

# Western Model A News

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MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA, Inc

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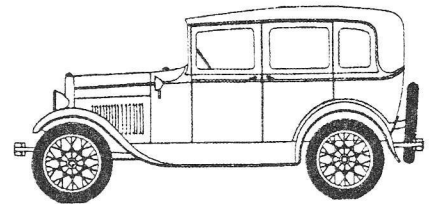
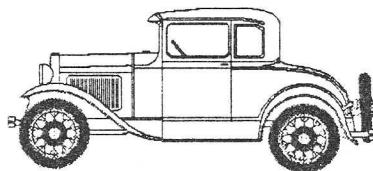
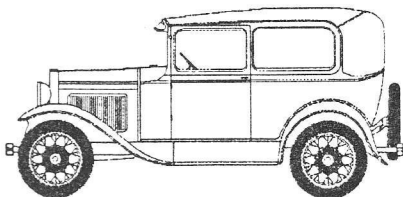
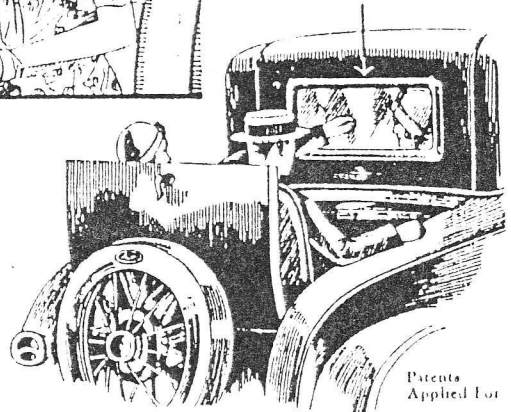
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Place: Smith's Lake, Burke St, Leederville

Time: 10am

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**13TH & 14TH NOVEMBER, 1999**  
BENDIGO SWAP MEET

**SUNDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 1999**  
Organised by Tim Halden  
Meet at 10.00am at Smith's Lake, Burke St, Leederville.

**SUNDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1999**  
CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Place: RAAF Assoc, Bullcreek  
Time: 12 noon Price: \$23 per person. Please post money to Dora  
at [REDACTED] Hillarys 6025 **NOW !!**  
**SEE REMINDER IN NOTEBOOK!!**

**SUNDAY, 30TH JANUARY, 2000**  
20th Anniversary of M.A.R.C. W.A.  
*PLEASE NOTE:* Change of Date  
See notice in this newsletter for details.  
Also proposed general meeting, subject to confirmation.



**SUNDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY, 2000**  
Breakfast barbeque at Ley St, Como.  
7am start - bring your brekkie stuff.

**SUNDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY, 2000**  
Proposed car display at Mandurah Forum.  
Contact David Bussard if you wish to participate.  
Date to be confirmed.

**SATURDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 2000**  
ROCK & ROLL NITE  
See advertising elsewhere in this newsletter.

**SUNDAY, 19TH MARCH, 2000**  
CCC CLASSIC CAR SHOW

**THURSDAY 20TH - MONDAY 24TH APRIL, 2000**  
16TH NATIONAL MEET - WODONGA, VIC  
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**MINUTES OF MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB OF WA (INC)**  
**GENERAL MEETING October 31st, 1999**  
**Kalamunda History Village**

Shirley Hall introduced Mr Burgess, President of the Kalamunda History Village, who welcomed us.

**Meeting opened at:** 12.40 pm by David Bussard.

**Apologies and Attendance:** as per attendance book.

**Welcome visitors:** Nell Bond, Susie Schmitz, Alexander Weston (grandson of Bob and Jeanette Hembrough), Merleane and Jim Nevendorf of Nambour, QLD. Good to see members Chris and Leanne Wringe, Ron Andrews and Leslie Lloyd.

**Previous minutes:** As per newsletter report. Moved F. Farrelly and seconded P. Sartori. Carried.

**Business arising:** Nil.

**Financial Report:**

Opening balance	12338.25 on 26/9/99
Receipts	642.40
Payments	173.02
Closing balance	12807.63 on 31/10/99

Moved L. Blacklock and seconded P. Sartori that the financial report be accepted. Carried.

**Correspondence in:** Letter from All Ford Day Committee about magazine for the day; letter requesting money for a Special Christmas Party for children; invitation to the opening of Brooklands Garage; catalogue for office products Viking Price Busters; letter from Mandurah Forum re Show and Shine exhibitions; invitation to attend Wyalkatchem Vintage Fair on 17th October; letter from Hemmings Motor News; MAFCA Minutes of Board Meeting 28/8/99; notice of Swan Brewery Variety Club Bash Car Show Sunday 16th April 2000; letter from TORQUE and newsletter TORQUE It Up; CCC minutes and notices, calendar of events; information about Morey's Power Booster Kit and replacement of leaded fuels.

**Correspondence out:** Letter of welcome to Denmark Agricultural College c/ A. Calleja; DOT form to G.Eva. S. Read moved that the Correspondence in be received and the Correspondence out be endorsed. B. Guest seconded the motion.

**General business:** *Christmas Lunch:* If you are coming, let Dora Annear know and pay her \$23.00 pp. A cash advance of \$100 to Dora for decorations etc. was moved by P. Sartori and seconded by B. Guest. *Wodonga Fundraising Committee:* S. Read notified the meeting that accommodation has been booked. Seventeen Model A-s and 34 holiday class passengers will be going on the train. A \$2000 non-refundable deposit to be paid. Steve will contact participants to get the exact height of their vehicles and to notify of the deposit, due by Dec. 1st. Final payment will be Feb 14th. Please note that the details of train departure times, rates and other details are special for our group. Pension rates do not apply. Steve will notify participants – please do not attempt to get information elsewhere. B. Guest has raised money from the sale of baked items, jams and marmalade. F. Farrelly will collect a \$220 donation from a radiator company. P. Sartori has arranged 2 winery tours. The next swap meet will be held on Nov 7th, and Peter will contact people to help. Frank offered his home for a future meeting of the Wodonga group and was thanked by Steve. *20th Anniversary Celebrations:* A report by F. Timmings of the committee meeting held 10/9 was read. The gathering will be held at Manners Hill Park on 30th January, 2000 from 10 am to 2 pm or later. Invitations will be sent to all former and present members where addresses are available. RSVP will be requested but not required, to plan for children who will be given a drink and some lollies. The committee asks that as many Model A-s as possible attend. L. Read will send the invitations with fliers for the Wodonga fund raising event. *CCC information:* David read special notices concerning the display of 100 cars for 100 years, the Association web page, and the request that all information be passed on. *Finances:* Australia Post cheque for Nov Newsletter. Moved J. Hall and seconded S. Hall that this be processed. *Library:* Book 5 of How to Restore your Model A has arrived but Book 6 has not. There was some confusion concerning David's copy, but Louise will follow this up. We have two copies of Book 4 so one is for sale. *Rally West:* 15 club members attended. A set of photos of the 15 Model A-s was purchased. J. Hall moved and F. Farrelly seconded that Pat be reimbursed \$42.00. Carried. *Request for funds:* 6PR in association with the Leukaemia Foundation of W.A. Inc requested advertising support of \$195 for the Fifth Annual SPECIAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY to be held Sunday December 5th. Moved S. Read and seconded P. Sartori that this be sent. Carried. *Fund raising:* Club members not going to Wodonga voted to have the Wodonga committee contact Mandurah Forum Shopping Centre about a display to raise funds. *Swan Brewery Variety Club Bash Car Show* is to be held Sunday 16th April 2000. This will be discussed at a later meeting. *Bendigo Meeting Agenda items:* S. Read briefly discussed SA proposal re Judging Standards. All agreed to support the suggestion and this would be conveyed at the delegates meeting via Steve. *Storage:* P. Sartori has a friend seeking storage for 12 vintage cars.

**Raffle:** L. Wringe won the raffle which raised \$52.

**Coming Events:** November 21st run organised by T. Halden. Christmas lunch December 5th - D. Annear is collecting \$23 per person. 20th Anniversary celebration and January general meeting at Manners Hill Park, January 30th 10 am – 2 pm.

**Bits and Pieces:** A 28 Phaeton restored by David Reid for George Saunders of Collic is for sale for \$18 000. Details from David Reid on [REDACTED]

**Thanks** from David to Shirley and John Hall for an interesting run.

**Meeting closed:** 1.15 pm.

## RALLY WEST 99

As observed by Pat Bussard

RALLY WEST 99 has come and gone, and all who participated have memories of an enjoyable rally in the south west area around Busselton. Fifteen club members attended, fourteen in their Model A-s: Jim and Nina Williams, John and Barbara Forbes, Ken and Enid Harris (of Katanning), Alan and June Smith, Reg and Coral Blewett, David and Pat Bussard, Greg and Jill Axford, Chris Butler with his brother Ross from New Zealand, Hartley and Pauline Edwards, Max and Dora Annear, Jack and Mavis Berkshire, John and Pat Laurie, Barry and Joy Fowler (of Coorow) and Don Sutherland. Ross and Lorraine Chamberlain chose to attend in their Chev, but offered his Model A to friends Bill and May Holt who did a good job keeping up. With the Fowlers were Kay and Frank Lewis of Moora who intended to drive their Chevrolet Four, but decided otherwise. Frank is the Holden dealer in Moora, owns a Chev, and he did not enjoy being passed by other Chev participants while he was in the Model A!

Four other Model A vehicles were also present: Richard Turpin and Christine Lathwell of Albany drove a 1930 roadster; George Goodchild and Joan Conning of Denmark were in his 1928 phaeton; Frank and Jenny Cocks with Helen Franks as navigator were in their original 1929 phaeton; and David and Sue Reid seemed to enjoy themselves in a 1928 phaeton owned by George Saunders of Collie. There were also about ten Model T-s so Fords were well represented in the 121 vehicles participating.

To my knowledge, all Model A vehicles were driven to Busselton and back home at the end of the week. Some arrived on Saturday to be ready and rested for the activities, while others got in on Sunday. Chris and Ross Butler arrived late on Sunday and missed the huge afternoon tea put on by the Shire of Busselton to welcome participants. It was great to see Mike and Laurel Cooke who came to chat with old friends and to see their '28 tudor, now owned by the Fowlers.

We stopped for morning tea and lunch at various places after driving on a variety of roads, ranging from highways to narrow scenic routes, though the organisers kept us off gravel. The list included Willyabrup Hall, Margaret River, Anniebrooke Flower Farm, Meelup Beach, Elgin Hall, Donnybrook Recreation Centre, Acton Park Hall and the Bootleg Brewery. It was indeed a week of queues, and I hope we can find better ways to cater for large numbers when we plan for our National Meet in Perth in 2004.

During the lunch break at the Donnybrook Recreation Centre, the Model A-s collected to one side of the parking lot for a photo opportunity. When the other vehicles had made some room, those who were parked elsewhere joined the A group. Frank Cocks was finally rounded up and the group was complete, except for Ken and Enid Harris. I ran after them when I realised they were leaving, but gave up. Several people took photos so I hope we get some copies for the club photo library. There may even be a video!

Children viewed the vehicles at several places during the rally. John Forbes was asked if he knew what the horn on his car sounded like! John tactfully turned the question around and let it roar. The children commented on all the "bull bars". One child pointed to the radiator on a vehicle and asked his teacher what went in there. She was not about to tell and tried to guide the learning by asking what it might be. First guess was petrol, so the next guided question was "What do you drink?" Answer: "Coke".

On Friday morning, I asked Don Sutherland what he felt was the best part of the rally and he said it was just about to happen, as David appeared with a beer. At the Friday evening dinner, I wandered about asking for comments on the rally. Don smiled as he said he "hated every minute of it". Chris Butler thoroughly enjoyed it, but suggested it might have been an idea to arrange single make meetings for barbecues or drinks on the free day. Greg Axford expressed his thanks to Steve Read for doing so much in such a short time to get his car ready for Rally West 1999. Barbara and John Forbes enjoyed the chance to meet new people. June Smith enjoyed the lovely relaxing week tootling around the country roads. Alan Smith thought it a very good rally. In 1992 it was competitive and this (1999) was much more relaxed with more cars. He among others felt it was a pity that the distances were listed in kilometres. Jack Berkshire thought that if we could run rallies as good as this one we would



be a mile in front. Mavis Berkshire said it was her first experience of such a long rally and it was wonderful. May Holt (in Ross Chamberlain's Model A) reported that it has opened up a whole new world for her and they will buy a vehicle. Ross Chamberlain was pleased by the performance of both his entries, the Model A and the other brand which shall be nameless. Lorraine Chamberlain said it was fun and great to catch up with friends made over 30 years. It was really interesting and she thoroughly enjoyed it. Apologies to those participants who were not interviewed: you left very quickly once the food had been served!

Question: Who was the Ford Model A owner/driver seen driving a Maxwell on Day 5? Only minor mechanical problems were experienced by Model A-s during the week and the usual team approach meant that no one was in difficulty for long. Reg Blewett showed concern for others as always, not only for Model A cars and owners. Thanks Reg! As David and I headed back to our motel after the dinner, Chris and Ross Butler (in Chris's Model A) offered a ride to Don Sutherland who was walking on his own. They later roared past us and offered the same, but we were almost there. I personally enjoyed the people and the friendly attitude of all at the rally and in the Busselton area, especially our wonderful Model A members. I'm so glad that I took the plunge and had time off so I could be part of it. If I'm still working in 2006 I'll do it again!

The vehicle driven by David Reid was restored by him about 6 years ago for George Saunders of Collie. This phaeton (CO 1928) is for sale and may be viewed by contacting David on [REDACTED] George is asking \$18,000.

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## VISIT TO THE KALAMUNDA HISTORIC VILLAGE

Sunday 31st October, 1999

Fifteen Model A-s and a few moderns assembled at the Causeway for a 10.30am departure, under the strict supervision of Max.

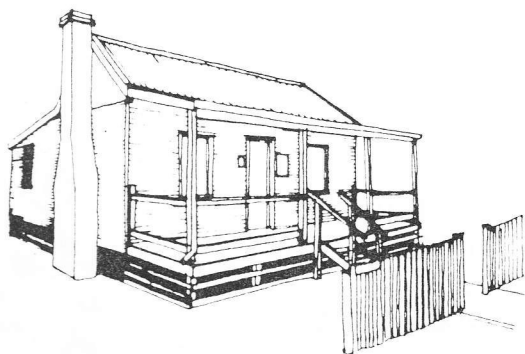
After approaching the 'new' East Perth via a road between the WACA, Gloucester Park and Trinity College, we proceeded to Sandy Beach Reserve, Bassendean for a tea/coffee break. Then we were back in our A-s and others for a meandering up hill and down dale trip, (which ran parallel to Gt Eastern Highway) to the back of Mundaring, past Mundaring Weir where some checked the water level, and on to Kalamunda.

We arrived at the Kalamunda Historic Village where we were met by the President of the village. Some members (who could not navigate, or were my instructions amiss?) arrived before us together with some who came directly to the destination.

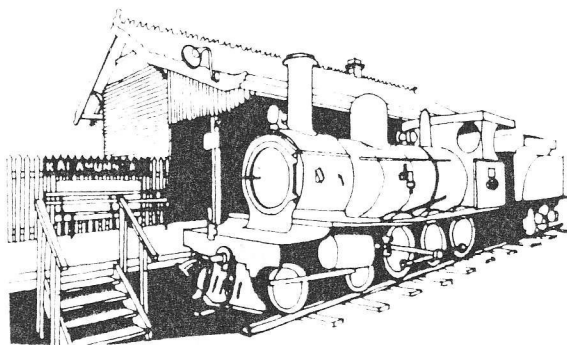
The meeting was held under a large gum tree. President David welcomed members and Coral's guest Nell Bond and Ross & Alma's guests Merleane & Jim Nevendorf from Queensland. It must have been great for them to see our west from the dicky seat of a Model A.

After the meeting and lunch we were free to wander around the village to view the old school room, railway station, post office and federation houses. The weather was perfect and it was great to see such a wonderful attendance.

*Shirley & John Hall*



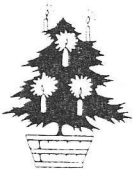
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### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

PLACE: RAAF ASSOCIATION, BULLCREEK

TIME: 12 NOON

PRICE: \$23 PER PERSON



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR CELEBRATORY LUNCH ON SUNDAY, 5TH DECEMBER.

ENJOY THE COMPANY AND FRIENDSHIP OF YOUR FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS  
SEE YOU THERE!



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### 20TH ANNIVERSARY PICNIC



PLACE: MANNERS HILL PARK, PEPPERMINT GROVE  
CNR KEANE AND LILLA STREETS

TIME: 10AM - 2PM

PRICE: FREE!!

PLEASE BRING A PICNIC LUNCH AND YOUR FAMILY ON THE 30TH JANUARY, 2000  
COME AND HELP US CELEBRATE TWENTY YEARS OF THE MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB OF WA.  
CATCH UP WITH PAST AND PRESENT CLUB MEMBERS.  
WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO BRING YOUR MODEL A.

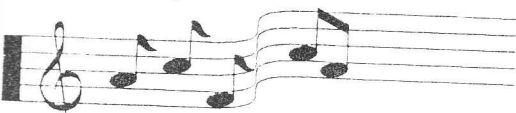
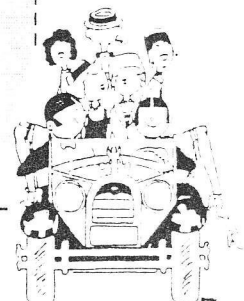
### ROCK AND ROLL NITE

PLACE: LOT 68, POLLARD CROSS, CARDUP

TIME: 7PM - LATE

PRICE: \$12 PER PERSON

A GREAT NIGHT OUT FOR ALL THE FAMILY & FRIENDS ON SATURDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 2000  
LIVE MUSIC, SUPPER PROVIDED, SOFT DRINKS FOR SALE.  
CAMPING AREA AVAILABLE FOR THOSE CLUB MEMBERS WHO WANT TO STAY OVERNIGHT.  
FUNDRAISER FOR THE GROUP ATTENDING WODONGA



## CLUB MEMBER PROFILES

*As I mentioned in the Club Member Profile about Tom and Georgina Hart of Ongerup, it is a different proposition collecting information about people who live out of the metropolitan area. I visited city members while preparing their stories, and found clues to their lives apart from cars and the club. While I have met Laurel and Mike Cooke (and Jordan too!) most of this information has come from letters and phone calls. As in previous Club Member Profiles, I have included some personal comments in italics and in brackets.*

*Pat Bussard*

**Names:** Michael and Laurel Cooke

**Date of Joining or First meeting attended:** Inaugural members at first meet. *(They also attended the planning meetings, one of which was held at the home of Max and Dora Annear. There is no membership application form from the Cookes for the early years, al though they were issued with Receipt #3 from the first receipt book when Michael was Secretary/Treasurer.)*

**How did you become involved with the Model A Restorers Club of Western Australia (Inc.)?** Ian Irwin of MARC Australia approached Michael and Laurel at the MARC Canberra rally at Easter 1978, suggesting that a Western Australian branch be formed. It took another two years of planning with Bill and Dorothy Bennie and some others to get the WA branch up and running in July 1980.

**Positions held in club:** with dates: Both have been President or Secretary/Treasurer at various times. *(Michael was the Secretary/Treasurer for the first two years and was succeeded by Laurel, from the documents I have viewed. Laurel was President at the time of the highly successful 12th National MARC Meet in Perth 1992.)*

**National and International Meets attended:** 1978 Canberra, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Model A Ford; 1982 Echuca, VIC; 1984 Kiama, NSW; 1986 Adelaide, SA; 1990 Cleveland, QLD; and 1992 Perth, WA.

**Memorable club events or runs or Highlights:** The first long weekend away trip for the Model A Restorers Club of WA was to Hyden when they expected three vehicles but about 13 turned up. The long trip to Kiama in New South Wales when their son Jordan was 4 months old. It was his first rally. Driving across the Nullarbor with other club members in their Model As to the rally in Adelaide. The 1990 trip to Brisbane with Bevan and Helen Sharp, when they trailered their vehicles and got caught for a few days in the Ningham floods. Lots of away and home runs with the club, all of them with great memories.

**Funniest memories:** The underdone dinners on the first manifold run. The "Something you no longer want" gifts at the first Christmas party when strange items appeared with no one admitting who brought what. Laurel still has her red backed spider in the vegemite jar - does anyone want to own up after all these years?

**Family and personal history:** Laurel's lot is a real mixture. Poll tax returns of 1379 show Stirk descendants to be found in the Yorkshire area. They are also listed in the "Flodden Field Roll" relating to the 1513 battle of that name fought between the English and Scots in Northumberland. Her great-grandparents came from Northumberland, after a three month journey on the Barque Daylight, arriving in Fremantle on August 27, 1876. Early in 1881 the family acquired a bush block at Kalamunda (called at that time Stirk's Landing) in the larger district of Gooseberry Hill. Their block involved all of what is now Stirk Park and a large portion towards the current town centre and down the hill towards Perth. Laurel's other great-grandparents arrived in Queensland from Scotland and Germany, moving to WA during the gold rush at Kalgoorlie. Laurel is a third generation Australian.

Michael is much less complicated, with his father's side originating from Ireland, and his grandmother from London. His mother is a descendant of Scandinavians who sailed to the Orkney Islands (off Scotland), then moved onto the mainland. His father worked for Claude Neon. Michael is a second generation Australian.

Michael and Laurel married in 1966 and travelled around Australia until 1968, doing a variety of jobs which included spray painting Holdens on the Dandenong assembly line. They returned to Perth and

built a new house in Hammersley in early 1969 but decided domestic life was not for them as yet. They went overseas to South Africa, Mozambique, and Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) for one year. The next two or three years were spent in England where they worked for the Australian Government and Chrysler Corp with trips to European cities and Morocco, North Africa. Three years in Calgary, Alberta, Canada followed, where Laurel work for an oil company and Mike as a painting contractor. During trips around Canada and into the United States they collected many Model A parts before returning to Perth via the UK, Europe, Istanbul and Africa in late 1976. They lived briefly in their Hammersley house while they built a new home in Kingsley – and restored the Phaeton for the 1978 trip to Canberra. From 1978 to 1984 they made various trips back to Canada and the USA, and took a three month trip around the world with Jordan. During this time, Mike also restored the Tudor sedan. He later purchased a 1966 Ford Mustang and restored it to mint condition. The Mustang was sold just prior to their move to Busselton in 1996.

Michael, Laurel and Jordan are now happily residing in beautiful Busselton. Michael is still busy with his painting work. They are working steadily on renovating their current house. Jordan is almost 6 ft tall. He turned 15 last December and is in year 11 at Busselton Senior High School. He is a good average student when he puts his mind to it, but according to Laurel, is too sociable. She wonders if he could take after her? Laurel still keeps the home front in order with TLC, but has also completed a computer course at TAFE, which apparently sent the teacher grabbing for the Valium. When Jordan has finished school and time is not a factor, Laurel and Mike will travel again.

**What music do you listen to?** Most types of music except for heavy metal, opera and the real yokel type country stuff.

**The most memorable concert(s) you have attended to date:** Dr Hook in the early 80s was a real "feel good" show. They say the Neil Diamond concert in early 1999 was beautiful and they had a great time at Burswood.

**Other interests:** Michael enjoys travelling and reading. He is relaxing for now with NO projects that are pressing. Laurel is into gardening, photography, crosswords, travel and a million other things. Jordan likes video games, USA sports, ice hockey and football.

**About your cars:** Michael and Laurel do not have any Model A vehicles at present. They owned two during the early years of club membership.

#1: Model: 1928 Phaeton Colour: Green.

The Phaeton was purchased by Laurel's uncle from one of his farm hands when it was about 6 years old. It was purchased by Laurel and Mike in 1975 and completed for the Rally in Canberra to celebrate 50 years of Model A-s in 1978. It was sold to a chap in Singapore who had a large collection of vehicles, and he shipped it to Malaysia. The story of its acquisition and restoration is told in Model A from the West, from Model A News Vol. 9 No. 6 Oct – Nov 1978, published by MARC Australia, which will be included in a later newsletter

#2: Model: 1928 Tudor Colour: Blue, then painted the original green/black.

The Tudor was purchased March 1982 from a New Zealand couple who had bought the car in Auckland, NZ and shipped it to Australia, and completed in 1984. The car was complete but needed redoing so Mike stripped it down and did a full restoration. He got parts from the USA but the upholstery and engine work were done locally. Laurel was happy to have glass windows, but Mike preferred the Phaeton. The Tudor was sold to Barry and Joy Fowler of Coorow after the Cookes moved to Busselton.

**Other restorations:** 1966 Ford Mustang

**Membership of other clubs:** Veteran Car Club of WA (Vintage Section) 1976 - 1986.

**Current projects:** No car restorations at present as they sold both Model A-s. At present Michael and Laurel keep busy with the restoration of their house, saying there is no time or money for anything else!

**Suggestions for newer members:** Attend meetings, whether in your Model A or a modern vehicle. Enjoy the company. Ask questions. Get involved in the running of the club as it is very rewarding.



# Notebook

**BIRTHDAYS for November: Birthstone: Topaz; Flower: Chrysanthemum**

Denise Brown, Ann Byers, Geoff Ingram, Lindy Ingram, Peter Jordan, Alma Letch & Byron Miles. Birthday wishes to you all.

**JOHN LAURIE:** For those of you are unaware, John was involved in a farming accident on his property. He was originally admitted to Royal Perth Hospital, but I believe he was to be moved to Shenton Park. Anyone wishing to visit John, please contact Pat first. The club sends its speedy recovery wishes to John & friendship and support to Pat.

**BEST WISHES ALSO:** to Fran Timmings who is on the mend from a recent operation.

**CLUB MEMBER PROFILES:** I am again approaching members of long standing to provide personal information for future newsletters. If you are working on your forms, I would appreciate receiving them by Christmas, as I will have some time in January to keep the project going. Most members feel that their stories are not particularly spectacular and are hesitant to write about themselves. I have received positive comments expressing interest in, and appreciation of, the shared personal experiences and details which have been included in profiles thus far. Thanks for your continuing support. *Pat Bussard*

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** This is the last reminder before our Christmas Lunch on 5th December. Yes!! The festive season is just around the corner so PLEASE ACT NOW and send me your money if you intend coming to the Christmas Lunch. *Dora.*

**RALLYWEST:** Our roving reporter Pat Bussard has written a comprehensive report about the enjoyable time had by those members who attended the rally. The article is included in this newsletter. It was great to see so many people attending - club members and other owners/drivers.

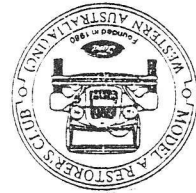
**WODONGA:** A highly successful bring and buy was run by volunteers and netted \$468 for our travelling funds. The next bring and buy is probably going to be the 12th December and we will be looking for more donations of saleable items. Please contact Peter Sartori or Ray Mahony if you have items to sell. For those who weren't at the club meeting at the 31st of October, a deposit of \$70 per person for the train and \$30 per couple for accommodation booked at Mildura is required by the 1st of December. The balance of payment for the train is due 14th February. But **DON'T PANIC**. A get-together at the end of November will be organised to take place at Frank's house. We will discuss any issues then and collect monies.

**GOT A FEW FRIENDS?** Good, 'cos we want them. Why? We need their money! And company. Well, that's secondary, but please invite them to our Rock & Roll Nite to be held at Barrie & Gwen's place on Saturday, 26th February. For a measly \$12 per head (but feel free to bring the rest of your body!), you can have a great night out with us. What more could you want?

**IF YOU'VE GOT THIS FAR ...** you'll probably realise that this notebook is the place to look for the latest info, so stayed tuned ....



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## WESTERN MODEL A NEWS

### Cars who attended RallyWest '99 - stats compiled by Alan Smith

Amilcar - 1	Humber - 2
Armstrong Siddeley - 1	Hupmobile - 2
Austin - 3	Hudson - 1
Bean - 1	Lancia - 1
Bentley - 4	LaSalle - 1
Buick - 7	Maxwell - 2
Cadillac - 1	Morris - 1
Chevrolet - 10	Mors - 1
Chrysler - 4	Napier - 1
Crossley - 1	Oakland - 3
DeDion Bouton - 1	Oldsmobile - 2
Desoto - 2	Overland - 3
Dodge - 7	Plymouth - 2
Erskine - 1	Pontiac - 2
Essex - 1	Reo - 1
Fiat - 1	Rolls Royce - 1
Flint - 1	Rover - 1
Ford A - 19	Singer - 2
Ford T - 9	Studebaker - 4
Fuller Buggy - 1	Vauxhall - 1
	Wolsley - 2

#### THE FIRST



#### Motor Car on a Public Road

... in Britain was a 2hp Benz Velo purchased by coffee dealer Henry Hewetson of Catford in Mannheim for £80, and taken to England in November, 1894. For six weeks he drove the car around Catford without interference, but then was warned by an Inspector of Police that he would be prosecuted unless he complied with the provisions of the Locomotives on Highways Act 1865, including the requirement that the car should be preceded by a man on foot bearing a red flag. Hewetson secured the services of two youths, one of whom he employed to ride ahead of the car at some distance on a bicycle and give warning if he sighted a policeman. The other rode in the car, but dismounted on receiving a signal from the first boy, and proceeded to stroll leisurely in front of the vehicle holding aloft a derisory 2 sq.in. of red linen on a pencil until the law was safely out of sight.

Petrol-driven cars were built in England during 1895 by J.H. Knight, Herbert Austin, Frederick Lanchester and J.D. Roots. At the end of motoring's first year there were 15 petrol vehicles on the roads of Britain, a few steam and electric cars may have brought the total to 20. It is estimated that there were 700-800 cars in Britain by 1900, compared to 5,000 in France. Ten years later there were 9,000 private cars in the London area and 8,000 taxis, there were 88,265 private cars in the country. By 1930 there were over a million, and 10 million by 1967. BS •