turn immediately left into Shirley Strickland Avenue and left again into Rod Laver Drive and follow to the round building of the Tennis Centre.

Wednesday Wanderers to Barangaroo in April.

Well what a day, all starting with a pleasant stroll from Circular Quay to Barangaroo. In all we had 16 happy wanderers turn out for the visit. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the walk around Barangaroo, and felt was certainly worth a visit.

Thanks to Jim & Maureen Allingham for organising the day.





Cronulla Pre War Car Fund Raiser in March

I was so proud of our Model A Ford Club members, our club was represented with 15 Model A Fords. I would personally like to give thanks to those members that donated their time and effort to make our Pre-WWII Vintage Car and Bike show the overwhelming success that it was. Hopefully next year I will be able to call on our club members to support this event once again.

There were 50 Pre-WWII Vintage Motor cars and 20 Pre-WWII Vintage motor Bikes displayed in all their GLORY through-out the mall, just before the rain came tumbling down the mall was chock a block full of people enjoying themselves in a real party atmosphere, you could not swing a cat anywhere through-out the mall, that's how crowded it was.

Our Monster Raffle: 1st. Prize winner Mr.Steve Horn won the Vespa Motor Scooter. 2nd Prize winner Mr Alan Ayres won the 5 day holiday accommodation in Thailand. 3rd. Prize winner Mr Frank Cawse won the 4 burner S/S B.B.Q.

At this point of time I can report that with our HUGE effort we managed to raise almost \$20,000.00 to be donated to a wonderful cause, the Sylvanvale Foundation. This organisation cares for 600 people with disabilities and looks after 40 Group homes scattered through Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Regards Ken Warburton







John Everett Jnr receiving his family contribution award 2015.

Two young scallywags!!

flooded & Muddy Road,

Last issue RC #233, we had a story from John Sullivan, on his days of motoring in the 1950s in his new Vanguard Space Master. He also sent these photographs showing the perils of early motoring at the beginning of last century.

Most of these photographs were taken on the New South Wales Pacific Highway at Clybucca, north of Kempsey. The horse in those days was more useful in these situations than the automobile. The captions are taken from the rear of the photographs as written at the time.



ABOVE. A Model T truck near Kempsey in the 1920s. Chains are fitted to the rear wheels.



ABOVE. The 1921 flood. A 1911 Model T Ford travelling on the Pacific Highway, through Clybucca, in the wet season. Water has entered the carburettor, so the passengers helped push her through. "Note the chap at the back with his trousers off," said the caption.



ABOVE. The Royal Mail with a helping hand in the wet season on the Pacific Highway. 'The 1921 flood, the car is a Benz or Brasier,' was written on the back of the photograph.

BELOW LEFT. The 1932 flood at Clybucca. A crawler tractor has replaced the horse for this tow job, the car is possibly a mid-1920s Dodge.

BELOW RIGHT. Despite the mud, a 1928 Model A moves through the 1930 flood on the Pacific Highway at Clybucca.



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Article kindly sent to me by member Ron Williams.. Thanks Ron

Following Club Items are available

- 1. Club Window Stickers \$3.00
- 2. Club Metal Badge \$25
- 3. Club Cloth Badge \$5

Call the Treasurer Jim Haling 0431 904 311