

Western 'A' Model News.



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

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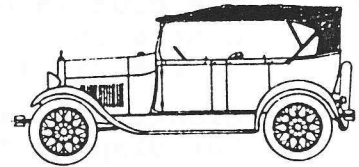
COMING EVENT - RESTORATION RUN

DATE: Sunday 28th May
ASSEMBLE: Causeway Car Park, 9am.
MORNING TEA: At Ron Pleysier's, [REDACTED] Roleystone.
LUNCH: Colin Davies
AFTERNOON TEA: Jim & Nina Williams, [REDACTED] Bullcreek.

B.Y.O. Food, mug and chairs.

COMING EVENTS

June 4th	Movie - Fund Raising event
June 25th	Club run to be arranged
July 23rd	Club run to be arranged
August 27th	A.G.M.



FUND RAISING EVENT FOR 1990 RALLY

QUIZ NIGHT: Friday 21st July
\$5 per head

Start planning your tables of 6 now (2 A Model member and four visitors per table).

Further details will follow in the June Newsletter.

Prizes/donations required - contact Sally Madgett

Work - [REDACTED]
Home - [REDACTED]



NARROGIN SHOW

We have had an enquiry from the Narrogin Agricultural Society regarding our attendance to their Annual Show to be held on the 14th October (to be confirmed). This is a typical country show with Stationary Engines and Vintage Farm Machinery.

Narrogin is 120 miles South of Perth and cars are required for a display on Saturday in a roped off area.

We have been offered assistance with petrol and accomodation in shearing quarters and possibly a donation to the club. Planning is in the early stages and we have been asked to express our interest and how many cars we could arrange. This sounds like it could be a good weekend to an area we haven't seen as a club and the offer of Petrol is a bonus.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT TOODYAY ON THE 9TH APRIL 1989

APOLOGIES:

J&N Williams, B&M Spencer, M&D Annear, J&P Luca L&M Cooke, R&C Blewett

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved and accepted as read by B.Sharp seconded by L.Read.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

The M.A.R.C. won second prize in the combined car club display The prize being \$150 (the Zephyr club came first winning \$200)

GENERAL BUSINESS

The club is having a car display at the Maddington Shopping Centre on June 22-24. L.Read to organise a roster for helpers at the display. R. Andrews to organise the cars.

B.Sharp thanked Ross Letch for his excellent effort in organising the display for the Combined Car Club Show.

A.Smith asked if members were interested in going to Wylkatchem for the show on the 15th and 16th October.

VISITORS

Amanda Letch and friend Darren

COMING EVENTS

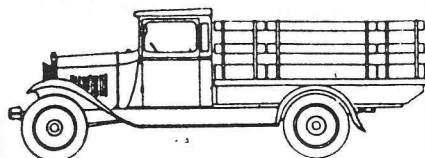
May 28th - Restoration Run to be arranged by S.Read.

June 22nd - Car Display at Maddington Shopping Centre

June 25th - To be arranged

B.B.Q. AT THE BLEWETTS

I would like to thank Reg and Coral for allowing us to hold our Fund Raising B.B.Q. at their home. Thanks also goes to Dora Annear and Louise Read for their help. The support was great and a good time was had by all.



Combined Car Club's Classic Car Show

We never received any official advice of any sort from the C.C.C. on the results of the Car Show, apart from an announcement at the Show that trophies and cheques would be presented at an official dinner. Following determined phone calls, advice was received that the dinner would be held on April 8. A dozen members paid \$15 each and turned up, full of hope, convinced we had won.

Well, in spite of an estimated 200 man-hours of actual work on our display for the Car Show (plus the personal financial commitment of several members) our efforts were rewarded by coming second to the Ford Zephyr Club. We admittedly consider our efforts very much through prejudiced eyes but, in all honesty, our display of a 'vintage garage and workshop' was the ONLY effort which exhibited any theme or imagination and did not just look like a used car lot (as with all the others). We also had 13 vehicles of various years and models.

All the effort expended was encouraged by the promised incentive of \$500 for first prize. There was some consolation in the fact that we collected \$150 for second and the winner only received a rumoured \$200 (plus a trophy).

There is no doubt that some members of the the Combined Car Club devoted many hours to organising the Show but, as with any similar event, the final judgement of success or failure comes down to the number of pairs of legs through the gate - which was somewhere just short of a failure and the reason why the amounts presented to the clubs was way down on expectations.

There were other events competing for the public's attention the same day but publicity for the Car Show was so low key that presumably most people did not even know about it. The experiences of other clubs is unknown but we had to make innumerable telephone calls to achieve answers on various aspects of the Show, etc. The only letter we have ever received from the CCC welcomed us as members and asked us to 'complete the enclosed form' - no form was enclosed!

At the Award Dinner Philip Raccuia received a very handsome trophy for winning the Vintage Concours d'Elegance and one of the C.C.C. committee members was the recipient of a deserved and prolonged ear-full from Laurel Cooke on the error of their ways in not awarding first prize to our stand. In spite of polite requests, no valid reasons were ever offered for the final placings.

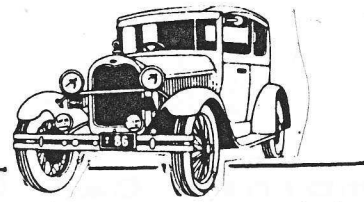
So, where do we go from here? The Model A Ford is apparently considered as an inconsequential vehicle in some circles so there seems to be three choices: 1. Retain membership of the C.C.C. but not participate in any of their events. 2. Resign. Or 3. Become more directly involved in that Club, exert some influence and inject a vestige of efficiency into their organisation.

Perhaps the collective noses of those of us who were directly involved in the Show should not be so far out of joint over just one incident. In a democratic Club such as ours the final choice is up to the membership....

11th NATIONAL MEET - Queensland, April, 1990

O.K., so Brisbane is a long way and its still twelve months until the Meet. However, if we want a memorable turn out for the 12th Meet in Perth in 1992 we MUST make a good showing in Brisbane to prove that the trip across Australia is not a daunting challenge. If you are still not sure about participating please reconsider so we can have as many members and vehicles as possible in Brisbane next year and show how keen we are to make a success of 1992. The more West Aussies in Brisbane - the more Easterners we will attract to Perth.

* APRIL RALLY AND MEETING
TOODYAY MOONDYNE FESTIVAL



Right; so, where were all those members who said they would participate?

"Meet at Midland at 9am for 9.15 departure" said the instructions. Just 3 Phaetons and 1 Tudor eventually gave up and departed at around 9.30; sent off by the Spencers in their delightful Daimler. The Smiths, Andrews, Sharps and Letchs proceeded uneventfully in perfect weather to Toodyay.

Kelvin Pepper was already there when the four Ford A's arrived in Toodyay - the truck must be really zooming along with the new overdrive; or did they leave at midnight? The Reads and Davidsons turned up later by more modern carriage conveyances.

A few other vintage cars from the Avon Club and some stationary engines completed the 'Vintage Car Display' almost out of town by a gravel track next to the railway line. At least it kept the kids off the cars as they did not know we were there!

A perusal of the delights of Toodyay did not take too long. Ron Andrews and Ross Letch were deep in meaningful conversation and wandered off in their own private world. The local bakery was plundered for lunch and someone's front lawn in the middle of town commandeered as a picnic area and meeting place for the April meeting.

The A's participated in the Grand Parade (two 'floats' - trucks actually - and a donkey). Sounds like a joke: 'Did you hear the one about the two floats and a donkey...?' The handful of vintage cars was led by our Fords.

Then it was off home, wondering how many would turn up for the next Run!!!!

What's the worst part of belonging to any Club?

All together now: FUND RAISING!

The 'Bring and Buy' was a great success. Now we need more funds to run the 1992 Meet. To avoid the prospect of members putting their hands in their pockets in 2 years to meet the expenses (fat chance?) the effort must be relentless. All avenues must be utilised - any suggestions?

Don't forget the drive for ALUMINIUM CANS.
What about your local Deli, etc.? Contact Helen Sharp on [REDACTED] about your can contribution.



QUOTES FROM HENRY FORD

"The most beautiful things in the world are those from which all excess weight has been removed."

"Thinking always ahead, thinking always of trying to do more, brings a state of mind in which nothing seems impossible."

"I cannot discover that anyone knows enough to say definitely what is and what is not possible."

V.C.C. AUTUMN RALLY

(* V.C.C. = Vacuous Cachexy Cabal?)

Five Model A's fronted-up at the V.C.C. club rooms: Williams, Annears, Sharps, Cookes (with the Spencers relaxing as back seat passengers) and Letchs, representing the highest turnout of any marque among a variety of around 50 assorted vintage vehicles and motorcycles.

The event was a 'time trial' and the route meandered pleasantly for about 100kms past Canning Dam to Byford then around the nether regions of Gosnells to finish back at the club rooms for lunch and the 'presentation'.

The rain, which was a legacy with the compliments of cyclone Orson, held off (apart from one brief but heavy shower) until the finish of the Rally but then it was a drive back home in the rain.

The instructions caused a few involuntary deviations. Such as a T-junction being described at a 'Y' and a plain garden-variety left-turn as a 'U-turn'!

It was an amazing education to watch the points being tallied and to wonder at the believability of the final result. The actual presentation was like something from a 'how not to' John Cleese instructional film.

What has happened to people? Are they all practising for the one position in this world for which you do not need any training whatsoever: a politician? Are we to be controlled by inefficient amateurs from all sides?

Anyway, it all turned out very well in the end. The Model A's cleaned up. The Letchs won best overall vintage vehicle (lost 8 points) and the Williams took out best vintage car at 50kph (lost 15 points). Don't ask about the trophy we were promised if we had five starters - it didn't eventuate (which should have not come as a surprise!).

* To save you looking up a good dictionary, that means an:
Unintelligent, Ill-conditioned-state-of-mind Clique. Sorry, that's probably a bit too cruel, let's give them another chance?

T E C H N I C A L T I P

If your Model A is perhaps like your wife (hard to start up when she is cold) try this tip.

Run through the pre-start check (on the car, not your wife): fuel on, retard spark, power on (if applicable), etc but leave ignition key OFF.

Richen the mixture slightly, pull out the choke and turn the engine over a few times to fill the carburettor with fuel. THEN turn the key on and hit the starter again - she will probably fire-up straight away.

As an alternative, turn the engine over a few times with the choke out but key off. While the starter is turning over, switch the key on after a few whirrs of the starter motor.

It should work every time but perhaps not with your wife. Try it if you like. Turn her over a few times, but don't choke, then hit the switch.....

A DAY AT THE BRING AND BUY, OR HOW TO MAKE MONEY WITHOUT ENTERING LOTTO

You all know the saying "One Man's Trash is another Man's treasure" well believe me its true. The Bring and Buy at Maddington for the uninitiated is an eye opener.

But, let me take you first to the home of a particular family in Thornlie the day prior to the Big Day. Enter stage right the Cooke, Andrews, Read families with such comments as "Look at this pile of junk" "who would want to buy any of this" "you'll never sell that" Exit stage left four hours later with the same people "I'm sure Junior would get fun out of this" "My Mum's looking for a pair of these" "I know somebody who collects these" "How much did you say you wanted for that" "After all we are decorating dear" Approximate funds towards our total? \$125 before leaving for home. There is a bargain hunter hidden away in all of us.

Sunday morning dawned overcast and a little cool, but bearing up under the strain of a late night and shift work Sharron and Ian Lawson plus children, Coral and Reg Blewett, plus the salesman Steve Read sallied forth undaunted to the days adventure. Did I hear a mumble about the possibility of rain perhaps another day would be suitable? Shame on you Mr. Lawson.

Arriving at the Maddington Metro carpark, the unsuspecting sellers were set upon by marauding bargain hunters, but within 15 minutes the car and trailer were unpacked displaying the wonderful selection of goods. The time 7am. Selling began in earnest and by the time re-inforcements in the form of the Andrews family and yours truly arrived at 9am the pile of goods had dwindled considerably. But these fun days do produce one or two good stories, I refer to one recollected to me by Reg who being the gentleman he is offered to carry some paint, purchased by a lady, to her car, in conversation he mentioned the forth coming rally and was duly rewarded with a \$5 donation from the same lady. You smooth talker, you! You get people of all sizes and shapes at the markets, for survey figures, see Ian or Steve. One quip I heard was "Yes Sir just the bike you need \$10 to you but \$5 if you ride it away" The gent in question looked dubiously at the rusty wreck, not knowing how genuine our chief salesman was. One of our ethnic customers enquired what colour is this tin of paint? What colour were you looking for? was the quick reply A confused but happy man departed with his paint, cream/pink/green.

If you want to find out about people's curiosity, just include a bowling ball amongst your wares. I guarantee every one who visited our stall that morning man, woman or child could not resist placing two fingers and thumbs in the grips and picking it up. I think next time we should have a competition guessing the weight 10¢ a turn. Yes we still have the ball.

At about 11am a quick shower of rain sent the children scampering into the back of the van for cover, the adults huddling together (one seen to repossess a raincoat from stock) and any potential customers home. About this time a fellow stall holder decided to head home and having talked to Reg earlier donated his unsold goods to us. Thank You Jim. As we packed up around 11.30 we all agreed that a successful day was had and an enjoyment that comes with dealing with the public was expressed by a few. Many thanks to all involved in the gathering, donating and selling of our Bring and Buy and because of the amount of money made in such a short time all agreed that another take place towards the end of the year, so start collecting now all those trinkets and treasures but please no more clothes

TOTAL FOR THE BRING AND BUY \$564.57



Model A Ford Club Of Queensland

ELEVENTH NATIONAL MEET 1990 REPORT - APRIL 1989

IT IS ONLY TWELVE MONTHS until our National Meet which will be held in Cleveland Showgrounds from 13-16 April 1990.

Please book your accommodation now to be closer to the Rally venue. The early birds have already booked out three of the Motels.

We enjoy a pleasant climate, temperature range from 16-27 degrees celsius at this time of year and beautiful scenery. Cleveland is a pretty seaside town 25km south east of Brisbane in the Redlands Shire. There are close off shore islands for the holiday makers and it's only one hours drive to South Coast and North Coast beaches. We have numerous Arts and Crafts galleries and an excellent Museum right in the Showgrounds itself. The local people are very proud of their Museum.

All rally committees are working full steam with finances and prizes etc. in hand.

From all the ribbing we have experienced over the last few years regarding our long rallies in 1980, we've decided to go easy on you all and have shorter runs. Nothing over 1000km. Only kidding Folks

We are going to endeavour to send further updates approximately every two months.

Since our initial approach several months ago, co-operation from some Caravan Parks in the area, leaves a lot to be desired and we apologize for this about face on their part. We are now enclosing an updated list of accommodation available, please mention you are booking for the Model A Ford rally. The Holiday Hide-Away Resort Motel is under new management and offers us group tariffs. The Sheldon Five Star Caravan Park and The Dress Circle Mobile Village are both at Wishart which is approximately 20km from the Rally venue. Both are well run in pleasant surroundings and are opposite each other. Do not let distance of accommodation deter you from entering our rally as we are hoping to provide transport for night time functions. If you are experiencing any trouble in booking accommodation or if you have any queries ring [REDACTED]

Could you read this report out at your next meeting and also print it in your next newsletter please.

Regards

Margaret Gibson



A C C O M M O D A T I O N

MOTELS

ALEXANDRA HILLS HOTEL/MOTEL CNR FINUCANE & DAWSON RDS ALEXANDRA HILLS Q 4161 (07) 824-4444	12 ROOMS - 10 SINGLES 2 TWIN BEDS CURRENT TARIFF \$54 SIN \$68 TWIN 3.8 MILES FROM RALLY HEADQUARTERS (8 ROOMS LEFT)
BAY AIR MOTEL	(07) 286-2400 BOOKED OUT
CLEVELAND VISITOR VILLAS 214-216 BLOOMFIELD ST CLEVELAND Q 4163 WORK HOURS (07) 206-6322 AFTER HOURS (07) 286-5756	9 OF 2 BEDROOM UNITS COULD FIT 6 PERSONS MAYBE TWO COUPLES COULD SHARE CURRENT TARIFF \$130 FIRST NIGHT \$ 80 EACH OTHER NIGHT 5/8 MILE FROM RALLY HEADQUARTERS
CLEVETOWN MOTEL	(07) 286-3911 BOOKED OUT
HOLIDAY HIDE-AWAY RESORT MOTEL 158 GREENCAMP RD WAKERLEY Q 4154 (07) 245 6555	MOTEL SUITES \$48 SGLE/DBLE \$55 TRIPLE DELUXE SUITES \$55 SGLE/TWIN \$60 TRIPLE 1 BROOM APT. \$60 SGLE/DBLE \$66 TRIPLE MORE EXPENSIVE ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE 8.5 MILES FROM RALLY HEADQUARTERS
REDLAND BAY MOTOR INN	(07) 206-8188 BOOKED OUT OCTOBER PAY DEPOSITS
WELLINGTON POINT HOTEL-MOTEL CNR MAIN RD AND WATERLOO ST WELLINGTON POINT Q 4160 (07) 207-2511	9 ROOMS - 3 DOUBLES 6 TWIN CURRENT TARIFF \$45 PER ROOM 5 MILES FROM RALLY HEADQUARTERS (7 ROOMS LEFT)

CARAVAN PARKS

BELMONT GARDENS CARAPARK 525 BELMONT RD BELMONT Q 4153	(07) 390-4614 5 OF 6 BERTH VANS \$30 FOR 6 PERSONS 10.2 MILES FROM RALLY HEADQUARTERS
NESTLE INN CARAVAN PARK 905 MANLY RD TINGALPA Q 4173	(07) 390-4404 4 OF 4 BERTH \$40 FOR 4 PERSONS 11.5 MILES FROM RALLY HEADQUARTERS

DEAR Model A members

ON BEHALF OF DON PHILP AND FAMILY,
THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTS AND WORDS
OF SYMPATHY ON THE RECENT SAD LOSS OF MY
WIFE, OUR MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER,

DOREEN.

YOUR FRIENDSHIP WILL ALWAYS BE CHERISHED.

Don