

# Model A Flyer



Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

Web site [www.modelafordclubofnsw.com.au](http://www.modelafordclubofnsw.com.au)  
April 2020

**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



It is very hard to write a report when we are all facing this time of isolation. With Easter approaching it should be a time we get out and enjoy our social gatherings and Model A's. However we must abide by the Government guidelines so please stay safe and look after your loved ones.

You will note in this issue that the National Meet in September in Bendigo has now been postponed to March. See details on page 2.

At this time we are still going ahead with the 50th Anniversary lunch with the menu selected and the badges about to be ordered. Let's hope that this virus is well behind us by then and we don't have to postpone.

Have a happy Easter and please stay safe.

Regards, Col Bootle

**Members, all club meetings and events have been cancelled for April & May. Based on Government advice, we will make you aware of any further changes via email or our May Flyer. We wish you all a safe isolation.**

## Your 2020 committee

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## 26th Model A Ford National Meet Ballarat

To all entrants

We advise that the 26<sup>th</sup> Model A National Meet in Ballarat will be postponed until the **21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021**. (28th being the farewell breakfast.)

This has been necessary due to the restrictions and uncertainties caused by the Covid-19 situation.

We currently have 188 entrants and hope that these new dates will suit you all. We certainly are well advanced in our planning of all aspects of this fabulous week of Model A Ford Fun.

Some of the things we have for you are:

- Welcome Dinner
- Tour of Ballarat's many Victorian Gold Era Treasures - Hop On Hop Off Bus
- Kryal Castle - Unique Medieval Castle complete with Live Joust
- Fabulous "Depression Era" Dinner
- Historic Clunes - "20's Day Out"
- Sovereign Hill - Spend a full day at this magnificently recreated Gold Era Township
- Lots of Victorian Country Touring including a Model A era 'dirt road' option
- Beautiful Daylesford
- Fabulous Public Car show with Old Fashioned Activities & Car Games
- Gala Dinner – "Roaring 20's"
- Vehicle Judging
- Technical Seminars, Workshops
- Ladies & Kids Activities, Hubleys

It will be worth the wait !!!!

**The following accommodations have agreed to transfer the bookings over to March and to hold their pricing.**

- Mercure
- Best Western
- Big4 Goldfields Holiday Park
- Sovereign Park Motor Inn

But you must contact them within the next 4 weeks if you need to cancel your booking

If you are staying at any other place – you must contact them immediately to confirm your new dates.

Please don't be hasty to cancel your entry, but if you must:

- Please contact your accommodation immediately
- Please email [entries2020@gmail.com](mailto:entries2020@gmail.com) and request a refund of your full Entry Fee of \$140 (the close off date for refunds has been extended until 30<sup>th</sup> November)

Keep well, we are looking forward to seeing you all in March 2021 !!!

Any queries please give us a call or email.

On behalf of the 26th Model A National Meet Committee.

Glenda Chivers  
Model A Ford Club of Victoria  
National Meet Secretary.  
0431 709 248

## **Twilight Run Lambeth Reserve Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Well we tried for second time to achieve the rerun of January's Twilight run to Lambeth Reserve but the weather GODS were against us. As the Young's were not well enough to make it, the Hyland's picked up the food and ventured down to Lambeth Reserve in dry road conditions until the park came into view when the heavens opened up and down it came (rain that is). David Cox arrived with the gazebos but we thought it best not put them up due to the heavy rain and then having to take them home wet. So David returned home and then the cavalry arrived in the Bradley's, Allingham's, Bootle's, Virgona's just to prove that I was not the only one crazy enough to want to achieve an outcome to prove that Model A Members don't mind braving a little inclement moisture. We then had chat about the COVID 19 ramifications to come, and by 4pm the group decided to call it quits and head home where it was dry.

Maybe next year we will enjoy Lambeth Park. John Hyland



## **2020 Model A Ford Club Events Wish List**

**Saturday 6th June** - Maintenance Day, maybe.

**Sunday 21st June** - The Oaks Historical Society, 87 Edward Street, The Oaks followed by picnic lunch in the area, maybe.

**Sunday 19th July** - Run through the Royal National Park finishing at Bundeena Bowling & Sports Club for lunch

**Sunday 26th July** - All Fords Day, but this event may be cancelled this year due to renovation of the Sydney Motor Sport Park.

**Sunday 16th August** - Combined Motor Club Day, location TBA

**September 6th-13th** - Model A Ford National Rally in Ballarat POSTPONED TO March 2021

**Sunday 11th October** - Mt Tomah Botanical Gardens

**Saturday 24th October** - Maintenance Day

**Club 50th Anniversary Celebration Weekend**

**Friday 13th November** - AGM

**Saturday 14th November** - 50th Anniversary Luncheon at Lilly's Function Centre en Hills

**Sunday 15th November** - 50th Anniversary Run to Prospect Reservoir.

**Sunday 13th December** - Christmas Luncheon Run to Berowra Waters Fish Café.



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## **Extract from the Young Witness regarding club members Barry & Margaret Rose. Oct 2018**

### **Young couple drive restored Model A Ford to South Australia**

Retired accountant Barry Rose achieved what he described as a “dream come true” by winning a bronze medal at the 25th Model A Ford National Meet.



Barry decided to purchase a “sad” old 1928 Model A Tudor and restore at his property outside Young on the Kingsvale Road. He restored the vehicle to mint condition and, along with his wife Margaret, in late September drove it from Young to Murray Bridge in South Australia for this year’s bi-annual National Meet.

The trip took three nights, arriving on the fourth day, and involved stints of 350kms per day hitting a top speed of 75km/hr. They did it all again on the way home. To cap it all off, their vehicle was announced as one of the best “restored to its original” at the National Meet beginning on October 2 and finishing on October 7.

“To pick up that award was unreal. To be in a place with more than 500 people at a presentation dinner and to have your car number read out, it was quite an accolade,” Barry Rose said.

“We averaged about 75km/hr so we had plenty of time to see the country side. There were a lot of B-Doubles and road trains but we never felt endangered. It was really a dream come true.” Various models were on show from all Australian states as well as New Zealand and USA.

“I worked in a panel shop as a kid and I guess part of those skills are still there. I’ve had time on my hands, I’ve restored two or three vehicles in the past so I decided to try a Model A Ford.

“The full restoration was from ground up and was completed over a period of five years in 2013. All aspects of the restoration, excluding the motor, were carried out by myself, therefore the journey to Murray Bridge was our way of celebrating 90 years of our Model A Ford 1928 – 2008.”

**Barry's restoration project from start to finish. Typical accountant, Barry did not let me know the article was done on his return from SA.**



**Well done Barry & Margaret.**

# Wednesday Wanderers

## Wednesday Wanderers March Outing Review

The Wednesday Wanderers went on a Mystery Tour in March organised by Joan and Don Bailey into the city.

Thirteen Wanderers arrived (a bit damp) at the ANZAC Cafe in the Central Railway terminus for coffee to get started and then made their way to the new tram near Eddie Avenue to travel, slowly, to Circular Quay. The new tram is smooth and quiet.

At the Quay we proceeded to Wharf 3 for a ferry tour of the inner harbour along the north shore. We returned to the Quay for a short walk through the arcade to have lunch at the "Avenue" on George Street. 2pm saw the group departing for home by various transport means. Another an enjoyable outing with great company.

Thanks Joan & Don.      Regards, Ron



## Wednesday Wanderers in Hibernation until further notice.

Keep your social distancing, manage that toilet paper, skype or facetime family or friends, finish all those "Gunna Do" jobs around the house and don't go stark raving mad.

## Pictures from the February Wanderers Outing starting at the Cox's



## Ford Model A (1927-1931)

The **Ford Model A** was the Ford Motor Company's second market success after its predecessor, the Model T. First produced on October 20, 1927, but not introduced until December 2, it replaced the venerable Model T, which had been produced for 18 years. This new Model A (a previous model had used the name in 1903–04) was designated a 1928 model and was available in four standard colors.



By February 4, 1929, one million Model As had been sold, and by July 24, two million. The range of body styles ran from the Tudor at US\$500 (in grey, green, or black) to the Town Car with a dual cowl at US\$1200. In March 1930, Model A sales hit three million, and there were nine body styles available.

Model A production ended in March 1932, after 4,858,644 had been made in all body styles. Its successor was the Model B, which featured an

updated inline four-cylinder engine, as well as the Model 18, which introduced Ford's new flathead (side valve) V8 engine.

From the mid 1910s through the early 1920s, Ford dominated the automotive market with its Model T. However, during the mid-1920s, this dominance eroded as competitors, especially the various General Motors divisions, caught up with Ford's mass production system and began to better Ford in some areas, especially by offering more powerful engines, new convenience features, or cosmetic customization. Also, features Henry Ford considered to be unnecessary, such as electric starters, were gradually shifting in the public's perception from luxuries to essentials.



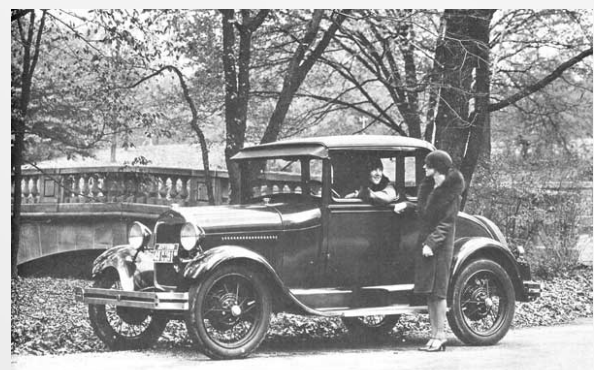
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Ford's sales force recognized the threat and advised Henry to respond to it. Initially he resisted, but the T's sagging market share finally forced him to admit a replacement was needed. When he finally agreed to begin development of this new model, he focused on the mechanical aspects and on what today is called design for manufacturability (DFM), which he had always strongly embraced and for which the Model T production system was famous. Although ultimately successful, the development of the Model

A included many problems that had to be resolved. For example, the die stamping of parts from sheet steel, which the Ford company had led to new heights of development with the Model T production system, was something Henry had always been ambivalent about; it had brought success, but he felt that it was not the best choice for durability. He was determined that the Model A would rely more on drop forgings than the Model T, but his ideas to improve the DFM of forging did not prove practical. Eventually, Ford's engineers persuaded him to relent, lest the Model A's production cost force up its retail price too much.<sup>[18]</sup>

Henry's disdain for cosmetic vanity as applied to automobiles led him to leave the Model A's styling to a team led by his son Edsel, even though he would take credit for it despite his son doing more of the work.



## Market Place

**For Sale: 1928 AR Phaeton in parts.** Ready to restore \$3500 ONO call Russ 0438 130 641

**For Sale:** B Motor, needs restoring , \$250 Russ 0438 130 641

**For Sale:** 28/29 Honey comb radiator good cond \$150 Craig Finney 0438 881 417

**For Sale:** 5 x 19" Rims good condition \$500 the lot, Craig Finney 0438 881 417

**For Sale: 1928 Phaeton,** fully restored. \$27,000 ONO Rolfe Chrystal m: 0414653250 w: 02 9653 1715

**Wanted: Running board bracket (long)** John Hyland 4657 1734

## For Sale 1931 Deluxe 2 Door Phaeton

HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO OWN A UNIQUE MODEL A FORD WITH ONE OF THE RAREST BODY STYLES. Canadian RHD 1931 Deluxe 2 Door Phaeton. One of the rarest body styles ever made. Ground-up restoration completed in 2010. Concourse winner 2010 in Launceston and Blue Ribbon Winner 2012 in Ipswich. Also featured in 'Restored Cars Magazine'. Over \$100,000 spent on restoration. Only 1365 miles since restoration. 6 wheel equipped, leather seats as original, fitted with Mitchell Syncro gearbox, trafficators and luggage rack and box. POA Contact Allen Stafford 0417 043 102(m), or 02 62413360(h). **Car is located in Canberra.**



## For Sale in Sydney

### 1928 Phaeton

Original except for new upholstery, top, side curtains, tyres and battery

**Reasonable Offers Considered**

Rolfe Chrystal

m: 0414653250

w: 02 9653 1715



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## Henry's Model 'A' Catalogue

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## For Sale Club Badges

**Metal Radiator Badges \$25 Cloth Badges \$10 Window Stickers \$5**

**Speak to Robert Brown, 0439 731 066 if interested please.**