

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.

My June report starts with some good news on the recovery front. It was good to see Carol Fitzgerald at our Friday meeting. Also we hear that Dennis Ashton is back to his comfortable self and off on a well deserved overseas trip. It was also good to see Michael Foster at the maintenance day. Michael met up with the proud new owner of his 1930 Coupe, new

member Rod Adams who recently purchased his car. Once again our newer members were out in force at the maintenance day at the Jones's residence. There were around 30 members present on the day and many came from far away to attend. Greg Cribbin gave a talk on the importance of having a good steering set up so your car is easy to drive. Thanks to Nev and Annette for the hospitality on the day.

Our May run to the Zig- Zag Railway was also well attended with 9 A's and 30 members and friends. Thanks to Trevor for a well organised outing and a special thanks to Peter Butler and John Dikeman for their local knowledge describing how the Rail line was built. Our numbers are growing on

Birdsville Run Maybe 2013

Hi to you all

I have been waiting for some time now to see if the road from Maree to Birdsville will be clear this year. Have just checked the SA country roads website again and the road is still closed to all traffic. It looks like it will be hopeless for some time because water continues to flow down from Queensland! For this reason I have concluded that there will not be a trip this year.

In addition the missus has been kicking up a treat as

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the Wednesday outings. This may be a sign that retirement is becoming the order of the day. Hope to see as many as possible at our next run to Manly Reservoir on the 17th June. PLEASE call Phil Dalton on 4659-6075 if you intend going to the Xmas in July on the 21st. He said he has a few surprises on the day. I can only guess what they will be. Phil put on a fabulous atmosphere for last year's event, one can

only wonder what will unfold this year. If you intend going to the All Fords day at Eastern Creek or the Shannons CMC day also at Eastern Creek PLEASE call Ron Doyle on 9772-3785 to order your entry ticket.

I'd like to make mention that due to a fall last Friday Pat Finn will be spending a few days in hospital; on behalf of all our members we wish her a quick recovery.

As always, Happy Motoring. Mal.

Quote for the Month. "Don't be suspicious of your first impressions, your first impressions are often the most accurate."

she feels I am too old and therefore at much risk in going on this trip. Would someone else like to take over from me as I must now give up my role as organiser?

I hold out some hope therefore that a well planned and organised trip with sufficient numbers going might cause a change in climate here at home and make it possible for me to come.

Looking forward to hearing from you and hoping that we can get a replacement organiser.. Regards Trevor Davis

Technical Comment On Cast Iron Brake Drums

Cast iron brake drums may be a good option if your original brake drums have very thin walls and are in need of more machining. Les Andrew's maintenance book recommends a figure of 0.120 inches for minimum wall thickness. As the cost of new drums is high, putting bands on the old drums might be a cheaper alternative depending on the labour costs involved

involved. I went the path of four cast iron brake drums and found that the added labour cost of swaging the hub bolts, re-machining the drums and relining the brake shoes didn't leave any

change out of \$1,200. What price safety however and peace of mind? The drums I bought came with a leaflet advising that the rear hubs might not be a snug fit to the drums due to the radii of the inner edge of the hole through the drums and if so the radii would need to be in-

creased. In addition it was advised that good contact between the hub flange and the inner surface of the drum must be made and that this be checked with a feeler gauge to see if there were any gaps.

I found that checking with a feeler gauge was difficult and most unsatisfactory. Instead I used a smear of Prussian Blue on two sides of each hub bolt hole and looked for signs of transfer to the drum. The two



photos show the results of such a test. In the case of the rear hubs good contact was obtained without any modification needed but the front hubs had to have the inner radii

of the drum holes increased. I did this with a Dremel grinder but a round file would also be suitable. Another source of Prussian Blue is also the local art materials shop. A small tube of student grade quality will do nicely. By Trevor Davis

June Maintenance Day– Neville you've you again September of the sector o

Neville Jones organises an event and they come from far and wide. From Cowra we had Larry & Pam Gee with Keith Capps. From Gunnedah again we had Greg Mirow & his son Brendon. Old member Michael Foster with Rod Adams who just purchased Michael's Coupe. Plus so many other new faces it was great to be there. Well done and see



Report on the May run to Lapstone Zig Zag Railway.

Twenty-nine Model A'ers & 10 Model A's turned up on a cool but sunny morning for morning tea at Glenbrook Tourist Centre for our run to the Lapstone Zig Zag Rail-way. We then had a leisurely drive to Glenbrook Lagoon



followed by a scenic tour down Mitchell's Pass which was built in 1834 which took us to the magnificent Lennox Bridge. This bridge was built from locally quarried sandstone. After playing in the creek for an hour or so we moved on to "John Whitton Memorial Place" where we settled the cars and proceeded on foot along the remains of the old Great Western Highway to the Knapsack Gully Bridge. The height and length of this Sandstone bridge are

breathtaking and the mind boggles as to how it was constructed in 1912 since the bridge has technical as well as historical significance. A small band of fearless Ford Club explorers made the final ascent of hundreds of



steep steps to the old rail siding at the top of the hill and were rewarded with views of the Lapstone zig zag and the modern freeway.

On returning to the car park we settled down to the serious business of lunch, while reliving highlights of our Lapstone adventure.

This was indeed an outing to be remembered, so well organized and conducted, thanks to Trevor Davis and Peter Butler and special thanks to John Dikeman for his

splendid commentary. John's passionate knowledge of the history of this area is amazing and his handouts on the subject make gripping reading.

Fordially yours, Tom Virgona





Wednesday Wanderer's Events



Vanders Trip to Cabramatta 6th June

Seventeen hardy souls arrived at Cabramatta at 10am venturing into John Street for morning coffee. We then ambled along the shopping strip marvelling at the low prices on nearly all goods. Lunch was recommended by a local resident at a Vietnamese Restaurant where we were all served with hot steaming food in minutes. It seemed so cheap to eat in Cabramatta with quick & easy cafes or restaurants appearing in every second shop. After lunch the serious shoppers got started with plastic bags adorning their arms and making their purchases. Fruit & veg was so cheap and of such high quality buying was easy. With the weather getting colder and wind picking up by 1:30 we were ready to head home. All in all we all had a great day and we would like to thank Marion Cook for giving us the opportunity of visiting Cabramatta. Regards John

Wednesday 4th July, 2012. Paddington Prowl. Meet at 10 am for morning tea at the Quay Gateway Food Court. Enquiries Ron Doyle 9772 3785 (M) 0412 764 741.

Wednesday Wanderers August 1st. Sleep in on a cold morning, meet at 10am at the NEW entrance to the MCA [Museum of Contemporary Art] at Circular Quay. Morning tea on the 4th floor with a magnificent view over the harbour. After viewing the exhibitions we will have lunch at a pub in the Rocks. Don and Joan Bailey 0404091235 or 95334030

Tuesday 6th – Thursday 8th November,2012. 3 day/ 2 night Katoomba Visit. Staying at the Blue Mountains Heritage Motel at the Katoomba Town Centre. Cost is \$128 pp plus \$48 for single supplement. *Please have your deposit of \$50 pp by the general meeting of 12th July to ensure that we secure these dates.* Enquiries Barbara Bosher 9871

Market Place

- For Sale: 1928 AR Model A Ford Tudor. National Concourse winner in 1974 and National Blue Ribbon winner in 2006. Owned since 1980 and is in good condition. Can email comprehensive condition/inspection report plus many detailed photos. Includes some spares. \$27,000. *Trevor Davis (02) 9484 5116*.
- For Sale:1929 Model A Ford Phaeton restored in 1994.300klm since resto registered till24/12/12.Call Graeme on 95678250 or 0418 400 644
- **For Sale:** 1930 Model A Tudor left hand drive in good original condition and a good driver. New windscreen & rubbers etc. \$21,000 ONO John Pryde (02) 4938 8244 (M) 0415 675 675
- **For Sale:** 1929 Tudor, Grey leather upholstery, good reliable car, sky blue with grey swaging, tinted safety glass, whitewall tyres, \$ 25,000 Call Larry Smith on 02 44485009 or email gail27@tpg.com.au
- For Sale: 1930 Model A Phaeton UNRESTORED. Complete car, \$12,000.00 call Craig Finney on 9548 2424 or 0438 881 417
- For Sale: Two new Firestone tyres 4.50/ 21inch made in Brazil. \$195 each. Model A horn in good condition \$285. Powerhouse generator in excellent condition \$95. *Trevor Davis* (02) 9484 5116.

For Sale: Decanter in the shape of a 1929 Police A Model. Still has the contents in it and the seal is still intact. Email Ben Emmelkamp *b.emmelkamp@optusnet.com.au*

- Wanted: Front springs, oval speedo, radiator outlet pipes 1928. Des Fitzgerald 0421 084 170.
- Wanted: Houdaille shock absorbers in any condition. Trevor Davis (02) 9484 5116
- Wanted: Seat Springs for 30 Roadster. Sid Turner 6942 1726 at Cootamundra

Wanted: Windscreen wiper motor (6volt) for 1928 Tudor & a 1928 Model A motor. Contact: <u>barry-rose@netspace.net.au</u> Ph 0263821191 Mob 0327885991

Club Events - Be cool, be there.

Sunday 17th *June, 2012. Manly Reservoir.* Meet at Table 10 at 10.00 am & park at our Club banners. Directions: Travelling in either direction along Condamine St at Manly Vale turn at traffic lights into King St, looking out for our A sign, and follow along to the very end which is the main entrance. Parking area is close by entrance. Enquiries Norm Bosher 9871 2030 (M) 0422 147 264.

21st July is Xmas in July at Camden Valley Inn once again organized by Phil Dalton with lots of surprises. Please call Phil on 4659-6075 to let him know you are coming.

Ist Sept Maintenance Day Neville & Annette Jones 44 Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills. These are a very popular day, so bring your car, but more importantly bring your problems and questions. Call Neville or Annette on 02 9639 7044 or 0428 293 301 to let them know you are coming for catering purposes. Remember BBQ is \$5 and let us also know if you are a last minute canceller..thanks

16th September Club run to be advised

23-25 November Club Run to Hunter to visit Steve & Meagan Garland at their place at Butterwick, just near Morpeth. They have two large sheds full of Model Ts & As that Steve may one day restore. Neville Jones is joining us to present another Maintenance Seminar for our country members too.

Invitation Events

Sunday 17th June - 2nd Annual Sydney Classic & Antique Truck Show at the Museum of Fire Inc at 1 Museum Drive Penrith. Pre entry fee of \$30 to be sent with Registration Form. Enquiries & copy of form phone Trevor Davis 9484 5116.

Sunday 15th July 2012. Liverpool Super Swap

Meet. Fairfield City Showground Smithfield Rd, Prairiewood opening at 6am. Enquiries Colin Murphy 4729 0482 or swap@chryslerclub.org.au.



Saturday 28th July Ford Super SWAP Meet Eastern Creek Swappers \$10 per site, lookers \$2 each Contact Godfrey 0402 060 424 or Eddie 0407 702 676

Sunday 29th July ALL FORDS DAY Eastern Creek. Contact Ron Doyle for tickets on 02 9772 3785 or 0412 764 741

Sunday 16th Sept Orange Blossom Festival Contact Trevor Leslie 02 9686 7999..

Sunday 16th Sept Burwood Spring Festival Show & Shine Contact Rhonda Sclanders 02 9747 2757.

Sunday 4th Nov Cruzin For A Cure in aid of Westmead Medical Research Foundation. Contact Steve on 0434 367 224.



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