

A MODEL NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
THE MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB (WESTERN AUSTRALIA BRANCH) INC.

JUNE, 1984.

Next Meeting: Sunday 24th June, 1984

Start Time : 11 a.m.

Place : Centrepoint Shopping Centre Car Park, Midland.

Lunch and meeting at Lake Leschenaultia, near Childows.

COMING EVENTS: (Please mark your calendar)

July 28th - SATURDAY EVENING - Night out at the Civic Theatre Restaurant.
Cost is \$20.95 per head, payable beforehand. Those intending to go
please fill in form in this newsletter and return it and your money
to Toni Mahony, [redacted] Bedford, 6052 before 20th July, 1984.

July 29th - SUNDAY - A.G.M. at the Veteran Section Clubrooms, Wireless Hill,
Applecross (subject to confirmation by Vet. Sect.). A short run
will be organised before the meeting, ending up at Wireless Hill;
details in next months' newsletter.

August 26th - SUNDAY - Run to Pinjarra.

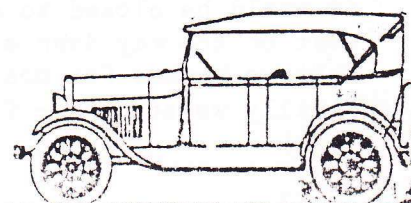
September 30th - SUNDAY - Araluen Run.

October 28th - SUNDAY - This is to be a competitive run for all 'A' models that
we can entice out on the day. We would like all members who don't
have a restored car to offer your services for checkpoint and other
organisational duties. Also those who have two or more restored
vehicles may be willing to loan a vehicle to another member to help
get as many 'A's out as possible. Invitations to join in will be
going to as many 'A' owners as we can find, and your co-operation
is required to publicise this run with any other 'A' people that you
know. Volunteers to help, please contact Toni.

Oct/Nov. - Sometime - a run to Harvey. Max Annear has volunteered to organize
this one, more details later.

YORK MOTOR MUSEUM has Sir Henry Segrave's "Golden Arrow" (World Land Speed Record
1929) on display until July 31st, 1984. Entry to the museum is \$3.00 per person.

Last months meeting at Mussel Brook saw John Luca's newly restored car out and
about, also Fil and the new baby and the Bennie grandchild. All totalled we had
some 22 adults and 15 children. (Would you believe, I forgot to count the cars!!)



"Kiama Rally 1984"

Bill Bennie.

Well I didn't think I would be up in the air this high over Model 'A's - well not 3 mile up, but I write these notes "in flight" from Perth to Carnarvon and at the moment we are over Geraldton at 600 m.p.h. - a far cry from the 38-40 m.p.h. in the Ford on the way to and from Kiama National Meet at Easter '84. To those who attended the last run to Mussel Pool, you have heard about the trip across in our 'A's, but to other members here are a few of the salient points from our (Bill and Mavis Spencer and myself) experiences.

Firstly the whole experience is thoroughly recommended despite one or two problems. To travel the distance in a vintage car - to meet the numerous lovely people we met - to see parts of this huge country we may possibly never see again - was all worth it.

We decided to truck the cars (1928 Sports Coupe and 1928 Phaeton) to Port Pirie in South Australia. This is not recommended. An open truck gets hit by every flying stone available and in one instance a very minced up kangaroo was sprayed off the dual wheels and all over my car; blood, bones and skin - YUK!.

From Port Pirie we drove to Jamestown in S.A. and stayed a few days with John and Audrey Hunt who are strong 'A' enthusiasts with a forgiveable weakness for Chevs.

Pause for a look out aircraft window: the north coast of Australia seems to be getting washed out to sea; we are passing over Monkey Mia on north side of Sharks Bay with the Abrolhos Archipeligo on our left - very clear with a sparkling green sea.

After a pause at Jamestown, three 'A's - now joined by the Hunts 1929 Phaeton - left for the long run to Kiama via the Clare Valley - Waikerie, Renmark, Mildura, Robinvale, Hay, Narrandera, Cootamundra, Yass, Goulburn, Kiama. At Robinvale the bulk of the South Australian contingent joined us making a total of 8 'A' models in all. While travelling we were strung out at about 100 - 200 yard intervals to allow any other vehicles to pass, particularly the large trucks of which there were dozens.

The route we took passed into Victoria then up into New South Wales, then back into Victoria and eventually back into N.S.W.; it felt like one of Toni Mahony's rallies.

Nearing Hay in N.S.W. we ran into (or they ran into us) an enormous plague of grass hoppers - thousands of them - they got into every conceivable place (well almost). Our radiators were caked thick with squashed brown bodies. At Hay we washed them off only to cop another lot within minutes of pressing on.

We were covering around 120 mile a day at about 40 m.p.h., all eight cars were running perfectly. Gave a few country service stations a shock when we all pulled in to "top her up mate! "

At Gunning in NS.W. everyone moved on for the last leg to Kiama except me - I drove south to Canberra to pick up Dorothy, Julie and Peter at the airport. Leaving Canberra and in the Good Friday morning traffic snarls on the Hume Highway, we managed only six miles in 45 minutes at one stage. Taking a wrong turn at 8p.m. that night in pitch dark country, we all ended up going down the Jamberoo Mountain Pass - a wet, potholed, gravel road of about six miles of hair pin bends, suitable only for 4 W.D. vehicles. (Here in W.A. it would be closed to all traffic). The car seemed to be at an angle of 45 degrees most of the way down and of course the brake drums overheated and expanded and left no brakes for most of the way down - how we survived we will never know. Finally we stopped - found a phone and rang the Rally organisers at Kiama for

help, which was organised very quickly and we were towed into Kiama at 9.30 p.m. Our water pump pulley had come adrift and cut a hole in the radiator. The help with repairs the next day was tremendous - given willingly by dedicated Model A men who knew what they were doing. Even the local G.M.H. dealer helped us.

The Rally took us to various areas of interest around Kiama which is a very pretty coastal holiday resort, 60 miles south of Sydney. Some 130 Model A's and over 300 people took part and as you may imagine the weekend was not without incident, one of them tragic. Graham Coleman's wife Pam passed away on Easter Sunday, after a very bad asthma attack. She was a lovely person and had been very actively engaged each day helping the womens committee to run things. Our sympathy is extended to Graham and his children in their loss. Some of our W.A. members would remember Graham and Pam when they were here in W.A. with "Henry Hillclimber", the 'A' model racer that they drove across Australia.

The prizes for the Rally mostly went to the Eastern States cars but Bill and Mavis Spencer managed to collect two prizes. One for "longest distance" travelled to the rally and the other was a special prize donated by the South Australian members each year for the car that they select at each National Rally; this time it was for Bill and Mavis' 1928 Sports Coupe - "Daisy Duck" and a very popular choice it was too. So congratulations Bill and Mavis - you deserved it!

The trip back was almost the reverse of the trip over. I decided however to drive south to Batemans Bay, then west over Clyde Mountain to Canberra. Clyde Mountain is about 2,500 ft. high. After going as far as possible (almost halfway up) in top, I changed down to second gear, set the hand accelerator and sat back and let the "old girl" pull her way up and over the top. We passed numerous "moderns" on the side of the road with boiling radiators - we never stopped once! After a day's sightseeing in Canberra, I left, headed north, met up with Bill and Mavis, John and Audrey Hunt and we all wended our way back to South Australia - yes, even back through the grasshoppers and we were told there was a plague of mice heading south. (This has subsequently been shown on T.V.).

Mike and Laurel Cooke and baby Jordan made the whole trip in their "modern" - I think young Jordan should have got a special prize for the longest distance travelled to the Rally by a kid under six months old.

At Port Pirie, the cars were put on the train for the long haul back to Perth.

There are dozens of small stories we could tell but space doesn't permit. A home movie has been edited and put together and I will show it as soon as the chance presents itself.

Next National Rally is at the Barossa Valley in South Australia in 1986. So far the Cookes and Bennies are starters - what about a few more?? We plan to drive across.

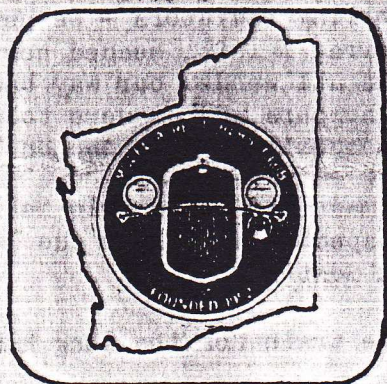
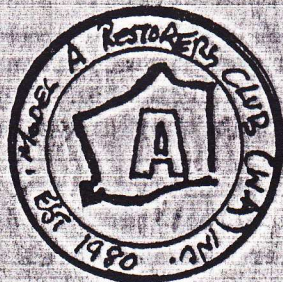
ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS: These are now due and the form is included with this newsletter. We would appreciate you filling the form in with details of your car/s, so that we have an accurate record in the club.

I/we intend to come to the Civic Theatre Restaurant, on SATURDAY, JULY 28th. Herewith please find cheque/money order/ whatever, to the value of \$....., which is the cost ofpeople at \$20.95 each.

Send to Toni Mahony, [REDACTED] Bedford, W.A. 6052 before 20th July, 1984,

PLEASE!!!

CLUB BADGE: Bill Bennie is collecting ideas for a badge for the club. The following are suggestions and we welcome any other ideas that you may have on this subject.



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 ETILOWTKMSNSRSAVPXNUPBUAU
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DIRECTIONS: The names of various models, parts and words pertaining to the Model "A" Ford can be found among these letters. The names read forward, backward, up, down, and diagonally. Circle the world as you discover it!!

There's no Ford like the Model "A" Ford!!

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| ABELL | QUAIL |
| AR | RADIUS RODS |
| BRIGGS | RESTORER |
| BUSINESS COUPE | ROADSTER |
| CABRIOLET | RUMBLE SEAT |
| CUTOUT | SHOCK LINKS |
| DOME LIGHT | SPARK ROD |
| DRUM TAILLIGHT | SPECIAL COUPE |
| ELECTROLOCK | SPLASH APRONS |
| FORDOR | SPOKE WHEEL |
| FORGINGS | SPORT COUPE |
| HERSHEY | SPORT LITE |
| LEATHERBACK | STATION WAGON |
| MOTOMETER | TOWN SEDAN |
| MULTIPLE DISC | TUDOR |
| MURRAY | TWOLITE |
| PHAETON | VICTORIA |
| PICK-UP | WIND WING |
| POPOUT | WISHBONE |