# Model A Flyer



Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

Web site www.modelafordclubofnsw.com.au

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**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

A very warm Model A welcome to our newest members. Graham and Mary White of Guyra are actually re-joining the Club after an extended absence; it is nice to have you back with us again. Ian and Jannifer Brown of Jilliby are our latest additions from the Central Coast region and are most welcome. Also familiar to many members, Charlie and Valerie Dalton (Phil's parents) are becoming official members; welcome, although you already feel like members.

It is just great to see the Club continuing to grow. Not only do we get to share our passion with new friends but we also get to see new cars.

Last night was the last meeting for me as President. It has been a delightful couple of years and I thank you all for your continued support and encouragement.

A special thank you to all committee members, to our spouses, and to all those members who work hard for the Club with no fuss and usually a smile. To all those who have brought supper or arranged raffles for the monthly meetings, for on going work with our web site, for the Flyer, and the million other things for which I have asked for help, a huge thank you. The Club would have struggled without your efforts. That which you have done has been much appreciated.

For anyone travelling to Kempsey, we will be meeting at the Caltex Service Centre at Ourimbah at 9 am on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October departing at 9.15 am. Looking forward to seeing you all there, it is shaping up to be a fun weekend. Please let me know your travel plans before then so I will know who is missing..... hopefully no one.

The November meeting is the AGM so please make a special effort to be there and take an active part in electing (or running for) the new Committee. With respect to the proposed constitutional changes, if you do not want the changes then vote against them and everything stays the same.

I will be at the Bendigo delegate's meeting and thus miss the next meeting, but I look forward to seeing you at the November run and the December meeting.

Until then safe driving, Kate Taylor.

#### Quotation:

From the book 'Tuesdays With Morrie' by Mitch Albom (Published Hachette Australia)

".....and we talked of all the heart felt things we never get to say to those we love."

### Club News

In your thoughts and prayers please think of Brent Huckstepp who is the son of Ron and Gail Huckstepp. Brent is a doctor who has acquired a serious debilitating condition which restricts his mobility and prevents him from practising.

Marion Cook is recovering from a broken left arm. This happened on the 23rd of August whilst on a boat cruise. She hopes she will be able to attend November's AGM.

Di Paice has been in hospital recently for a foot operation. We hope you are mobile again soon Di.

Members are reminded that if they have conditional registration they need to be financial by the November AGM in order to continue to use their Model A.

If wishing to attend the NRMA Motorfest the best way to register is to log onto NRMA's website mynrma.com.au/motorfest. Please note that the closing date for entries is Friday 23rd October or earlier if available spaces have been filled.

Anyone wishing to have their car judged for the restoration of the year will need to attend October Memorial Day at Deepwater Park as this is the only time and place of judging.

At the Orange Blossom Festival at Baulkham Hills held recently Neville Jones won first place in his group with his 1930 panel van. Congratulations Neville.

# Club Events—Be cool, be there.

**18th October, Sunday 2009. Memorial Day at Deepwater Park, Milperra.** Meet from 10 am. Turn into Webster St from Henry Lawson Drive. The club will provide a BBQ lunch - bread and sausages. Childrens playground & large gazebo available. Bring own drinks, hats, chairs etc. Enquiries Jim Allingham 9522 6094 or (M) 0418 674 059.

**24th & 25th October 2009. A Weekend Away At Kempsey.** There are now approx 10 groups attending at Kempsey. Meet at the Caltex service station Ourimbah at 9 am on Friday 23rd October, departing 9.15 am. Enquiries Kate Taylor on 0418 611 716 or John on 0407 611 716.

13th November, Friday 2009. Annual General Meeting starting at 8 pm. Please try to attend.

**15th November, Sunday 2009. Children's Xmas Party at Bankstown Airport Museum**. For those parents and grandparents attending with children please forward their names ASAP to Greg Cribbin on 9631 6063. Other enquiries Peter Wigzell 9837 2490.

6th December, Sunday 2009. A Day In The Park. Venue yet to be determined.

16th January, Saturday 2010. Twilight BBQ. Details later.

26th January, Tuesday 2010. NRMA Motorfest.

7th February, Sunday 2010. 30th Birthday Cootamundra Antique Motor Club & Michael Livingstone Memorial Run. To be held at Jugiong Park near swimming pool turn off Hume Highway at Jugiong. Enquiries Gwen Livingstone modela@bigpond .com or (M) 0428 421 039.

#### **INVITATION RUNS**

17th-18th October, 2009. Oil, Steam & Kerosene at Campbelltown Steam & Machinery Museum at Menangle Park. Enquiries 0417 215 513 www.csmm.com.au.

8th November, Sunday 2009. An All Fords Day at Koala Park Doyalson. Enquiries Peter Wigzell 9837 2490

**28th February, Sunday 2010. Pittwater Club American Car Meet.** Enquiries Peter Wigzell 9837 2490.

## Event Reports

## 20th September, Sunday 2009. Bushlands Shire Festival at Fagan Park Arcadia Rd Galston.

Thanks to Greg for his run to Fagan Park and to Trevor for letting us know that there was a festival on the same day so we could make arrangements to get into the park. Most of the cars met at Mt Wilberforce Park at West Pennant Hills and travelled in convoy to Galston. Meanwhile Kate, John and Lisette were busy setting out a great morning tea. The cars arrived on schedule and we were offered, tea or brewed coffee and a tantalizing box of goodies. There was a special box for children also. We had 14 Model As and 37 people, and there were 112 stalls to wander through, a live reptile show and an amusement park. The weather was magnificent, but deteriorated as we were leaving in the afternoon. Thanks to all who came.



Mal Bradley explaining to these tall ladies that they would be good at changing light globes.



For one moment we thought Bryan Wyborn had become airborne.

# Wednesday Wanderer's Events

**4th November, Wednesday 2009. Blackheath Spectacular.** Meet 9.30 am at Central country railway station for the 9.55 am train to Blackheath. Meet in the 4th carriage from the front. Train leaves Strathfield at 10.08 am and Parramatta at 10.19 am. Lunch at Blackheath Theatre Café, browse around the collectables then walk to the gardens to view fabulous rhododendrons. Train departs 2.25 pm, arrives Parramatta 4.17 pm, arrives Strathfield 4.30 pm and arrives Central at 4.43 pm. Enquiries Barb Bosher 9871 2030.

**2nd December, Wednesday 2009. Xmas Lunch.** Meet 12 noon at Panorama House, Princes Highway at Bulli Tops. They have a \$15 buffet and a fabulous view over the South Coast from the dining room. Enquiries Don Bailey 9533 4030.

# Wednesday Wanderer's Report

7th October, Wednesday 2009. Sydney Museum - 'Shooting Through: Sydney by Tram.'





(above) Spot the old timer! (left) Model A pioneer women at the Pioneer Women's Memorial in Loftus St Sydney

Thirteen Wednesday Wanderer's met at the Gateway café at Circular Quay. After morning tea we walked up to the Sydney Museum in Bridge St. On display was an exhibition of the life of all the trams that ran in Sydney since 1861 until their demise in 1961. We were given a brief summary by a tour guide and then viewed a 25 minute video after which we examined the exhibits at our own pace. After completing our tour we adjourned to the Gateway Café for lunch. A great day was held by all participants.

by John Everett.

# Technical Comments

**Ethanol.** In response to the last Flyer's comment on ethanol our secretary Greg Cribbin advised that his ED Falcons run better on E10 as the injectors seem to stay cleaner and not foul the tips. He added that the cars no longer get the occasional hesitation.

Oil Changes: We have travelled long distances many times in our Model A. In 2004 we drove to Perth on our second trip over there, changed the engine oil and then drove back. On a long trip to the outback recently and to Adelaide in 2006 we changed the oil on arrival home. I have often wondered how frequently the oil should be changed particularly as our car does not have an oil filter. It is understand that Ford originally recommended the engine oil be changed every 500 miles but modern oils have come a long way in their formulation since the nineteen twenties. Out of interest I phoned Shell to see what they recommended for the Model A as we use Shell's semi synthetic oil. The technical advisor was not too concerned about the distance travelled between oil changes or how black the oil looked but said that fuel dilution was of much more concern. He suggested that the used oil be compared against new oil for viscosity and when I asked how to do this he said to put a drop of oil on a sloping piece of glass and note how long it took to run down. ( Used and new oil should be compared at the same temperature.) The used oil was actually thicker, this probably being due to the amount of gunk taken up by the detergent in the oil. I hope this is of some help but if you don't travel long distances then every six months should do. Your comments are most welcome. By Trevor Davis

# Market Place

For Sale: New old stock Australian made early model AR 1928 crown wheel and pinion set with

ratio 3.77 to 1. \$400. Quantity of used axles \$40 each.

John Everett (02) 9773 4941 (M) 0408 852 878

For Sale: Newly made 'Zagato' sports steel body to suit Model A Ford. Includes new long sweep

ing guards, front and rear, all completely undercoated. Going cheap.

John Brindle (02) 8765 1777.

For Sale: Twin 1 3/8 this inch SU carbies with linkages \$120. Two Model A chassis in poor condi

tion, one front member missing. Free.

James Haling (02) 9498 5038 james\_haling@yahoo.com

For Sale: 1930 Model A Deluxe Roadster of concourse standard. Has won a number of important

awards. Details of its condition, awards and a photo is available from the owner. Asking

\$35,000. Ron Pearson of Kangaroo Flat Victoria (03) 5447 2312.

Wanted: Model A Tudor body parts, particularly a sub frame. John Brindle (02) 8765 1777.

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