

Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

Web site www.modelafordclubofnsw.com.au

JULY 2011

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 do hope that you are not down in your freezing cold garage working on your Model A like I have been lately. This is a posed photo and I am pretending that I have a part left over - or maybe I have! Not sure what was intended with the hammer however. This might be due to an accident whilst laying under the Model A this week - thought the oil pump was secured but it fell down and hit me on the head. Might have improved my looks a bit!

Concerning news of members we report the following. John and Susan Dikeman are now much improved after their recent accident. Dennis Ashton however is still not fully recovered but is making progress. His coach is back home and whilst there are some problems with repairs will soon be fully operational. Dawn, wife of former president Peter Huckstepp, underwent a serious operation this week and we ask you to keep her in your thoughts for a speedy recovery.

We welcome Colin Frost who became a member at the July meeting and hope his association will be a happy one. He has recently been attending our outings and meetings as a visitor and is now looking for a Model A.

Some country members find that invitation events can present problems to them. The committee has considered this matter and has agreed with advice received from Greg Cribbin that the constitution provides an option to country members to have their local club as their primary club and our club as the secondary club. It is felt this will give more freedom to country members to attend events in their area and therefore recommend that they make this change with their conditional registration.

We would like to have an entry in



concourse judging at 2011 Shannons Eastern Creek Classic. There is a deadline of 1st August to have our entry form returned to Shannons. If you can assist with a vehicle would you please contact Ron Doyle on 9772 3785 ASAP?

A presentation by Don Bailey at the July meeting on furniture restoration was well received. Many thanks Don for your contribution. We are also arranging a presentation for the August meeting but the subject is yet to be decided.

The proposed tour to Birdsville in August has been cancelled due to warnings of flooded creeks posted on the S. Aust. country roads web site. It is hoped however that the tour can be made in August 2012.

It is intended to provide members with an updated membership list in August. Please check your details are still current including addresses, phone numbers and email address. Any changes should be advised to membership director Neville Jones on 9639 7044 by no later than 12th August.

Safe motoring always. Trevor Davis

The Escapades of Richard Payne's Model A Ute - Fanny

Each year we try to drive our 1928 ute somewhere interesting. This year the marriage of our daughter suggested a run which included Canberra, as she had requested Fanny's presence as her wedding car.

Rather than just motor down the Hume, which is rather boring, we did the following:

Day 1 - Central Coast to Wollongong via Royal National Park and the coast road. It was a wet and hairy run but made it through OK;

Day 2 - took us down to Greenwell Point;

Day 3 - was a great drive from Nowra up through Nerriga to Braidwood. I would recommend the road which apart from a couple of dirt stretches is of really high quality.

On day 4 - After fixing a flat tyre we headed into Braidwood and met an old teaching friend of mine. He has a collection of BSA Bantams but after coming for a ride in Fanny, has put a Model A on his shopping list!

The run into Canberra was pretty uneventful except that I had forgotten to fill up with fuel at Braidwood so the gauge was on empty and not moving which is always a bad sign! Luckily Bungendore was close by so we filled up there.

Fanny did her job well as wedding car and we returned to Pretty Beach on Monday with a detour through Mossvale and Bowral.



Fanny has a balanced crank, touring cam, higher compression head, downdraft carburetor and auto ignition advance so cruises easily at 50mph. But this did not stop the Hume from being the worst part of the trip – I really hate it when people roar up from behind to nearly clip you before overtaking!

The photo shows Fanny with an impressive collection of mailboxes down the Cooma Road.

Thanks Richard

More on the Capps NSW to WA run



Helen and I had a very pleasant trouble free trip to W.A. and back in our 83 year old car. We carried water, fuel, parts and tools which thankfully were not needed. Only minor hiccup, a broken self starter at Coolgardie, replaced by a crank handle.

We travelled west via southern routes and came home on the northern ones. Covering 5250 miles or 8500 kilometres at 35 mph or a kilometre an minute. Which often was difficult enough into strong headwinds, with 19.6 mpg

average fuel consumption.

Four days were spent in Perth visiting family members and relatives.

An old vehicle attracts attention with waves, light flashes, horn blows etc from passing traffic which we rather enjoyed. There were many cameras pointed at us from passing traffic. A record of what we overtook amounted to one farm tractor, one man walking and two pushbikes.

Meeting people who approached us because of our vehicle was a real bonus. We spent time with six different couples in W.A. at their homes and sheds, They all had Model A,s as well as other vintage cars.

When Helen and I said what we planned to do, club members and friends showed interest and wished us all the best. To these people we say "Thank You", your interest was very encouraging. But to undertake such a trip with roads, services, communications etc the way they are is really no big deal and for us was just so enjoyable.

What we say (if at all possible) is get out your old toy and HIT THE ROAD.

Thanks for the article and picture Keith.

All Model A members... to keep this newsletter interesting, we need your input. Send me a photo and a story about your Model A, your Model A adventure or in fact anything about Model A's. I will then maybe edit it down, but will definitely get it into one of our newsletters... Thank god for cub reporter Trevor Davis at this stage...

Club Events—Be cool, be there.

16th July, Saturday 2011. Xmas in July Lunch at Camden Valley Inn, Remembrance Drive Camden. Please bring a gift of value between \$5 to \$10 wrapped in green for ladies and red for men for distribution by Santa. Fifty have booked already so hurry if coming call Phil Dalton 4659 6075.

31st July, Sunday 2011. All Fords Day at Eastern Creek. There will also be the usual swap meet on the Saturday. Entry ticket required for the Sunday obtainable from Ron Doyle on 9772 3785. No goody bags this year, just an envelope with your card and plaque. Ron or Phil will hand them out on the day. Ron still needs two helpers on the Sunday. Can you help?

21st August, Sunday 2011. Shannons CMC Display Day at Eastern Creek. Three helpers are needed for about one hour to assist with parking of cars. Also needed is a concourse car from one of our ticket holders to represent the Club. Please assist if you are able. Contact Ron Doyle on 9772 3785.

3rd September, Saturday 2011. Maintenance Day. Wanting to learn more or having a problem with your Model A, then come along? Venue is at Neville & Annette Jones's residence at 44 Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills. Will start at 10 am with morning tea and finishes with BBQ lunch costing \$5. **Essential for catering purposes** to advise Neville if coming by phoning 9639 7044 or 0248 293 301.

18th September, Sunday 2011. Lugarno Lions Fair. Entry forms are obtainable by phoning Phill Peluso on 0418 428 789 or Neil Thompson (B) 9580 9877 or email carshow@lugarnolions.org.au. Completed forms must be received by organisers by 19th August 2011. Entry fee is \$10 per vehicle and a window sticker must be obtained. Our secretary John Hyland will have forms at the August meeting.

16th October, Sunday 2011. Memorial Day at Holroyd Gardens Park, Holroyd. Entry is in Walpole St. Visit the old brick kilns, memorabilia and Sydney Children's Museum. Enquiries Jim Allingham 9522 6094.

30th October, Sunday to 2nd November, Wednesday 2011. Southern Aurora Train To The Melbourne Cup. Four days and three nights with sleeper car accommodation. Fine food and comfortable nostalgic travel plus visits to Beechworth, Rutherglen, Milawa (Brown Bros) wineries and a stop at Chiltern for a late afternoon stroll. VIP reception and refreshments with exclusive enclosure seating at the race meeting. \$1,995.00 per passenger twin share or single. Discount of \$100 if paid for by 1st July. Meals provided are breakfast (3), lunch (1) and dinner (3). Phone Trevor Davis 9484 516 for

more details or email info@heritageexpress.com.au or phone 9379 1110 for a brochure.

20th November, Sunday 2011. South Coast Motor-life Museum. Enquiries Rob Taylor 9411 5644.

4th December, Sunday 2011. Adults & Children's Xmas Party at Trainworks Limited, Thirlmere. www.trainworks.com.au. Arrive 10 am onwards and enter at 10 Barbour Rd. This is Australia's newest and biggest rail experience following the injection of \$30 million of NSW State Government funds. Space is reserved for our party with the Model As on display. Much to do, see and enjoy. Steam train rides on the day. Enquiries John Hyland 4657 1734.

August 2012. Run to Birdsville. Email Trevor Davis trevordavis4@optusnet.com.au for itinerary details or phone (02) 9484 516.

INVITATION EVENTS

21st August - "The Maroota Muster @ Maroota Public School. This is a small school and they would like 10 Model A's to come along as a static display. This is the schools annual fund raising event. Pete Wigzell's grand kids attend this school. Call Pete if you would like to attend 9837-2490 or 0419-259-056

10th-11th September 2011. North West Annual Swap Meet, Gunnedah Showground. For details contact John Hyland 4657 1734.

Technical Comments

In the Flyer of October 2010 an article appeared titled 'Model A Safety By Fuse Protection'. It argued that owners should consider using a single fuse at the connection of the battery to the starter switch and that there was little to be gained by using a battery switch in the main battery lead. I do hope you took this advice as you really do need a fuse and it needs to be installed as stated above. I also took this advice and removed my battery switch and installed a fuse of 30 amp rating.

There is a starter switch fuse assembly kit Part No A11450SF available from suppliers which is inexpensive. The installation of such a kit is as shown. When parking your Model A in the garage make it a habit of disconnecting the fuse to avoid any accidental flattening of the battery and to prevent electrical fires.

Trevor Davis



Wednesday Wanderer's Event



3rd August Wednesday 2011. Rocks Discovery Museum at Kendall Lane, the Rocks.

Meet at Quayside at Circular Quay at 10 am for morning tea. Depart at 10.30 am for the museum where we will take a walk back through time as you discover the unique history of the Rocks area. No charge! Lunch at one of the many cafes at the Rocks. Enquiries Barb Boshier 9871 2030.

REPORT on 6th July Lancer Barracks visit. We are pleased to report that everything went well with our visit and we were well represented in our numbers. The volunteer guides were most enthusiastic in showing us the collection of armoured vehicles and tanks. But time did us in as there was so much to see of the collection of artefacts which spanned from the Boer war to more recent times. I frankly had reached my saturation point by the time lunch came and we had to excuse ourselves. More time was clearly needed to do a complete coverage. Lunch at the Commercial Hotel was excellent and we had more than enough to eat. So, many thanks to Barbara and Norm Boshier for arranging such a first class outing.

by Trevor Davis

Market Place

For Sale: Model A cylinder head, gearbox, manifolds, flywheel housing, steering box, differential, springs, axle. Plus more good parts. POA. Don Bailey (02) 9533 4030 (M) 0404 091 235.

For Sale: Model A parts such as new pistons and rings and gaskets. Phone for list. Peter Limon 0412 764 231.

Wanted: Model A Ford Chasis - Craig Finney 95482424

Wanted: Want to hire pre-1929 cars. Must be left hand drive and in good condition for a movie in late September through to November 2011. Peter Limon 0412 764 231.

Wanted: Centre door hinge for a 1928-29 Tudor. Tulio Sperandio 0416 409 223

Wanted: For a 1928 Tudor: Full set of glass, driver's door, two front guards, full rear top, bottom quarter panels, valance and running board brackets. Charlie Diab
charliediab@optusnet.com.au.

Next month's newsletter....

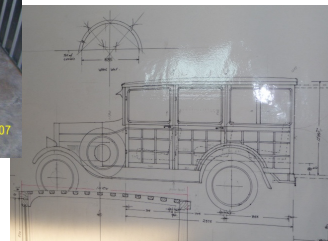
Sunday Run to Newington Armoury in June

How lucky were we with the weather - a perfect winters day. Eight of our members who had not previously done the Heritage Railway Discovery Tour thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It was good to catch up with Robyn & John Shepherd. The Armoury certainly is a top spot for a picnic.
Norm Boshier

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