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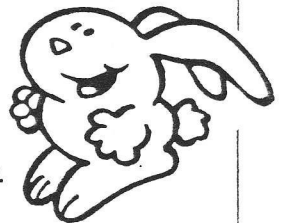
APRIL, 1999



The Ford A in the photograph was purchased by  
The Royal Automobile Club of Western Australia.  
It was used in Bunbury as a patrol vehicle by  
RAC Patrolman Mr H.R. Hogben.

On the back page is a letter from the RAC giving  
advice to a member who appears to have brake problems.

*Thanks to Reg & Coral Blewett for the letter and photograph.*



**Next Run/Meeting:** Sunday, 18th April. Meet: Causeway Car park, at 9.30am for 10am departure

This Club is the WESTERN MODEL A-s Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America, Inc.  
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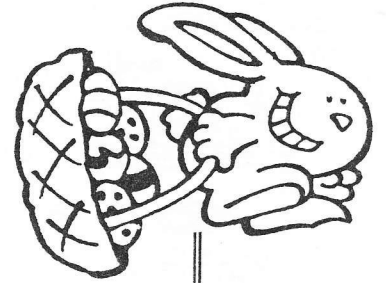
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**FRIDAY 2ND - MONDAY 5TH APRIL, 1999**

**EASTER RUN TO KIRUP**

Meet: Pioneer Village Time: 9:30

Cost is \$25 per person for a great weekend.



**SUNDAY, 18TH APRIL 1999**

Ray & Toni Mahony organising.

Meet: Causeway Car Park

Time: 9:30am for a 10:00 departure

**SUNDAY, 18TH APRIL, 1999**

**AUCTION IN YORK**

of tools, equipment & machinery.

For further details contact your secretary on [REDACTED]

**MONDAY, 26TH APRIL 1999**

**SHANNONS PERTH AUCTION**

Veteran, Vintage & Classic Vehicles

Burswood Resort, in conjunction with Auto Expo

If you are interested in selling your vehicle

Contact: Peter [REDACTED]

**SATURDAY, 1ST MAY, 1999**

M.A.R.C. Aust 30th Anniversary Dinner

Cost: \$20 p.p. Time: 7:30pm Venue: Canberra Labour Club

Registration form available from your secretary.

**SUNDAY, 2ND MAY, 1999**

Variety Day at the Swan Brewery, Baile Rd, Canning Vale  
Please make yourself & your car available on this day to support  
this great cause & fellow club member The Swan Brewery

Time: 10:00am - 4:00pm. Cars to be in place by 9:00am  
but you do not have stay all day.

**SUNDAY, 23RD MAY, 1999**

David & Pat Bussard organising.

Meet: Garden City. Time: 9:00am for 9:30 start

**SUNDAY, 27 JUNE, 1999**

John & Helen Moorehead organising.

**THURSDAY 20TH - MONDAY 24TH APRIL, 2000**

**16TH NATIONAL MEET - WODONGA, VIC**

Registration form and accommodation available from  
Steve Read, [REDACTED] Thornlie. Ph: [REDACTED]



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# MINUTES OF MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB OF WA (INC)

GENERAL MEETING 21 March, 1999

Held at the home of Barrie and Gwen Guest



Meeting opened by David Bussard at 1.15 p.m.

**Attendance & apologies:** as per attendance register.

**Welcome visitors:** Joe Dilworth, from England, visiting Colin Davidson.

**Welcome to members:** Phil and Sylvia Wemm visited the group at Garden City to take some measurements. Their '29 coupe is nearly finished.

**Previous minutes:** As per newsletter report. Moved as correct by B. Guest. Seconded J. Williams.

**Business arising:** nil

<b>Financial Report:</b>	Opening balance	12 816.80 on 28/2/99
	Receipts	105.00
	Payments	192.17
	Closing balance	12 780.13 on 21/3/99

S. Read moved that the financial report be accepted. Seconded M. Annear.

**Correspondence in:** Negative reply to David's request to visit Garden Island, brochure and order forms from Statewide Promotional Products, letter from Town and Country Bank re changing our fixed term deposit to an ANZ account, phone call A. Calleja re missing book and application for membership by his students at Denmark Agricultural College, offer of a demonstration of Bitron Products, notice of an auction in York 18/4, notice re Goomalling Historic Flyer weekend 10 & 11/4, letter requesting membership application form from Denmark Ag Coll, membership application Neil and Lorraine Cameron of Albany, product list Pitmac Print'n Mug, MAFCA information on awards, invite to 30th Anniversary Dinner of MARC (Aust) Inc in Canberra on 2/5, cards from Classic Motoring Books, brochures from Unique Car Insurance, ad from Belmont Auto Carpets, ad from Ra'alloy for drive in car ramps, booklet on the Marlow's Classic Car Show.

**Correspondence out:** Membership application forms to Byron Mills of Nyabing and Denmark Agricultural College (Kelly-Jean Hunter), letter of welcome to Neil and Lorraine Cameron of Albany.

A. Jeffree moved that the Correspondence in be received and the Correspondence out be endorsed. P. Sartori seconded the motion.

**General business: Marlow's Classic Car Show:** The Model A Restorers Club of WA (Inc) won the club display trophy on March 14, due to the efforts of Louise, Melissa and Steve Read. They were assisted by Ron & Leslie who brought a big white horse, G. McDonald who played & stayed overnight with the display, those who set it up on Saturday, and B. Bennie and K. Pepper who were marshals. The efforts of P. Gilberthorpe selling snake oil and raffle tickets resulted in all 200 tickets being sold. Peter also arranged an excellent location for our club display. The toolkit donated by Repco Auto Parts, Canning Vale Branch, was won by Eric Grey of Medina. The Swan Brewery provided and set up a marquee. M. Annear moved a vote of thanks to all involved. Photos of the display and award presentation were circulated. The large trophy will remain at Whiteman Park with an engraved badge. We will receive a small trophy to keep.

**Swan Brewery Variety Fund Raising Day:** To be held 2 May at the Brewery in Canning Vale. Steve encouraged as many as possible to participate in this, in return for the contribution of the Swan Brewery to our success and comfort at Whiteman Park. Particularly those to attend Wodonga, as the one day raffle was very successful.

**Wodonga Fundraising Committee:** Bank balance \$832.00. Meeting on 11 Mar: Next Bring and Buy at Belmont Forum 28 March. Major fund-raiser in September at Guest's property. \$12 per person. Dancing to a band, silent movies, supper provided. Date to be decided. Bring your friends!

**Members Directory:** Handed out. To be posted to country members, given to those on Kirup run. Thanks to Germaine for her work to produce these.

**Public Liability Insurance:** With Shannons until 1997 but not renewed in 1998. M. Annear moved that David contact Shannons to reinstate this. Seconded J. Hall. David and P. Sartori to discuss as required. Peter will organise a cake stall at Winthrop Village when the cover is established.

**20th Anniversary Celebrations:** A. Jeffree mentioned A. Kirkwood's involvement in the first run in 1981 and the 10th Anniversary run in 1991. Alan will invite Alex to be involved in the 20th.

**Finances:** Australia Post cheque for Apr. newsletter. L. Read to be reimbursed for purchase of photocopy paper and files (\$36.85). Badges to be paid for when ready (early in the week). Shannons Insurance. Reimbursement to G. Wringe for paper and photocopying expenses. Moved D. Annear and seconded P. Sartori that these be processed. Our fixed term investment account matures Apr 2. To be rolled over for 6 months. David and Peter to discuss if changes are required due to move to ANZ account.

**Library:** S. Read will negotiate with B. Bennie re purchase of missing *Restorer* and *Model A News*.

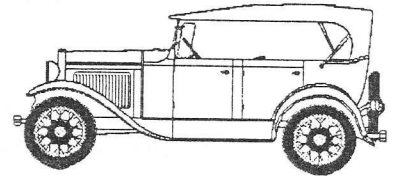
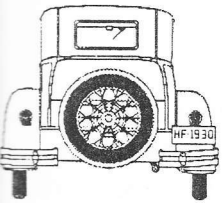
**Coming Events: Kirup weekend:** Leaving Pioneer Village 9.30 Friday Apr 2. April 18 organised by Mahonys. May 23 by Bussards. June 27 by Mooreheads. AGM and Vehicle examinations at VCC clubrooms and pit on July 25. R. Blewett away all July but Max and Steve will manage.

**Bits and Pieces:** nil

**Thanks** to Barrie and Gwen for the pleasant run, the eventful visit to the Alpaca Stud in Little Place, and the scones, shade and wind at their home. Ruffled pen set won by C. Davidson. Raised \$26.50.

**Meeting closed:** 1.50 p.m.

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**MARLOWS' CLASSIC CAR SHOW - 14TH MARCH 1999**  
~ ALL FOR \$200, TWO JARS OF FIG JAM AND THE GLORY ~

At the October meeting in 1998 attendance at the show was raised by Peter Gilberthorpe, asking that we attend, perhaps with some sort of display. This was met with the usual lack of interest and was to be discussed at a further meeting. At the November meeting it was possible we could round up ten cars, not too much enthusiasm; too hard basket.

I spoke to Pete at one stage after Christmas; I had a possible theme. "Okay," says Pete. "I can't get to the January meeting, perhaps you can suggest it then." So at Peppermint Grove I opened my mouth and made my thoughts on the theme be known. Very little reaction; no-one said that's a good/bad/indifferent/horrible idea.

Specific cars were requested - the theme was City vs Country - four commercial, four sedans. I asked for Kelvin's Truck, Swan Brewery Truck, Steve's Ute and Jim's Woodie.

*Hiccup 1* - Jim isn't keen on attending Whiteman Park. Okay, maybe we can get around this. Also wanted: Alan's Tudor, John Hall's Roadster, Peter S's Phaeton and David's coupe. *Hiccup 2* - David hadn't planned on going to the show. He was persuaded to attend.

Okay - all cars teed up with the exception of the Woodie. The show was 21st March, plenty of time to organise. Next stop was to check out the cost of hiring mannequins. Melissa approached the local shopping centre; no luck at the centre manager or assorted shops. Phone a hire place, yes, can do, just send us a cheque for \$230 - *hiccup 3*. Maybe we will have to revise our thoughts.

What about a horse or cow to go with Kelvin's truck? Melissa once again does the rounds of the local horse shops. Cost: ridiculous!!

There is one place that hires small animals - Flamingos for Celebrations. They do sheep, pigs, cows, \$3 per item. We can live with that cost.

Cancel the horse idea. What other props? Steve's ute is going to be a delivery van, we need something in the back - flour bags, potato bag and apples in a box. Call my sister. "Yes, I have a wooden box."

Great; while I'm visiting I also borrow an old wooden suitcase; the Woodie is to be a traveller's wagon.

Get Steve to phone Keith Upton. "Yes, the Brewery Truck is available; it's already at the museum at Whiteman Park, but no barrels, they are in another part of the country." - *hiccup 4*.

I think we need a banner to explain our theme, so down to the local shop to buy calico and also hessian to make a potato sack. Barrie and Gwen have provided Dingo Flour Bags (empty) so I set to work to make the bags 'life like'. Meanwhile back at the printworks we've water-proofed the material, stencilled and texta-ed, it's looking good. I must point out that this has been ongoing over many days, around going to work, home duties and necessary trips to the shops, ferrying Matthew to and from work plus producing the newsletter for February.

Text request goes out to Kenlow for the marquee - the bad luck is that Kenlow have sold it; they lent it out to another club and they damaged it - *hiccup 5*. Good news - Steve has 'pestered' Keith Upton: Yes, the Brewery will provide a marquee - terrific.

Now onto the city cars - the mini-theme of Alan's Tudor was 'A night out'. Where? His Majesty's, of course - design and print tickets and program, photocopy onto buff card to look authentic.

to re-dress at Whiteman Park. Ron has 'Chester', he'll deliver him to us Sunday morning. Steve phones Kelvin, the radiator problem is under control.

He then phones the marquee people, "Yep, meet you at Whiteman Park first thing Saturday; show us where you want the marquee." Phones the museum. "Yep, come and get the Brewery truck out, I'll be here early." Famous last words!! Saturday morning Steve leaves for Whiteman Park. I get a phonecall. "I've left the map at home, where's the display located?" Tell him over the phone. He spends time waiting for the ranger to open the gate. Ho hum!! Locates the marquee fellows and directs them to our spot. Off to the museum. Time of arrival for the 'I'll be early' man? After normal opening time. Brewery truck will not start - hiccup 19. No petrol, flat battery.

Melissa finishes work at midday - drives to West Perth to pick up animals - no one at Flamingos. Phones (hiccup 20). "No, we don't work after twelve o'clock."

Saturday arvo we load dummies into the back of the van, pack up the trailer, head back to the Park to meet Jim. Hang around until Graham turns up. We have to lay the dummies on a blanket on the ground. The surface is too uneven and they keep falling over. However Graham has brought tent pegs and we are, for once, prepared.

THE BIG DAY: Very early start, drop Matthew off for work while Steve heads for the Park in the Ute. The marshals usher us in, the cars are parked, the display set up, photos taken, we are READY. And the rest is history.....!

A hearty vote of thanks go to the following people, listed alphabetically.

*Cars:* David BUSSARD, Peter GILBERTHORPE, John HALL, Kelvin PEPPER, Steve READ, Peter SARTORI, Alan SMITH, The SWAN BREWERY, Jim WILLIAMS.

*Marshals:* Bill BENNIE, Kelvin PEPPER.

*Props Providers, and Helpers on the Day:* Ron ANDREWS & Leslie, David & Pat BUSSARD, Colin DAVIDSON, Peter & Elaine GILBERTHORPE, Barrie & Gwen GUEST, John & Shirley HALL, John & Helen MOOREHEAD, Graham McDONALD, Steve READ, Peter SARTORI, Phil WEMM.

*Super Raffle Ticket Seller:* Peter GILBERTHORPE, assisted by Peter SARTORI and Coral BLEWETT.



**WHO WANTS TO ORGANISE THE DISPLAY NEXT YEAR???**

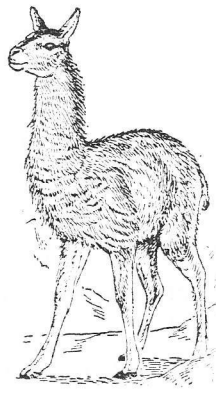
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**A-s To The Alpacas**

On Sunday 21st March at 9.30 am 7 Model A-s and 3 moderns met at the Garden City car park, for a 10 am start.

As usual Max blew the whistle and set us off at one minute intervals. We drove through the back of Leeming and missed the main thoroughfares. We proceeded through the suburbs of Jandakot, Benjup, Forrestdale, Oakford, Peel Estate, Mundijong township, and north to Cardup.

In Cardup, we visited an Alpaca stud, viewing the animals. The owners, Irene and Merv Miles gave a very informative talk which we hoped was enjoyed by all, especially the singing male (alpaca). Then it was off to Gwen and Barrie's place, just around the corner. Another Model A, 2 moderns and a Harley Davidson arrived. Lunch was taken under the shady trees and the normal meeting was held. Everything was finished by approximately 2pm.



We trust you all enjoyed the day. Hopefully it was an eye opener to an area most of you have not seen. Thanks to the ladies commenting on an enjoyable run ....

*Gwen & Barrie Guest.*

Peter's car is 'A day at the Races'. Melissa approaches the Turf Club for some authentic betting slips or programs. Craig sends photocopies of 1931 racing guides - good stuff. Also photocopy these onto buff card for authenticity. John's Roadster is going to the beach. This is going to be tricky. Look up bathers and accessories in the fashion guides. David's Coupe - a doctor's car. Not a problem: drag out an old gladstone bag and paint an MD on the side. Easy so far.

All we need now is a reasonable price on the dummies. Melissa phones - we have reduced our required to 4½ - price of \$110. That's better. Steve contacts a few people, but no joy, we don't want to pay if we can get them for nothing. However, on we go. Sacks are made and stuffed, clothes are dragged out of the wardrobe, couple of shirts missing - we can pick some up from club members.

We then hear that the show will be on the 14th, not 21st - one less week - *hiccup 6*.

20th February. Peter Sartori phones. "Are we taking the cars to Whiteman Park tomorrow?" Heart attack on the spot material. "No, Peter, that's next month!"

"Are we still having a one-day raffle?" I ask of my very busy, trying not to get too involved with the project, husband. "I'll go see someone." Leave it in his capable hands.

The February meeting arrives very quickly - Melissa and I make a list of things we still need.

Give Gwen a quick call before Sunday. "Can I borrow shoes, dress, gloves, bag, man's white shirt, etc?"

"Not a problem; we'll bring them to the meeting."

Along we go to the breakfast - several things are resolved, other things evolve. Pete Gilberthorpe has relocated our display to a prime spot, he also has a contact for a display horse. *Hiccup 7*- Pete is including his car in our display. Elaine offers to contact the Dummies people to see if she can get a discount through work; she also offers to provide some props needed.

Bill B and Kelvin have the job of marshals for the day, neither of them is at the meeting. Ron is going to check on the availability of a mannequin. I have other offers of clothes, hats, etc. Jim agrees to providing his Woodie for the day. Bevan has been lined up to make raffle tickets. Graham McDonald is going to stay over at Whiteman Park the evening before the show. We collect a bag of sand for weight in the display bags and head home.

The following Tuesday I get a call from Pete, "Wattyl Paints will let us have Chester, but you have to collect him." - *hiccup 8*. Also, he hasn't a ticket for the show - *hiccup 9*. Steve has an extra ticket for the Brewery and as the truck is already at the Park, I send Pete that one. Elaine has no luck with the cost of the dummies. Ron's mate won't lend his mannequin, but Ron offers to help set up. Great; have just the job, go pick up a horse! *Hiccup 10*- the horse will need an enclosed trailer. Steve knows someone who will lend us the trailer; we're in business.

Melissa phones and confirms four and a half dummies - yep, they'll deliver Thursday or Friday before the show. We ask about shoes - they all need shoes; small for ladies, large for men. *Hiccup 11*- David's tuxedo he promised has been thrown out.

Saturday before the show Steve double-checks with Bill and Kelvin - they don't realise they have a marshals' meeting the next day - the week before the show - *hiccup 12*. And Kelvin has the radiator out of his truck - *hiccup 13*. We're running to a deadline now - Monday before the show we still don't have a raffle prize; Bevan is uncontactable, we'll forget that bit - *hiccup 14*.

Wednesday, Barrie arrives with the bales of hay and card tables. The mannequins arrive, a day early, with an extra \$30 charge for delivery - *hiccup 15*.

Colin has lent us his tuxedo.

Melissa and I attempt to dress the visitors - it was a pretty humid day, and by the time we've rolled around the loungeroom on the pink carpet and wrestled with jackets and trousers and unco-operative bodies, we're dripping with perspiration and ready to forget the whole thing. *Hiccup 16*- the male mannequins are huge and have feet to match; we don't have shoes big enough and the trousers are too short. So off with the pants on one of them and extend the braces on the other.

Steve comes home with a raffle prize. Okay, now we have to produce tickets - *hiccup 17*. Thursday, Melissa phones to confirm she will pick up the animals from Flamingos on Saturday. All done. I come home after work, Matthew designs and produces a master copy of tickets - I start photocopying. The Wodonga Fund-raising Committee arrive, Peter S. still doesn't have a ticket - *hiccup 18*. Steve reluctantly hands over the one for Jim's car. Jim is taking his car out Saturday and probably won't need a ticket. Melissa and I stay up until midnight numbering and sewing 200 raffle tickets.

Friday is spent scouring the secondhand shops for shoes to fit these 'men', gathering everything in one room and double-checking our list. All we need now is to pick up the animals, the barrel from my sister, extend these trousers and make a bow tie. The dummies are dressed, photographs taken. We decide to leave them dressed, it is too difficult



*As with many things in this life, good automobile restoration relies on two basic fundamentals: 'preparation' and 'finish' – with a lot a detail in between. One of the categories under the 'finish' heading which can 'make or break' a good restoration is one which many people may face with trepidation:-*

Fitting of your MODEL A FORD

## **RAIN GUTTERS**

Here's the solution from STEVE READ



FITTING the rain gutters may look like a daunting task: two rigid pieces of aluminium that lock together, yet have to follow a specific curve in order to not only look correct, but also to perform their function.

Obviously the first step is to complete the roof of whatever Model A Ford you are restoring and to fit the exterior roof fabric so that the sides cover to about half-way down the indentation which will accommodate the rain gutters on each side.

Now for those gutters. You will note immediately that the alloy guttering is virtually impossible to bend to the required curve. The obvious solution is to make the alloy malleable so you can bend it to shape. So, to step one:

1. What you have to do is to 'anneal' the alloy strips. Take your oxy-acetylene set and light it up; BUT, don't use any 'oxy' just yet, just the acetylene.
2. Wave the torch up and down the alloy strip until you evenly cover the entire face with the black carbon.
3. When the surface is covered in carbon, light the oxy set as normal and gently heat the strip until all the black disappears. At this point the alloy will anneal. Take particular care not to melt the alloy. It is best to wave the torch evenly along the length of the alloy.

It is recommended that you cut a piece of reproduction length of rain guttering on which to practice the above procedure.

Repeat the process with the inner and outer sections for both sides – all four strips.

OK, now you have the all the pieces of guttering which you will need to be aware are permanently malleable and must be handled carefully.

Take each inner piece and carefully bend them to follow the required shape on each side of the vehicle – a task which can now be done very easily.

Next, place the strip on a flat bench and drill 1/16-in holes about every two inches along the length of the inner strip by following the line down the centre.

Then, nail the inner piece into place on the vehicle. Be aware that the strip is now very soft, so hammer in the nails carefully and use a punch to finally tap the nails firmly into place.

Next step is to bend the previously annealed outer strip to conform perfectly with the inner strip. Cut it exactly to length and clip it into place.

Take extra care as you clip into place as the guttering is still soft. I use a piece of soft wood to tap the outer strip to clip onto position on the inner strip.

I used this method on my Tudor gutters over three years ago and they still look perfect and have not moved.

You may consider not softening the front and rear bits. Grind a groove into a piece of hardwood to the shape of the closed section and then use it as an aid to tap the alloy closed.

Bevan :-}

THE "GOOD" – Your husband and you agree "no more kids".

THE "BAD" – You can't find your birth control pills.

THE "UGLY" – Your daughter borrowed them.

## TUNE UP

Last month the article on spark plugs and tuning left out the important after spark plug removal of taking a compression test. The compression of each cylinder should be 64lb and each cylinder should be within 2lb even though all cylinders may be down in pressure. Good and even pressures are essential for a satisfactory tune up. So after removing plugs do a compression test. The use of a vacuum gauge is also a valuable tune up aid so read on.

JL

## VACUUM

Now let's talk about vacuum in the manifold. It does make a difference where the vacuum gauge is attached, but the closer it is to the smallest diameter of the port will usually give the highest reading.

What happens with these new carburetors is that they usually have a vacuum power valve that lets more gas into the engine when vacuum falls, so if you slow the engine down too much, usually the power valve opens and can cause a rich reading. Some people start trying to correct this by putting in smaller main jets or lower fuel levels to correct an over rich condition.

Many old carbs have no power valves or have mechanically operated power valves like the Stromberg 48, 97, 81, Winfield and many old carbs have no power valves at all.

Many people have come to my shop with problems in this area. I have put a vacuum gauge on and saw what the problem was immediately and was able to straighten their car out.

Charlie, I don't want to mess up the magazine but this vacuum chart, if you could fit it in, will teach the readers how to read a vacuum gauge.

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READING THE VACUUM GAUGE		
<p><b>NORMAL ENGINE</b></p> <p><b>HAND STEADY BETWEEN 17 &amp; 21</b></p>	<p><b>NORMAL ENGINE</b></p> <p><b>OPEN &amp; CLOSE THROTTLE RAPIDLY, RINGS &amp; VALVES OK</b></p>	<p><b>POOR RINGS OR OIL</b></p> <p><b>HAND STEADY BUT LOWER THAN NORMAL</b></p>
<p><b>STICKY VALVE</b></p> <p><b>HAND DROPS OCCASIONALLY ABOUT 4 DIVISIONS</b></p>	<p><b>BURNT VALVE</b></p> <p><b>HAND DROPS REGULARLY SEVERAL DIVISIONS</b></p>	<p><b>LEAKY VALVE</b></p> <p><b>HAND DROPS 2 OR MORE DIVISIONS WHEN VALVE SHOULD BE CLOSED</b></p>
<p><b>WEAK VALVE SPRING</b></p> <p><b>ENGINE RACING, REGISTERS 10 TO 22, WIDER VARIATIONS AS SPEED IS INCREASED</b></p>	<p><b>LATE VALVE TIMING</b></p> <p><b>HAND READS FROM 8 TO 15 &amp; REMAINS STEADY</b></p>	<p><b>LATE IGNITION TIMING</b></p> <p><b>HAND READS FROM 14 TO 17 &amp; REMAINS FAIRLY STEADY</b></p>
<p><b>LEAKY INTAKE OR CARB GASKET</b></p> <p><b>HAND READS BELOW 5</b></p>	<p><b>LEAKY HEAD GASKET BETWEEN CYLINDERS</b></p> <p><b>HAND FLOATS REGULARLY BETWEEN 5 &amp; 19</b></p>	<p><b>CARBURETOR OUT OF ADJUSTMENT</b></p> <p><b>HAND FLOATS SLOWLY BETWEEN 13 &amp; 17</b></p>
<p><b>POOR RINGS OR OIL</b></p> <p><b>OPEN &amp; CLOSE THROTTLE RAPIDLY, HANDS PULL DOWN TO 0</b></p>	<p><b>LOOSE VALVE GUIDES</b></p> <p><b>FAST VIBRATION OF HAND BETWEEN 14 &amp; 19</b></p>	<p><b>PLUG GAPS TOO CLOSE OR POINTS NOT SYNCHRONIZED</b></p> <p><b>HAND FLOATS SLOWLY BETWEEN 14 &amp; 18</b></p>





# Notebook

**BIRTHDAYS for APRIL: Birthstone: Diamond; Flower: Sweet Pea**

Marg Addison, Ron Andrews, Mavis Berkshire, Ken Brown, David Bussard, Jane Cocks  
Laurel Cooke, Bill Cowlin, John Forbes, Leslie Lloyd, Ray Mahony, Toni Mahony,  
Jenny Perry & Rodney Spitz. Easter greetings & happy birthday.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Welcome to two new families this month:

Neil & Lorraine Cameron, [REDACTED] Albany. Ph: [REDACTED] We met the Camerons  
recently at Whiteman Park. These folk have an unrestored '28 Phaeton.

Byron & June Mills, Milstead Grazing Co, [REDACTED] Nyabing. Ph: [REDACTED]  
The Mills have an unrestored '28 Phaeton in original condition, but needs quite a lot of  
TLC. Happy restoring to you all, please call on other club members for help any time.

**CLASSIC CAR SHOW:** What can I say? We won best display on the day. Many thanks  
to those who contributed & helped on the day.... *Louise.*

**WODONGA:** Number of rooms booked & firm prices to be confirmed in December.

**BRING & BUY** at Belmont was held on the 28th March, conducted by the fund raising  
committee & wives. Once again a highly successful morning raising approx \$500 towards  
our goal.

**MISSING:** Angelo is looking for a paint colour book that he lent to someone in the last  
couple of years. It has colour swatches in the centre and is for Fords 1928 - 1936. Would  
that "someone" please return his property. Also missing from the the club library still is  
the video of 1990 Qld National Meet. Please check your video library.

Would the person in possession of the yellow metal sign with Model A Restorers Club  
emblazoned upon it, please return to the Property Officer, Darren. Thank you.

**CLUB LIBRARY:** All books have now been covered in clear contact and are  
available for loan. Other states' newsletters and MARC & MAFCA magazines are in  
files if you would like to peruse these. Restoration videos also abound with information.  
If you would like to borrow any items, please let me know so I can bring them to  
the next meeting or call in at home. A complete listing is available. *Steve Read*

**CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS:** If you have recently joined our happy family and  
have not received a copy of the above, could you please let me know so I can send  
them to you as it outlines our objectives and guidelines to club membership. *Louise.*

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES:** for 1999/2000 are now available from your  
secretary, Pat Bussard who will have them at meetings for your convenience. Please  
pick one up at the next get together.

**CLUB T-SHIRTS:** due to Bonds cessation of yellow in their colour range I have  
only a small number of shirts left. 4 x size 16, 4 x size 18, 1 x size 20, 2 x size 22,  
and 1 x size 24. Grab one while they are still available \$18 or \$20 posted.

**FOR SALE:** 1928 Phaeton, full restoration required. Motor in bits.

*Price:* \$4500 *Phone:* Lance Barker [REDACTED] *Mobile:* [REDACTED]



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Western Australia, 6108



## Western Model A News

16th October, 1941

M. A. Doust Esq.,  
School House  
PICTON JUNCTION

Dear Mr Doust,

Our Bunbury Representative, Mr Hogben, has asked me to write regarding the brakes of your Ford A sedan.

These brakes are simple in design and the trouble that you mention is unusual. In a system of this kind there is a danger of trouble through rusting, but originally all parts have a special plating to avoid this risk. Make sure that all parts work freely under load.

The Ford Company advises grinding new linings after fitting to ensure a uniform braking surface. The ordinary adjustment is to turn the adjusting wedge until the brake drags and then back it off two or three notches or just enough to allow the wheels to revolve freely, all brakes being equalised so that the front brakes commence to drag with half an inch more pedal depression than the rear brakes.

If the rear wheel bearings are worn so that the wheels have an up and down movement, this may be very difficult, because although the rear brakes appear to be going on when adjusting them, they require too great a pedal movement to make them hold.

A possible fault also is a loose brake plate. The plates holding the shoes must be firmly attached to the axle, or trouble will result, generally in the form of brake snatch or fierce application on the wheel with a loose plate.

Grease on the brakes also causes snatching. A greasy brake might be too weak when cold and too fierce when hot.

The brake shoes should be checked to make sure that there is no looseness or undue wear of any anchor pins.

I trust that these hints will be of assistance, but if not, please let me know.

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