

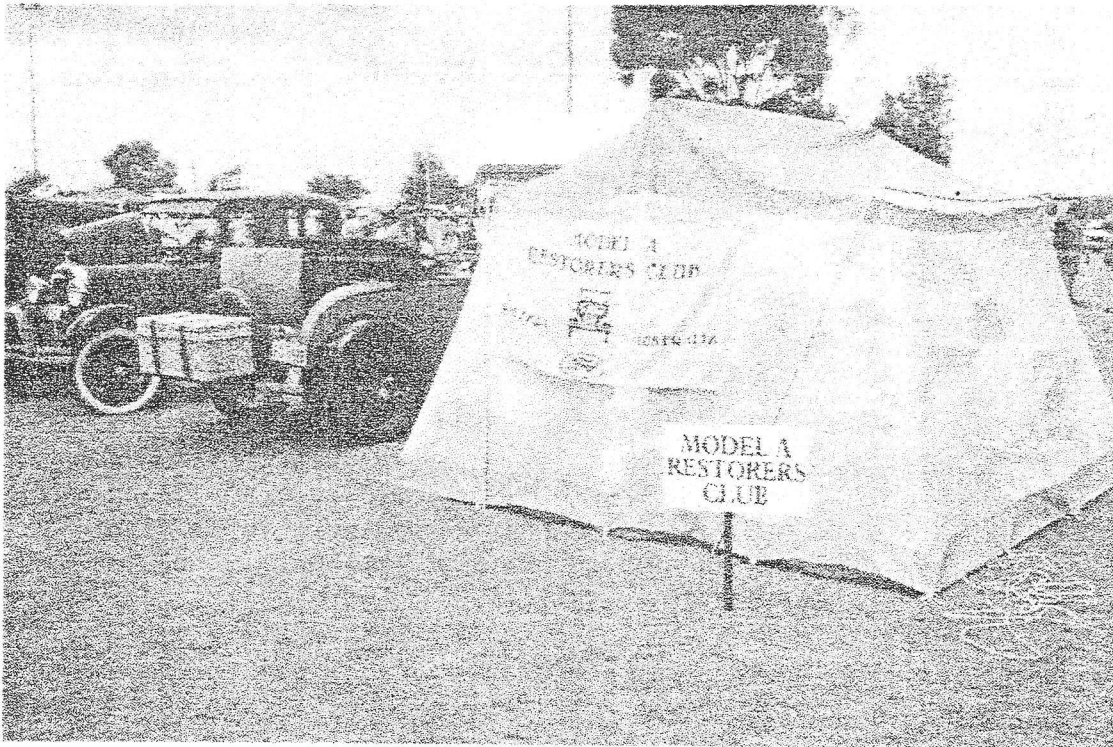


# Western Model A News

Official Newsletter of the  
MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA, Inc

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NOVEMBER, 2000



**ALL FORD DAY**  
**29TH OCTOBER, 2000**  
**CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF FORD IN AUSTRALIA**

**Next Meeting/Run: Sunday, 26th November**

Meet Causeway Carpark at 9.00am for 9.30 departure

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**SATURDAY 18TH & SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER, 2000**

**BENDIGO SWAP MEET**

Phone Steve Read if you need some particular item sourced from here



**SUNDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 2000**

organised by John Laurie

Meet at Causeway Carpark 9.00am  
for a 9.30am departure

**SUNDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 2000**

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Place: RAAF Association, Bullcreek

Time: 12.00 noon, sit down 12.30

Cost: \$25 per person, buy own drinks

**PLEASE READ NOTEBOOK** - Co-ordinator: Dora Annear

**SUNDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 2001**

**PICNIC IN THE PARK**

**SATURDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY, 2001**

**BIG AL'S POKER RUN**

See secretary for details

**SUNDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY, 2001**

**AVON VALLEY VINTAGE & CLASSIC FAIR**

Secretary has details

**EASTER, 2001**

**KIRUP IS ON AGAIN**

Please contact Edith Jeffree to book your spot  
in the shearing shed

**EASTER 2002**

**17TH NATIONAL MODEL A MEET**

**TOOWOOMBA, QLD**

Registration form & information available from

Rally Secretary, MAFC of Qld,

[REDACTED] Carina Qld 4152

**MAFCA NATIONAL MEET**

**July 21 -27, 2002**

Riverside, California

Anyone planning a visit to the US in 2002 is invited to include  
this National Meet in their schedule.

An Early Bird News preview & subscription form is available

## **RAY ABBOTT ENGINE RECONDITIONING**

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**GENERAL MEETING – SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2000**  
**CHURCHMAN'S BROOK**

**Meeting Opened:** 12.45pm

**Attendance:** As per noted in the attendance book

**Welcome** to Lisa MacDonald, visiting the Reads from the Eastern States, Bob & Val Newton, prospective new members.

**Previous Minutes:** As per newsletter report. Moved John Timmings, seconded John Moorehead that the Minutes be accepted. Carried.

**Correspondence: In** – Big Al's Poker Run 2001 (17 Feb, 2001); Olive Festival Committee (11 March, 2001 at Gingin); Wemyss Auctions, Sydney Car Auction, 7<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2001; CarShow.com.au – advertising their website for car clubs and motor dealers etc.; Jack Griffiths Estate Auction 21<sup>st</sup> Oct, 2000 in Victoria; CCC – minutes of the AGM held 21<sup>st</sup> Aug, 2000, calendar of events Sept 2000-Mar 2001; Hemmings Motor News – 2001 Model A Ford calendar advert; and various other advertising info.

**Out** – Dept of Transport – George McIntosh membership confirmation.

**Financial Report:** Accounts for payment – Stirling Business Machines \$252 for service to photocopier & toner; \$49.45 postage for newsletter; \$11.90 paper. Moved Alan Jeffree, seconded Frank Farrelly that the accounts be paid.

Balances at beginning of October – BankWest	\$605.43
ANZ Term	\$11087.88
Cash on hand	\$121.75
TOTAL	\$11815.06

**General Business:** Bendigo Swap Meet – November – Steve Read. Call for any agenda items for the Delegate's meeting to be held at the Meet.

Christmas Dinner - \$25 per head, money and names to Edith Jeffree today, otherwise send money to Dora Annear as soon as possible.

Kirup – Easter 2001 – Names to Edith Jeffree.

National Meet 2004 committee – nominations for position of Rally Director, Secretary, Treasurer were called. Nominations for Rally Director – David Bussard & Ray Mahony. A silent vote was held with Ray Mahony being declared the winner by one vote. (See notice regarding this appointment elsewhere in this newsletter)

Secretary – Nominated Toni Mahony – accepted.

Treasurer – Nominated John Moorehead – accepted.

**Coming Events:** All Ford Day 29<sup>th</sup> October – Dave Bussard reported 8 definite participants with a possible 3 more. Those intending to go to meet at 8.15am Patterson Road, Rockingham, opposite Bunnings (near the old ship). Forms are available from David.

Big Al's Poker Run – David gave an explanation of the run to be held 29<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2001.

November Run – correction to date 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2000.

**Bits & Pieces:** Bendigo Swap – if anyone wants anything bought, see Steve Read with details and money. Steering Committee, National Meet 2004 – to meet at Peter Sartori's place on 7<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2000.

Steve Read put forward the suggestion of raffling a Model A engine as a fundraiser for the 2004 National Meet fund, to be advertised nationally. Greeted enthusiastically by all attending.

Steve Read gave an easy solution to converting your Model A from 6 volt to 12 volt without changing the generator.

**Meeting closed:** 1.35pm.

# MODEL A RUN TO CHURCHMAN BROOK

Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2000

Not having been very active members of the Model A Club, we were unsure what type of run would appeal to the majority.

Our original idea of ending at the Perth Zoo seemed to appeal to quite a few but unfortunately this had to be cancelled when the date set clashed with the All Ford Day and the Zoo could not accommodate us any earlier in the month.

So it was, with some anxiety that we rolled up to the Causeway Car Park, "Well, at least it's a lovely day!"

We must get there early, be first there, well, that was our intention but we still didn't beat Bill and Valerie Cowlin. In fact we were really surprised how early the majority of people were.

Those at the starting point included Bill & Valerie Cowlin, Pat & David Bussard, Frank Farrelly, Colin Davidson, Alan & Edith Jeffree, who had brought along Bob & Val Newton (the new proud owners of Barrie & Gwen Guest's '28 Tudor), Darren & Germaine Jeffree, John Moorehead, Peter Sartori, Alan & June Smith, John & Fran Timmings, John & Barbara Forbes and, of course the Axfords (all with their Model A-s). Barrie & Gwen Guest were also there in their Modern and Coral Blewett called in to put in her and Reg's apologies.

After a somewhat unruly start, yes, we really missed your whistle blowing talents Max, we headed off for an easy straight forward 20 minute drive to Tomato Lake in Kewdale for a Morning Tea/Comfort Stop. Although there were a heap of visitors already there, most of us managed to park together and enjoyed each other's company under the shady trees.

Then, it was off on a more wandering route to Churchman Brook.

After taking in the back blocks of Forrestfield, Wattle Grove and Orange Grove (which we hope you found interesting) we came out onto Tonkin Highway in Martin and then took a more direct route to Brookton Highway before turning off onto Soldiers Road for a very scenic drive into Churchman Brook.

Once there, we were joined by Steve & Louise Read (in Modern) who had Lisa MacDonald from Melbourne as their guest, Ray & Toni Mahony (who had cut short their visit to Augusta to make the meeting) in their modern, and Gary Eva from Brookton on his trusty Harley.

In all, 12 Model A-s, 3 moderns and 1 Harley.

Thanks to Steve & Louise who suggested we move to the top car park and to Dave & Pat who found a very shady grassed area high on the hill, ensuring we were cooled by the wafting breeze drifting off the water.

Most stayed until around 3.00pm and then it was off to our respective homes.

We hope you enjoyed the run. The weather was fantastic, the company great and no one broke down – well naturally, after all, the majority were driving Model A-s!

*Jill & Greg Axford*

**CALLING OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF  
RALLY DIRECTOR FOR NATIONAL MEET, PERTH, 2004  
26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2000**

An election was held at the October general meeting of the Club for the position of Rally Director for the National Meet in 2004 to be held in Perth. Ray Mahony was declared the successful candidate by one vote at the meeting.

However, after the meeting, upon scrutinising the results and attendance book at the meeting, one vote lodged was unaccounted for, ie. someone entered an extra vote. Because of this anomaly the Secretary and President declared the election null and void and advised the candidates of their decision.

There has been considerable discussion regarding the election, with reference to the constitution of the club on voting rights. Several members voted at this election by mail, being unable to attend on the day. This was seen by some as being unconstitutional, but there is nothing in the constitution to allow or disallow voting by this means at a general meeting. This means of voting is allowed at the AGM and Special General Meetings (Section 11c). The constitution also allows for each adult member of the club to be entitled to vote (Section 11a); allowing an independent vote for both spouses/partners in a family membership. There is no allowance for proxy voting in any situation within our constitution.

In the interest of fair play and after consultation with all the Club Committee members, it has been decided to call a Special General Meeting to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2000. This will be held prior to the General Meeting on the same day, for the purpose of the election of a Rally Director, National Meet, Perth, 2004.

Not having received any further nominations for this position, the nominees remain David Bussard and Ray Mahony.

Postal votes will be accepted by the Secretary or President up to 24 hours prior to the meeting, ie. 12 noon Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2000.

Voting at the meeting will be by secret ballot.

A voting slip for postal votes by non-attending members is included in this newsletter for your convenience. These may be sent to the Secretary at [REDACTED] Bedford, 6052, faxed to the President or [REDACTED] "ATTN: Peter Sartori", or dropped off at either of our addresses.

As ALL members of the Club will be called upon in the lead up the National Meet to assist in any capacity they can, we urge you get in the mood now by participating in the election of YOUR Rally Director.

Toni Mahony  
Secretary

Peter Sartori  
President



## ALL FORD DAY

All Ford Day was held on October 29, one of a series of similar events in all capital cities to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ford production in Australia. Our participation began on Saturday when W Cowlin and D Bussard arrived on site to erect the tent kindly lent by P Gilberthorpe. The loan of the tent was accompanied by the cryptic instruction that "the legs must cross," and the assurance that everything we needed was contained in two bags. Everything but the tent pegs we later concluded, before setting off to the nearest salvage yard to try and buy something to use as tent pegs. Some long pegboard rods seemed the best option; the club now owned \$8 worth of the chrome plated variety. The tent was soon erected, with the only pause in proceedings being a return to the salvage yard for another \$3 worth of tent pegs.

The expected group of R and C Blewett, D and P Bussard, W Cowlin, C Davidson, J and B Forbes, J and S Hall, J and P Laurie, G McIntosh and D Sutherland was to assemble at the good ship Rockingham on the outskirts of town on Sunday to drive to the site as a group at 8:30 am. John and Pat Laurie had advised they were driving down and would arrive later, but at the appointed time there was no sign of John and Shirley Hall. We decided to go anyway, trusting in Shirley's reputation as a navigator to deliver them safely to the site. There was a significant line to enter the site by the only access road, so with Bill Cowlin in the lead we started another line and were waved through to our site without stopping, I suppose age does have some rights.

Total entries approached 500, with all local Ford clubs well represented, plus a large number of private entries. The event was well organised with plenty of space for each club and good access for the viewers. No attendance numbers were available, but based on a personal comparison with the recent Autojumble at Cannington I would estimate in excess of 3000 visitors, which is a large increase over the recent All Ford days. Largest representation was the Mustang Club, with at least 50 cars.

Several new Fords were on display. The most impressive was an F350 pickup featuring a 7.8 litre turbo diesel, seating for six and an enclosed bed large enough to hold a barn dance. Also present was a new Mustang convertible that had chick magnet written all over it. The usual vendors were present, as well as the Rockingham High School team of engine assemblers who put on a display every hour. About half the students doing the assembly were females.

Concourse judging took place during the day, at about 2:30 pm we heard a rumour that John and Shirley Hall had been sighted somewhere south of Mandurah but no one believed such a thing could be true. At the final presentations, John and Barbara Forbes won the judging for the best 1930-1939 vehicle with their 1929 Roadster and Colin Davidson won the 1900-1929 class with his 1931 Town Sedan. Luckily, the trophies had not been engraved so they were able to swap later.

The event broke up about 4:15pm and 500 vehicles headed for the single exit. All the members enjoyed the day, and I would like to thank all of those who attended on Sunday; and especially thanks to Bill Cowlin for his help with the tent on Saturday. We had good contact with the public, talked among ourselves, and saw a lot of interesting Fords. John and Shirley were eventually located safe at home.

*David Bussard*

### THE FIRST



### Motor Car - Enclosed Body

... was the French-built two-seater 2-1/2hp Renault, manufactured at Billancourt in 1898. Remarkably robust for such a small car, one model drove from Paris to Rambouillet in 2hr 49min in 1899, covering the 65 miles at an average speed of nearly 24mph. The enclosed Renault (there was also an open version) was intended principally for the use of doctors on their rounds and, with its very short wheel base, has been described as having 'a silhouette like a top hat on a roller skate'.

The first on record in Britain was Dr W.W. Barrett of Hesketh Park, Southport who acquired a six-seat Daimler in December, 1898, and had a special enclosed body built for it. There were three windows on either side and three doors, one at the rear of the vehicle.

# Notebook

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

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

**THANK YOU:** I received the following letter dated 5th Oct, unfortunately too late for the last newsletter. - Dear Louise, I would like to convey my thanks to all members and friends in our club for the cards, phone calls and visits during my recent illness. They were much appreciated. Regards, Mavis Berkshire.

**VACANCY:** The editor's job is up for grabs. Yes step right up folks this is a once in a decade opportunity to spread the news your way. You get to practise your talents in June & July, 2001 and take on the job full time as of the AGM, 2002. No resumé or interview required. All applications welcomed. Job sharing encouraged.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Toni Mahony being selected as a WA finalist for a Customer Service Award. Toni was rewarded with a weekend in Melbourne for the finalists' dinner & awards, a trophy and I believe an IOU for a good bottle of red! You may have read about her good deed in the West Australian dated 12th October.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** It seems that every year I'm putting this URGENT note in the newsletter from Dora. PLEASE IF YOU ARE GOING TO THE CHRISTMAS LUNCH HAVE YOUR NAME AND MONEY TO DORA BY 30TH NOVEMBER. Christmas happens at the same time EVERY year, so if you like to have someone organise this function (and Dora does such a good job) be thoughtful enough to co-operate with the organiser's wishes. Cheques to be made out to MARC WA.

**BITS & PIECES:**

FOR SALE - Adjustable Dressmakers Model  
\$120 ono Ph: Ray or Toni Mahony

FOR SALE - Model A Tudor - Wood set for header rail  
Contact Bob Ricketts

**FOR THE TECHNOLOGICALLY CHALLENGED:** This month's emphasis is on scanning pictures. If you scan photographs for your own usage, the process of saving them to disk is your own choice. However, if you scan anything, be it photographs or documents, to send via e-mail to someone else, bear this in mind: save the file as a JPEG file. This option is found on the Save page (press Ctrl + S to see this screen). On the bottom, left-hand side is a sentence 'Save as type' with a box to its right. This box will usually say BMP. Change it to JPEG, then click okay. Hence when you attach this to an e-mail, it won't take hours to send, and the person receiving it won't have to make a cup of tea whilst waiting for it to download to their computer. Also BMP files incite the recipient to consider using the image to wallpaper their house because the picture is so big. Finally, articles scanned the correct way up (sky at the top, grass at the bottom) is an added bonus. Here endeth today's lesson ....



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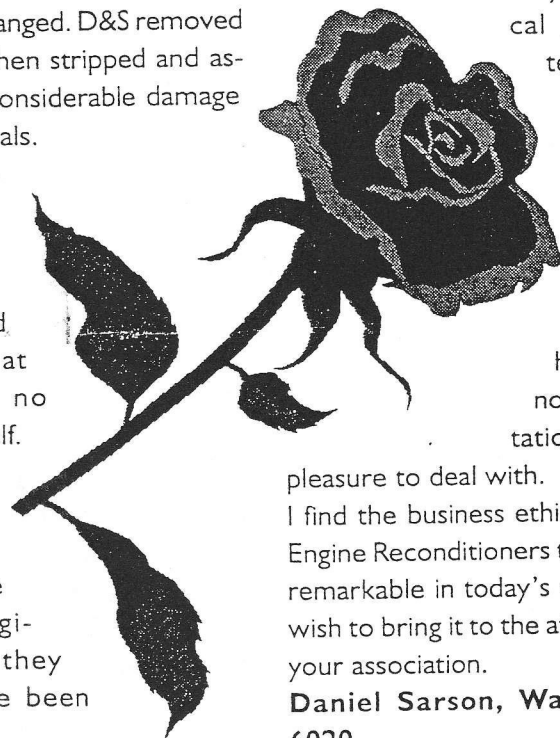
The following article appeared in the Sep/Oct 2000 issue of the Motor Traders Association of WA magazine. Anyone who knows Stuart would agree with the bouquet given to D & S Engine Reconditioners.

# Bouquet for D&S

During November 1999 I reconditioned the diesel motor of my Toyota Landcruiser after it had seized due to a lack of water. I removed and stripped the motor and sent the cylinder block, crankshaft and head to D&S Engine Reconditioners in Maddington for re-sleeving and overhaul. I subsequently rebuilt the motor and it ran faultlessly for eight months until July 2000 when it suffered a catastrophic failure, seizing with a great deal of mechanical noise. Removal of the sump revealed a large quantity of metal fragments. Needless to say that after spending several thousands of dollars on the original overhaul I was quite upset.

I contacted Mr Stuart Scammell at D&S Engine Reconditioners and he asked to see the vehicle which was soon arranged. D&S removed the motor, then stripped and assessed the considerable damage to the internals. They subsequently repaired rebuilt and reinstalled the motor at absolutely no cost to myself. Despite the fact that I had rebuilt the motor originally and they would have been

quite within their rights to ask me to deliver only the motor or question my mechanical competence they chose not to. At all times they were up front, helpful, nonconfrontational and a pleasure to deal with. I find the business ethics of D&S Engine Reconditioners to be quite remarkable in today's world and wish to bring it to the attention of your association.  
**Daniel Sarson, Watermans 6020**



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