

## Model A Flyer



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**DAY** ♥

Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

Web site [www.modelafordclubofnsw.com.au](http://www.modelafordclubofnsw.com.au)  
February 2018

**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 would like to extend condolences on behalf of all club members to Rob Taylor and his family on the passing of his mother after a period of sickness, 94 years old. I express my condolences to Patricia Finn and family on behalf of all the members of the Model A Club of NSW on the passing of her husband Neil. Neil was a great supporter of the Model A Club of NSW and was well liked and respected.

There are also a number of members recovering from illness and operations and I wish you all a speedy recovery and hope to see you out and about soon.

It's always good to see members getting out and enjoying themselves. The Twilight run at Deepwater Park was a fine day and well attended. Members had a good time and enjoyed the barbeque. The run to Australiana Village on Australia Day was attended by ten Model A's and I am sure everyone had a good time. The Wednesday wanderers run to the Old Darlinghurst jail was really a great day out.

The next run is to the Sydney Tram Museum and for the Wanderers to Wendy Whitley's Secret Garden in March. We have some great club runs organised this year and the committee is looking at something special to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Model A later in the year.

Regards Robert Brown

### Your 2018 committee

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## Get your Model A out and join us!



**When :** SUNDAY 25th February, Sydney Tram Museum

**Where:** Sydney Tram Museum, Pitt Street, Loftus. Easier to enter via Rawson which is the Old Princess Highway. Follow Old Princess Highway to railway line and south. Much easier than going down Princess Highway.

**What time:** Meet there at 9am

**What to bring:** Model A's get in for free, bring a picnic but drinks and snacks are available.

**The Event:** The Sydney Vintage Tramway Festival celebrates the heritage of Sydney's wonderful tramway system, once among the largest tramways in the world.

We will be pulling out all the stops! Some of our oldest & rarest trams, dating back to early 1900's will be putting their best wheels forward to give you a day to remember!

**Event Organiser:** Call Ken Warburton, 0438-692-737

**Saturday 24th Feb -**

### **Jenny Brown Memorial Run**

**Meet:** 0830am Kart Track WW  
OR 0930am Elephant Shop Co-  
oranbong OR 10am Coffee  
Wyong Milk Factory, Alison  
Road.



**Lunch:** 12:30am lunch at Angel Sussurri, Linga Longa Road, Yarramalong T: 4956 1066

**RSVP:** Lunch numbers required for booking, so please call Di Paice 0408-414-681

## 90th Anniversary of Model A Ford Badges from MARC WA.

- Steel Badge for radiator or bumper \$15 each
- Cloth badge \$15 each.

Please advise our Secretary Helen Sharpe if you want one, she is putting an order together to send to MARC WA for delivery.

Helen Sharpe Ph: 0429 998 958 or Email: [helensharpe@gmail.com](mailto:helensharpe@gmail.com)

## Saturday 10th March - Visit Andrew Byrnes Private Car Museum

**Where:** Andrew Byrnes Car Museum is 3 Waler Cres Smeaton Grange (Industrial Area).

**What Time:** 1pm, **but you need to advise Ken Young 1 week prior re your attendance 0428 697 717**

**Lunch:** Andrew will put on a FREE lunch for all.

**Photographs:** NO PHOTOS for security reasons on the day, DO NOT BRING A CAMERA, thanks

**Background on Andrew:** Andrew Byrnes of Smeaton Grange has made the Top 20 Just Auto Legends. Just Auto launched a competition to find Australia's top 20 automotive enthusiasts and Mr Byrnes made the list. Mr Byrnes has been a Ford man ever since he bought his first car when he was 10. He now has a collection of more than 55 cars with a total value of more than \$2 million. On average, he spends two full days a week working on his cars.

## Sunday 18th March - Visit Parramatta Park

**Address:** Enter from Lackey Street via Bourke Street, North Parramatta

**Opening Times:** 6:30am - 7:30pm, arrival time TBA

**Disabled Access:** Yes

**Entry:** FREE

**On-Site Parking:** FREE

**Lunch:** Picnic lunch, bring chairs etc

Lake Parramatta Reserve is a 73 hectare bushland and parkland reserve located within two kilometres of the



Parramatta central business district. It is

the largest bushland remnant surviving in the Parramatta Local Government Area. It is also recognised as one of the most significant and beautiful bushland remnants in Western Sydney.

Lake Parramatta is now open for public swimming and water recreation activities. The reserve is also popular for picnicking, aquatic activities and bushwalking, with a visitors kiosk open on weekends.

Sunday 15th April we are supporting  
Sylvanvale at Cronulla. Bring your A

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## *Vale Neil Finn*

How do you begin to describe this larger than life kind hearted generous man. Not to mention his wonderful sense of humour. Neil and Pat joined our club just prior to our 2008 Rally at Bathurst. I remember sitting at one of the registration tables when a drinks waiter handed me a cool beer. I said to the guy how much do I owe you, he just smiled and said, nothing, then he pointed at Neil and said thank the big guy standing over there. They say still waters run deep, this is how I would describe Neil's hidden kindness towards other people. I personally got to know the real story behind this great self made businessman who began with almost nothing and became one of the most respected glaziers in the country.

Many of our members Model A's have Neil's handy work inside them. On a number of occasions I would get a call from Neil asking for help in the most convincing but sly tone in his voice. The best call was the one when he said he misread his tension wrench. I will leave that one for you to work out. He was never afraid to have a go.

Neil was a very caring family man having 7 children and 20 grandchildren of which he was very proud of them all.

On behalf of all our members, I would like to convey to Pat and family, our sincerest and deepest sympathy for their loss.

I would like to close with a short quote:

*It's hard to understand why people are taken from us,  
but find comfort in knowing you were a special part of a well lived life.*

Your old mate  
Mal Bradley

Neil you will be missed by many.



## *Market Place*

**For Sale - New Engine Parts** - Piston & ring set .060 O/S or .080 O/S, \$195 per set, Camshaft Gear \$50, Head Gasket Copper \$35, Complete Gasket Set incl copper h/gasket \$55. Call Peter Limon 0412 764 231 or email [vintagefactoryrr@gmail.com](mailto:vintagefactoryrr@gmail.com)

**For Sale - 1928 Model A Ford ute** - NSW rego to March 2018 new wet weather gear, trim and carpet. Performance enhanced for touring \$28,500 Call Ian 0448529482

**For Sale - 28/29 AA truck** wood spoke wheels and rims restored and ready to run. New cast front drum conversion, machined rear drums, new front wheel bearings and used spindles, all new h/t bolts. 12 of 24 rim cleats. Willing to swap for an A model open car wind-screen posts & parts. Doug, Newcastle 0447 745714

**Wanted 28/28 Model A Ford Motor** - operational, call Phil Dalton 0413 970 704

**Services: Model A Ford White Metal Bearings** - if needed call Dean, Dean Repairs 0401767761

*Please advise me if your ad is no longer required. Editor*

# Wednesday Wanderers

## Wednesday 7th March, Wendy's Secret Garden, Lavender Bay Sydney

**Meet:** 930am Steampunk Café, Cliff Street Milsons Point.  
**A Guide to Getting there:** Catch the train to Milsons Point station and exit on the western side. Cross the road and turn right. Second street on the left will be Cliff Street.

**Event Details:** Depart 10am to walk around to the garden. The Garden and the surrounding area will take about 2 hours to have a wander through and is very interesting. There are some steps but if you take your time this will be OK. A lot of walking trails throughout the garden.

**Lunch:** Lunch will be at Kirribilli Club approx 12:30 to 1 pm. Great views of Lavender Bay.

**Getting Home:** After lunch we will then walk down beside the garden and along the Peter Kingston Walkway, which also has small sculptures in the garden. Around to Luna Park to catch the ferry back to Circular Quay for the train trip home.



## Wednesday Wanderers report to the Old Darlinghurst Gaol Sydney on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018

We had 16 wanderers on the day. Meeting at the Gateway Centre at Circular Quay for coffee and morning tea. On arrival at Taylor Square there were a number of police vehicles and news cameras, obviously something was happening at the courthouse in Taylor Square. We wandered down to the Old Darlinghurst Gaol located behind the courthouse. Tom had arranged a guided tour. Our tour guide Takinka was excellent in showing us around the various buildings and explaining all the history of the jail. The buildings are now used by various Arts students studying the different types of Art. Lunch was at a local pub in Taylor Square. A special birthday to Maureen Allingham on the day. Thanks to Tom for organising this day.

Robert Brown



## Australia Day run to Pioneer Village.

Australia Day was nice and hot, but we still had 10 A Models at Australia Pioneer village. Some stayed only a short while due to the heat, but the others spent the day exploring the village and displays. Without doubt the old style equipment and motors were the favourites. All who attended had a very enjoyable Australia Day.  
Helen Sharpe

## SILENT AUCTION TWO HEADLIGHT REFLECTORS

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# 25th Australian National Model A Ford Meet Murray Bridge S.A.



2nd – 7th October 2018  
Newsletter Number 3



Welcome and we hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year which means it is now 2018 the year of the 25th Australian National Meet. The Meet will be here before we know it and our committee continues to work hard to ensure it will be a terrific event.

The Program is coming together and will commence with Registration followed by Nibbles and Natter on the Tuesday 2nd October afternoon/evening.

Wednesday will be the Car Judging and Welcome Dinner.

Thursday the Mandatory Run will occur and plans for this are well under way.

Saturday will be our Display Day on the banks of the Murray River with the Presentation Dinner in the evening.

Sunday it will be time to say our goodbyes at the Farewell Breakfast.

Each evening there will be a Happy Hour with announcements of the next day's activities.

In between these events will be many varied Runs, River cruises, technical talks, trading tables, and other activities to keep everyone busy and having fun.

So far we have approximately 80 entries and accommodation is filling fast (tentative bookings expire 30th June 2018 and remember to mention you are attending the Meet to get any discounts) so please keep those entries coming. The closing date for entries is 1st July 2018.

We have had a number of responses for the car judging sections so do not forget to fill this in on your entry forms. Judging will be coordinated by the Model A Ford Club of Victoria and comprise of attendees from every state.

Concourse and Touring Classes will be judged on current Australian Standards.

Those that have entered their cars for judging please ensure your car meets the appropriate Australian standards before the Meet.

There has also been a good number of Hubley cars entered so this should produce some great competitive heats culminating in the Hubley Racing finals during the Meet.

A Meals and Merchandise Order Form will be sent out to entrants in May 2018.

Bay to Birdwood Run Entry Forms will be available in May 2018 and sent to those who have indicated their interest on their entry forms. The organisers are going to allow all the Model A Ford's to have a group start and park as a group at Birdwood. We would like to let you know that it would be easier to stay the night before this event near West Beach, Adelaide which is the starting point as the journey from Murray Bridge will take at least 90 minutes and require a very early start.

The Club Ladies continue to work on items to sell on the Trading Table and will feature era fashions for both women and men, produce and many more tantalising things.

Once again please keep those Entry Forms coming and we are looking forward to seeing you all in Murray Bridge in October 2018.

Gary Fischer  
Chairman  
2018 National Model A Ford Meet Committee

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## Celebrating 90 years of the Model A Ford in Australia

Booking Form on our website at:  
[http://modelafordclubofnsw.com.au/?page\\_id=57](http://modelafordclubofnsw.com.au/?page_id=57)



# PROVERBIAL REAR MAIN LEAK

After 30 plus years of experience with the Model A & B engines, the most common problem is a rear main oil leak. This problem can be very simple to correct or it can turn into costly time consuming job. What is important is a correct diagnoses. You do not want to rebuild engine if you have a bad oil filler cap. Do not assume the worst until you have checked out the problem thoroughly.

1. After wiping clean flywheel housing. Check that oil is leaking from out of cotter pin hole at bottom of flywheel housing. If oil does not leak out of cotter pin hole you have a leak some place else, suggestions oil pan, timing case cover, front seal, valve cover, oil pipe to mention a few. Most oil leaks drip off of the cotter pin. You need to determine that oil is leaking out of cotter pin hole not off of the cotter pin to be a rear main leak. If oil is leaking out of cotter pin hole go to step 2.

2. Remove oil filler cap check to see that oil filler pipe is not restricted or plugged. With oil filler cap removed from car take car for a drive. If leak stopped the oil filler cap is bad. There are tabs bent over under top of cap to stop cap from seating all the way down. The stops could be bent or missing on your cap. This will seal crankcase pressures in and will force oil out. Replace oil filler cap. This is a common problem, overlooked and easy to fix.

3. Hold a plastic food storage bag around oil filler pipe and bring engine to high idle. Bag should flutter if does not and fills up with air, you have excessive blow by in crankcase. This can be caused by bad rings, pistons, cylinders or possibly valves and guides. Excessive pressures in crankcase will cause oil to leak out rear main and any other place not sealed.

4. If above is all good now remove half moon inspection cover on flywheel housing, three hex head screws. Chock wheels. Check to see if inside of flywheel is wet with oil. If flywheel is wet inside this means oil is leaking out rear main cap and or cap to block. Start engine, with flash light look for oil leak. EXHAUST IS HOT AND MUST BE VENTED.

## POSSIBLE PLACES FOR OIL LEAK.

Checking inside flywheel housing with half moon cover removed.

Engine running

A. Dripping or running down right side of engine around outside of rear main cap. Probably gasket between engine and flywheel housing. Remove engine and replace gasket. We seal around camshaft hole with RTV no longer use a gasket.

B. Dripping between rear main cap and block at shims. Cap must fit flat to engine block. Rear seal part A6335 must be filed flat with block. I use a thin film of RTV on both sides of shim to prevent leakage.

C. Dripping out side of rear main block could be oil running up rear main bolts, I use RTV under heads of the rear main bolts and on threads of the two upper bolts that secure flywheel housing to block. These leaks are generally slow drips and are not common.

D. Dripping or running out of back of rear main cap into flywheel is common. This is a rear main leak. If you have not seen oil leak at this time take car for a drive, immediately chock wheels and check again. If rear main leaks. Remove oil pan.

E. Check oil tube on rear main cap that it is not missing, broken or cut off. The end of this pipe must be in oil in bottom of sump. If pipe is not in oil, pressures in crankcase will blow oil out rear main. If pipe is screwed into cap too far this will restrict oil flow back to sump and cause rear main leak. The oil galley plug in rear main should be installed again to stop crankcase pressures from pushing oil out rear main. Next remove rear main cap, oil galley in cap must be open and clean so oil can flow back to sump. With cap removed from engine you can now inspect Babbitt for wear, cracks chips, ECT. The last quarter inch of the bearing must be full diameter of Babbitt no cuts, grooves or chips. Shims must fit tight to crankshaft . Plastigage can be used to check bearing clearance at this time with engine still in car. I suggest a jack be used to apply pressure upward on crankshaft. This will seat crankshaft up into bearings in block to give you an accurate measurement. Desired clearance is .001 to .0015.

By now you should have diagnosed the problem. I hope that your problem was easy to fix. I have seen newly rebuilt engines leak and many times it was just the oil filler cap. Do not assume the worst till you have checked out the problem thoroughly.

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