



Western Model A News

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

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Now it's 1992 with only eight more years to the beginning of the second millenium - if you start counting earth years at the year 0. One may start to wonder if it will actually be the year 2000 before some things happen.

It seems to be completely pointless commenting in these pages - presumably those that may read this are conscientious Club members anyway and these words do not apply to them. Anyway, in spite of the likelihood of just wasting space by preaching to the converted again, here is one more try...

Vehicle Examination

All Club vehicles were supposed to be examined by October 5, 1991 - that's some twenty weeks ago and there are still a few Model A Fords which have not been examined. The reasoning for this reluctance is elusive - it's totally painless, it's totally free, you can have your vehicle examined by a person who knows Model A Fords and can help you IF you have any problems, plus you get a completely free safety check - you will not get any of that from a Police inspection.

An Examination is not Concours judging - the examiner does not have the slightest interest in what year your car could be, or what is authentic or not. All he is concerned with is the vehicles' safety and that MUST surely also be of concern to you.

The fact remains that ALL vehicles should be examined not only under the Club by-laws but to help you. Don't look on it as an imposition or yet another piece of bureaucracy sent to impinge on your piece of mind.

Concessional Licence

As you will see from the enclosed Minutes - if you have a vehicle on Concessional Licence and it has not been examined, or an examination form from an approved Club has not been sent to the Secretary, a list is being compiled to send to the Police - this is not a vendetta, it is a legal requirement on our Club as one authorised to have Concessional Licences.

National Meet

There is still time to enter the Model A Ford 12th National Meet but time is running out rapidly. If you have any questions regarding ANY aspect of the Meet please telephone [redacted] right now for a prompt answer. If you have lost your Entry Form or Order Form we can send you copies the same day you ask.

Judging

If you have advised that you wish to be a judge at the National Meet there will be a practice run at the February meeting so come along if you possibly can. If you would like to gain a better appreciation of the Model A and would like to learn how to be a judge and help out at the National Meet contact MIKE COOKE on [redacted]

NEXT RUN - Sunday February, 23, 1992

Meet at 7am at park in Ley Street, Como - BYO barbecue breakfast

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Vice-President: ANGELO CALLEJA [redacted] *Editor:* BEVAN SHARP [redacted]

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VIEWS EXPRESSED ARE NOT NECESSARILY THOSE OF M.A.R.C. (W.A.)

Saturday, February 15, 1992

Big Al's Poker Run - starts McCallum Oval, Victoria Park at 4pm
50kms around Perth to finish at Millington Reserve, Karrinyup.
\$15 per car (includes raffle ticket and cloth badge).

Sunday, February 16, 1992

Collectable Car Display and Gig of Swing
raising funds for Telethon/King Edward Memorial Hospital for Women
Meet at 9am at Causeway car park No. 4 to drive to Belvoir Amphitheatre in
the Upper Swan. All car entries will receive a glass of wine and a snack on
arrival then a complimentary bottle of Houghton wine, a feast of succulent
meats and salads and reserved seats for the concert .

Entry is \$25 per car - 4 persons maximum per car.
Send \$25 payable to "KEMH/Telethon" to : Trish Palmonari, Joel
Communications, Suite 5, 336 Churchill Avenue, Subiaco, 6008.

Sunday, February 16, 1992

Vintage Automobile Association Car/Bike Swap and Sell
Kiev Soccer Grounds, 8th Avenue, Inglewood Enquiries: Neville - [REDACTED]

Sunday, February 23, 1992

Annual Breakfast in the Park
Meet at 7am in the park at Ley Street, Como - bring your BBQ breakfast.
This will be a practice event for judging so please bring your Model A.

February 29, March 1 and 2, 1992

South-West Motor-Khana. Scrubland Park Motorcycle Club, North Boyanup
Road, Bunbury. HELEN has map and details.

Sunday, March 22, 1992

Meeting in a hall to finalize details for running the National Meet.
As many members as possible are urged to attend this important meeting.

Saturday, March 28, 1992

Brookton Old Time Motor Show. Enquiries: [REDACTED]

Sunday, April 5, 1992

Classic Car Show
at Whiteman Park - not an official Club event this year.

Thursday April 16 to Tuesday, April 21, 1992

MODEL A FORD 12th NATIONAL MEET
Perth, W.A. Have you entered? Do you need Entry or Order Forms?

June 22-26, 1992

M.A.F.C.A. National Convention - Dallas, Texas, U.S.A.

November 14 - 15, 1992

Bendigo National Swap Meet

March 13, 1993 for 15 days

Tasmanian F.I.V.A. World Rally
For regular information: \$5 to 6 Inglis Street, Wynyard, Tasmania 7325.

April 9 - 12, 1993

Third New Zealand National Model A Ford Meet in Hamilton
Details from: PO Box 15347, Auckland, New Zealand.

May to October, 1998

Around Australia to celebrate 70 years of the Model A.
Organised by Neil Phillips (SA) and Michael Livingstone (NSW).



MINUTES

of Meeting held at Manners Hill Park on January 19, 1992
with 33 members and 5 children.

President LAUREL opened meeting at 11.20am and welcomed new members LINDSAY and WENDY BLACKLOCK and country members ALAN and GAIL DUNS.

Apology from: LUCAs, ANNEARs, ALAN and DARREN JEFFREE, KITCHENs, LETCHs, MAVIS SPENCER, DAVID BLEWETTs, GODWINs.

President LAUREL thanked Bevan for producing the 1992 Members' Register.

Secretary HELEN read correspondence from: Castle Hotel York, Battye Library, Ford V8 truck for sale, Home Building Society, Maurice and Maxine Creedy, Bay to Birdwood Run, Duncan's Motor Trimming, Brookton Old Time Motor Show, C.C.C. Classic Car Show, Model A raffle, E-Type Jaguar raffle, Pickles auction, Motorbooks, King Edward Hospital run.

Financial Report: Treasurer HELEN reported a Club balance of \$2,057.25. Discussion was had on a tax liability of \$361.14 to June 30, 1991 which was basically tax on interest earned. DON PHILP reported that the V.C.C. no longer paid income tax and it was agreed that BEVAN will speak to Drew Shack about the matter. BILL BENNIE moved, seconded BARRIE GUEST and passed that the accountant's account of \$250 be paid and that after discussion with Drew Shack to clarify if we did have to pay the tax that the tax account be paid from the National Meet account.

Coming Events: After discussion regarding several options for events in February and March that we decline to participate as a Club in the Boyanup Rally and the Classic Car Show as they were too close to the National Meet. Members who wished to enter the King Edward Hospital run on February 16 to phone HELEN promptly. After discussion on problems with a morning BBQ at Kings Park it was decided to hold the February run at Como as usual. STEVE READ to check that the barbecues will be operational.

Meeting on March 22 to be at Leederville Lesser Hall to finalise details for the National Meet in April if available - to be booked.

National Meet - BEVAN reported that we currently had 133 entries totalling 320 people and 99 Model A-s with 83 entries who had paid their accommodation and meals - with about ten more likely entries. We have 33 entries from N.S.W. and only 33 from W.A. at this stage. He pointed out that the balance in the account was basically to pay Noalimba. Problems were being encountered with some Club permits.

BILL BENNIE endorsed what had been stated in the Newsletter about vehicle examinations and particularly Concessionally licenced vehicles need to comply. He confirmed that any unexamined vehicles would be reported to the authority at the end of January. Discussion was had on country members' vehicles and these owners were reminded that they will need to send a copy of their examination to the Club for our records.

BEVAN reported that he and RAY MAHONY, STEVE READ and Jim Allcock had driven some of Maurice Brockwell's vehicles and PETER LYNCH had driven his Model A to support the Friends of Compass parade.

ANGELO CALLEJA asked if anyone had an electric windscreen wiper for his 1930 Model A. JIM WILLIAMS demonstrated a modern points/condenser plate for the distributor and offered to loan the plate for anyone to use as a pattern.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.20pm.

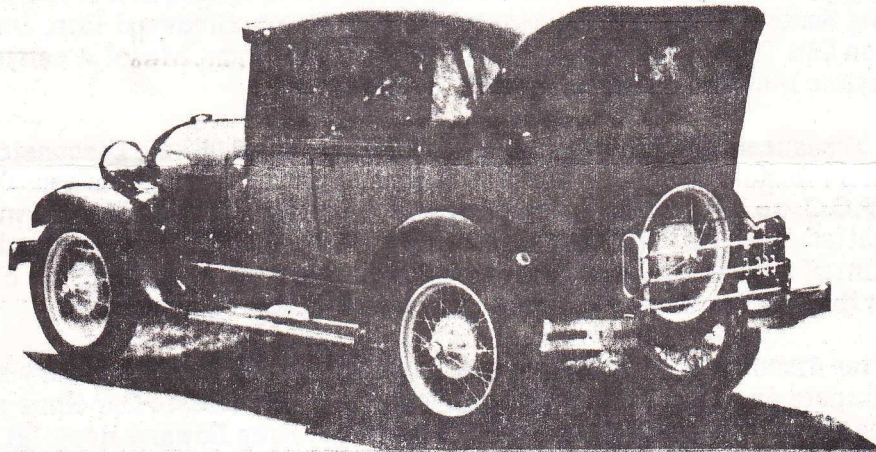
OIL PAN LEAKS? - Excessive oil pan leaks at either end of the pan may be reduced by removing the pan and inspecting for straightness, particularly at the crescent edges. These often get warped or dented. Also check the "clothes-line rope" asbestos packing, which may dry out, twist or crumble - replace with square, graphite pump packing from hydraulic suppliers which is more elastic and thus fills in irregularities better than the rope - measure groove depth for correct fit.

WIN A CAR

you didn't win the Austin Healey - so how about one of these

1928 MODEL A FORD TOURER

2nd Prize: Leather bound copy of James Flood book "Wheels of Victoria" valued \$1,000

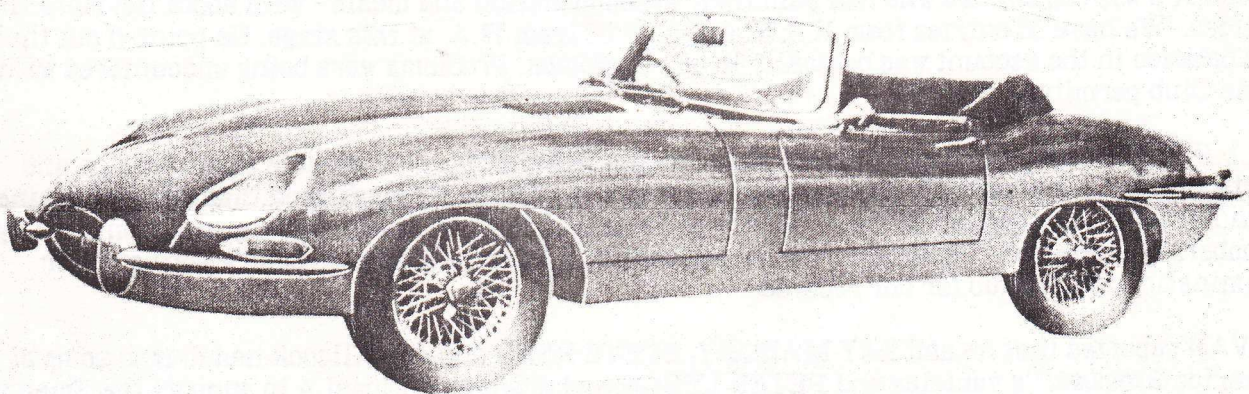


Building Fund Special Effort for the Vintage Drivers Club

Permit No C1653-91 issued 27th November, 1991 - TO BE DRAWN MAY 30, 1992

TICKETS ONLY \$2.00 EACH FROM

Bill Elderidge, [REDACTED] Noble Park, 3174, Victoria. Phone [REDACTED]



E-TYPE JAGUAR FULLY RESTORED TO ROADSTER SPECIFICATIONS IN CONCOURS CONDITION

Fund Raising for The Jaguar Car Club of Victoria Ltd

Permit No C1492/91 issued October 22, 1991. TO BE DRAWN MARCH 28, 1992

TICKETS ONLY \$2.00 EACH

from Jeff Beable, [REDACTED] Dandenong, Victoria, 3175. Phone [REDACTED]

For Bankcard/Visa/Mastercard phone above. OR fax on [REDACTED]

- That was January, 1992 -

An endeavour was made to assemble some of our vehicles to participate in the parade through Perth in support of the "Friends of Compass" - preferably "open" cars. In spite of a series of telephone calls it was not possible to get a few volunteers together - naturally many people were earning a dollar, some had cars in pieces and there were those who could not drop the roof on their Phaeton or Roadster.

So we did not let the side down a few of your members volunteered to drive some of Morris Brockwell's open cars in the parade. RAY MAHONY drove a huge straight-8 Packard (you almost needed a step-ladder to get in the door), STEVE READ piloted a Studebaker that "floated" around the corners (the starter was operated by the clutch). Being the only Pommy present, STEVE's co-worker Jim Allcock took charge of a Morris Minor while your Editor posed in a left-hand drive Thunderbird. PETER LYNCH drove his Coupe so the Model A Fords did have a presence in the end.

The only unusual event of the day was STEVE slamming the door of the Studebaker on the fingers of some innocent passing Aboriginal child. Interesting sight seeing STEVE carrying about the screaming infant through the crowd while he desperately searched for its mother.

January Meeting

The traditional January meeting in Peppermint Grove attracted a goodly number for the first meeting of '92. Good to welcome along new members LINDSAY and WENDY BLACKLOCK and country members ALAN and GAIL DUNS with the twins.

FORD PRODUCTION

From an article "Ford Production Methods" in Britain

In November, 1930 there were 80 plants of various sizes in Great Britain which constituted the Ford Motor Co. - employing from a few hundred to over 100,000 workers. The Dagenham plant was under construction which was to cover one million square feet and produce 200,000 units per year.

Follow the bouncing ball

Enormous quantities of steel balls were being manufactured and they were tested using an ingenious method. After passing tests for size they were then tested for hardness by rolling them from a container down an incline from which they fell on to an anvil. The height of the rebound then determined if they were fit for use. If the ball was hard it rebounded the necessary height to carry it into the OK container, while if too soft it failed to achieve the height and fell into the rejection basket.

The foundry at the River Rouge plant, the largest in the world, covered about 30 acres and poured upwards of 2,000 tons of iron per day - not one pound of which was lifted by hand.

Checking

Small, enclosed rooms were arranged for checking gudgeon pins, pistons, connecting rods and the rod and piston assembly to satisfy limits within 0.0004in. these rooms were kept at a constant temperature of 68F which is the temperature set for the use of Johannsen gauges. It had been found that with the addition of 13 degrees added to the

normal 68F that a connecting rod and gudgeon pin each increased 0.0001in, and a piston by 0.0002in. At 90F the variations were: connecting rod - 0.00014in, piston - 0.00033in and a gudgeon pin - 0.00015in.

Piston production

After being machined, the piston was placed on a delicate scale to determine the amount it was overweight. On top of the machine was another scale which was in mechanical contact with a so-called chip cup. The machine scale was set to a reading corresponding with the overweight of the piston being checked and the machine started. Metal chips bored from the inside of the piston dropped into the cup and when the weight of the chips equalled the overweight the machine stopped, the whole operation taking a few seconds.

Crankshaft

Crankshafts reached the grinding department 0.050in oversize and 0.025in was removed in two operations. Special machines for honing were fitted with seven arms, each of which carried a head fitted with six honing stones made of carbide of silicon and lubricated with ordinary paraffin. The final operation for the shafts involved a battery of machines fitted with fine 320 grit alumina paper. Each machine was fitted with a magazine roll feed for the paper so that a fresh section was pulled and used for each pin. After final inspection crankshafts were balanced dynamically.

MODEL A FORD 12th NATIONAL MEET PROGRAM

DAY 1	<p>APRIL 16 - Breakfast REGISTRATIONS from 9am - 12 noon Lunch REGISTRATIONS - 2pm until 5pm Dinner TITAN FORD - Welcome to Perth Party in the Main Hall</p>	T H U R S D A Y
DAY 2	<p>APRIL 17 - Breakfast Late Registrations 9am until 12 noon CONCOURS entrants to proceed to judging area by 8am. Lunch Afternoon drive along the beaches to Underwater World dinner</p>	F R I D A Y
DAY 3	<p>APRIL 18 - Breakfast MANDATORY RUN to Whiteman Park leaving at 10am (Concours entrants to register with Chief Judge) park as instructed - see the displays - we leave at 3pm. Lunch provided if ordered on the order form. Dinner Evening entertainment.</p>	S A T U R D A Y
DAY 4	<p>APRIL 19 - Breakfast Leave 10am for Fremantle. Display cars as instructed see the sights and sounds of this historic town. Tickets in Rally Bag for Fremantle Crocodile Park. Lunch - get your own today. - Delegate's Meeting at 4pm. AWARDS DINNER - buses leave Noalimba at 7pm sharp</p>	S U N D A Y
DAY 5	<p>APRIL 20 - Breakfast Leave at 10am for the HEYTESBURY COLLECTION Lunch will be provided if ordered on the order form. Dinner Buses leave for BURSWOOD CASINO at 7pm</p>	M O N D A Y
DAY 6	<p>APRIL 21 - FAREWELL BREAKFAST If you are staying on at Noalimba make sure you have paid in advance for any meal tickets you may require.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">We thank you for coming to Perth - see you in South Australia in April, 1994!</p>	T U E S D A Y

... Notebook ...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this month to: SYLVIA BRISTOW-STAGG, MIKE COOKE, ALAN DUNS, IAN PAISLEY, ALAN SMITH, ROBERT TEALE, LINDA KIRKWOOD and MAY WILSON - and may you all have many more...

CONGRATULATIONS - on the engagement of CHRIS WRINGE to LEANNE JEFFREE. I wonder if they will be conveyed to the church in matching Model A Ford Phaetons.....

PPSST ... sneak out quietly and get your 1992 Club Register. Open carefully at the centre fold and on the entry second from the bottom of the page quickly cross the letter "E" out of the surname. SSHHH, don't tell Ray or Toni. OK, read on.....

WANTED - for '28 Roadster. Steering box components and wheels. Please contact ROBERT DAVIES on [REDACTED] if you can help.

ALUMINIUM CANS - that's it folks. If you have got any at the present time by all means give them to the Sharps - or collect the money yourself and hand it to HELEN. It's not worth the effort any more (it costs the Secretary more in petrol to deliver the cans just to get a couple of bob).

NEWS FROM OUR OVERSEAS MEMBER - Our Oman resident - COLIN DAVIDSON - has settled in to his new job and, wouldn't you just believe it, he has found a Model A Ford in Dubai sitting outside the Hyatt-Hilton. He says it looks as though it had not moved for some time and it had a late model diff and springs and automatic transmission. COLIN sends his best regards to everyone and I am sure we return the sentiment, with interest - thanks COLIN.

ASSAULT ON OLD CARS - Did you read that article in your December Newsletter about some reported Japanese car makers' attitude to OUR cars? Well, the Queensland Club have heard from their Minister of Transport that:- "I can assure you, and the Club, there is no current or proposed legislation that will affect the use of restored vintage, veteran or historic vehicles in this way. Any vehicle will continue to be allowed registration provided that it is safe, adequately maintained and complies with the original manufacturer's specifications." The Managing Director of Subaru said:- "My comments were directed specifically at older vehicles in poor mechanical and physical condition and which, quite frankly, are a safety and environmental hazard on our roads." He went on to say that: "...I feel strongly that such a heritage should be preserved."

FOR SALE - Model A generator and 2 speedo cable outers. Details and prices from Rod Chapman on [REDACTED]

FOR SALE - 1938/39 Ford V8 Truck. Restoration project. 4-5 tonne with 20ft tray. Engine in going condition, spare engine, spare cab, dual wheels with tyres, hydraulic brakes. Phone Carol Davis [REDACTED] Located in Busselton on pallets ready for collection - phone Jack Rynvis on [REDACTED] for inspection. Asking \$600.00.

WANTED - Electric windscreen wiper for '30 Model A. ANGELO CALLEJA 343 2381.

"MOTORING HAVEN" - The Weekend Australian reported on February 1 that Adelaide had the oldest car population in the country. "It is a 24-hour-a-day, free-entry motor museum with more than 50,000 pre-1970 exhibits in various states of repair..." Adelaide does not have the weaving, hilly streets of Sydney, the rust-inducing humidity of Queensland, its population is older than Perth and the weather is dryer than Hobart. The article quoted the instance of Alan Shadgett, 74, who bought the one and only vehicle of his lifetime in October, 1954 - an FJ Holden.

ERA GEAR - When you get a chance, remember to get together some "era fashion" clothing for the Awards Dinner at the National Meet. The more eccentric among us may elect to wear era gear every day during the Meet to add to the atmosphere.

HENRY FORD SAID: " Ask a hundred people how they want a particular article made. About eighty will not know; they will leave it to you. Fifteen will think that they must say something, while five will really have preferences, and reasons."

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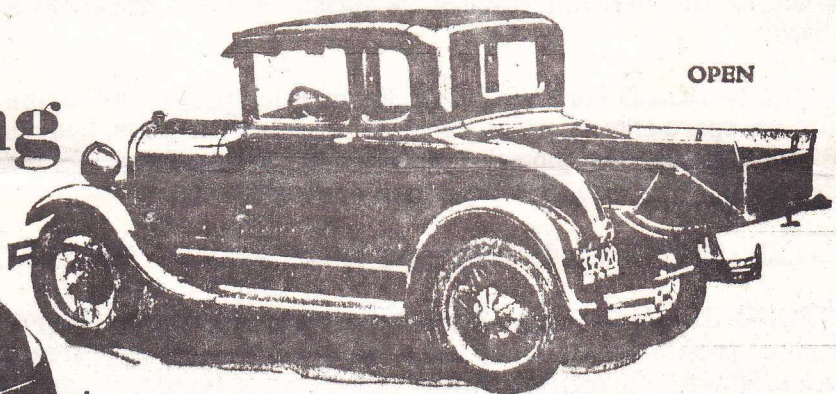
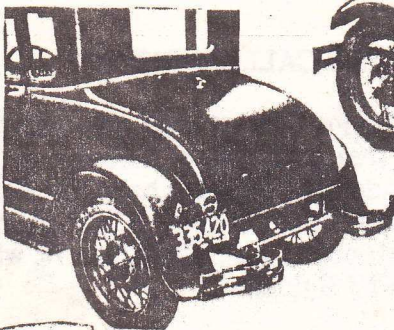
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For Hoping you can enter the National Meet? Lewis

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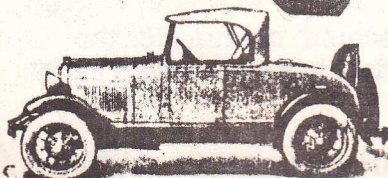


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