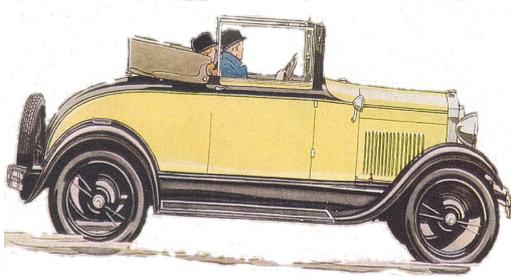

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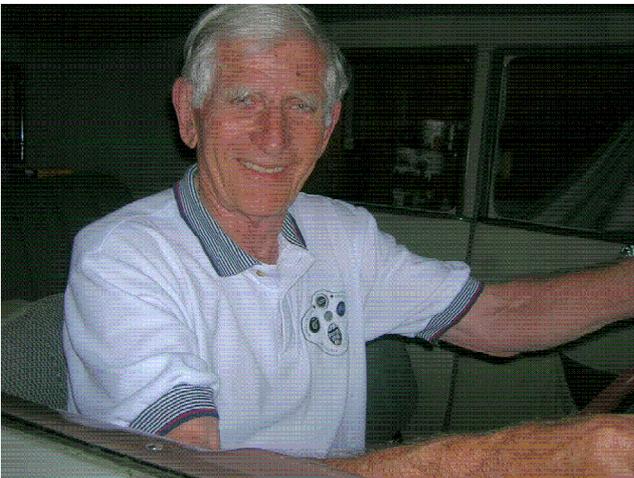
Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

Web site www.modelafordclubofnsw.com.au

JUNE 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



At our June meeting we had an excellent presentation by Barbara Boshier on the National Trust, telling us of what it does and reminding us of a number of establishments we have visited over the years. Barbara also handed out a National Trust brochure to members so hopefully this might bear some fruit for that organisation.

I have been thinking how future presentations could be improved if we had access to power point projection equipment. Should you be thinking of replacing your present projector you might like to leave your old one on our door step. It would be great also for showing photos of national meets etc. Our next presentation at the July meeting will be by Don Bailey who will tell us all about furniture restoration. If any member would like to give us a presentation we will be most grateful.

We have a great line up of events for you, several of which ask that you notify the organiser of your attendance. Please check the Flyer to see if this is the case and particularly if catering is involved. The committee has chosen the new Trainworks Ltd at Thirlmere for our adults and children's Xmas party which we

feel will be a great experience for all so please put it on your must attend list. We have also had a great response from members who are coming to our Xmas in July lunch so please hurry if you wish to come as space will limit how many can be accommodated.

I regret to advise the death of member Kath Gazzard of Orange on Saturday 28th of May. The club has sent a card to Ken and family expressing our condolences. We have also learnt of the death on the 21st of May of Model A stalwart Clarry Hoffman of Bundamba Queensland who is known to a number of our members through attendance at National Meets. Our condolences to Clarry's wife Joyce and family.

Dennis Ashton is still laid up with a broken jaw and is hoping that the wiring will be removed later in the week. As a result of being unable to eat solid food he has lost considerable weight. Also his coach is still being repaired in Melbourne which has been held up waiting for new panels. The good news is that Dennis and Mary recently acquired a grand daughter so our congratulations and best wishes to them and to son Mark and his family.

On the injury list is also John and Susan Dikeman who had a bad accident recently in their four wheel drive. The trouble is that many times it is the fault of other drivers so you are never really safe from having an accident. We hope John and Susan that you are soon recovered.

This is probably not the place on this particular occasion but I always end my report by reminding members of the following: Safe motoring always.

Trevor Davis

Earthing The Model A Headlamps.



Ford did not provide a definite connection from the headlights to the battery earthing point made on the chassis for both the Model T and the Model A. It was intended that current would flow from the lamp socket housing through the contact made with the lamp reflector to the headlamp shell, and possibly through the focus adjusting screw, through four steel rivets to the headlight swivel base, then through to the headlight bar, and thence through contact with the mudguards and then through to the chassis. It has been said that the return path for the earth current took many paths depending on the condition of the many metal to metal contacts and it was even claimed that the rear window frames on sedans could be part of the circuit. For a new vehicle and in the absence of rust these multiple contacts would still have performed very well.

Due however to deterioration of these many metal to metal contacts with time it is a daunting prospect to take each contact apart and improve the connections. With time such improvements would eventually be overtaken by further deterioration. A far better remedy is to run an earthing wire to the chassis.

Les Andrews's maintenance book suggests replacing one of the four steel rivets with a stainless steel bolt

at the headlight base. However this does not do anything for the remainder of the metal to metal contacts discussed previously and the following is suggested instead. For good earthing use a wire gauge rated at least 10 amps or higher. File part of the plating off the lamp socket to expose the brass beneath and solder the wire to it. Examine the headlight exit socket to find a way to feed the wire down the stainless steel conduit. There should be room to drill a hole through the ferrule insulator which carries the other wires to the headlight lamps. If the plug connection is being used it may be best to dispense with it and use separate wire connectors within the headlight shell. The plug connector system is a source of other problems so its retention is not of much importance. At the other end of the conduit run the earthing wire to that front hole in the chassis which takes a bolt for the splash pans. If the pans are still fitted the existing front bolt can still be used or, if not, provide a bolt for the earthing point.

The following steps are very important. Install a wire terminal by crimping or soldering to the earth wire. Put the bolt through the wire terminal and then follow this with a star washer under the wire terminal. Do not use a split washer because a star washer is needed to make a number of contacts with the wire terminal and also with the steel chassis. Clean the contact area of the chassis and install the assembly to the chassis with a nut. In most case however the star washer will penetrate any rust or grease present. Full reliance is placed upon the star washer to continue to provide an effective connection with time as its hard contacts provide a degree of cold fusion with the chassis and the wire terminal. Another washer placed under the nut will serve no real purpose. The modification should be carried out for both headlamps. Because the earthing wire is mostly out of sight the modification does not detract from the appearance of the vehicle.

by Trevor Davis.

Did you get the answers to these questions?

1. *Most car people have heard of AC Spark Plugs.. What does the AC stand for? In 1904, Albert Champion moved to Flint, Michigan where he started the Champion Ignition Company for the manufacturing of spark plugs. He later lost control of his company and in 1908 started the AC Spark Plug Company.*

2. *Who produced the first V8 engine, Ford or Chevrolet? The first V8 showed up in the*

1916-17 Chevrolets.

3. *What year did Ford pioneer the first moving assembly line? 1st December 1913*

4. *What year did Edsel Ford assume the head of the Ford Motor Company? 1st January 1919*

5. *The Rouge Plant was begun in 1917. How many Model T Fords were built there? None*

Club Events—Be cool, be there.

19th June, Sunday 2011- Picnic Day at Newington Armoury. Enter at Jamieson St (beside Silverwater gaol) which is off Holker St at Silverwater. (look for Sydney Olympic Park sign) Follow signs to Armoury parking. Meet at the BBQ area at rear of café at 9.45 am. There is a Heritage Discovery railway tour which lasts 1 hour and takes place at 10.00 am and 12 noon. Cost : Adults \$15, concession \$10, children \$7.50, family \$45 (2 adults and 2 children). **If you wish to do the Railway tour please let me know ASAP as I will need to book.** There are great river views as well as bike and walking tracks. Enquiries Norm Boshier 9871 2030.

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. Over forty have booked already so hurry if coming as space is definitely limited. Phone ASAP 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 or at the July meeting. Ron still needs two helpers on the Sunday. Can you help?

18th to 31st August 2011. Run to Birdsville. Email Trevor Davis trevordavis4@optusnet.com.au for itinerary details or phone (02) 9484 516.

21st August, Sunday 2011. Shannons CMC Display Day at Eastern Creek. An entry ticket per car costing \$12 is required. Two helpers are needed for about one hour to assist with parking of cars. Also needed is a concourse car 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 Club Fair. Enquiries Don & Joan Bailey 9533 4030.

16th October, Sunday 2011. Memorial Day at Holroyd Gardens Park, Holroyd. Entry is in Walpole St. Visit the old brick kilns, memorabilia and Syd-

ney 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.

INVITATION EVENTS

26th June, Sunday 2011. Rattle 'n' Hum Car Show - 9.30 am to 3 pm. All proceeds to Tallowood Special Needs School. For details contact John Hyland 4657 1734.

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



Wednesday Wanderer's Event



6th July Wednesday 2011. Lancer Barracks at Parramatta.

Meet at Central country station coffee shop at 9.30 am. We will catch the 10.09 am Blue Mountains train to Parramatta arriving 10.34 am. It is a very short walk to the Barracks buildings which have had predominantly military use since 1814. Since 1897 the site has been occupied by the Royal NSW Lancers from which it takes its name. Cost is adults \$7.50, seniors \$5, family \$10. Lunch will be in the bistro of the Commercial Hotel next door. Please advise by 30th June if coming as we need to book a table. Barb Boshier 9871 2030.

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.

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: 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.

Keith & Helen Capps driving to Perth in their Model A

I have just received a phone call from Keith and Helen Capps to tell me that they are having a great trip in their Model A, which has not missed a beat, and they expect to be in Perth by Tuesday 31 May. Keith also said that he has been amazed by the number of people who have sought him out at stops and some have even chased him along the road to talk about his Tudor and tell him stories of their model As. Someone invited the Capps' home for tea and cakes and a look at their cars and Keith said he lost half a day. Keith definitely sounded like he is enjoying the trip.

The attached photo is of Keith and Helen at last years run to Tamworth. Cheers. Larry Gee

