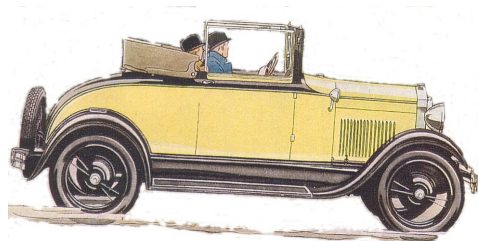


Model A Flyer



Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

Web site www.modelafordclubofnsw.com.au

FEBRUARY 2009

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



Our final meeting for summer had a good turn out. Some club members have heeded my suggestion and have been busy making memories. Jim Allingham was involved in an unfortunate incident involving a ladder and a roof, and John Taylor (my husband) fell over the side of a road and broke his foot. Just to be clear, these are not the kind of memories I had in mind. Something of a more joyous nature is what I am looking for. Nonetheless, best wishes for speedy recoveries to Jim and John.

Now is a very good time to make sure all your cars are in tip top condition as the club has a very busy year ahead with runs hither and yonder. The plan for the year is that all country members will have a run within 'cooee' and hopefully will be able to join us. The city members very much look forward to spending more time with far flung members.

Two members, Robert Taylor and John Webb, were presented with First Run Trophies. It has been so nice having new cars in our midst with enthusiastic drivers. Great work guys, remember you can get a First Run Trophy every time you show up with a new car. With the stock market the way it is, clearly a Model A is a far better investment and much more fun too.

We have been horrified by bush fires in Victoria. Sadly, it appears that three of our Victorian members have lost beautiful old cars in this disaster and one lost their home. Of course we are delighted they are safe but feel for them having lost so much. I may have more information for you in the next Flyer.

Please pay special attention to the events section of the Flyer as there is a lot happening. No one could possibly do all the runs this year, but I really hope you will be able to join in some of them. For those who do not usually join the over night runs, please be assured you will have fun, and find everyone enthusiastic and inclusive. It is on the runs that lasting friendships are forged and new friends met. I have not been on a run that does not involve a lot of laughing. They are a great opportunity for memory making.

Remember there is no Club meeting in April as our meeting night falls on Good Friday. Have fun in your cars, don't hide them.

Safe driving always, Kate Taylor

News From Model A Members

We regret to advise that some members of the Model A Ford Club of Victoria have suffered property losses due to the recent bush fires. Wal & Joyce Martin of Kinglake lost a collection of cars including their Model A, Terry & Kath Payne of Mt Waverley lost their home and their Model A and Graeme & Maureen Kurzman of Wandong lost their Model A.

Our sympathy goes to Steve Tate whose mother died recently.

Gwen Livingstone advised that son and former member Patrick became engaged to Ann Ratcliffe of Yorkshire UK. Congratulations Patrick and Ann.

Cheryl Morrow advised that Jim is recovering from a bout of kidney stones.

Happy birthday to Michael Foster who turned 80 on the 14th of January 2009.

Club Events—Be cool, be there.

20th Friday-23rd Monday March 2009. Country Run to Cowra. Refer to the attached sheet in January's Flyer for complete information. We will be staying at Cowra for Friday and Saturday nights, then leaving Sunday morning for Parkes via Forbes and places of interest, then returning to Forbes to stay on Sunday night. Meet with Nev Jones (0428 293 301) at Glenbrook Visitors Information Centre on Friday at 9 am departing 9.30 am for Cowra. Please book your own accommodation. Also let organisers Larry and Pam Gee know you are coming as soon as possible to assist planning and arrangements. All country members in the area are welcome to attend a maintenance presentation on the Saturday morning at 9 am and there will be an optional tour of local attractions for the ladies. Information packs can be obtained from Larry (M) 0419 429 351 or Pam (02) 6342 1661 or email your request to gwhizzz@bigpond.com.

29th March, Sunday 2009. (Note 5th Sunday). Meet 9 am at Genista Nursing Home 185 Old Prospect Rd Greystanes just west of Cumberland Rd. We will be most welcome at the nursing home and the residents are looking forward to seeing our cars. We hope you will make a special effort to attend. Depart 10.30 am to Model Park at Luddenham Rd, Luddenham. Admission \$15 per car. Train rides \$3. Live steam trains, garden railway, control line and RC planes, 1/4 scale RC Cars, tether cars, slot cars, boat pond. BBQ facilities available. Enquiries Peter Wigzell 9837 2490.

19th Sun. April to 8th Fri. May 2009. MAFC of NSW Inc Outback Adventure - 20 days and 19 nights. Contact Trevor Davis (02) 9484 5116 for itinerary and details.

17th May, Sunday 2009. Illawarra Fly Tree Top Walk & Café - via Robertson. Contact organisers Ken and Sandra Young on (02) 4677 2446 as soon as possible so that a group booking can be made for the walk and also for lunch if needed. Bookings for the walk and lunch must be made at least 7 days prior to the visit. The cost of the walk is \$15 for adults, seniors are \$13.50 and children \$7.50. Information is available on www.illawarrafly.com.au. Details of the café menu and prices are available from Ken and Sandra. Meet at 9 am at the Pheasant's Nest Service Centre on the Hume Highway departing at 9.30 am sharp. It is another hours drive to the Tree Top Walk which is at Knights Hill. Turn off Jamberoo Mountain Rd into Knights Hill Rd which is halfway between Robertson and Jamberoo.

17th May, Sunday 2009. National Motoring Heritage Day. There are various locations which could be close to your area. Enquiries Ron Doyle 9772 3785.

31st May, Sunday 2009. All Fords Day at Eastern Creek. A limited number of entry tickets at \$10 per car will soon be available from Ron Doyle 9772 3785. Please contact Ron now to reserve your ticket.

Thought for the month-

Never put off work till tomorrow
what you can put off today.

OTHER EVENTS:

21st & 22nd February, 2009. Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair. Enquiries David McMurray (02) 63365331 email mcmurrayfamily2@bigpond.com

22nd February, Sunday 2009. 6th Annual Central Coast Show ‘n’ Shine. For details contact Angela 0408 439 865, email angela.stanford@bigpond.com.au, Ross 0412 416 043.

Wednesday Wanderer's Report by Don Bailey.

4th February, Wednesday 2009. Reserve Bank of Australia & also the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. A delicious start to the day at the Linde Chocolate Café. Then a guided tour of the Reserve Bank with illustrations of our currency from the holey dollar to our current multi-coloured dollar notes. Down Martin Place to the restored Commonwealth Bank to see what banks looked like before they became trendy lending businesses. A large number of wanderers turned up and we hope were not disappointed at the lack of free samples.

Wednesday Wanderer's Event

4th March, Wednesday 2009. Woolwich Dock. Meet at the Gateway Food Court opposite Circular Quay for morning tea at 9.45 am. Catch the 10.25 am ferry to Woolwich and walk to the dock which is now one of the Sydney Harbour Trust properties. After walking around the site we can have lunch at the Woolwich Pier Hotel or have a BYO lunch. Enquiries Don & Joan Bailey 9533 4030 (M) 0404 091 235.

Henry's Broken Accelerator Link

by Kate Taylor

Recently I was whizzing along on the final couple of kilometres of a 30 km test run in my family's new woody, beautifully built by Ron Doyle and mechanically nursed to health by Neville Jones. In quite a bit of traffic on Mona Vale Rd at St Ives, the car just went faster and faster. I absolutely stood on the brakes, to such an extent that the steering wheel was bending as I pulled on it. Flashing through my mind was Neville's warning that I should have a red steering wheel, and not the black one currently installed. (Did God know this?)

The car was fish tailing and there was a lot of smoke involved, I was picturing moving overseas rather than telling Ron and Neville that "Henry" was now deceased. A passageway was mysteriously opening up in front of me as fellow travellers tried to hide behind power poles. The accelerator was jammed to the floor boards and not budging. I turned off the ignition and come to a halt, which was a cue for anyone near me to take off.

The next new and exciting accelerator problem was limpness (think here Viagra needed). Not deterred by a little thing like that I started it up again and just used the hand throttle to complete my trip. The pre Christmas traffic was appalling and in the end I just had to give up, there did not seem to be anywhere suitable for a tow truck to pick me up. I rang my favourite people (after Ron and Neville) the friendly folk at the NRMA. I am on first name terms with these people, (I suspect there is a photo of our Fordor up on their wall, as it has travelled so many times with them). The first thing I am asked is "Kate, do you want the usual truck? Then a discussion as to why I am in a different car, and am informed there is a one hour wait ahead.

Lifting the bonnet, I found two things which looked as if they should be joined together, so doing my very best MacGyver impersonation I tried to open up a key ring, so I could use it to join these two things together. Within a minute a charming gentleman arrived to see what the problem was. I explained these old engines are not like the modern ones so he probably wouldn't know what to do. When he asked the symptoms and what I was doing with the key ring, I patiently explained my "good idea".

"Do not, for crying out loud do that love", he exclaimed. "Look, just put this thin metal stick onto this bit and you'll be right". Magic, it worked. I asked how he knew so much about old cars, and he replied, "Look how old I am lass". Obviously, anyone who calls me "lass" must be very old". I cancelled the NRMA, much to their delight; I told them I had fixed it! Well I was there when it was fixed. Within days my new accelerator link had arrived and was installed, (not by me).

Club Photo Album



Australia Day was celebrated by the Daltons at the NRMA Motorfest. Phil, Sue and two grandchildren arrived in tailor made clothes plus hats all made out of flags. Their dog was also fitted out in similar fashion and the Model A was adorned with masses of flags. There was huge interest shown by the public and by members of the media which earned a few seconds of air time and fame on Channel 7 that night. Congratulations Phil and Sue on your great display and you are to be commended for your patriotic enthusiasm and initiative. Phil, did Sue see you having your photo taken with the young lady out front?

Market Place

- For Sale:** Do you carry a spare rear axle in your Model A? If not I have a quantity of used axles at \$40 each. **John Everett (02) 9773 4941 (M) 0408 852 878**
- For Sale:** Five 21 inch Model A wheels painted Mercedes white with 5 near new whitewall tyres and tubes. \$1100 **John Garlick (02) 9528 5246.**
- For Sale:** New 7 tooth steering sector shaft for LHD 28-29 Model A ex Brattons \$100.
John Taylor (M) 0407 611 716
- For Sale:** New 1930 radiator. \$600. Also 28-29 sedan bonnet in good condition \$120.
Des Fitzgerald (02) 9605 6026 (M) 0421 084 170
- For Sale:** 2008 National Meet DVD \$20 includes postage. **Trevor Davis (02) 9484 5116.**
- Wanted:** Good useable 21 inch whitewall tyre.
John Everett (02) 9773 4941 (M) 0408 852 878
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