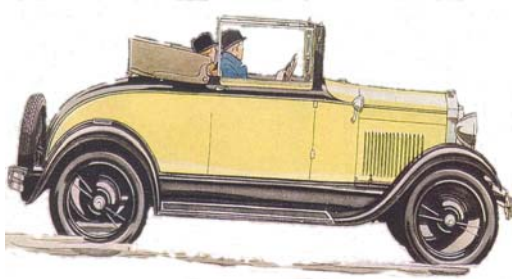


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# Model A Flyer



Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

Web site [www.modelafordclubofnsw.com.au](http://www.modelafordclubofnsw.com.au)

**FEBRUARY 2012**

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**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.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I'd like to begin my report with a vote of thanks to Neil & Pat Finn for their hospitality in making their home available. The twilight run was a little wet under foot so we decided to relocate our venue. Apart from the weather we had an excellent attendance. Thanks go to Nev & Annette Jones for making available their home for the maintenance day. A good day with over 30 in attendance. It was reported at the meeting that Carol Fitzgerald is not in the best health. From all club members I'd like to express our best wishes to Carol, Des and family for a speedy recovery. Another good day was had at the Motorfest, apart from a little rain, and the fact that many of us had different starting times we all ended up parking together as we have for many years. We continue to see new faces attending our meetings, this is very pleasing to see as our clubs survival revolves around new fresh blood. Greg



Cribben handed out a recommended maintenance procedure at the maintenance day for those model A's travelling to Ipswich. We must not lose sight that the cars we drive are over 80 years old. Do not adopt the attitude of the old saying that, she'll be right mate, because it might come back and bite you when you least expect it.

Speaking of Ipswich, there has been a little uncertainty as to the dress theme for the Gala Dinner night. They would like all attending to join in the fun and dress, quote, in some form of commercial dress, unquote. The Rally theme is "The Commercialization of the Model A Ford". It's pleasing to see that their final numbers will be around 175. Let's hope that this lousy weather goes away so we can have a few good drives in our A's. It might be the year of the Dragon, I think it's more like the year of the Umbrella. Mal.

## Hubley Racing at Ipswich National Meet

The Hubley Company of Pennsylvania made accurate metal replicas of Model A Fords and other cars for many years. There are seven Model "A" Ford body styles available: Four Door Sedan, Station Wagon, Coupe, Roadster, Roadster Pickup, Victoria, and Phaeton.

The kits contain several metal body castings and an assortment of plastic parts. It does take some time to clean up all the pieces and paint them, but the results are well worth the effort. This is a great family participation project for the younger members, as everyone who races a car must be involved in some part of the building of it.

This year Neville Jones will be representing our club in the event at the National Meet in Ipswich with a car specially prepared by the Cribben Family... Sure to be one of the fastest.

Ever thought of buying a Hubley and joining the fun??



## Interesting use of the fuse switch!!!!

Should you have little electrical knowledge and need to reset your timing or should your car develop an electrical short when travelling, the following information could be of assistance. Provided you have a main fuse holder installed all that will be needed is a light



globe having the same voltage as your battery. If there is a festoon ie double ended globe available such as used in turn indicator lights this can be used. In the photograph it will be seen that the fuse has been removed and a double ended globe is resting upon the end clips of the fuse holder. Provided there is no corrosion, sufficient electrical contact should be achieved but the globe should not be pressed in as this will badly distort the fuse holder clips. If such a globe is not available then an ordinary lamp globe fitted with leads and alligator clips will need to be carried.

### Application No 1. Timing

Assume you wish to check the timing using the lamp and need to determine when the points just open. All other loads such as headlights, dash light etc must be turned off. The ignition is then turned on and the engine is cranked over by hand. Whilst ever the ignition points are closed the test lamp will be lit as

shown in the photograph. The instant the points open, the lamp is extinguished and this is also the instant at which the ignition spark occurs.

### Application No 2. Electrical short.

Assume that a short circuit has occurred in the car's wiring as indicated by the ammeter or presence of smoke and you can't decide where the short is because each time you insert a fuse the fuse blows. With the fuse removed place the test lamp across the fuse holder clips as shown in the photograph and because of the short, the lamp will light. There is no need for panic or haste as the lamp will limit the current flowing and cannot cause any damage as no matter how extensive is the short the lamp will not burn out. The short is isolated by undoing and then reconnecting wires throughout the car one by one until a particular wire is found where on disconnection this causes the lamp to extinguish. The wire is then traced throughout its length until the location of the short is found. It will usually be found to be caused either by a shorted component connected to that wire, stuck generator cut out relay or a dislodged or chaffed wire.

Contributed by Trevor Davis

## February Maintenance Day was huge....

Thanks once again to Neville and Annette Jones for putting on a fabulous Maintenance Day. 34 Model A members turned up from far and wide. They had plenty to eat and drink, as well as lots of discussions on maintaining your Model A. Particular emphasis was on prepping your vehicle for the run to Ipswich. I think some of us thought at the end we would drive our modern up, with all the prep required.. A real Model A'ers day, discussions, drinks &

food. Come along and enjoy the day..



## Club Events - Be cool, be there.

### **Sunday 19th February - Sir Joseph Banks Pleasure Gardens Botany**



Meet at the Pleasure Grounds Car-park at 10am. The entrance is at the end of Fremlin Street, Botany. Turn off into Fremlin Street from Botany Road (Subway is opposite).

BBQs are available if required. Need more info call Norm Bosher 9871 2030 or Tom Virgona 9809 6350

### **March National Meet Ipswich 16 - 30th March**

Anyone looking for accommodation in Ipswich, please call Neil Finn, he has a booking for a double room at the Ipswich City Motel which is now available...9584-1304 0404-855-541

### **Sunday 15th April Rouse Hill House**



Arrive 9:30am at the Visitors Centre for tea/coffee at 10am. A tour of the property & house will commence at 10.30am. This requires some walking, so wear appropriate shoes

please. Cost \$8pp or \$4 concession for the tour. BYO picnic lunch. For details & if you need assistance with walking call Peter Wigzell as a Golf Buggy can run people up to the house... 9837-24900419-259-056

**May Run**—to Zig Zag Railway in planning

**2nd June Maintenance Day** Neville & Annette Jones.

### **Invitation Events**

**February 26th is the 2012 Motor Enthusiasts Conference - Eastern Creek** All enthusiasts welcome to attend. Gate 4 off Peter Brock Drive and conference starts at 9am

### **11th March - Static car display Linwood House**

We have been invited to display our cars in the grounds of Linwood House, 25 Byron Road, Guildford. House opens at 9am for tours, but display cars should arrive from 9am. There will be refreshments available on sale throughout the day, plus arts and crafts stalls.. The Ford Car Club has also been invited. Contact is Dorothy Warwick 0412 606 644

### **20th May Tilligery Motorama at Tilligery RSL**

Tilligery is 40km north of Newcastle located in Port Stephens. Over the last two years they have raised \$29,000.00 for the Nicholas Trust, which supports paediatric palliative care. The Motorama plays a big part in this fund raising, and they expect over 4,500 people to attend. The vehicle static display also includes live music, helicopter rides, stalls and food and drinks. They are hoping for 300 cars, and the entry fee is \$10 which goes to this very worthwhile charity. Entry details contact Don or Linda Barrett 0427 450 911

## **January run to Deepwater Park transferred to the Finn's with thanks!!!**

Mal & Nola Bradley and other early birds arrived to find the area wet and muddy, meanwhile Neil & Pat Finn invited Mal to relocate the outing to their residence nearby where we could all be undercover if Hughie decided to "send 'er down".

Mal remained at Deepwater Park for a while, progressively re-directing arrivals while Neil, Pat and some of their family prepared to receive the invasion. Marie Hyland laid out supplies for the BBQ which was very capably followed through by Master Chefs Don Huckstepp and Arthur Bates. We all quickly settled into the delightful forest like surroundings and although more than forty people attended there was ample space to accommodate us comfortably. The ten or so Model A's parked around the area attracted lots of interest from passers by, including one who has his old "Model A"

family car stored away for that often quoted day when he will get around to restoring it.

Lots of interesting and instructive information was exchanged within the various discussion groups while Neil delighted in demonstrating his state of the art retractable awnings to guests seated at a table longer than a model A. Thankfully the rain did not return and as we became tuckered up and talked out each car decided that it was time to return its' occupants back to their respective homes.

A huge Vote Of THANKS to all who were involved in making the afternoon a relaxed and enjoyable event with special thanks to Neil and Pat Finn for their grand hospitality.

Regards to all, Tom Virgona





## Wednesday Wanderer's Events



### Wednesday Wanderers Manly Wander on 1st February 2012

After refreshments at "The Gateway" food court on a grey morning with intermittent rain seventeen Intrepid sailors including visitors Pam and Jan cast off aboard one of the medium sized "Lady" class ferries for an exciting Rock and roll ride out of Sydney Harbor and around the headland to Manly. The ride was something like doing figure eights on a rocky road in an A Ford with no shock absorbers in very slow motion.

A leisurely stroll through the Corso retrieved many memories from years past, but only a couple of the traditional retail shops remain, such as the fish shop and ice cream parlor located near the beach, however there was plenty of retail therapy to tempt anybody with a dollar or two to spare. When it was time to dine our hunger and

thirst found succor at the Ivanhoe Pub where the excellent cuisine was reasonably priced.

Time caught up and as we headed for the return trip a few chose to vary their traveling experience and return by bus but I feel that the return trip on the larger freshwater class ferry which can carry 1100 passengers was awesome since it rode the waves like a Fairlane on a freeway, back to Circular Quay where we split up to each wander home.

Another great Wednesday outing thanks to Barbara and Norm Bosher.

*Cheers for now , Tom Virgona*

### Wednesday Wanderers 8th March, NSW Mounted Police Stables



Wednesday Wanderers run in March will be on THURSDAY 8th March 2012. It will be a guided tour of the Sydney Mounted Police Stables at Baptist Street, Redfern.

We will gather at the Gateway Food Court at Circular Quay by 9:30am. From there we will head off at 9:40am for the bus

which leaves at 9:55am.

No charge for the tour, but it is suggested that we take an apple and a carrot for the horses. They are friendlier if tempted with a snack.

Any enquiries please call Tom Virgona 9809 6350.

*4th April to Gosford with Lady Lunch-a-lot*

## Australia Day January 2012



Taxi - call Jim cash only



Some of the troops



Big day out, now sleep time

## Peter Butlers Model A Ute

In our April 2010 newsletter an event report on a visit to the Valley Heights Locomotive Depot Heritage Museum said "After a picnic lunch several of us went off to look at a Model A for sale. It was so rusted out that Craig Finney felt he could only offer as much as \$150. I didn't think anyone would do better but I learnt later that someone from the museum secured the rusted hulk. Jolly good luck to him as he will need it... Report by Trevor Davis"

Well here is the wreck & its restorer, Peter Butler, a new member...

It came from Springwood in the Blue Mountains where it had been stored for approx. 30 years in pieces. Didn't know what I was buying, but it took me 14 months to rebuild and register. Did the work myself with the help from a neighbour. "I really wanted another Dodge but this looked interesting, never seen one before." Now I would like another Model A, closed cab would be nice, at the right price..

During the resto I wondered why the body hung over the chassis, strange, not realising there was a sub chassis made of wood missing. So I made it out of 25 x 50 RHS steel with a lot of guess work. The rear guards are of H/Duty trailer type. Trying to get some 34 ford wheels & tyres on it soon.



## THEN & NOW



Regards...Pete Butler

## Market Place

- For Sale.** 1929 Tudor, Grey leather upholstery, good reliable car, sky blue with grey swaging, tinted safety glass, whitewall tyres, **Call Larry Smith on 02 44485009** or email [gail27@tpg.com.au](mailto:gail27@tpg.com.au) \$ 25,000
- For Sale:** Model A motor CA98980 complete with manifolds, flywheel, clutch, generator plus spare flywheel and bell housing, two radiators in poor condition- possibly ok for tank parts. \$300 **contact John Vickery 02 4625 5645**
- For Sale:** Powerhouse carbon 5 brush sets new old stock, limited number available \$60.00 per set of 5 brushes including postage. **contact John Everett 0408 852 878. 0297734941.**
- Wanted:** one oval speedo required in working order ( if possible ) **Mal Bradley 95226614 or 0431764103**
- Wanted:** Model A any condition **Mick Rock 4572 8543**
- Wanted:** Windscreen Fill strip that bolts to fuel tank under windscreen frame for 29 Closed Cab Tudor Pick Up. Also 17" 1933 Ford Wheels. **Call Des Fitzgerald 02 9605 6026 or his mobile 0421 084 170.**
- Wanted:** Original Slotted Head Screws Wood - **Neville Jones 9639 6350**
- Wanted:** Two tooth steering box for Model A. **John McMurray 0434 077 247**
- Wanted:** Information on suitable repairer of Model A "Oval Stewart Warner" (MPH) speedometer. Contact Barry Rose on 0263821191 or 0427885991 or [barry-rose@netspace.net.au](mailto:barry-rose@netspace.net.au)



More Motorfest Photos....

# Suggested Model A Pre Trip Maintenance

By Greg Cribbin

The following is suggested maintenance to use as a guide for an already well maintained / running car prior to a long trip.

1. Drain and replace diff, gearbox and engine oils and ensure levels are correct.
2. Clean distributor cam and regrease, clean points and adjust point gap to 0.018". Check and adjust engine / ignition timing.
3. Oil the distributor shaft bush. This will need to be done at least daily, preferably before you set off each day and again at the lunch stop. Remember this is the only lubrication the distributor shaft bushes get.
4. Check spark plug gap and set to 0.035".
5. Check condition of water pump drive belt. Replace if required and ensure belt is adjusted correctly.
6. Drain cooling system, remove radiator hoses and reverse flush radiator and engine block.
7. Check condition of hoses and replace as required. Refit hoses and refill with the appropriate coolant.
8. Remove front floor and:
  - \* check battery electrolyte levels and adjust as required.
  - \* ensure battery leads and terminals are clean.
  - \* remove bell housing inspection cover and grease clutch thrust bearing slide. (1 -2 pumps only).
  - \* Grease pedal shaft bushes.
9. Grease all remaining grease nipples including all spring shackles, rear wheel bearings, brake shafts, universal joint, steering joints and king pins.
10. Ensure leaf springs flex freely, if not jack vehicle up under the chassis and allow spring to hang free, drive a taper wedge between two leaves and work grease / lubricant between the leaves. When removing the tapered wedge ensure safety glasses are worn. Do this for each spring leave and each corner of the car.
11. Remove front hubs, clean, repack and adjust the front wheel bearings cleaning and checking the condition of the front brakes at the same time.
12. Adjust all brakes after also cleaning and checking the condition of the rear brakes. Ensure both service and park brakes work on all of the appropriate wheels.
13. Check operation of wiper and also the condition of the wiper blade rubber and replace if necessary.
14. Remove speedo cable and lubricate with grease and reassemble. Top up steering box lubricant and also oil the top and centre steering shaft bushes.
15. Remove rear cover from the horn and lubricate the armature shaft bushes and clean the commutator.
16. Check wheel rims for cracks and ensure wheel nut tapered seats are not worn.
17. Check tyres and ensure the pressures are correct. Don't forget the spare!
18. Clean all sediment from the fuel sediment bowl.
19. Check operation of all lights.
20. Check charge rate of generator is sufficient and if driving after dark ensure charge rate is slightly higher than the amount of drain on the system with all the lights "ON".
21. Remove the starter motor and lubricate the front and rear bushes and also check the starter bendix bolts are tight.
22. Whilst travelling be prepared to take your time and travel at a speed less than the indicated highway speed limits and keep a watchful eye on the water temp.
23. Last but not least, enjoy your trip and remind any passenger that complains about the comfort or anything else that a third class ride is always better than a first class walk!

