

# Model A Flyer



May 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

# Vice Presidents Report

Dear Model A Ford Club Members,



Bill and Linda are still away travelling on a trans Pacific cruise from Australia to the USA and Alaska and as you are aware I have been filling in for Bill at the club meetings in his absence.

I wish to thank you all for your support over the last few months and look forward to the upcoming June meeting where I can sit back and relax as a spectator.

As always we are open to submissions for content to feature in the Flyer so if you have anything you wish to share please send it through.

The sublime point club run in April was well attended with quite a few Model A's making the trip out which is always good to see.

I don't have much more to report so in lieu of a lengthy (Vice) Presidents report this month please enjoy this silly photo of my son William and myself out and about in our Tudor.

Lastly be sure to attend a meeting or two, they are always a good night out and a great chance to catch up with fellow members if you cant make it to the monthly run.

Yours in Model A'ing,

**Josh Daws**

# Sublime Point

## Club Run – Sublime Point, 21st April 2024

Our monthly run to Sublime Point lookout heralded perfect mild Model A weather, but the Sports Coupe had other ideas, failing to start with a flat battery, so the Beetle was called to action.

We arrived a little later than I wanted and a few members were there taking in the view over the Illawarra.

We set up in the picnic area opting for the sunshine rather than the shelter sheds.

We had six Model As and a shiny red Beetle.

Many thanks to everyone for coming along and for your wonderful company, see you at our next outing.

**Peter Huckstepp.**



# Wednesday Wanderers



On Wednesday, the 1st of May, our journey to the Illawarra area appeared to be under a cloud of uncertainty due to the coastal rain. Despite our apprehensions, we ventured forth to meet at the kiosk at Stanwell Park. To our surprise, the kiosk was closed due to the filming of an Australian television series, "Death in Paradise".

We patiently waited until we were confident that all potential attendees had arrived. Subsequently, we made our way to a café on The Drive. Accompanied by the Cox and Finney families, Mal Bradley, and myself, we enjoyed a leisurely morning tea, engaging in lively conversation.

Given the inclement weather, we collectively decided to forgo our lunch plans. Regrettably, the weather improved by lunchtime. Perhaps we will attempt to revisit our plans in the future.

## Future upcoming events:

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June:** The Mint in Macquarie St, in the City. Meeting inside about 10am with a café inside , Lunch to be decided on the day.

**Wednesday 3rd July:** A shopping experience in Cabramatta ,if travelling by train or car, meet about 10am outside railway station in Railway Pde corner of Arthur St in Cabramatta.

Regards,

**John Hyland**

# *Important Notices*

## **All Fords Day:**

If you wish to attend the All Fords Day this year please contact CFC representative Phill Dalton to secure a ticket (only 5 tickets remain so act fast), He can be contacted via telephone on 0413-970-704

## **Swap Meets:**

21st July	Wagga Wagga
27th July	Eastern creek
1st September	Cootamundra
7th-8th September	Queanbeyan
16th-17th November	Bendigo

# The Model A Steering Gear

The following article was written by Chris Wickersham of the Santa Annita A's, 2018

Is your Model A hard to steer? Does your Model A have excessive play in the steering and wants to wander from one side of the road to the other? If so, it may be time to take a look at the steering gear and consider options available to us today to correct or improve the steering of our cars.

Before you consider rebuilding or replacing the steering gear, be sure to perform a complete inspection of the other components that make up the steering system including the tie rod and drag link ends, steering arms, pitman arm, front spindle bolts (King Pins) and bushings, front radius rod ball and socket, wheel bearings, spring shackles and spring mounting. Just rebuilding or replacing the steering gear will not correct poor steering if other related components are worn out. Also, incorrect front wheel alignment can contribute to poor steering. Sometimes, a good adjustment of the tie rod ends and steering gear, an alignment of the front wheels and a complete lubrication of the steering and suspension components will greatly improve the steering of your Model A. But for this discussion, we will focus on the options we have as far as the steering gear is concerned.

If you are rebuilding the original Model A steering gear there are good reproduction parts available today to completely rebuild the steering gear. With good internal components it is possible to adjust the late "Gemmer" type two tooth steering gears so they have very little play in the straight ahead position without any tight spots or binding off center, the earlier seven tooth steering gears are a little more challenging. Some owners with earlier cars have replaced the older seven tooth steering gears with later two tooth "Gemmer" steering gears. If you still find your Model A hard to steer, a shorter pitman arm is available that will make the steering easier. A lot of owners have installed the shorter pitman arm on their street and tour cars with good results.

If you want to retain the appearance of the original Model A "Gemmer" type steering gear but want to have better and easier steering, the worm and sector from a 1932-34 Ford passenger car with 15:1 ratio will fit the two tooth Model A steering gear without modification.

However a '32-'34 pitman arm must also be used as the later sector shaft is splined and the square Model A pitman arm opening will not fit. The design of the later worm and sector makes steering easier and more precise.

Another option is to install a Ford F100 steering gear that has been modified to fit the Model A. This steering gear will result in even easier steering and is a definite improvement over the original Model A steering gears. Many Model A owners have converted to F100 steering. A word of caution however is to NOT use the shortened Model A pitman arm with the F-100 steering gear. This will result in very "slow" and vague steering. The stock length pitman arm with the F-100 steering will work just fine. For more information on the F-100 conversion, contact SAA's member Randy Gross. Randy can provide you with a complete rebuilt and modified F-100 steering gear that is ready to install in your Model A.



# Events

## Club Events:

- 16th June 24 Lane Cove National Park.  
Access to the area of the park we will use is from Lady Game Drive. Daily parking fee for each vehicle is \$8.  
If the weather is wet, it may not be very pleasant because there is only limited undercover seating.  
Portable shelters are not permitted, under any circumstances.  
Kiosk and toilets nearby.
- 28th July 24 All Fords Day, more details to follow.
- 18th Aug24 Sylvandale Pre WWII Show, Details to follow.
- 25th Aug24 Shannon's Sydney Classic, Eastern Creek.
- 22nd Sep 24 Save the date, Details to come in next edition of the Flyer.
- 20th Oct24 Memorial Run, Details to come.
- 17th Nov24 Emu Plains Museum, Details to come..

## Invitation events:

- 2nd June 24 Flathead Day, Campbelltown Steam and Machinery museum.
- 25th Aug 24 Maroota Muster

# Trading Post

Nothing new to list this month, For a complete list of current For Sales and Wanted listings as well as For Sales and Wanted listings from past editions of the Flyer please check out our website at <https://modelafordclubofnsw.com.au/buy-sell/>

Our website has recently undergone refurbishment so make sure to visit!



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Model A Ford Club of NSW website. The header features the club's logo, which is a blue circle with 'MODEL A FORD CLUB' at the top, 'Ford' in the center, and 'NEW SOUTH WALES INC.' at the bottom. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'Model A Ford Club of NSW' and 'Dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the Model A Ford'. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for Home, About us, Newsletter, Membership, Events, Technical, National Meet, Videos, Gallery, Trading Post, Contact Us, and Links. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column has a 'Home' section with a paragraph about the club's dedication to the restoration and preservation of the Model A Ford, followed by a video player showing a national meet in Goulburn 2022. Below the video is a section titled 'A brief history of the Model A Ford' with two paragraphs of text. The right column contains a search bar, a 'Recent Posts' section listing flyers from April 2024 to December 2023, an 'Archives' section with a 'Select Month' dropdown, and a 'Categories' section with a 'Select Category' dropdown.

If you wish to list your Car/Item in the Flyer please email the Editor.



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The 28<sup>th</sup> National Meet

Model A Ford Clubs of Australia

Maryborough, Queensland

1 to 8 September 2024

**Based at the Maryborough Showgrounds**

**Displays at the Thursday Markets and**

**Friday, Sealfront Oval Hervey Bay**

**Drives throughout the Region in a Week Long Extravaganza.**

**Over 100 Model A cars (vintage 1928 to 1931) of all types including Buckboards, Coupes, Phaetons, Sedans and many others presented in all colours of the the Rainbow**

**Make sure it is inked in on your Calendar of Events**

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