

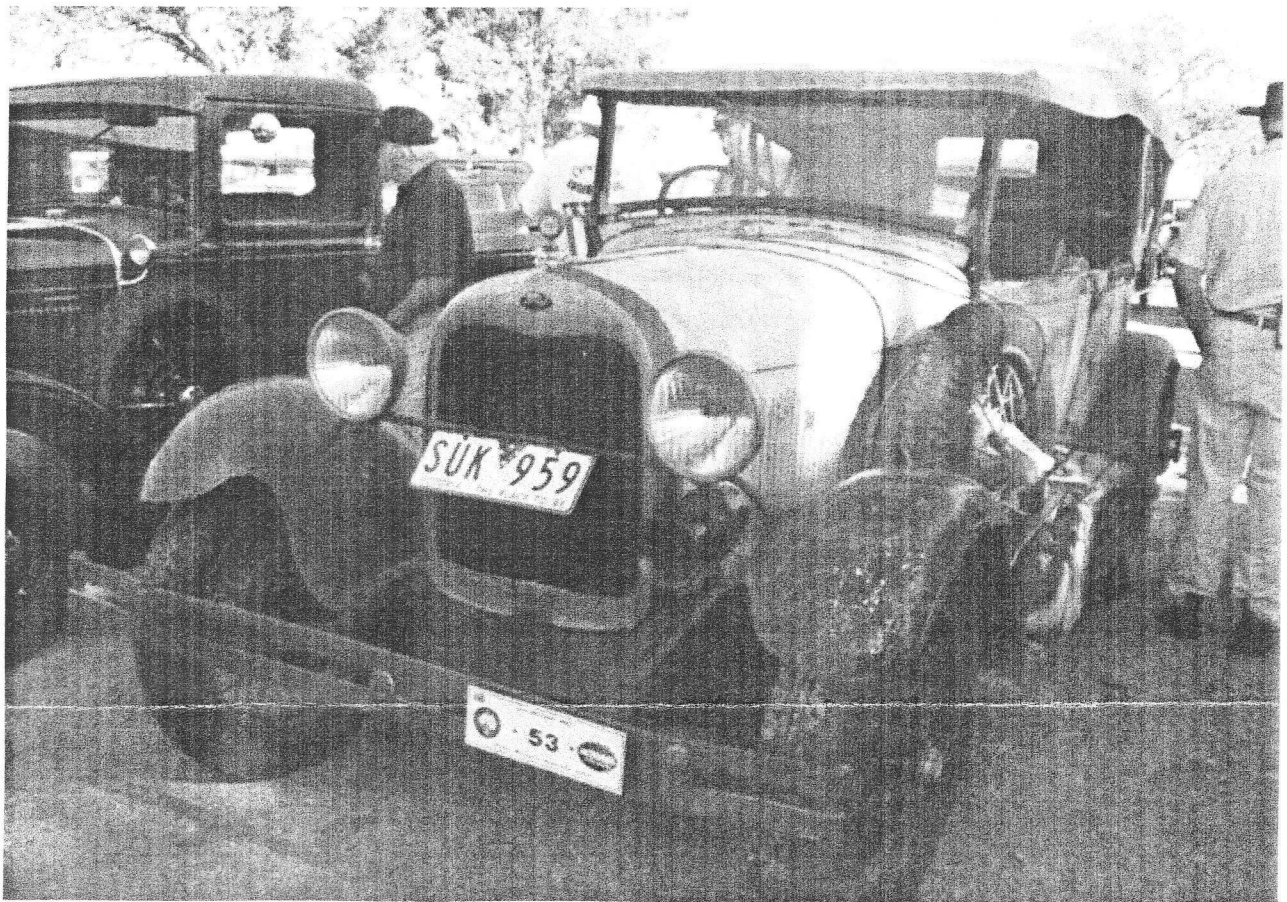
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MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INC

Lewis Seiffert's (Victoria) unrestored 1928 Phaeton



**Next Run/Meeting: Sunday 23rd May, 2004**  
**Place: Causeway Carpark Time: 9.00am**

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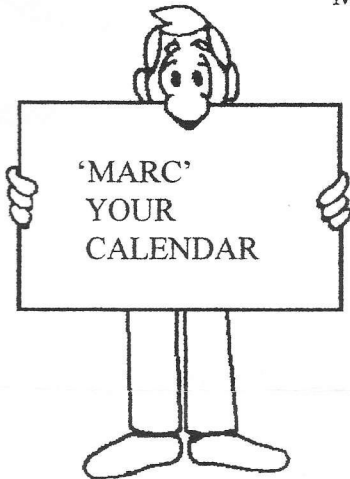
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**SUNDAY, 23rd MAY, 2004**

Organised by David & Pat Bussard

Meet at Causeway Carpark at 9.00am for 9.30 start  
Morning tea at Bibra Lake Reserve carpark on Progress Dr  
Meeting at Peel Estate Winery, Fletcher Rd, Karnup



**JUNE, 2004**

Organised by Alan & June Smith

**MAFCA NATIONAL CONVENTION  
PORTLAND OREGON**

11-16 July, 2004

Hosted by: The Beaver Chapter &  
The Northwest Regional Group

**SUNDAY, 25th JULY, 2004**

AGM

VCC Clubrooms, Hale Road, Forrestfield

**AUGUST, 2004**

Organised by Peter & Elaine Gilberthorpe

**SEPTEMBER, 2004**

Organised by John & Helen Moorehead

**OCTOBER, 2004**

Organised by David & Pat Bussard

**7TH NATIONAL MODEL A RALLY 2005**

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## AUTO ONE CLASSIC CAR SHOW--- WHITEMAN PARK 21ST.MARCH 04

A display of Model A Fords from our club was organised by Peter Gilberthorpe to support this major car show and assist with the promotion of our National Meet and in particular the visit to Whiteman Park on Sunday 11th.April 04.

Whilst Perth was in the middle of a heat wave and temperatures around 38 C + forecast, some 13 members supported this event. The area for our display was a prominent position adjacent to the information pavilion on a grassed section with plenty of shade. Vehicles on display included 4 Roadsters, 4 Phaetons, 3 Utes, 1 Tudor and 1 Truck--- an impressive display.

The handout supplied to participants and visitors included an article about our National Meet and encouraged people to attend Whiteman Park on the Sunday when all of the Model A vehicles would be in attendance. The total number of vehicles on display at the Car Show appeared to be down on previous years however the level of interest by visitors was still at a high level.

It was at this event that Peter and Ray Mahony had some serious discussions with a representative of Auto One, who kindly donated Model A Ford Matchbox models to be included in the rally pack of all entrants in our National Meet.

For anyone with a general or serious interest in a particular type of vehicle, this Show is always a great day out.

*John Moorehead*

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The following letter was received by the editor-

Dear Louise,

I would appreciate if you could pass on to the members my congratulations on an unbelievably successful Easter Rally and as an unfortunate absentee member I am sorry that I was unable to help in the preparation of the event.

Mention must be made of the efforts of Pat & David in convincing the Americans to come a long way to Down Under as their presence made it more interesting for the general public especially the modifications to their cars.

The embroidered serviettes definitely helped make the table decorations with the dessert showing the FORD logo epitomizes the dedication of the members.

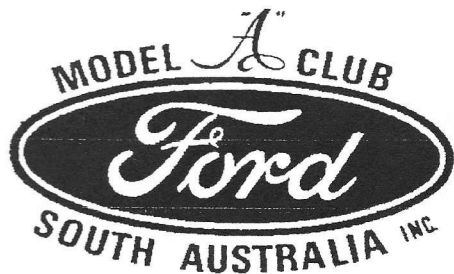
After sitting in the sun at Whiteman Park with Lorraine we said what a pleasant day it was being back with old members and friends.

Yesterday while I was at St John of God's Hospital, I called in on Bob Newton who unfortunately has the same problem as me so I took time to convince him that all is not lost as I have been on chemo 6 years and still not prepared to give in. I asked him if he had had a big 'fart' yet (passed wind) and he said he had that day so he will be much better now as the air trapped in after the op has to go somewhere.

I have entered the Adelaide Rally in 2 years, thinking very positive and suggesting that other members do the same, as Western Australia has lifted the bar again.

Many thanks for a well run weekend run.

*Lorraine & Ross Chamberlain*  
*21<sup>st</sup> April, 2004*



**EXTENDS THE  
HAND OF  
FRIENDSHIP IN  
2006**

The Model 'A' Ford Club of South Australia will be hosting the 19<sup>th</sup> National Model A Meet in 2006.

The Rally will be held from September 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup>, the location will be West Beach, a beachside suburb of Adelaide adjacent to Glenelg.

Entrants will be given the opportunity to enter the "Bay to Birdwood" run which is on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> September and is the largest vintage and veteran run, in the southern hemisphere which attracts some 1700 vehicles from around Australia.

South Australia offers you a wide range of attractions and scenery and we plan to offer you a relaxed and laid back rally with something to suit everybody.

Although our club is small we offer you the friendship, warmth and hospitality of our state and it is a great opportunity once again to meet old friends, make new ones and give your 'A's the holiday they deserve.

What more can we say – just say "Yes" to S. A. in 2006

Please speak to one of our states representatives, lodge your expression of interest form, or forward the request for information below.

The Model A Ford Club – SA Inc. has it's own website, if you haven't visited it – look us up, it is hoped that our National Rally entry forms will be available on our website within the next few months. Website : [Http://www.homestead.com/fordsa/FordA.html](http://www.homestead.com/fordsa/FordA.html)

Forward to: Rally Director, Model 'A' Ford Club of S.A., [redacted] North Adelaide SA 5006  
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**ADELAIDE – 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> September 2006**

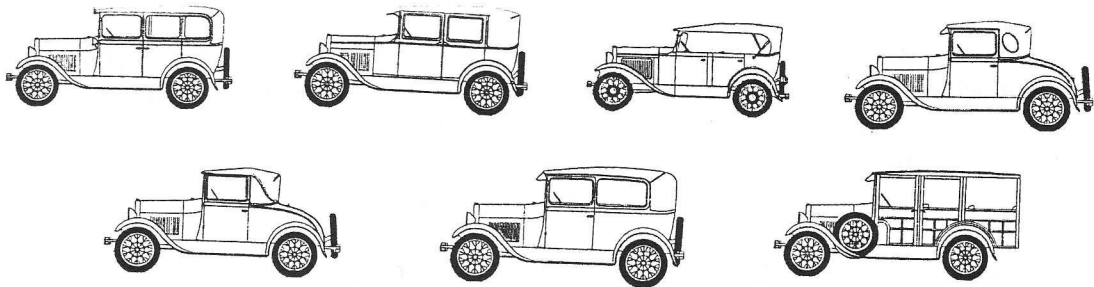
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## 18<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL MODEL A FORD MEET PERTH WA 2004

Some would say, "Thank goodness that is over I can get my life back", others will say "That was great, can't wait 'til the next time", but all I can say is "Can we have a replay, I missed it?"

The whole weekend I believe was a great success, with people enjoying the outings, the friendship and the cars. I was able to get to know our American Model Aers on the Wednesday, before the Rally started, when I took thirty-nine of them into Perth for a mini cultural tour. Most of them enjoyed the outing and set the pace for those who signed up for the Walking Tours on Friday. Crunch time came when I told them they would have to find their own way back to the motel. My maps and instructions must have been reasonable as all thirty-nine were at registration on Thursday afternoon.

I thought at times I was speaking a foreign language, but was tickled when later on at the rally one of the women asked if I was in the military. Bossy boots!

Thursday morning, and things really started to happen. It was like the team from 'Ground Force', trailers, buses, trucks and cars rolled up to Rally HQ and the setting up was under way. People who had just come to make themselves known were given a job. No one was allowed to be an onlooker. Registration is the best place to be to meet all the incoming entrants, great to catch up with past friends and newly made ones. I had a terrific team that made the whole thing go very smoothly. I know we had our Nibble & natter that evening, but that is a bit of a blur.

Late nights and early morning starts make you that way.

Friday I do remember as we walked in the morning, had a great rest, ate lunch and 'chewed the fat' at noon and rounded up stragglers from RAC Headquarters to finish the afternoon stroll. Friday evening Steve & I caught up with friends from NSW and of course who can forget the entertainment. All good fun!

Saturday was again catch up with what hadn't been done the night before, too late, can't think, had to go to bed. Fremantle was the destination of most. Saturday night was more entertainment, and the young ones showing off how fit they really are. One of the young ladies almost caused an accident by distracting a motorist, whilst she was a passenger in a Model A, by showing off her gussies.

Sunday was going to be my 'Let me look at the cars' day. Didn't happen. Whiteman Park was the destination for the Mandatory Run and the judging of cars.

We arrived about quarter to eleven, and gathered cars and judges in one spot. It turned out to be a full time job, handing out sheets, collecting them, answering questions and directing people to the appropriate places. I must say that the judges did a wonderful job, and I was very impressed with our overseas judges who took our first-time judges under their wings and gave them the benefit of their experience. It was truly a sharing time.

Never having been involved with judging before, I take my hat off to those who do it at every National Meet. The paperwork is horrendous, and those volunteers at Whiteman Park worked under less than ideal surroundings, having to elbow the general public out the way to do their job. The Concours and Blue Ribbon entrants were housed inside the museum, which made it easier for them. After a very quick catch-up with Toni, and a sit for ten minutes in the shade to have a bite, it was three o'clock and time to head for home.

With paperwork spread across our kitchen bench and table, with all the papers sorted into sections, came the job of entering all the scores into the computer to see how the cars fared. I did hear that the Hubleys were raced on Sunday night, but I never actually made it back to see any of the races. There are plans afoot to knobble the Newtons cars before the next big race I believe!

Monday was time to catch up with all that had happened the previous evening, organise engraving and sort out prizes for the Presentation Dinner. A nap would be good. Oh yes and then a spot of photocopying also. Sons hanging around on the weekend do come in useful for some things.

The Presentation Dinner was there, then it was gone!

The major awards and trophies won on the night are as follows:-

- Blue Ribbon - Lyall & Faith Hayhow 1929 Phaeton (Victoria)
- Concours – Colin Davidson 1931 Slant Window Town Sedan (WA)
- Best Open Car – Barrie & Anne Byers 1931 Deluxe Roadster (WA)
- Best Closed Car – Alan & Edith Jeffree 1928 Fordor (WA)
- Red Ribbon – 1<sup>st</sup> Ron & Carol Mosher 1929 Station Wagon (California, USA)  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve & Connie Boros 1929 Tudor (SA)
- White Ribbon – Bryan Wyborn 1930 Ute (NSW)
- Longest Distance Travelled – David & Susan Morgan (Massachusetts USA)
- Longest Distance Driven by an Australian – Wayne & Irene Henry (Victoria)
- Hard Luck – Bob & Jean McDonald (ACT)
- Peoples Choice – Hans & Glenda Hurij 1930 Tudor (WA)
- Club Participation – Victoria
- Hubley Club Shield – Queensland

Tuesday was farewell breakfast, with some of our club members cookin' up a storm from 6.00am. Time to say goodbye until 2006, then we can sit back and enjoy while someone else steers.

*Louise*

*P.S. I did get to see the American cars on the following Sunday at the motel after their return from the South West.*

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The following was left at the VCC Clubrooms on the Tuesday evening of the 6<sup>th</sup> April, please claim from Pat Bussard at the next club meeting-

- One white towelling tea towel with mauve & green stripes
- One 30cm round silvery metal plate
- One well used, well loved rectangular baking tray (25 x 31)

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## **A Special Thank You!**

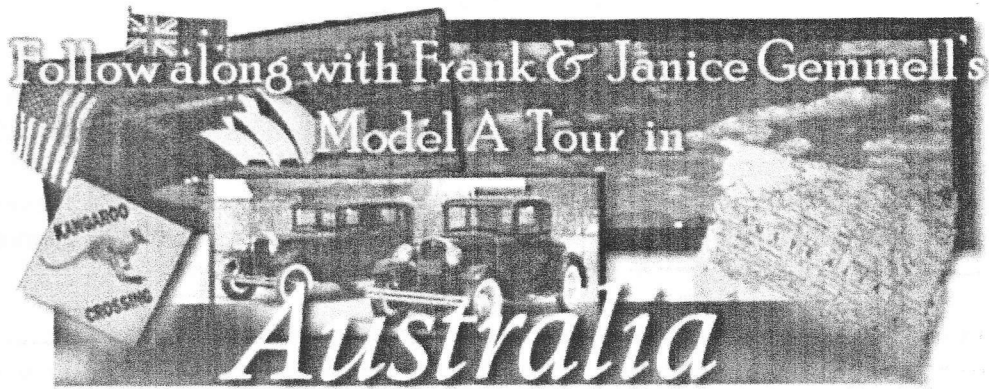
As part of the Yank contingent that invaded Australia during March and April we would like to especially thank the Model A Restorers Club of WA. It is clear that this club has many highly motivated members that worked many months planning, and then flawlessly executing the 18<sup>th</sup> National Model A Meet. It was clearly the highlight of our Month touring many parts of the country.

It seemed that everyone we talked to during dinner and the meet activities made a special effort to make us feel welcome.

We are glad that we were able to share in the fun and fellowship. The entire trip was memorable. Highlights of the journey "down under" are documented in [www.modelarestorersclubofarizona.com](http://www.modelarestorersclubofarizona.com).

We look forward to seeing some of you again in Portland 2004, and along the Model A road.

*Frank & Janice Gemmell*  
Model A Restorers Club of Arizona



**The Rally, hosted by the  
Model A Restorers Club of Western Australia  
April 8,9**

Thursday morning gave us a bit of a break to clean up the cars, shop for groceries and do a load of wash. A trip to the nearby Mall reminded us how much in common we have with the Australians. A great big enclosed mall, it was much like home. My camera has been dropped so many times that the battery door must be held closed with that ever useful product, duct tape. We shopped several stores and determined that I would attempt to nurse it some before buying a new one. Janice has had a bit of camera problem as well, so even though we have hundreds of photos, there are not many good ones. Too bad, get ready "friends and family" you will have to endure them all!

In the p.m. rally registration was held, the rally headquarters is located at a convention center at the "dog" track about 20 minutes away from the hotel. We found it, registered along with 168 others and chatted with many of the participants. Many having driven the Nullabor as did four of our cars.

There are many unusual Aussie Model A's as many, like the woodies were delivered as chassis and fitted with Holden bodies. Lots of homemade body parts some of them very well done and my personal favourite, an original complete, rough Phaeton. Complete with water injection, it cruised the Nullabor without a hitch.

Welcome, rally instructions, signups and intermingling were featured at the evening "Nibbles and Natter". Each morning and afternoon there are several tours available so it was a bit of a task to choose the ones we wanted to do. Naturally, we signed up for as many as possible. It's going to be a busy few days.

Friday, the morning tour took us on a walking tour of Perth, visiting many historic buildings, gardens and government facilities. The city is very well kept, the historic buildings well protected and pleasant to visit during a quiet time, (Good Friday). Model A tour guides were well prepared and practiced for the tour. As we were among the very last to arrive, Janice and I had our own private tour the other two groups had already started. Don't quite know how that happened as we arrive at Rally HQ long before most folks. In the afternoon we drove 25 km or so into the country and visited a private museum housing forty or fifty cars from the 50's and 60's, mostly Holden, European Fords with a smattering of "Yank Tanks". The Ridley collection also had a large bird collection, mostly parrot varieties, so there was something for everyone.

**Let us Entertain You!**

Then, my friends, as the MATC was responsible for evening entertainment after dinner, I may have participated in the set back of era fashions, women's rights and international relations. Our group decided on an era fashion show. Unfortunately our Models were not schooled in the fine art of dressing, presenting or even walking. Carol Mosher MC'ed in authentic era fashions, Kendra Allan (Ms Destine Oak) next modelled a legitimate era bathing costume, then things sort of fell apart. The next models were Miss Annie Crave-its, (Henry Tate, Dallas), P-Tunia Hairmore, (Piet Dwinger, Orange County), Decadent Francine, (You know who, MARCA), Rhonda Plugger, (Ron Mosher, San Fernando) and the prettiest of all Miss Matilda Demure, (Forrest Garb, Dallas). For some reason, the crowd became a bit loud and boisterous, the "ladies" received some inappropriate offers and comments, and a good time was had by all. I'm not sure why but the "targeted" Rally leaders were somewhat reluctant to dance with the models that travelled half way around the world specifically for their entertainment. (I think I'm going to have nightmares for some time to come).

## The Rally Part II April 10,11

There is something going constantly, the days feature runs about the area. Some morning, some afternoon and some all day. Box lunches are handed out each morning and you eat em when and where you get the chance. The Model A Restorers Club of WA really worked hard. The venues are interesting and unique and the "drive to" instructions are complete and accurate. Dinner each evening at HQ along with entertainment each evening makes for very long days. Saturday's entertainment included melodrama and skits as well and a terrific demonstration of era swing dancing (by much younger dancers). We will stick with it and we "will not fade".

A full day run to the port town of Fremantle included visits to the Port, Marine Museum, another auto Museum and a tour of the original convict prison built to house the English convicts sent to "develop the frontier". Not a pretty place but very interesting.

Easter Sunday included an all day tour to a very popular country park with, (guess what?), an auto museum, a tractor museum and a nifty wildlife park. This run was mandatory for show car entries, the cars were judged and displayed at the park. All the rest of the cars were parked on the grass in the park for viewing by the public while we toured the park attraction.

Dinner and Hubley tonight with Presentation dinner tomorrow, farewell breakfast Tuesday and we're off to Bunbury. I'm tell you this as it is not likely there will be a report until sometime after we reach Bunbury.

Having a great time, wish everyone reading this could experience it in person instead of just reading this goofy diary.

## Rally Farewell & Off to Bunbury April 12-13

Hard to believe how fast the time is going, the rally culminated with an excellent presentation banquet, the Hubley derby. (our one Hubley representative, Dennis Olsen finished third in the first heat). We did make a bit better show at the car judging, Ron Mosher's Woody took top in the touring class car judging. Ron, Les Deedon, and Piet Dwinger were among the car judges.

The good news at the beautiful catered banquet was the excellent wine donated by a member, the even better news was the group was transported via bus to and from the banquet. 160 some registrations for the rally certainly was not as big as American National Meets but the MARC of Western Australia did a superb job of planning, executing and making everyone feel welcome, smaller is better. People from all the regions of Australia really went out of their way to make us feel welcome. Excellent tours were organized for four days, morning and afternoon and we enjoyed a planned dinner every evening. Janice and I, as is our standard approach, made it a point to sit with people we did not know at each opportunity. One evening we sat with the organizer of next years rally in Hawks Bay, NZ. We signed up for the early bird NL and told them we planned to attend. (got that PJ?).

The send off was a breakfast BBQ of that traditional cooked breakfast, eggs bacon, sausage and fried tomatoes. Hmmm. Then it was off to Bunbury, along the southwest coast, we took a few side trips along some perfect Model A roads, curvy, smooth and lightly travelled. Our first "mob" of Kangaroos were sighted in the wild, actually it was in a pasture, but the Roos were wild and popped over the fence at will. We arrived early in Bunbury, somewhat of a vacation/beach town in time for lunch and to watch the second loose timing gear repair seminar. We settled into our Motel, shared experiences of the day with the group over a glass of wine then strolled to restaurant row for an excellent Chinese dinner.



### A VERBAL BOUQUET

We would like to thank the following people who helped us during the Rally  
with the distribution of lunches –

Bill & Val Cowlin, Colin Davidson & Margaret Strahan.

Your help was very much appreciated and made the job a pleasure.

*Shirley & John Hall*





# NOTEBOOK

## **BIRTHDAYS for MAY: Birthstone: Emerald; Flower: Lily of the Valley**

Greg Axford, Lionel Barendse, Barrie Byers, Astrid Dalby, Hartley Edwards. Rosalie Eva, Yvonne Freebairn, Elaine Gilberthorpe, Alan Jeffree, George McIntosh, Ron Pleysier, Louise Read, Rex Wilson & Pauline Wood. Happy birthday!

## **NEW MEMBERS:** Please welcome back

Frank & Jenny Cocks, [REDACTED] Ardross 6153 Ph: [REDACTED]

These folk own a restored 1929 Phaeton

Also new to the club

Keith & Rhonda Skelley, [REDACTED] Cervantes 6511 Ph: [REDACTED]

Keith & Rhonda have an unrestored 1928 Phaeton and need help with woodwork and more

John & Lesley Smith, [REDACTED] Mukinbudin 6479 Ph: [REDACTED]

These new members are looking for a restored Model A

welcome to you all and please add these families to your membership register

## **GET WELL WISHES:**

For those of you who don't know, Bob Newton is recovering from major surgery. We all send our best wishes to Bob for a speedy recovery.

## **THANK YOU:**

to my team of ladies who more than capably handled the registrations at the National Meet Helen Moorehead, Elaine Gilberthorpe, Gwen Guest & Lorna Wigmore. Well done and I also heap praise on the City Walks guides, Ron Andrews, Barrie Guest & Toni Mahony. There were loads of people who were very complimentary and impressed and thoroughly enjoyed the walks. *Louise*

## **PHOTO ALBUM**

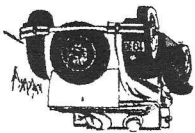
anyone who had time to take photos of any aspect of the National Meet and can spare copies we would be pleased to have them for our album. They can be sent to Toni or Louise. Thanks.

## **STORIES FOR THE NEWSLETTER:**

I would be pleased to include any gossip or stories about the 18th National Meet in the next newsletter.

One nice little story I heard was the one about the booze bus that was parked across from the Greyhounds one evening over the Rally weekend. Inevitably one or two of the cars were ushered into the car park and the occupants breathalized.

Much to the amusement of the passenger in one of the American left-hand drive cars, she was asked to blow in the bag. It took a few minutes for one of West Australia's finest to realize he had just breathalized the passenger and not the driver! What colour is red?



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