

# Western 'A' Model News.



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

SEPTEMBER, 1988

**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday 24th September. Several of our members are travelling to Merredin for the September long weekend and details of their outing are included below. However, for those who can't make the three day outing we are combining a Saturday run attached to the weekenders.

June and Alan Smith have organised the Saturday run to Buckland House (near Northam).

**ASSEMBLE:** Perth end of Centrepoint Car park Midland by 8.45 am for 9am departure (sharp).

**DETAILS:** Travel to Clackline - morning tea at Spencers Brook Pub.

On to Northam and Irish Town - lunch at Buckland House. Entrance is \$2.50 or \$3 which entitles you to a cuppa. Gas B.B.Q. available.

Return route not yet final. Weekenders will then continue on to Merredin.

## VEHICLE EXAMINATION DAY

Saturday 17th September 8am onwards at Max Annear's Workshop 21 Wellington Road Morley. If you can't make it on this day ring Max on [REDACTED] to arrange an alternative.

## SUBS 1988/89

These are now due.

City Members	\$12
Country Members	\$10

## CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

Sandringham Hotel in Belmont \$29 per head. Our secretary needs to have numbers soon so please send in numbers and money to Gail.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Members please adjust your register (Bill S!) [REDACTED]

Jack Barry [REDACTED]

Spearwood

PRESIDENTS REPORT.

Firstly we have a record number of MODEL A'S registered 33 in all, Although our membership list has decreased it shows that our club is still growing in the restoration area. All in all its been a year of major achievements with MODEL A'S including

- (1) B.Sharp and G.Mcewan in their World Wide Rally
- (2) K.Pepper and family in the Bi-Centennial Rally
- (3) 12 families attended the Wangaratta National Rally
- (4) The Bennies toured around Australia and joined the Rally at Wangaratta.

In the way of prizes and awards we did quiet well with a trophy for Biggest Club Participation. B.Bennie with Longest Distance travelled, B.Sharp and G.McEwan a trophy for competing in the London to Sydney Endurance Rally.

RUNS FOR THE YEAR

Boyanup Long Weekend, Camping Trip to Manjimup, Wongan Hills Long Weekend, Wyalkatchem Weekend.

LOCAL RUNS FOR THE YEAR.

Breakfast B.B.Q. Parkerville Tavern, Canning Dam, Joint run with the Photographic Society to Neil Hawking Park, Churchmans Brook Peppermint Grove.

B.Bennie and myself attende the delegates meeting at Wangaratta where we managed to aquire the 1992 National Rally. The Christmas Function at Miss Mauds was delicious.

As in past years our club has consisted of a group of friends who also have an interest in old cars and I feel sure that as a club we can only grow and prosper.

I would like to thank Gail and Ron Andrews and our Editor and look forward to the coming 12 months.

For all correspondence, organisational information, newsletter articles etc, please contact the appropriate person. Listed below are the "A" model officials for 1988/89.

**PRESIDENT**

Steve Read



**SECRETARY/TREASURER**

Gail Andrews



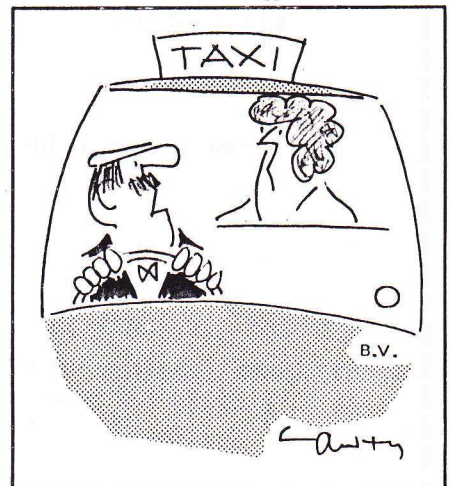
**RALLY MARSHALL/  
Vehicle  
Examiner**

Hax Annear



*Assistant Veh. Ex...*  
**EDITOR**

Reg Blewett  
Alan Jeffree



*There's no charge Mrs Cooke - you did most of the driving!*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT KYILLA PRIMARY SCHOOL ON 28TH AUGUST, 1988

APOLOGIES:

S.Madgett, B.Jewell, F&J Luca, D&B Bennie, E.Jeffree, D.Jeffree, G.McEwan.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Moved and accepted as read by D.Annear, seconded by T.Parin.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Due to the increase in printing and postage costs it was decided to increase the annual subscriptions to \$12 for city members and \$10 for country members.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

R. Mahoney has stepped down as the vehicle examiner. R.Blewett and M.Annear were voted in as the new examiners.

S.Read suggested that the vehicle examination day be held at the same time each year and a club calander be made up with all dates of events for the coming year.

A letter was received from the Combined Car Club asking us to join. It was decided that S.Read attend a meeting before a decision was reached.

All apologies for the runs are to be rung through to the organizer for the run for that day.

It was decided that runs would not be cancelled under any circumstances Moved M.Annear. Seconded L.Cooke.

M.Cooke and B.Sharp were elected as the two new committee members.

The changes to the constitution have been made and will be forwarded to each member as they pay they their subs.

Presidents report was read by S.Read.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year was read and accepted Moved by C.Blewett seconded by L.Cooke.

No further business the meeting closed at 2.05.

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Moved and accepted as read by L.Read, seconded R.Andrews.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

R.Blewett thanked the committee for the past year.

B.Spencer suggested the city members with 2 or more cars loan them to country members or Eastern States members wishing to attend the 1992 rally in Perth.

B.Sharp advised members his book will be released next month.

COMING EVENTS.

SEPTEMBER 24th: A.& J. Smith to organize.

OCTOBER 30th: C.Blewett to organize

NOVEMBER: S.Read to organize.

Meeting closed at 2.45.

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

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 1988

Balance brought forward as at 31st July, 1987 \$761.85

INCOME:

Subscriptions	482.00	
Christmas Dinner Outing	816.00	
Badges	155.00	
Refund from City of Nedlands	50.00	
Deposit for Tone River	200.00	
Bank Interest	63.18	
Misc.	21.85	1788.03

TOTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2549.88

EXPENDITURE:

Postage	198.16	
FED/FID Charges	3.35	
Cheque Fee	2.00	
STationary	83.65	
Photo Copy Money	220.00	
Miss Mauds Christmas Dinner	816.00	
Dept. of Sport & Recreation	200.00	
Christmas Function at Sandringham Hotel	100.00	
Badges from Sheridans	160.50	
Prizes for Christmas Function	37.22	
Overpaid Subs.	12.00	
Donation for Wangaratta	50.00	
Badge Refund for B.Sharp	30.00	
Raffle prize money	5.50	
Cards	7.00	
Engraving on Shield	12.00	
Raffle ticket book	1.38	

1938.76

TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1938.76

EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME AT 31ST JULY 1988 150.73

BALANCE OF CHALLENGE BANK ACCOUNT NO. 24/010150/8 AS  
AT JULY 31ST 1988. \$611.12

I have examined the Books of Account and supporting records of the MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (W.A. BRANCH) INC. for the year ended 31st July 1988. 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

LONG WEEKEND WANDER:

SAT/SUN/MON. SEPTEMBER 24/25/26TH, 1988

SATURDAY MORNING 24TH: Assemble with other members for the one day outing at CENTREPOINT CARPARK, MIDLAND (Perth end) at 8:45 AM for a 9:00 AM DEPARTURE. (*Pepper, you'd better get that truck wound up NOW !!*) We will continue on to Merredin after lunch at Buckland House.

Saturday night we are booked into Merredin Travel Centre Caravan Park. On-site vans have been reserved for the following families: ANNEAR/COOKE/LUCA/LETCH & PEPPER. WILLIAMS will be bringing their own van. Jim & Nina plan on having the BBQ's roaring for us by 5:00 pm (Jim was very definite about that 5:00 p.m. time-slot!!) so pack up the snags and steak for your meal tonight.

SUNDAY 25TH: is sightseeing day and we ask that you pack a cold lunch as goodness knows where we will be when hunger strikes. Return to Merredin Carapark for another night of chatting, story telling and the like. Tonight is 'combined casserole night' ie: make something easy to heat up on the stove or BBQ (enough for your family at least) and we will put them on the table for a 'share around'. Laurel's bringing some spuds as well and does anyone know an easy dessert to whip up ?!

MONDAY 26TH: Return to Perth, perhaps via Bruck Rock, Shackleton Quairading, York and other points on the way. All ideas welcome on the Sunday night get-together.

REQUIREMENTS: You will need sleeping bags, towels, etc. for the vans (and if you're like me - your own comfy pillow!). There is no dressing up - come casual - we're all out for a lazy, fun weekend.

Well, there you have it, the ingredients for a great weekend away. For those members not at the last meeting and therefore know nothing about this quick decision trip - if you wish to participate please phone Laurel Cooke [REDACTED] to advise you are coming and also make your own bookings with the Caravan Park (or Motel or bring your tent) in Merredin.

See you at Centrepoint 8:45 am on SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER !!

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*John Luca! Have you been experimenting with your home made wine again !!*

## ACROSS AUSTRALIA IN A MODEL A TRUCK (PART 1)

Well we are home at last, (I started this seven weeks ago) in one piece, just, after attending first, the Castrol Australian Bicentennial World Rally in Canberra then down to Geelong for about five days with friends before heading off to Wangarratta for the Easter weekend National Model A Rally.

We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, especially on the trip across to the Canberra Rally and then at Wangarratta, which was a well organised busy long weekend. We saw quite a bit of Victoria in the process, although at a slow pace.

From Wangarratta after Easter we headed for Sydney via Yarrawonga, Wagga Wagga, Young, Cowra, Bathurst and Lithgow, this was a lovely leisurely drive although it rained occasionally. Some where before Lithgow a bit of dirt lodged in the idling jet of the carburettor, the first attempt to find it failed, so we pushed on. All the way down the Blue Mountains and to the outskirts of Sydney the truck back-fired and would not idle whenever I slowed down. Finally at the Bass Hill Caravan Park I found the offending piece of rubbish in the top half of the carburettor and everything was alright from then on.

We arrived in Sydney on the second last day of a very wet spell they had. Visibility coming down from Lithgow and Katoomba etc, was about 150 yards - terrible conditions and no chance of appreciating any views that may have been there.

We toured and looked around Sydney for four days, by train, bus and harbour cruises etc, before heading north via East Coast Antique Auto Parts to get a gasket set for the impending repairs at Ipswich. I was not happy with the compression on 2 cylinders, they felt weaker when the motor was cranked over by hand, of course the reproduction water pump shaft was another worry. Of course we had a hell of a vibration, but that cannot be found to this date, more on that when we do find the cause.

We drove up the old coastal highway to Gosford where we saw another local "A" with its owners and had a session looking over and talking about each others vehicle as usually always happens. Just after Gosford we had a flat tyre, caused by the very sharp bead on the new tyres chaffing into the tube. I forgot to mention, the first two blade fan broke just north of Sydney, after about 5480 miles, the cracked half was broken off and the good side sawn off for balance, of course the truck boiled, from here on most of the time, it is a very hilly road and we were about 2½ tons all up. Next day with the mileage at 5500 the spare fan was put on, it too broke after only 58 miles, by this time we were at Taree so we stayed on extra day and purchased a Holden fan blade and had it welded onto the old hub, this worked perfect and is still fitted. The troublesome shaft was also replaced with a new stainless one I was carrying.

We carried on up the coast, keeping as near to the coast as possible without backtracking. All the northern N.S.W. coast is beautiful, hilly, and every town has many very large expensive homes.

A week after leaving Sydney we arrived at our friends place near Ipswich Queensland. Here we pulled the head off and then took out the motor to try to find the cause of the vibration. The centre main bearing was shattered and blue, so the motor had to go in for a new set of mains and a rebalance in case the original balancing was not done properly.

We stayed in the Brisbane area for about four weeks in total, toured the Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast etc, with friends in their vehicles while the truck was operated on. When we finally got it going, it still vibrated, so my mate made and fitted a set of rubber engine mounts (Rear) while we loafed it at the Gold Coast for the weekend. The rubber mounts really did not help quieten it down.

Now we had wanted to see something of the Barrier Reef, so we took off for Gladstone and drove into the night late, and all next day and ended up at Yeppoon (Rockhampton) to see the Reef. We went out to Great Kepple Island for the day and then left for the return to Brisbane. Again we drove late into the night and slept in the roadside rest bay before another full day at the wheel, before arriving in Brisbane city at Midnight, it was nice and quiet then, before returning to Ipswich at about two AM.

We spent a few more days with our friends and then left in the afternoon for the Gold Coast and booked into a Caravan Park near Dream World. The next day was spent at Dream World from opening time to closing time, this is well worth it and those of you going to Queensland in 1990 should take time to call in there. I was a little disappointed with Giltraps Auto Museum which is the Dream World grounds.

As we were running a little late due to the repairs etc at Ipswich we just drove down Highway 1 to Sydney. Just after Dream World the eldest girl got a piece of paint or something in here eye, so we had to look for a doctor, we spent a whole day deviating into Hawksnest and Tea Garden just above Newcastle seeking medical attention, also as we came down the very hilly stretch north of Buleadelah the generator stopped working again, usually it was just broken field wires and a little patch up with the small soldering iron I carried was enough, but this time the solder had been thrown out of the commutator - to this day I cannot explain how that occurred, anyhow the Doctor at Tea Garden put us onto his Auto Electrician at Raymond Terrace and he soldered it up for \$10. My iron was not big enough for that job. One thing about the A, without a generator you can drive for more than one day even starting it with the starter 5-6 times and the standard battery holds up well.

We stayed overnight at Raymond Terrace this time in an on-site van because it rained. The next morning we continued on towards Sydney calling into Gosford again, to look up a lead on a reported 1910 Ford T carburettor, it turned out to be a 1926-27 plate vapouriser (Holly) so we gained no extra weight at that step. So after a short discussion, about mainly the weather and the damage caused by the recent rains (floods etc). eg. the house at the back of these people, on the side of a hill was washed 17 feet sideways into the boundary fence.

It was now mid afternoon, so we drove onto the new (toll way) freeway towards Sydney to arrive on the outskirts in the peak hour rush at dusk, we refuelled and pushed on across the harbour bridge on the eastern lane on the outside, this gave the girls a good view of the lights, harbour and Opera House etc, we followed the Cahill Expressway under the park to the east of the city and on down under the airstrip and down to Wollongong for the night.

We went down the Bulli Pass, actually quite hair raising in the dark, with not the brightest of headlights and warning signs explaining a 1 in 6 slope, can't place having seen that before or since.

For sale: 1930 "A" model ute partly restored.

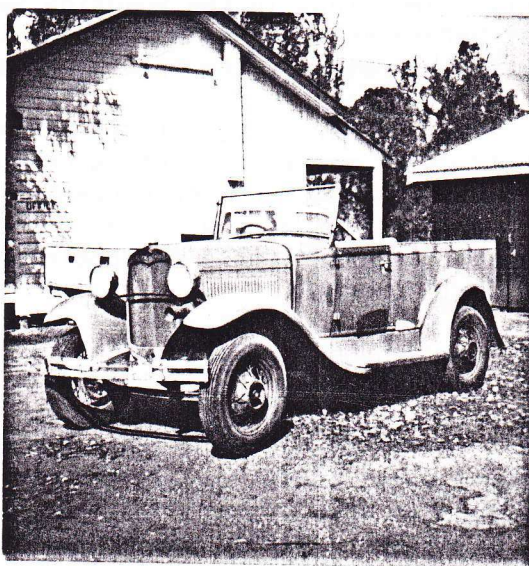
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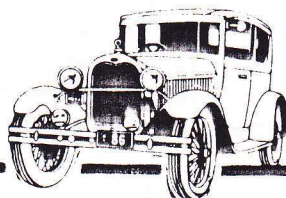
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			Cert. No.	Club.		

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Thank you.