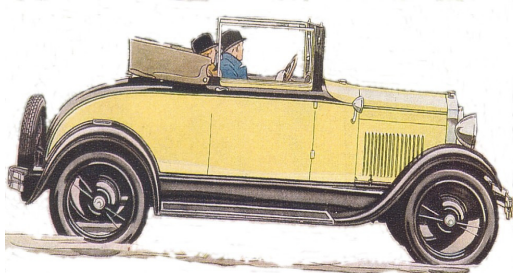


Model A Flyer



Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

Web site www.modelafordclubofnsw.com.au

FEBRUARY 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



The old timers shown here are us. Di Paice took the photo last year on one of the Club runs. We have been to so many places over the last 40 years and hope we can continue to do so for a long time yet. We encourage all members to do the same and really enjoy their Model A's. So what about it!

We trust members got through Xmas and into the new year without too much hassle. It seems to become more frantic each year with presents to buy and cards to send. This is also catch up month for me as it has been two months since the last Flyer, the reason being that we could not hold a meeting in January. Whilst a number of us will be at the National Meet there will however still be a meet-

ing in March. Please try to come as a quorum is required. Due to the National Meet the next Flyer will be mailed very late, probably about the 27th of March.

It has been a big task in moving all our property out of the club room and back again due to the recent renovations by the Holroyd Council. Neville Jones is very pleased to have his garage back again. Many thanks to Neville, Greg Cribbin, Peter Wigzell and Ron Doyle for their hard work. Also a special thanks to Ron Doyle who made a trolley for holding our library collection by recycling some material found in a local street.

A special mention is made regarding tickets for the CMC day at Eastern Creek for this year. Tickets will be \$12 and organisers have advised there will be no refund for any unused tickets. If wanting to go please contact the Secretary or Treasurer by no later than 1st March 2010 or you could miss out.

We are hoping for a good attendance at the Valley Heights Locomotive Depot Heritage Museum & Steam Tramway on Sunday 18th of April. We will provide morning tea at the Glenbrook Tourist Information Centre meeting area. The Museum has made special arrangements for our cars to be on display and given us a discount on the entry fee.

We are looking forward to going to the National Meet at Launceston and a number of us are meeting at 7.30 am on Friday 12th of March at the Pheasants Nest service station. It is a bit early but it would certainly make our day if you were able to come and bid us bon voyage. At last count we have 22 entrants from our Club with an additional 5 Model A's from other NSW Clubs.

As a reminder for those members whose cars are on conditional registration with the Model A Ford Club of NSW listed as the primary club who are yet to fill out and return the Club's Conditional Registration Rules For Members Form (Appendix 3 Rule 42.1.j) need to do so ASAP and return it to the Secretary. Members who have not done so will be asked to do so before their Historic Vehicle Declaration for their registration will be signed. Another copy of the form is available by email gandfcribbin@optusnet.com.au or by phoning Greg Cribbin on 9631 6063.

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

Trevor Davis

Do you know our NSW State emblems? (You knew of course - platypus, waratah and kookaburra!)

Club News

On behalf of members we express our condolences to Ros Wigzell on the death of her father and also to Laurel Huckstepp on the deaths of her sister and uncle.

At the February meeting first run trophies were presented to Denise and Paul Cavanaugh and to John Everett Junior. Congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at many more runs.

Some progress has been made on the Club shirt project and hopefully we will make a decision at the April meeting. Lady members should tell the committee what they prefer.

Be sure to read the President's report on page 1 about buying tickets by 1st March for the CMC day at Eastern Creek and also the conditional registration requirements now to be met.

Club Events—Be cool, be there.

21st February, Sunday 2010. Kissing Point Park. Meet at junction of Waterview St and Charles St Putney from 10 am onwards. Bring everything you will need such as food, drink, chairs, umbrellas etc. BBQ, shelter and shade trees available. Enquiries Neville Jones 0428 293 301.

6th March, Saturday 2010. Seminar at Craig and Leone Finney's address 4 Terrigal Place Engadine. Start at 10 am for morning tea, BBQ lunch & seminar. Cost is \$5. Members are invited to suggest topics which they would like to have covered. Adjusting & equalising brakes is a likely topic by Greg Cribbin. Enquiries 9548 2424 (M) 0438 881 417.

14th –20th March 2010. 21st National Meet at Launceston.

21st March, Sunday 2010. Warragamba Dam. Meet from 10.30 am at Haviland Park at Warragamba Dam. Turn off Silverdale Rd at Wallacia onto Farnsworth Ave & enter main gate at Warragamba. BYO everything. There is a newly refurbished picnic area, visitors centre with audio visual displays, new look-outs and two viewing platforms of the dam wall. Enquiries Greg Cribbin 9631 6063.

18th April, Sunday 2010. President's Run to Valley Heights Locomotive Depot Heritage Museum. Meet at 9.00 am at Glenbrook Tourist Information Centre. Morning tea provided. Depart for Museum at 9.30 am. Web infoblue mountains.net.au/locodepot. Enquiries Trevor Davis 9484 5116.

16th May, Sunday 2010. CMC National Motoring Heritage Day. More information to follow.

24th Friday - 27th Monday, September, 2010. Seminar & Country Meet at Tamworth.

INVITATION RUNS

28th February, Sunday 2010. Central Coast Annual Show Shine. Contact Secretary Greg Cribbin 9631 6063 who has an information sheet.

28th February, Sunday 2010. Wings Over Illawarra. This is a major annual event held at the Illawarra Regional Airport. Open to the public 9.30 am to 3.30 pm. Local car club will be meeting at 8 am near airport and will be on display. Further info available from Ron Huckstepp 4647 6886.

2nd May, Sunday 2010. Walk in the Park - Big show and shine. Koala Park Doyalson. Hosted by the Ford V8 Club of NSW. Enquiries Ray Kelleher 9743 0847 or Arthur Herdman 4971 2666.

Event Reports

16th January, Saturday 2010. Twilight BBQ at Deepwater Park Milperra.

This was well attended and the venue was excellent. John Hyland did his usual great job in getting all the necessities for the BBQ and in cooking for the mob. Thank you John & Marie. A lady Model A driver namely Denise Cavanaugh accompanied by husband Paul arrived on their first run which was great to see. Also John Everett Junior brought his Model A speedster along on its first run. A very neat and cleverly thought out rig and a credit to John and his father!



Denise and Paul Cavanaugh



John Everett Junior

26th January, Tuesday 2010. NRMA Motorfest.



This did not go too well for most of the entrants as there appeared to be very little control over parking by the NRMA. As Ernie Menegusso was naughty and bypassed the system by parking early, we soon followed suit and joined him and had a good spot for our 16 vehicles near the shade in Hyde Park. However apart from the parking problem it turned out to be another great Motorfest.

The Allinghams and myself arrived at 6 am and we parked together on the wrong floor of the Domain parking station by mistake. Whilst exchanging views on what a crazy hour it was to arrive I noticed a 2 inch hole drilled through the concrete floor, and a corre-

sponding one on the floor above. This appeared to be something to do with pipe work in process of being fitted. Looking through the hole I could see a person directly below wrapped in a flag and ascertained that it was Phil Dalton. Jim yelled down the hole "How are you going Phil". As Phil was on a virtually deserted floor, he said later he was looking everywhere, thinking his time was up and that it must have been a summons from his maker.

Very good friends of ours wandered over to the 2GB broadcast venue near the Law Court and as they were dressed in Australiana type gear they were invited to join a 2GB contest. There was only one other contestant present and each won a prize to the value of \$3,300 for a trip Out Back. Next year we are going to get some good gear and try our luck.

Report by Trevor Davis

7th February, Sunday 2010. 30th Birthday Cootamundra Antique Motor Club & Michael Livingstone Memorial Run. On the run to Jugiong there were 6 member's cars from Sydney, 4 from Cowra and two from the South Coast. In all there was a total of 84 cars present. Gwen Livingstone and her helpers are to be commended for arranging the event.

Report by Neville Jones.

Wednesday Wanderer's Event

3rd March, Wednesday 2010. Sydney Jewish Museum. Meet Gateway Café at Circular Quay at 11.15 am. Take 12.25 pm bus 389 from Stand E, Circular Quay to Museum at 148 Darlinghurst Rd, Darlinghurst (across from St Vincent's Hospital). Entry fee \$7. Tour begins at 1 pm with short video & finishes at 3 pm. Strict bag search on entry, no cameras, no food, mobiles must be turned off. Return to Quay on bus 389 or walk to Kings Cross Station. Enquiries Tom Virgona 9809 6350

Wednesday Wanderer's Report

3rd February, Wednesday 2010. The Boshers Place.



We arrived for morning tea and admired the renovated swimming pool and new shade house under which we were to enjoy a fabulous BBQ with all the trimmings. I was a bit fuzzy following some red wine but remember John & Jeanette Everett and Joan Bailey entered the pool and John out sprinted the ladies in a race to win by a touch. We understand Joan went home with Jeanette's costume and possibly the red wine may have had something to do with that.

As a sequel to this visit the big downpour which occurred on the night of the 12th of February caused a major change to this lovely setting. The back fence disappeared including pot plants and many other items and the pool filled up with mud and debris. A wall of water also moved the modern car 6 feet down the driveway, flowed into the garage and washed the undersides of the Model A whilst rearranging many items which were stored on the floor. The electric welding machine may now be a little damp. Commiserations Barb and Norm from all of us.

Many thanks for your hospitality and wonderful food. We had a ball.

Report by Trevor Davis



Technical Comments

If replacing the cylinder head with the high compression 'police style' 5.5/1 head it is advised that high tensile head bolts made of chrome molybdenum steel be purchased and the correct head gasket be obtained as described and recommended in auto parts catalogues. Unfortunately there seems to be a quality problem with available head bolts as the lower thread centre line does not always coincide with the bolt centre line due to the thread forming method. Accordingly the bolts when installed into the engine block can lean at varying angles and prevent the gasket and cylinder head from being installed. Club member Mal Bradley came up with a solution. Check each head bolt when installed for squareness with the engine block using a square and adjust with gentle force using a rubber or fibre hammer, being careful not to get carried away and wreck the upper threads. You could also use a long steel tube of suitable dimensions placed over the head bolt and lever it into line.

Should valves need attention it may be found that the valve guides are difficult to remove. Sometimes if the guides have not been out for a long time the use of a removal tool as sold by auto parts suppliers may not be successful. This is because such a tool can not apply a force in direct line with the valve stem and the springiness due to the bent shape of the tool can defeat all efforts at removal. In such a case very drastic measures are required which of course will be expensive. Cover up all openings in the block and with an angle grinder cut off the heads of the valves. Club member Tom Virgona made a tool of robust proportions from round steel stock (ie reinforcing steel) having a hole drilled in one end long enough to fit over the remainder of the valve stem and make contact with the top of the valve guides. This tool will work wonders and new stainless steel valves will repair the damage.

By Trevor Davis.

Market Place

For Sale: Early 1928 Model A phaeton. Third owner and car is mostly in original condition with much original paintwork. Has original number plate, 9 months full registration, white wall tyres and heaps of spare parts. Offers requested. Photos available.

Michael Salecich (02) 4448 3999.

For Sale: Model A motor parts, differential parts, new body timber, r/h rear quarter panel, r/h rear fender. **Brian Mathison 0418 112 618**

Wanted: Complete Zenith carburettor. **Craig Finney (02) 9548 2424**

Wanted: Model A sedan or phaeton for two bridesmaids on Friday 9th April. Travel will be from Thornton to Mayfield, Newcastle. **Leon Panov 0417 491 547**

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