



Western Model A News

The Official Newsletter of
THE MODEL A RESTORERS' CLUB (WESTERN AUSTRALIA BRANCH) INC.

JULY, 1990

QUIZ NIGHT

to raise funds to hold the National Model A Meet in Perth in 1992

at 7.30pm (first question asked at 7.45pm sharp) on
Saturday, September 1, 1990

in the
Floreat Civic Hall
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Bookings and enquiries: Helen Sharp - [REDACTED] or
Laurel Cooke - [REDACTED]

NEXT RUN: JULY 29 - 10am at Carousel Shopping Centre

OFFICE BEARERS: President: JOHN LUCA [REDACTED] Secretary-Treasurer: HELEN SHARP [REDACTED]
Vice President: LOUISE READ ([REDACTED]) Editor: BEVAN SHARP [REDACTED]

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SUNDAY, JULY 29, 1990

COLIN & MAXINE DAVIDSON organising [REDACTED]
Meet at Carousel Shopping Centre, Albany Highway, Cannington
for 10am departure for a short drive to the hills. Subject to weather
conditions there will either be a barbecue in the park or a hall will be
available if it is raining. If STEVE READ is there it will be fine(?)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 1990

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING-1.30pm at EMBLETON PRIMARY SCHOOL
Collier Road, Embleton. Approach off Collier Road and park behind
main school building. PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF AFTERNOON TEA
AND A CUP OR MUG. Come along and voice your opinions.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1990

QUIZ NIGHT at Floreat Civic Hall at 7.30 see front page for full details.

SEPTEMBER 29 to OCTOBER 1, 1990:

Long weekend Run to Busselton (JOHN & IVY McLEAN).

Check details on accommodation in this issue.



Tenth Anniversary Dinner

The Dinner to celebrate our Club's Tenth Anniversary was a huge success. Over half of the 42 participants were dressed in 1920's-1930's fashion for the occasion.

Organised by STEVE READ, the evening consisted of a wonderful three-course meal by students of the Fremantle TAFE College, in luxurious surroundings, interspersed with reminiscent speeches by various members. Blow-ups of landmark photographs were displayed plus lists of past and present office bearers.

Our Founding President, BILL BENNIE, gave the first recitation on the beginnings of our Club and mentioned that the initial meeting on June 22, 1980 consisted of 16 enthusiasts and that, 12 months later, there were 26 family memberships.

LAUREL COOKE, JOHN LUCA, BEVAN SHARP and MAX ANNEAR also imparted some personal snippets from our past. The irrepressible JIM WILLIAMS stood well away from NINA while he related a tale which involved NINA being stripped to the waist - you had to be there!

A table was covered with an impressive array of Club and personal trophies. It was noted that despite helping many members with their Model A Fords over the years STEVE READ had never personally won a trophy (he said that he felt like a 'turkey'). So, he was presented with a huge box and after opening a succession of boxes-within-boxes discovered a note which read "you said that you had never won a trophy so why break tradition now?" So as not to upset him too much, for organising the dinner and for his service to the Club he was presented with a trophy of a turkey inscribed: "Turkey Of The Year Award." STEVE said it was the second thing he had ever won: when he was a kid he had won a budgerigar, now he had a 'turkey' - what's next? An emu?

Members were very keen to win the night's raffle prize: a radiator quail in a box from 'Smyder's' (check that spelling!) The raffle was drawn by MAVIS SPENCER and won by BRUCE and SALLIE JEWELL who opened the box to reveal a child's plastic duck painted chrome and mounted on a radiator cap - that STEVE READ had struck again!

The maitre d' at the restaurant judged those in costume. MAXINE DAVIDSON was awarded the lady's prize and BEVAN SHARP won the gent's prize. No they were not together, let's not start any rumours!

A special birthday cake was cut and we even had a birthday card from the South Australian Club.

The convivial evening consisted of much laughter with many memories and we look forward to the next ten years..... Thanks STEVE!

MINUTES

Meeting held at Bullsbrook on June 24, 1990 with 32 members, 6 children in 12 Model A-s, 5 'moderns'

President JOHN LUCA absent so meeting chaired by Vice-President LOUISE READ who opened Meeting at 1.30pm

Apologies: family LUCA, JEFFREE, CALLEJA, FERNIHOUGH, PARIN, ANNEAR, DAVIDSON, KATH PEPPER
The Vice-President welcomed visitor Michelle Williams.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, accepted. Moved JIM WILLIAMS, seconded BILL BENNIE.

Business arising: LOUISE READ reported on the success of the sale of chocolates by the Club for fund raising. It was moved BILL BENNIE, seconded BEVAN SHARP and passed that the club purchase another 20 boxes before the warmer weather, to be distributed at the July meeting. Manifold gaskets ordered from S.A. but not yet received. Hire of bus to Bendigo or Ballarat Swap Meet: PETER LYNCH is working on the feasibility - initial costing suggest \$300 per head in a coach with storage and towing a car trailer. Busselton September long-weekend: JOHN McLEAN reported that the booking had been made and deposit drawn on the Club is about to be sent. May still be two beds available. Easter, 1991: Trip to Leeman planned. [see details this issue]. Families: COOKE, LETCH, QUINN, SHARP, McLEAN, LYNCH, PEPPER, ANDREWS, JEWELL, LUCA and JEFFREE plan to participate. Contact EDITH JEFFREE urgently for bookings or information.

Correspondence in: New member: REX WILSON, NSW Model A Club, MAVIS SPENCER, Vogue Sportswear, Rygar Trading, Beth Martin, Queensland Model A Club, VGL Insurance.

1992 Report: BILL BENNIE explained that there had not been a committee meeting and that the BENNIES, SHARPS and ANNEARS would be promoting our Meet at MAFCA's National Convention in San Diego next month. PETER LYNCH reported that the Committee had purchased a range of parts which were offered for sale [details this issue].

Financial Report: 1992 Fund-\$5,811.34, Club-\$990.04. Total-\$6,801.38. 30 boxes of chocolates cost \$495, received \$560 (\$240 outstanding). \$50 bond on hall to be returned and \$240 deposit paid for accommodation in Busselton.

Annual General Meeting to be held at Embleton Primary school on August 26, 1990 from 1.30pm.

General Business: BEVAN SHARP thanked STEVE READ on behalf of the club for the excellent 10th Birthday Dinner. STEVE READ acknowledged assistance by the SHARPS.

BILL BENNIE suggested the TAFE College restaurant could be used for our Christmas Dinner. JOHN McLEAN agreed the Dinner had been very good but the early close made it unsuitable for Christmas, agreed by the members. NINA WILLIAMS, JUNE SMITH and IVY McLEAN agreed to form the 1990 Christmas Dinner committee and report back to the meeting with suggestions.

ALAN SMITH advised that TRACKMAC would be at Wyalkatchem on March 23/24. Accommodation available in hearer's quarters. Also reported that Veteran Soccer Players would be in Perth in May 1991 and asked us to consider a car display at the wharf - more details to follow. BILL BENNIE explained the workings of a '100 Club'.

The QUIZ NIGHT to be held on September 1 at the Floreat Civic Hall. BEVAN SHARP read out a list of prizes received to date. One Model A Club couple per table.

STEVE READ aired a 'gripe' about comments he had heard complaining that the club was 'being run by one person'. He explained that all members were always in a position to contribute to the running of the Club. DOROTHY BENNIE voiced surprise and disappointment at the comment.

CLOTH BADGES - Proposed STEVE READ, seconded BILL COWLIN that the secretary initiate purchase of cloth badges. Following discussion it was proposed BEVAN SHARP, seconded GORDON GODWIN and passed that the Club purchase a master tape and place an initial order for 100 badges.

LOUISE READ advised that Club members could have their Model A printed on their own tee-shirt in colour for \$10.

LAUREL COOKE requested assistance in obtaining 'fillers' for the children's bags for 1992 Meet.

STEVE READ requires a generator (not Powerhouse).

LOUISE READ wished the ANNEARS, BENNIES and SHARPS best wishes for their trip to MAFCA National Convention in San Diego. There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 3pm.

THE LYNCH LARK

by Faye Lynch

June 24th's Run was a re-run of the run that almost ran.

MAX and DORA ANNEAR organised this run to the Chittering Valley in July, 1989. However, the route sheet directions were confused. The ANNEARS found themselves holding their own private meeting while the other members of the Club were oblivious to the mistake and were holding another meeting elsewhere.

This time we all got it right!!

On a freezing cold but beautifully fine morning, 12 Model A-s and 5 'moderns' gathered at MAX's workshop in Morley for a 9.30am start. The cars got away on time only to be slowed down by roadworks nearby which were obviously not a part of the original run.

Morning tea stop was at pretty Blackboy Ridge Park, after a so far uneventful trip. The remainder of the run via the scenic drive meandered through the Chittering Valley (lush green at this time of the year) and finished at the Pickett Park hall in Bullsbrook.

Lunch and a lengthy meeting was enjoyed by all, sitting outside in the warm sunshine. In all it was a relaxing, quite uneventful but enjoyable run - or was until we (the LYNCHS) decided to take a short cut home through to Wanneroo.

Not being sure of the way, we spotted the COOKES and JEWELLS up ahead and followed them - the WRONG thing to do!

Being in a 'modern' we eventually overtook the two A-s, only to find gravel up ahead. Wondering if MIKE would continue; we did. The road became a nightmare of soft dirt and potholes, not to mention the off-road vehicles and bikes tearing through the bush in all directions (they were not expecting to come across another car, let alone two 'oldies' - the cars not us!).

MIKE and LAUREL reported a close call when one of these bikes headed straight for them, and having nowhere to go they just stopped dead. Flying kids and objects were sorted out without any major damage and they left one amazed biker with his mouth wide open.

At that stage there was no turning back and, according to LAUREL, the two cars bounced and banged the rest of the way to Gnangara Road. An interesting trip through the pine forest I thought - maybe an idea for a future run? Thanks to MAX and DORA ANNEAR.

Thanks also to the Lynchs for the run. Great to see DOUG and CHRIS QUINN and family on their first run. The first of many? The question of leaving after a meeting in convoy was again mentioned - then everyone got into their cars and drove off individually....

MANIFOLD GASKETS

The copper manifold gaskets have arrived at last thanks to Maurie Creedy in South Australia. They are \$9.00 per set plus freight of .50c. Only available, at this stage, to those who placed an order. If you did order please contact LOUISE READ (459 4200) as soon as convenient to arrange payment of \$9.50 and collection.

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MARC BUSSELTON RALLY

You can stay for the nights of Friday 28th, Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th of September, returning on October 1, 1990.

Cottage allocation is as follows:

1. Williams / Smiths / Bennies.
2. McLeans / Davidsons.
3. Lucas / Cookes.
4. Peppers / Annears.
5. Reads / Sharps.
6. Cowlins / Letchs / Lynchs.

Bookings have been confirmed with the FOUR SEASONS HOLIDAY RESORT for: 1 x 8-bed cottage and 5 x 6-bed cottages.

Only 5 x 6-bed cottages are available. The 1 x 8-bed cottage will be 'negotiated' among members as someone may have another member or friends wishing to attend.

The Resort is sending full details of what is provided. They request a deposit of \$40 per cottage.

Phone JOHN McLEAN [REDACTED] for further information.

THE LEE MAN LARK

Easter, 1991

OK so you may not have recovered from Easter this year but some forward-thinkers in our Club are well ahead of you. After freezing their extremities at Fonty's Pool for the last couple of years it was decided to venture north in search of some winter sun. The decision was Leeman between Jurien Bay and Geraldton. Those Easter Run specialists, the JEFFREE family, have volunteered to organise the trip and accommodation.

EDITH JEFFREE has booked the following accommodation:

4 x Chalets @ \$35 for two persons per night.

Plus \$3 per night for extra persons.

Two bedrooms, one double bed, other room with 3 singles.

Maximum 5 persons.

4 x Caravans @ \$25 for two persons per night.

Plus \$3 per night for extra persons.

Double bed plus bunks. Have an annexe and cooking facilities.

1 x Dormitory for 10 persons @ \$8 per person per night. Has a kitchen.

Tent Sites also available.

Total of \$100 deposit required to hold the accommodation.

Take your own bed linen and pillows.

Please telephone EDITH JEFFREE [REDACTED] RIGHT NOW to confirm your requirements. Beds are strictly limited so it will be a 'first in best dressed' situation.

COME AWAY WITH MODEL A

and have a great Easter

Then you will be ready for Easter, 1992 - The National Meet.

Don't Miss These CHEAP ACCESSORIES

You know how those war movies like 'Stalag 17' had William Holden and 'The Great Escape' had James Garner as 'The Scrounger' who could get the essential but difficult to get items? Well you can add another one to the list: this club has PETER ('the scrounger') LYNCH.

Peter has located some quality spare parts which have been purchased for the Club by your 1992 Committee. The following items are available for the quick ones:

TRAFFICATOR ARM SWITCHES - with clamp to connect securely to the steering column. Naturally not 'original' but becoming an essential item to avoid accidents and show road courtesy - be seen. Others selling for around \$50 - for only \$20 each.

IGNITION SWITCH - this 'on/off' switch may not fit in the hole in your Model A dash but would make an ideal cut-off or for any other similar application. Very limited supply at just \$5 each.

REFLECTORS - a quality red reflector with rubber backing and chrome ring. Required by law. A bargain at only \$1.00 each.

Contact PETER LYNCH on [REDACTED] NOW to order and to arrange collection and payment.

BY MODEL A FORD to Ayres Rock and more by Alan Smith

The proposed tour from Perth to Port Augusta via Nullarbor, north to Alice Springs, then back to Perth via Ayres Rock, Docker River, Giles, Warburton, Laverton and Kalgoorlie.

We will depart mid-June, 1991 (exact date to be arranged later). Crossing to Port Augusta from Perth (1,500 miles) will take 5-6 days, travelling 250-300 miles per day and staying at motels or caravan parks where available and camping out if we have to.

After two or three days rest and sightseeing in Port Augusta it will be 335 miles to Cooper Pedy. This town is famous for its opal mines and underground housing. 516 miles further on is Alice Springs with a few days rest and sightseeing. Then 276 miles to Ayres Rock and the Olgas for two days stay.

From Ayres Rock to Laverton is 610 miles. At Warburton, which is about half-way, petrol could be

available. The road between Ayres Rock and Laverton is a graded road which could be very rough and dusty. Perth from Laverton via Kalgoorlie is 600 miles on sealed roads.

The overall distance is approximately 3,321 miles with all sealed roads except the 610 miles from Ayres Rock to Laverton.

We will have to carry petrol, oil, water, food, camping gear, etc. I am taking a trailer.

Several meetings will be held for people who want to participate. Any enquiries to Alan Smith - [REDACTED]

RECIPROCATE

Please support those organisations who support our Club and mention that you are from M.A.R.C.

For instance, our newsletter advertisers: Antique Tyre Supplies, Australian Classic Car Magazine, Shannon's Classic Car Insurance, Osborne Flyscreen Service, Centre Point Towing Service, West Coast Automatics, W.A. CB Centre, 4 Wheel Town, West Coast Radiators, Prestige Restorations, Tyler & Associates.

Others include the following quiz night supporters to date: Fortron, Archie Martins, Lotteries Commission, Exide Batteries, Collins Publishers, Fremantle Crocodile Park, Dirty Dick's Theatre Restaurant, Femme Fatale Clinics, Goodyear Tyre & Rubber, Marlows Auto Parts, Midland Erick, Playhouse, Sails Restaurant, W.A. Trotting Association, Masters Dairy, Studio 7, Torn's Tyres, Underwater World, Nutri Metics...

... Notebook ...

YES, there is another NEW MEMBER this month for your Register:

REX and MAY WILSON of Lot [REDACTED] Clackline, 6564. [REDACTED] Unrestored but complete '30 Town sedan. Owned the car since 1965 and has purchased new tyres and tubes plus a new radiator and most of the chrome work is done. Just the body and mechanicals to go Rex and you will be 'on the road'. Don't forget the 1992 National Meet as a goal!

If you have any ideas for organisations to approach (or personal contacts with likely donors) for prizes for the Quiz Night please contact LAUREL COOKE [REDACTED] SALLIE JEWELL [REDACTED] or HELEN SHARP [REDACTED]. We all know the potential of this event so let's all make it a roaring success. Have you booked your table? Ask along your friends and make up a couple of tables.

Your SECRETARY and your EDITOR - along with MAX and DORA ANNEAR and BILL and DOROTHY BENNIE - will be in America at the MAFCA National Convention in San Diego California for most of July so please contact NOW if you have any queries which need attention before August.

The ALUMINIUM CAN drive still continues - are you drinking your share? JIM WILLIAMS is doing his bit for the Club (as always). Thanks to ALAN SMITH for taking the cans to the depot.

WANTED - STEVE READ is seeking a '29 generator (not powerhouse) - [REDACTED]

ALSO WANTED - Right-hand or pair of front bumper brackets for a '28/29. Also one oval bumper clamp. BARRY BRISTOW-STAGG [REDACTED] Barry mentioned that he found a reasonable tub for his Phaeton but when he had it sand-blasted it almost vanished - reckoned that it resembled a kitchen colander. Sounds like the guy in last month's cartoon!

We hear on the grapevine via the N.S.W. Club's 'The Going Thing' that FORD AMERICA are enacting a law that any manufacturer in the world who produces Ford car parts which include the word 'Ford' in script will be deemed to be in violation of their law and presumably sued. They say that Alan Crouch at East Coast Antique is buying up all the Ford script parts he can find so if you want something in particular it may be wise to do something about it before Ford America institutes some inevitable price hikes.

'The Restorer' magazine confidentially advise that they are now right on track with a new look, new schedules and a new name: 'Australian CLASSIC CAR Magazine'. In the next issue your Newsletter Editor points out in his regular column ('SHARP'S POINT') just which cars are called 'veteran' and 'vintage'. It never occurred to him that Model A owners would not know the correct terminology but JACK BARRIE has pointed out that there is evidently some confusion. So: A 'veteran' motor vehicle is one manufactured until December 31, 1918. A 'vintage' motor vehicle is only one manufactured from January 1, 1919 until December 31, 1930. So you can have a 1931 Model A Ford which is not strictly speaking a 'vintage' car. However, just to confuse the issue, you will note that some Rally rules stretch their term for a vintage to apply until the end of 1931! The only term after that seems to be 'Post Vintage'.

The array of fashions at the 10th Birthday Dinner was inspiring. If anyone has any patterns, hints, sketches, etc for 1927-1931 fashions please send the Editor a copy. Would you like to see a few fashion pages over a year featured in your Newsletter?

Talking of content. Your Editor would love some members' restoring stories, engine rebuild, tales of their restoration, tips, hints, pitfalls, and so on... Don't be shy and don't think that you cannot write - you will be amazed at what can appear from a few paragraphs of hand-writing and a short talk with your Editor. Let's hear from you soon.

We have received a lovely note from MAVIS SPENCER thanking the Club and individual members for messages of sympathy on her recent sad loss.



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