

Model A Flyer

August / September 2026



Club meetings are held at 7:30pm on the third Friday of each month in the Eyes Down Room at Merrylands RSL, Miller Street, Merrylands. Parking is available at the RSL or via Newman Street.



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Model A Ford Group of New South Wales

Presidents Report

Dear Model A Ford Club Members,



As we move into October, there has been plenty happening both within our club and across the wider collector vehicle community.

The recent **CMC Day** was a tremendous success, with an excellent turnout of vehicles and enthusiasts. Events such as these showcase our hobby to the public and provide a great opportunity to catch up with friends from other clubs. Congratulations to everyone involved in making the day such an enjoyable occasion.

From all accounts, the **Intershed Day** was also a fantastic event. Reports from members of other clubs indicate it was well attended and offered a great variety of displays and activities. It certainly was one of those events that was well worth attending.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the September club run, having been sidelined by a bout of **Influenza A**. While I was disappointed to miss the outing, I understand those who attended enjoyed another successful day behind the wheel.

Many of our members are currently making their way across the country to attend the **National Meet in Albany, Western Australia**. On behalf of the club, I would like to wish everyone travelling safe and trouble-free motoring. We look forward to hearing about their adventures and seeing plenty of photographs when they return.

On a less positive note, no reports were received for either the August or September club runs. As a result, there are unfortunately no run reports included in this month's newsletter. I would like to remind members that the newsletter relies heavily on contributions from those who attend our events. A few paragraphs describing the day, along with a selection of photographs, makes a tremendous difference and helps preserve a record of our club activities.

Please make an effort to send through feedback, stories and photos following events. Without these contributions, putting together a meaningful and interesting newsletter becomes supremely difficult. You do not need to be a professional writer; a brief summary and a few pictures are often all that is required. Your contributions help keep all members informed, particularly those unable to attend events themselves.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the club through attendance at events, volunteering and contributing to the newsletter. I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming meetings and runs.

Safe motoring,

Josh Daws



Wanderers Barangaroo

6th August 2026

After enjoying a relaxing morning coffee together, our Thursday Wanderers group caught the Barangaroo ferry to Darling Harbour to view the impressive Monument of Fishes, a \$12 million public artwork by artist Mikala Dwyer, located at Watermans Cove.

Following a lively photo session in front of the striking sculpture, we enjoyed a leisurely stroll along Barangaroo Avenue, taking in the magnificent harbour views and the vibrant waterfront atmosphere.

Lunch was enjoyed at the Grilled Café, where several members agreed that the burgers were among the best they had tasted in a long while. With plenty of good food, conversation, and fellowship, the outing proved to be another enjoyable success.

After lunch, we made our way back to Circular Quay to begin our journeys home, reflecting on a wonderful day spent exploring one of Sydney's most picturesque waterfront precincts.

Thank you to all members who attended and helped make the day so enjoyable. We look forward to our next Wanderers adventure.

**Regards,
John Hyland**



Side Valve Day

30th August 2026

The recent Side Valve Day at the Steam and Machinery Day was blessed with excellent weather, making it a perfect day for members and visitors alike to enjoy the many attractions on display.

There was a wide variety of vehicles, machinery, and exhibits throughout the grounds, providing plenty to see and admire. From beautifully restored historic vehicles to impressive stationary engines and working machinery, there was something of interest for everyone.

Unfortunately, only two Model A Fords were in attendance, those belonging to David Cox and Peter Huckstepp, who proudly represented the club. Despite the small Model A turnout, both vehicles attracted considerable interest from spectators throughout the day.

The event provided a wonderful opportunity to catch up with fellow enthusiasts, share stories, and appreciate the dedication that goes into preserving these historic vehicles and machines.

Thank you to all who attended



St Marys Town Festival

5th September 2026

Five Model A Fords were proudly displayed at Coachmans Park, St Marys, as part of the annual St Marys Town Festival. Joining us on the day was my friend John with his Ford F100 Ambulance, along with several other interesting vehicles that helped create an attractive display for festival visitors.

The weather was warm and pleasant, making it an ideal day for an outdoor event. Throughout the day there was considerable interest from the public, with many visitors stopping to admire the vehicles, ask questions, and share their own motoring memories.

A special thank you goes to the ladies from the St Marys Town Centre, who kindly organised a selection of sandwiches from Casandra's as a gesture of appreciation for those displaying their vehicles. Their hospitality was greatly appreciated by everyone involved.

Many thanks also to Col and Trish Bootle, Peter Thompson, Peter Wigzell, and Rod Wood for bringing their Model A Fords along and helping to make the display such a success.

It was a very enjoyable day, with excellent public interest, good company, and plenty of sunshine. We look forward to supporting the festival again in the future.

Robert Brown



The Taylors head to WA



Rob and Sheryl Taylor are currently making their way across Australia on their way to the Model A Ford National Meet in Albany, WA, and from all reports they are having a wonderful adventure.

Leaving home on 23 September, their first overnight stop was Gundagai. Rob reports that the trailer kindly loaned to them by Bill Daws has been a real gem, towing beautifully and making the journey much easier.

From Gundagai they crossed the Hay Plain and headed towards Mildura. Along the way they stopped to admire some of the impressive silo art that can be found throughout country Victoria and South Australia. After arriving in Mildura, they found their original campground a little too crowded for comfort, so they moved to the Apex Riverbeach Holiday Park, securing the last powered site and enjoying a much more relaxed stay.

The silo art trail became one of the highlights of the trip. A day spent exploring the magnificent murals at Walpeup, Lameroo and Karoonda saw them cover around 600 kilometres, but the spectacular artwork made every kilometre worthwhile.



A two-day stopover in Burra allowed time to slow the pace and enjoy the local attractions. A drive through the beautiful Clare Valley in the Model A included visits to several vineyards, while the following day was spent exploring Burra's rich history. Once Australia's largest copper mining town, Burra is full of fascinating stories, historic buildings and reminders of its Cornish heritage. A chance encounter with a historic Model T fire engine was an added bonus.

The journey then continued west through Port Lincoln, where Rob and Sheryl enjoyed one of the local specialties, fresh oysters, before tackling the long crossing of the Nullarbor Plain. Surprisingly, they saw only two emus along the entire route, but the spectacular coastal scenery more than compensated. The dramatic cliffs overlooking the Great Australian Bight and the endless ocean views left a lasting impression and provided some of the most memorable scenery of the trip.



At the latest update, Rob and Sheryl had reached Norseman and were preparing to continue to Southern Cross before arriving in Perth. By this stage, their journey had included magnificent scenery, historic towns, regional artwork, local produce and plenty of enjoyable kilometres behind the wheel.

We wish Rob and Sheryl safe travels for the remainder of their adventure and look forward to hearing all about the National Meet in Albany when they return. Their trip is a wonderful reminder that getting to the National Meet can be just as enjoyable as the event itself.

Safe travels, Rob and Sheryl, and thank you for sharing your journey with us.



Wanderers September

3rd September 2026

Our trip down memory lane certainly did not disappoint. The weather gods smiled on us, providing a beautiful day for one of the year's most enjoyable Wanderers outings.

After gathering at Heathcote, we made our way to Stanwell Tops Lookout. The spectacular view over the Illawarra escarpment remains as breathtaking as ever and must surely rank among Australia's finest coastal vistas. While the breeze was a little brisk, it certainly didn't detract from our enjoyment. Following the traditional group photo session, we took time to soak in the magnificent scenery before continuing on.

From Stanwell Tops, we headed to the Helensburgh Hotel, where the Wanderers enjoyed a leisurely lunch accompanied by plenty of conversation and laughter. As always, the opportunity to catch up with friends was every bit as enjoyable as the destination itself.

As the afternoon drew to a close, it was time to say our farewells and head for home, all feeling satisfied after a wonderful day out.

A total of sixteen Wanderers attended, making this one of the standout events of the year. Thank you to all the members who came along. Your support and participation make organising these outings worthwhile and help ensure their continued success.

**Regards,
John Hyland**



Events

Future Club Events: (Log Book entries ARE NOT required for these events)

- **18th to 24th October- 29th Australian National Meet, Albany, WA.** Refer to entry form previously distributed via e-mail and in The Flyer. Please note entries closed at end of May.
- **18th October – Memorial Run, at Burnam Burnam,** More information is available on page 12 of the Flyer.
- **15th November –Nurranginy miniature steam railway,** Kookaburra Shelter picnic area, Nurranginy reserve, Doonside. Meet at 10:00am and bring a picnic lunch. Ride the miniature railway. Enter via Knox Road, Doonside.
- **2028 – September 15-17 100th Anniversary of the Model A Ford – Gulgong.**

Join the following Facebook Group for information as it becomes available: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/692601982181569/>

Swap Meets:

- **11th October - Maitland Showground.**
- **17th October - Parkes Swap Meet.**
- **8th November - Gulgong Swap Meet.**
- **15th November - Bathurst Swap Meet.**
- **14th & 15th November - Bendigo Swap Meet.**
- **28th & 29th November - Moss Vale Swap Meet.**

Updated Swap Meet Information can be found at the following website: <https://ozwrenches.com/swap-meets.htm>



Events & Trading Post

Invitation events: (Log Book Entries **ARE** required for these events, See our website or Facebook Group for more details)

- **17th October – Shoalhaven Historic Vehicle Club - Car and Bike Show, Berry Showground, Berry, NSW.** Pre entries required by 3rd October. Entry Fee per vehicle is \$20.
- **18th October – Camden Car Show, Gledswood Winery, 900 Camden Valley Way, Catherine Fields.** \$20 per vehicle entry, gates open at 7:00am with all cars to be in place by 9:30am. Contact John Fenato 0418-238-919
- **25th October – East Hills Charity Car Show, Kelso Oval, Panania South.** \$25 per vehicle entry fee with all funds going to charity. Vehicles must be pre entered. Entry form is available here: <https://easthillscarshow.com.au/entry-form/>
- **5th – 7th February, 2027 – Gnool Blas Classic, Orange.** A great weekend in Orange, more details of the program and entry forms available here: <https://gnoolblas.com/2027-gnool-blas-classic/>
- **27th April – 3rd May, 2027 - Pre '31 Rendezvous Rally (Autumn Tour), Stanthorpe Queensland.** Contact Garry Ellis 0418-832-175 to register. Entries limited to 150 vehicles. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61556764719016>

Trading Post:

- **For Sale - 1931 5 Window Coupe.** Good condition and tyres. Has Mitchell gearbox and overdrive. Club registered until March 27. Plate 58267H (not transferable) \$28,500 or near offer. Car is located in Salamander Bay area. For further particulars Phone Ian Ray on 0408688106.
- **For Sale – New and used spare parts, too numerous to list.** Wishing to sell as a job lot. Please contact Barry Hurren, Casino, NSW (02) 66-62-5113
- **For Sale - 1928 Briggs Bodied 4 door leather back sedan project** requiring full restoration, includes many new and used spares to complete the restoration, including Mitchell Overdrive, 3 engines (1 rebuilt), woodwork for frame, etc. Much work has already been undertaken on running gear. \$10,000 no offers. Contact John on 0412-421-529. Vehicle is located in Mortlake.
- **For Sale - 1934 5 Window Coupe, \$85,000 Col Bootle** 0492-872-477
- **For Sale – 1928 Phaeton (AR),** original unrestored car in driveable condition, salt and pepper top. \$25,000 Col Bootle 0482-872-477

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



Upcoming October run

Memorial Run, 18th October 2026

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
3. Continue onto Menai Rd
4. Turn left onto Washington Dr

Coming from Menai:

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