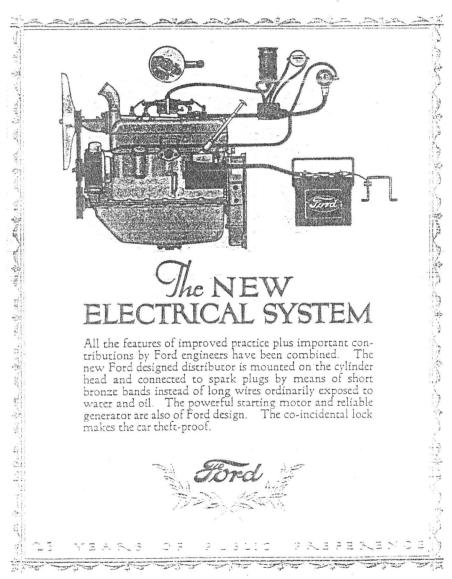
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Official Newsletter of the MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INC



Next Run / Meeting – SUNDAY, 31st August, 2003 TIME: 9.30am PLACE: Causeway Carpark

This is the WESTERN MODEL A-s Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of American, Inc 250 S. Cypress Street, La Habra, California, 90631-5586, USA. Foreign Membership US\$34 per year

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Thornlie, 6108

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SUNDAY, 31ST AUGUST, 2003

Meet at Causeway Carpark at 9.30am for a 10.00am start Ross & Alma Letch organising

SUNDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2003

FABULOUS FORDS IN THE LOOP

A display of all the classic models from Ford to celebrate 100 Years of the Ford Motor Company Station Street, Yarloop 10.30am - 3.30pm Displays, prizes & entertainment

SUNDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2003

Max & Dora Annear organising
Full day run, make sure you have a full tank of petrol

MONDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 2003

WILDFLOWER RUN John Laurie organising, info sheet enclosed for those going

SUNDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 2003

ALL FORD DAY

Bassendean Oval

Steve Read to co-ordinate display

If you own a restored car and live in the metro area,
you will be asked to display your vehicle

SUNDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 2003

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Place: Perth & Tattersalls Bowling Club, Plain St, Perth Organised by Dora Annear

18th MODEL A FORD NATIONAL MEET

8th - 13th April 2004 Perth, Western Australia Entry form available from Toni Mahony or website http://drive.to/marcwa

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MODEL A RESTORER'S CLUB OF W.A. (INC.) MINUTES OF THE COMBINED GENERAL AND AGM HELD AT VCC CLUBROOMS SUNDAY 20TH JULY 2003

Meeting opened: 1.55 PM Peter Sartori in the Chair

Members Present: John & Shirley Hall, David & Pat Bussard, Jim & Nina Williams, Peter & Elaine Gilberthorpe, Jeanette & Bob Hembrough, Colin Davidson, John & Helen Moorehead, Louise & Steve Read, Reg & Coral Blewett, Hans & Glenda Hurij, Merv & Kath Ward, Bob & Val Newton, Ross Letch, Alan Jeffree, Colin & Margaret Strahan, Darren & Germaine Jeffree, Val Cowlin, Ray & Toni Mahony, June & Alan Smith, Kelvin Pepper, Lindsay Blacklock, Max Annear, Jack & Mavis Berkshire, John & Pat Laurie.

Apologies: Hartley Edwards, Phil & Sylvia Wemm, Barbara & Dave Blewett, Barrie & Gwen Guest, Edith Jeffree.

Visitors: Liam Moore.

Minutes of previous meeting and AGM: Accepted as read.

Moved: P Sartori.

Seconded: S Read

Business arising: None

Treasurer's report: No movement since last meeting except for \$510 spent for purchase of road directories.

Balance general account

\$693.55

ANZ term deposit

9822.05

Petty Cash

34.65

Books are with auditor.

AGM Minutes: Taken as read.

Moved J Williams Seconded J Berkshire

PRESIDENT REPORT 2003

Vehicle Examiners: No fails this year.

Property Report: Darren Jeffree reported that star pickets and a banner had been acquired.

Librarian: Steve Read said no change. Same as last year. No books had been borrowed.

National Meet: Ray Mahony read out a lengthy report on progress to date.

John Moorehead gave a financial summary of funds to date.

Nominations for office bearers: Nominations were called for all positions. No response.

Peter Sartori, President, John Hall Sec/Treasurer, Ray Mahony Vice President and Louise Read, Editor and Sales agreed to carry on for one more year.

Committee members elected were Alan Smith and John Moorehead. Events Director to be David Bussard.

Discussion on our magazine and content. Hans Hurij moved that present format was very satisfactory.

Vehicle examiners: Steve Read, Max Annear, Reg Blewett, Ray Mahony.

Librarian: Steve Read.

General Business: Max Annear in touch with USA. Told of large National Meet (1500 people) not good organisation. Hope we will do better.

All Ford Day 26th October Hope for 40 cars from this club.

Movie night next Saturday night.

Peter Gilberthorpe to pursue manufacture of synthetic materials from our agricultural industry.

Peter presented an Australian Flag from Stephen Smith MP and a West Australian Flag from Frank Hough MLA to be flown at our National Meet. Sec to send letter of thanks to both.

Ray Mahony reported on the success of the Quiz night. \$3025 cleared.

First Aid courses offered for \$60 which is less than half of normal cost.

John Laurie reported on Spring Run. Advised he had people who were not members wishing to attend but our Insurance prevented this. Public Liability prevents us going to a lot of places. Run is on 6th October and there are 10 cars going.

Steve Read spoke of the need for a new photocopier as ours could no longer be covered by a maintenance agreement. Resolved we buy a new machine and trade in the old one.

Moved: Steve Read. Seconded Bob Newton.

Jack Berkshire moved a vote of thanks to the examiners and to David & Pat Bussard for the sausage sizzle.

Bits and pieces: John Laurie looking for a 2 tooth steering wheel with the keyway rather than a spline.

Good luck Bad luck: Discussion took place but no award.

Meeting closed 2.45PM

PRESIDENT REPORT 2003

THIS YEAR HAS BEEN ANOTHER BUSY YEAR FOR OUR CLUB IN THE PREPARATION OF OUR 2004 NATIONAL MEET.

OUR CLUB HAS ALSO MAINTAINED A HEALTHY MEMBERSHIP OVER THE PAST YEAR.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE EASTERBROOKS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION, GAYLE AS SECRETARY/ TREASURER AND JOHN AS EDITOR UP TO MAY, AND THEN TO JOHN HALL STEPPING IN AS SECRETARY/TREASURER AND TO LOUISE READ RETURNING AS EDITOR UP TO TODAY.

WITH REGARD TO OUR 2004 NATIONAL MEET I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE MAHONYS, RAY AS RALLY DIRECTOR AND TONI AS SECRETARY FOR THEIR ENDLESS EFFORTS IN STEERING THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR OUR NATIONAL MEET.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE BALANCE OF THE 2004 NATIONAL MEET COMMITTE FOR THEIR TIRLESS EFFORTS ALSO IN THE PREPARATION, FUND RAISING AND PLANNING AND NOT FORGETTING ALL MEMBERS FOR THEIR INDIVIDUAL HELP.

Peter Sartori

IMPORTANT LICENSING INFORMATION FOR CLUB MEMBERS For all vehicles with a Concession Licence

Approved Club responsibilities

- ♠ Maintain an appropriate register of members' vehicles with concession code 404.
- ♠ Arrange for every club vehicle licensed at concession rates to be examined annually by members appointed by the club.
- ♠ Ensure a suitable, durable, year-coded label is affixed as near as possible but not obscuring the registration label of every vehicle passed as roadworthy.
- ♠ By 31 July each year, forward a report to Licensing in an approved format, accounting for every vehicle entered in the club's register that during the preceding 12 months ending June 30 has either been:
 - examined and passed as roadworthy and is in original condition,
 - sighted and certified as being in the process of a rebuild or major overhaul,
 - not sighted or presented for examination.

Responsibility of Individual Club Members

- ♠ Maintain continual financial membership of a club approved for the purpose of concession licensing.
- Actively participate in approved club activities.
- Present each concessionally licensed vehicle for examination by examiners appointed for the purpose.
- ♠ Ensure a current year inspection label is attached as near as possible to, but not obscuring, the registration label of the vehicle. This label to be provided by the club.
- ♠ Ensure that the vehicle is not modified beyond limits acceptable to Licensing.

This information raises important points perhaps overlooked by some members—
1. Vehicles are to be "in original condition".

2. Members must "Actively participate in approved club activities'.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – NATIONAL MEET 2004 ACCOUNT SUMMARY OF INCOME/RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE/PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE 2003

-	TOTALINCOME	\$15.57			TOTAL EXPENDITU			
designation of the last	TOTAL\$	13,570.31	2,000.0	00		3.511.51	655.18	
-	Bank Interest/refunds	12.31						
-	Donations	137,00			Film Night	50.00		
-	Chocolate sales	160.00			Chocolate sales	480.00		
-	Quiz Night	1,568.00			Quiz Night	11.00		
-	Auto Expo – raffle	1,125.40			Auto Expo	207.41		
-	Sale of garden bulbs	1,829.00	ĺ		Sale of garden bulbs	994.95		
-	Rock and Roll Night	3,445.10			Rock and Roll Night	1,100.00		
-	Sales of goods-various	418.50			Publicity/Promotion		474.00	
-	Fund raising activities:				Postage/Telephone	347.50	44.70	
-	Rally Registrations	4,875.00			Stationery	109.24	110.28	
-	Transfer from club funds	5	2,000.00)	Bank Charges	211.41	26.20	
-	INCOME				EXPENDITURE			
-		2003	2002			2003	2002	
	Balance b/f as at 30th Jur	ne, 2002		\$1,344.8	32			
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BALANCE OF ACCOUNT AS AT 30.06.03 - \$11.403.61

John Moorehead, Treasurer, National Meet 2004 Committee



Model A Ford Clubs of Australia 18th Model A Ford National Meet August, 2003

NEWS

Perth, Western Australia - Thursday 8th to Tuesday 13th April 2004

Fund Raising – The various efforts have successfully contributed toward meeting the expenses incurred in hosting this event. However, attempts at attracting sponsors has not been successful – the economic climate being much different than in 1992. Please contact Ray if you have any suggestions.

Quiz night - This was a very successful event. Thanks to Ray and Toni for rustling up prizes, and to those who assisted on the night.

Chocolates - M&Ms and Maltesers are being sold to raise funds. Please contact Germaine Jeffree for your supplies.

Film night – Thanks to Peter Sartori, and to those who attended – \$220, another success

Sausage sizzles - Are under way - If you have volunteered to assist, you will be contacted. Bob Newton has arranged about eight events so far.

Overseas Visitors – Thanks to David Bussard, the Meet now has "Special Events Status", which precludes the visitors from making substantial deposits with the Federal Government to ensure that their vehicles are shipped out of Australia after the Meet. David has been embroiled in on-going paperwork to ensure easy passage for the visiting contingent of Americans – and it's looking good.

Skit Night – John Timmings has put his hand up to organise our club's skit. Please contact John if you have any ideas or wish to participate – the "entertainers" in our singing and dancing routine in 1992 had a wonderful time!

Nibble and Natter – Val Newton will organise and co-ordinate this important night which we will cater for ourselves. Please contact Val if you can assist in preparation/serving.

Program – This is virtually finalised and everyone should have a great time. Is YOUR entry in?

Presentation Dinner – Being organised by Germaine Jeffree – the theme for the night will be "black and white" and silent films will be projected on screens throughout the dinner. Participants are invited to dress up as a silent film era actor – so put on your thinking caps and get out the sewing machine.

Remember, details, forms, etc from our official web site: http://drive.to/marcwa.

2004 National Meet Committee

Rally Director - RAY MAHONY. Secretary - TONI MAHONY
Treasurer - JOHN MOOREHEAD. Concourse Judging - STEVE READ
Overseas Participants - DAVID BUSSARD. Daily Tours - ALAN JEFFREE
Meals - SHIRLEY HALL. Presentation Dinner - GERMAINE JEFFREE.
PETER SARTORI - PAT BUSSARD - MERV WARD - BEVAN SHARP

PROGRESS REPORT 18th NATIONAL MODEL A MEET PERTH, 2004

Initially we were to follow the successful path of the 1992 Meet, with accommodation and rally HQ at Noalimba. However with its closure, alternative arrangements had to be made. We engaged a professional events co-ordinator, Ideal Events, who promised sponsorship, special deals on accommodation and venues etc. Unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately, this association did not prove successful and led to a lot of time lost. Despite these set backs we now have bookings with the Cannington Agricultural, Horticultural and Recreational Society for rally headquarters and Greyhounds WA for all our catering needs. We have obtained a variety of excellent accommodation venues within reasonable distance from which entrants can choose. The emphasis from the beginning has been to encourage people to holiday in WA and attend the National Meet while here.

THE VENUE: This is on the corner of Albany Hwy and Station Street, Cannington and includes the 600 sq. m. Exhibition Hall, 200 sq. m. Liddelow Pavilion and a large meeting room. A large area behind the buildings is available for parking. Hall hire includes all tables and chairs.

CATERING: Shirley Hall has negotiated all meals, except for the Nibble and Natter and the Farewell Breakfast (which will be served by club members) with Greyhounds WA. Pre-packed box lunches will be available for pickup by entrants each morning. Night meals will be smorgasbord. Germaine Jeffree, who is co-ordinating the presentation dinner, knows only too well the difficulty of finding a venue with a capacity of 400 to 500 people at a reasonable cost. After many hours of searching, Germaine has negotiated with Greyhounds WA to provide an excellent menu at reasonable cost. The theme is "Black and White" and we are asking entrants to dress as their favourite black and white (silent) movie star or character. We will have a special event liquor licence for the duration of the meet and a variety of beer and wine will be available during meals and the evenings. Bob Newton and Peter Sartori, through their contacts in the industry, were able to obtain a variety of good quality wines at excellent prices.

ENTERTAINMENT: Hans Hurij has volunteered to be M.C for the evening activities. A program of entertainment is planned and includes Hubley Racing, organised and conducted by Darren Jeffree. Darren has spent considerable time building and testing a new track and electronic timing device to ensure the races run as smoothly and as fairly as possible. One evening we will be entertained by, hopefully, each state providing a short skit. Our effort is to be produced and directed by John Timmings. John will be looking for members with, or without, talent to take part.

EVENTS: Co-ordinator, Allan Jeffree, has a program that is different from anything that has been done before. A bold move perhaps, but something that we believe will be successful and overcome the problem of getting all vehicles from one place to another without congesting the roads and taking all day. This will be achieved, except for the Mandatory Run, by not going to the same place. Alan has developed a program for each day of half and full day runs, from which people can choose. The final number of runs will depend on the number of rally entrants; each run will have a maximum of 50 participants. The Mandatory run will be to Whiteman Park on Easter Sunday. Self directed tours will be available to entrants before and after the Meet. Also included in the program will be city historic walks organised by Louise Read and a group of helpers. A number of approximately 2 hour walks through and around the city area taking in significant points of general and historic interest.

FUND RAISING and SPONSORSHIP: Shortly before Ideal Events, Bevan Sharp joined the committee with the idea of working in conjunction with Ideal Events in raising money. Bevan has a successful track record in finding the corporate dollar and turning it into sponsorship dollars. Unfortunately the economic environment is very difficult at the moment, to the extent that avenues considered good prospects, such as oil companies, Lotteries WA and The WA Convention Bureau, proved fruitless. But, we have a couple of small sponsors and Bevan is working with some other

prospects. A number of fund raising activities have had success, and others are planned. Activities include: rock and roll night, bulb sales, chocolate sales, quiz night, sausage sizzles, movie and theatre nights, raffles and car park sales. Worth special mention is Barrie's regular supply and sale of buns etc at monthly meetings. To date these have raised in the vicinity of \$6,000.

PUBLICITY and COMMUNICATION: To keep all prospective and confirmed entrants informed, Pat Bussard has been producing excellent and informative newsletters, the fifth of which has recently been sent. These inform entrants of developments and planning and include a section sketching an area that our visitors may be interested in visiting while here. This is in keeping with the emphasis of holidaying in WA. Newsletters are sent to all Early Bird entrants and the US Touring group, and are included on the web site developed by Matthew Read. Bevan Sharp has also been writing a small article for inclusion in our "Western Model A" newsletter to keep our local members informed of developments and requests. Preliminary contact has been made with the West Australian Newspaper and Channel 10 with regard to publicity leading up to the event date.

OVER SEAS PARTICIPANTS: We heard that an American Model A touring group was planning to visit Australia and/or New Zealand sometime in 2004. Dave Bussard contacted the group advising them of our forthcoming national Meet. They have accepted our offer and are well into plans to be here for the Meet. David and Pat Bussard gave a presentation to the group during their trip to the U.S. last year. David has been in regular contact with the group organisers, assisting them with essential details concerning car entry, customs etc. We now have 37 confirmed entrants from America, which constitutes the largest number of overseas entrants in a Model A National Meet and the largest contingent of Model As (if not any one make-model) to visit Australia. David is to be commended for the time and effort it has taken to bring this off. Unfortunately we have not yet received entrants from any other country.

JUDGING: This is the first time judging has been conducted under Australian Judging Standards. The aim is to encourage as many Model A owners as possible to enter a section, which includes Blue Ribbon, Concours, Red Ribbon and White Ribbon. In each area, awards will be given for Best '28 – '29, and Best '30 – '31 vehicle. The overall winner will not be eligible for a Best of Class award. Steve Read is co-ordinating the judging and will be organising his judging panel in the near future.

FINANCE: A budget was produced and is reviewed regularly to ascertain as clearly as possible the amount of fund raising/sponsorship that would be needed. It is not our plan to make a profit. As much as is practicable, income in excess of costs will be returned to the entrants in some way so the greatest possible return for outlay is achieved. All financial matters are being kept separate from club funds and will be audited at the conclusion of the Meet, with any profit transferred to the club account. All financial records are kept by John Moorehead in a very professional and business-like manner. Banking arrangements include cheque and credit card facilities. The current prediction is that we will meet our financial aim through continued effort by all club members in the fundraising.

JOBS-TO-BE-DONE: There is a large list of "Jobs-to-be-done" including: rally bags, car and name badges, assisting on events, picking up visitors from trains and planes, greeting and escorting road arrivals, the continuing tea and coffee facility during the weekend, cleaning headquarters, handing out lunches, making meal tickets; the list goes on. Some of these jobs are in-hand or have co-ordinators, and we are confident that we will handle them all - but there is more work than can be handled by the committee and it will take all members to do their part. Some members have already indicated their willingness to help, and from the response for the quiz night we will get the help we need. Shortly rosters will be made up with places for names to be entered. Please do not hesitate if asked. What we must all remember is that the 18th National Model A Meet is being conducted by The Model A Restorer's Club of Western Australia. The committee is there only to plan and coordinate. This is the club's event and the success or otherwise lies with you, the members.

NOTEBOOK

BIRTHDAYS for AUGUST: Birthstone: Peridot; Flower: Gladiolus

Michael Bell, Coral Blewett, Pat Bussard, Colin Davidson, John Easterbrook, Rosemary Eatt, Gwen Guest, Ross Letch, Helen Moorehead & Val Newton. Have a great birthday!

A BIG THANK YOU

to Bevan Sharp who has provided a large number of articles, both technical and others of general interest, to be included in forthcoming newsletters.

STREET DIRECTORIES:

There are no more. See any of the Meet Committee for all of the other fund raisers that need your support.

ALL FORD DAY:

With the All Ford Day coming up, this is your big chance to show your support for the Model A Restorers Club, this means that all those people who have Model As stuck in the garage and never participate, have their big chance to show their cars. So I will be calling for forty volunteers and will be contacting everybody by phone. So let's not have the tired old excuses, at least think of some new ones!

As you all know it is a requirement of concessional licensing stated by the Department of Transport that you actively participate in club events.

Remember this is 100 Years of Ford and we will all be very old next time it comes around.

Steve Read

WANTED:

Two tooth steering wheel with the keyway, rather than a spline Phone John Laurie on

FOR NEW MEMBERS:

The following is available from the club-

Club Polo Style T Shirts - Yellow with club emblem emroidered on pocket

Sizes S(1), M(3), L(7), XL(4), XXXL(1), XXXXL(5)

Cost \$18 or \$22 posted

Car Badge -

Model A Restorers Club of WA \$15

Lapel Badge -

Minature for lapel or hat \$5

Cloth Patch -

Dress up your car jacket or vest for \$3

POSTCARD:

President Pete received a postcard from out travelling members, John & Gayle Easterbrook, which he read out at the AGM. I have also had an email from Kununurra on 30 July, and they were heading to Katherine & Darwin.



It undelivered, please return to:

Thornlie
Western Australia, 6108

BUSSARD David & Pat BALDIVIS WA 6171



Western Model A News

AN INTERESTING INSIGHT WHEN YOU CONSIDER THAT MOTOR CARS HAD ONLY BEEN ON REGULAR SALE FOR ABOUT TWENTY YEARS WHEN THIS ARTICLE WAS PRINTED?

From The Literary Digest dated August 16th, 1930

Tests for Decrepit Autos

Every State should have laws requiring a periodic inspection for all automobiles, and a certificate of their fitness before licence plates are issued or renewed. This is the recommendation of a report presented to the National Conference on Highway Safety at a recent meeting. Says *Science News-Letter*, a Science Service publication (Washington):

"Stressing the need for a periodic heath examination for cars, the report states that in the course of special investigations defective brakes were found in one car out of four. Defective lights were found in from 13 to 25 per cent of the cars. Steering, gears, horns, windshield wipers and other accessories which figure in driving safety, were found to be out of order in other cars.

"Since so many individuals will not keep their cars fit, the report recommends that every State should have an adequate highway patrol force whose members are trained to recognise the symptoms of mechanical defects."

THE FIRST



... was Paul Daimler, Gottlieb's son, who drove the machine from Cannstatt to Untertükheim and back, a round trip of six miles, on 10 November, 1885. Daimler did not intend the vehicle as a commercial proposition, but as a test-bed for his newly developed petrol engine.

In Britain, the Petro-Cycle was designed by Edward Butler of Erith, Kent, and built by F.B. Shuttleworth Ltd, marine engineers, in 1887-88. It was powered by a two-stroke engine developing 100rpm (increased to 600rpm after modification) and had three wheels, a sub-clutch

control, water cooling and a jet carburettor. After running the Petro-Cycle for six months, Butler was constrained to write: 'The authorities do not countenance its use on roads, and I have therefore abandoned in consequence any further development of it'. It had, however, already been driven by Mrs Butler, who thus became the world's first woman motorist. The first motor bicycle in Britain was built by H. Taylor, a Kettering cycle agent, in mid-1892, and was powered by a 1-1/4hp water-cooled engine with spray-carburettor and tube ignition. Unlike most early motor cycles, Taylor's belt-drive machine had no pedals and to start it the rider had to run alongside.

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