

# Western A Model News.



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

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## JULY OUTING

"Follow the Leader" - not the real leader, he knew where to go. We are told that there was to be a scenic morning tea stop but none of us could find it.

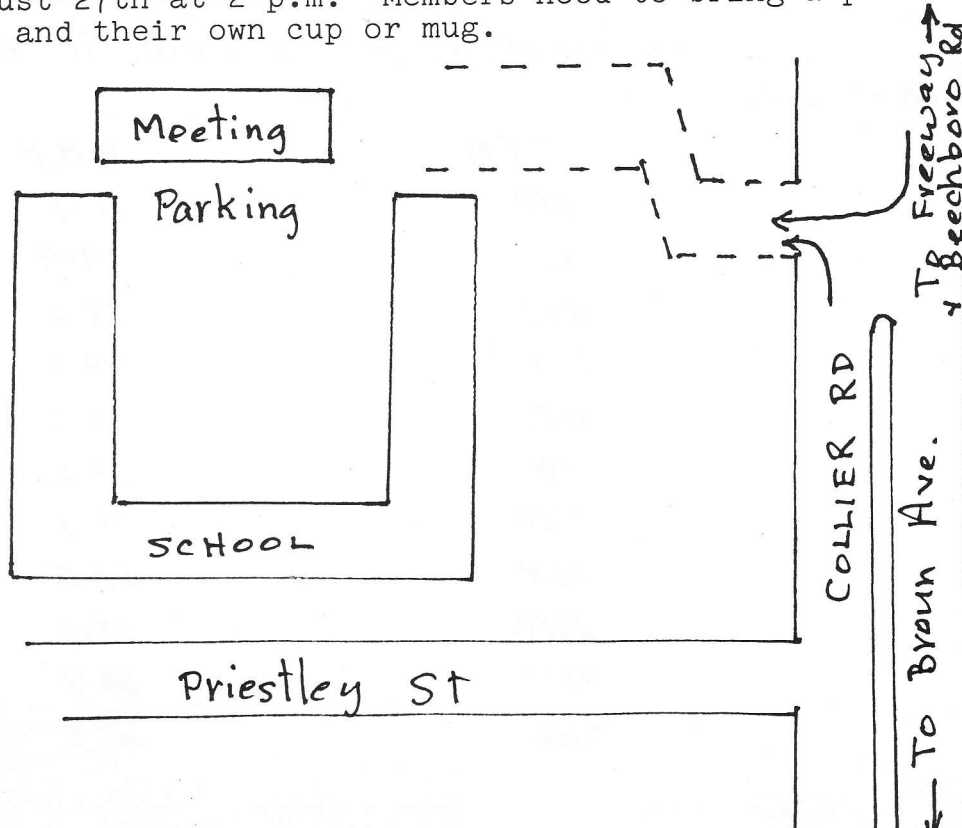
Morning tea over at the side of the road, and we all made our way back to Pickett Park in Bullsbrook for lunch in the comfort of the local hall.

If any member has to organize a month's run, we know of one mostly prepared and unused ready to go.

Our thanks to Max and Dora for organizing the day. We enjoyed the run and these misadventures make great conversation.

## A.G.M.

Embleton Primary School, Collier Road, Embleton. Sunday August 27th at 2 p.m. Members need to bring a plate of afternoon tea and their own cup or mug.



# MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT "PICKETT PARK" BULLSBROOK

## APOLOGIES

P & F Lynch, R & T Mahony, B & M Spencer, B & D Dennis.

## MINUTES

Minutes read and accepted as read by Dora Annear. Seconded by Alan Jeffree.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

- Jim Williams requires final numbers for brewery tour at A.G.M.
- Max Annear advised Vehicle Inspection is 19th August from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Steve Read received a letter from National Railways re travel to Queensland Rally.
- Helen Sharp advised Christmas Dinner is 8th December at the Oyster Beds at \$26 per head, plus drinks.
- Bevan Sharp asked for members to provide cars for All Ford Day.
- Members were asked to consider positions for the upcoming vacancies of President, Secretary and Editor.
- Visitors: Christine Williams, Chris Musto, Amanda Letch and Darren Joiner.

## COMING EVENTS

A.G.M. 27th August at 2 p.m.

September - long weekend to Ningham Station.

October 22nd B & V Cowlin to organise.

*Table shows the horsepower developed at various speeds from 600 R.P.M. to 2600 R.P.M.*

Meeting closed at 2.45

R.P.M.	B.H.P.
600	14.1
800	19.9
1000	24.4
1200	29.1
1400	32.4
1600	36.2
1800	39.1
2000	40.5
2200	40.6
2400	40.8
2600	40.9

The Quiz Night held on Friday, 21 July was a tremendous success, with everyone who attended joining in the fun and games.

It was very pleasing to see such a contingent of "Model A" people thoroughly enjoying themselves and helping to boost the amount of funds raised on the night. Without you all it could not have been such a success. Thank you.

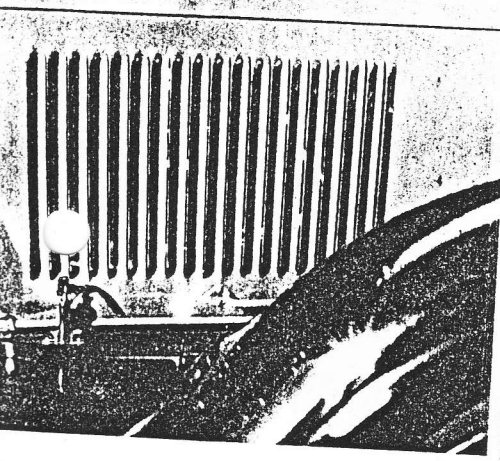
One young man was tickled pink when he outbid everyone for the splendid Ford bar mirror, which no doubt now has pride of place in his home.

Congratulations to the Williams' table who swooped up second prize. It was quite an adrenalin pumping competition with the table who came first. I trust the vintage was to your liking Jim.

Thanks must also go to the Quiz Master, Colin Mounsey, who did a great job in controlling the excited crowd.

Sallie Madgett

Model 'A' Ford



By mid-1928, the design had changed, and the louvres were redesigned for a more pleasing effect in which their top edge now paralleled the hinge line.

*Table of road speeds at engine revs. per minute in the different gears with 3.77-1 Diff ratio on 4.75 x 19 Tyres.*

<u>M.P.H.</u>	<u>3RD</u>	<u>2ND</u>	<u>1ST</u>	<u>Rev.</u>
10	429	796	1337	1605
15	643	1194	2006	2408
20	857	1592	2675	
25	1071	1989		
30	1285	2387		
35	1500	2785		
40	1714			
45	1928			
50	2142			
55	2357			
60	2571			
65	2785			

# Skills boost for motor industry

**T**RAINING facilities for the State's automotive industry have been boosted with the opening on a new skills centre by the Federal Minister for Defence, Mr Kim Beazley.

The Max Annear Automotive Skills Centre WA, in Cohn Street, Carlisle, will train people in the latest techniques in the industry.

Mr Beazley opened it on behalf of the Federal Minister for Employment, Education and Training, Mr John Dawkins.

The Skills Centre was named after Max Annear in recognition of his contribution to industry training over the past 20 years and is financed jointly by the Federal Government and the WA automotive industry.

Mr Annear is the chairman of the Automotive Industry Training Council WA.

The centre has been funded under the Federal Gov-

ernment's Skills Training Program, which aims to increase the industry's investment in training by helping it to increase the quantity and quality of training.

Mr Beazley presented the Australian Automotive Industry Training Council WA with a cheque for \$58,390 to help establish the centre and to provide training equipment.

He congratulated the industry and the people involved on their initiative in establishing the centre.

"As well as providing training courses in areas such as electronic fuel injection and updating skills in other areas, the centre will be a focal point for automotive traineeships and other training programs in WA," Mr Beazley said.

"An important characteristic of the skills centre will be the ability to respond quickly

to specific industry training needs as they arise.

"It will be possible not only to offer employment opportunities for WA's young people, but also to provide programs that will create jobs with proper career structures for adults.

"The centre will also provide industry with increased opportunities to train the existing workforce in the latest techniques."

Mr Beazley launched two new automotive industry traineeships at the centre.

The WA Tyre Service and Service Station Operations Traineeships have been developed under the Australian Traineeship System, a joint Federal and State Government initiative.

Ten young people have started the Tyre Services Traineeship and the Service Station Operations Traineeship will start in the very near future.



Mechanical trainee Andrew Ryder, 18, with Max Annear at the opening of the Max Annear Automotive Skills Centre.

The 12-month traineeships will involve a combination of on-the-job experience and 13 weeks training at the Skills Centre throughout the year.

In the Tyre Services Traineeship the trainees will learn selling and customer relations, handling goods and storage, occupational health

and safety as well as other skills.

The Service Station Operations trainees will learn a range of skills including service station and workshop safety, driveway service, fuel type, maintenance services and financial transactions.

Mr Beazley said he was confident that both the

trainees and their employers, as well as the industry, would benefit from the traineeships.

"Since the Australian Traineeship System was introduced, more than 30,000 young people throughout Australia have taken up traineeships. This includes more than 12,000 since July last year," he said.



# ALL DAY

LEEDERVILLE OVAL  
NOVEMBER 12, 1989  
10am to 5pm

Promised participants to date include: KELVIN PEPPER ('28 Truck), MIKE COOKE ('28 Phaeton and '28 Tudor Chassis), STEVE READ ('28 Roadster), ALAN JEFFREE ('28 Phaeton), BILL COWLIN ('28 Roadster), ROSS LETCH ('29 Roadster), MAX ANNEAR ('30 Roadster), BEVAN SHARP ('29 Tudor), ALAN SMITH (Model T Truck).

Only volunteers to date to collect and erect the display and 'man' the stand on the day are: Kelvin Pepper, Bevan Sharp and Alan Jeffree. A few more volunteers to plan and assist on the day would be much appreciated...

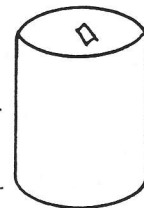
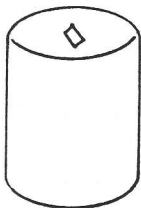
## FREE T-Shirt and Trophy for Entrants

Could we please have at least THREE more vehicles (we need 12 to cancel out the \$10 entry fee per vehicle). EVERY entrant has been promised a T-shirt and a trophy. A utility and a coupe would be handy to show all the body styles. Also another UN-restored vehicle would be good for the display.

This event is also an excellent opportunity for some outsiders contributions to the 1992 fund. Any suggestions for a competition? The easiest fund-raiser would be a raffle on the day. A one-day raffle with a prize valued at under \$500 does not need official permission so, any suggestions for a few prizes?

Please contact Bevan Sharp on 339 4082 for offers of vehicles, help or ideas.

**THANK YOU** GRATEFUL THANKS TO STEVE READ FOR EXPERT ASSISTANCE AND ALSO TO BILL SPENCER IN GETTING MY TROUBLED TUDOR BACK ON THE ROAD - Bevan



The ALUMINIUM CAN campaign continues.

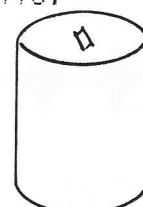
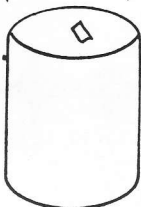
With contributions from just a few members (plus the empties from the successful Quiz Night) two drop-offs have resulted in over \$75 from cans!

There is obviously scope for much more revenue from this source for virtually no effort. How about contributions from your friends, relatives, neighbours; even enemies! Then there are: Delis, Schools, Pubs, even a relaxing and invigorating walk around a few blocks carrying a plastic bag can result not only in more cans but a cleaner neighbourhood.

Aluminium and foil pie plates and dishes plus even aluminium pots and pans can also be re-cycled but should be kept separate from the cans.

A pooled amount of cans achieves a better price per kilo.

Collection point: Helen Sharp (339 4082).



Here's An Idea To Run Up The Flag Pole And See If Anyone Salutes  
**CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

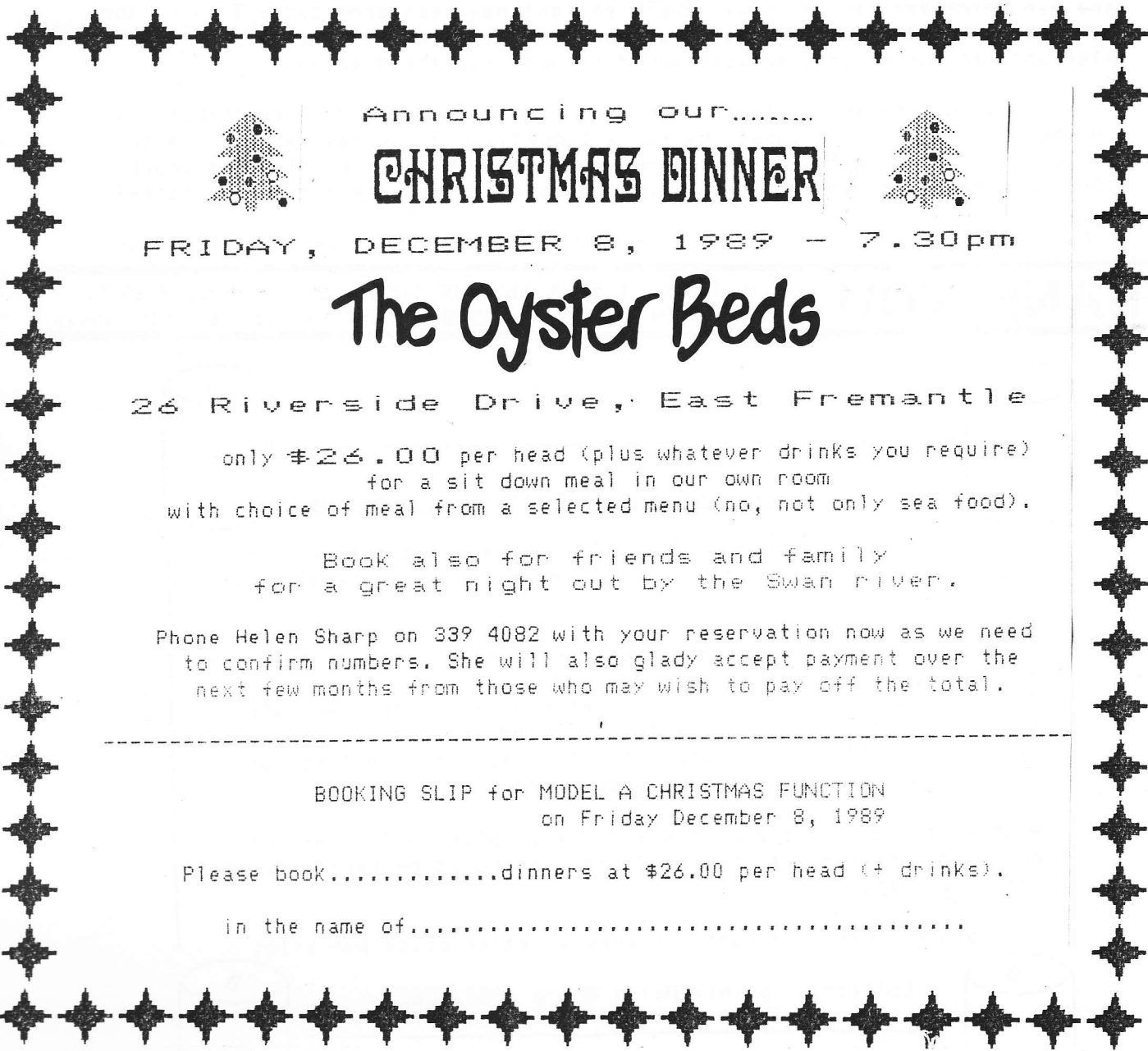
To stimulate club participation - how about an award at each A G M for "Club Member of the Year" to the person judged by ballot as contributing most to the club, plus frequent attendance at meetings and rallies. There need not be any official award - just an announcement. Naturally it would not be expected that there would be any competition for the 'honour' - we are not that sort of organisation! It would, however purely acknowledge extra endeavour.

**NOTES FROM AMERICA**

\* The 1989 Pate Swap Meet attracted 100,000 visitors to 5,586 stands. The 1989 Hershey Swap Meet had over 9,800 spaces rented!

\* The Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade included a 55-foot model of a 1928 Model A Phaeton made of 60,000 flowers. It stood 30 feet high, the faces of the occupants were 6-feet high and the 8-foot wheels were welded metal completely covered with glue then sesame seeds, the tyres were of seaweed!

\* The Evergreen Chapter of MAFCA assembled 142 club registered Model A's in one place last September. Twenty-four hours later the Cowtown A's in Dallas, Texas managed 145 Model A's at their annual Grandparent's Day event.



Announcing our.....

**CHRISTMAS DINNER**



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1989 - 7.30pm

**The Oyster Beds**

26 Riverside Drive, East Fremantle

only \$26.00 per head (plus whatever drinks you require)  
for a sit down meal in our own room  
with choice of meal from a selected menu (no, not only sea food).

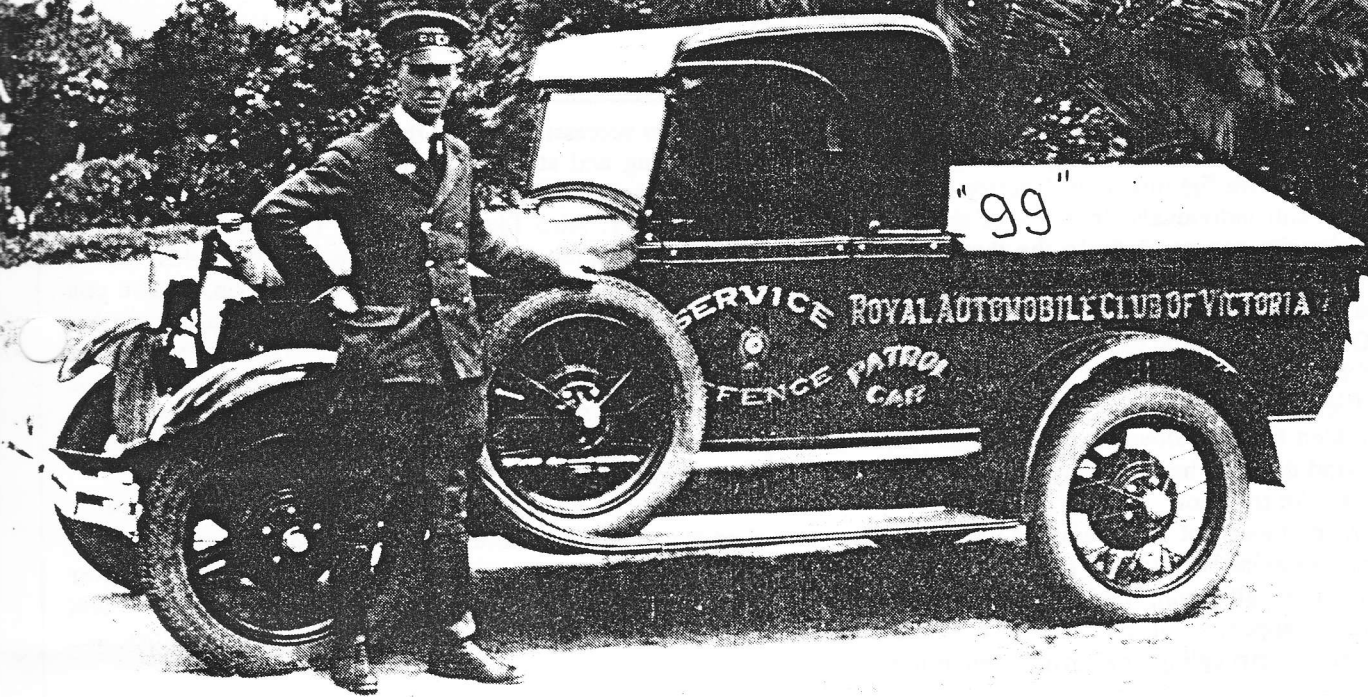
Book also for friends and family  
for a great night out by the Swan river.

Phone Helen Sharp on 339 4082 with your reservation now as we need  
to confirm numbers. She will also gladly accept payment over the  
next few months from those who may wish to pay off the total.

BOOKING SLIP for MODEL A CHRISTMAS FUNCTION  
on Friday December 8, 1989

Please book.....dinners at \$26.00 per head (+ drinks).

in the name of.....



The photograph depicts a 1928 Model "A" Ford owned and used by the R.A.V.C. from 1928. This was driven by the head patrol.

Until 1937- patrols continued to use B.S.A. motor cycles, then a Ford V8 van for supplying parts to patrols on the road. At this time, the patrols were still a small and rather exclusive group, just "Twelve Men and True"  
 (Extract from the story of the R.A.C.V. "The Crown of the Road".

This book is worth buying as it deals with early motoring in Victoria from 1903 (Geoff Worthington)

The R.A.C.V. have rebuilt a copy of the only Model "A" Ford owned by the club. It will shortly be on display for club promotion and outings. It is hoped we will be able to have it at a club outing. It is a most interesting body, having been built in Melbourne, and we assume gave many years of trouble-free service.

OIL PRESSURE:- After a engine has been overhauled it is good to know what pressure your oil pump is producing. An easy way to find out is to hook a 10lb. gauge through a flexible hose or a piece of copper tube to the small tapped hole on the side of the engine, just below the carburetor. You should get a 3p.s.i. to 5p.s.i. oil pressure reading.

## TIN LIZZIE OF AVIATION

*By David L. Lewis*

Of the 198 trimotor airplanes built by Henry Ford between 1925 and 1932, twelve are still flyable. Nine of them are in museums, in fire-fighting and forestry service, or owned by airlines and individuals. In a few of these planes, the public occasionally can go aloft. In the three remaining trimotors — flown by the shortest airline in the world, Island Airlines, which serves four Lake Erie islands out of Port Clinton, Ohio — the public can fly any day of the week, every week of the year. In August I boarded one of these planes for the flight to Put-in-Bay on South Bass Island. Just as one hasn't ridden in an automobile until he has ridden in a Model T, I found that one hasn't flown in an airplane until he's been up in a Ford trimotor.

The trimotor, for those not fully familiar with the plane, was in some ways to aviation what the tin lizzie was to automobiles. America's first all-metal, high-wing, three-motored passenger craft, it appeared at a time when desperately needed by the nation's struggling new airlines, enabling them

to function successfully. Like the flivver, the "tin goose" was hardworking and strong, not made for frills, but feminine, forgiving, and obedient — in short, a plane with integrity and character. Also like the Model T, it could go almost everywhere, taking off from and landing on fields with a cow pasture's size and contours. Flivver-style, it got you there and got you back: despite primitive instrumentation and weather forecasting, trimotors serving Ford's own air mail line completed 98.3 per cent of their flights. While the Model T put a nation on wheels, the trimotor convinced the public that regular, safe flying was possible. Put simply, the plane launched commercial aviation.

Island Airlines acquired a fleet of five trimotors in 1935, when the major trunklines were shifting to faster aircraft. Today the line's three trimotors, cruising at 85 mph, cover their 34-mile island circuit in 45 minutes, taking off and landing 12 times. One of their runways, on Rattlesnake

