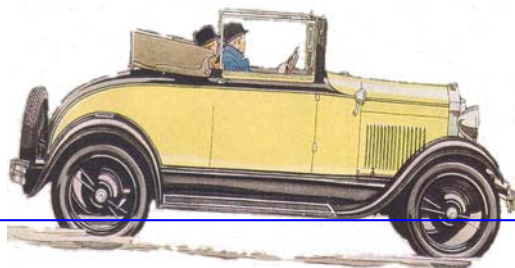


Model A Flyer



Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

Web site www.modelafordclubofnsw.com.au
December 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

Hello and welcome to "A Forders" everywhere. So far we've got off to a very good start thanks to excellent forward planning of the previous committee. Sincere appreciation to all for facilitating such a smooth changeover to the incoming committee.

We began our term with the run to St Albans on Sunday the 16th November although there were serious storms early in the morning the weather was clearing when we assembled at Maroota before progressing through Wiseman's ferry and on. A total of over thirty people attended bringing no less than seven model A's, including several from the central coast and hunter region. Fortunately most brought their own supplies as the prices there are steeper than the surrounding hills, the weather was excellent and the outing was most enjoyable. Thank you Trevor Davis for a great day out.

The Wednesday Wanderer's finished the year in style dining at the Gynea Tradies Club. We sat in an alcove surrounded by thousands of bottles of quality wine, AND FOUR SECURITY CAMERAS. A great day out thanks to John Hyland



and Don and Joan Bailey.

Our sympathies and wishes for a speedy recovery to John Everett who has now been ill for some months, as well as Patricia Davis who is convalescing at home and any other members, family or acquaintances who are not enjoying good health.

A most generous cash donation was recently received from the family of Keith and Marion Cook for which we are most grateful. The committee will consider how best to use this money as a tribute

to these wonderful people who contributed so much of their lives to the club while also heavily committed to other good causes. Thank you Darren and Luanne.

Our December meeting / Christmas break up was well attended and the tantalising supper was only marred by the absent minded president forgetting to provide milk for the tea and coffee.

**Wishing you all a Wonderful Christmas,
And a Prosperous and healthy New Year.**

Happy Fording
Tom and Carol Virgona

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Upcoming Model A Runs

Twilight Run Deepwater Park Saturday 17th January

Saturday 17th January meet at Deepwater Park off Henry Lawson Drive at 3pm for a club sponsored sausage sizzle.

Please bring your chairs, drinks & tables for a comfortable post Christmas get together.
Run co-ord John Hyland 4657 1734



Northern As Run 18th January to Hunter Valley Zoo

Northern As run to Hunter Valley Zoo to see their latest arrival , two pairs of meerkats.

Meet at Kurri Park at 9.00am for morning tea then depart at 9.30am

Arrive at Hunter Valley Zoo 10.00am

BBQ and shelter reserved for Model A Ford Club



Call Leon Panov 0417491547 if your coming.

www.huntervalleyzoo.com.au

Sunday 15th Feb - Picton Botanical Gardens



Sunday 15th Mar - Historical Aircraft Albion Park



The Wanderers

The Wanderers Christmas Lunch @ Gymea Tradies

The Wanderers xmas party at Tradies Club Gymea was attended by 23 Wanderers. We enjoyed a great lunch even if it had to be ordered in haste by the club staff who it seemed only had a short time to get the orders in. Other than this rush a great time was had by all. It capped off a great year of days out with a great group of people. I would like to thank those members who helped in organising any of our outings. Regards John



No Wanderers outing in January 2015

Merry Christmas to all members & a prosperous 2015..



Thanks to members who've already renewed

If you haven't as yet renewed, please do so before 31st December 2014..thanks

Market Place

For Sale: Snyders Folding Timber & Chrome Luggage Rack \$200, brand new ignition switch cable \$30 **Rob Taylor 0417 816 411**

For Sale: 1930 Phaeton full restored great condition \$29000.00 **Brian Bicknell 02 9543 6733 or 0438 251140**

For Sale: 1929 A Model Roadster, ex cond, fully restored, \$28,500. **Kevin Jan 0412966655, email: kvjan@ozemail.com.au**

Wanted: 17" Ford Wheel, 19" Ford Wheel, 29 Front bumper irons bracket **Des Fitzgerald 9605 6026 or 0421084170**

Wanted: 1930 Model A Roadster roof irons any condition **Sid Turner 6942 1726 or Paul 0419 157135**

FREE: Model A exhaust system, used **Jim Allingham 0418 674 059**

Services: Model A Ford White Metal Bearings - if needed **call Dean, Dean Repairs on 0418 680 027**

Briggs Manufacturing Co. Short Story

Ford played a larger role in the fortunes of Briggs Mfg. starting in 1910 when they got a large order for 10,000 Model T interiors. Many years earlier, James J. Couzens had worked with Briggs at the Michigan Central Railroad as a railroad car checker. Fortune followed Couzens and he was an early investor in the Ford Motor Co., and by 1910 was Ford's chief financial advisor. Couzens later became Ford Motor Co.'s Secretary and Treasurer, the City of Detroit's Mayor from 1919-1922 and Michigan's US Senator from 1922 until his death in 1936.

With the addition of the Sterling Auto Top Co. in 1917, Briggs was now able to supply Ford and others with convertible tops and top mechanisms, and the acquisition of the Detroit Curled Hair works gave Briggs a steady supply of the horse hair used in stuffing their upholstery.

As sales of the Model T soared, more skilled upholsterers and manufacturing facilities were required so later that year the Murphy Chair Co. was purchased by Briggs.

The popularity of the closed car meant that more sheet metal stamping capacity was needed, so in 1923 Briggs purchased the Michigan Stamping Co. Coincidentally, Michigan Stamping's original Chesterfield, Michigan plant was run from 1903-1913,

by John William Murray, the founder of the J.W. Murray Mfg. Co., a firm that would soon become Briggs chief competitor. However, by the time of the purchase, Murray was no longer with the firm.

Briggs is credited with the design of the Briggs'-built 1928-29 Ford Model A Fordor Sedan bodies. Apparently a Lincoln LeBaron sedan attracted the eye of Henry Ford who showed it to Walter O. Briggs proclaiming "Walter, there's our new Fordor sedan". The car was in dealer's showrooms in a remarkable six months .

An interesting item can be found in the February 26, 1927 issue of Automotive News. Apparently Walter O. Briggs wanted to buy out his prime rival, Murray, and the paper ran a story that stated a Briggs/Murray merger was "being considered." Henry Ford reasoned the merger of his two largest body suppliers would not be in his best interests, so a week later, a large Automotive News headline proclaimed "Briggs Mfg. Co. Not To Merge With Murray Corp. of America."

Ford built most of their own production bodies for the Model A, however both Briggs and Murray were their largest outside suppliers of complete bodies, producing all of Ford's Model 155 Town Sedans and Model 165 Fordor Sedans. Four Door Model A body style suffix's indicate who made the body. An A indicates a 1928-1929 Murray body, B indicates a 1928-1929 Briggs body, C indicates 1930-1931 (early) Murray body.



1928-29 Coupe



1928-29 Tudor (and Pickup)



1928-29 Murray Fordor



1928-29 Briggs Fordor



1930-31 Coupe



1930-31 Tudor (and Pickup)



1930-31 Murray Fordor



1930-31 Briggs Fordor

Past Run Reports

Club Run to St Albans on Sunday 16th Nov 2014.

It was raining heavily as light dawned and I thought nobody will come and that I may as well not bother getting out of bed. However conscience got the better of me so I rolled the old girl out (The 1930 A of course, the other one being still in hospital having a universal joint replaced.) and took off.

The Model A was in fine form in the cold moist air and I felt there was now at least 40 frisky horses under the bonnet which would need my constant attention. I arrived at the meeting place at Maroota expecting to see no one there, but to my surprise Peter Wigzell had arrived an hour early. We both agreed that nobody would come but within a short while a car came in sight and then another and by the appointed hour we had a great gathering of eager Model A'ers.

The weather from the westerly direction was



now showing promise and within a short time we had a nice day to greet us.

We set off for St Albans and I decided at the last minute to change the planned route by going instead via the downstream ferry at Wiseman's Ferry and up the unsealed Settlers Rd to St Albans. Others may have gone to the Webb Creek upstream ferry instead but I wanted to go up the east side of the Macdonald River and come back down the west side when going home. We therefore were able to see

part of the Great North Rd built by convicts between 1826 and 1836 and also the old St Albans burial grounds which had begun in 1826.

There is much to see in the St Albans village even though the population in the 2006 census was only 72. It was a great run and thanks to those adventurous members a great day out. Trevor Davis

The Honeyshed Run 14th December

We had a great turn out at the Honeyshed, approximately 26 members and their cars. Robert Brown put on a great day where we learnt about worker bees, drones and queen bees.. How the bees behave in their beehives and create the honey from nectar.. Rob demonstrated setting up frames with wire, then attaching a wax foundation. All in all it was a really interesting and fun day. Thanks Rob for going to so much trouble, including the quiz, it was a lot of fun, and there were plenty of laughs... Great day out.





Proposed Weekend Rally in 2015

Young is the centre of a district that was originally mostly sheep runs and later one of the richest and most populous goldfields in New South Wales. Today it is known as the 'Cherry Capital of Australia', growing a variety of cherries and other stone fruit. Many of Young's cherry orchards welcome visitors to 'pick your own' cherries and other fruit in season.

Containers are supplied and advice given, and some have barbecue areas and other facilities. Young is also part of the Hilltops wine region, boasting several wineries with cellar doors. In an area known as Blackguard Gully, at the end of Whiteman Avenue, a signposted walk guides visitors through 3ha of old mining remains. Chinaman's Dam, just out of town, is a popular picnic spot where the Chinese miners sluiced their gold after the riots, and is now home to the Lambing Flat Chinese Tribute Gardens. Where is Young I hear some of you say!

www.visityoung.com.au/ and how do I get there! <http://r.whereis.com/yDQCbuP>

Proposed Rally Itinerary:

Date: Friday 15th May 2015 to Monday 18th May 2015

Friday 15th: Y.H.M.C. Club House . Arrival , Registration and Afternoon Tea followed by a get to know evening meal and drinks.

Saturday 16th: Finalise arrivals/registration (where necessary) . The first of the two major runs. The runs of course are to be finalised, however we envisage maybe to Temora . A circuit course with a return journey of some 100miles . Possible morning tea at the Stockinbingal Pub, lunch Temora. Temora has the famous aviation and Historical Museum. Rich pastoral country side. A number of village pubs to visit. We intend inviting vintage (other than Model As 1931 & pre) car members of our club (YHMC) to take part and meet with the Model Aers on one of the runs.

Sunday 17th: Run #2. Similar to the Saturday. However possibly take in a number of outlying villages with plenty to choose from including Harden/Murrumburrah, Boorowa and Grenfell with their individual and unique sights of interest. These range from a fantastic " Light Horse & WW1 paraphernalia museum, various country museums, pubs, gardens. Possibly a circuit course say 80/100 miles.

Sunday evening dinner at the " yet to be decided"

Monday 18th: Aussie BBQ breakfast at "Lambing Flat Chinese Tribute Gardens " before departing for home.

Accommodation: We will provide information and contacts as the interest (hopefully) gains momentum . The Young Services Club has excellent facilities for the Dinner as well as motel accommodation (The Federation) . We will be having discussions the YSC in this regard.

In summary Col and I see great potential for a Model A rally here in Young with reasonable quite roads in all directions with many places of interest to visit and enjoy our country lifestyle . We have a small group of Model A members in the immediate area who we are hopeful will support the rally. Also if you take the wagon wheel approach of Model A members in the region one would be surprised at the possibility of achieving good numbers to include the Sydney and Canberra regions.

As stated earlier this brief overview is to gain feedback and additional ideas for such a Rally.

The committee of the Model A Ford Club NSW would like to encourage all members far and wide to put this run in your diary for next year.

Col Harmer & Barry Rose will make this a very memorable event... More details next year...