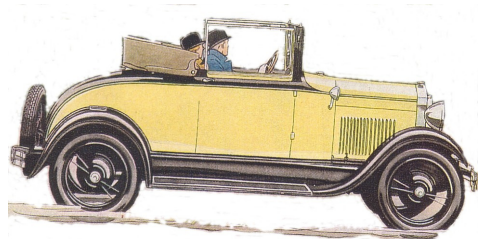


Model A Flyer



Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

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SEPTEMBER 2009

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



Hello everybody, it was great to be back on deck at last night's general meeting. We enjoyed a lively discussion about proposed changes to the constitution relating to Club registration plates, and also mooted changes to the rules relating to honorary life membership. I urge you all to familiarize yourselves with the resolutions to be tabled at the AGM. Only by voting at the AGM can you have a say.

A big thank you is due to Neville Jones who very kindly stepped up to the plate in my absence and kept every thing on track. It is humbling to realize how expendable I am.

The last run planned on my watch was to be held at Tamworth. Sadly, we have been unable to find any satisfactory accommodation in the vicinity as 800 delegates to various functions are due in town for the weekend we planned to be there. However, for all those who cannot get enough of their Model A's, and would enjoy a brief break, we will instead be taking a run to Kempsey where good accommodation is available. It is a very pretty area, and by the time we take off, we will have planned some fun things to do. I hope as many city members as possible will join in as we have many country members in the vicinity so it should be a great time to show off our cars and wallow in decadent entertainments. John and I will be staying at the Moon River Motor Inn at 157 Smith St, Kempsey, 6562 8077, but if that does not suit, there are many from which to choose. If you find this trip to your liking, please let me know on 0418 611 716 or John on 0407 611 716, and we will arrange a meeting point. Remember, I will be providing morning tea at the next monthly run which is to Fagan Park. Because of the nature of the fare I am bringing, it is essential I know who is coming, so if you have not signed the sheet passed around at the last meeting, please ring me. I will not be bringing any extra. Hope to see the entire Club there in their spring finery.

Please all think about taking a turn on the Committee. Elections will be held at the November AGM. New blood means new ideas, absolutely vital to keep interest and excitement alive. I will happily nominate any one interested in throwing their hat in the ring. I have very much enjoyed my time on the Committee, and know you would too. Just ring me if interested. Thank you all very much for allowing me to serve as your president for two years. It has been an honour and a privilege, but I bow out now and happily pass the torch along. The October meeting will be my final one as President as I will be in Bendigo as your delegate during the AGM.

Meanwhile, safe driving always, Kate Taylor

Quotation: The average millionaire is only the average dishwasher dressed up in a new suit. (George Orwell)

Club News

In August we learnt of the death of Jack (John) Savage who died from his injuries after being kicked by a horse on his property. Jack was a member of the Club in the early days and went on many of our runs. On behalf of members we express our condolences to his wife Shirley and family.

Anyone wishing to have their car judged for the restoration of the year will need to attend the October Memorial run at Deepwater Park as this is the only time and place of judging. Please advise the committee if you wish to have your car judged so the judges know how many will be available on the day.

Club Events—Be cool, be there.

20th September, Sunday 2009. Bushlands Shire Festival at Fagan Park Arcadia Rd Galston. Meet 9.00 am at Mt Wilberforce Lookout near Thompson's corner at junction of Pennant Hills Rd & Castle Hill Rd, West Pennant Hills. Depart 9.30 am & travel via New Line Rd to Fagan Park. Enter at the top entrance on Arcadia Rd. Entry fee is \$5 per car (bring change for the boom gate). Kate Taylor is providing morning tea at Fagan Park and must know numbers coming for catering purposes. Please phone Peter Wigzell on 9837 2490 or Kate on 0418 611 716. Also phone Greg Cribbin on 9631 6063 as passes will need to be obtained from Hornsby Shire Council. BYO lunch.

18th October, Sunday 2009. Memorial Day at Deepwater Park, Milperra. Turn into Webster St from Henry Lawson Drive. There will be a Club barbeque, children's playground & large gazebo. 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. Contact Kate Taylor on 0418 611 716 or John on 0407 611 716, and they will arrange a meeting point and provide other information.

15th November, Sunday 2009. Visit and Xmas Party at Bankstown Airport Museum. Please note that the venue given last Flyer was incorrect. Enquiries Peter Wigzell 9837 2490. Details later.

INVITATION RUNS

27th September, Sunday 2009. Orange Blossom Festival, Baulkham Hills. Car show & stalls in the Bull and Bush Hotel car park. Contact Peter Wigzell 9837 2490 for a form as you will need to register your car entry with Baulkham Hills Council.

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

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.

Event Reports

23rd August, Sunday 2009. Shannon's Eastern Creek.

There was a good roll up of 13 Model A's or thereabouts and great weather to boot. Neville Jones entered his 1930 panel van in the concourse and won third prize in the vintage section. Congratulations Neville. Also Peter and Nancy Deane came in their newly acquired 5 window coupe (to page 3)



The Jones's 1930 Panel Van



The Deane's 1930 5 window Coupe

formerly owned by Terry Bullock, a really nice car! Apart from the usual ones who come there were also Craig and Leone Finney - (Leone, the ladies do not usually come because it can be so terribly boring.) The Club is grateful to Mal Bradley, Peter Wigzell and Ron Doyle who give so much of their time assisting the CMC organisers of the event.
by Trevor Davis

Wednesday Wanderer's Events

7th October, Wednesday 2009. Visit Sydney Museum to see 'Shooting Through: Sydney by Tram.' An exhibition about Sydney's lost tram network offers a glimpse into the city's past – and possibly its future too. Meet at 9.30 am at the Gateway Café at Circular Quay. At 10.15 am walk to the Sydney Museum in Bridge St. Suggest we have lunch in the Rocks area.. We have been told this exhibition is outstanding so don't miss out. Enquiries Trevor Davis 9484 5116.

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 Boshier 9871 2030.

Wednesday Wanderer's Report

2nd September, Wednesday 2009. Sydney Masonic Centre visit.

The Baileys were away enjoying themselves on holiday and the Bradleys were suffering severely from the flu so we thought there might not be many coming. A surprise however was in store for us as twelve turned up for morning tea at Morgan's Coffee shop. Our guide for the day was Peter Court who had served a long career as a schoolteacher and was now the Membership Officer for the Masonic Centre. Peter, at very short notice, had to take on the role of guide for the day and did a splendid job of acquainting us with all the ins and outs of the Centre and showing us the many displays and rooms such as the library and the Conference Meeting room. Naturally there were a number of queries we asked concerning the purpose of the Centre, its operations and the nature of various symbols on display, all of which were answered without apparent reservation. It was both surprising and interesting to learn how many public figures past and present had been or were Freemasons. Briefly it could be said we came, observed and left informed.

After lunch we wandered down to view the David Jones Flower Show at the Elizabeth Street store which was absolutely gorgeous. There was a breathtaking display of over 10,000 Bankias, 5000 Gynea Lilies, 500 Eucalyptus Macrocarpa, 8000 Leucospermum and about 10,000 orchid flowers just to name a few. Sorry but you can't go as it finished on the 13th of September. Why people want to work and miss out on all the exciting things that we Wanderers see and do is difficult to comprehend.
by Trevor Davis



On the steps of the Masonic Centre



The ladies enjoying the Flower Show.

Technical Comments

Ethanol: The use of ethanol in petrol in Australia has been with us now for some time and we still hear comments from some owners of vintage cars that they would not use it. There are various reasons given but most of these seem not to have a sound technical explanation. There is a belief however that ethanol will separate from the petrol if allowed to stand for 2 to 3 months undisturbed and this deserves attention. Shell's technical department, when questioned on this, stated that normally this should not occur but if for some reason there is water in the petrol then some ethanol may separate out and dissolve into the water. As presence of water is not a common occurrence this should be infrequent. If you have any concerns about using ethanol petrol we suggest you contact Shell.

It does not seem to be widely known that ethanol, otherwise known as ethyl alcohol and commonly called grain alcohol, is the main constituent of common methylated spirits and accounts for approximately 96% of its volume. It is well known to have water absorbing properties. Some will recall that adding methylated spirits was a good way to absorb moisture in a petrol tank and nobody seemed to worry about nasty effects then. Methylated spirits has a bitter substance added to it to deter people from drinking it. If there is a lingering doubt that ethanol may react with petrol hoses it is suggested that a test piece be immersed in methylated spirits for several weeks to see if it swells or softens. Ethanol in petrol has been reported as reacting with plastics but this seems a little odd as methylated spirits (ie 96% ethanol) which is flammable is legally sold in plastic (ie polymer) containers. I have used E10 petrol for many years now in the Model A and in our 1996 Ford Fairmont and have not found it to be detrimental to the motor or to performance. Your comments are welcome. By TD.

Market Place

For Sale: 1928 Model A radiator. Clean & no leaks. \$300. Model A front spring 29 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches inside measurement \$120. Rear spring spreader \$100.

Keith Capps (02) 6342 1402 M 0428 609 972

For Sale: 1929 Model A phaeton. Older restoration, low mileage car in immaculate condition & mechanically A1. Many accessories plus some spares. Full registration BKR65Q until 31/3/10. \$25,000. **Mark Tait (M) 0412 546 366**

Wanted: Country member wanting two Model As to help out at his daughter's wedding on 6th March 2010. Travel will be Paddington to Watsons Bay Naval Base then to Victoria Barracks at Paddington. **Gary Conyers (02) 6772 6346 (M) 0427 726 346 .**

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