
Model A Flyer



Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

Web site www.modelafordclubofnsw.com.au

JANUARY 2012

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

Hi there and a Happy New Year to all. It was good to see a large attendance at the January meeting. Thanks to Barb Boshier for her short talk on how things have changed over the years gone by. I'm sure if the kids of today new what it was like back then perhaps they may have a different attitude. Our new member Peter Butler was welcomed to the meeting; Peter has a 28 Pickup.



We hope to see as many as possible at the Twilight BBQ, we usually get an excellent roll up.

If you plan to attend the run to Mudgee please contact Ian Ray ASAP on 4966 4926.

Our parking spot for the Motorfest looks to be in our usual position, however my colour seems to be a little different. That's ok, it's probably a little presidential treatment, don't know how they found out.

Don't forget those who are going to Ipswich need to have their Meal Forms back by the end of the month. Cheerio for now. Mal.

2012 National Meet at Ipswich Meal Forms.

Remember if you are attending the Ipswich National Meet and want to be fed, you need to have your meal forms in by the end of this month, this also includes the Gala dinner on Friday night..

Cut off date 31 January..

**Be advised the 2014 National Meet is in
Busselton, Western Australia**

Welcome to new members Peter & Carolyn Butler

Welcome aboard Peter & Carolyn Butler from the Mt Riverview in The Blue Mountains.

They are neighbours of the Dikemans' and own a 1928 Pickup. Peter got it as a pile of junk on a chasis and now has just about rebuilt it...Peter is also into steam engines..



Distributors and Head Gaskets..

Those members who travel far from home and in particular those who are driving to the National Meet at Ipswich may find the following of interest. I have had trouble with the currently available copper head gaskets on both of my Model As through wicking of coolant through the asbestos inner layer. Apart from causing an unsightly mess on the side of the engine block there has also been internal leakage which resulted in a major problem in that when trying to replace a head gasket the distributor body was found to be stuck in the cylinder head. This is intended therefore to alert club members should their head gasket fail when travelling. Without a special puller designed to remove the distributor it could be very difficult therefore to replace the cylinder head gasket.

Due to leakage elsewhere there may also be rust around the cylinder head bolts making it very difficult to remove the cylinder head. Les Andrews in his maintenance book recommends undoing the head bolt nuts several turns and then attempting to start the engine which will lift the head away from the block.

As I did not have a special puller I attempted to remove the distributor by using two tapered wedges beneath the distributor body and the cylinder head using gentle force but alas to no avail. Eventually I had to use so much

force that the distributor body broke in two as shown in the photograph and required replacement. If this had happened far from home I would have been in serious trouble without a spare distributor.

It is recommended that a check be made that the distributor is not stuck in the cylinder head by backing off the lock nut and retaining screw and pulling upwards a small amount. It only takes about a minute or so to confirm whether the distributor is free. If free there should be no need to fully remove the distributor. If the distributor is stuck however then the use of a special puller may be required.

Such a puller attaches to the thread at the top end of the distributor shaft to which the cam is fastened and is available from parts suppliers though very expensive.

It is further recommended that use of copper head gaskets presently available be avoided as poor quality due to coolant wicking is a real problem. The new composite gaskets with high temperature silicone sealant tracks I have found to be excellent. Comments on your own experience with head gaskets are welcome and could help others.

Contributed by Trevor Davis



Do you need chrome work done..

Member Neville Jones advised that there was an excellent chromer located in Coffs Harbour. Although some distance away from Sydney for the city members, apparently this chap does an outstanding job. See his business card at right.

Des Fitzgerald also mentioned an excellent chromer called All Bumper Chroming at 1/176 Memorial Ave Ingleburn. Call Peter 0438 084 170. They seal with copper prior to chroming and are reasonably priced & guarantee their work.

*Chrome Plating – Metal Polishing
Plastic & Chrome Bumper Bars*

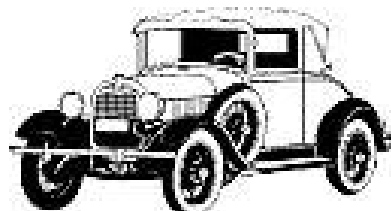
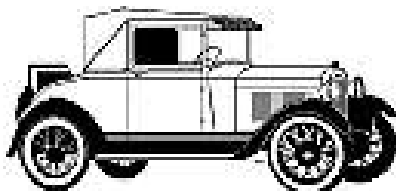
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Club Events - Be cool, be there.

21st January, Saturday 2012. Twilight BBQ at Deepwater Park. Henry Lawson Drive Milperra. *March National Meet Ipswich 16 - 30th March*

The club will provide bread, sausages and sauces. 3pm start.

26th January, Thursday 2012. NRMA 2012 Motorfest. Ticket holders only, usual spot..

Saturday 4th February – Maintenance Day at Neville & Annette Jones... Discussion will centre on preparing your car for Ipswich. Call Neville to advise of your attendance please. 9639-7044 or 0428-293-301

Sunday 19th February - Sir Joseph Banks Pleasure Gardens Botany Meet at the Pleasure Grounds Carpark 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

Sunday 15th April Rouse Hill House
More details to follow in February newsletter..



Proposed run to Gulgong & Mudgee 4th - 6th May - who wants to go!!!

Ian Ray, a Hunter Area member is organising a trip to the Mudgee/Gulgong area and is inviting all members to join them. Hunter members are meeting at Maitland 9am on Friday 4th May. Sydney members might like to meet at the Glenbrook Information Centre at 9am.

If interested in this weekend away call Ian 4966 4926 or 0408 688 106 before 20th January so accommodation can be booked.

The scenery on the Castlereagh Hwy from Lithgow is spectacular, well worth the drive..

Market Place

- Urgently Needed Part** I need a rear brake drum for the Town Sedan which I intend to drive to Ipswich. As long as the wall thickness is more than 0.110 inches thick I will be content - Les Andrews advises 0.120 inches in his book. **Trevor Davis (02) 94845116.**
- Wanted:** Repairable passenger side 28-29 rear roadster guard **John Everett 97734941 or 0408 852 878**
- 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:** Member **Col Frost** would like a restored Model A Ford. **Please call on 9873-1953 or 0412-664-059**
- Wanted:** Original Slotted Head Screws Wood - **Neville Jones 9639 6350**

Very popular two tooth steering boxes.....

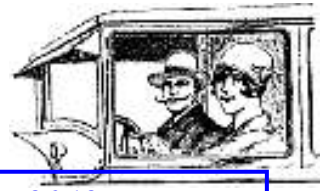
- Wanted:** Two tooth steering box for Model A. **John McMurray 0434 077 247**
- Wanted:** Two tooth steering box for Model A **Ron Williams 9872-1381 0427-868-197**
- Wanted:** Two tooth steering box for Model A **Ian Ray 4966-4926 0408-688-106**

Anyone looking for a two tooth steering box, might call this gentleman who recently advertised on ebay..

This is an original Ford Model A steering column, box, steering wheel and light switch to suit models 1928 to 1931. The column and steering wheel are in very good condition and is in working order and also has the original light switch still attached to the end on the column.

If you have any inquiries feel free to call me on **0418153767**. **Thanks Scott Nieass for the info**

Wednesday Wanderer's Events



Wednesday Wanderers Manly Wander on 1st February 2012

Meet at 9:30am at the Quayside Gateway Food Court for morning tea. We will then catch the 10:30am ferry to Manly "seven miles from Sydney, a thousand miles from care".

We will walk from the Corso to Fairy Bower if it is not too hot and enjoy a fish and chip lunch by the ocean. Enquiries please call Barb Boshier 9871 2030



Wednesday Wanderers 8th March, NSW Mounted Police Stables

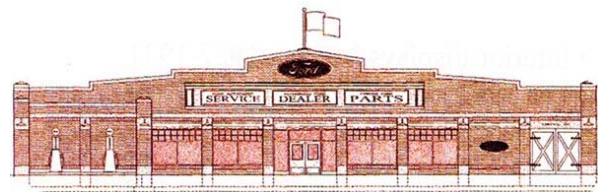


Wednesday Wanderers run in March will be on THURSDAY 8th March 2012. It will be a guided tour of the Sydney Mounted Police Stables at Baptist Street, Redfern. We will gather at the Gateway Food Court at Circular Quay by 9:30am. From there we will head off at 9:40am for the bus

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.

UPDATE

December 29 - MODEL "A" MUSEUM GROUND-BREAKING APRIL 17, 2012



The construction fund is less than \$100,000 short of the amount needed, so every Model A'er is encouraged to make a contribution or buy an engraved walkway brick for their family (\$150) or share the cost of a brick with a friend (\$75- each). D-Day is approaching and the museum will be built if everyone in the Model A hobby provides support. ENGRAVED BRICKS last forever and are a perfect gift for the Holidays, Birthdays and Anniversaries. Also, the engraved bricks make a won-

derful memorial for loyal Model A'ers.) If all goes well in the coming months, the ground-breaking ceremony for the Model A Ford Museum will take place on **April 17, 2012** at the Gilmore site in Michigan. This will be a low key occasion of short duration, saving all the 'Hoopla' for the Grand Opening. **Stan Johnson** MAFFI President

Who was in this photo from the vault???

