

# Western 'A' Model News.



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

AUGUST 1988

JULY MEETING - Due to unpleasant weather, a ring around cancelled our scheduled outing.

I believe apologies are due to Kelvin & Kath Pepper and Bill & Valerie Cowlin who ventured to our starting point only to find a non event.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Jack & Jill Barrie previously of Balingup.

[REDACTED]  
SPEARWOOD. 6163.  
[REDACTED]

NEW MEMBERS

A welcome is extended to the following two new members.

Ron Pleysier,  
[REDACTED]  
ROLEYSTONE. 6111.

Ross Chamberlian,  
[REDACTED]  
SHELLEY. 6155.

For all correspondence, organisational information, newsletter articles etc, please contact the appropriate person. Listed below are the "A" model officials for 1987/88.

PRESIDENT

Steve Bend  
[REDACTED]

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Colt Andrews  
[REDACTED]

VEHICLE EXAMINER

Ray Mahony  
[REDACTED]

RALLY MARSHALL

Max Annear  
[REDACTED]

EDITOR

Alan Jeffree  
[REDACTED]



NEXT MEETING: SUNDAY AUGUST 28th 1988

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB (WA) BRANCH INC. is to be held on Sunday 28th August, 1988 at 1.00pm.

VENUE: KYILLA PRIMARY SCHOOL,  
SELKIRK STREET, NORTH PERTH  
Park in the school grounds.  
Bedford Street is another entrance to the school.

Members are asked to arrive by 12.45 P.M.

The AGENDA for the meeting will consist of the following;

1. APOLOGIES
2. MINUTES OF 1987 A.G.M.
3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES
4. GENERAL BUSINESS
5. PRESIDENTS REPORT
6. CLOSE

AFTERNOON TEA:

As in previous years, could you please bring a plate filled with goodies for the afternoon tea. Please bring your own cup or mug, the club will provide tea coffee and cordial.

COUNTRY MEMBERS:

If you have anything to contribute at the A.G.M. and cannot come please write with your ideas, so they can be read and discussed at the A.G.M.

One of the items on the Agenda at the A.G.M. is the proposed ammendments to the constitution pertaning to sections 5,9,10d,12.

ITEM 5:

DUES: Members shall pay a common annual fee, due and payable on August 31st, (previously July 31st) the amount to be reviewed each each A.G.M.  
Initial membership of less than twelve (12) months shall be charged on a pro-rata basis.

ITEM 9:

HONORARY MEMBERS: For service rendered to the Club or for any other reason a member may on the agreement of at least ninety percent (90%) of all active members in general meeting be elected as an Honorary and or Life members (previously Honorary members) with full privileges without fees, subscriptions, etc.

ITEM 10(d):

MEETING: Annual General Meetings - such meetings shall take place in the month of August (previously July) each year at a place designated by the Club executive.

ITEM 12:

OFFICERS OF THE CLUB: Elected officers - the elected officers of the Club shall be;

President - Vice President - Secretary - Treasurer Events Co-Ordinator and two other Committee Members. All officers of the Club shall serve 2 years (previously 12 months) and shall be eligible for re-election - taking office at the Annual General Meeting. These elected officers will be deemed the Committee.

Appointed Officers - these persons shall be appointed by the Club members at any time to assist in the organisation of the Club.

## AUSTRALIAN BICENTENNIAL CASTROL WORLD RALLY.

The Western Australian section of the Rally commenced on the 29th February at Lilac Hill Park, where the vehicles were on display in conjunction with the combined Car Clubs annual event. The Rally was officially started by the Governor, Professor Gordon Reid and Rally Directors Mr. Ian Irwin and Mr. Eric Richards.

One of the aims of this Rally was to give as many school children and adults as possible, the chance of viewing the vehicles in each town. Participants came from all over the world. It cost one entrant \$14,000 to have his car flown from Italy.

The vehicle I used was a fully equipped Falcon Sedan towing a Mobi-tow trailer, this was supplied by the R.A.C.

The first call for help, was a 1925 Bean which had broken down halfway up Greenmount. This vehicle had numerous problems and required towing most of the way to Kalgoorlie. While towing it on the Mobi-tow trailer, the Bean's left hand rear wheel bolts and nuts stripped and the wheel off. This could have caused a nasty accident, luckily the only damage to the car was a bent rear mudguard.

Due to the extreme heat, many of the vehicles overheated. A Rolls Royce was using gallons of water. This resulted in a detour to a nearby farmhouse for more. I eventually blew out the radiator and fitted up an electric fuel pump to overcome petrol vapourising.

When we finally arrived in Merredin for our overnight stay, I had to park the Falcon some distance from our hotel room. To prevent theft, I hit upon the bright idea of removing all the door lock snib buttons. A little later on the services of the car were needed to recharge the battery on one of the Rolls. To my horror I could'nt unlock the doors as the rods had slipped to one side and jammed under the trim. What a way to end the first day!!

The run from Kalgoorlie to Ceduna was made in varying weather conditions, which changed from very hot to cold, wet and windy.

In Ceduna the vehicles were on display at the oval, hosted by the Ceduna Car Club. For security reasons all the vehicles were taken to a compound each night, where they were locked up and guarded.

Most of the vehicles required maintenance, and one of the Bentleys from England, a 1929 model, had a stripped distributor drive gear. With the use of one of the local garage's equipment, I made a new gear.

We were met by the R.A.A. at Kimba and escorted into Port Augusta.

The next morning we had a parade to the oval where <sup>we</sup> joined up with the Darwin Contingent. The Port Augusta Car Club supplied a nice breakfast while the cars and motor bikes were on display.

I was asked if I would go back to the Motel and pick up Prince Michael's luggage and return it to the luggage van. While waiting for the van to arrive I decided to carefully lock up the Falcon, and locked the keys in, resulting in having to call the R.A.A. for a hand, which gave them all a good laugh.

After a display and parade of several hundred vehicles at Adelaide, we were farewelled by the Premier and headed off up through Mt Lofty to Tailem Bend.

We had numerous breakdowns, with one vehicle catching fire and burning out the floor.

It was when we were approaching Ballarat, while following the 1905 Star at 20mph, we overheard, on the C.B. some truckies comments.

"Gees mate, look at that, it takes two of them standing up to steer it!" And later on. "Don't play suck the flaming driver and passenger, out of the car that's coming towards you!" In general, the many truck drivers were very helpful and courteous.

The lay day at Ballarat was a chance for some to do sightseeing, Sovereign Hill Mine etc., while for others a time for repairing vehicles with collapsed wood spoke wheels, punctures, failed generators and starters.

The run from Ballarat through Seymour, Beechworth, Corryong, Tumbarumba, Batlow, Tumut, Gundagai, Yass to Canberra was through spectacular mountain scenery, in ideal weather conditions, with reasonably trouble free motoring except for one S.A. Entrant, a 1925 Sunbeam which had 3 burnt out valves. I removed the cylinder head and after a lot of chasing around for suitable valves, finally towed him 50 odd miles to Albury, where an engineering firm made valves, and he was able to rejoin the rally. While travelling through this section, we passed a road sign pointing to "Willigobung" and round the corner was the Packard, it stopped and needed coaxing to go again.

We arrived in Canberra on Tuesday 15th March. It was like going back in time with hundreds of Vintage cars driving the city. There were more vintage cars on the road than moderns.

One notable entrant, which I helped on several occasions was a 1911 Rudge. This bike was driven from Darwin to Canberra. It was a push start, direct drive, no clutch and you can imagine how it must have been in traffic jumping on and off the bike, because once the engine started, you were on your way.

The ensuing days were busy, with much to see and do. Dozens of very colourful hot air balloons rose from the shores of Lake Burley Griffin every morning.

We met up with the Road Service Patrols from the other States, who had escorted their own groups.

One day was set aside as a Marque Day. I was nominated to be a back up patrol for all the Continental Vehicles, and we had a rally to Captains Flat. A historic goldmining town, some 50 miles from Canberra.

The final day saw some 1100 cars and motor bikes lined up on the oval at the Exhibition Grounds, making for an exciting finale to the Rally.

R. Blewett.

#### DID YOU

A newspaper article in June, 1907, described the first motor car excursion to Yanchep. The car was a seven-horsepower Oldsmobile with a single cylinder, chain drive and steered by a tiller. It was driven through heavy rainstorms by John Kneip, and the passenger was Andrew Stewart.

#### KNOW?



New Addition to the Family.

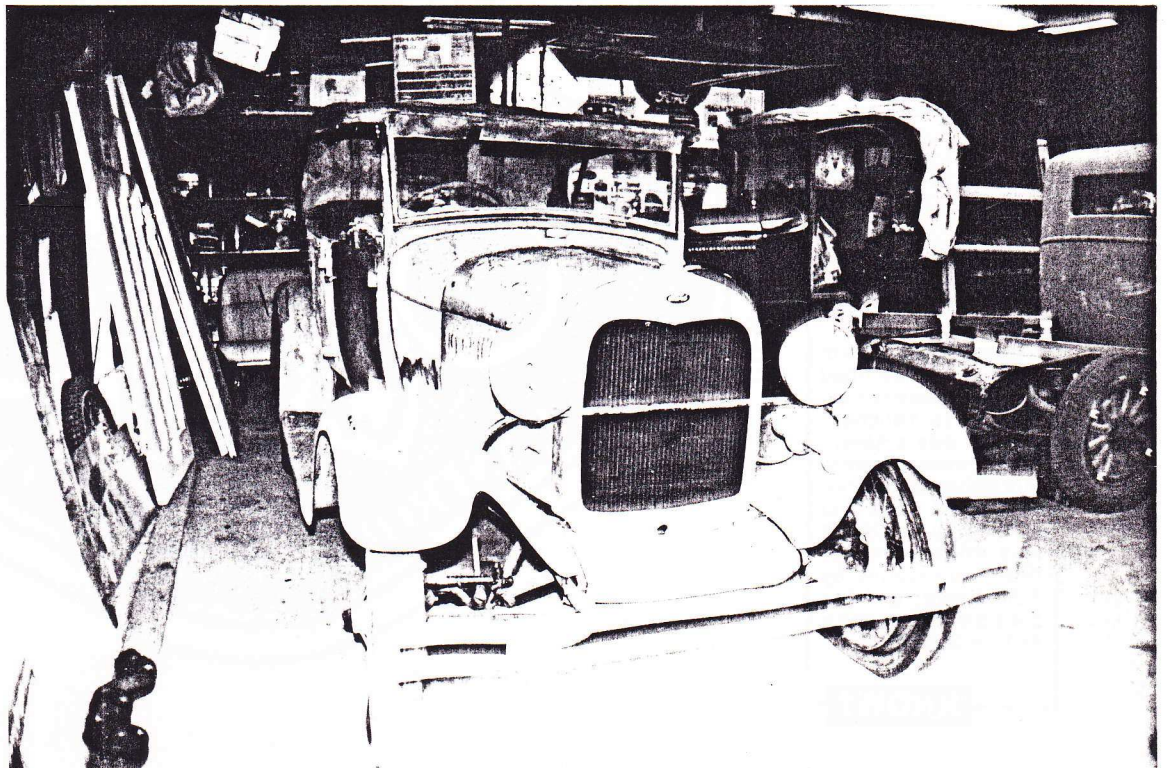
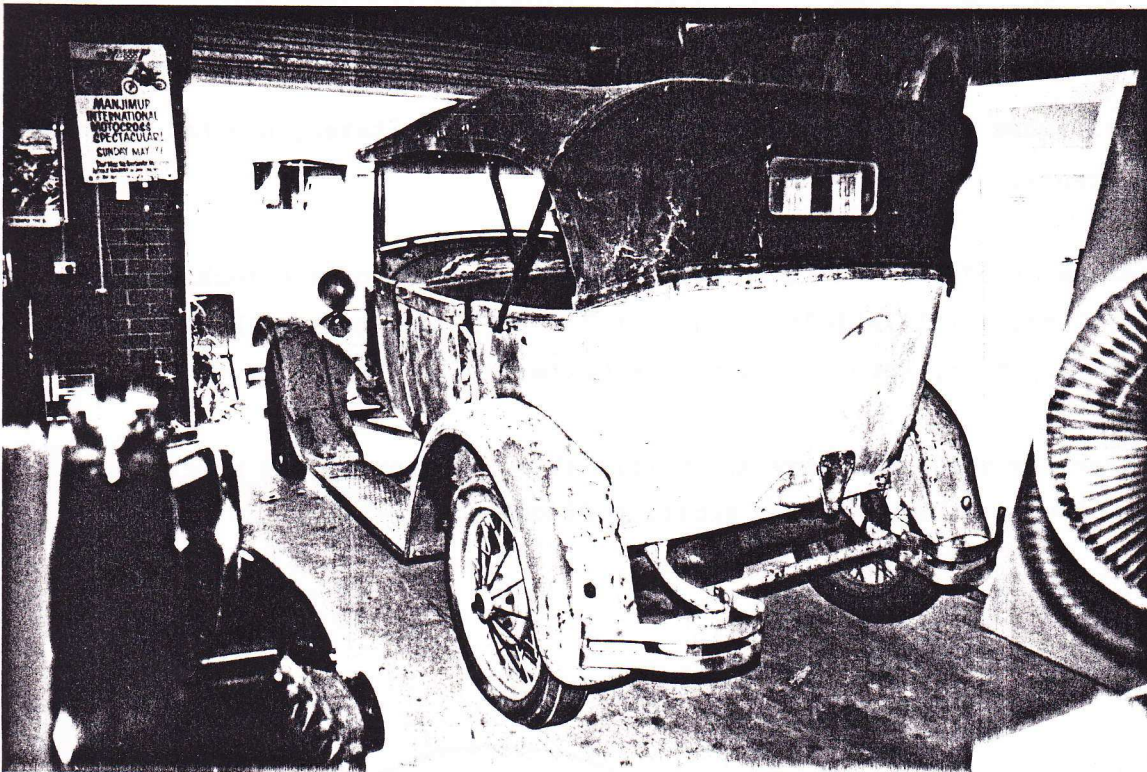


Congratulations are due to Gail and Alan Duns of Manjimup.

They are pleased to announce the arrival of another "A" model tourer to their family. The photos below were taken on its arrival.

The tourer which was dismantled, was purchased from John Pucar of Kingsley in recent weeks and Alan has temporarily put it together. For these times the vehicle is in excellent condition with little rust and all of the goodies are there.

A 1929 De Soto sedan being converted to a Ute is a project Alan is working on for another Manjimup enthusiast. This model has hydraulic brakes.



# VGL expands collector car covers to Sydney and Perth

VGL Insurance Brokers has expanded its unique collector car insurance service to Sydney and Perth with two new agency arrangements.

VGL is a specialist in arranging insurances for veteran, vintage, classic and collector motor vehicles; modified vehicles and "street rods".

Historicars Pty Ltd has been established in New South Wales as an agency to handle VGL's specialty motor vehicles insurance.

Prominent Perth-based insurance broker Elkington Bishop Molineaux has been appointed Western Australian agent for VGL collector cars insurance.

The controlling officer of Historicars is well-known Sydney car enthusiast and bookseller Geoff Bott.

"Geoff's knowledge and enthusiasm for special cars is renowned among car followers, particularly in New South Wales," said VGL managing director Peter Michell.

"With such knowledge developed over the past 15 years he is able to arrange all proposals and interim covers on the various specialty vehicle insurances which we arrange," he said.

Geoff has been an active member of many car clubs including the MG Car Club of Australia and other historical vehicle groups and those associated with various marques.

He has been closely involved with insurance of cars for the past five years.

In Perth, Elkington Bishop Molineaux can arrange policies in Western Australia and handle any claims that might arise there, said Peter Michell.

"Clients will now receive personalised local service from Australia's frontline arranger of this type of insurance - VGL - across Australia.

"We have more than 19 years in the business of arranging insurance for collector vehicles," Peter said.

"We cover the complete range of vehicles including collector motorcycles and we are enthusiasts ourselves".

"EBM was chosen because they are professional insurance brokers and we believe they are capable of upholding the reputation that VGL has with its clients.

"The Perth company has full facilities for handling a client's business including cover for street rods.

"Having been judged the top award winners of the National Insurance Brokers Association in 1987, EBM's service and professionalism will enhance clients' needs in Western Australia."

VGL and Australian Eagle Insurance Company have constructed their own special rating factors for collector vehicles.

Insurance proposals for the above are available only to members of veteran, vintage, classic historic and "one-make" vehicle clubs including motorcycles, Peter said.

The VGL brochure contains a summary of the provisions of the policy and for further information, we invite you to call;

VGL Insurance Brokers (03) 429 5466;

Historicars (02)630 6833

Elkington Bishop Molineaux (09) 322 5566.



## SUCCESS

The designer bent across the board  
Wonderful things in his head were stored  
And he said as he rubbed his throbbing  
bean

"How can I make this thing hard to  
machine?"

If this part were only straight  
I'm sure the thing would work first rate,  
But t'would be so easy to turn and bore,  
It would make the machinist sore.

I'd better put a right angle there,  
Then watch those babies tear their hair.  
Now I'll put the holes that hold the cap  
Way down here where they're hard to tap.  
Now this thing won't work, I'll bet a  
buck

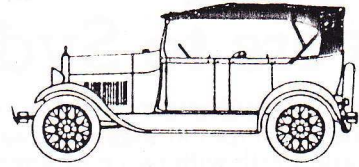
For it can't be held in a shoe or chuck.  
It can't be drilled, and it can't be  
ground

In fact the design is exceedingly sound,  
He looked again and cried at last,

"Success is mine, it can't even be cast."

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AN INVITATION

TO ALL MODEL "A" MEMBERS, OWNERS, RESTORERS and ENTHUSIASTS

MARC (AUST) 20TH ANNIVERSARY RALLY

24th MARCH - 27th MARCH 1989

Proposed Itinerary:

Friday 24th	arrival in Canberra, Registrations and a Cocktail Party at Night
Saturday 25th	A local Run (touristy) in the morning, Seafood Smorgasboard Dinner and Fancy Dress Dance at night. (please let us know if you don't eat Seafood)
Sunday 26th	An out of town run with a catered lunch.
Monday 27th	Free day.

Approximate cost for the above will not exceed \$75, once we have an idea of numbers we can then quote a firm price.

We are having a special anniversary badge made, which will be given to all participants only.

Accommodation is not included in the above price. Let us know what kind of accommodation you require and we will make the arrangements for you, e.g. Caravan site, on site van, motel(budget, medium, or top class) single, double or family and if you have any motel preference.

Please return the following details by the 31st October.

NAME:.....NO ADULTS  
NO CHILDREN

ADDRESS:..... PHONE NO.  
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ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED: .....

YES/NO WE/I DO/DO NOT EAT SEAFOOD

IF you don't have a Model "A", Veteran, Vintage or Historic car you are welcome to come in your modern day car.