# Model A Flyer





Model A Ford Club of NSW Inc

Web site <a href="https://www.modelafordclubofnsw.com.au">www.modelafordclubofnsw.com.au</a>
July 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



Pardon me if I seem to be repeating myself. Another month has passed and this ugly virus is still with us and keeping us from our meetings and social gatherings. With the outbreak in Victoria showing that we can't relax as yet, please stay vigilant and safe.

Arrangements for our 50th Anniversary celebrations are on hold at the moment, but will advise as

soon as restrictions are lifted.

I wish to take this opportunity to tell you about my life with the Model A Ford. I acquired my first Model A about 60 years ago, it was a 28/29 Phaeton. The car was complete and in good order but living on our family farm a sedan was not very useful. So with my lack of talent as a body builder in those days, the sedan turned into a ute! After using the "Ute" on the farm for a number of years, and a couple of minor breakdowns it was time for me to leave the farm for greener pastures. So the "Ute" was sold to our next-door neighbour for the extravagant

amount of 10 pounds.

My second A was bought in 2002, being a 1928 AR Phaeton in original condition. This car had spent its life in Girraween and was purchased new by the local school teacher. As the car was unrestored a number of our members advised not to touch it and keep it original. It is affectionately known within the family as "Brum".

So, in 2016 my third car was purchased, a 1929 Phaeton that had been restored some years previously. It required some new paint on the guards and bonnet. After a few runs in this car with the club, it was decided a car with wind up windows would be an advantage over the Phaeton, and along came the 1929 Leather Back that was purchased from Elinor Allen in 2019.

Now all three are resting in the garage waiting for the restrictions to be lifted so that they can enjoy the company of other Model A's again.

I've discovered through this isolation that I don't like to think before I speak ........ I like to be just as surprised as everyone else about what I say, and remember every woman's dream is to have her man take her in his arms, throw her on the bed ......and clean the house while she sleeps.

Until next time, stay safe. Col Bootle

#### Your 2020 committee

President	Col Bootle	0492 872 477
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Treasurer	Robert Brown	0439 731 066
Secretary	Rob Taylor	0434 314 198
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#### **Current COVID19 Restrictions.**

Under the current regulations we are still restricted to 20 people at a public gathering. Any event we host is considered a public gathering. Our issue is that if we promote a picnic run or similar car run, there is a very good chance we will exceed the 20 attendees, which then puts the club in breach of the regulations.

With the outbreak in Victoria, it has quickly reminded all of us that we can't relax and believe this pandemic is over.

So for the health and welfare of our club members we will unfortunately not be sponsoring any Model A Ford Events for July and August unless the rules change.

Members, all club meetings and events have been cancelled until further notice.

Once the Government provide us with a clearance to resume normal activities,

we will kick back into action.

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

Sunday 11th October - Mt Tomah Botanical Gardens

Saturday 24th October - Maintenance Day

<u>Club 50th Anniversary Celebration Weekend</u> On hold at the moment

Friday 13th November - AGM

Saturday 14th November - 50th Anniversary Luncheon at Lilly's Function

Centre Seven Hills

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

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



https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules#upcoming-changes

## **Member Organised Car Runs**

I would like to encourage members during these COVID19 restrictions, to call fellow members and organise a private run in your Model A's.

Provided there are less than 20 people, and social distancing is in place, you can do as you like. So please don't wait until we are free for everyone to get together, take the opportunity to get together privately for a picnic run over the next month or two.

Just remember to fill out your log book if on historic plates.



### **The Fordor Story**

During the "COVID19" lock down Mal Bradley decided to sell his beautiful grey 1929 Fordor. Mal acquired this car from member Alan Hale by accident. Alan purchased the Fordor from Blacktown in an unrestored condition and asked Mal if he could temporarily store it until he organised some room for the car. Two months later Alan decided to sell the car, and Mal spoke with "management" and purchased it.

This car rang a bell with Mal, and after some detective work he realised it originally belonged to one of our foundation members, Phil Haynes. In 1972 Mal & Nola accompanied Phil in the Fordor with Ron & Enda Cox heading to Canberra for the National Meet. Forty years later Mal restored this Fordor, and with only 100 miles on the clock drove it to Ipswich for the 2012 National Meet, and of course completed the run without fault. The car had been beautifully restored, and was set up for touring with a Mitchell overdrive and gearbox.



Last month Mal sent me an email re the proposed sale of this Fordor, requesting it be sent to our members. No sooner than the car was advertised, than it was sold to Barry & Margaret Rose in Young. Congratulations Barry & Margaret on securing a beautiful Model A, and also for keeping it in the club.

**Note:** I naturally thought, "OK now he has just finished restoring the A400, has a Cabriolet in the garage which he restored before the Fordor, it was time for Mal to reconcile his Model A fleet ownership". The Fordor was the obvious car to sell from the fleet and I could see the smile on Nola's face, finally reducing the collection at long last.

Well members, Mal never ceases to pull a rabbit out of the hat. Please see the Victoria Story on the next page.

## **The Victoria Story**

Well the Fordor is now gone, and finally some room in the garage. The reason Mal needed room was he obviously was made aware that a Model A Victoria he sold in 1992 was available again, if he wanted it. Why would Mal want the Vicky back? Because he could then have in



his garage three of the four unique deluxe body styles of the Model A. And to top it off, each of these three cars Mal restored himself. Half your luck Mal on marrying Nola.

The Victoria, a very rare collectable Model A was secured by Mal in 1978. It was in excellent condition, only if you had your eyes closed, but it was a diamond in the rough. Mal restored that car with loving care, like all the Model A's he has restored over the years, and it now sits proudly in his garage again next to the Cabriolet & the A400. I imagine there are some very envious members Mal, and I hope you think of me in your Will mate.

Congratulations Mal, it is a great story, and I am sure there is a lot more to it. Until we speak again.







## An Informal Wanderers Get Together 1 July.





## 50th Anniversary Badges Set Selling Strongly

Our 50th Anniversary badge set is proving to be very popular.

Iron on Cloth badge - Gold Metal Radiator Badge Smaller hat badge.

Total price \$25 which includes postage

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Please contact Robert Brown to order your set on 0439 731 066

### Model A Enthusiasts in UK - Hedley & Sandy Revett

Last issue I told you about the English couple, Hedley & Sandy who kindly sent me a brand new oil pump, after I sent an email out to members looking for an old one to restore. I then sent them a set of our 50th Anniversary Badges, as a token of my appreciation. I then received an email back with these pictures:

"What a lovely surprise today, thank you so much for the badges. Strangely enough back in 2008 we went to the National at Bathurst with friends from Echuca in their Phaeton and had a great time. At the presentation dinner your club presented Sandy & I with a lovely plaque. It sits proudly at home on our piano and now we have your 50th sitting alongside it. You certainly have a plaque designer extraordinaire in your club". Hedley & Sandy.





# 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY LUNCH — ON HOLD

LILLY'S RESTAURANT, BAR, FUNCTION CENTRE 5 QUINN AVE, SEVEN HILLS

14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020 (SUBJECT TO THE EASING OF ISOLATION RESTRICTIONS BY THE GOVERNMENT)

#### MENU

#### **MAIN**

CHICKEN BREAST — SERVED ON A BED OF MASHED POTATOES
OR
BEEF CHEEK — SERVED ON A BED OF MASHED POTATOES
SEASONAL VEGETABLES

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**TEA & COFFEE STATION** 

#### Cost

FINANCIAL MEMBERS - \$35.00/HEAD NON-FINANCIAL MEMBERS - \$47.50/HEAD

CHILDREN'S MENU - 12 YEARS & UNDER - \$28/HEAD

**VEGETARIAN – VEGAN – GLUTEN FREE AND LACTOSE FREE OPTIONS AVAILABLE** 



#### **Market Place**

For Sale: 1928 Phaeton, fully restored. \$25,000 ONO Rolfe Chrystal m: 0414653250 w: 02 9653 1715

Wanted: 28AA complete jack shaft John Hyland 024657 1734

Wanted: Gear selectors, Tom Virgona 0420 342 392



#### For Sale Club Badges

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

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

# 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









