

Model A Flyer



March 2024

Club meetings are held at the Holroyd Community Centre, Miller St, Merrylands. At 7:30pm on the second Friday of each month. Parking is available Newman Street, Merrylands.



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Model A Ford Group of New South Wales

President's Report

Dear Model A Ford Club Members,



Congratulations to long time member Ron Huckstepp on recently celebrating his 90th birthday, a fantastic milestone to reach.

There are a number of invitation runs coming up, and as you read this I will be at one of those in Cowra, celebrating the 90th anniversary of '33/34 vehicles. There are over 250 vehicles of vintage, classic and hot rods entered in this event, so it should be a great few days. A report is provided further on in this issue.

Our next club event is a run to Nepean Dam on Sunday 17th of March and I encourage you all to come along as the club will be providing a sausage sizzle lunch for all who attend. There is plenty of shelter, with Bar-B-Q's and hot water, a children's playground and amenities nearby. It's an easy run down the M1, take the Bargo turn-off and turn left at the top of the off ramp, then take the 1st right into Nepean Dam and we will be at the picnic area on the left just past the works being undertaken.

We are still looking for a couple of events to wrap up the club calendar for the year. We would welcome any suggestions that you may have for a club run or Wednesday Wanderers event. Please contact the Committee Members if you are willing to arrange an event.

Regarding membership, we still have eleven members who have not renewed their membership for 2024 and the grace period has now officially expired. Robert will make contact individually with each of you and I encourage you to rejoin.

The Queensland club is busy finalising arrangements for the 28th Australian National Model A Ford Meet, "Rally through the Cane Fields" being held in Maryborough. I hope that we can have strong representation at the rally. Accommodation is filling, so if you plan to attend then I suggest that you book as soon as possible.

I also encourage you all to take out the free membership offer that MAFCA has made to new members, a \$50 USD value including an electronic copy of The Restorer.

Lastly, our thoughts are with those members who may not be in the best of health, we send our well wishes to you all.

I hope to see you all out and about in your Model A's.

Yours in Model A'ing,

Bill Daws

Celebrating 90 Years



Invitation Event – 90th Year Celebration of 1933-34 vehicles Cowra 2024

Linda and I attended the above event, held at the Cowra Showgrounds over the 8th through 10th of March. It was a great event with over 250 vehicles in attendance, the majority being hot rods but also with a mix of restored vehicles of all makes and years from 1923 through to late 50's over the weekend.

Everyone was extremely friendly, it didn't make a difference as to what type or style of vehicle you brought along for the event, we were all there to have a good time and enjoy the event.

It kicked-off unofficially on the Thursday evening, with a short run to a local enthusiast's property where we were enthralled with his enormous man cave containing his collection of cars.



From a Gulgong Style Model A Ford Tudor, through race cars, hot rods, muscle cars and modern performance vehicles and a vast collection of automotive memorabilia. After ogling the collection, a Bar-B-Q dinner was provided to all who attended.

Friday was a scenic drive through the back blocks and ending up at Neville Pub for lunch.

Followed by event registration in the afternoon/evening. The majority of vehicles arriving at the Cowra Show Society in the late afternoon.



The Show Society hall was to be rally HQ for the event and hosted the best-of-the-best vehicles and also the gala dinner. As an aside, the hall was used during WWII as a facility manufacturing Bren guns.

Saturday saw us head off to Eugowra for a scenic drive and markets put on by the locals with lunch at the club.

We then returned to Cowra in the afternoon for a rest prior to the gala dinner with live entertainment and a car show under lights outside the rally HQ.

Sunday saw the traditional display day, which was open to the public and concluded with prizes for various categories of vehicles. It was well attended by the public and the car loving community. A few of the more unique vehicles on display are shown below.

Overall, this was a fantastic event and is a credit to both the organisers and the participants.

Bill Daws



Wednesday Wanderers

What a difference a month can make!

Ten members enjoyed their coffee at Chambers Coffee shop under the Gateway Building at Circular Quay.

After a leisurely morning tea took the F8 Ferry to Woolwich via Balmain, Birchgrove, and Greenwich, finally arriving at Woolwich.

From there, we hopped on a bus to The Woolwich Pier Hotel, where four more members were already waiting, along with Richard and Bill's friend, Greg Neal.

We had a fantastic lunch, and with the beautiful weather, we decided to walk back to the Ferry Wharf.

The downhill stroll was easy, and the harbor looked spectacular in the autumn sunshine.

Thanks to Wanders, it was a great day out.



Future upcoming events:

Wednesday 3rd April: Rocks Walking Tour with a side visit to the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA).

Meet at Chambers Coffee shop under the Gateway Bld in Alfred St @ Circular Quay, after M/T and the visit to MCA on your way to the Rocks Discovery Centre in Kendall Lane off Argyle St ,Lunch to be decided on the day.

Wednesday 1st of May: Illawarra Escarpment Tour.

Meet at Stawell Park Kiosk for M/t (same place as last year). After M/T a drive down Lawrence Hargrave Dr over the Seacliff Bridge with a stop at the viewing spot then on to the Headland Hotel at Austinmer for lunch.

Wednesday 5th June: Reserve Bank and Australian Currency Museum at Martin Pl.

Details to come.

Regards,

John Hyland

Important Notices

Club website update:

The club website continues to be improved, A fully featured Calendar of events has been created which allows you to subscribe via a button at the bottom of the events page which will notify you of upcoming events to keep members well informed.

More event photos have been added (and continue to be added) as well as up to date contact information for the club committee.

If you have any photos from any club or invitation events please send them in to the editor.

New Email Addresses:

There is new contact information for the club, If you wish to contact any of the committee via email please use the below email addresses:

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Swap Meets:

18th February	Hawkesbury
17th April	Goulburn
21st April	Yass
21st July	Wagga Wagga
27th July	Eastern creek
1st September	Cootamundra
7th-8th September	Queanbeyan
16th-17th November	Bendigo

Sydney Tram Museum

Club Run, Sydney Tram Museum – 18th February 2024

Seven Model As and a few “*tram era cars*” ventured to the public display day at the Sydney Tram Museum. The perfect weather attracted many people who came to enjoy the cars and tram rides. The local scout group provided a BBQ.

The Model As represented a good cross-section of body styles, including a Roadster, Coupe, Closed cab truck, Tudor, Sports coupe, and two phaetons.

Dawn and I had a ride on the tram and explored the museum display shed, which housed many well-restored trams dating back to the nineteenth century, along with a very nice red phone booth.

Bringing our cars granted us free entry to the museum and the tram ride. As with most museums of this kind, it is entirely run by volunteers. Thanks to all who attended, and I hope you enjoyed the day!

Peter Huckstepp



Events

Club Events:

- 17th Mar 24 Nepean Dam Picnic Area. Meet at Nepean Dam Picnic Area at approx. 10am for a sausage sizzle lunch to be provided by the Club, BYO drinks/salads, Be sure to bring chairs.
- 21st April 24 Sublime Point, Meet at Sublime Point Maddens Plains, off the Princes Highway (old) at 10 am for a picnic lunch.
- 19th May 24 National Motor Heritage Day, East Kurrajong School of Arts, Stanley Park, East Kurrajong. 9:00am – 3:00pm
- 16th June 24 Run required.
- 28th July 24 All Fords Day, more details to follow.
- 18th August 24 Sylvandale Pre WWII Show, Details to follow.
- 25th August 24 Shannon's Sydney Classic, Eastern Creek.
- *September 24 Save the date, Details to come.
- 20th October 24 Memorial Run, Details to come.
- 17th November 24 Run required.

Invitation events:

- 24th Mar 24 Motor show for MS, Campbelltown Steam and Machinery museum.
- 29th Mar 24 CHMC 53rd Annual Rally, Parkes NSW.
- 29 Mar > 1 Apr 24 Bush Council Rally, Parkes. Entry forms available from www.heritagemotoringcouncil.org.au.
- 2nd > 4th May 24 Central Tablelands Historic Car Club – Pre 1931 Tour to be held in Orange. Entry Forms available now by contacting Keith Packham 0429-608-878.
- 18th May 24 Thirlmere Festival of Steam.
- 18th May 24 Kero Oil & Steam Day, Campbelltown Steam and Machinery museum.
- 2nd June 24 Flathead Day, Campbelltown Steam and Machinery museum.

Luddenham Show



Invitation Event – 2nd & 3rd March 2024

The Luddenham show was held on Saturday 2nd March and Sunday 3rd March.

Colin and Trish Bootle, Robert Brown and Genni attended on the Saturday from our club. Robert Brown attended on the Sunday with a few other vehicles from the local area that Robert invited.

The weather was overcast all day on Saturday with some very light rain. Not enough to get you wet.

There was much interest in the cars from the public. Lots told stories of how their grandfather owned or had a similar car in the day.

A surprise on Saturday when by chance we discovered that Rebecca who come to have a chat and started to talk about her grandfather was in fact Jack Savage. Rebecca said she has her grandfather's cars, being a racer and a tutor. She was very enthusiastic talking with us and sharing memories. A potential future member. The archery club was in attendance and Col and I had a go. They had some rubber animals to shoot at. Was very interesting how good Col did with the bow and arrow.

Sunday was a bit warm with the sun coming out. We watched how to milk the cow, how to separate the cream from the milk. How to make butter and cheese. Listened to some live music and poetry. Watched some of the events in the arena.

Truly a great country show. I had feedback from the show committee that the cars were a hit with the public and I presume that we will be invited back next year.

Robert Brown



Differential Gears

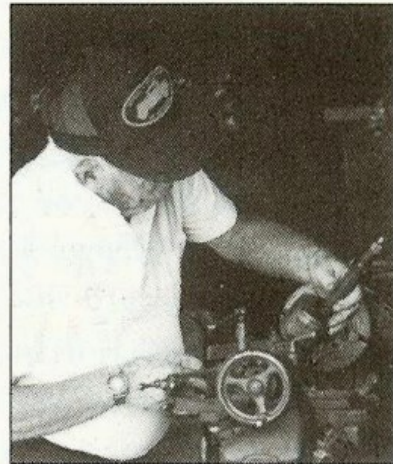
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Patent Cures

DIFFERENTIAL GEARS

If you would like to know what ratio your differential gears are, the following procedure is very simple and quite accurate!

Most Model A's were factory equipped with 3.78-1 ratio except for some Fordor Sedans and cars sold in Denver or other high altitude regions which had 4.11-1 ratios. The 3.54-1 (high speed) ratio you hear so much about these days was not offered until after WWII.



Red E. Power

In order to determine your ratio you should place your car on a level strip or one pointed slightly downward but have the car pointed straight.

Set the emergency brake and the transmission in high gear (third).

Put a chalk mark on top of the crankshaft pulley and one at the bottom of the right rear tire. Solicit your wife or a friend to watch the mark on the rear tire.

Now with the car in high gear and the emergency brake released, start rolling the car slowly forward. The chalk mark on the pulley will disappear. If you continue, the chalk mark will reappear one, two, and three times. If at exactly the third time the tire chalk mark is straight down you have 3.0-1 ratio. If not continue rolling the engine over until the chalk mark appears for the fourth time - stop the car when the chalk mark on the pulley is pointed to the side (say 9:00 o'clock). If the chalk mark on the tire has passed the bottom you have 3.54-1 gears; if the mark is about straight down you have 3.78-1 gears, and if it is not yet at the bottom, you have 4.11-1 gears.

Editor's Note: This is a series of "old fashioned," yet tried and proven cures for what ails your Model A.

Trading Post

For Sales:

- 1931 Slant window town sedan, Tired engine but goes well, Car presents as "nice" with a neat interior, LHD, Fiberglass Guards, Vehicle is located in Ryde NSW.

Contact Tom Virgona on 0420-342-392



- 1929 Model A Ford (Leather Back) Fordor Sedan Full body off restoration by club member Mal Bradley, Exceptional example and fantastic to drive.

Price Available on request, Contact Barry Rose 0409-490-223

More photos and further details are available on our website.



- Jim Haling is offering a large steel bin big enough to fit a complete Model A engine suitable for soaking, Free.
- Ken Warburton is selling a full set of Cast iron brakes and studs for Model A Ford, Price and further information to come.

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