



Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

Web site www.modelafordclubofnsw.com.au

SEPTEMBER 2011

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



Elections for committee positions for 2012 will soon be upon us and several office bearers including myself will retire. This therefore will be a great opportunity for any member wanting to become involved in the running of the Club. In my policy statement on being elected as president for 2011 I made the following comment: *Should you be asked next year to stand as an office bearer, that is, President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer, try not to say immediately 'No thank you – I couldn't do that'.* Henry Ford had a saying: *'If you feel that you can achieve something or feel that you can't, you are correct both times!'* Try to think in a positive manner. Given a little help, everyone is capable of running a meeting, writing minutes or paying accounts.

I urge members to submit nominations for committee positions on the enclosed form and return it to the secretary in time to be tabled at the October general meeting. Should there be multiple nominations for a position then proxy voting forms will be enclosed with the October

Flyer. There will no longer be any need for Bendigo delegates as at the 2010 National Meet it was decided that meetings between Model A clubs will in future be held at National Meets.

At the September meeting we were entertained with a presentation on opals by Adam, a son of Des and Carol Fitzgerald. We were all impressed with Adam's knowledge of the cutting and polishing of opals and admired his fine collection - we hope none were missing at the finish! Many thanks to Adam for contributing his time and I congratulate him on the quality of his presentation. More presentations by members will be highly appreciated as we do not have any on our waiting list.

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 attending? Please don't delay as the Xmas party for the children to be held on the 4th of December will leave little time for making arrangements.

Ron Doyle advises that we are still missing one of our copies of the green volume No 2 of the Maintenance Book by Les Andrews. Please check if you have this book.

Should any member wish to enter their vehicle for the Club Restoration of The Year Award it will be necessary to bring the vehicle on Memorial Day which will be held on 16th October at Holroyd Gardens Park, Holroyd.

Safe motoring always

Trevor Davis.

Bianca Everett's Model A Speedster

After helping my dad and pop build my pops A Model Ford Ute, we went to Bathurst in 2008 to attend the National Meet.

We were looking around at all the cars that were there and we came across a Speedster. I asked dad if we could have a car like this and he said I had to ask Nan... So I did and Nan said I could have one.

In December that year we started to build the speedster.

In the building process pop, nan, dad and I went to George Eden's house to make the seats and mudguard brackets. I also helped in making all the floor, painting of the body panels and assembly of the car. We finished her in December 2009.

I have attended many club rallies and so far I have won two awards... The Model A Ford Club NSW Restoration of the Year in 2010 and



second place in pre 1930's Bathurst God Country Rally 2011.

I've still got many good rallies to come too...

Thanks Bianca..

Sept Maintenance Day Pictures



Is this Batman & Robin ???

Technical Comment

A number of years ago I found that I had a sticking clutch plate and tried all manner of ways to free it up. Jacking up the rear wheels and running the motor in gear and slamming on the brakes was suggested but this did not work. Nothing else worked and eventually I had to give in and remove the rear end. It was therefore interesting to read the following which appears on the MAFCA website in the Q & A section.

Question: I have a problem with the clutch freezing up on vehicles I put up for the winter. I wonder if anybody knows of a way to prevent it or the best way to loosen a stuck clutch. - **Rodney Davis.**



Answer: The Model A clutch will collect moisture when stored in a humid area for the winter or any long period of time. Storage should be in a dry area. Covering it with a tarp outside makes it worse because it traps the moisture and condensation. The result is the clutch rusts to the flywheel (there are metal particles in the clutch disk). The only way to get it loose is to pull the engine and remove the pressure plate and clutch. This usually means replacing the clutch plate. Start the car once a week during the winter months and activate the clutch a few times. Spinning the flywheel will eliminate most condensation build up

Les Andrews Technical Director.

Thanks Trevor for this information..

Club Events—Be cool, be there.

18th September, Sunday 2011. Lugarno Lions Fair. Car stickers now available at gate.. Meet at Jacques Ave Riverwood near the Fire Brigade Station at 9.30 am. We will proceed in convoy to Gannons Park, entering at Boatwright Ave at Peakhurst. A large number of vintage and classic cars will be on display and we would like to keep the Model As together. There will be facilities in the park such as stalls for food, craft, plants, books and rides for children. A fun day out for the family!. Enquiries Don Bailey 9533 4030 (M) 0404 091 235.

16th October, Sunday 2011. Memorial Day at Holroyd Gardens Park, Holroyd. Entry is in Walpole St. Visit the old brick kilns, memorabilia and Sydney Children's Museum. Members wishing to have their vehicle entered for judging in the Club Restoration of the Year Award should attend this run. Enquiries Jim Allingham 9522 6094 (M) 0418 674 059.

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

20th 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. Enquiries Rob Taylor 9411 5644.

4th December, Sunday 2011. Adults & Children's Xmas Party at Trainworks Limited, Thirlmere. 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.

August 2012. Run to Birdsville. Email Trevor Davis trevordavis4@optusnet.com.au for itinerary details or phone (02) 9484 516.

5th, 6th & 7th May 2012. Three Day Tour To Gulgong and Dubbo. Proposed by new members Ian and Kay Ray who invite expressions of interest. Contact Ian on 4966 4926 or the Events

Committee members Neil Finn on 9854 1304 or Norm Boshier on 9871 2030

INVITATION EVENTS

18th September, Sunday 2011. Bushland Shire Festival at Fagan Park, Arcadia Road Galston. Car display with lunch and drink vouchers provided. Enquiries Event Officer Jane Brown Hornsby Shire Council 9847 6702 Mondays and Fridays.

15th & 16th October - Oil, Steam & Kerosene Field Day. 86 Menangle Road, Menangle Park. Saturday 10 am - 4 pm, Sunday 9 am - 3 pm. Adults \$10, Children \$5, Pensioners \$5 & Family (4) \$25. Phone 0417 215 513.

Maintenance Day Report

Another great Maintenance Day at Neville's place. Trevor discussed shock absorber overhauls, Bryan Wyborn talked about distributors, Peter Wigzell not only changed an exhaust system, but demo'd electronic timing the Model A..and Neville showed everyone how a front end can really get worn out...

Great turn out on the day, real man shed stuff. We had THREE father & sons there, the Shepherds, Mirows (from Gunnedah) & Everetts, wonderful to see our club is a real family affair..

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 0248 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...

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".

Everyone in the club would like to send Phil Dalton their best wishes as he has not been well ..



Wednesday Wanderer's Event

September Visit to Nielson Park Report. Our group of 16 Wanderers included Kevin Churchill, former President of the Victoria Model A Club, who happened to be at a loose end in Sydney. Nice to have you along Kevin!. Arrangements had been made by the organisers for a nice sunny day which did eventuate. Bus 325 got us there from Circular Quay in plenty of time to inspect Greycliffe House and the surrounds at Nielson Park. Everyone agreed it was a great scenic place to visit. A relaxed lunch was had at the kiosk which had been built in the early 1900s on the edge of the beach. The beach is part of Shark Bay which, whilst missing its shark net which is put up for summer, did not deter a lone swimmer cooling off. After lunch we all left in great haste as the ladies wanted to visit a flower show in David Jones. Reporter Trevor Davis.

Wednesday 5th October visit historic Waterloo We will meet at Gateway Plaza Circular Quay at 9:30am. From there we will catch a bus to Waterloo where we will visit an old industrial area. The factories and warehouses have been converted to Art Galleries, Furniture Galleries & trendy cafes. So come and be a Yuppie for the day. Call Don & Joan Bailey (definite yuppies with a Mustang!!) on 0404 09 1235 or 9533 4030..

<p>Last months Maroota Muster Invitation event was kindly supported by five cars. BIG thankyou to Maureen & Jim (Convertible Mustang), Bianca and John jr (in the speedster), Denise & Paul (350 Monaro), Neville (Model A Panel Van with his wonderful tool collection) and the lovely Roz in our Phaeton.</p>	<p>There wasn't as many people attending the Muster as normal but they were appreciative of our cars coming for the day. A school with 56 students needs a lot of help, so thanks for your time. Pete Wigzell..</p>
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Market Place

- For Sale:** 1928 AR Model A Phaeton restored 1968 & unregistered but in good condition. Has early engine number CA 3334 and has done 80,000 miles. Original blue green paint. \$26,000. *Phone Peter Foster in SAust (H) 08 8443 8638.*
- For Sale:** 1929 Model A Tudor - restored 30 years ago, black paint work with white walls. The car is in excellent condition. Motor reco 5000 miles ago.. In full rego. ST 095. \$28,000 *Ph. Steve Tate 0249458152 or smtatie@primusonline.com.au.*
- For Sale:** 1928 Fordor Leather Back Sedan, unrestored in original condition \$13,000 *call Merv Shipp 02-4731-4587 mob 0407786021*
- For Sale:** 1930 7 tooth steering box and wheel unrestored \$100.00 also ignition points 1938-1988 \$10.00 per set *John Everett 0297734941 or 0408 852 878*
- For Sale:** New complete differential crown, pinion, seals, gaskets, rollers for wheels and tail shaft with retainer clip and race Asking \$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:** Model A Ford Chasis - *Craig Finney 02 95482424*
- 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 1928-29 rear roadster guard **John Everett 0297734941 0408 852 878**