

Model A Flyer



Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

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MAY 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 wanted to share a little story with you. The photo here is a flash back to 2004 when we were on our way to the National Meet at Perth. The Club's contingent of Model A's, consisting entirely of Bryan Wyborn's ute and our Tudor, pulled into our usual rest spot called Yarada, about halfway between Narrandera and Hay. Nothing much is there except a rubbish bin and the silence of the bush. We have other photos taken at the same spot over the years when travelling to Model A Meets in South Australia and also when in 2004 we drove our 1915 Model T Touring to Renmark for a Model T meet. After our return from Perth in 2004 the late Wally Cribbin asked me for a copy of the photo. I thought for a while that he

must have been impressed as much as we were by this scene. It was therefore a total surprise when Wally presented two framed paintings of the scene, one which he gave to Bryan and the other to us. We treasure Wal's painting and I look at it every day in my retreat at home. Why do I share these thoughts? Due to such happy memories of our many trips over the past 40 years - (we only missed one National Meet which was held in 1980 in Queensland due to coming home just prior to it from another meet in Rotorua) - I have come to feel that many of you are missing out on so much by not using your Model A's as frequently as you can. I frankly do not understand the reason why this is so. We do hope some of you will drive to Perth with us for the next National Meet in Perth which will probably be held in 2016. I hopefully will then be 86 years young so your company, support and in particular pointing the direction we should take will be much appreciated. So far no one wants to come with me to Birdsville next year. I live in hope however!

An outline of the maintenance day held on the 1st of May appears on page 2. Robert Taylor was so impressed by the worth of the event that he has written to Secretary Greg Cribbin to express his thanks and congratulations to those who contributed their time and knowledge. Robert said he came with a friend from another club who was amazed with the standard of the presentations and who wished his own club would do something similar. Members can look forward to other seminars and in particular the seminar at Tamworth in September.

In my other role as editor I invite you to contribute to the technical comment column. Things you learn from maintaining your Model A are always of interest to others. If you need a bit of help with composition or photography I don't mind one bit in giving help. Please surprise me by sending something to print.

In maintaining your Model A please be safety conscious by carrying out your own annual safety inspection. We suggest you make it a habit to do this before you take your car to the local garage for a safety inspection report. It is so easy to be distracted when working on your car. We all make unintentional mistakes. One area of importance is to carefully check for missing split pins. I once horrified to find that a split pin was missing from a rear brake rod on our car. Perhaps we should compile a check list to assist you such as that provided by the MAFCA and MTFCA to their members. Any support or ideas for this?

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

Trevor Davis

Club News



Gwen Livingstone has sent a number of photos of the recent wedding of her son Patrick and former Club member to Ann Ratcliffe from the UK. This photo shows the happy couple who were married aboard the 1874 barque James Craig on the 16th of April 2010. Patrick arrived by water taxi with his attendant and Ann arrived in Patrick's father's beloved Model A Ford station wagon, escorted by her father Ken and her attendants. On behalf of members we express best wishes to Patrick and Ann Livingstone.

At the May meeting long time member Jim Haling was welcomed. Greg Cribbin also gave a brief talk on 1/10 scale model road electric remote control cars which was well received. We could not but note how expensive men's toys are becoming.

We regret to announce the death of Margaret Gullick on 28th April 2010. Wife of past president the late Norm Gullick, Margaret suffered from dementia over a long period. On behalf of members we express condolences to Graeme and Joanne Gullick and family. Margaret was a great club member, made many friends and had a very interesting personality. More of the latter was learnt by those club

members who attended an overflowing funeral service held at St Marks Anglican Church, Revesby.

Club Events—Be cool, be there.

20th June, Sunday 2010. Visit Bahá'i Temple, Ingleside. Meet at St Ives Showground, Mona Vale Rd at 10 am for morning tea & early lunch. Tour of temple starts at 12.30 pm. Enquiries Neville Jones 9639 7044.

3rd July, Saturday 2010. Maintenance Day. William Gallo could be demonstrating the ins and outs of panel beating at the Jones's residence. More details next month.

17th July, Saturday 2010. Xmas in July. At Camden Valley Inn. Enquiries Phil Dalton 02 4659 6075.

24th July, Saturday 2010. Eastern Creek Swap Meet and Track Racing. From 7 am. Tickets necessary and are available from Ron Doyle at the June Club meeting. (see next item.)

25th July, Sunday 2010. All Fords Day, Eastern Creek. Ron Doyle requires 4 members to help with parking. Please help if you can. Tickets available from Ron 9772 3785 and must be placed on the wind-screen.

15th August, Sunday 2010. Volunteer needed to arrange. Please contact Neville Jones 9639 7044.

22nd August, Sunday 2010. CMC Display Day Eastern Creek. Prepaid ticket must be placed on wind-screen. Chance to obtain a ticket may be possible if you contact Ron Doyle before Monday, 24th of May.

19th September, Sunday 2010. Combined run with Central Coast Club. Details later.

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. If coming 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.

26th - 30th March 2012. MAFC Qld National Meet. Early bird registration forms available.

INVITATION RUNS

29th May, Saturday 2010. AJC Randwick 150 years of racing. Display of cars invited & club banners. Gates open 11 am. Enquiries Lynell Peck 9633 8501 (M) 0419 482 016.

21st August, Saturday 2010. Bedgeregong & McFeeters Motor Museum Forbes. Phone Greg Cribbin 9631 6063 for details of this invitation.

12th September, Sunday 2010. Baulkham Hills Fest at the Bull and Bush Hotel. Phone Greg Cribbin 9631 6063 for details of this invitation.

Events Reports

1st May, Saturday 2010. Maintenance Day.



There was a good turnout of 19 folk at the Jones's place. Neighbours must have been intrigued to see so much activity and old cars out in the front area. Greg Cribbin explained to members the what and how of overhauling and checking the Model A carburettor. There is so much to discuss about Model A's and so much to learn that it is doubtful that the Club will ever run out of topics. Should you want something covered on a maintenance day please feel free to make your request known to Neville Jones on 9639 7044.

by T D.

16th May, Sunday 2010. CMC National Motoring Heritage Day. Bella Vista Homestead.

This event was unfortunately not well attended but those who came had an interesting time looking at the refurbishment of the Bella Vista Farm. A number of other clubs were present. The site is very suitable for the visit planned for the 40th anniversary of the Club and should provide a lot of interest. A thank you to Neville Jones for arranging this visit

by TD.



Wednesday Wanderer's Report

5th May, Wednesday 2010. Sydney Park, St Peters.

The photo shows some of the group. The Bradleys and Finns were also there but somehow missed out. We couldn't get to this one but understand everything went well until in the middle of Sydney Park the heavens opened up. Fortunately umbrellas had been brought along which saved the day. The lunch in the nearby pub turned out very well and we assume everyone went home happy. Thank you Joan and Don for arranging this outing.

by TD.

Wednesday Wanderer's Event

2nd June, Wednesday 2010. Anzac War Memorial, Hyde Park South. If you haven't been there for a while this is well worth a revisit. Meet at 10 am for morning tea at the Treasury Café located at the top of the Sydney Town Hall stairs. Afterwards walk to the Anzac War Memorial. Venue for lunch will be decided afterwards. Enquiries Mal and Nola Bradley 9522 6614.

Technical Comment

Crankshaft pulley:



This article is a summary of events involving much hands on input from Tom Virgona, technical advice via telephone link to Mal Bradley plus moral support from Norm Bosher and the editor who stood around at the site of operations. The problem to be solved with the engine installed in the Model A was the removal of a crankshaft pulley which was excessively worn where the front engine seals rub. None of us relished the idea of trying to raise the front of the engine to clear the front cross member. The idea emerged that we might be able to use the two piece crankshaft pulley now available as part number B6312B. (See the first picture in which the new pulley has been painted.) This pulley is advertised that it can be installed without removing the radiator but it would have to be assumed that somehow the original one piece pulley had been removed. Our job therefore was to make the original pulley vanish. This was solved by Tom Virgona using a large diameter angle grinder after carefully making sure debris didn't get into the engine. (See the second photo of the original pulley shown cut in two.) There were problems with the new two piece pulley however. The rubbing surface in the area of the seals was not good and had to be polished. Also the pulley was found to be made of aluminium so a steel washer had to be installed to take the thrust of the crankshaft ratchet nut. At the start we had fun and games getting this nut undone. At the finish we also had fun getting the lower crankshaft seal out and replacing it with a new one. That is another story however - life was not meant to be easy!

by TD.

Market Place

- For Sale:** 1939 Ford Deluxe V8 Sedan. Good unrestored original condition. Full registration. Distance travelled 87,000 miles. POA. **Ron Doyle (H) (02) 9772 3785.**
- For Sale:** Two Tillotson Model X carburettors, suit Model A. \$30 for the two.
Don Bailey (02) 9533 4030
- For Sale:** 1930 radiator surround plus stone guard in very good condition. \$450.
Brian Bricknell (02) 9543 6763
- For Sale:** Limited numbers available of DVD of Model A National Meets 1972 - 2008. View time is 3 hours, however arranged in chapters for each meet. \$35 per copy plus \$5 for postage/handling. Send address & cheque to Neil Phillips 15 Richmond Ave Colonel Light Gardens S.A. 5041.
- For Sale:** 1928 Model A. Rare leatherback Fordor. 10,000 miles since full ground up restoration back to original. Body completely re-timbered in Tasmanian oak. Le Baron Bonney upholstery. Professionally fitted leatherback roof. Near new tyres. Very comfortable and reliable rally car. \$31,000. **Don Bailey (02) 9533 4030**
- For Sale:** 1928 Model A leatherback Fordor \$24,000. Also some rear spring leaves and differential gear assembly with two axles. **David Armstrong (M) 0418 867 512.**
- For Sale:** 1929 Model a roadster. Older restoration but with excellent paint, upholstery and chrome plating. Body colour is maroon with light beige hood and cream wheels with spare wheel on the rear of the car. Has cowl lights, radiator stone guard, cast iron drums, 19 inch wheels, 80% rubber, new muffler plus many extras. Drives well and looks very attractive. Full registration. \$28,000 **Neil Freeman (02) 9913 2467 (M) 0417 447 313.**
- For Sale:** Tom Senior milling machine. Has 640 mm bed with automatic feed fitted with digital X & Y axis readout. Complete with associated milling equipment plus a bed clamp set and various vices. Perfect for machinist wanting better than average accuracy. **Greg Cribbin (02) 9631 6063 (AH) or (M) 0412 570 024 (BH) or gandfcribbin @optusnet.com.au**
- Wanted:** Running board drop forged type brackets for 1928 Model A Tudor.
Barry Rose (02) 6382 1191 (M) 0427 885 991 email barry-rose@netspace.net.au
- Wanted:** White wall tyre in good condition. **John Everett (02) 9773 4941**
- Wanted:** Model A chassis. Also want wheel centres for 19inch Model A 30/31 wheels.
Colin Wade (02) 9629 1302
- Wanted:** Model A Ford complete & in good shape. **John McCormick (02) 6545 3713**
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