



# Western Model A News

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

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## ANNIVERSARY RUN

10th ANNIVERSARY RE-ENACTMENT OF THE CLUB'S INAUGURAL RALLY

This milestone event has been organised by Alex Kirkwood, who also created the original event. The initial run included families KIRKWOOD, MAHONEY, SPENCER, DAVIES, COOKE, BENNIE, ANNEAR and COCKS. Let's see if we can make this run one to re-enact in ten years time. Details are as follows:

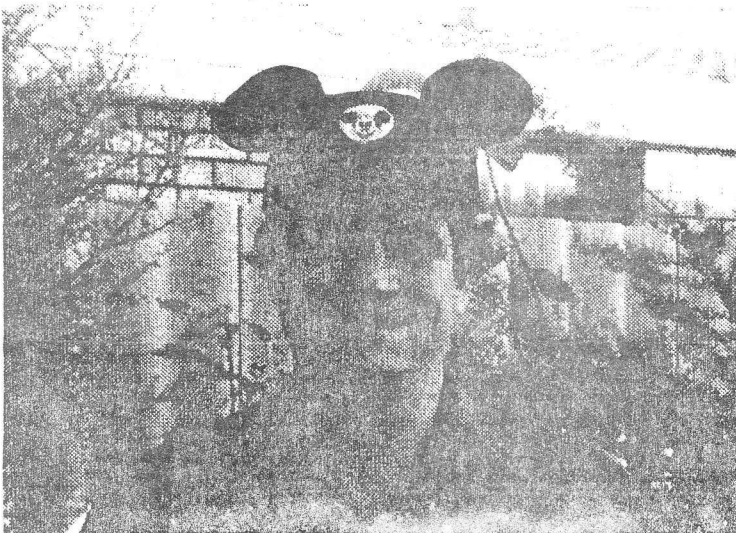
DATE: Sunday 5th May, 1991

TIME: Meet at McCallum Park, Taylor Street, Victoria Park  
(off Canning Highway) at 10.30am for a 10.45 departure.

DESTINATION: John Forrest National Park.

ENTRANCE FEE: \$5 per car.

B.B.Q. Lunch or meal available at Tavern.



WOULD YOU ALLOW A MAN  
WHO WEARS MICKEY MOUSE  
EARS TO BE YOUR EDITOR?

TOO LATE !!!  
HE ALREADY IS

25/26 May, 1991. NOALIMBA RUN See full details over

OFFICE BEARERS: President: JOHN LUCA [REDACTED] Secretary-Treasurer: HELEN SHARP [REDACTED]  
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Sunday, MAY 5, 1991  
10th Anniversary Run - see details on front cover

MAY 25/26, 1991  
Stay at Noalimba to test facilities - Organised by  
MIKE & LAUREL COOKE. See details below.

Sunday, JUNE 9, 1991  
Organised by BLEWETT family

JULY - date to be confirmed  
Organised by WILLIAMS family

Sunday, AUGUST 25, 1991  
Annual General Meeting at GODWIN's home.  
Time to give thought to office-bearers for the next 12 months  
which will include the 1992 National Meet

SEPTEMBER 28-30, 1991  
Long weekend run to Norm Bates' Bimbijy organised by SMITH family.  
Room for 60 people. Mattresses supplied. No food. Petrol available.  
About 250 miles of good but sandy road. Cost: \$10 per adult,  
\$5 per child under 12 years per night. Take own bedding. Equipped  
kitchen with 'fridges. Contact ALAN SMITH on [REDACTED]

OCTOBER - date to be confirmed  
Organised by LUCA family

NOVEMBER 1991 - date unknown  
Need a volunteer to organise this one.

DECEMBER 1991  
Christmas Dinner - any volunteers or venue suggestions

FEBRUARY 10-24, 1992  
2nd BP Pan Pacific Rally, Palmerston North, New Zealand.  
Details: Rally Director, [REDACTED], Palmerston North, N.Z.

APRIL 16-21, 1992  
12th Australian National Model A Ford Meet- Perth, Western Aust.

JUNE 22-26, 1992  
M.A.F.C.'s 17th National Convention, Dallas, Texas, U.S.A.  
'Early Bird' Club US\$7.50 to P.O. Box 797402, Dallas, Tx 75379-7402.



NOALIMBA STOP-OVER WEEKEND - MAY 25 & 26, 1991:

We have confirmed bookings for the following families: LUCA/ANDREWS/COWLIN/  
LYNCH/ANNEAR/LETCHE/READ/JEFFREE (3)/ WRINGE M & J/ WILLIAMS/CALLEJA/BENNIE/  
COOKE/SMITH.

If you wish to join in the fun phone LAUREL COOKE on [REDACTED] today so the  
necessary arrangements may be made. Likewise, if you are booked as above  
and will not be attending - please confirm immediately.

In case you've forgotten, the cost is \$31.50 per person which includes  
accommodation Saturday night, dinner, breakfast and lunch.

Check in time at Noalimba (Venus Street, Bateman - Phone 332-7000) is  
between 4 and 5 pm. Please park in the North/South carparks and report  
to the OFFICE which is directly in front as you drive in the gates.

For persons travelling FROM FREMANTLE direction along LEACH HIGHWAY, you  
MUST turn right into MURDOCH DRIVE to get to Noalimba.

If coming FROM PERTH/KWINANA FREEWAY direction, you have two choices -  
ELECTRA STREET or if you overshoot that - MURDOCH DRIVE. Check your own  
road directories for rest of approach to VENUS STREET.

Look forward to seeing you there no later than 5:00 p.m. (Dinner is between  
5:30 & 7:00 pm).

## EDITOR SPEAKS OUT

What luck Bevan and Helen finally out of the country! The Model A Club will be able to have at least six to eight weeks of totally disorganised chaos. But seriously folks just because Bevan and Helen are no longer with us (temporarily of course) the planning for the National Meet will continue be it at a slightly slower pace and I believe the Committee are about to ask for volunteers. Remember in our Club we have such a diverse range of talents and I'm sure that EVERYBODY will want to help in some way. Please support your Committee as it is your Rally. (S)

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### DISPLAY AT WHITEMAN PARK BY C.C.C. TO PROMOTE TRANSPORT MUSEUM SUNDAY 14th APRIL, 1991

In an effort to support the C.C.C.'s stand on political intervention in our Clubs, several members joined various other clubs at a display at Whiteman Park where some government officials were rumoured to be willing to attend.

Max Annear liaised with Bevan Sharp and John Luca who went along with Bill Bennie, Ross Letch and John Laurie. This erstwhile group met at the corner of Benara and Marshall Roads and travelled to Whiteman Park for a static display. Also in attendance were Kelvin Pepper and Alan Smith at the Tracmac display in their Model A's.

Maurice Brockwell had Max Annear drooling over his T-Bird and along with a good collection of veteran, vintage and military vehicles plus motor bikes, a good cross section of our community of cars was represented. The only group conspicuous by their absence seemed to be the government officials.

Still it gave an opportunity for the cars and owners to enjoy a nice location and good company.

Special thanks to Bill Bennie who not only came along in his A but then carried on to various other committee tasks for our National Meet and still managed to display his car and be back by around 4.30pm to collect his car and head home.

Max Annear

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### A PAIR OF GLOVES

A young man wished to buy a charming birthday present for his sweetheart, so after much consideration, he decided to get a pair of gloves.

Accompanied by his sister he went to the store and bought a pair while his sister bought a pair of panties.

In delivery the packages got mixed up, his sister getting the gloves and he got the panties.

Without examining the contents of the package he sent it with this note: "This little gift is to show you that I have not forgotten your birthday. I chose these because I have noticed that you are not in the habit of wearing any when you go out. Had it not been for my sister I would have chosen larger ones with buttons, but she said the short ones are more in fashion. They are a very delicate shade, but the lady I bought them from showed me a pair that she had been wearing for three weeks and they were hardly soiled. I had the shop girl try them on and she looked very smart. How I wish I could put them on you for the first time; no doubt many other men's hands will have come in contact with them before I have the chance. I did not know the size, yet I should be capable of judging better than anyone else. When you take them off, just blow in them before putting them away, as they will probably be a little damp from wearing. Be sure to keep them on when cleaning them as they may shrink. I do hope you like them and wear them on Friday evening.

P.S. Just think how many times I will kiss the back of them during the coming year. The shop girl says the latest style is to wear them unbuttoned and hanging down.

DISPLAY AT WHITEMAN PARK FOR WORLD SHOTGUN CHAMPIONSHIP  
SUNDAY 7th APRIL, 1991

Cars assembled on the corners of Marshall & Beechboro Roads at 10.30am. Dorothy & Bill Bennie with their Phaeton, Coral & Reg Blewett with their utility & trailer and '52 Sunbeam Talbot, Brenda & John Carter with Coupe "Daisy Duck", Maxine & Colin Davidson with their Phaeton, Alma & Ross Letch with their Roadster, June & Alan Smith with their Tudor, Faye & Peter Lynch, Judy & Angelo Calleja in Lynch's Mercedes, proceeded to W.A. Gun Club Complex in Whiteman Park, just off Beechboro Road.

We parked on the lawn in front of their beautiful club house building. A National Shoot was in progress. The shooting range was approx., 8 yards in front of the cars and the shooting was continual.

Reg Wagland gave us a resume of the procedure for traps and skeet shooting. The complex is of world standard and the best in the Southern Hemisphere. It was built in 1985. International championship will be held at this complex in November, 1991. Shooters from all countries will be using this complex.

We enjoyed a relaxed day in pleasant surroundings with plenty of noise from the guns. Anyone for a hearing aid?

Alan Smith

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## "WHAT MAKES A RESTORER"

People often say to me "what the hell made you want to restore a vintage car like the old Model A?". I certainly don't say to them that I don't know because I do, even though it started back in 1973. At that time I had a HK Holden that needed a paint job and after two unsuccessful attempts with spray painters to get a good paint job on it, I decided the only course left open for me was to learn how to spray paint and do it myself and with this thought in mind down to Carlisle TAFE I went to enrol in a spray painting class.

Once the night class got under way, I found myself in a group made up of mostly old guys doing vintage work (John McLean was there). The instructor who was a young fella called David May said to me "why don't you get something vintage to work on while you learn the finer points of spray painting", well that idea appealed to me, and not wishing to go overboard I thought a motor cycle would be the way to go, not too much to do and it won't take as long as these guys doing the vintage cars, so I rolled up to class with a mudguard off a 1920 Harley Davidson that I'd located, got started on the guard and David said "You know people who restore motor cycles are selfish, they enjoy the pleasure of a motor cycle but you can't take the wife and kids along - why don't you restore a car?". There upon yours truly, not one to be called selfish said "Right I'll do a car". The hunt was then on to find a car - any old car would do, there was no make or model in mind. As part of my work involved being away in the bush for long stretches of time I started to look around, my work was drilling between Watheroo & Jurien Bay and although I was looking, there wasn't much turning up which made me think there's got to be an easier way to get around all these back blocks. After some heavy thinking I decided the people most likely to see something after stock agents would have to be fuel suppliers, so after talking to the chap supplying the fuel to the rig I found there was a farm out on Cockleshell Gully Rd between Jurien & Leeman that had a few old cars. Eventually finding the place and confronting the farmer it was determined that there were 2 cars both Model A's one was a 29 and the other a 30, both Phaetons. I figured the 29 had to be the way to go, it was after all a year older than the thirty, so I offered the Cocky \$400 for both cars which he gladly accepted, after giving him the money he exclaimed "We towed that home from the rubbish tip" pointing to the 29 model.

David May the instructor indicated he would like to do up a car so he got the 30 Phaeton and I started on the 29. Doing the car bit by bit at night school was the only time I had to spare and even that was very on and off, with work requirements taking me away to the bush - there was a spell of 5 years when I didn't have time to do a thing to the car, at one stage I thought due to the fact I was getting nothing done, the best thing to do was sell it and let someone who did have the time, go on with it.

Accordingly it was advertised in the Readers Mart, about 10 people came round all of whom wanted to Rod the car so at the end of the day it was still there and I thought "that's it I'll have to finish it myself now" as I was determined not to let it be rodded.

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In the last year with everything starting to come together instead of being taken apart, the feeling of finally achieving something has been really great, the encouragement gained from going along to the regular club meetings makes one go home and get stuck into it with renewed vigour. The assistance and guidance given by the fellow members of the club cannot be over stated and to them I say thank you and look forward to many years of happy motoring with the club.

P.S. Dave got the 30 Phaeton a fair way through its restoration then due to lack of space had to let it go, he sold it to a friend who understood it had to be taken back to original - the guy on sold it within a fortnight to a rodder in Victoria - needless to say Dave has never spoken to the guy since!

Colin Davidson

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DARE I ASK ? HAVE YOU HAD ANY LATELY!! Photographs developed of our Club runs? If so, could you kindly send along a couple of prints to keep the Club Album up to date (or better still - bring them along to the next run).

YEAR 1991: (You can't tell me you've "lost the negatives" yet!)

JANUARY 20 - Picnic In Park, Peppermint Grove  
FEB 16/17 - C.C.C. Assn. show at Burswood Superdome  
FEB 24 - Breakfast BBQ, Ley St Como  
MARCH 2/3/4 - Boyanup trip  
MARCH 29 to APRIL 1 - Easter trip to Leeman.

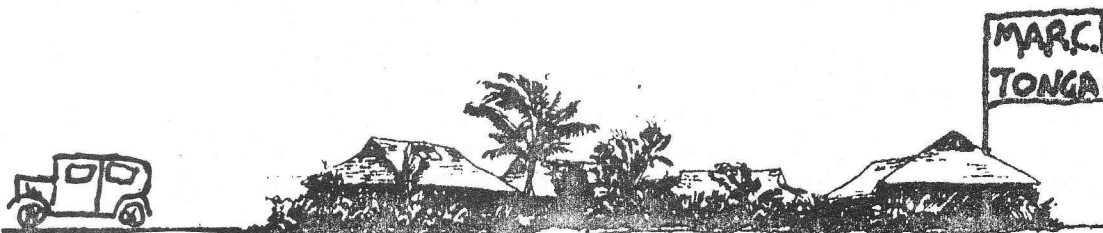
YEAR 1990: (They should be out of your cameras by now and developed!)

JUNE 21 - 10th Anniversary Dinner  
JULY 29 - Davidsons run to Emu farm and Churchman's Brook  
JULY - MAFCA Model A Convention, San Diego, Calif.  
SEPT 14 - Northam Show  
SEPT 29 - OCT 1 - Busselton Long weekend, incl. Whistle Stop.  
OCT 28 - Houghton Wine Tour  
NOV 25 - Dizzy Lamb Park  
DEC 8 - Titan Ford Display  
DEC 8 - Christmas Dinner, Freeway Hotel

SURPRISE me and send along a bit of Club History !

Thanks ...Laurel

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Bevan and Helen's current address is:  
The Friendly Islander Hotel  
P.O. Box 142  
Nuku'alofa  
KINGDOM OF TONGA

## ... Notebook ...

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to JOHN & GWENNETH GUEST. They have a partly restored Phaeton and are seeking parts. See wanted section. We hope your association with the Club is long and happy and we look forward to your participation in Club events.

RON ANDREWS is busy repairing his lack of power in his Model A (the car, not Ron)

ANGELO CALLEJA is also busy on his engine, and is looking for parts listed in the wanted section.

JIM & NINA WILLIAMS have returned from Tasmania & I believe NINA is hard at work on the Woodie.

GEOFF DAVIES' Roadster is at STEVE READ'S workshop having its engine re-vitalised.

RED HOT SPECIALS !!!!!

EDITOR OVERSEAS CLEARANCE SALE:

Everything must go before Editor returns.

House, cars (2nd hand Mercedes, partly restored Tudor), computer, all household goods. No reasonable offer refused.

Phone: 123 4567 Ask for Andrew.

FOR SALE: Ford A Parts-  
Rechromed Bumper Bars, Head Lights and Chrome Bar.  
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Many other parts.  
Contact TOM FERNIHOUGH Ph. [REDACTED]

WANTED: Right Hand Front Upper Hinge and Striker Plate  
for 1930 Phaeton.  
Contact ANGELO CALLEJA Ph. [REDACTED]

Rear Door Sills, Running Board Trims, Hub Caps,  
Tail Light Bracket for 1928 Phaeton.  
Contact JOHN GUEST Ph. [REDACTED]

### TINY TIP

Left hand, right hand, which is correct?  
We often hear parts of cars being referred to as left or right hand. For those amongst us who are not sure, all positions on a car are taken as if you were seated in the driver's seat. (Facing forward naturally). Hence the door next to the driver's right arm is right hand front, not facing the front of the car as some people think.

OOPS! On page 10 of your April newsletter, the emblem on the radiator shell of Canadian cars were black enamel not blue as stated.

A big THANK YOU to COLIN DAVIDSON who delivered a four drawer filing cabinet for the Club Secretary to STEVE READ'S workshop. It's full already!

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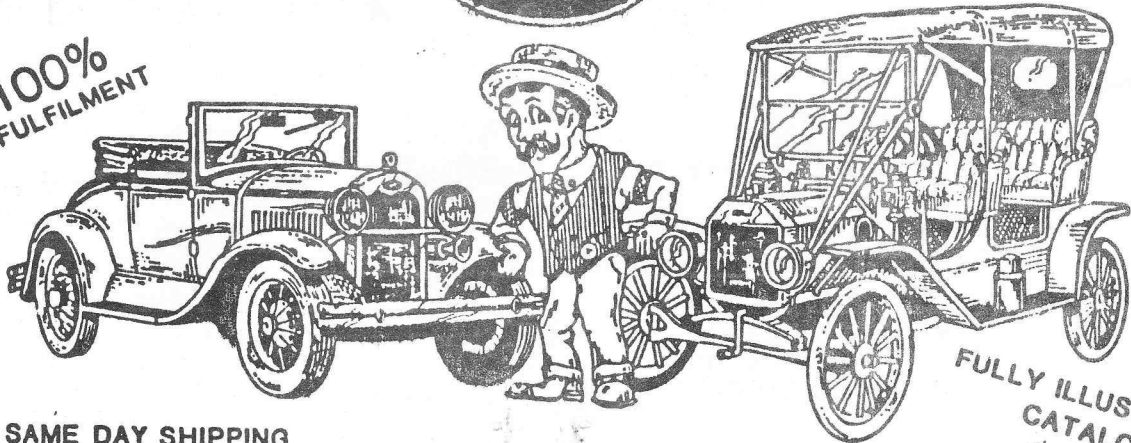
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### CLUB GOSSIP

Did you hear the story about the Editor due to travel overseas who inadvertently packed his ticket and passport into the box of papers for acting secretary. There is a happy ending to the story, the afore mentioned articles were discovered before the box left the premises of [redacted] Street.