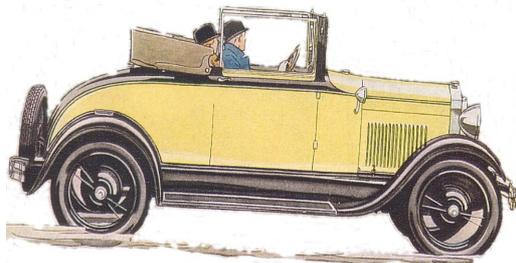


Model A Flyer



Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

Web site www.modelafordclubofnsw.com.au

AUGUST 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



BUNNINGS



SHARE THE PASSION

Spring is just around the corner and I am so glad as I've just spent a very cold winter working most days in my garage on a car restoration. I guess we will all be glad too that all the hype of the election process will soon be over but it is a worry how much of our money each of the contending parties wants to spend. Governments do not have their own money but I guess we would all behave much the same if we were spending somebody else's money!

The logos shown are of two of our sponsors of the 40th anniversary of the club and we thank them for their valuable assistance. Without their help our sub committee comprised of Neville Jones, Mal Bradley and Peter Wigzell would have had to dig deep into the club's funds. Included with this Flyer is a 40th Anniversary Update and Meals sheet which we request you return by no later than 1st October 2010 to MAFC of NSW Inc PO Box 162 Panania NSW 2213.

We are most grateful to long time member Michael Foster who has given a superb gift to the club of a little used hydraulic hoist and engine stand, and a most extensive collection of the Restorer and the Model A News magazines, all of the latter being in mint condition. The committee now has the responsibility to ensure that members have access to these items but at the same time guard against their loss. We will have more to say on this subject in due course.

Time is now getting very short so if you are intending to go to the seminar and country meet at Tamworth in September please contact Neville Jones (02) 9639 7044 or (M) 0428 293 301 ASAP. (See the events column for details.)

Would members who have ordered club shirts and have yet to pay please give this matter their attention? The cost is \$35 each and, as we get a discount by ordering in bulk, receipt of outstanding money will be appreciated. We presently have orders for 49 shirts and encourage other members and particularly our country members to consider placing orders with us. If so please send your order with money and size to Neville and Annette Jones's address. (phone numbers are given above)

The club now has 136 members, the latest being Steven and Gayle Rudd of Penrith who we are pleased to welcome and look forward to meeting them soon. Steven and Gayle own a 1930 Tudor sedan.

Ron Doyle and Peter Wigzell were disappointed by the lack of volunteers to help them out at All Fords Day at Eastern Creek. The work entails guiding entrants to their parking areas which does mean being there early but it is a necessary job which if not done would result in complete chaos. I appeal to members to show generosity of spirit by volunteering to do their bit for the club.

We thank Steve and Meagan Garland who kindly entered their 1928 Tudor in the concourse event at All Fords Day. They had to travel down from their home in the upper Hunter Valley and be in position at Eastern Creek at a very early time. We are most grateful!

I am able to inform you that four of the ladies who attended the Wanderer's event at the Conservatorium of Music recently have at some time in the past appeared on stage there. At least one sang, although admittedly as part of a group, but it just shows what talent we have in the club!

In the meanwhile keep smiling and, of course, safe driving always.

Trevor Davis

Club News & Twitter

Neville Jones is now getting back on his feet and managed to come to the August meeting.

Steve Tate is moving to Belmont and we wish him well. Hopefully we will see him again at some of our outings.

Congratulations to Norman and Barbara Boshier who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this month. Barbara is also all smiles again after undergoing a course of radiation treatment. We also express condolences to Barbara on the death of her mother Edna Gregory on 22nd July 2010 at the age of 99 years and 11 months. It has lately been a busy time for the Boshiers.

Congratulations to Peter and Ros Wigzell who proudly announce they are grandparents again, this time to Harrison Miles born 1 pm on the 10th of August 2010.

Congratulations also to Allan and Leearna Borg on the birth of their daughter Larissa on the 31st of June 2010.

Our membership director Neville Jones has advised that the club now has 20 children under the age of 12 years so it will be a busy time at the children's Xmas party this year.

Ron Williams at the August meeting showed members an original advertisement of a colour range chart of different body styles for 28/29 Model A Fords that he is willing to have copied and sell at \$8 each. Ron can be contacted on (02) 9872 1381.

Club Events—Be cool, be there.

22nd August, Sunday 2010. CMC Display Day Eastern Creek. Please place your prepaid ticket on the windscreen prior to entry.

19th September, Sunday 2010. Central Coast Club Meeting With Our Club. Meet at 10 am at Shirley Singleton Pavilion Park at the corner of Baden Powell Ave and Brooklyn Rd, Brooklyn. Our club will provide morning tea and a sausage sizzle lunch. The Central Coast Club will provide hot water. Please bring your cups, tea, coffee etc and everything else you need. We ask our kind ladies to help out with something to eat with morning tea. Please phone if you would help and also let Neville Jones on (02) 9639 7044 know if attending for catering purposes.

24th Friday - 27th Monday, September, 2010. Seminar & Country Meet at Tamworth. Arrive Friday with seminar starting 10 am Saturday with lunch being catered for at the home of Geoff Bennett 10 Gipps St Tamworth. Saturday night dinner to be selected. Sunday will be a run to Nundle for lunch. Either return to Tamworth for the night or return home from Nundle, your choice. This weekend is about meeting our country members and helping them in any way we can. If you know any country people with Model A's who could like to attend please let them and us know. We have chosen the motels below as they are close to where the seminar will be held and close to town. Please book your accommodation ASAP and advise the motel staff you are part of the Model A Club booking. As there are weddings on the same weekend and is also in school holidays please book quickly. **Cadman Motor Inn 103 Ebsworth St Tamworth 02 6765 3333, Golden Grain Motor Inn 228 Goonoo Goonoo Rd Tamworth 02 6765 3599, Roydons Motor Inn 110b Church St Tamworth 02 6765 7355.** More information is to follow about the weekend. Urgent if coming so please phone **Neville Jones (02) 9639 7044 or (M) 0428 293 301.** We need to know numbers for booking and catering. Looking forward to meeting you all.

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.

Enquiries Jim & Maureen Allingham (02) 9522 6094.

12th/14th November 2010. Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc 40th Anniversary. For information and enquiries phone Neville Jones (02) 9639 7044 (M) 0428 293 301.

26th - 30th March 2012. MAFC Qld National Meet. Early bird registration forms are available from Model A Ford Club of Qld Inc. 1376 Old Cleveland Rd, Carindale QLD 4152.

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

21st August, Saturday 2010. Bedgerebong & McFeeters Motor Museum Forbes.

21st August, Saturday 2010. The Bedgerebong Show. (35 Kms west of Forbes.)

11-12th Sat /Sunday September 2010. Northwest Annual Swap Meet at Gunnedah Showground.

12th September, Sunday 2010. Baulkham Hills Fest at the Bull and Bush Hotel.

19th September, Sunday 2010. Burwood Spring Festival.

3rd October, Sunday 2010. Ben Hall Festival Forbes Showground.

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.

6th February, Sunday 2011. Cootamundra Antique Motor Club 31st Birthday. This is also the Michael Livingstone Memorial run and will be held at Jugiong Park. Enquiries Gwen Livingstone ModelA@bigpond.com 0428 421 039 Or (02) 6942 2139.

Events Reports

17th July, Saturday 2010. Xmas in July lunch at the Camden Valley Inn. This year arrangements, which were made by Phil and Suzette Dalton, cannot be surpassed so we have all agreed that the Daltons must continue the job until further notice. Phil said they started at 9 am decorating the venue, setting the tables and putting out nibbles, this being all at their expense. The event was well attended as per usual. Santa came and handed out the presents whilst giving hugs and special attention to the ladies. I was told he felt like a bit of a twit for being out of season. Let's hope that the Daltons can keep the show going next year. Thank you Phil and Suzette for putting yourselves out from all of us. You were a class act! TD.

25th July, Sunday 2010. All Fords Day, Eastern Creek. There was a good attendance by the club of 14 Model As and we enjoyed our new location under shelter, particularly in view of the heavy downfall last year. Robert Brown received a Muscle Car Award and Mal Bradley received a FPG (formerly Tickford) award. Steve Garland represented the club by entering his 1928 Tudor in the concourse event

15th August, Sunday 2010. Whalan Reserve 1/10 Scale Electric On Road Club Challenge. Greg Cribbin who organised this event said attendance from a club point of view was somewhat disappointing. Only two members ie Peter Wigzell and John Webb brought their Model As and Kevin Sherson came after lunch. The Cribbins however had a good day and only lost one round of qualifying due to a sudden storm. All made the A grade finals in their respective classes. Ben Cribbin finished 2nd outright in modified, Jeff Cribbin 6th outright in stock and Greg finished 7th in 540. Congratulations to you all. TD.

Wednesday Wanderer's Report

4th August, Wednesday 2010. Concert At The Conservatorium. We started off with a decadent morning tea at the Lindt Chocolat Café followed by a sunny walk through the Botanic Gardens to the Conservatorium of Music. After lunch in the students' cafeteria we viewed the new section of the building, the artefacts found during its excavation and the original well and structures from first buildings on the site. At 1 pm the performance commenced in the beautiful Verbrugghen Hall. Eight brief performances from operas were given by a very talented group of young vocalists. Just enough for the males present. Thanks to our members for something different to see and hear in our great city. by Don Bailey

Wednesday Wanderer's Event

1st September, Wednesday 2010. Watson's Bay by Harbour Ferry. Meet at Gateway Café at Circular Quay for morning tea at 9.45 am. Take 10.40 am ferry to Watson's Bay for a short walk. Indulge in fish and chip lunch then return on the ferry. Enquiries Barb Boshier 9871 2030.

6th October, Wednesday 2010. Tour of Sydney Town Hall. Need to know accurate numbers by 22nd of September. Cost is \$5. Enquiries Ron Doyle 9772 3785. More details next Flyer.

Technical Comments

Oil Leaks at the Rear Main Bearing. Most will probably agree that such leaks are one of the most troublesome aspects of the Model A. It is probable that the leaks experienced by many may not have been entirely due to a design fault but rather develop during the service life of the Model A. Ford did increase the size of the rear main bearing cap drain pipe from 5/16 to 3/8 inches, this being the only known modification during 4 years of production in response to the problem. Some owners in desperation have fitted a seal which can work well for a couple of years before sometimes starting to leak again, particularly if the motor is not used frequently. To fit a seal the oil slinger has to be removed by machining to provide space.

In the Model A News of July-August 2009, which is the official publication of The Model A Restorers Club, there appears an article titled 'The "Fix" for a rear main oil leak'. The fix consists of making an oil groove of the same width and depth as the regular oil groove about 1/4 inch from the rear edge of the bearing cap and drilling a 5/32 inch hole exactly at the bottom of the groove down through the babbitt metal, making sure to drill into the drain trough but not completely through it. It is claimed this modification has worked well for a number of Model A owners. I checked this out with a contact who many years ago worked for a firm which overhauled motors and he advised that this was a common practice.

Les Andrews, who for many years has been a member of MAFCA & MARC, is a well known and respected authority on the Model A and believes that with proper assembly and tolerances the rear main seal will not leak. In an article which has come to my attention he has developed a method for investigating leaks at the rear main bearing assembly. With the engine out of the vehicle the pressure plate, clutch and bell housing are removed to enable clear inspection of the rear main area. The oil filler pipe is covered using a piece of rubber from an inner tube and a hose clamp, and about 40 psi air pressure is applied through the dipstick hole. Using a squirt bottle, soapy water is applied around the rear main area and any leaks are noted. If these are found the engine pan and crankshaft are removed to permit closer examination. In the next Flyer a list of common deficiencies identified by Les will be provided. Also included will be a list of what to check for if intending to have main bearings re-poured. In addition information will be provided on the checks on reassembly which hopefully will ensure an oil leak free engine. If any member wants copies

of the two articles referred to without further delay I am prepared to send copies provided a stamped self addressed envelope is sent to me plus an extra stamp to cover the cost of photocopying. My address and phone number appear below.

PS. Comments and information for this column are always welcome

By Trevor Davis

Market Place

- For Sale:** 1929 AA Ford truck complete. Last went 33 years ago. Artillery wheels 6.50 x 20 tyres. Hard top cab, guards, running boards, bonnet, cowl all have been under cover. \$1000 ONO or will sell parts if necessary. **Bill Garrad (02) 4739 1670 or John Dikeman (02) 4739 2480.**
- For Sale:** High quality mild steel Model A mufflers \$300 plus \$17.75 freight & insurance. Made by **Maurie Creedie Model A Ford Club of S.A (08) 8379 2253**
- For Sale:** Club badges and club shirts. For availability contact **Neville Jones (02) 9639 7044.**
- For Sale:** Rebuilt Powerhouse generator 6 volt. 12 months guarantee. \$200.
John Everett (02) 9773 4941 (M) 0408 852 878
- For Sale:** 1930 Model A deluxe roadster. In very good original order. Has some original paint. Upholstery and radiator not original. Mechanicals original. Travelled 45,000 miles. On full registration. Spare engine & many small parts. Because of original condition asking \$30,000. Paid similar amount 2 years ago. **John Lett** email johnletts@bigpond.com
- Wanted:** Two serviceable 21 inch 450/475 whitewall tyres.
John Everett (02) 9773 4941 (M) 0408 852 878
- Wanted:** 1928 water pump housings. One front hub. **Des Fitzgerald (02) 9605 6026 -M 0421 084 170**
- Wanted:** Loan of wood patterns for a 30 Model A roadster. Any other patterns would help.
Neville Jones (02) 9639 7044.
- Wanted:** As an original owner I am searching for a 1928 phaeton which I sold in 1996. It had brown trim and was painted a beige colour. **Gary Newman 0424 186 307.**
- Wanted:** Several Model A Fords as wedding cars for 18th June 2011 in Hunter Valley region.
Steve Henry email bluebird910@gmail.com
- Wanted:** Searching for past history of a 1930 Town car recently purchased from a lady in S.A. Previously owned about 10 years ago by a couple in Adelaide who had it for about 4 years. Before that it came from Sydney. **Carolyn Gowers** email gowers.carolyn.1@edumail.vic.gov.au

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