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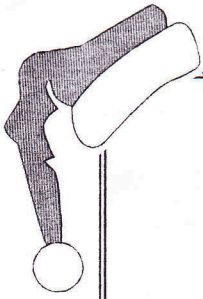


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SUNDAY, 30TH JANUARY, 2000
20th Anniversary of M.A.R.C. W.A.

PLEASE NOTE: Change of Date
Join past & present members for the
first meeting of the new millennium
at our favourite picnic spot,
MANNERS HILL PARK, PEPPERMINT GROVE.
Also proposed general meeting.

SUNDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY, 2000
General meeting and proposed car display
at Mandurah Forum.

Cars to be on display from 9am.
Meeting venue to be advised.
Contact David Bussard if you wish to participate.

SATURDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 2000
ROCK & ROLL NITE

See you there with your friends & family.
Enjoy a great night out.
Tickets from Peter or John

SUNDAY, 19TH MARCH, 2000
CCC CLASSIC CAR SHOW
Cars & organiser required.

SUNDAY, 2ND APRIL, 2000
Organised by Malcolm & Pauline Wood

SUNDAY, 16TH APRIL, 2000
SWAN BREWERY VARIETY CLUB BASH
Held in the grounds of the Swan Brewery
Support this great cause & fellow club member
by attending this 'bash' with your Model A.

THURSDAY 20TH - MONDAY 24TH APRIL, 2000
16TH NATIONAL MEET - WODONGA, VIC
Registration form and accommodation available from
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MINUTES OF MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB OF WA (INC)
GENERAL MEETING November 21st, 1999
Across from Parkerville Tavern



Meeting opened at: 1.30 pm by David Bussard.

Apologies and Attendance: as per attendance book.

Welcome visitors: Julie Richards.

Members were informed that John Laurie continues to improve though he will be in Shenton Park Rehabilitation Centre for several weeks. Best wishes to John.

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

Business arising: 1) Car display at Mandurah Forum on 20/2/2000. Names of members willing to display their cars were listed. Following discussion about the number of events in February and March, M. Annear moved that this be the February club run, in lieu of the breakfast at Ley Street. This was seconded by F. Farrelly. Carried. Further details will be provided about activities while the cars are on display. 2) A Certificate of Merit from 6PR for the donation to a Special Children's Christmas party on Dec 5th was passed around.

Financial Report:

Opening balance 12807.63 on 31/10/99

Receipts 626.00

Payments 394.18

Closing balance 13039.45 on 20/11/99

Moved D. Annear and seconded J. Berkshire the financial report be accepted. Carried.

Correspondence in: Letter and flier re Morey's Power Booster Kit; letter re Big Al's Poker Run Feb 12 2000; flier from Image Data about button badges for fund raising; letter from BankWest re Express Commercial Deposit Service, letter and flier from Peet and Co. Willetton concerning a property for sale, flier and form from CCC re Marlow's Classic Car Show 19 March 2000; Certificate of Merit from 6PR Special Children's Xmas Party.

Correspondence out: card to John Laurie, cheque to 6PR special Children's Xmas Party, newsletters and membership forms to Richard Turpin, George Goodchild and Frank Cocks who participated in Rally West J. Hall moved that the Correspondence in be received and the Correspondence out be endorsed. F. Farrelly seconded the motion.

General business:

Marlow's Classic Car Show: To be held March 19th 2000. We decided to participate, with approximately six cars. The theme and presentation will be decided at the January meeting. Volunteers to organise our club display are urgently required. Please consider.

Christmas Lunch: As of today, 50 people will attend, with more possible.

Wodonga Fundraising Committee: There will be another swap meet on Dec 12th, but more items are required for selling. A stall will be held at Winthrop Shopping Centre on Dec 18th. Contributions are required. They can be delivered to F. Farrelly (north of river) or C. Davidson (south of river) by 7.00 am on the day. There will be a one day raffle of a donated teddy bear. Those going to Wodonga will meet at F. Farrelly's home on Nov 28th at 2.00 pm. A letter has been provided to F. Farrelly for Ad-rad for their generous donation of \$220.

Membership subscriptions and vehicle update forms: will be posted with December newsletter.

20th Anniversary Celebrations: Invitations were handed to members and will be posted to all members not present, and former members. Button badges will be investigated by the committee.

Badges and Tshirts: Orders are being taken for yellow Tshirts embroidered with the club insignia. Badges will not be ordered until January.

Finances: Accounts were presented for toner, paper and envelopes. Australia Post cheque for the December newsletter. F. Farrelly moved and T. Halden seconded that these be processed. Carried.

Library: Book 6 of "How to Restore your Model A" has not arrived, and there has been no Restorer magazine since July/August. David gave details of the MAFCA website.

Coming Events: Christmas lunch December 5th. Bring and Buy December 12th. Stall at Winthrop Shopping Centre December 18th. Anniversary celebration and January general meeting at Manners Hill Park, January 30th 10 am - 2 pm. Mandurah Forum car display and general meeting February 20th. Rock and Roll Nite February 26th. CCC Marlow's Classic Car Show Mar 19th. Mar/Apr run April 2nd organised by P. & M. Woods. Swan Brewery Variety Club Bash April 16th. 16th National MARC Meet Wodonga April 20th - 24th.

Bits and Pieces: nil.

Thanks from David to Tim Halden for a very different but enjoyable run along a well selected route. All applauded.

Meeting closed: 2.30 pm.



BENDIGO NATIONAL SWAP MEET
13TH-14TH NOVEMBER, 1999



Whilst the Bendigo Swap Meet may be well known to many, for the writer it was my first time and it certainly lived up to its reputation and my expectations.

Once again our Steve Read made his annual visit to Bendigo to find, sell and buy Model A parts together with the promotion of his Dent Pulling device for the repair of car body panels. My part was to accompany Steve and generally assist or annoy as appropriate at the time.

After some three days and nights we arrived in Bendigo to meet up with the Bennett family. One of the highlights of the trip over was a visit to the Birdwood Motor Museum in SA. As we were a day ahead of schedule some time was spent visiting the many sites around the attractive city of Bendigo including Bendigo Pottery and Gold Mining attractions. On the day before the swap meet Model A owners and other enthusiasts arrived from Queensland and Melbourne to stay at the Bennett's residence.

Early, and I mean early, on the Saturday morning it was down to the serious business at the Bendigo Swap Meet. This event is organised by the Veteran, Vintage and Classic Club of Bendigo. The total number of stalls was 1664 sites with some 77 indoor locations and 1587 outdoor. Every available square metre of the Bendigo Showground was covered with sellers or displays. Included in the displays were Veteran and Vintage cars, Motorcycles, Toy Pedal Cars, and tin plate collector cars, etc, etc. Many suppliers of parts such as Henry's Model T & A, Antique Tyre Suppliers, Early Time Ford Parts had extensive stalls with a wide range of goods.

I understand from various comments that Model A parts were not as plentiful as in the past, however, some good finds included carburettors, speedos and various body parts. The range of parts and collectables covered every available interest. It would be impossible to say that every item was inspected due to the sheer volume of parts, appliances and collectables. There is no doubt that most parts required would be there somewhere. I managed to find two 1930 Lucas fender lamps to finish making indicator lights for my Model A. To illustrate the range of interest, I saw one collector with the frame, seat and back wheel from a penny farthing cycle, obviously searching for the necessary front wheel.

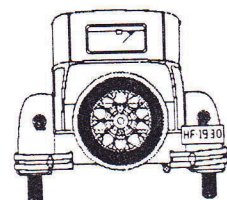
On the Saturday evening Steve attended a Delegates Meeting of the Model A Restorers' Clubs with representatives from the other States. I tagged along as an observer. It was interesting to hear the topics discussed in relation to our Model A organisation. That night some 60 people joined the Bennetts at their home for a barbeque and talk feast, mainly about old cars.

By about 2.00pm on the Sunday it was time to start packing up and clearing the ground. I heard one stall owner say, "Well, tonight I will be thinking I have to wait a long twelve months for the next Bendigo Swap Meet!"

We left Bendigo on the Monday morning for Melbourne to deliver Model A parts and meet up with more Model A friends for an overnight stay. Then over to Adelaide to catch up with yet another Model A enthusiast. Wednesday morning saw us heading west for Perth with a trailer loaded with Model A bits but somewhat lighter in load than it was on the trip east.

It was a great trip with lots of laughs and interesting people to meet along with some excellent Model A restorations. I was also reminded that the speed limit with a trailer (up to 750 kg) is 100km/hr in WA. My thanks to Steve Read for the opportunity to visit Bendigo and meet up with so many interesting people.

John Moorehead



Notebook

BIRTHDAYS for December: Birthstone: Turquoise; Flower: Narcissus

Des Addison, David Blewett, Judy Calleja, Neil Cameron, Jordan Cooke, Jeannine Klaeger, David Lucas, John Moorehead, Kath Pepper, Alex Polley, Melissa Read, Merv Ward & Nina Williams. Many happy returns of the day!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Mavis Spencer's new address is [REDACTED] Margaret River, WA 6285.

Phil & Sylvia Wemm have moved to [REDACTED] Kelmscott 6111. Phone [REDACTED] Please alter in your club registers.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & CAR DETAILS FORM: is included in this newsletter. Please post your money and form or give to Pat at the January meeting. Thanks.

CLUB T-SHIRTS & NAME BADGES are now being ordered. Details required by the 30th December in time for our Anniversary picnic in January.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH: was delicious!

WODONGA: A raffle & cake stall will be held on the 18th December at Winthrop Shopping Centre to help our club representatives. Deposits for the train & some accommodation has been paid, BUT if there is anyone out there that would like to join us, we can still fit you in. Go on - join us! We're gonna have a good time.

★ Toni & Ray Mahony have offered to host our next get-together the first weekend in February. That's **Sunday, 6th February**. The balance of your train fare will be required. If you are sending cheques please make them payable to Great Southern Railways.

A LETTER IN THE POST: The following correspondence was received from the Denmark Agricultural College, dated 29/11/99.

Dear Model A Club Members, On behalf of the year eleven students involved in the restoration of our utility, I would like to thank Mrs Read for the technical information and Mr Dalby for the spare parts he has kindly donated. Although progress has been slow due to other commitments and moving to new college buildings, the vehicle has been totally dismantled and bonnet repairs are well under way. We are also working on the front axle and the differential. Our next task is to seek financial sponsorship. The photo images are of the vehicle as picked up. We will try to send more as we progress. *Kelly-Jean Hunter.*

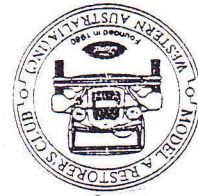
Keep up the good work and don't hesitate to get in touch if you need help with anything, that's what the club is all about.....*Louise. (The scanned photos are on hand if anyone wishes to see them, one shot is atypical of menfolk standing around the vehicle deep in discussion.)*



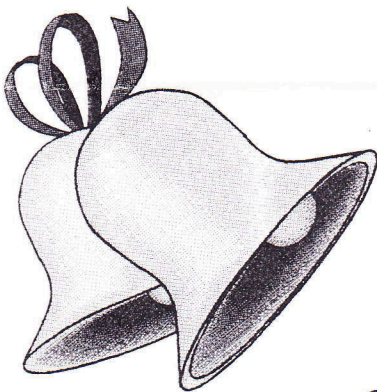


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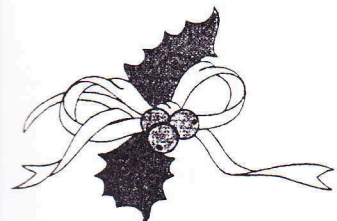
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MODEL A FROM THE WEST

By LAUREL & MIKE COOKE

Many years earlier we had seen the old Phaeton in a shed on a relative's property near Koorda, W.A. but it was not until early 1966 that we enquired about it and were told we could have it. As we were shortly leaving on a working holiday out of W.A. we arranged to leave it where it was in the shed. Upon our return two years later we were informed by Laurel's uncle that his daughter wanted the car to have done up and later use for her wedding. There went our great Antique dream.

In 1969 we left for overseas and it was not until 1974 while living in Canada that we heard anything more of the old car and this news was bad. The relatives were retiring from the property and everything was being auctioned, including the old Ford. Of course this news created no end of panic, a large phone bill and sleepless nights but all to no avail as our relatives thought we were crazy 'to want such a bucket of bolts' and refused to bid for it for us. We were prepared to bid higher than anyone else (oh for those Canadian pay packets these days). Well, the car did not reach the price required so Roseanne decided again to keep it and get it restored. Once more we were deflated.

While back in Perth on holidays in 1975 and at a family gathering, conversation casually mentioned that the 'old bomb' was being advertised for sale the next weekend. What! whose bomb, 'the' bomb, alarms began to ring. So much for the party, off we went to take a look at the car and when that Roll-a-door went up—there she was in all her glory—faded lime green hand painted body, dark blue '32 wheels with tires split but still inflated, black guards caked underneath with thick red mud of years gone by, international headlights, tattered seats and a chaff bag roof over sagging hood bows—what a beautiful sight! That was that, we had to have her and to cut a long story short, obtained the car for \$160.00. Thank heavens for stubborn relatives way back in 1974 as the bidding went to \$700.00!

With only two weeks of holidays left, one to be spent away from Perth, we barely had time to buy a large garden shed, have it erected and then drove the car in. We took a lot of photos to help in buying needed parts for later restoration.

During the next 18 months in Canada we purchased many new parts from the various U.S.A. parts houses, had them sent freight free to friends in Montana, then would drive down for the weekend and collect them. We also collected original items such as horn, headlights and spare glasses, electrolock and gas tank filters while on various holidays in the States.

In October 1976 we again returned to Perth; this time to settle but it was almost the end of November before disassembling began on the car. Then came February 1977 and a spanner in the works—nightschool three nights a week, assignments the other nights and most of the weekend, so the work on the car more or less came to a standstill until after exams in July, then it was full bore ahead once more. By Christmas work had progressed really well and after all those hours spent disassembling, stripping, renewing, farming out, painting and assembling, there in the back yard stood our pride and joy—painted chassis, still with '32 wheels, motor (hot wired but running) and steering column minus steering wheel. In another corner on stands stood the body in grey undercoat. Woodwork was complete thanks to my brother and other items had been sandblasted and were ready for painting. Then another problem arose as we sold our house and had to move out in January 15, 1978. We had to move the three million and one bits to where we were staying while our new house was being built—what a task!

Painting now needed to be done and with nowhere else available, all that was left was the middle of the lawn in the back yard in temperatures of up to 40°C. Relief from the sun arrived in the form of a huge ex PMG tent kindly lent by a friend and then things seemed to progress a little faster with the help of Ted Gibson from Queensland and quite a few ice cold refreshments! Ted turned up faithfully for the next few weekends and the finished paint job was much better than either of us (or anyone else for that matter) had hoped under the conditions.

Upholstery was the next item and it was done by professionals; Crawfords who have been upholstering antique vehicles long before they became antique. The rear window frame had not arrived from the States so the old tatty one was doctored up and used—three days later the replacement arrived.

With only about two weeks to go (including travelling time) before the Anniversary Meet in Canberra the panic stations were in full force—so many jobs to do and so little time left as I was far too busy at work to take time off to spend on the A. Another friend, Kelvin Pepper came to the rescue and did the wiring during evenings and we worked way past midnight many nights frantically trying to get all the bits and pieces finished. Then another problem—the hire company advised that we could not take the hired trailer out of the State. However, after a couple of phone calls with our story of woe a soft shoulder was found and a brand new trailer made and licensed for us in two days.

Next came the licensing of the A and again Kelvin came to the rescue as I could not take time off work. As he is a real enthusiast with a yard full of old Fords it was not an unpleasant task for him to get it licensed for us.

The planned departure day for the Meet came and went while I frantically tried to finish a painting contract. Then all was in order, or as much in order as it was going to be, so the new departure time was set for 4.30 a.m. Sunday, March 19th. The time arrived, all was packed, car on trailer, passengers in Cortina, ignition on, silence! Couldn't believe it—a flat battery. Pushing a Cortina full of travelling gear and car trailer complete with one tonne car down the drive is no easy job at 4.30 in the morning. However, jumper leads solved the problem and off we went, wondering what our fate would be regarding the battery. (No further problems).

It was a long haul to our first stop that night at Ballidonia Homestead on the Nullabor. Then another long day to Nullabor Homestead, S.A. The Cortina cruised along at 80/90km and the only real hazards were the many semis that almost blew the A's roof off each time they thundered by. We had decided to take the shortest route to Mildura which was via Jamestown, Clare etc. in S.A. but unknown to us and too late as well, the highway took us through Horricks Pass, a narrow rough little passage. Cortina and trailer bottomed all the way and the corners were much too sharp for safe travelling. Also we were now driving in heavy mist and rain and were so tired when we stopped at Clare that Tuesday night. After Wednesday's run we arrived at Narrandera, N.S.W. in heavy rain and partly flooded roads. It was then an easy drive Thursday morning down to Canberra and we pulled into the Carotel Park just before lunch along with quite a few other A's.

The Anniversary Meet, as those who attended well know, is something to be remembered for years to come and for us there couldn't have been a nicer way to celebrate the restoration of our very own A.

TIM'S TREASURE TREK
21st November, 1999

Tim suggested this would be a mystery tour, well your editor sure made it one to begin with. Who ever heard of Burke spelt with an 'o'? Apologies to those who didn't attend because they couldn't find the street in the directory. It was an interesting start with the organiser, who lives the closest to the starting point, being the last to arrive and our able secretary directing him into where we were, not where we should have been. Confusion seemed to be the order of the day, but club members were determined to enjoy themselves. Having printed numbers one to twenty and folded them in half, Tim then handed around the numbers to each driver and then provided a second set of numbers to be drawn by the first lucky player to start the search. Pat & David drew number four and were directed across the road to where the fun began. Clues were set in rhyme and although the rest of us were not privy to the actual words it was quite amusing to watch from afar the foraging of our president and secretary. The essential note found they returned to the vehicles and we were on our way, following a set of directions which were clearly marked.

Our next stop was lakeside in one of the more affluent suburbs, Churchlands. Malcolm & Pauline were the players for number seven. Malcolm ended up around the other side of the lake, with all and sundry calling out their encouragement from across the water. He was a little worn out by the time he had returned. Back into the cars and off towards the ocean. It was a magic day and the drive along the coast was terrific. Turning landwards once more we ended up at a park in Carine. Jack & Mavis, drawing number one, were the next lucky players. Apparently a dog had left a message for them! After obtaining the lucky envelope, Jack declared that the \$50 note was not a bad prize. I think he was tricking.

We left the park and continued along Beach Road, through the suburbs until we found Toodyay Road, and finally Roland Road, Gidgegannup. Bill & Val, car number three, did some detecting to find their secret note. Val had sent a signal to a higher force to ask they not be picked, but it fell on deaf ears. Like a whirlwind, she didn't wait for Bill, making short work of her search.

It was then a return to the cars for the final leg of the journey. Roland Road, Owen Road and then into the park opposite the Parkerville Hotel. To quote the organiser " You should have known we would end up at a pub!" Here the last clue was handed over and the winner was presented with a beautifully framed photograph of a Model A ute. (Unfortunately the owner of the ute was absent, so his family had to take care of it.)

As to the rest of the treasure hunters, they were presented with.....we will never know.

Thanks to Tim for all the time and effort he put into the treasure hunt. It was a long run with an unusual twist, perfect weather and good company.

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CHRISTMAS CRACKERS - 5th December, 1999

What a beaut turnout of club members for our annual Christmas Lunch. Dora had once again found us a very nice venue, with fine food, great service and a lovely setting.

On arrival we parked ourselves in the bar area for a couple of pre-lunch drinks and general waffling. We were then ushered into the dining area where our President welcomed us.

The soup course was served at the table and then onto the main course buffet of traditional Christmas fare, meat, both hot and cold, roast vegetables and salad.

Next was sweets with a choice of cheesecake or plum pudding with custard. Some opted to go back for seconds. There was food aplenty.

Then came the chance for some great bargains in the way of an auction. Several items donated and sent from the US were put under the hammer to help fund attendees going to Wodonga. Peter was also selling raffle tickets for a hand-crafted teddy, generously made and donated by Kath Ward.

It was lovely to see Mike & Doreen Stathy joining us and also our regular country guests at Christmas time, Barry & Sylvia Bristow-Stagg and our other Christmas-time-only guest Kath Pepper.

