

Model A Flyer

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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,



We've had some amazing club and invitation events for members to attend over the past two months – Shannons CMC Day, Maroota Muster, St Mary's Spring Festival, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Train, The Flathead Day and the Sydney Heritage Fleet Museum, as well as the Wednesday Wanderers events. Thank you to those that organised and/or attended these events, see reports in The Flyer for some of them.

Also, right now is the Lake Perkolilli Dust Revival and you can follow Jonno and Bianca's adventures to WA and return on Facebook. It looks like they are having a fantastic trip, with only a few Model A mechanical challenges thrown in to keep them on their toes.

The year is not yet over and we still have the Memorial Run and the International Truck Museum to come plus an end of year BBQ at my place.

We should also be hearing additional news shortly about the 2026 National Rally in Albany WA, so keep a watch on your in boxes.

Our AGM is rapidly approaching and will be held at our November meeting, I ask that you please consider your willingness to be on the committee for 2026. If you have any questions about being an office bearer or general committee member then please don't hesitate to ask. The roles are not too challenging nor demanding of your time, so really anyone in the club is more than capable of doing them.

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

Yours in Model A'ing.

Bill Daws

Maroota Muster

17th August 2025

What began as a crisp morning soon mellowed into a pleasantly warm day – perfect weather for a classic Club gathering. The event drew a fantastic turnout, with a proud lineup of nine Model A Fords and a striking '34 coupé stealing glances from passersby. A few members arrived in modern vehicles, but the spirit of vintage motoring was unmistakably alive and well.

As always, the market buzzed with colour and character. Stalls brimmed with fresh produce, blooming plants, homemade cakes, hot food, and an eclectic mix of knick-knacks that invited browsing and banter. Due to recent rain, the left-hand side of the grounds was too boggy for parking, so this time the Club's cars were displayed on the right – a change that offered a fresh perspective and easy access for admirers.

A special congratulations goes to Ken and Sandra, whose beautifully presented car earned second prize on the day. Their pride and joy was a standout among a field of worthy contenders.

Adding to the warmth of the occasion were the delicious homemade treats generously supplied by Jan and Ken, Trish and Cole. Their biscuits and slices were a hit – the kind of comfort food that pairs perfectly with good company and shared stories.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came along and contributed to the success of the day. Your presence, enthusiasm, and generosity made it truly memorable.

Peter Wigzell



Shannons Sydney Classic

17th August 2025

On Sunday, 17th August 2025, the Shannons Sydney Classic once again delivered a spectacular celebration of motoring heritage – and our small but proud contingent of Model A Fords made their mark in style.

Bathed in glorious sunshine, the day offered perfect conditions for showcasing our vintage beauties. Positioned in Area A, we enjoyed prime real estate for displaying our cars, drawing admiration from enthusiasts and curious onlookers alike.

One of the highlights was the well-organised track tour, which gave us the rare thrill of letting our Model A's stretch their legs on the race circuit. While overtaking and speeds above 80 km/h were strictly off-limits, the experience of cruising the track in these historic machines was unforgettable – a respectful nod to the past in a setting built for speed.

Beyond our own display, the event was brimming with automotive excellence. From gleaming classics to rare gems, the variety of vehicles on show was a feast for the senses. Shannon's Concourse, in particular, stood out as a showcase of meticulous restoration and timeless design.

Thank you to those who attended.



St Marys Spring Festival

6th September 2025

Saturday, 6th September saw the streets of St Marys come alive with colour, community, and classic motoring charm as the Spring Festival rolled into town. Under perfect skies, members of the Model A Ford Club gathered to take part in the day's festivities – and what a turnout it was.

Representing the Club were Col & Trish Bootle, Ian Tabone, David Cox, Keith Smith, Peter Wigzell, Peter & Jenny Thompson, Jim & Carmen Gauci, and myself. Our cars were proudly on display from 9:45 to 11:30am, drawing admiration from festival-goers and fellow enthusiasts alike.

As the morning progressed, we moved to the marshalling area to prepare for the parade down Queen Street. Leading the procession of Model A's was Col Bootle, setting the tone for a dignified and delightful drive through the heart of the festival. The crowd's response was warm and enthusiastic – a testament to the enduring appeal of these vintage machines.

Following the parade, our cars returned to their display positions, giving visitors another chance to appreciate their timeless beauty. Members departed at their leisure, rounding off a relaxed and enjoyable day.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the event such a success. Your presence and support are what keep the spirit of the Club thriving.

Robert Brown



St Marys RSL Veterans

20th September 2025

On Saturday, 20th September, the St Marys RSL hosted an open day for returned veterans – a heartfelt occasion made even more special by the presence of seven beautifully maintained Model A Fords from our Club, joined by a selection of motorbikes that added to the nostalgic atmosphere.

The event was a wonderful opportunity to honour those who've served, and our cars provided a fitting tribute to history and craftsmanship. Parked proudly for display, the vintage vehicles drew admiration and sparked conversations, offering a moment of joy and reflection for attendees and veterans alike.

The weather was kind, the mood was warm, and everyone enjoyed themselves. The Veteran Outpost staff extended their sincere thanks to all who came along and contributed to the day's success.

Robert Brown



Sydney Heritage Fleet

21st September 2025

A small group of Club members recently enjoyed a fascinating day out at the Sydney Heritage Fleet – a hidden gem nestled in the heart of Sydney that's dedicated to preserving Australia's rich maritime legacy.

From the moment we arrived, it was clear we were in for something special. The day was not only informative but deeply inspiring. The Fleet's volunteers and staff are engaged in meticulous restoration work, breathing new life into vessels that once shaped our nation's seafaring story. Their dedication, skill, and attention to detail left a lasting impression on all of us.

We were fortunate to receive a guided tour of several vessels currently under restoration. From timber-hulled workboats to grand steamships, each project revealed layers of history and craftsmanship. Walking through the workshops and onboard the ships, we gained a real appreciation for the scale and complexity of the work involved – and the passion that drives it.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It was a rare opportunity to step behind the scenes and witness heritage preservation in action, surrounded by stories of adventure, trade, and exploration.

We extend our sincere thanks to the Sydney Heritage Fleet for welcoming us so warmly and sharing their remarkable work. It was a privilege to visit, and we encourage anyone with an interest in history, engineering, or maritime culture to explore what they have to offer.

Josh Daws



Events & Trading Post

Club Events:

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| 19th Oct 25 | Memorial Run, Burnam Burnam Sanctuary, Woronora. |
| 16th Nov 25 | International Truck Museum – Peter Wigzell to arrange,
More information to come. |
| 14th Dec 25 | Bar-B-Q at Bill & Linda Daws house, 3 Stonequarry Creek
Road, Picton, meeting at 11:00am. Club to provide a sausage
sizzle lunch. |
| 18th–24th Oct 26 | 29th Australian National Meet, Albany, WA. Refer, early bird
entry form previously distributed via e-mail and in The Flyer. |
| 15th-17th Sep 28 | 100 th Anniversary of the Model A Ford – Gulgong. |

Invitation events:

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| 26th Oct 25 | Display Day, Arms of Australia Inn, Details to come. |
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Swap Meets:

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| November 15th-16th | Bendigo Swap, gates open 6:30am. |
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Trading Post:

- Rod Wood is after side curtain fasteners for a Phaeton - 0433 410 588
- 1928 A Ford Utility, Runs/Drives, needs Doors finishing, \$18,000
Ron Cox 02 9743 5955 or 0408-254-485
- 1930 A Ford Luggage rack & Brackets, \$35
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<https://modelafordclubofnsw.com.au/buy-sell/>

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



Upcoming October run

Memorial Run, 19th October 2025
9am - 2pm

Join us for our annual memorial run to Burnum Burnum Sanctuary.

The Club will be putting on a BBQ Lunch however please be sure to bring your own drinks & seating.

The Sanctuary offers many possible activities:

- Children's playground
- BBQ Area with Gazebo
- Various walking tracks
- Access to Woronora Bridge Observation Deck

Parking: Free carpark below the bridge.



Access can be tricky so keep note of these directions

Coming from Sutherland:

1. Head north-west on River Rd
2. Take the Menai Rd exit towards Woronora
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