



Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

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**OCTOBER 2011**

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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.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



We regret to announce the death of member Val Dalton, mother of Phil Dalton on the 4th of October. To Val's husband Charlie Dalton, who is also a member, and to Phil and Suzette Dalton and family, the club extends its condolences on this very sad occasion. A number of members attended the funeral and three Model A's were present, representing the Club. Val and Charlie have given the club much support extending back to at least 1992, when they came with a number of members to the National Meet in Perth of that year.

The appeal last month for members to consider putting themselves forward for election to the

committee was, to say the least, disappointing for the Club. We can only hope that by the AGM there will be a change for the better. If not we could be a club without a committee which is a prospect we don't like to think about. We remind members, that given a little help, everyone is capable of running a meeting, writing minutes or paying accounts. Can you help?

We have received only a few responses for the children's Xmas party to be held at Trainworks at Thirlmere. If parents and / or grandparents intend to come would you please let Marie Hyland 4657 1734 know by no later than the AGM to be held on 11th of November? After that date we can not accept any more entries.

Dennis Ashton needs to have another operation, his third, on his fractured jaw and will be out of action for about six weeks. We do hope you will be over your accident soon Dennis. Best wishes from us all.

I thank Jim Allingham for chairing the October meeting due to my being required elsewhere. I understand you did very well so congratulations.

Safe motoring always

Trevor Davis.

## Events Report

**October, Sunday 2011. Memorial Day at Holroyd Gardens Park, Holroyd.** This event which was organised by the Allinghams was well attended, with 13 Model As showing up. Holroyd Gardens is an excellent venue with the old brick making buildings and equipment making an interesting display. We paused for a minute's silence to show our respect for those members who are now deceased. Over the years so many have left us that with the march of time we decided some time ago not to have a list of

names. However our memories of those who were our friends and with whom we shared many experiences lingers on. Many thanks Jim and Maureen for arranging this each year.



## Roz & Peter Wigzell's 29 Phaeton



We are the second owners and it is still in the family. In the early days I drove it to work which was a bit of fun and to the beach a couple of times with friends. Due to family commitments the car was for some time housed beside a chicken shed and was home to a few rats and guinea pigs (the rear seat still has their entry and exit points showing). It was later put in a container where it was forgotten and unloved for some years. We need to thank the relatives in Annangrove who stored this container.

I have made a few modifications to our A to make it a little more user friendly--they are already reliable.

**Our 1929 Phaeton is a family car that my father and I bought from my mother's aunty in 1965.**

My mother's uncle bought the car new from a dealer in Newcastle. He had one job on a sheep station in Manilla (near Tamworth) which he started as a teenager; he died while still working the same job at the age of 72, still working for the same family.

He and his wife didn't have any children, so he had one wife, one job and one car, 29 Model A Phaeton.

The best part about our A is all our new friends, the great help we have received from club members and all the social activities we have attended in the A.

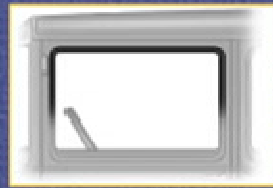
But my biggest thank you must go to my wife Roz. Without her help, support and encouragement I would not have restored the Phaeton we share today.

Peter Wigzell..

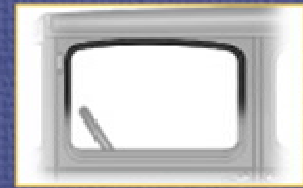


### HOW TO TELL A BRIGGS FROM A MURRAY...

The difference between a Briggs & a Murray can be seen in the door windows. The tops of the windows are straight in a Briggs & arched in a Murray.



**Briggs:** straight top of door window opening



**Murray:** arched top of door window opening



## A brief history of the Model A Ford

Riding the roads and the airwaves the Ford Model A was the subject of the 1928 song, "Henry's Made a

Lady Out of Lizzie," which sang the praises of Ford's new addition to the road.

The first Model A Ford engine, stamped "A1" by Henry Ford himself on October 20, 1927, was put in a Tudor Sedan that Ford personally drove and tested before giving final approval to begin production of the car. At Henry Ford's request, the engine was eventually placed in a 1928 Phaeton that was reserved in Dearborn for the use of his friend and fellow innovator, Thomas Edison.

The 20 Millionth Ford was a 1931 Ford Model A 160-B Slant Windshield Town Sedan. Accompanied off the assembly line by Henry and Edsel Ford, the black car was lettered on the sides and, so it could be seen from the air, the roof, with "The Twenty Millionth Ford." The Sedan would be taken on a tour of the U.S., stopping at nearly every Ford territory and dealer along the way. Rumoured to be lost in a fire sometime after the publicity tour, the car was discovered in Michigan in 1999. After Ford determined it was indeed "The Twenty Millionth Ford," the company agreed to lease the car from its current owner. Ford then devoted their resources to a complete restoration of the car in preparation for their 2003 Centennial celebration. As part of the lease agreement, the Town Sedan will be displayed at Ford World Headquarters for the following 10 years.

## Club Events—Be cool, be there.

**5<sup>th</sup> November, Saturday 2011. Maintenance Day & Mini Swap Meet @ Neville Jones. see article this issue..**

**20<sup>th</sup> November, Sunday 2011. South Coast Motorlife Museum.** A run from Heathcote via Stanwell Tops, along Lawrence Hargrave Drive across the Sea Cliff Bridge to Kembla Grange and a visit to the Motorlife Museum. View the Pacific from Stanwell Tops Lookout, then south for your picnic lunch at the museum. They will provide seating for lunch. Enquiries Rob Taylor 9411 5644.

<http://www.motorlifemuseum.com.au>

**4<sup>th</sup> December, Sunday 2011. Adults & Children's Xmas Party at Trainworks Limited, Thirlmere.** [www.trainworks.com.au](http://www.trainworks.com.au). It is now time to forward names of children under 12 years to Marie Hyland on 4657 1734 who will contact Santa to arrange presents. If you wish to bring grandchildren however would you provide presents for them but also notify Marie who is arranging lollies etc for all children who attend? For a group of 15 or more entry is \$12 per adult and \$11 for children. Train rides will be \$12 per person or child. 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 Government funds. Space is reserved for our party with the Model As on display. Much to do, see & enjoy. Enquiries John Hyland 4657 1734 (M) 0417 683 457.

**21st January, Saturday 2012. Twilight BBQ at Deepwater Park. Henry Lawson Drive Milperra.** The club will provide bread, sausages and sauces. 3pm start.

**26th January, Thursday 2012. NRMA 2012 Motorfest.** We hope you registered in time.



### Ken Warburton's 1931 Tudor

(second outing - Ken took it to Val Dalton's funeral on the first occasion)

## 2012 National Meet at Ipswich.

Entry forms are available from our website under "Tours" and print off Newsletter #2.. Hurry up and lock this one in, as you need to also book accommodation. All details on our website under "Tours".

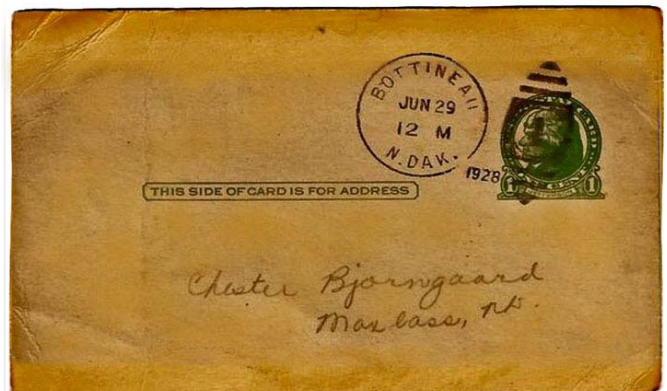
## Maintenance & Mini Swap Meet Day

**Now Saturday 5th November is the next Maintenance Day, but we intend on having a mini swap meet, so bring your small box of excess bits and pieces to see if you can do a deal... Also it will be a Maintenance Day Xmas bash, so BYO drinks to enjoy with the BBQ.. Call Neville 9639 7044 or 0428 293 301 if you are coming for catering please....But please if you say you are coming, let Neville know if you can't, so he can get the catering right... thanks.**

## 2012 Club Elections in November

Nomination forms are attached. Consider a committee position of the club, it only functions if we have a committee!!!!

## Service letter to Model T owners after the release of the Model A



Dear Sir—  
We're writing this letter to you today because we want to help you get your money out of your Model T.  
It's still as good a car as it was the day the new Model A Ford was announced and there's no need to sacrifice it.  
The Model T Ford is still used by more people than any other automobile. Eight million are in active service right now and many of them can be driven one, two, three and five years and even longer.  
Bring your car to us and let us look it over. You'll be surprised to see how little it costs to put it in tip-top shape.  
New fenders, for instance, cost from \$3.50 to \$5.00 each, with a labor charge of \$1.00 to \$2.50. Tuning up the motor and replacing commutator case, brush and vibrator points costs only \$1.00, with a small charge for material. Brake shoes can be installed and emergency brakes equalized for a labor charge of only \$1.25. A labor charge of \$4.00 to \$5.00 will cover the overhauling of the front axle, rebushing springs and spring perches, and straightening, aligning and adjusting wheels.  
The labor charge for overhauling the average rear axle runs from \$5.75 to \$7.00. Grinding valves and cleaning carbon can be done for \$3.00 to \$4.00.  
A set of four new pistons and rings cost only \$7.00. For a labor charge of \$20 to \$25.00 you can have your motor and transmission completely overhauled. Parts are extra.  
Very truly yours,  
Bottineau, N. Dak. C. R. GLEASON CO.

## Wednesday Wanderer's Event



### *Our visit to historic Waterloo in October*

Fifteen excited explorers set off from Circular Quay in the big blue Mercedes (bus) to what was once Sydney's bustling centre of industry. On arrival we found a developing orchard of high rise apartment and office buildings reaching up out of the ground. The few surviving factories and warehouses of old

welcomed visitors into Aladdin's caves of booty ranging from antique treasures through modern designer furniture and on to various conundrums of art, all for sale at ridiculous prices,. For example a battered 10gallon copper milk churn for near \$1000.00 (the price of a set of A Ford tyres), and a marble fireplace surround at \$18000.00 – (The price of a complete A Ford.)

Our meticulous guides then escorted us to a delightful bistro where the hungry were fed and the sweet lovers were thrilled at the gastronomic delights on offer. The main entertainment was to watch the expressions of people returning from a trek to the restrooms which were situated down the road, around the corner, through the green door, across the car park and down the corridor, thankfully they all found their way back.

Fortunately Don & Joan were there to guide us to the bus stop for the return journey and another satisfying and enjoyable Wednesday Wander drew to a close.

*Regards..... Tom Virgona*

### Wednesday 2nd November Wanderer's visit Balmain



We will meet at the Gateway Plaza Circular Quay at 9:30am. From there we catch a bus to Balmain to see the wonderful & historic architecture. Of course there will be a lovely lunch before returning to Circular Quay by Sydney ferry. Enquiries call Ron Doyle Ph: 9772 3785  
Mob: 0412 764741



### Wednesday Wanderers Xmas lunch Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2011

Drummoyne Sailing Club | 2 St. Georges Cres | Drummoyne.- Parking at the club  
Adjacent to Birkenhead shopping centre. Meet at the club at about 11am for midday lunch. Better to drive as it is about a mile from nearest bus stop. Any questions or if you get lost call Tom Virgona 0420 342 392

### Market Place

- For Sale:** Model "A" crown & pinion 4.11 gear set, part no A-4209-411, very little wear \$375.00. *Keith Capps (02) 63421402 M 0428 609972.*
- For Sale:** 1928 Fordor Leather Back Sedan, unrestored in original condition \$13,000 *call Merv Shipp (02) 4731-4587 mob 0407786021*
- For Sale:** ignition points 1938- 1988 \$10.00 per set *John Everett (02) 97734941 or 0408 852 878*
- For Sale:** New complete differential crown, pinion, seals, gaskets, rollers for wheels and tail shaft with retainer clip and race. \$900 ONO *Bob Allen 4325 503 or 0407 001034*
- For Sale:** Set of Model A piston rings standard size at half price. \$20. *Trevor Davis (02) 9484 5116*
- Wanted:** Cast iron head for 1935 Ford R.H.S. (21 studs with water pump in the head.) Believe the 34, 35 & 36 are the same. *Ken Warburton 0438 692 737*
- Wanted:** Two Model A rear Tudor/Phaeton mudguard brackets (LH & RH). Also cowl and fuel tank to suit 28/29 Model A. *Larry Smith (02) 4448 5009 or gailandlarry@shoal.net.au*
- Wanted:** Two tooth steering box for Model A. *John McMurray 0434 077 247*
- Wanted:** Repairable passenger side 28-29 rear roadster guard *John Everett 97734941 or 0408 852 878*

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