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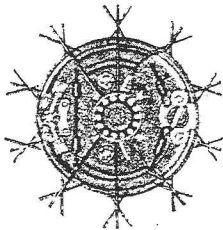
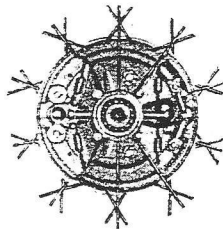
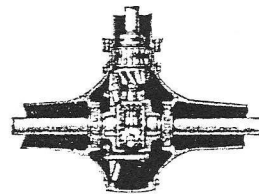
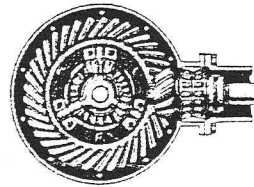
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MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA, Inc

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The NEW REAR AXLE

Those who understand the important function of the rear axle will appreciate the enduring quality of the three-quarter floating principle. The axle shaft itself carries no weight whatever as the three-quarter floating principle places the weight on the forged steel axle housing, which in turn is equipped with flexible roller bearings. Drive is through torque tube with spiral bevel gear.



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25 YEARS OF PUBLIC PREFERENCE

Next Run/Meeting: Sunday, 25th August, 2002
Meet: Tomato Lake Reserve, Kewdale Time: 10.00am

This Club is the WESTERN MODEL A-s Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America, Inc.
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OFFICE BEARERS: *President:* PETER SARTORI [REDACTED] *Secretary/Treasurer:*
Vice-President: RAY MAHONY [REDACTED] *Vehicle Examiner:* STEVE READ [REDACTED] *Editor:*

COPY DEADLINE: By the first day of the month to [REDACTED] Thornlie, W.A., 6108

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SUNDAY, 25TH AUGUST, 2002

John Moorehead & Steve Read organising
Meet at Tomato Lake Reserve,
Scenic Dr (off Oats St), Kewdale
10.00am Morning Tea Depart 11.00am



SUNDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 2002

Barrie & Gwen Guest organising

OCTOBER, 2002

Jack & Mavis Berkshire organising

SUNDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER, 2002

SHANNONS "BAY TO WHITEMAN" RUN 2002

NOVEMBER, 2002

Peter & Elaine Gilberthorpe organising

SUNDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 2002

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

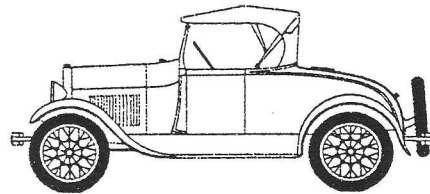
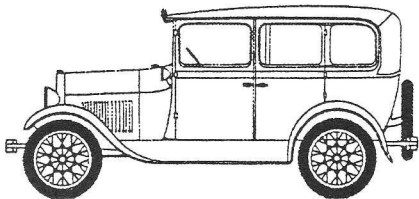
Place: Perth & Tattersalls Bowling Club, Plain St, Perth
Cost: \$25 per person Buy your own drinks
Organised by Dora Annear

16TH FEBRUARY, 2003

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16TH MARCH, 2003

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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
Held at VCC Clubrooms,
Hale Road, Forrestfield
Sunday, 21st July, 2002

Meeting opened at 2:06pm.

Apologies: Hurijs, L. Sartori, K. Pepper, J. Smith, Wards, Reg, David & Barbara Blewett, L. Read, Bussards.

Attendance: as per the meeting attendance book. 34.

Minutes from last meeting: Moved that they be accepted as read by Barrie Guest, seconded Jack Berkshire, Carried.
No business arising from the minutes.

Financial Report: June	Receipts	\$224.16
	Payments	\$106.96
Balances:	ANZ Term Deposit	\$9822.05
	Bank West	\$2070.77
	Cash Held	\$ 157.70
	Unpresented Chqs	<u>\$ 62.50</u>
	TOTAL FUNDS	<u>\$12113.02</u>

Request for payment of accounts from Council of Motoring Clubs for Annual Fees \$50.00, for \$30 for National Meet Banner, and for payments for AGM venue and vehicle examination pits.- Approved.

Moved Germaine Jeffree, seconded Frank Farrelly the financial report be accepted. Carried.

Correspondence: Incoming: CMC Account; CMC of WA (INC) Special Notice – AGM 19th August, 2002, amendments that annual fees for the Council to be raised to \$65.00 per annum from July 2003; CMC of WA (Inc.) Minutes of Meeting 17/6/2002 and list of Authorised Inspection Stations ; LISWA – update of Infolink information database request; Bridgetown Autojumble & Car Show – 29th March, 2003; email from Robert McDonald (Vic) regarding our contribution to the National Banner; Avon Valley Vintage & Classic Fair 2003; Famous Insurance Broking House – vehicle insurers; Stirling Machines – catalogue and letter regarding no longer renewing agreements on Sharp photocopies; Historic Car Covers (Nola Gibson – Vic); MG's Restaurant; Guildford Hotel; 'Ford Torque' from MAFC Vic.

Outgoing: Laetter for Colin & Margaret Strahan for registration purposes.

Alan Jeffree moved that correspondence report be accepted, seconded Frank Farrelly. Carried.

2004 National Meet. – Ray Mahony reported that meetings are continuing on a monthly basis. Accommodation is arranged, Rally Headquarters is nearly finalised. Steve and Ray will be attending the Bendigo Swap Meet Delegates meeting to promote the Meet in November. Aldia from Ideal is investigating sponsorship deals.

February, 2003 – Rock 'n Roll Night at Barrie Guest's home at Cardup as a fundraiser for the Meet. Ray suggest that ALL club members try and get involved in some way, by attending and bringing their friends, by helping to set up and clean up afterwards or any other way. Max Annear and John to assist Barrie with organisation.

2nd July, 2003 – Quiz Night, also as a fundraiser. Members are urged to start now to collect prizes, attract donations of any kind, before companies totally commit their budgets for next year. Peter Gilberthorpe is handling most of the arrangements for this, but we all will be called on to assist.

General Business:

Christmas Lunch – Dora is collecting money now for the lunch for anyone who wants to pay early.

New Members and others - Louise Read asks anyone who wants name badges made up to contact her as soon as possible so she can lodge an order.

Bits and Pieces:

Peter Gilberthorpe has a 7cwt Ford 10 van.

Germaine presented the fruits of her and Darren's labours (no, not Teneille) – the new 2002/3 MEMBERS DIRECTORY. Everyone to collect their copy, please. John offered congratulations to them on their fine effort.

Meeting closed 2.30pm.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held at the VCC Clubrooms, Hale Road, Forrestfield.
On Sunday 21 July, 2002.

Meeting opened at 2.30pm.

Apologies and attendance – 34 members as per the Meeting Book.

Minutes from the AGM 2001 were distributed. Moved Frank Farrelly, seconded Alan Smith that the minutes be accepted as read. Carried.

Financial Report: - Toni Mahony

The Treasurer reports that the books are still currently with the auditor. However, Income & Expenditure statements were distributed. There is a deficit of some \$812.05 in the general club funds. This was caused through the transfer of \$2000 for the 2004 National Meet Account, which is being managed separately from the general club accounts. A copy of the 2004 National Meet statement was also distributed. The audited report will be published in the club magazine when completed.

Moved Steve Read, seconded Bob Hembrough that the Financial Report be accepted, subject to the Auditors Report. Carried.

President's Report: - Peter Sartori –

“It's been another busy year for our Club! I must say that I have enjoyed another year as President and sharing good times with many of you. The Club has maintained a strong membership and over the past year we have welcomed a number of new members to our group.

Firstly, I must thank Toni Mahony for her ongoing support and hard work as our Secretary/Treasurer for the last twelve months. The Club has had a very busy year this year with a number of members travelling to Toowoomba at Easter for Queensland's 2002 National Meet and now our preparation in anticipation of the West Australian National Meet in 2004.

It was great to see three of our cars in Toowoomba at the Queensland National Meet! It was a shame that after all of their hard work that Reg and Coral Blewett weren't able to complete their driving trip to the Meet as they were 'cleaned up' by a road train a day or so out of Toowoomba. It was nothing short of very good luck that they managed to walk away from the accident with just a few cuts and bruises. Many thanks to the members of the Queensland Club for extending their hospitality and care to the Blewetts.

With regard to our 2004 National Meet, I would like to again thank the Mahony's in Ray as Rally Director and Toni as Secretary for all of their time they have given in their respective roles. Thanks also go to the other members of our Rally Committee for their individual efforts and contributions. In the near future, we would ask all members to be prepared to join our committee members when needed to help in various aspects of our 2004 National Meet.

Last but certainly not least on behalf of our Club I feel we should again recognize and thank Louise and Melissa Read for their endless efforts in producing our monthly magazine.

Thanks everyone!”

Vehicle Examiner's Report: - Steve Read

Twenty nine cars were examined today, up on last year.

Steve advised that the Department are tightening up on AIS vehicle inspections. He has warned that brake problems will not be accepted in the future.

He asks that a copy of the inspection report completed by other Authorised Inspection Stations on club member's vehicles be given to him immediately, as he has to report on our club's vehicles to the Department.

Cars on runs will be checked.

NEXT VEHICLE INSPECTION – you must bring this year's report with you for comparison.

It was noted that our constitution states that our club exists for the 'preservation and use' of Model A's, but there are some vehicles which are never seen on Club runs and are only ever bought out for their annual examination.

Some general discussion followed, including suggestions that vehicles should be required to attend a set number of runs per year on club events. That also there should be several country (weekend) runs per year, with the emphasis on meeting up with our country members. Dora speaks to our country members, usually about the Christmas function. They have all expressed a desire for us to visit them in their locality. Germaine suggests that long weekends be used for country runs.

Resolution: The Committee to meet and discuss these ideas and make recommendations.

Election of Office Bearers:

President: Moved Steve Read, seconded Frank Farrelly that Peter Sartori should continue. No other nominations. Carried.

Vice President: Dora Annear nominated, seconded Alan Jeffree that Ray Mahony continue. No other nominations. .. Carried.

Secretary/Treasurer: No nominations received. Toni Mahony indicated that she would not be continuing in the position, due to her work commitments and that she is already doing the National Meet secretary's job.

Committee Members: John Moorehead and Alan Smith have agreed to continue. Accepted.

Events: Dave Bussard to continue – to be confirmed.

Editor/Sales: Louise Read has already notified us some time ago she would be stepping down from this position. No nominations received.

Vehicle Examiners: Steve Read, Max Annear, Reg Blewett and Ray Mahony have all agreed to continue. Accepted.

CMC Representatives: Peter and Elaine Gilberthorpe have offered to continue their good work for another two years maximum. Accepted by membership.

Property Officer: Darren Jeffree agreed to continue in this role. Accepted.

Librarian: Steve Read agreed to continue in this role. Accepted.

Due to the vacancies in two major roles, it was agreed that a **SPECIAL MEETING** be held at the August run for the election of a Secretary/Treasurer and an Editor/Sales Person. Letter to be sent to all members advising them of this meeting. It was noted that our 34 attending members only barely reached the quorum required for an AGM and that more involvement was required from others.

Good Bad Luck Trophy:

The trophy was awarded to Reg and Coral Blewett for the good and bad aspects of their accident in NSW.

General Business:

Peter again mentioned the election issues and reminded members to give it some thought. Dora suggested that in the letter an outline of what is involved in each of the jobs is given.

Meeting closed: 3.15pm



Notebook

BIRTHDAYS for AUGUST: Birthstone: Peridot; Flower: Gladiolus

Michael Bell, Coral Blewett, Pat Bussard, Alec Christie, Colin Davidson, Rosemary Eatt, Gwen Guest, Ross Letch, Helen Moorehead & Val Newton
Many Happy Returns!

OFFICE BEARERS:

Please attend the August meeting to elect or nominate for the two positions that were not filled at the AGM. Read the enclosed letter with this newsletter.

MISSING CONTAINER?

If you attended the AGM and brought some goodies to share in a rectangular, opaque, container with a lid, and went home without it, Dora has your missing item.

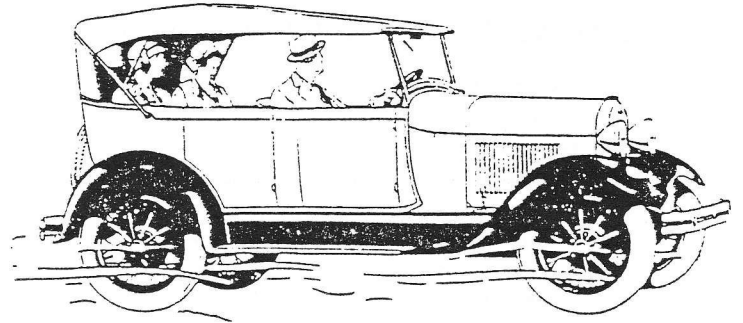
MEMBERS REGISTER:

is now available. Please collect yours from the secretary, it has your name on it.

WANTED:

Allan Stafford from Canberra is doing up a 1931 two door phaeton and requires urgently four door hinges.

Any leads would be greatly appreciated His email address is [REDACTED]



PERTH to

TOOWOOMBA

to PERTH

As experienced by Ray and Toni Mahony in their 1929 Model A Ford

16th March to 17th April 2002

Saturday, 6th April. Leaving Tenterfield we purchased fuel at 86.8 c/litre and headed down the New England Hwy towards Tamworth. We lunched at Armidale Air Port and moved on. Most of the hills had gone and Elizabeth was now running reasonably well. Along the way we were passed by Jim and Maureen Allingham, (Car74), towing their Tudor home. Driving through Uralla we again saw Jim and Maureen, this time outside an antique store. Not being averse to antique stores we stopped, chatted for some time and had a cuppa. They were collecting a pair of sulky wheels, the purchase of which they had organised on the way to Toowoomba. I found a Model A screwdriver, which I purchased for \$2.

Further along we came across Moombi Hills 1 and 2. Something interesting we found out was that when we tried to get up the Moombi's on the way to Toowoomba and turned back, we had actually got to the top of both of them, we had got over the worst of the hills. What we didn't realise was that Moombi 2 was an extension of Moombi 1, and not really a separate hill. Accommodation at Tamworth was booked out due to a bowls competition so we got fuel at Tamworth (91.9 c/litre) and went on to Quirindi. The Quirindi caravan park could only be described as a two-bit park, but the cabin was quite respectable, clean and comfortable and good value at \$40.

I am now totally sick of being tossed around all over the place by these bloody roads. I am sure, had I not fitted the shock absorbers before leaving home, I would not have been able to keep the car on the road.

(228 miles)

Sunday, 7th April. Not long after leaving Quirindi we had another flat tyre. The day was otherwise uneventful. We purchased fuel at Gulgong for 95.9 c/litre and booked into the Cowravan Park in Cowra at 6.00pm. This would have been the least friendly reception we have had so far. Park tariff, \$52.20.

(291 miles)

Monday, 8th April. We got up reasonably early in the morning, purchased fuel for 95.9 c/litre and visited the Cowra Information Centre and saw the Hologram program covering the Cowra POW break out. If ever you are in Cowra this must be on your 'to do list'. Next stop was the POW camp, or at least the remains thereof. Not much to look at, but

interesting and worth a visit. We then moved onto the war cemeteries, again worth visiting. Left Cowra and headed for Grenfell arriving there at lunch time.

We spent the night and the next day with long time friends Dave and Margaret Jackson in Grenfell. In the afternoon Margaret showed us some of the sights around town. Henry Lawson was born here. We were also visited by their old neighbour, Ernest Simpson, who had a Morris Minor. We talked cars for a while and he took me for a drive in his beloved little car. I promised him a ride in mine the next day.

Tuesday, 9th April. Toni started the day washing clothes while I washed the car. As 996 miles had passed since Toowoomba I also decided to give the grease nipples a bit of a squirt. After washing the car I took Ernest for a ride down town so some of his friends might see him and wave, which they and he did, then out along the road a bit. I think I made his day. Dave then showed us more sights of the town and took us to the office of the district newspaper. Photos taken, information given and we continued our look around town. Another of Dave and Marg's neighbours is the social writer for the local paper, so, yes, we had a chat to her as well. In the evening we rang my mum and wished her a happy 84th Birthday.

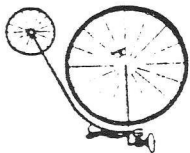
(50 miles)

Wednesday, 10th April. We got away from Grenfell at a fraction after 9.00am and headed for Rankin Springs where we refueled at 95.9 c/litre and moved on. Just 1.8 miles out of Balranald we ran out of fuel. No worries, we had a can full. The caravan park in Balranald was right on the Murrumbidgee riverbank and very pleasant, costing \$55. We went up town and bought food for cooking. The roads since Grenfell have improved considerably.

(310 miles)

Thursday, 11th April. Having risen a little late we didn't get away until 9.15am. We called into the local Mobil station to fill the car and can at 99cent per litre. When putting the can into the trailer I notice the right hand tyre of the trailer was half flat. We decided it would be a good idea the fix it there and then. Yes, another valve stem had chaffed through. I fitted a new tube and we continued on. Along the way we came upon Lake Benanee, a large and quite beautiful spot. As we pulled in a very fine gentleman placed his hat over his heart and said, "I salute you" We spent some time here talking to this gentleman and his wife who come from Victoria Park. We stopped in Mildura for lunch and had a new valve stem fitted to one of my tubes. The tyre repairer only had one stem in stock. We stopped at Lake Cullulleraine for fuel costing 99.8 c/litre. On the way into Berri we stopped at Coles for dinner supplies and then booked into the Riverside caravan park. This is the same park we stayed at on our way to Wodonga two years ago. After a very pleasant swim in the pool Toni had a shower and prepared dinner while I cleaned and adjusted plugs, points and reset the timing. Number 3 & 4 plugs were heavily carboned-up. I also gave Elizabeth her daily 1.5 litre drink of oil.

(203 miles)



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Friday, 12th April. First up I checked and topped up the gearbox and battery fluids which I forgot to check the night before. We then went to the tyre repairers to have another tube fitted with a new valve stem. The day was overcast with several reasonably heavy showers, mostly in the morning.

We left town 8.45am and were only about 20km out of town when Elizabeth decided to miss, rattle, back-fire and knock badly. I have decided that the initial rattle is caused by carbon getting red hot under load and causing detonation and ignition of the fuel during the inlet stroke, resulting in back firing through the carburettor. Pieces of carbon are then loosened and sometimes dislodge and clatter around inside the cylinder until they break up and exit via the exhaust.

The rest of the day my dear sweet little car ran beautifully. We crossed the Murray River by Ferry at Morgan. Continuing on to Burra where we lunched, looked through an antique shop and refueled (93.9 c/litre).

We stopped at Terowie for a short time so see my grand parents graves and then went through Peterborough to Orroroo where we stopped again at "The Beg Gum Tree" to take a photo, after all it really is quite impressive. Next step was to get through Horrocks Pass again, and the way Elizabeth had been behaving I was not confident. To my great pleasure we went up and over at not less than 25mph in top gear without missing a beat. We booked in to the Big 4 caravan park in Pt. Augusta (\$71.80) at about 5.30 then went to the shop to get dinner makings.

(261 miles)

to be continued.....

