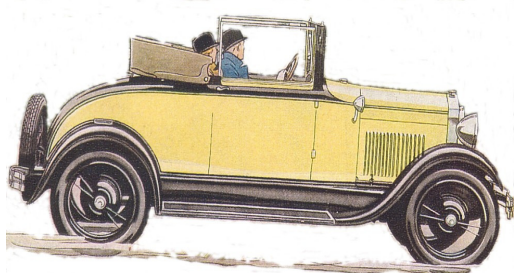


# Model A Flyer



Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

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

**JULY 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



I invite each member to help with the cost of the 40th anniversary celebrations by buying raffle tickets. A book of 10 tickets at \$2 each is enclosed. It is not very often that the club has done this and we hope that members will not mind as this is a special occasion. The photograph shows the two prizes, 1st is a four burner BBQ and 2nd is a glass top table with chairs. These have been donated by Bunnings Norwest after some persuasive talking to by Neville Jones. The total retail value of these prizes is \$700. Those members who receive the Flyer by email will have tickets posted to them. We ask that you return all tickets sold or unsold by 12th October 2010.



The photo which appeared in this column last time was identified by Greg Cribbin as having been taken at Parramatta Park. Also identified by some of our members were John Everett, Vivien Tabone, Marion Cook and her mother but no one noticed Robyn Bland. None of the children were identified as it was apparently too long ago and are now grownups.

We welcome the following new members and hope they have an enjoyable time with us. Jim & Carmen Gauci of Glenwood, who now own the Bailey's 1928 Fordor leatherback, Keith & Anne Smith of Bexley who own a 1929 roadster and Boro & Erene Mihajlovic who also own a 1929 roadster. My apology to new member

Noma Barker of Dubbo who was incorrectly named and welcomed as Norma in the last Flyer. My computer should know better to make such spelling mistakes.

I continue to be amazed that our club membership, which reached 134 this month, continues to mount up irrespective of much doom and gloom expressed by some over the past twenty years or so that our numbers must decrease because of eventual decline in interest by young people in old cars. Does anyone have any thoughts of why this is not happening? I belong also to the Model T Club and this appears to be a similar situation with its members. The last Model T was made in 1927 and there are very few of the current membership who belong to that era. It was 1970 before I first acquired and drove a Model T.

Time is getting a bit short so if you are intending to go to the seminar and country meet at Tamworth in September please contact Neville Jones (02) 9639 7044 or (M) 0428 293 301 ASAP. (See the events column for details.)

There is still time should you wish to come to the Xmas In July party to be held this Saturday the 17th. Details are given in the events column and Phil Dalton on (02) 4659 6075 is waiting to hear from you to finalise seating arrangements. We went in our Model A last year and hope more members will do the same this year.

Those who have ordered club shirts are requested to send payment of \$35 per shirt directly by post to Neville and Annette Jones's address ASAP so the shirts can be ordered in bulk.

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

Trevor Davis

## Club News & Twitter

Neville Jones is having an operation on a big toe on Thursday 15th of July and expects to be laid up for at least 6 weeks. For such an active person Annette is going to have her hands full making sure he follows the doctor's instructions.

Ken Young advised per email during their recent trip around Australia that he won the Northern Territory Queens Championship in long range full bore target rifle shooting. Congratulations Ken and it is great to see you again. Ken hopes to do well also in the National Championships.

Gail Huckstepp came to the July meeting and said her arm which had been broken recently was well on the way to becoming mended.

Greg Cribbin supplied the following You Tube item address on the first assembly lines at the original Ford auto plant which he advised is brilliant.

[http://www.youtube.com/swf/l.swf?video\\_id=S4KrIMZpwCY](http://www.youtube.com/swf/l.swf?video_id=S4KrIMZpwCY)

### Club Events—Be cool, be there.

**17th July, Saturday 2010. Xmas in July lunch at the Camden Valley Inn, Remembrance Drive South Camden.** Please phone **Phil Dalton on 4659 6075** if coming. We ask that you bring a small gift between \$5 to \$10 value wrapped in green for ladies and red for men so Santa can give them out at random.

**24th July, Saturday 2010. Eastern Creek Swap Meet and Track Racing.** From 7 am.

**25th July, Sunday 2010. All Fords Day, Eastern Creek.** Ron Doyle requires members to help with parking. Please help if you can. Tickets must be placed on the windscreen.

**15th August, Sunday 2010. Whalan Reserve 1/10 Scale Electric On Road Club Challenge.** Meet at 9.30 am at the reserve. The entrance is off Debrincat Ave at Tregear about 100metres west of Wilkes Cres. Follow the road through the centre of the reserve to the track. Racing commences at approx 8.30 am. Stay until about 11am or longer if you wish to watch the quicker classes compete at speeds of up to 100kmh in modified class. Then travel to the lookout in Western Sydney Regional Park at Horsley Park. Turn off Wallgrove Rd into Saxony Rd & then right into Border Rd for a brief stop and then onto Western Sydney Regional Park facilities just off Elizabeth Drive for lunch. Enquiries Greg Cribbin 9631 6063.

**22nd August, Sunday 2010. CMC Display Day Eastern Creek.** Prepaid ticket to be on windscreen.

**19th September, Sunday 2010.** Combined run with Central Coast Club. Brooklyn under consideration.

**24th Friday - 27th Monday, September, 2010. Seminar & Country Meet at Tamworth.** Arrive Friday with seminar starting 10 am Saturday with lunch being catered for at the home of Geoff Bennett 10 Gipps St Tamworth. Saturday night dinner to be selected. Sunday will be a run to Nundle for lunch. Either return to Tamworth for the night or return home from Nundle, your choice. This weekend is about meeting our country members and helping them in any way we can. If you know any country people with Model A's who could like to attend please let them and us know. We have chosen the motels below as they are close to where the seminar will be held and close to town. Please book your accommodation ASAP and advise the motel staff you are part of the Model A Club booking. As there are weddings on the same weekend and is also in school holidays please book quickly. **Cadman Motor Inn 103 Ebsworth St Tamworth 02 6765 3333, Golden Grain Motor Inn 228 Goonoo Goonoo Rd Tamworth 02 6765 3599, Roydons Motor Inn 110b Church St Tamworth 02 6765 7355.** More information is to follow about the weekend. Urgent if coming so please phone **Neville Jones (02) 9639 7044 or (M) 0428 293 301.** We need to know numbers for booking and catering. Looking forward to meeting you all.

**17th October, Sunday 2010. Memorial Run, Sir Joseph Banks Park at Botany.** Enter via Tupia St. Club BBQ, Shed gazebo, childrens playground & bike track available.

Enquiries Jim & Maureen Allingham (02) 9522 6094.

**12th/14th November 2010. Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc 40th Anniversary.** For information and enquiries phone Neville Jones(02) 9639 7044 (M) 0428 293 301.

**26th - 30th March 2012. MAFC Qld National Meet.** Early bird registration forms are available from Model A Ford Club of Qld Inc. 1376 Old Cleveland Rd, Carindale QLD 4152.

**INVITATION RUNS** ( For information on all the below phone Secretary Greg Cribbin (02) 9631 6063.)

**18th July, Sunday 2010 Sydney Model Car & Toy swap meet at Penrith Panthers.**

**21st August, Saturday 2010. Bedgerebong & McFeeters Motor Museum Forbes.**

**21st August, Saturday 2010. The Bedgerebong Show.** (35 Kms west of Forbes.)

**11-12th Sat /Sunday September 2010. Northwest Annual Swap Meet at Gunnedah Showground.**

**12th September, Sunday 2010. Baulkham Hills Fest at the Bull and Bush Hotel.**

**19th September, Sunday 2010. Burwood Spring Festival.**

**3rd October, Sunday 2010. Ben Hall Festival Forbes Showground.**

**6/7th Sat/Sunday November 2010. Shoalhaven Historic Vehicle 40th Anniversary Rally.**

## Events Reports

### 20th June, Sunday 2010. Visit To Baha'i Temple, Ingleside.



We met at the St Ives Showground for morning tea and lunch. If you haven't been there, this is quite an interesting place to visit. There were 5 Model A's attending which included Leon Panov's 1930 roadster. Good on you Leon in making the effort to drive all the way down from Redhead and chancing life and limb with the semi trailers going full belt.

At the temple we were permitted to park in a special area close to the information centre. We were shown a video of the plight of refugees in Asia and Africa, it being International Refugee Week. The video was made however I think in 1999 so we wondered what was the current situation. Afterwards we went to the temple where

we were requested to be very quiet and we were. Inside the temple is just as beautiful as the outside. Thank you Neville and Annette Jones for arranging this interesting tour.

By TD.

### 3rd July, Saturday 2010. Maintenance Day.



The general public must have wondered why there were 11 Model A's parked in the street, 3 of these being on the Jones's front lawn. Seen for the first time were Danny and Wendy Jones who brought their 1928 AR Model A phaeton on a trailer. John Hextall and John Murdock from the Central Coast Club also attended. Those present heard with considerable interest all the finer points of Model A maintenance by Neville Jones, Greg Cribbin and Mal Bradley. This was followed by a demonstration of panel beating by William Gallo with support from Neville Jones.

Panel beating is something I will leave to the professionals as I was told that you can spend almost a decade attending tech classes if you wish to be proficient. There can be no question that there is considerable interest in the maintenance of Model A's. Those new to this service must find it very helpful. Even the oldies find there is always something they did not know. Thanks to Neville and Annette Jones for their hospitality in holding the event at their home and preparing morning tea and the BBQ lunch. All members should consider coming to maintenance days.

By TD.



## Wednesday Wanderer's Report

**7th July, Wednesday 2010. Exhibition at Sydney Museum titled "Skint! Making Do In The Great Depression."** If you thought things are a little tough these days this is just the exhibition you should see. Having been born in early 1930 I and my family were to experience poverty. But these were relatively happy times for children for we were brought up with very few expectations. For adults however it must have been a stressful time worrying how to provide for their children. Our Wanderers thought the exhibition was well worthwhile. The museum usually have a number exhibitions on at the same time.

By TD.

## Wednesday Wanderer's Event

**4th August, Wednesday 2010. Concert At The Conservatorium.** Meet at 10.15 am at the Lindt chocolate café opposite the Reserve Bank in Martin Place for morning tea. Lunch to be decided on the day. There is a café at the conservatorium. There is a gold coin donation required for a concert which starts at 1.00 pm and lasts approx 1.5 hours. Prior to the concert we can view the public areas of the conservatorium including an archaeological site. Enquiries Barb Boshier 9871 2030.

## Technical Comments

**Noise From The Timing Gear:** If the timing gear is suspected to be the cause of a clicking noise, Mal Bradley has suggested a test to isolate the problem. Take out the timing pin, reverse it and push hard against the timing gear. If the noise disappears it is likely that the timing gear is defective or worn. There is an element of danger however in doing this with the motor running because of proximity to the fan. It is advisable to crank the engine over by hand and push in the timing pin reversed as previously. It may be found that a click occurs at the same spot every two turns of the crankshaft and this is because of the gear ratio (cont)



between the crankshaft gear and the timing gear. The click is due to the force of valve springs on the camshaft lobes causing a small rotation wherever excessive clearance occurs between the gear teeth.

### **Upper Goose Neck Failure.**

The Model A goose neck casting is very prone to snapping at either of the flange lugs due to a design weakness. Over the years many castings have failed in service. Failure happens because of the bending forces exerted by the two cylinder head bolts if any gasket has been installed between the casting and the cylinder head. The gasket will compress more at the lugs and least in the region in between thus stressing the flange. Even though the Model A was designed to have this gasket, if you have such a gasket in place, we recommend you remove it to avoid future trouble and replace it with Silastic gasket maker or equivalent. Before doing so however check the flatness of the goose neck flange and correct it if necessary by filing or rubbing it on emery paper placed on a flat surface.

PS. Comments and information for this column are always welcome

By Trevor Davis

### **Market Place**

- For Sale:** Six brake drums to suit 1934 Ford. \$60. **Don Bailey (02) 9533 4030 (M) 0404 091 235**
- For Sale:** Crawler tractor Ramson MG5. \$2,500 ONO. **Steve Tate (02) 9817 1404 (M) 0401 199 309.**
- For Sale:** Club badges and club shirts. For availability contact **Neville Jones (02) 9639 7044.**
- For Sale:** Restorer magazines in mint condition \$2 each plus postage. Phone to see what issues are available. Have mostly from early 2007 onwards. **Trevor Davis (02) 9484 5116**
- For Sale:** Lucas tyres with the old Olympic tread. 440/450 x 21" and 475/500 x 19". Both types at \$170 each. Also tubes to suit at \$30 ea. Few sets of each left. Can deliver to Bendigo swap meet. **Rod Wood (MARC V) M 0418 570 065**
- Wanted:** Rear tub for 28/29 phaeton. Springs for rear back rest. Woodwork patterns for 1930 roadster. **Bob Senz (02) 6566 8128.**
- Wanted:** 1930 Model A cowl & petrol tank for an open car. **Craig Finney (02) 9548 2424.**
- Wanted:** Two 19" wheels, two rear brake carrier plates/assemblies, banjo/differential centre housing with ribs at torque tube flange, differential trumpet - wheel bearing surface condition not important, crown wheel and pinion with standard ratio of 34/9 teeth. **Jim Haling (02) 9498 5038 (M) 0431 904 311.**

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