

## Model A Flyer



# Happy Easter!



Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

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

March 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 express my condolences to Laurel Huckstepp and family on behalf of all the members of the Model A Club of NSW on the passing of her husband Harry on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Harry was a great supporter of the Model A Club of NSW and was instrumental in starting the Wednesday Wanderers. The first outing was a picnic in Prince Edward Park, Sutherland on 4th February 1998. This was Harry's idea and is still going today.

It was great to see a large number of our members attend Neil Finn's funeral. The church was overflowing. Harry Huckstepp's funeral was also well represented by a large number of members. Alex and Heather McKinnon travelled all the way from Forbes to attend Harry's funeral. Both Neil and Harry were well respected members of the Model A Club.

I attended the Northern A's Jenny Brown Memorial Run on 24<sup>th</sup> February. This was the first time that I met with many of our northern cousins and they are a great bunch of people. A great day out and well attended. Hopefully I can attend more of their runs in the future.

I have organised for an article on the Model A Ford to be included July 2018 edition of the Retro Auto magazine and I will keep you updated on this after I meet with the editor. Looking forward to catching up with members and hopefully see you on some of the club runs throughout the year.

I wish all members a safe and happy Easter.  
Regards Robert Brown

## Your 2018 committee

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## Vale Harry Huckstepp

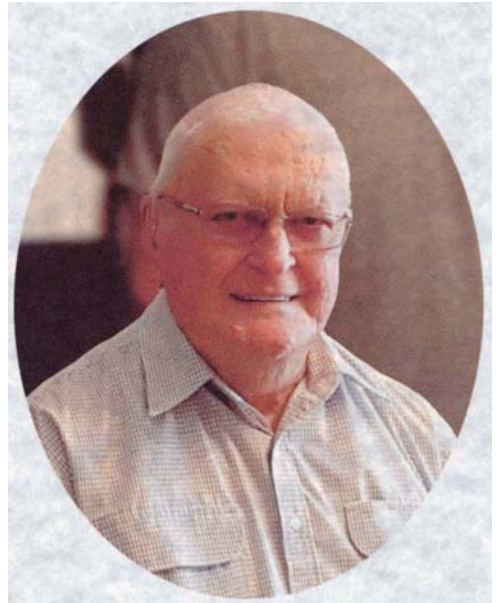
Harry joined the Model A Club in the 70's and it was a family affair with his wife Laurel, sons Peter and Gary and daughter Linda. Both his son Peter and Linda's husband Bill Daws served as Club Presidents.

His 1928 Model A Phaeton was mentioned in the President's Flyer praising Harry for his excellent restoration.

Harry was a keen club member. He, in conjunction with Daryl Goss in 1979, donated a gavel to the club which is still used today at each monthly meeting.

He filled many positions in the club: Events Director in 1979, Secretary in 1982, Vice President in 1985 & 1986 and a Committee Member 1990.

Harry made an outstanding contribution to our club, responsible for starting The Wednesday Wanderers in 1998 which is still so popular. He will be sadly missed.



Safe motoring Harry.

Trevor Davis.

## Tramway Museum Visit in February

Although a very overcast day, the rain held off until after lunch, and there was a big turnout of Model A's for this event. The vintage cars and trams looked fantastic lined up at the entrance. All in all a great day, wonderful tram rides and lots of memories.. Thanks Warbo.





## Northern A's Memorial Run in February



### Market Place

**For Sale - Model A Phaeton AR** good order and condition, \$23500 firm, 4 months NSW rego. Email [helen.capps@bigpond.com](mailto:helen.capps@bigpond.com) or call 02 6342 1402

**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 - 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 - Pair of engine pans**, also known as splash shields or mud pans, fit between the engine and body. Paul Cavanagh 0407493847

**Wanted - Forged front guard brackets x 2 & Zenith Carbi.** **FREE Holly carbi** for Model A call Ron Cox 0408 254485

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



# Our visit to the Andrew Byrne Car Collection in March.

From the moment I noticed the manicured couch lawn at the entrance of Andrew Byrne's factory unit I just knew that I was in for a very, very special afternoon.

Our Models A & T Fords were all greeted at the front entrance by Andrew and ushered into our parking spots. As soon as I parked my 1931 Model A Ford 2 door Tudor Deluxe Sedan, Andrew's daughter arrived with a 60x90 cm piece of cardboard to place under my vehicle in case I had any oil leaks (and as you know all Model A Fords & Model T Fords leak oil). Every vehicle that was parked on the concrete pad in front of the building had these pieces of cardboard placed under the vehicles for obvious reasons.



This is a special place to be lucky enough to be invited to by the very private Byrnes family. Our Model A Ford Club of N.S.W. plus the Model T Ford Club of N.S.W. were invited to a showing of the Byrne's private Ford collection of motor vehicles and paraphernalia exhibited in the Museum, however there was one condition NO PHOTOGRAPHS, please. Every body adhered to Andrew's request.

A magnificent lunch was provide for all their guests by Andrew and his family and we were spoilt rotten.

After lunch we were all invited into their unbelievable Car Museum to drool over their Ford Motor Vehicles. Absolutely astonishing lifetime collection of early Fords, T Models, A Models, 1930's Ford V8's, Forty Fords, classics from the 50's as well as the last Falcons to be made here in Australia. The visit was followed by afternoon tea of cakes, sweets and hot drinks.

That's not all, Andrew's family distributed a raffle ticket to every one in attendance when we arrived. Peter Deane from our club was lucky enough to win the 1st prize, a lovely bottle of Liquor. There were also another 3 prizes won by various other members, lovely Ford "Tee" shirts.



Shown in the following photographs are some of the Model A Ford & Model T Ford vehicles that attended this wonderful day. Check out the photograph of Garry & Marilyn Amesbury's Model T Ford. This modern kitchen, would have been used extensively in 2008 when they drove their 1927 Model T Ford 20,000 km around Australia, raising money for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Andrew and his family provided all the wonderful food and drinks free of charge for the day. Thanks to a truly inspirational family.

Ken Warburton. ( Model A Ford Club of N.S.W.)



**Get your Model A out and join us!**

**Sunday 18th March - Visit Parramatta Park**

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

**Opening Times:** 6:30am - 7:30pm, arrival time 9am please to secure a spot and parking

**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.



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**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)



# Wednesday Wanderers

## **March visit to Wendy Whiteley's Secret Garden**

After meticulous planning by our leader, the coffee shop meeting point disappeared two days before we arrived. Coffee problem was soon resolved, and our group of 18 continued to Wendy Whiteley's Garden at Lavender Bay. It took an artist with imagination to convert a steep, derelict slope into a lush garden overlooking the harbour. Wendy waved to us from her balcony as we disappeared down the many paths between the dense foliage.

Peaceful grottoes, with seats overlooking the bay provided places to contemplate the beauty of the setting. The climb back up the slope led us to the Kirribilli Club for lunch. Drinks and a meal on the balcony with million dollar views. We returned via the boardwalk, past Luna Park to the ferry wharf. A ferry ride back to Circular Quay on a sunny afternoon completed a lovely day.

We are still finding interesting new places to visit after 20 years of Wednesday Wanderers. -- thanks Robert Brown.



## **Wednesday 4th April, Telstra Museum Bankstown**

**Meet:** 9am at the coffee shop next to 7 Eleven on North Terrace. It is next to the station on the northern side.

**Depart:** Will depart at 9:55am a 5 minute walk to the museum.

**Location:** Telstra Museum in Bankstown at 12 Kitchener Parade, opens 10am.

**Entry:** Gold coin donation.

**Details:** The museum has a large display of Australian communications equipment such as the old telephone exchange, telephones, Morse code systems & the working parts of old communication systems. We will also see the original time clock we heard on our phones. The day starts with a comical & interesting film of past telecommunication training.

**Co-ord:** Robert Brown



## **Advance Notice for 6th - 7th Nov Wed Wanderers Mayfield Gardens Oberon**

**As this is a popular tourist venue it is essential to have our accommodation secured.**

I have booked 8 double rooms at \$109 per room and 4 twin rooms with 1 queen bed and one single @ \$125 per room for 2 people.

**Would you please book your room using the Model A Ford Club as soon as possible .** This motel is at Oberon itself, Titania Motel Oberon phone 6336 1377

The gardens have a website under Mayfield gardens Oberon NSW. The gardens are modelled on the same principles as those of the stately homes in the UK and are really spectacular

Enquiries Barb Bosher 029871 2030

# Burlington Crankshaft

Now, after 80 years +, there is an integrally forged counter-slung crankshaft available for Model A engines built between 1928 and 1931 by the Ford Motor company.

Forged overseas in a ISO 9002 (1998) and QS 9000 (2004) facility from 4340 non-twist steel, these aftermarket crankshafts are designed from original specifications for the Model A engine with the addition of the sling profiles from the late model B engine (also commonly called the model C engine, although there was never such a designation from the manufacturer.)



We call it the type AB-2 quarter-damped crankshaft, since what it really does is to dampen the pulses created by the in-line four cylinder engine. The original 63 pounds of flywheel was intended to do the same, and it succeeded very well in over-damping cylinders 3 and 4, and underdamping cylinders 1 and 2.

The original crankshaft was in fact balanced, although it had no counter slings. The problem with it was that it was completely un-damped.

The new type AB-2 crankshaft is on the bottom, and looks more conventional than the original crank on top.



Price is US \$1,250.00 Plus S&H.

With the new crankshaft installed, one can expect 25% to 33% less engine vibration. Additionally, wear on the main bearing journals will be greatly reduced. Automotive people know that it is impossible to completely dynamically balance a 4-cylinder, in-line engine without the addition of 2 rotating counter-shafts.

The type AB-2 crankshaft has been manufactured to original specifications, and will be in suitable condition to "drop in" to a properly prepared 1928-1931 engine block without further modifications. However, we recommend lathe-turning 20 lbs from the O.D. of the original flywheel, which would require it to be equipped with the V-8 pressure plate and re-balanced. But this modification is not mandatory.

Ideal "stock" appearing Model A engine: 5.5:1 iron head, Model B touring cam, type AB-2 crankshaft and 40 lb flywheel. Smooth running, slow idling, and characteristic exhaust sound at idle.

***Printed from the Burlington Crankshaft website:***

***<http://www.burlingtoncrankshaft.com/index.php/13-content/content/12-burlington-crankshaft>***

Advice and suggestions page on their website well worth reading too:

<http://www.burlingtoncrankshaft.com/index.php/advice-and-suggestions-mainmenu-30>





## ALIGNING FLYWHEEL AND HOUSING

Proper aligning of flywheel and housing is of extreme importance as miss alignment can be attributed to many vibrations and problems.

1. Mount flywheel housing to block with gasket and or thin bead of RTV (Silicone gasket) . Install four 7/16-14 x 1 1/16 cross drilled hex bolts and safety wire. Note if any flywheel housing bolt holes in block are open into crankcase it is suggested to use a small amount of RTV on threads of bolt. This will reduce oil leakage into flywheel housing.
2. Place two .010 shims, 1 under each of the two mounting lugs on top of flywheel housing and install bolts and tighten.
3. Mount indicator on rear of crankshaft and measure around diameter of flywheel housing. Adjust by adding or subtracting shims. Recheck measurement. Less than .010 is desired not always obtainable left to right.
4. Mount flywheel to crankshaft with four 7/16-20x 13/16 cross drilled hex bolts and dowel pin retainer. Using too long of bolts can cause severe damage to engine. Tighten bolts do not install safety wire or pilot bearing.
5. Mount indicator on flywheel housing and measure run out near outer edge of clutch surface. Adjust by loosening flywheel bolts and pry flywheel from crankshaft. Install shim between crankshaft and flywheel where necessary. Tighten bolts and recheck measurement. This should be less than .005
6. Install safety wire and pilot bearing.
7. Reference FORD Service bulletins page 218

How To Restore Your Model A Volume 4 page 10-15

Model A Ford Mechanics Handbook Volume 1 1-146

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## 25th National Model A Ford Meet

Murray Bridge, S.A.

### Rally on the River

Tuesday 2nd - Sunday 7th October 2018



### OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Please print clearly & keep a copy for your records

Entrants Name.....

Adult Passenger.....

(Each entry allows for 2 adults – any additional adults are \$65 per person)

Children's Names and Ages.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....Country.....

Email Address.....

Telephone & Mobile Numbers - H .....M.....

Car Club you belong to.....

Is this your first Model A National Meet? Yes / No

#### Vehicle Details

Modern / Model A Year.....Body Type.....Registration Number.....

#### Judging:

We intend to have 3 classes for judging depending on interest – Concourse, Touring and Unrestored/Close to original. Please indicate below if you wish to enter your vehicles in a class for judging.

Do you wish to have your vehicle Judged? Yes / No

Category: Concourse      Touring Class      Unrestored / Close to Original

#### Hubley Racing:

Will you be entering a Hubley Model vehicle in the races? Yes / No      If so how many.....

#### Bay to Birdwood Run:

Please indicate if you would like to receive an entry form for the Bay to Birdwood Run on Sunday 30th September (Entry Forms and cost of entry will not be known until May 2018) Yes / No

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| <b><u>ENTRY FEE</u></b> | Per vehicle (which allows for two adults) and includes meet badge and bag. <b>Cancellation refunds</b> will only be issued when application for refund is received prior to 1st September 2018. Each additional adult is \$65. | <b>AUD \$130</b> |
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| <b>PAYMENT</b> to accompany this form may be made by Cash, Cheque, Money Order or Direct Debit.<br>I wish to pay by – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Cash</b> - please do not send in the mail</li> <li>○ <b>Cheque or Money Order</b> – payable to Model A Ford Club of S.A. Inc. 2018 National Meet</li> <li>○ <b>Direct Debit</b> – Bank Details – Account Name: Model A Ford Club of S.A. Inc. 2018 National Meet<br/>           BSB: 105 - 084                      Account Number: 049820340<br/>           Swift Code: SGBLAU2S (for overseas entrants only)<br/>           Please identify your payment with surname and initials</li> </ul> | <b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b><br><br>Receipt No _____<br><br>Received _____<br><br><b>RALLY NO</b> |
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**Indemnity Clause:**

I/we, the under signed, understand that to be eligible to participate in the 25th National Model A Ford Meet in Murray Bridge, South Australia from 2nd to 7th October 2018, I must accept the following conditions of entry.

1. All entrants and vehicles, owners, drivers and passengers enter and participate in the Meet and its associated activities solely at their own risk.
2. The Model A Ford Club of South Australia Inc., its members, organisers, agents and sponsors of the 25th National Model A Ford Meet accept no liability for any loss, damage or injury suffered to or by any vehicle, entrants, owners, drivers or passengers by any means, act or omission or through any circumstances.
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Signature of Entrant .....Date.....

**Please return completed and signed Entry Form with Payment by 1st July 2018 to**

Margaret Fischer, 2018 National Meet Secretary, PO Box 2254, Murray Bridge, South Australia, 5253 or if paying by Direct Debit the Entry Form can be Emailed to [mafcsameet@gmail.com](mailto:mafcsameet@gmail.com)

**We thank you for entering the 2018 National Meet and if you have any queries please contact the Chairman or a Member of the National Meet Committee**

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