

Model A Flyer



February / March 2025

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

Presidents Report

Dear Model A Ford Club Members,



Well, the year has kicked off with a great start with many club runs over the past few months, albeit that the weather has been very hot. Thank you to those that have organised events and to those that have participated.

As the summer temperatures start to ease and we enter autumn it should become more pleasurable to drive your Model A's, so I hope to see you out and about in your Model A's. We have some great upcoming club events, with the next one being to the Police Museum at Revesby on the 13th of April. This should be a very interesting day and you will

get to see not just police vehicles, history and memorabilia but also a separate extensive private collection of diverse vehicles. However, you may wish to choose to leave your A at home on this day, as appropriate parking may be a challenge.

The club calendar is already pretty full, however, we are still looking for club events in September and November to wrap up the calendar for the year. We would welcome any suggestions that you may have for a club run or Wednesday Wanderers event, it would be even better if you are willing to arrange it.

Regarding membership, we still have six members who have not renewed their membership for 2025 and the grace period has now officially expired. Robert will make contact individually with each of you and I encourage you to rejoin.

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

Wednesday Wanderers



Hey Wednesday Wanderers!

We are excited to invite you to our next Wednesday Wanders event on April 2nd, 2025. We'll be meeting at Chambers Coffee Shop in the Gateway Building at Circular Quay at 9:30 AM for a delightful coffee to start our day.

Afterward, we might take the ferry to Manly for an unforgettable excursion across our magnificent harbour. For lunch, we have the option to try a new pub in the Corso or decide on the day based on the weather.

It's going to be a fantastic day filled with great company and beautiful sights. We hope you can join us!

Spread the word to all Model A Ford members and let's make this an outing to remember!

Regards,

John Hyland

St Marys Veterans

St Mary's Outpost Veteran Support Centre

Saturday 15th February 2025

Today, we had the pleasure of visiting the St Mary's Outpost Veteran Support Centre, a unique and inspiring venue dedicated to assisting veterans. The outing was attended by eight club members, along with two friends I invited.

We gathered at 11:00 AM at the St Mary's Diggers and Band Club on Mamre Road, where anticipation was high. At 11:30 AM, we strolled across the car park to the Outpost Centre and received a warm welcome from the volunteer hosts. Special mention goes to Peter Thompson and David Cox, who arrived in style, driving their Model A's.

Our hosts guided us into the meeting room, where we learned about the Outpost Centre's fascinating history—from its humble beginnings to the vital role it plays today in supporting veterans. Their dedication was both evident and inspiring.

Adding a personal touch to the event, my friend Aldo shared stories from his time as a Navy jet pilot, captivating everyone with his recounting of how he earned the nickname "Mad Aldo." His storytelling held the audience spellbound, including the volunteers, who listened intently and with great respect.

Afterwards, we explored the Outpost Centre itself, which is cleverly designed to resemble an old train station, complete with vintage trains. It was an atmospheric and nostalgic setting, perfect for the occasion.

We wrapped up our visit with a leisurely lunch back at the club across the car park—a delightful conclusion to a memorable day.

Thank you to all who attended and helped make this outing so enjoyable.

Regards,

Robert Brown



A Visit from the Trains

BBQ at Bills, 24th March 2025

Our club recently had the pleasure of hosting Jim and Gene Train, two delightful members of the San Diego Model A Ford Club, who reached out during their trip to Sydney with hopes of meeting up with some local enthusiasts. Thanks to Josh and Bill's initiative, we organized a BBQ at Bill's place in Picton, inviting club members to join the festivities and welcome our visitors.

Despite the wet weather, the turnout was impressive, with around 20 members making the journey to Picton. Seven members brought along their Model A's, which were displayed alongside Bill's vintage car collection, creating an irresistible showcase of automotive history. The rain certainly didn't dampen spirits, as everyone mingled, shared stories, and admired the incredible vehicles.

Lunch featured a classic BBQ spread, followed by coffee, tea, and cake—a perfect combination that kept everyone warm and cheerful. The atmosphere was lively, and Jim and Gene were met with the enthusiastic hospitality our club is known for.

Meeting the Train's was an absolute pleasure, and we hope they enjoyed the day as much as we did. They're welcome to visit us anytime, as are any members of their club—our doors are always open to friends who share a passion for Model A's and vintage cars.

The event was a shining example of how shared interests can bring people together, even across oceans, and it left everyone with fond memories of friendship, connection, and a love for classic automobiles.

Josh Daws



Geoscience Centre

WB Clarke Geoscience Centre Wednesday, 26th March 2025

On Wednesday, 26th March 2025, club members had the privilege of embarking on a unique outing to the WB Clarke Geoscience Centre in Londonderry, a fascinating venue that's not currently open to the general public. The day was a resounding success, filled with discovery, camaraderie, and unforgettable moments.

The adventure began with lunch at the Log Cabin in Penrith, a lively gathering where members had the chance to connect and share excitement for the day ahead. From there, the convoy took a scenic route, stopping briefly to join forces with members from the Prospectors Home Club—a special addition to this outing.

Upon arrival at the Geoscience Centre, the group was warmly greeted by visiting geologist Paul Meszaros, who led an engaging tour. The private tour was a rare treat, offering attendees the chance to delve into the world of minerals, gemstones, and geology. The displays were truly awe-inspiring, showcasing replicas of Australia's largest gold nuggets, a comprehensive library of drill core samples from across New South Wales, and even a meteorite from outer space—a highlight for many, as they got to hold it and marvel at its extraterrestrial origins.

Members enthusiastically took advantage of the photo opportunities, capturing the stunning exhibits and moments of discovery to remember this special outing.

This unique visit proved to be an unforgettable experience, offering rare insights and the chance to connect with a hidden gem in the world of geoscience. Although this was a one-time event and no further visits are planned, the memories created will surely be cherished by all who attended.

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and efforts to make the day a triumph!



Important Notices

Club Events:

We are currently seeking event ideas for **September** and **November** to complete our calendar. Your input is greatly appreciated, not only for this year but also for potential events in 2026.

Let's work together to make the club's activities enjoyable and engaging for everyone. Please consider getting involved and sharing your suggestions to help us fill these gaps.

Contact **Peter Wigzell** or any other committee members with your ideas.

Thank you for your support! Let's keep the momentum going and create more great memories.

Reminder:

LAST NOTICE: If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2025 and your vehicle is on Historic Plates through the MAFC of NSW, please be advised that your car is currently considered **UNREGISTERED** and **UNINSURED**.

It is essential that you renew your membership immediately. Until this is resolved, you must not drive your vehicle.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Luddenham Show

Luddenham Show: 1st & 2nd March 2025

The Luddenham Show was a fantastic event that brought together club members and friends, along with a wonderful display of classic cars.

On Saturday, Peter Thompson, Peter Wigzell, Skylan Tabone, and I attended the show, enjoying the lively atmosphere and activities. Our cars proved to be a major attraction, drawing enthusiastic interest from the public.

Sunday's turnout was equally impressive, with Dennis Ashton, David Cox, and Col and Trish Bootle showcasing their vehicles. I also returned in my 1929 Phaeton, and once again, the cars sparked curiosity and plenty of questions from attendees.

The weather was perfect across both days, adding to the enjoyment of the show's activities. The cars were proudly on display from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday and 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Sunday.

A highlight of Saturday was trying our hand at archery. Everyone managed to hit the target—some with a touch more finesse than others—but the shared fun made it a memorable experience.

On the drive home that afternoon, we made an impromptu visit to Ken, who restores horse-drawn coaches. His fascinating work added an extra layer of enjoyment to the day.

Looking ahead, the Luddenham Show has extended an invitation for us to return next year in 2026, and we eagerly anticipate another opportunity to participate in this outstanding event.

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and efforts to make this weekend so successful!

Regards,

Robert Brown



Nurragingy Reserve

Nurragingy Reserve : 16th March 2025

On Sunday, our club gathered at the picturesque Nurragingy Reserve for a day that, despite the blistering 40°C heat, turned out to be thoroughly enjoyable.

Two of our members, Peter Wigzell and Greg Cribbin, brought their Model A's along, The heat put the rest of us off the idea. Approximately 15 members attended, making it a wonderful opportunity to catch up and appreciate each other's company.

Thanks to Josh and Britt, who generously set up their gazebo in an open grassed area near the cars, we were able to escape the scorching sun. Their thoughtful contribution made the day much more bearable and ensured we could still relax and enjoy the occasion.

The on-site coffee shop provided a welcome respite with plenty of delicious food and refreshments to keep us going. One of the highlights was watching young William light up with excitement as he enjoyed the train rides—a delightful feature of the reserve.

Nurragingy Reserve proved to be a great location, and it's easy to see why it's such a beloved spot. However, given the intense heat, it's been decided that a future visit during cooler weather would make for an even better experience.

Despite the high temperatures, the event was a success, thanks to the camaraderie of our club members and the lovely setting. Here's to more enjoyable outings in the future!



Events

Club Events:

- 13th Apr 25** **NSW Police Museum**, 128 Carrington St, Revesby. <https://nswhpm.org/> Meet at 10:00am for a tour of this great facility and massive car collection of all types of vehicles (not just police vehicles). Cost is a \$10:00 per head donation per person, payable in cash on the day. After the tour we could head to Revesby Workers Club for a lunch. **(please note this is the 2nd Sunday due Easter falling on the 3rd Sunday)**
- 18th May 25** **Oil, Steam & Kerosene Family Fun Day**, Campbelltown Steam & Machinery Museum, 86 Menangle Road, Menangle Park. Gold coin donation for vintage car entries or else Adults \$15, Concession \$8. Gates Open 9:00am.
- 15th June 25** **Wollondilly Heritage Centre**, The Oaks. Meet at 10:00am in Edwards Street Carpark. Entry plus morning tea is \$15:00 per person. The club will provide a sausage sizzle for members.
- 27th July 25** **All Ford's Day at Eastern Creek.**
- 17th August 25** **Shannons CMC Day at Eastern Creek.** Tickets @\$20 each will be available mid year for purchase. Please contact and pay Robert Brown ASAP.
- 15th Sept 25** **Club run required** – please contact Peter Wigzell if you wish to arrange.
- 19th Oct 25** **Memorial Run**, Burnam Burnam Sanctuary, Woronora.
- 16th Nov 25** **Club run required** – please contact Peter Wigzell if you wish to arrange.
- 18th–24th Oct 26** **29th Australian National Meet**, Albany, WA. Refer, early bird entry form previously distributed via e-mail and in The Flyer.

Invitation events:

- 16th Mar 25** **Highlands Cruise**, Starts at Picton at 8:00am departure then drive to Berrima and finishing at Robertson Public House. Entry is \$25 per vehicle, with all funds raised being donated to Camp Quality. More details here:
<https://fundraise.campquality.org.au/event/view/highlandscruise25>
- 29th Mar 25** **Mens Christian Conference**, Kings School North Parramatta RSPV with Col Bootle.
- 30th Mar 25** **Motor Show for Multiple Sclerosis**, Campbelltown Steam & Machinery Museum, 86 Menangle Road, Menangle Park. msmotorshow@outlook.com Entry is \$20 per vehicle with all proceeds donated to MS Australia. All vintage, classic, muscle and custom cars and bikes welcome. Gates open at 10:00am.
- 2nd/3rd May 25** **Pre 1931 Northern Autumn Tour**, Armidale, NSW. Contact pre31armidale@outlook.com or Mark Wittig 0436-338-266 to register.
- 17th/18th May 25** **Thirlmere Festival of Steam**, Thirlmere, NSW.
- 25th May 25** **National Motor Heritage Day**, Kurrajong East or Berry or Motorlife Museum.
- 31st May/1st June** **Gold Country Tour**, Bathurst Historic Car Club. Entry forms available from mid January. Contact Greg 0415-258-512 or e-mail bhccrally@outlook.com or visit www.bathursthistoriccarclub.com
- 17th Aug 25** **Maroota Muster**, Maroota Public School.
- 24th Aug 25** **Flathead Day**, Campbelltown Oil, Kerosene & Steam Museum, Menangle.
- 29 Sep–5th Oct 25** **Red Dust Revival**.

Swap Meets:

March 15th – 16th	Matong Swap, Matong Showground, gates open 8:00am
April 5th	Gosford Swap, Gosford Showground, gates open 6:00am
April 5th	Forbes Swap Meet and Show N Shine, Forbes Showground, gates open 6:00am
April 27th	Yass Swap, Yass Showground, gates open 7:00am
May 18th	Kempsey Swap, Kempsey Showground, gates open 6:00am
June 8th	Picton Swap Meet #1, Picton Showground, gates open 6:30am
July 26th	All Fords Swap Meet, Eastern Creek.
September 7th	Cootamundra Swap, Cootamundra Showground, gates open 6:00am.
September 21st	Picton Swap Meet #2, Picton Showground, gates open 6:30am
November 15th-16th	Bendigo Swap, gates open 6:30am.

Trading Post

For Sale:

1930 Deluxe Coupe "Daisy"

Peter and Di Paice are reluctantly selling their cherished 1930 Model A Deluxe Coupe due to Peter's health concerns. The car, in Manilla Brown with Orange Wheels, features four seat belts, registration as a four-seater, a pull-out luggage rack, and a history of being well-maintained and always garaged. Import documentation is available.

The car will be displayed at Kurri Kurri Nostalgiafest (weather permitting), and interested buyers are encouraged to contact Peter and Di directly for more details. They hope the car finds a new owner who will appreciate and enjoy it as much as they have.

Contact: Peter Paice, 0408 414 681.



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