

Western 'A' Model News.



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

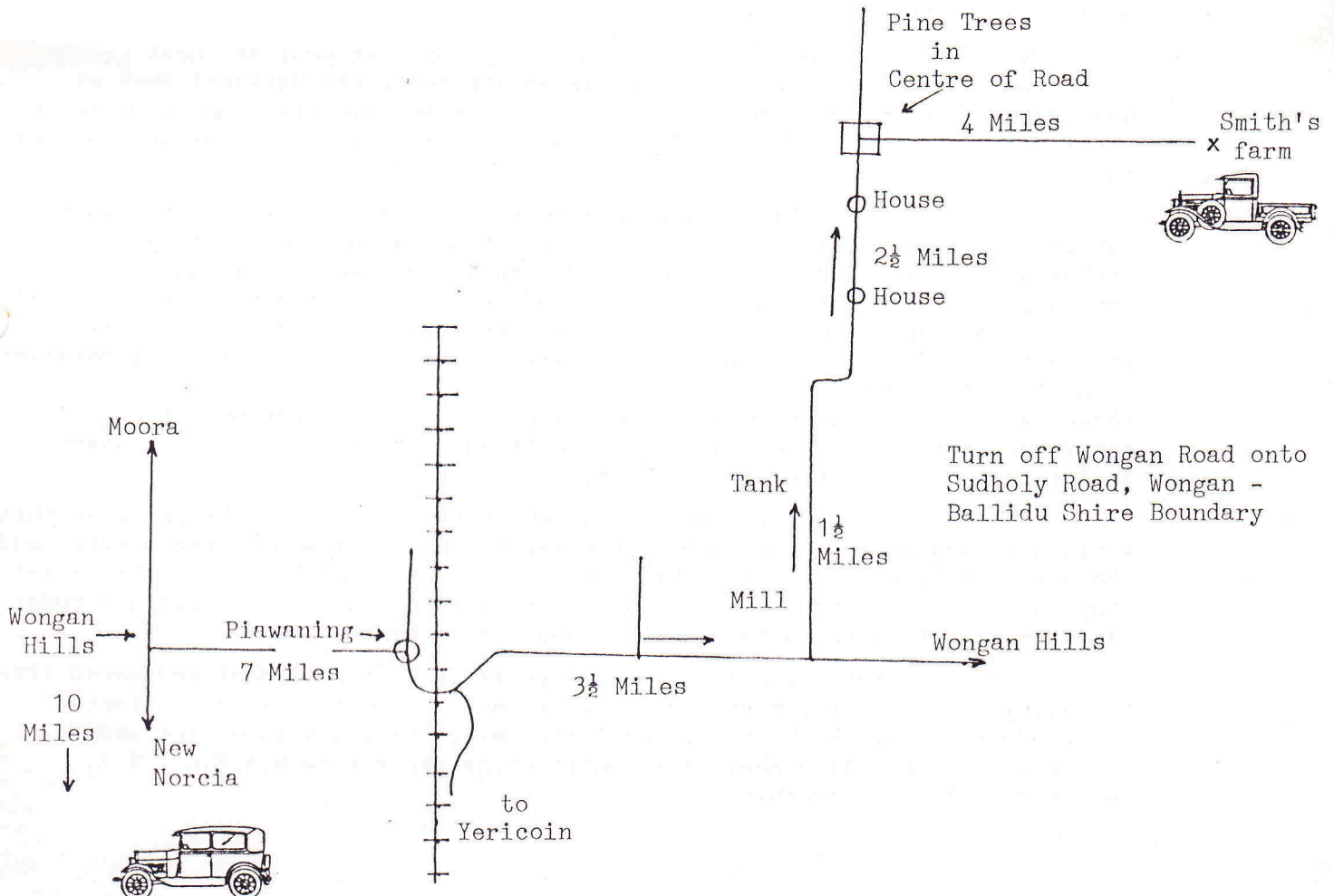
SEPTEMBER 1987

NEXT MEETING: 26th-28th September Wongan Hills Run

A long weekend outing to June & Alan Smith's Wongan Hills farm.

DEPARTURE: From the Gull Service Station after the rail crossing, Upper Swan. Members are asked to assemble for a 10 am departure. Please phone Max Annear, our Rally Co-ordinator [redacted] to let him know you will be joining the group. Lunch will be at New Norcia.

GENERAL: Everyone will need to take their own food and bedding. There are two houses available and each has a gas stove, hot water, lights, toilet and barbecue.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another 12 months have passed since the 1986 AGM and on looking back through our newsletters in order to compile this report, I realise that we as a club, have had a year of varied and interesting outings.

Long weekends away in our A's seem to be proving most popular and include the very successful September '86 'Williams Wildflower Wander' to Jurien Bay and the Moora area where the occupants of 13 A's and 2 moderns had a great time. Then, in March '87, 28 adults and 10 children toured off for a three day Gymkhana/campout on a farm at Boyanup organised by members of the S.W. Veteran Car Club. This Easter also provided another enjoyable camping/motelling trip away for 24 members, down to Busselton and the Margaret River area where those of us who had purchased new camping equipment for the Boyanup weekend were able to once again almost freeze to death in our tents.

Monthly city events have included Kite Days, a combined run with the VCC to the RAAF Base in Pearce and our annual Christmas Dinner outing for December '86 held at Matilda Bay Restaurant. The annual January 'Picnic in the Park' is always well attended as is our early morning beat the heat breakfast BBQ held at Como each February. Another outing with a difference this year was the Mystery Lakes Tour which gave us an enjoyable insight into the hobby of model yachting and boating. A picnic at Moore River was held in May and in June, our club recorded its Seventh Birthday with a combined afternoon tea outing at Sereaglio Park in Kelmscott, in honour of Bill & Mavis Spencer's 50th Wedding Anniversary and the presentation to them of M.A.R.C. W.A.'s Inaugural Life Membership Award.

July, the last run for this financial year saw our first 'Handy Hints Day' held at the Cowlin's in Safety Bay.

We've had four new families join our group this year and next year of course, eleven families are planning on attending the National Meet at Wangaratta, Victoria. About seven of the vehicles are still under restoration so by December we should see a large number of newly licenced cars out on our runs.

Our newsletter which, particularly for country members, is the voice of our club, has kept all informed on outings, tips, minutes of meetings, technical articles and even a crossword compiled by one of our lady members. Thanks go to those members who have heeded the editor's requests and supplied articles for inclusion in the newsletter, including for example the very informative and historical reports of earlier times in the history of motoring in Western Australia.

Thanks go to Laurel Cooke who has done a great job as editor over the years and to the others who have also contributed their services to ensure an interesting newsletter for members.

Secretary/Treasurer, Alma Letch, who has retired from the position this year, once again did a good job of keeping track of our money, the minutes and the necessary paperwork. Vice President, Ross Letch, although a rather quiet chap, has busily worked on many club projects for us over the years and today of course is standing in for me in my absence - thanks Ross.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my two years as your president and would like to say, you as members, made the job very easy. I wish our newly elected Office Bearers all the best for the forthcoming two years in office and in conclusion, thank all members for contributing and making M.A.R.C., W.A. continue to run so smoothly.

Michael Cooke
August, 1987.

MINUTES OF 1987 A.G.M. MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB. W.A. INC.

Meeting opened at 1-45pm. 23-8-87. by acting President, R. LETCH.

APOLOGIES: Received from, C&M Davidson, M&L Cooke, K&K Pepper, E Jeffree, J Smith. Fred & Inge Starcken advised they have sold their Model A. & have resigned from our club.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The audited financial report of M.A.R.C. W.A. was read to members at the A.G.M. & a copy is included in this newsletter. It was moved by B. Bennie & seconded by M. Annear that the report be accepted as read. All members present were in favour.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

It was moved by B. Bennie that subscriptions remain at \$10 for city & \$8 for country members as the clubs financial position is satisfactory. All members present were in favour.

MINUTES OF 1986 A.G.M.

These minutes were read & confirmed as correct. E. Richards moved B. Spencer seconded that they be accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM 1986 MINUTES:

VEHICLE EXAMINATION STICKER:

Our own M.A.R.C. Vehicle examination sticker has been printed and is currently in use.

VEHICLE EXAMINATIONS. M.A.R.C. & V.C.C.

A letter was sent to the Veteran Car Club of W.A. asking if they would accept M.A.R.C. inspected vehicles for members belonging to both clubs. A negative reply was eventually received stating that our vehicles would have to be inspected by V.C.C. examiners to be eligible to participate in V.C.C. events.

V.C.C. inspected vehicles still remain acceptable to M.A.R.C.

1990 MODEL A FORD RALLY:

The Model A Ford club delegates in the eastern states voted against W.A. hosting the 1990 rally because they felt it would not attract enough entries. This rally will now be held in Queensland.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Two nominations each for the positions of President & Vice President & one nomination each for the positions of Secretary & Editor were received prior to the meeting. Members were given the opportunity to put forward further nominations for all vacant positions. No further nominations were received. Congratulations to the successful candidates being;

PRESIDENT: STEVE READ.
VICE PRESIDENT: RON ANDREWS.
SECRETARY: GAIL ANDREWS.
EDITOR: ALAN JEFFREE.

JUDGING STANDARDS: Bill Bennie to continue in this position.

VEHICLE EXAMINERS: R. Mahony to continue, with assistance from S. Read, R. Blewett and M. Annear when required.

The Presidents report was read at the meeting and is also included in this newsletter.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Due to increasing problems with getting our newsletter printed free, the purchase of our own photo copier was discussed. The general opinion of members in that our club can not afford the cost of a suitable copier and servicing costs at this time. Two other options involving the use of members business photo copy facilities were discussed and will be gratefully used for the immediate future. A small charge to cover costs of materials and servicing will be made to the club.

Minutes from previous meeting were read and confirmed as correct by J. Luca and S. Read.

Meeting Closed.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome is extended to Lindsay and Geoffrey McEwan of [REDACTED] Quindalup 6282, Telephone [REDACTED] Geoffrey is joint owner of a 1929 Tudor with Bevan Sharp.

Members please add Lindsay and Geoff to your Membership Roster.

FEATURES FOR OUR MAGAZINE

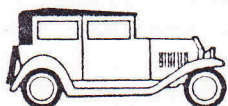
During the coming year, as Editor, I plan on including a getting to know our individual members article in each edition. I will progressively be asking all members to contribute a short article on their car/cars. The city members will be the first to be coerced(arms twisted). For reluctant journalists I will compile a set of questions from which an article can be developed. Our first article is by Jim Williams who now drives a better car,(previously a Chev 4).

A second feature section is to keep members informed of the lead up to, and the progress of Bevan and Geoffrey's entry in the London to Sydney Trial. They have entered their recently acquired 1929 Tudor and the first article is included in this edition.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS - Attached to this Newsletter is the form reminding all members that Subs are now due. Please fill in the sheet and return along with your fees to our Secretary.

City Membership \$10
Country Membership \$8

The one fee includes husband & wife.



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MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB AUSTRALIA (WESTERN AUSTRALIA BRANCH) INC.

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 1987.

Balance brought forward as at 31st July, 1986. \$ 402.33

INCOME:

Subscriptions	\$ 492.00	
Christmas Dinner outing	1320.00	
Vintage Plates	16.00	
Car Badges	25.00	
Windscreen Sticker	.30	
Bank Interest	57.49	1910.79

TOTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR \$2313.12

EXPENDITURE:

FID/FED charges	\$ 2.61	
Postage	250.26	
AGM Refreshments	8.95	
Advertising - Sunday Times	10.40	
Photos - for club album	2.08	
Stationery	86.27	
Hall Hire - Bond	50.00	
- Fee	<u>9.00</u>	59.00
Christmas Dinner outing	1092.50	
Misc. Prizes, etc.	39.20	1551.27

TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR \$1551.27

EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE AT 31st July 1987 \$ 761.85

BALANCE OF CHALLENGE BANK ACCOUNT NO. 24/010150/8 AS
AT JULY 31, 1987. \$ 761.85

I have examined the Books of Account and supporting records of the MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB AUSTRALIA (WESTERN AUSTRALIA BRANCH) INC. for the year ended 31st July, 1987. In my opinion the above Statement of Income & Expenditure reflects a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the club for the year ended on that date.



DAVID F. PALMER

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

PREPARATIONS FOR THE LONDON TO SYDNEY VINTAGE CAR ENDURANCE TRIAL

Bevan Sharp

The first step was to get the Tudor licensed and it was knocked back first time for: 'loose king pins, too much play in steering, hand brake not holding, lights not working every time switched on, exhaust pipe too short' - apart from that the examiner was happy!

Eric Richards was a great help in supplying knowledge and helping to fit his replacement front axle (the holes in the old axle having worn too large). The tail pipe was lengthened by Melville Mufflers (hence the Non-'A' noise). The steering was adjusted (but we are still not happy with the play). The handbrake pawl was filed down to catch in the teeth. The lights now work sometimes but we still need to improve on the original system of Henry's for the 30,000 km. drive.

Lucas Australia provided a new marine battery, sports coil, driving lights, flashers, etc. and changed the system to a complete 12v to carry the extra electrical equipment and radios. We paid the labour cost. They had fitted an incorrect relay for the driving lights so that one was on when the other was off whichever way the switch was turned - but all is well now.

Using Eric Richards spare flexible mounts as templates we found some scrap 'RSJ' in the back of a scrap metal dealers and had the excess lumps cut off with a torch (which then required repeated 'cleaning up' and drilling). The new mounts have made a considerable difference to the performance and vibrations through the body - especially when slowing-down from around 55mph!

We have a pair of 'rally-type' seats coming from Saas which will probably upset the purists here and in America but we thought Henry's original Tudor seats would have put us in traction after three months' driving!

Steve Read very kindly gave Geoff and I some 'hands-on' instruction in Model 'A' mechanics that was much appreciated - we probably need much more!

A motor meter has been fitted to the radiator to give us something to look at and an oil pressure gauge that gives a constant reading at present of '0 p.s.i.'. Pockets are presently being fitted to both front doors for maps, hot and cold running chambermaids, etc.

We have ordered a 'leakless water pump seal kit' and a 'wireless lower distributor plate' to try out for efficiency and, hopefully, less maintenance problems - we will let you know if they work.

Chief Car Covers have supplied a waterproof car cover (that we could also use as a tent) and have offered us an agency - so, if you want a good quality, Australian, custom-made car cover in 100% pre-shrunk, soft, breathable cotton (will not scratch paint or trim) to protect your investment - with a free matching storage bag, give me a call on 339 4082.

East Coast Antiques are supplying a kit of some spares but we would welcome ideas and any advice from members regarding potential problems (preferably with appropriate solutions!), suggested spares to carry, etc. We are still seeking sponsors so if anyone has any useful contacts please let us know as soon as possible - many thanks....



PROJECT COMPLETED

Three years it has taken to this point in restoring the best 'Model A' on the road. It's the best because it's ours. Not fully restored, I don't think you ever finish. Found at Belmont whilst out driving. Approached owner, yes, would sell \$800. Chassis motor and gear box, two front ends, two rear's and four new tyres and tubes. Made a few inquiries elsewhere about body panels (guess who?). Looking good, did the deal then told the leader of the opposition.

Anybody who has, or is into restoration on cars, knows just how much time and effort (plus money) goes into this sort of thing. Parts were procured from many different places: Rear tub - Mt Helena, Hood irons etc - Kalamunda, Aladdin's Cave in Subiaco, Sydney and old reliable Snyders USA.

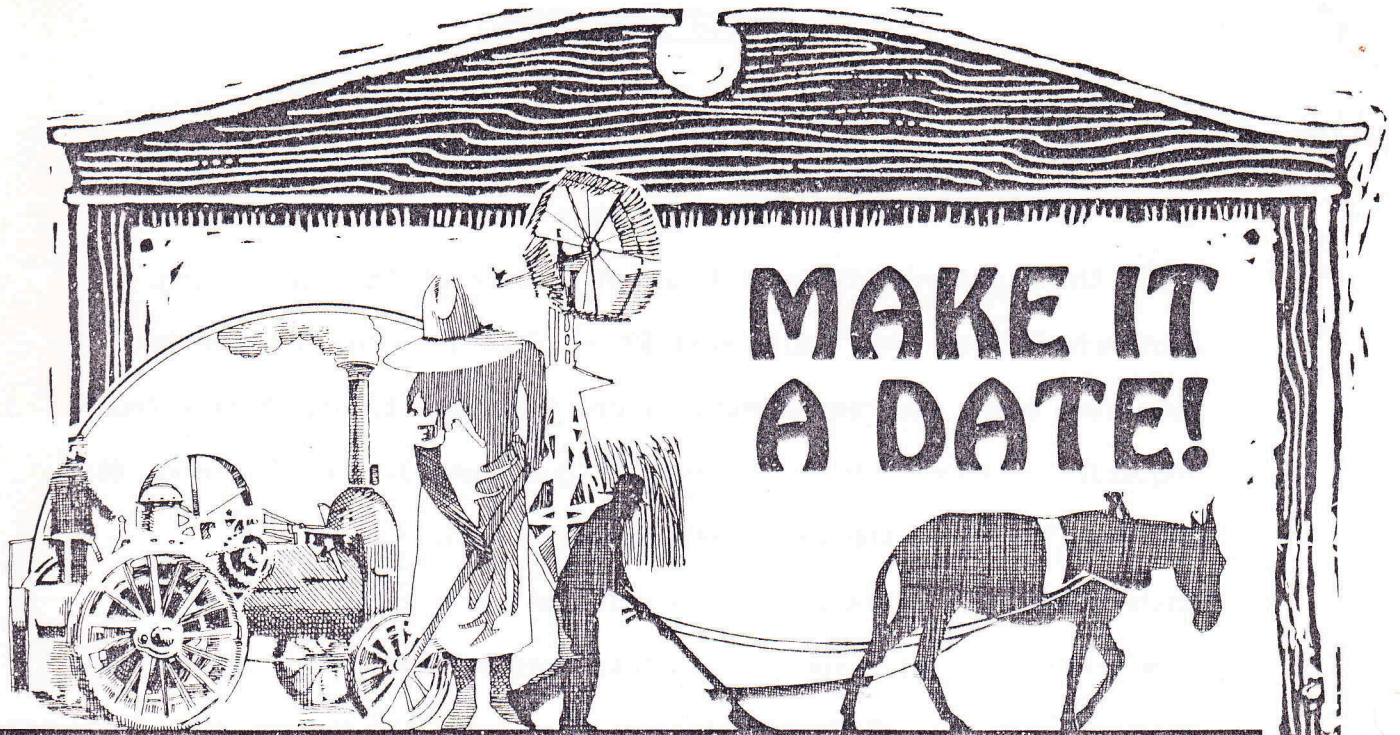
Now, none of this can be done without help which I received from various people:

The first I will mention, my better half, just ask, she will drop anything she's doing, rush straight out to the workshop and assist without a complaint. One such occasion I needed help in moving Ring Gear on Fly Wheel $\frac{1}{2}$ turn. Oxy Torch going, direct flame around Gear (her job) tap off Gear move and relocate (my job). Never let your wife loose with Oxy. Singed hair on hands, hair and eyebrows. Thought it was a magic wand. Still job was done and no harsh words!

Second, the Car Club and its members. Any query discussed and an answer forth coming. Individual help from members. Lots of them. More can be said about this Project but the bottom line is what did it cost? Unfortunately while moving Ring Gear with Oxy Torch all receipts were burnt.

The proud owners of a 1929 Ford 'Model A' (Phaeton)

Jim & Nina Williams



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VEHICLE UPDATE REGISTER SHEET

YEAR - AUGUST 1, 1987 - JULY 31, 1988

MEMBER/S: _____

ADDRESS : _____

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VEHICLE DETAILS: MODEL A FORD

YEAR of MANUF.	BODY STYLE eg: Tudor, Phaeton, Roadster etc.	ENGINE NUMBER	Current Examination Certificate No. and Issuing Club.		VEHICLE is: Unrestored; Full Licence; Concessional Licence.	VEHICLE LICENCE PLATE NUMBER
			Cert. No.	Club.		

WYALKATCHEM WEEKEND

Because of the need to make bookings as soon as possible, please contact Gail Andrews [redacted] promptly if you are able to join this outing.