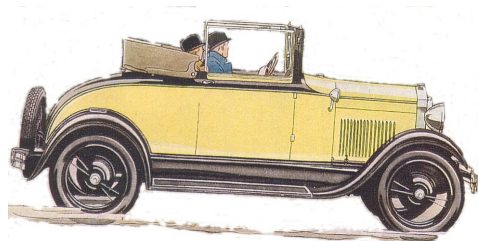


Model A Flyer



Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

Web site www.modelafordclubofnsw.com.au

JANUARY 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



A very happy new year to all Model A Club members. I hope your Christmas celebrations were warm and fuzzy. With the festive season just about behind us, it is time to get down to the serious business of having fun this year.

Our January meeting is usually one of the smallest of the year, but not so this year, we enjoyed a bumper roll out with many Club members tickling our fancy with exciting runs planned for the near future. These extended runs will be held as well as our normal monthly Club runs, so there will be plenty to choose from, with something to suit everyone I hope. The 2 to 4 day runs which are planned have been specifically designed so that all country Club members will have a run within easy reach. The idea is to encourage mixing between city and country members and to provide the country members with technical sessions where their mechanical problems can be addressed. It will be wonderful if all country members can make a special effort to join in their local run.

A very warm welcome to our newest members, Jan and Ken Shepherd who hail from the western fringe of Sydney. I am sure you will find your fellow Club members welcoming and inclusive. It would be lovely if you could join us on a monthly run in the not too distant future. If you are uncertain what to bring with you on your first picnic just ring a Committee member. You will find their phone numbers on the back page of this flyer.

Our first overnight trip this year is to Cowra and is being co-ordinated by Pam and Larry Gee both of whom have already put in a lot of time planning a series of delights for us. So far it appears to be a popular trip so we are off to a good start for the year.

This year is all about making memories, so please join in as many activities as you can and/or plan some type of outing for the Club.

A little forward notice... there will be no April meeting as the second Friday falls on Good Friday.

Remember you can never have too many Model A's, they are a better investment than the stock market.

Safe driving always, best wishes Kate Taylor

Club News From The December General Meeting

Members are reminded that if they have not as yet renewed their membership and have a vehicle on conditional registration, their vehicle will be legally void of registration and insurance.

Xmas greetings were received from Gwen Livingstone and Sid and Mary Turner at Cootamundra. We also received from Geoff Buggie, our inaugural Club President of 1970, several donated items which will be held in the club library.

Club Events—Be cool, be there.

17th January, Saturday 2009. New Year BBQ. Meet 3.30 pm at Lambeth St Reserve, Henry Lawson Drive, Picnic Point. Bring chairs etc. Enquiries John Hyland (02) 4657 1734.

26th January, Monday 2009. NRMA Motorfest. Assemble at 6 am in the Domain Car Park. By now those who applied should have received notification details. Although an early start please come on time so that we can park our cars all together.

14th February, Saturday 2009. Powerhouse Discovery Centre at 172 Showground Rd Castle Hill. Website is castlehill.powerhousemuseum.com. Meet at 9.30 am sharp and as there is a limit of 17 cars and 20 people you need to place your name now on a list held by Peter Wigzell (02) 9837 2490. Enter from Windsor Rd into Showground Rd and look for our Model A sign at the only entrance which will be on your immediate left.

20th Friday-23rd Monday March 2009. Country Run to Cowra. See attached sheet to this Flyer for further details of what promises to be a great event. 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. This event requires a prompt response by members as a group booking is being made for the walk and also a booking must be made should members require lunch at the café. The cost of the walk is \$15 for adults, seniors are \$13.50 and children \$7.50. For extensive information on this walk see www.illawarrafly.com.au. If interested please contact organisers Ken and Sandra Young on (02) 4677 2446 as soon as possible so planning for the group booking can begin. Some may wish to consider staying overnight at Robertson and return home on Monday. Details of the café menu and prices will be available at the next general meeting.

Thought for the month-

Hard work never killed anybody -

But why take the risk!

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CLUB INVITATION EVENT:

9th-13th April 2009. 9th National Model A Rally at Taupo New Zealand.

OTHER EVENTS:

15th February, Sunday 2009. Sydney Super Swap at Hawkesbury Showground. Information 0410 44 SWAP email vvcaa@optusnet.com.au

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 Events

4th February, Wednesday 2009. Museum of Australian Currency Notes at the Reserve Bank of Australia & also the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. Meet at 9.45 am at the Lindt Chocolate Café on the corner of Martin Place and Phillip St for morning tea. Then we will go to the Museum at the Reserve Bank at 65 Martin Place. Following this we will go to the Commonwealth Bank at 48 Martin Place to view the historic restoration of the banking chamber and the exterior of the bank vaults. Lunch can be at the NSW Leagues Club Bistro or an alternative venue if desired. Enquiries Barb Bosher 9871 2030.

4th March, Wednesday 2009. Woolwich Dock at Hunters Hill. Details next Flyer.

A Tale from Yesteryear

'The Going Thing' (now the Flyer) Oct-Dec 1975

Mr Editor,

I don't know whether Eddie Tabone mentioned the incident, but on the run to Cootamundra his car was backfiring and playing up. In the town of Wombat (real name given to protect the innocent) a backfire almost gave some local patrons heart attack (very bad), some almost dropped their beers (even worse).

A stop was found necessary a few miles further on, on a wide, flat, open piece of country road. The distributor was carefully inspected and disassembled to check its various adjustments.

Suddenly, brought to the alert by the wail of wives and screams of children, we happened to notice a four foot long red-bellied black snake crossing the road immediately behind us. Retiring to the roof of the vehicle, a degree of security seemed promising. The illusion was soon shattered when a passing car ran over the snake and whipped it into the air.

On landing, the snake proceeded to head for the shelter afforded by the car, but possibly because of the hooting and screaming, continued on into the bush. In a flash of lightning and a change of underpants, the distributor was replaced and before you could bat an eyelid, two "A" Fords disappeared over the horizon.

Anon.

(By the editor: I think I have recognised something in the writing style and believe this was written either by Ron Cox or Jim Allingham.)

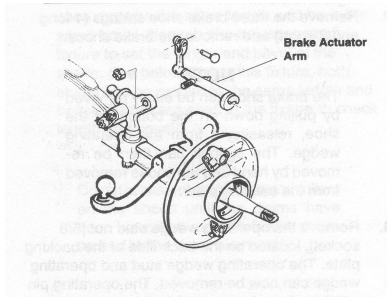
Technical Comment



This photograph shows an operating or actuator pin which fits within the king pin and is part of the front brake mechanism. This is of particular interest in that it has been elongated apparently by a 'village blacksmith' by hammering after heating. The purpose was to allow the operating lever, which is pulled by the brake rod, to lean slightly forward when there is wear in the system. This is probably not a bad idea and perhaps better than using operating pin caps which can slip out of position.



This photograph shows one end of a front brake operating pin which has suffered scoring by rubbing on the inside of the king pin. It has occurred due to the brake actuator arm not being full engaged with the cup on the top of the king pin. (Refer to the figure below). The cause can be due to a number of things such as:



(1) the hole for the brake actuator arm mounting stud having been enlarged to allow easy removal of the arm - normally the king pin needs to be rotated slightly to allow this.

(2) the spring perch being bent.

(3) the axle being bent in the region to the outside of the perch.

(4) the bushes for the king pin being reamed misaligned to the centre line of the front axle spindle assembly.

(5) a combination of the above resulting in the design geometric tolerance of the whole assembly being exceeded.

To obtain better engagement of the brake actuator arm with the king pin one simple remedy is to fill weld and redrill the locating hole for the arm.

Market Place

For Sale: 1928 Model A truck. Body panels good and runs soundly. Reconditioned radiator, starter motor and generator. New battery. Chassis No 00088. Asking \$11,000.
Tony Jasprizza (02) 9653 1866
(M) 0418 845 417
email atfn@bigpond.net.au



For Sale: 2008 National Meet DVD \$20 includes postage. **Trevor Davis (02) 9484 5116.**

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