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Reg & Coral Blewett
Rallying New Zealand Style
in their 1928 Chevrolet loan car

Next Run/Meeting: Sunday, 18th June, 2000 Place: Midland Gate, Midland
Time: 9.00am meet for 9.30 departure

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SUNDAY, 18th JUNE, 2000

organised by Peter Sartori

Meet at Midland Gate Shopping Centre, Brockman Road, Midland
9.00am for 9.30 departure. Drive to Northam
Lunch with Barry & Sylvia Bristow-Stagg BBQ available

SUNDAY, 23RD JULY, 2000

AGM & Vehicle Examination Day

Inspections from 10.00am.

Sausage sizzle for lunch. Meeting to start at 2.00pm
Please bring a plate of goodies to share for afternoon tea

AUGUST, 2000

organised by Jack & Mavis Berkshire

SEPTEMBER, 2000

organised by Greg & Jill Axford

OCTOBER, 2000

organised by Chris & Judy Butler

NOVEMBER, 2000

organised by Barrie & Gwen Guest



SUNDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 2000

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

to be held at the RAAF Association, Bullcreek
Co-ordinator: Dora Annear

EASTER 2001

5TH NATIONAL RALLY - WANGANUI, NZ

Co-ordinator for the Australian contingent planning to attend
this rally, including discount fares, etc is

Neville Jones, [REDACTED] Baulkam Hills, NSW 2153

Ph: [REDACTED]

Anyone interested in joining the party please contact Neville immediately

THURSDAY 26TH - SUNDAY 29TH APRIL, 2001

SHANNONS 2001 TOUR

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Australian Historic Motoring Federation.

Entry form & further information available from your secretary
or State Tour Co-ordinator, Andrew Wells Ph [REDACTED]

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Model A Restorers Club of WA – May meeting, May 28th, 2000
R.P.H. Rehabilitation Hospital Sports Ground.

Prior to the meeting, the raffle was drawn. Four spark plugs were won by Barrie Guest, who forgot that he had purchased tickets. Steve Read announced the contents of the women's and men's Feelie Boxes.

Meeting opened at 1.32 pm.

Attendance and Apologies: as per attendance book.

Welcome visitors: Willy Kacjutek, Ken Parsons, Liam Moore (new grandson of T. & R. Mahony)

Previous minutes: as per newsletter report. Moved P. Sartori that the minutes be accepted. Seconded by F. Farrelly. Carried.

New members: Evette and Harold McCashney of Geraldton. Craig Davidson and Daphne Pinakis of Kununurra.

Business arising: nil.

Financial Report: receipts and payments since 19/3/00

Opening balance	12145.55
Receipts	772.01
Payments	613.38
Closing balance	12304.18

Moved D. Annear and seconded P. Sartori that the financial report be accepted.

Correspondence in: Flyer from Avonlea Park Alpaca Stud in Avon Valley for possible run; Request from Lamunda History Village for cars Tues – Thurs, 3-5 October; Shannons insurance renewal; information on GST for the club; Shannons letter concerning death of Robert Shannon; MAFCA - minutes of board of directors meeting 5/2/00, Feb chapter coordinator newsletter; CCC minutes of general meeting 17/4. Motor Museum report – painting complete, attendance and sales down, request for volunteers. Car Show report, quiz night details, list of approved inspection stations and authorised vehicle examiners; brochure re Noalimba accommodation; information on application for community funding from Lotteries Commission; invitation to Breakfast with Brock on 10/5; newsletter from Famous Insurance brokers; Wyalkatchem Annual Vintage Fair – Vintage Car Rally with \$500 prize for most original car of any make, Sun 22nd Oct with reply requested by 31 May; letter from fully renovated Crown Hotel in Collie; info on South West showcase of conference venues, on 9-10 May; letter from Sugar Gum restaurant in Guildford offering buffet breakfast \$16.50 before a run; Email re contributions to MAFCA race fund for US schools; file about Flashlube lubricants; letter about re-opening of Crystal Brook Tearooms in Lesmurdie; letter from Osborne Park Self Storage re new facility for self storage including motor vehicles; letter to Louise from someone wanting Ford parts (USA); application for membership Harold & Evette MacCashney

Correspondence out: Shannons renewal, deposit to RAAF Bull Creek for Xmas lunch 10/12, CCC form to Don Sutherland. Card to Pat Bedford, daughter of Mavis Spencer.

λ. Mahony moved that the Correspondence in be received and the Correspondence out be endorsed. F. Farrelly seconded the motion.

General business: *Members Directories* for 2000/2001: are available today. *Wodonga Report:* It was an enjoyable and unusual experience for all. *Vehicle Examination and Premises certification:* no report.

Rockingham Nursing Home: Alan Smith and John Hall took their Model A's, David Bussard his 40 Coupe and Drew Shack joined the group in his Overland. The residents enjoyed chatting about the cars. Participants were given jars of tomato chutney. *GST:* David and Pat attended a meeting in Kwinana about the GST, Australian Business Number (ABN) and clubs. David has applied for an ABN for the club to enable us to apply for Lotteries Commission Grants and to make some business transactions easier in the future. The club will not register for the GST. Booklets are available for information if desired. *Application for a Lotteries Commission Grant:* This will be deferred until we have an ABN and Louise will ascertain the cost of display cases at Whiteman Park.

Club Officers: are needed for the Annual General Meeting. Positions vacant include President, Vice president, Secretary-Treasurer, and possibly others. Please consider contributing to your club in this way. *National Meet in Perth 2004:* David reported on the recent meeting of the steering committee. The location of the meet must be determined. J. Laurie moved and M. Annear seconded that Noalimba be tentatively booked. R. Mahony amended the motion that both Noalimba and Leeuwin Barracks be tentatively booked. M. Wood seconded the motion. The amended motion was carried. David asked that all members think of activities for the meet. Consider general activities as well as activities specifically for children and women, and get your ideas to the

steering committee (Bussard, Mahony, Guest, Ward, Sartori). *Xmas Lunch 2000*: D. Annear suggested that we have an hour of entertainment at the lunch. J. Laurie moved that she arrange this and F. Farrelly seconded the motion. Carried. Dora will firm up an arrangement this week. A deposit may be required.

Buns and Chutney: were available for sale from B. Guest. Proceeds to the Toowoomba funds.

Winners of the day's events: S. Read announced that T. Mahony won the women's section and C. Davidson the men's. *Concessional licenses*: J. Laurie presented a letter expressing concern about restrictions on concessional licensing. David explained that the issues had been dealt with S. Read at a previous meeting.

Coming Events: June 25th Sartori. July 23rd Annual inspection at VCC clubrooms. Inspections from 10 am. Sausage sizzle and Annual General Meeting to follow.

Bits and Pieces: R. Mahony wants a good cluster gear. *Vintage jacks*: J. Hall informed the meeting that these are available from the VCC at \$20 each. John said there were Model A jacks among the collection. D. Bussard informed all that the VCC also has a stock of 6 volt headlight bulbs. *Sale of tractors*: A. Smith informed the meeting that the Whiteman collection of tractors will be on sale Saturday 3/5/00 at 12.00. *Car for sale*: P. Sartori is selling his Phaeton, as he has purchased a Fordor sedan.

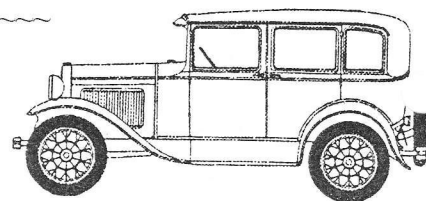
Thanks to the Mooreheads and Reads for a different outing which gave all time to chat.

Meeting closed: 2.26 pm.



THE MODEL A OLYMPICS

CLUB EVENT - 28th MAY, 2000



This club event was somewhat different with a short drive of 25km (15.5 miles) followed by some fun games to test both drivers and our Model A's.

The starting point was at Riverton Forum Shopping Centre, Riverton with the route following Leach Highway, Orrong Road, Windan Bridge over the Swan River, into Perth via the 'Polly Pipe' (our new Graham Farmer Freeway Tunnel), Hay Street to Subiaco and then Selby Street to the sports ground at RPH Shenton Park Campus. Whilst the Model As were en-route, the sports committee consisting of Louise, Melissa and Steve Read were busy setting up the various events.

At the initial line up of vehicles, seventeen Model As made an impressive display. Some four modern cars bringing along members with Model As in mid-life crisis.

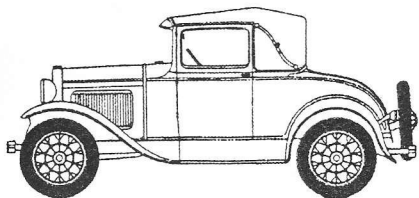
The games included such events as a slow race, ie last Model A over the finish line was the winner. A cup and saucer race where a passenger had to balance up to three sets of cups and saucers whilst the driver negotiated various obstacles. Another popular event was the 'touch box' in which various parts from a Model A (and some ring-ins) had to be identified by feel only. Two different boxes were provided, one for ladies and one for gents.

It was a great social day with much more time available for members to mingle and talk. Toni Mahony was the outright winner for our ladies' prize and Colin Davidson for the gents'. Even the writer received his first Chuppa Chup for competing.

The Shenton Park campus administrator who gave approval for our club to use the private ground also advised the patients that the Model A Restorers Club would be meeting and several interested people visited the cars to admire, ask questions and take photographs.

Our picnic lunch and monthly meeting followed with most people on their way home by 3.00pm. One Model A had obviously enjoyed the day and was sighted travelling across the grounds without a driver - Peter Sartori eventually steered it in the right direction.

John Moorehead
Co-organiser



RALLYING NEW ZEALAND STYLE

by Coral Blewett

We arrived in Christchurch on Monday 24th January, picked up a hire car and drove to Invercargill. On the way, we travelled through the beautiful countryside, taking in as much of the sights as possible, Lake Tekapo, Mt. Cook, the Tasman Glacier and Queenstown on another magnificent lake. We reached Invercargill on the Wednesday afternoon. We booked into a motel and called in to see the owner of the 1928 Chevrolet Sedan, which we were to borrow for the next four weeks.

Reg spent Thursday and Friday getting it roadworthy.

On the Thursday evening, the Southlands Car Club invited us to their meeting and we enjoyed a great evening, meeting the members and having a ride in a veteran Darraq bus, that had been lovingly restored. It originally carried passengers and mail in the surrounding districts, after being exported from France.

Members were very kind and welcoming. We went to one house and saw some restorations and borrowed a grease gun. Another member loaned us a gasket set, in case we should need one and was very helpful.

A group from the South Island were linking up and travelling to Hamilton in the North Island to attend the Royal Sun Alliance Rally 2000. Some were leaving from Bluff on the Sunday and travelling 550 kilometres to meet at Timaru. We felt this was too much for us and the car in one day, so opted to leave a day earlier.

We spent several hours at a crankup day, which was in a paddock. Tractors, stationary engines, steam traction engines and vintage vehicles were displayed and cranked up for the general public.

We then travelled up the east coast enjoying more scenery. Passing through Dunedin, we eventually stayed in a cottage in Moeraki Boulders. These appear to only be in one location on the beach. They are perfectly round and it's quite puzzling as to how they were formed.

Oamaru has an historical section, which has various old shops, antiques and a car museum.

We arrived in Timaru Sunday night and met some of the Stirling Tour group. One couple had shipped their Frazer Nash from England.

On Monday we travelled to Christchurch via the ski fields, so saw some more snow. We then spent a couple of days there. One day was spent looking at a marvellous museum which has sections with a good selection of like items. eg. lights, wheelchairs, bottles, toys, tools, etc. Also the owner gave a very amusing talk on how he got started. Then we went to a tractor museum, which was mostly Allis Chalmers right up to a huge one that was used to make airstrips during the war.

Some English members brought out six Austins in a container and joined the group in Christchurch.

To make sure we caught the ferry in plenty of time we drove most of the way to Picton on the previous day. Staying about 30 kilometres away, meant we had a leisurely drive and could pause and see things that took our interest. The ferry was a catamaran and only took about one and three quarter hours to cross. We sailed majestically up the sound, into the ocean and across to Wellington.

At Wellington we reformed and all set out together over the mountain at Haywards. The power cables run under the sea, from here to the South Island. Electricity, generated by the mighty rivers of both Islands, runs through these cables, either way, depending on supply and demand. We climbed and meandered through a mountain range until we reached the sea on the other side.

A stop at the Southward Motor Museum was a must, with a great range of vehicles. Pride of place, on a rotating dais in the foyer, was the Twenty Millionth Ford A.

That night we stayed at a village where the Mt. Ruapeho ski run starts. Next day everyone stopped at Horopito, which must have the largest collection of old vehicles and parts in the Southern Hemisphere. After some hours, we wrenched ourselves away and continued past the Glow worm caves and Kiwi house (tantalising) to arrive in Mystery Creek about 15 kilometres from Hamilton. This was the Rally 2000 Headquarters for the next 14 days.

The entrance was at the top of a hill, with a steep drive, overlooking the venue. Pines lined one side and flags the other. In the basin below tents and caravans were set out in a semi-circle. Behind these were the Food Pavilion, Headquarters, workshops, parking and the Exhibition Hall, which seated all the entrants and supporters. Here the spectacular opening ceremony was held. To the rousing music, banners of red and orange slowly unfurled from a central spot to resemble the rising sun. The dignitaries arrived in various vehicles, the last of which carried "The Queen". The oldest member of the V.C.C. in New Zealand at 99 years and the youngest member at 16 years were also brought on stage and honoured.

Two mobs had a raging gun battle, one lot hidden behind an "A" Model on grandstand steps, along with a truck and motorbike. Each night there were different entertainments, eg. an Irish night, Bavarian night, Rock & Roll, with many members dressing for the era.

The runs were hub rallies to six different destinations. These were split up into short, medium and long runs and again to and from the destinations and Mystery Creek. This meant the roads and towns were not too overcrowded, as vehicles were heading in all directions. One day was a picnic day, in one location, for everyone to get together. There were some stalls, a mini swap meet and a double-decker bus running between the grounds and the town.

Another day was for the different makes to get together, visit various schools and have a picnic or lunch according to the whims of the organisers. On our run we visited a hydro-electric power station on the Waikato River. The immense power of the water was awe inspiring. Most days a paddle steamer was available for day and evening cruises with lunch or dinner supplied. Another option was a coach trip along the Coromandel Peninsular to the Driving Creek railway, where we took a very narrow gauge train on a see-saw trip up a steep mountain. There was an International visitors day. This was held at a lovely venue, where a church was decorated with beautifully arranged dried flowers, Marriages are held here, with a place next door for the reception and a lovely garden for photos. Dried flowers and arrangements could also be purchased.

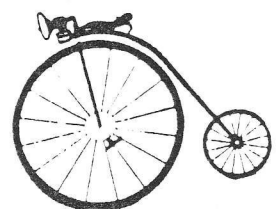
Originally there were over 1200 entrants, 70 with Model A Fords. Entrants and supporters came from England, Ireland, America, Holland and Australia with six couples from Western Australia. On the last evening of the rally, there were speeches, prize-giving, with some prizes donated from MAFC of America and superb entertainment. The banners were rolled back into the centre, with lights dimming, giving the appearance of sunset.

Dinner followed, a very well organised buffet, with lines down two sides of eleven tables, so people were served relatively quickly.

After the rally was over, we made our way back to Christchurch via Rotorua with its salmon ponds and geysers, Lake Taupo with the Huka Falls and snow capped mountains. Back on the ferry with a few of the other rally members.

In the South Island we were very fortunate to see a seal colony, flower festival, over the V.C.C. clubrooms, the Antarctic Exhibition, the French Colony of Akaroa and a ride on a tram around the city of Christchurch.

We arrived back in Perth after a very exciting and satisfying glimpse of spectacular New Zealand and warm memories of the very friendly people.



EASTER PERAMBULATION ~ cont....

to Wodonga, Victoria. 14th April - 2nd May. (as perceived by Louise)

' the Model A movement is a group of friends who have a common interest'

All the gang , with the exception of David & Pat, had booked into the Sanctuary Park Motel. Sue & Mick were our hosts and I finally met Sue in person after quite a few conversations over the telephone in the proceeding months. Sue told me they had only been the owners for twelve months and things were fairly quiet. We soon changed that!

Thursday evening was Nibble & Natter, catching up with people and collecting rally bags. It was also decided that Thursday was the night we would wear our white tee shirts. David had designed the front of the shirt telling the world of our travels. On the back of each one was a single letter. As the West Australians mingled among the crowd that night we had loads of interest as to what our letters meant. Frank offered a wager to one lady from Queensland, who incidentally didn't want to take him up on it. Having piqued everyone's interest we decided about nine o'clock to leave the Civic Centre and find somewhere to have dinner. We headed in the direction of the motel, meandering along, busy talking, not really knowing where we were going. However Hans was ahead of the crowd and came back to report he had found a Chinese restaurant able to accommodate us all. We made quite a picture with all our same tee shirts. Some funny words too! We scared away the rest of the patrons and took over the place (as per usual). An enjoyable meal, a quick ferry service by Craig to pick up the cars, and we were back at the motel. Some time between Thursday and Friday, a glow in the dark plaque with my name on it appeared on my motel door, just in case I got lost, I suspect.

Friday morning the washing machine was working overtime and the mechanical workshop was open for business. That man was there again with half his clothes off. Some went to the Civic Centre and took bus tours of the local area, some looked at the craft demonstrations, a lot of people were very interested in the Hubley cars being shown by the Queensland club, and a couple of our lot, with helpers, spent the day getting theirs cars ready for judging. There were also informative seminars for those who wished to attend if that's what you fancied. Steve, with the help of John Hall & Peter Sartori pulled apart the tudor looking for that noise in the motor. Sometime during the day Ray & Toni's son Raphael and his fiancée, Paula, arrived to spend the weekend. After dinner that night Ray introduced our 'mob' to the crowd by name, as we were called we stood in line on the stage and finally everyone discovered what the letters said as we about faced to present "The Model A Restorers Club of WA" and with a quick shuffle - "Are the Best". I was quizzed by the "Friends of the Club", Robert & Christy McLaughlin as to why they didn't get tee shirts. We weren't expecting to see them at the rally, but that was a lovely surprise too! The 'official' entertainment for the evening was a band playing Rock & Roll. Was that Alan Wilson, from Victoria, embracing a South Australian, and gifts being exchanged? Steve and Peter went to get a part for the car around nine o'clock and eventually others drifted off until there were only a few of us stalwarts listening and dancing to the music. When Peter & Steve returned, Gwen convinced Peter she was just waiting for him for the last dance.

Saturday Hans and Colin presented their cars for judging and Steve was back under his car. In the afternoon he decided he needed to take it for a test run. Yackandandah was the designated place for all the cars. Another one of Victoria's interesting towns. With Merv & Kath Ward and Barrie Guest in the back we set off, after attempting to get discount fuel from a nominated petrol station offering this service to all rally entrants. It was all too hard for the lad at the desk. I wonder how many others managed to get their discount? It was a bit of a stop, start, show until the timing was fixed and we were making quick time as we came into the township of Yackandandah. Just as well the three were packed in the back of the tudor. I never knew Barrie used language like that. We spent the time looking at the antique shops and eating ice-cream before returning with Kath reading instructions from the back seat on how to get 'home'. A band playing jazz was the after dinner entertainment that night.

Earlyish Sunday morning "Road Kill Rabbit" thinly disguised as the Easter Bunny, also known as John Timmings, knocked on the motel doors, distributing chocolate eggs. He was heard to say, "Hurry up and take my photo, I'm a very busy bunny!" Another bunny not quite so generous also handed out mini eggs. We left the centre at ten o'clock for the Mandatory Run to Rutherglen. Frank's car was making terrible noises so he decided to abandon it and catch a lift with Craig & Daphne and pick it up on the return run.

The main street of Rutherglen was closed off and we spent the day perusing, eating, talking and looking. I believe there were some bargain era dresses to be found in one of the local shops. A packed lunch was provided with the option of eating it in the hall or in the park. It was beautiful weather so we opted for outside. The nine concourse entrants' cars were on display in the centre of Rutherglen along with Michael Livingstone's Fire Engine. Rally people were encouraged to vote for the car with the 'Greatest Public Appeal', although the general public were not involved. Most of us headed back around two o'clock. John Hall was concerned about his car and consulted Steve on its ailments. A head gasket was procured and in time replaced to cure the problem. I believe Shirley was offering advice, but it was certainly hard to hear what it was from behind closed doors.

The theme of the Presentation Dinner was "Gangsters & Molls" and we certainly dressed for the occasion. It was an entertaining night with plenty of highlights. Craig was our 'Press' photographer for the evening and took some interesting shots. We had a priest, armed with 'Holy water' and an undertaker to oversee any unforeseen occurrences. The gangsters & molls were in full force (some didn't need dress up!) Colin was presented with the award for 'Best 30-31 Closed Car' in concourse. Steve and I were presented with a very nice electronic coffee maker for organising the trip. Thanks guys. Lots of awards and trophies were given out and the evening was still in progress as we finally left at twelve fifteen.

Monday was the Farewell Breakfast - taking down the flag and saying goodbye for another two years. The meals and service had been great, in fact a very relaxing rally. Thanks Victoria. Merv & Kath decided they would passenger with us to the brekky instead of taking two cars, so loaded with bags, esky (packed with lunch) etc, they climbed aboard. Steve said to Kath she looked very nice, as he is want to do, and commented on the amount of luggage. A large toiletry bag wasn't really necessary for our bus journey and that sunscreen did look better after being smoothed across the skin.

At ten o'clock we left on the bus trip to Bright and Mt. Buffalo. Frank & Colin stayed behind to pull apart the car and find the problem. Some of the happy campers had a nap on the bus, lulled to sleep by the warmth of the sun, the late night and the comfortable seats. On arriving at Bright we lunched and used the conveniences in the park. There was a flash of light and a scream from the disabled toilet! Yes once again it was Kath. I'm sure she has this affinity with outhouses! Over that excitement we then wandered around for an hour or so before climbing on board once more and making our way up Mt. Buffalo. A very scenic place and worth the effort also a popular place for parasailing and gliding in the fine weather. It was here as we returned to the buses that we heard the awaited good news that Ray & Toni had become Grandparents. On our return to Wodonga final goodbyes were said. Was that Alan Wilson hugging some one again? A Sandgroper this time. This man is getting a reputation. The news from Frank was not so good, he would have to truck his Model A home. A group meeting was organised to discuss our departure arrangements for the following day. Mick showed us a time saving way to get to Mildura, so with that settled the group headed off to the 'local' for dinner. Some of the other entrants from Queensland had the same plan. The pub was overrun with Model Aers, and the kitchen did not cope that well. We made ourselves comfortable upstairs on the enclosed balcony after scaring off other drinkers and pinching their table. Orders for meals were taken but we were in for a long wait so we whiled away the time listening to jokes, reciting poetry and lustily singing the national anthem. Frank was presented with a plastic crumb catcher (he had been concerned with not getting food on his white tee shirt) and generously gave it to Toni for her new grandson, after all it was new and blue. I don't know what time the last steak arrived but it was late.

Tuesday was a very early start and a long day. We bid Ray & Toni a sad farewell as they were staying on and spending time with family. Some of the cars had a problem with headlights not working and this trend continued all the way back to Perth (even after being fixed every night). Anyone with a large supply of 6 volt headlight globes would have made a fortune. We left in the dark and Toni videoed us as we turned left out of the street and over the bridge into Albury. At the roundabout that we were supposed to turn left, everyone kept straight on. Great start! Flashing our headlights, we were Tailend Charlie, we attracted everyone's attention to get them to turn around and head in the right direction, pulled over and let them pass, counting as they went by, twelve cars.

to be continued.....



Notebook

BIRTHDAYS for June: Birthstone: Pearl; Flower: Rose

Bill Bennie, Wendy Blacklock, Ann Brandis, Maurie Creedy, Zorica Demiris, Frank Fogliani, John Hall, Darren Jeffree, John Laurie, June Miles, Joyce Munro, Dianne Paisley, John Roy, June Smith, Colin Strahan and Leanne Wringe.

Have a great day!

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to Harold & Evette McCashney, [REDACTED]

Geraldton. 6530. Ph: [REDACTED]

Please add this information to your register.

NEW MEMBERSHIP REGISTER: is now available from your secretary and at the meetings. Please pick one up soon! Country members' copies will be posted.

WANTED: Volunteers to train as Concourse Judges, especially ladies encouraged to learn. Contact Steve Read at meetings or phone [REDACTED]

OLD GOSSIP: Had a post card from Ray & Toni Mahony picturing the Twelve Apostles (the rocks, not the men) from the Great Ocean Road, Victoria. According to the correspondence on the reverse, everything was going grand, apart from the weather. After posting this card, Ray blew up the gearbox. Would this be a case of tempting fate?

News from the east is that work is still being done on who will be in receipt of the Club Participation Trophy.

NEW GOSSIP: Heard recently that the Blewett truck was seen on an SBS programme.

Have you ever heard that old tale about red cars going faster? The same could be said about Town Sedans, in South Australia. Oops!

No wonder Peter Sartori wants to sell his phaeton, it's got a mind of its own. Tried to make good its escape across the oval at the A Olympics!

FUND RAISING: Barrie Guest has already started to gather funds for Toowoomba.

Is anyone interested in having a movie night? Any other worthwhile ideas?

Let me know. *Louise*

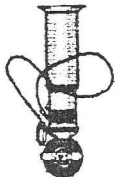
WANTED:

Good cluster gear Ph: Ray Mahony [REDACTED]

FOR SALE:

Vintage jacks from the VCC \$20ea, also 6 volt headlight globes

1928 Phaeton. Good condition. P.O.A. Contact Peter Sartori [REDACTED]



If undelivered, please return to:
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Western Australia, 6108

BALDIVIS WA 6171
[redacted]
BUSSARD David & Pat



Western Model A News

Customs, Model A Parts & the G.S.T.

A friend within the Customs has forwarded sixteen pages relating to the importation of parts and panels for cars more than 30 years old. During the last five years various exemptions have been gazetted which for all practical purposes means no duty will apply to car parts for the Model A. However the sales tax of 26.4% continues until June 30, 2000.

As of July 1, 2000 the sales tax disappears and is replaced by the goods and services tax (GST) of 10%. The previous rule of not collecting TAX if it came to less than \$50.01 will also apply with the GST.

This is the only good new about GST. Now us restorers will be able to bring in more in the one consignment than was previously so. The GST free limit will be US\$500 but do not overlook the fact that the US\$500 limit includes packaging and handling, insurance and postage or freight.

With the present exchange rate at 57cents to the US 100 cents that equates to AUS \$285 all up. The formula is simply our dollar value multiplied by five. eg. 57 x 5 = \$285

Also the uplift is to be abolished. ie. The 20% profit mark-up paid on top of cost + duty.

Customs advises that it will be important for the supplier to note on his invoice and particularly on his customs declaration that the consignment is for Model A parts more than 70 years old. Customs as you will be aware handle a huge amount of incoming and unless the above is made clear it is liable to be taxed. Trying to get a refund from customs is akin to removing Saddam.

Trust this is of some help to our members.

Information from Neville Jiggins and Peter O'Neill both very helpful blokes.

John Laurie

THE MOTOR MUSEUM of WA

presents the CCC

ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT

Wednesday, 26th July, 2000.....7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Swan Districts Football Club

Bassendean Oval, Old Perth Road, Bassendean

Tickets \$7.50 available from club secretary

Tables of up to 8

Secretary/Treasurer: Pat Bussard, [redacted] Baldivis WA 6171

Telephone: [redacted] Email: [redacted]