



Model A Flyer



Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

Web site www.modelafordclubofnsw.com.au

MARCH 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

Our February run to Sir Joseph Banks Reserve was again well attended. As usual everyone was keeping an eye on the sky, thankfully the weather was kind to us. Once again The Allinghams yellow taxi was the standout model A. We must not lose the sight that Sydney cab drivers do have problems finding their destinations. I can't think of a better Model A cab driver to represent our club than Jim! Read into this what ever you like.

Ron Huckstepp was recently surprised to wake up one morning and find out that it was his birthday. Its always nice to see those large speed signs on the side of the road that remind you of your birthday. Happy birthday Ron. Speaking of large numbers, congratulations to Neil & Pat Finn on their 50th Wedding anniversary.



At the March meeting Des Fitzgerald thanked all members for their kind wishes to Carol. Des said that she is not in the best of health.

Lets all hope and pray that she is able to fight her illness and be back to her happy self again.

For those of you who are driving their Model A's to

Ipswich and wondering what is in-store for you on this long trip. Just take a moment and think of the 5 Model Aers from Perth who are driving their A's via Darwin and returning via the Nul-larbor. You can follow their journey on their web sight. Model A Restorers Club WA Inc. By the way, they left last Sunday. To those of you who are travelling to Ipswich may your journey be a safe and trouble free one.

See you there, Mal

The Bradley's are proud to announce the arrival of their new baby after a long incubation period. It really looks like you have created a beauty, and we look forward to seeing her in Ipswich..



Installation of hand brake spring made easy..

Several club members have commented on how difficult it is to install the emergency/ hand brake return spring on the operating lever situated on the rear brake backing plate. One comment was made that it requires three hands to accomplish with which I entirely agree. I

happen to have however a home made tool which makes the installation very simple and only takes a few seconds to perform. The return spring is first placed in position around the shaft of the operating lever. The tool is hooked onto



the bent end of the spring and is pulled into the required position on the operating lever.

The photo shows a return spring together with the home made tool. The tool consists of a 1/4 inch steel rod fitted with a wooden

handle. The end of the rod is heated and hammered flat and bent to form a hook.

Contributed by Trevor Davis

Club Events - Be cool, be there.

March National Meet Ipswich 26th - 30th March

We wish all our club members travelling north to the National Meet a safe and enjoyable journey. See you at the next meeting on your return..

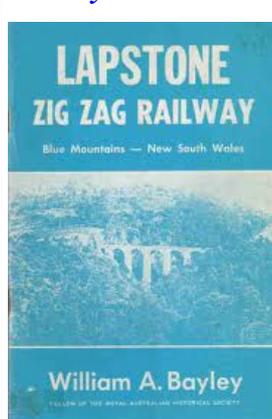
Sunday 15th April Rouse Hill House



Arrive 9:30am at the Visitors Centre for tea/coffee at 10am. A tour of the property & house will commence at 10.30am. This requires some walking, so wear appropriate shoes

please. Cost \$8pp or \$4 concession for the tour. BYO picnic lunch. For details & if you need assistance with walking call Peter Wigzell as a Golf Buggy can run people up to the house... 9837-24900419-259-056

20th May 2012, Sunday. Visit Lapstone Zig Zag Railway.



Built on the eastern escarpment of the Blue Mountains in 1867 it allowed steam trains to travel between Emu Plains and Glenbrook. It was in use until 1913 when an alternate rail route was constructed. It is now of historical interest only but enough of it still remains for us to appreciate. Some walking is involved but visiting just a part of it is still worth while. New member Peter Butler who is also a member

of the Valley Heights Train Museum has offered to be our guide. **Meet at the Tourist information Centre at Glenbrook at 9.30 am for morning tea.** Note that here is the only toilet facility on the tour. Departing at 10.15 am we will travel on a scenic drive past the Glenbrook lagoon and down Mitchells Pass Rd to the 1833 Lennox Bridge and then onwards to park at a ruins site and monument to John Whitton and railway builders. Here we can walk to look at the Knapsack Gully bridge and for the more fit members visit other parts of the zig zag railway. Enquiries Trevor Davis 9484 5116.

2nd June Maintenance Day Neville & Annette Jones.

Invitation Events

20th May Tilligery Motorama at Tilligery RSL

Tilligery is 40km north of Newcastle located in Port Stephens. Over the last two years they have raised \$29,000.00 for the Nicholas Trust, which supports paediatric palliative care. The Motorama plays a big part in this fund raising, and they expect over 4,500 people to attend. The vehicle static display also includes live music, helicopter rides, stalls and food and drinks. They are hoping for 300 cars, and the entry fee is \$10 which goes to this very worthwhile charity. Entry details contact Don or Linda Barrett 0427 450 911

It is recommended that you go to see Model As and other USA car makes in street action scenes in Los Angeles in the period of 1929 to 1932 by visiting a cinema to view the recent Oscar award winning film titled '**The Artist**'. This is simply a great movie and different!

Market Place

- For Sale:** 1929 Tudor, Grey leather upholstery, good reliable car, sky blue with grey swaging, tinted safety glass, whitewall tyres, **Call Larry Smith on 02 44485009** or email gail27@tpg.com.au \$ 25,000
- For Sale:** Model A motor CA98980 complete with manifolds, flywheel, clutch, generator plus spare flywheel and bell housing, two radiators in poor condition- possibly ok for tank parts. \$300 **contact John Vickery 02 4625 5645**
- For Sale:** 240v twin cylinder air compressor 8 cfm \$250 call **Pete Wigzell 0419 259056**
- Wanted:** front bumper bar 1930 model A in good condition. Have good rear bars to exchange or sell. Also need 19 inch white wall tyres in good cond. **Wayne Hulbert 0418 869993**
- Wanted:** Model A any condition **Mick Rock 4572 8543**
- Wanted:** Model A 19 inch wheels contact **Chris Kalamaras 0410330442 thank you**
- Wanted:** Information on suitable repairer of Model A "Oval Stewart Warner" (MPH) speedometer. Contact **Barry Rose on 0263821191 or 0427885991**

NEW SHOCK ABSORBERS

I would like to put a recommendation in the next newsletter if possible thanks. I recently purchased 2 new front shocks for my model A from M&S Hydraulics in Oregon. A lovely man named Verne reconditions and builds new shocks for all the big distributors, but I dealt with him direct. He has been doing this since the '60s.

Shocks \$US 120 each + freight
Name: Verne
Email: v12verne@aol.com
Website: M&S Hydraulics <http://www.antiqueshockabsorbers.com/default.asp>
Tel 0011 1 503 642-1122
Regards Peter Paice

Sunday 19th Feb - Sir Joseph Banks Pleasure Gardens Botany Report

On a beautiful sunny Sunday the Model A Advance party met at the venue to find that the best possie was already taken by a kids party group. However there were plenty of choice locations available and a couple of tables under the shade of a large tree were soon claimed. With this done we then set up the A Ford Club banners at each end of the car park to claim our spaces. There was a steady stream of arrivals until Six Model A's and five moderns made up the full compliment. Mal and Nola Bradleys' "New" four door leatherback took centre stage sporting quite a few refinements, most obvious being the fashionable Cardboard door trim protectors. Mal almost seemed disappointed that his shake down runs had so far failed to identify any challenges. Jim and Maureen Allingham's Yellow cab ser-

vice also attracted heaps of special attention from picnickers.

The lake accommodates large families of ducks and swans who entertained everybody with regular displays of formation swimming in order to earn morsels of picnic leftovers in appreciation for their efforts.

As the sun passed over the yard arm and we took walks or relaxed shaded by stately trees at least one of our number enjoyed a blissful snooze while the normal Aford verbal restorations were performed in the car park.

Thence began the steady stream of departures till we were all gone leaving the Ducks and Geese to search for any remaining scraps.

Regards to all, Tom Virgona



Wednesday Wanderer's Events

Wednesday Wanderers Report 8th March, NSW Mounted Police Stables

We met at our usual spot at the Quay. We then swapped stories on how long it took all of us to get there. Once again the heavens opened up and we copped a drenching. Apart from this we did have a very good attendance.

Our guided tour of the Police Mounted Horse Barracks was very informative & was conducted by one of the female officers. We began with a short video of the group performing at the Sydney Tattoo. We often see precision marching, but to do this with horses is another thing. The officer said it takes many many hours of training to perform this routine.



When we entered the stables you would think the horses knew we were coming. All their heads were sticking outside their stables waiting for their carrots and apples. The horses do require daily workouts to keep not only keep fit but also as a break from being locked up. The museum was also very interesting. It was good to see a couple

of new faces joining our midweek outing. Old and young alike. You don't have to be a retiree to attend but I suppose it does help. Thanks go to Tom and Carol for a well organised outing.

4th April to Gosford with Lady Lunchalot

Meet at Central Railway Coffee Shop at 9:30am. We will then catch the 10:15am train to Gosford where we will enjoy a delicious lunch at the Palm Court Bistro at Gosford Hotel, 179 Mann Street Gosford. The return train to

Sydney leaves at 2:04pm and arrives Central at 3:35pm



Enquiries Barb Bosher 9871 2030

2nd May to Picton Botanical Gardens.

Meet at the rest area at the top of Razor Back Range, cnr of Mt Hercules Road & Remembrance Driveway, Picton 10am. We will leave at 10:15am for morn-



ing tea at The Common Grounds Bakery Picton. (Good spot)

From there we will visit the Botanical Gardens then adjourn to the Picton Hotel Bistro for lunch..

Expressions of Interest for a November visit to the Blue Mountains

BLUE MOUNTAINS SPECIAL

STAY RIGHT IN THE 'CENTRE OF THE CENTRE' OF THE BEAUTIFUL WORLD HERITAGE BLUE MOUNTAINS

3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS \$128* <small>*per person twin/dbl share</small>	4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS \$168* <small>*per person twin/dbl share</small>	5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS \$208* <small>*per person twin/dbl share</small>
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INCLUDES: Full Hot Buffet Breakfasts Daily • Holiday Guide Book • Discount Vouchers
 Blue Mountains Scenic Tour • OR 'The Edge' Giant Screen Movie Tickets
 FREE Carvery Dinner (RSL) on Wednesday night** • 2 for 1 Sumptuous Devonshire Tea.
**stay must include Wednesday night

- NRMA / AAA 3.5 Star ****
- Queen Bed, Elec. Blanket, Ensuite
- Air Conditioned, Heating, Hairdryer
- LCD TV, M'wave, Fridge & Toaster
- Tea & Coffee Making facilities, WIFI
- Close to RSL, Restaurants, Cafes, Bars, Shops, 3 Sisters & Echo Point

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Trip to the Blue Mountains in November staying for 3 days and 2 nights. Cost is \$128 per person.

Please call
 Barbara Bosher
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