

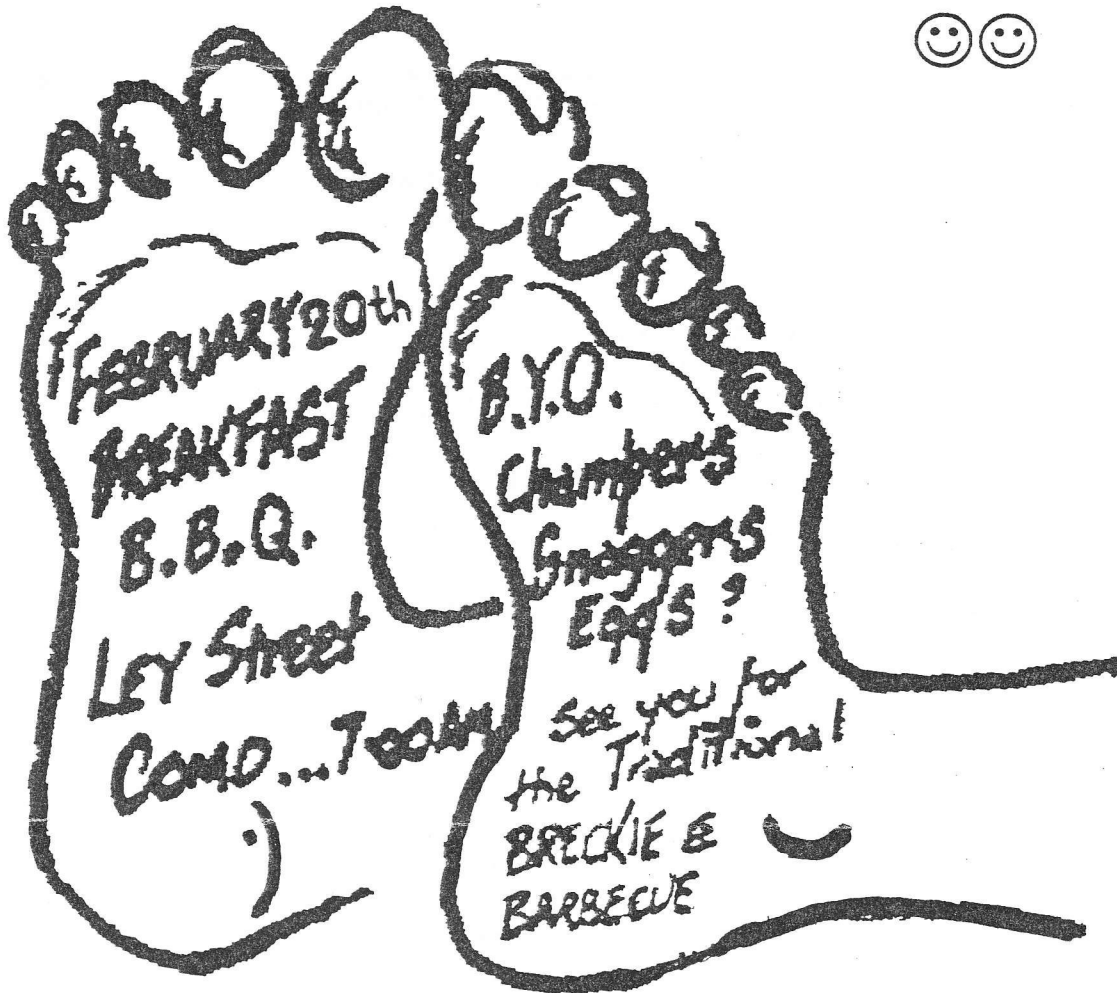
Western Model A News

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MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA, Inc

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SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!!



Next Run/Meeting: Breakfast Barbeque

Date: 20 Feb. Place: Ley St, Como Time: 7.00am

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SUNDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY, 2000

Breakfast barbeque & meeting at Ley St, Como
Time: 7 am Place: McDougall Park

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, 12TH MARCH, 2000

VAA Vintage Car & Bike Swap Meet
Bassendean Oval

SUNDAY, 19th MARCH, 2000

Organised by Malcolm & Pauline Wood

SATURDAY, 25TH MARCH, 2000

BROOKTON OLD TIME MOTOR SHOW
Secretary has details



SUNDAY, 2ND APRIL, 2000

Classic English Ford Car Club run
Phone secretary for further details

SUNDAY, 9TH APRIL, 2000

CCC CLASSIC CAR SHOW
Please note new date!
If you would like to participate
please contact Peter Gilberthorpe

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
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Model A Restorers Club of WA – January meeting, January 30th, 2000
Manners Hill Park – Celebrating the 20th Year of the Model A Restorers Club of WA (Inc)

Meeting opened at: 11.35. David thanked all present for their attendance.

Attendance and Apologies: as per attendance book. Also printed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Welcome visitors: Julie Richards, Ann Bondio, Lesley and John Smith, Annemarie, Melli and Emily McDonald.

Welcome to members at their first meeting: John Brown with his vehicle from New Zealand, Colin and Margaret Strahan from Koorda, Rex and May Wilson of Clackline, Peter and Daisy Jordan.

Members with newly finished vehicles, at first meeting: Gary Eva, Hans Hurij.

News of John Laurie: M. Annear reported that John is making good progress. He no longer needs crutches indoors.

Previous minutes: For November meeting, as per newsletter report. Moved T. Mahony that the minutes be accepted. Seconded by J. Timmings. Carried.

Business arising: The Mandurah Forum display has been cancelled and we will meet for the usual breakfast meeting at Ley Street, Como on February 20th. The date of Marlow's Classic Car Show has been changed from March 19th to April 9th. The meeting decided to have a run on March 19th, organised by M & P Wood. Peter Gilberthorpe will coordinate our presence at Marlow's Classic Car Show, so contact him today or by mid February if you can support your club by being in the display.

Financial Report: receipts and payments since 21/11/99

Opening balance	13039.45 on 21/11/99
Receipts	1198.30
Payments	1668.15
Closing balance	12569.60 on 29/01/00

Moved P. Gilberthorpe and seconded J. Moorehead that the financial report be accepted.

Correspondence in: flier about a university course in leisure management from University of Technology, Sydney; letter with menus; summer entertainment program; historic places to visit from Ravenswood Sanctuary (possible venue for a run); brochures about Brookton Old Time Motor Show 25th March 2000; letter from Ford Motor Company and brochures about The Ford Rally, the Homecoming to celebrate 75 years of Ford in Australia April 2nd; letter from Classic English Ford Club of WA inviting to participate in Ford Birthday Parade April 2nd 2000 and supporting letter from Reg Blewett; catering information from European Finesse; invite to visit Ascot Water playground; letter and scanned images from Denmark Agricultural College students; ad with aspirin from Magic Vinyl Repairs; Vintage on Avon program; flier from Avon Valley Vintage Vehicle Association re Swap Meet at Northam on 20th Feb 2000; CCC minutes of general meeting 20/12/99 and revised nomination form; letters of resignation from Ron Andrews and Chris and Susan Marti; letter from Victoria Hotel Motel in Toodyay offering facilities; Christmas cards from Maxine and Maurie Creedy SA and Mary Tribbett of MAFCA; note from John Laurie; email from Christy and Robert McLaughlin of Washington USA in response to letter of thanks for goodies auctioned at Christmas dinner; flier re All Ford Day Broadmeadows and Geelong, 31/3 – 2/4; letter from All Ford Day committee concerning AFD to be held Rockingham 29th October 2000; information from Real Estate agent JJ Burns re property for sale Lewis Road Forrestfield, eight car garage/workshop; invitation to participate in The Binningup Classic Car Show on April 9th; MAFCA Board of Directors meeting minutes and Chapter Coordinator newsletter; minutes of Delegates meeting of MARC in November; Heritage Vehicle Enthusiast Survey; flier about VAA Annual vintage Car and Bike Swap Meet 12th March; flier from Ace Ford Club re Cruise night 19th February.

Business arising: Details from CCC minutes were read out. Fliers are on the table for perusal. David will attend the planning meeting for the All Ford Day in October. The heritage Vehicle Enthusiast Survey will be completed by the first winner of today's raffle (Merv Ward).

Correspondence out: form with club details and members directory to MAFCA; letter of thanks to Radiators Australia for \$100.00 donation through Frank Farrelly; DOT Form to Hans Hurij; letter of thanks to John Timmings' friends in Seattle for goodies auctioned at Christmas party. (Christy and Robert McLaughlin); membership form to John Timmings for above; query to Veteran Car club about account for use of hall/inspection bay in July.

B. Bennie suggested that Christy and Robert McLaughlin be nominated to be Friends of the Club for 12 months, during which time they receive a copy of the monthly newsletter. Moved B. Forbes and seconded P. Gilberthorpe. All in favour.

D. Annear moved that the Correspondence in be received and the Correspondence out be endorsed. R. Mahony seconded the motion.

General business: *Wodonga Fundraising Committee:* Meeting Feb 6th at Mahony's. Final payment for train due. *Tickets to the Rock and Roll Nite* are available from Peter and John. Please sell some. *Membership:* 52 membership subscriptions have been paid. (34 metro, 18 country). *Vehicle Examination and Premises certification:* Inspection has taken place. We will book the VCC rooms for July. *CCC Report:* P. Gilberthorpe apologised for the change of date for Marlow's Classic Car Show. There is a meeting in February. *Finances:* Australia Post cheques for Jan and Feb Newsletters. Reimburse Louise for photo refills \$8.95. Pay for photocopier and badges. J. Timmings to be reimbursed for expenditure for today's celebration drinks and chocs. *Tshirts* of a slightly different yellow are to be ordered, with embroidered insignia. Moved by B. Bennie and

seconded F. Farrelly that these accounts be paid. All in favour. *Library*: Still no Book 6. *Other*: D. Annear reported it was nice to be told that people enjoyed the Christmas Lunch. S. Read: the story of his ute is in the January-February Restorer. B. Bennie reported that A. Calleja is very involved in the Denmark Agricultural college restoration project.

Bits and Pieces: Lionel Barendse has running gear available to club members. Rex Wilson wants a horn bell mouth. P. Gilberthorpe has a boot lid for a dickie seat. B. Bennie has a left hand drive bell housing.

Raffle: Six lucky people won bottles of wine in the free raffle. M. Ward also won the job of completing the survey from the Australian Historic Motoring Federation.

Respect: At the suggestion of B. Bennie all those in attendance stood at the end of the meeting to observe a minute of silence in memory of members no longer with the club: G. Davies, K. Davies, B. Spencer, T. Parin and E. Richards.

Meeting closed 12.30.

20th Anniversary Celebration and General Meeting
Manners Hill Park, Peppermint Grove
Sunday, 30th January 2000

Members Present:

John and Helen Moorehead
Gwen and Barrie Guest
May and Rex Wilson
Kath and Kelvin Pepper
Gary and Rosalie Eva
Shirley and John Hall
June and Alan Smith
John and Barbara Forbes
Jack and Mavis Berkshire
Steve, Louise and Melissa Read
Frank Farrelly
Chris, Judy, Nic and Mike Butler
Tim Halden
Lindsay Blacklock
Pauline and Malcolm Wood
Leanne and Caitlin Wringe
David and Pat Bussard

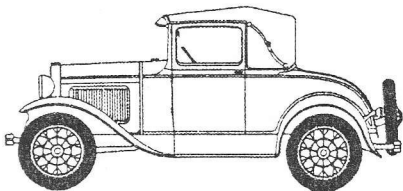
Kath and Merv Ward
Jeannette and Bob Hembrough
Colin and Margaret Strahan
Don Sutherland
Jim and Nina Williams
Bill and Dorothy Bennie
Ray and Toni Mahony
Max and Dora Annear
Peter and Lorraine Sartori
Peter and Daisy Jordan
Peter and Elaine Gilberthorpe
Fran and John Timmings
Bill and Val Cowlin
John Brown
Alan and Edith Jeffree
Lionel and Mavis Barendse
Glenda and Hans Hurij with
Kate, Kurt, Michaela

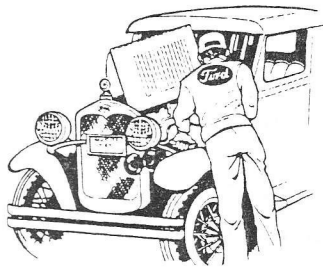
Visitors:

Ann Bondio
Lesley and John Smith
Annemarie, Kelly & Emily McDonald
Julie Richards

Apologies:

Coral and Reg Blewett
Pat and John Laurie
Colin Davidson
Margaret and John Teale
Ross and Alma Letch
Rita Parin
Chris Wringe
Darren and Germaine Jeffree
Maurie and Maxine Creedy





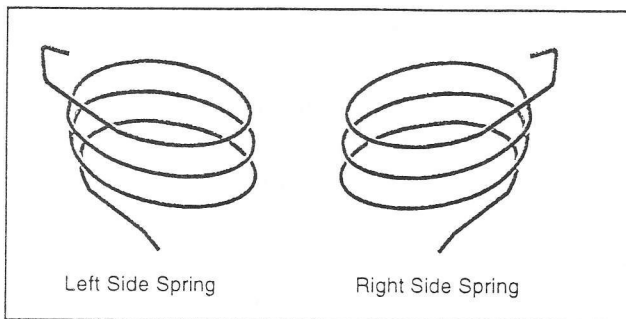
Service Hints

Les Andrews - Technical Director

Installing Emergency Brake Lever Spring

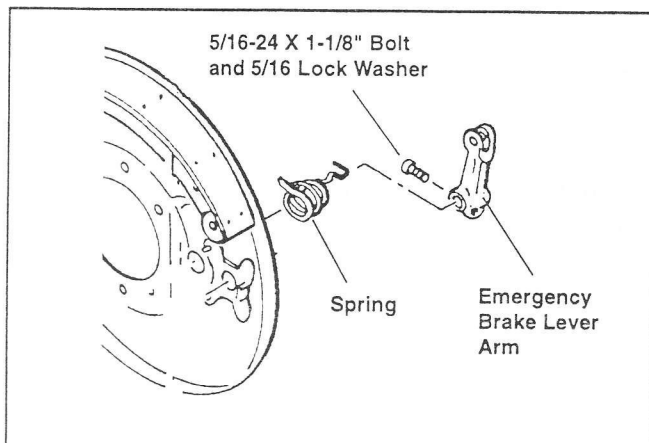
The emergency brake lever spring is used to retract the emergency brake bands. Without proper installation of this spring the emergency brake bands will not fully retract, causing the brake bands to drag during normal operation. And yet, this is one of the most ignored and over looked items on the Model A. The reason is probably due to the confusion as to how they are to be installed. Like anything else, it's a simple task if you know how to do it.

There is a left spring and a right spring so the first task is to determine which one goes on the right side and which one on the left side. One end of the spring has a hook that will hook around the emergency brake lever arm. The other end of the spring is straight with a slight bend, and will rest against the service brake actuating arm shaft. To determine if the spring is left hand or right hand, set the springs upright, on the flat end opposite the hook. Position the spring so the hook and straight end are facing you.

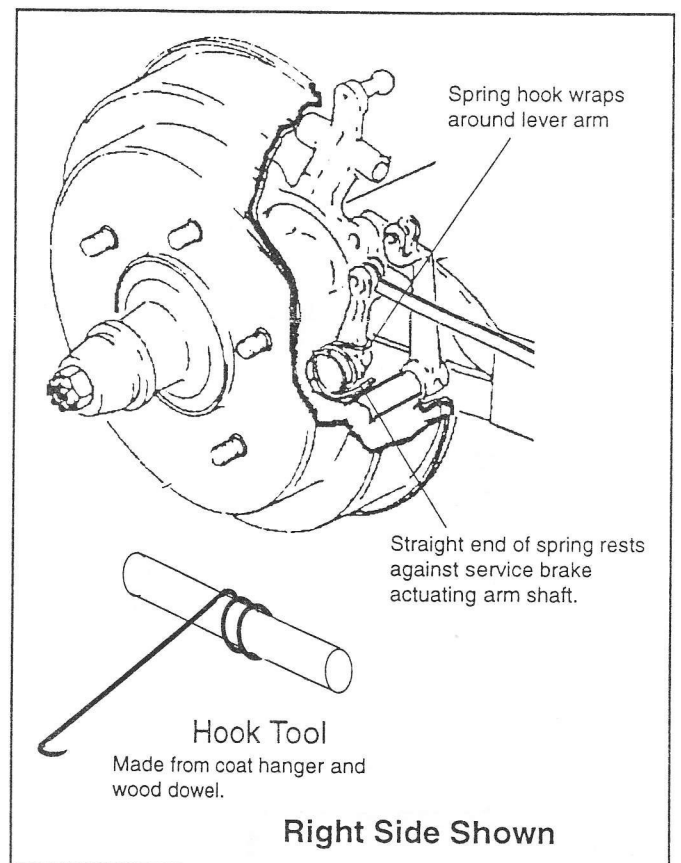


If the hook is on the left side, it is a left wound spring and goes on the left brake lever. If the hook is on the right side of the spring, it goes on the right brake lever. Install the springs as shown and described below.

1. Remove the clevis pin and brake rod from the emergency brake lever arm.
2. Remove the emergency brake lever arm bolt (1/2" wrench) and lock washer. Slide the lever off the toggle shaft. Retain the woodruff key.



3. Place the spring on the shaft, with the straight end of the spring on the backing plate side and sticking up from the bottom of the shaft.
4. Rest the straight end of the spring on the service brake arm shaft, just in front of the emergency brake arm shaft. The hook end of the spring should be at the lever arm end of the shaft, with the open end of the hook facing the rear of the car.
5. Insert a #5 woodruff key on the toggle shaft and slide on the lever arm (There is a left hand and right hand lever arm. Look for LH or RH cast into the side of the arm). Insert the 5/16-24 bolt and lock washer (1/2" wrench) and firmly tighten.
6. Using the hook tool, pull the hook on the spring up and over the shaft, toward the front of the car, far enough forward to allow it to hook around the emergency brake lever arm. The spring action will pull the lever arm to the rear of the car.



A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB OF WA

On the 22nd June, 2000 this interesting and family orientated club will have been in existence for a full twenty years. For those that originally started the sub branch of Western Australia, it must seem in some ways to have flown by. Unfortunately some of the inaugural members are no longer associated with the club, a few have passed away, and with the exception of two, the remainder we seldom see at club events. Of course circumstances change and people have personality clashes and life being what it is, interests wane.

Twelve families were present at the first meeting and elected a president and a secretary/treasurer. The annual subscription was set at \$5, plus being a branch of The Model A Restorers Club in Canberra (they forwarded money to get us started), an amount of \$12 would ensure the membership of the mother club. Everyone was encouraged to belong to both branches and I believe most did this.

At this stage the club members owned 17 Model A-s of which 7 were fully restored, equating to 41% ratio of restored to owned. The stats are probably about the same today.

The club was incorporated later in 1980 and by September that year there were 20 family memberships. The club has continued to grow with a few static times and a few boom years where a concentrated effort to recruit new memberships was encouraged.

The meetings were held at members' homes and while we now are guided by a monthly run that is organised by a volunteer, we generally still hold meetings in an informal atmosphere, whether it be in the park, at the venue where we are or in a club member's home. The inaugural run was held on Saturday, 2nd May, 1981, almost twelve months on from that first meeting. As part of our by-laws passed in 1990 it was decided to never cancel a run because of 'the weather' and to my knowledge we have stuck to that come rain, hail or shine.

At the AGM in August, 1982 we ceased to be a branch of the Canberra club and stepped away from their guiding hand, becoming a club in our own right, but still being affiliated with all other Model A Ford clubs in Australia.

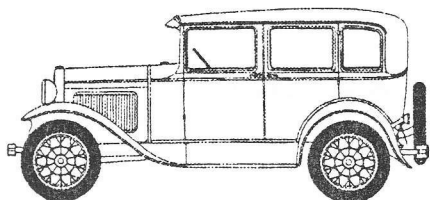
The seventh National Meet in 1982 was attended by representative members of the WA club, although there were attendees from the West in 1978 at Canberra before the club was formed. Our club hosted its first National Meet in 1992, ten years on from Echuca in 1982. Our next challenge is in 2004.

Lots of people have come into the club's life, stayed, made a difference, and then left. Others have visited briefly, never contributed and silently slipped away. On the other hand we have members who joined very early in the club's life strongly supported the club still do so and those who we have never seen, the only contact is that yearly subs cheque.

The idea behind the 20th Anniversary Picnic was to invite all those who had been a part of the Model A Restorers Club across the twenty years to a reunion, but despite all the hard work by Pat Bussard and some mighty detective work by Toni Mahony, we did not have one past member attend.

On the 30th January we gave a minute's silence to remember those deceased club members. To all past and current members we salute you and thank you for all the work that has contributed to make the Model A Restorers Club what it is today.

Louise



As part of the Centenary of Women's Suffrage (1899-1999) celebrations, the Fire and Emergency Services Authority of Western Australia (FESA) recognised women from each of the services; Fire & Rescue Service, Bush Fire Service and State Emergency Service for "Outstanding Contribution to Emergency Service".

Our own Sylvia Bristow-Stagg was nominated for the State Emergency Service Award. The following citation was given in support of Sylvia's nomination.



B RISTOW-STAGG *Sylvia* - Northam SES Unit

Sylvia Bristow-Stagg has been a member of the Northam SES Unit for more than 14 years. As Local Manager, Sylvia lead the unit through unsettled times in the early 1990s. Against all odds she inspired a sense of unity amongst both existing members and new recruits. Sylvia has lead numerous land searches as Operations Manager, performed as Operations Officer during floods, taken on the role of Operations Manager during severe storms, assisted in sea search operations as a Staff Officer, provided support as a Logistics Officer during bush fires, acted as a Communications Officer during SES emergencies and provided logistics support for the catering of food and water for emergency service colleagues. In addition, Sylvia has supported the Police Service with murder investigations and arson investigations. A Life Member of the SES Northam District, Sylvia has been an active member of a number of committees for many years, including the Local Emergency Management Committee and the SES Volunteer Consultative Committee where she represented volunteers at a State level. Sylvia was also instrumental in gaining support and procuring funds for the new Northam SES Unit headquarters, a mammoth project in itself.

"Sylvia is a well respected community leader and is held in the highest regard by all her peers. The Northam SES Unit consider Sylvia to be a professional, competent and caring member who deserves recognition for her tireless work." - Gordon Hall, on behalf himself and the members of the Northam SES Unit.



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Music starts, 7.30 pm

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Notebook

BIRTHDAYS for February: Birthstone: Amethyst; Flower: Violet

Jack Berkshire, Lindsay Blacklock, Sylvia Bristow-Stagg, John Brown, Lorraine Chamberlain, Mike Cooke, Val Cowlin, Alan Duns, Tom Eastough, Peter Gilberthorpe, Linda Kirkwood, Pat Laurie, Ian Paisley, Alan Smith & John Timmings.
Happy birthday!

SUBS: are now OVERDUE, please post them to Pat Bussard, [REDACTED] Baldivis, if you have not already paid them. Thanks for those received.

CLUB T-SHIRTS: we are having a few dramas with the shirts, but we'll keep you posted

WODONGA: We now have only 25 people & 14 cars going on the train, with a few unable to make the trip. We are booked into a caravan park in Nuriootpa, courtesy of friends of Barry & Sylvia Bristow-Stagg. The train fares are all paid for and arrival time for cars to be loaded should be no later than 8 o'clock as we depart at 10.30am. More info as it comes to hand.

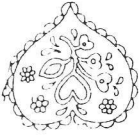
50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Best wishes to Alan & June Smith who celebrated this auspicious occasion on Friday, 28th January, 2000. I believe there was wedding cake being passed out at our anniversary picnic. Congratulations Alan & June.

COMMENTS, HOBBIES/INTERESTS: When Bevan Sharp was editor he designed a renewal sheet for subs and included an occupation section in the hope that if someone in the club needed help or direction there might be a member who had expertise in that field. So having done that I find it very interesting when this section is filled in with 'retired', my question would be, but retired from what? So apart from that I am highly amused by some of the comments in the hobbies/interests section - do some people have no interests or do they find filling in forms such a menial task? There have been some real unusual comments and some kind words. I can usually tell when the man has filled in the form - when he doesn't remember his wife's birthday, or gets it wrong! Some hobbies will not be reproduced in the register. The other section pertaining to the condition of the car is one to be interpreted by the expert. Is your car restored or unrestored? Answer - yes! Or details of car - same as last year.

Forms are sent to try us and in some cases they certainly do.

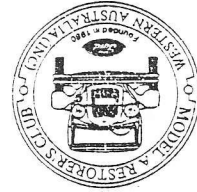
Louise

PICNIC THOUGHTS: It was lovely to see Colin & Margaret Strahan from Koorda and Rex & May Wilson from Clackline at our 20th Anniversary Picnic. These country folk made an effort to join us to celebrate and we greatly appreciated their company. According to David Bussard we had 26 vehicles in attendance, what a great turn out. Hans & Glenda Hurij's immaculate, black, newly restored '30 Tudor looks like a winner. Keep that polishing cloth handy Glenda!



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20th Anniversary Meeting

This year's "Picnic in the Park" was held in conjunction with the club's 20th Birthday celebrations on Sunday, 30th January.

As ever, Manners Hill Park was the perfect venue for our annual picnic, and the weather was fine and warm. A pleasing number of old and new members and their guests were in attendance, and a lot of old acquaintances were renewed. Some twenty six Model A-s arrived, and a similar number of moderns.

The club provided free cold drinks and chocolates for the event and some bottles of fine wine were shared by some lucky recipients. Our normal monthly meeting was held at about midday, followed by lunch and more chatter. Most left for home at about 2.00 pm and a good time was had by all.

John Timmings

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