



Western Model A News

The Official Newsletter of
THE MODEL A RESTORERS' CLUB (WESTERN AUSTRALIA BRANCH) INC.

SEPTEMBER, 1989

EDITORIAL

Thank you for your faith in electing me editor of this newsletter. I applaud your confidence after my recent written lecture via ALAN JEFFREE's auspice. However, some may be relieved to know that I really do see this medium purely as a vehicle to distribute news about our club and its members. Plus diverse information and insights about the Model A, with a measure of entertainment, a few laughs and, hopefully, some technical tips you may never have heard about (was that a chuckle?).



BEVAN SHARP

This aim can only be achieved with input from members. Anything will do: a story of your restoration, experiences, hints and tips, funny (or not-so-funny-at-the time) experiences. Don't worry if you think you cannot 'write', just hand-write some notes and, like magic, it will appear as an article. This is YOUR magazine.

As you peruse the Annual Accounts (in this issue) you will note that the annual fees virtually cover only the cost of our newsletter, so, with members' permission, another aim is to make this newsletter self-sufficient so that it is produced without any cost to club members. Advertisements can be accepted (without any adverse effects on the newsletter) to achieve revenue which will totally offset costs of paper, printing and postage - naturally the physical effort is all free.

On behalf of all members: CONGRATULATIONS to the in-coming office-bearers who have the responsibility to make concrete preparations for the 1992 National Meet. A sincere THANK YOU to all the out-going officers: STEVE READ (President), GAIL ANDREWS (Secretary/Treasurer) and RON ANDREWS (Vice-President) - who leave the Club in a sound position after two years work and self-sacrifice. Thank you and congratulations also to our out-going editor, ALAN JEFFREE, who has been elected as Treasurer of the Veteran Car Club.



Next Rally:
NINGHAM STATION September, 30

Annual Subscriptions now due - please remit and
PLEASE COMPLETE ENCLOSED UPDATE FORM

OFFICE BEARERS: President: JOHN LUCA

Secretary-Treasurer: HELEN SHARP

Vice President: LOUISE READ

Editor: BEVAN SHARP

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VIEWS EXPRESSED ARE NOT NECESSARILY THOSE OF M.A.R.C. (W.A.) INC.

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 30, 1989 - then October 1 and 2:
NINGHAM STATION RUN

MEET: at Road Train Assembly Station, Corner Great Northern Highway and Apple Street, Upper Swan. TIME: 8.00am for 8.15 departure. You will need: warm clothing, basic toiletries, sleeping bags or linen, food for the long weekend (including a casserole for Sunday night), any other 'essentials', plus extra capacity to carry about 20 liters of fuel. Any queries telephone Jim or Nina Williams on [REDACTED]

Sunday, OCTOBER 22, 1989 -

ALCOA TOUR - Meet at Pioneer Village at 9.30 am. There will be a morning tea stop and an early lunch. The bus will leave Jarrahdale at 1pm.

Bill Cowlin will watch the cars - phone Bill or Helen for info/numbers.

Monday, OCTOBER 30, 1989

SWAN BREWERY TOUR - Baile Road, Canning Vale.

MEET: in the Brewery Car Park at 6.20pm

COST: \$3.00 per person for the tour, drinks and food.

Please pay Jim Williams before entering Brewery as cash must not change hands on the premises.

This is another great opportunity to involve friends and relations (without just putting our own hands in our pockets). We still need more participants - Contact Jim or Nina Williams on [REDACTED] for details or bookings.

Sunday, NOVEMBER 12, 1989

ALL FORD DAY

Looks like we shall have enough vehicles if everyone keeps to schedule but a few more helpers needed on the day please. Contact Bevan Sharp on [REDACTED]

Sunday, NOVEMBER 26, 1989

Mike & Laurel Cooke are arranging a 'run'.

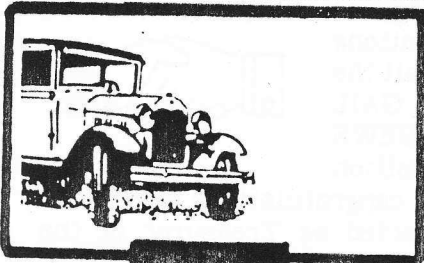
Friday, DECEMBER 8, 1989

CHRISTMAS DINNER

AT: The Oyster Beds, Riverside Drive, East Fremantle
7.30pm. for \$26.00 per person (plus any drinks)

Plenty of room for extra friends at this annual event

BOOKINGS and enquiries: Helen Sharp on [REDACTED]



THROUGH THE REAR-VIEW MIRROR

A NOSTALGIC LOOK BACK

From 'Western A Model News' - December, 1982

"Members met at Dog Swamp car park on Sunday, November 28, 1982, for the last rally of that year - known as the 'GOURMET MANIFOLD MUNCHERS' rally - to the Maze in Bullsbrook. Delicious aromas were already whiffing from Bill and Mavis Spencer's Phaeton - steak being 'done on the manifold'. Those of us who followed the Spencer's Phaeton to Bullsbrook wish to record our protests at having to put up with mouth watering whiffs of marinated steak which drifted back through our cars - while most of us still had only luke warm lunches. A 'turn-over' stop was made in Pinjar Road, Wanneroo where the Spencers were again the envy of all with a magnificent display of 'almost done' steak! Bonnie and Laurie Stevens had constructed a clever little cooking 'oven' to fit under the bonnet of their modern - and had delicious Spaghetti Hot Pot ready for eating when they arrived at the Maze. The Bennies (who organised this crazy outing) and the Cookes had to finish off their most unappertizing looking, half cooked lunches on the BBQs (amidst clouds of smoke generated by Ross Letch's attempt to recapture his Boy Scout days!!) but all ended well and the visitors and members spent a pleasant afternoon relaxing, talking Model A's and having a look at the sights around the Maze."

MINUTES of Meeting held at Embleton Primry School

ON August 27, 1989 - Present: 38 members in 5 Model A's and 15 modern cars.

Apologies: D. Annear, R. Blewett, I. Lawson, B. Jewell, S. Madgett, M. Davidson.

MINUTES of previous meeting read and accepted as read. Moved: M. Cooke, Seconded: H. Sharp.

BUSINESS ARISING:

* J. Williams reported on the Brewery Tour

* M. Annear advised - vehicle inspection day was disappointing with only nine cars inspected.

* B. Sharp gave an update on the All Ford Day.

* L. Cooke passed on a message from Jeananne Richards thanking members for condolences on the recent passing of her husband, Eric Richards.

* J. Williams advised that the V.C.C. Auto Jumble was on October 15; M.A.R.C. to have a stall - volunteers required for the stall.

* J. Williams gave an update on our Ningham station long weekend.

* W. Bennie reported on the 1992 Rally Committee meeting.

* B. Sharp moved that we join the British Model A Club in a reciprocal arrangement.

* Coming events: September-Ningham Station / October 22 - B. Cowlin ALCOA tour / November - L&M Cooke to arrange / December - Christmas dinner.

Meeting closed at 3.10pm.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of M.A.R.C. (W.A. Branch) Inc.
Held at Embleton Primary School on August 27, 1989.

APOLOGIES: D. Annear, R. Blewett, I. Lawson, B. Jewell, S. Madgett, M. Davidson.

MINUTES of previous A.G.M. were read and accepted. Moved: B. Spencer. Seconded: R. Andrews.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: W. Bennie moved that annual club subscriptions be raised to \$15 for city members but country members remain at \$10. Seconded: A. Jeffree.

* L. Cooke suggested that the club formulate a set of relevant by-laws.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

* The Statement of Expenditure and Income was read and moved as correct by M. Cooke.
Seconded: W. Spencer.

* S. Read read his President's report.

* W. Bennie gave a vote of thanks to S. Read for his term as President.

* ELECTIONS resulted in the following new committee:

President: John Luca.

Vice President: Louise Read.

Secretary/Treasurer: Helen Sharp

Editor: Bevan Sharp

Committee Members: Michael Cooke and Jim Williams.

Rally Marshall: Max Annear.

Vehicle Examiners: Reg Blewett and Max Annear.

The Meeting closed at 3.55pm.

MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB AUSTRALIA (WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH) INC

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 1989

Balance brought forward as at 31st July, 1988 \$ 611.12

INCOME:

Subscriptions	552.00
Christmas Dinner Outing	1,600.00
Badges	384.75
Raffle Money	84.50
Interest	53.52
Donation to Club Rally	70.00
Town & Country Bank Account	66.61
Swap Meet	564.47
Proceeds of B.B.Q.	143.00
Prize Money from Combined Car Club	150.00
Proceeds from Quiz Night	810.00
Maddington Plaza Display	200.00
Miscellaneous	45.60

TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR \$4,724.45

Less EXPENDITURE:


Stationery	41.96
Raffle Prizes	55.77
Badges	17.10
Postage	244.52
FID	.48
Cheque Fees	9.50
Photo-Copying	260.00
Flowers	19.00
Deposit on Oyster Beds Restaurant	100.00
Sheridans Badges	135.20
Imprint Plastics	247.57
Subs for Combined Car Club	30.00
Refunds	36.00
Sandringham Hotel	1,439.00
Transfer of Funds to Town & Country	66.61
Miscellaneous	59.74

TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR \$2,762.45

SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR \$1,962.00

BALANCE OF CHALLENGE BANK ACCOUNT NO. 24/010150/8 AND
TOWN & COUNTRY ACCOUNT NO. 476 240.101508 AS AT
JULY 31ST, 1989 \$2,573.12
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I have examined the Books of Account and supporting records of the MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB AUSTRALIA (WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH) INC for the year ended 31st July, 1989. In my opinion the above Statement of Income and Expenditure reflects a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the club for the year ended on that date.

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DAVID F. PALMER
Certified Practising Accountant

After two year's service as President
of our club
Steve Read has handed over his invisible
gavel to John Luca. Here is
Steve's Report on the last year:

OUT-GOING PRESIDENT'S REPORT August, 1989

This past year has been another when our club has once again shown itself to be a club as good as any other, and better than some.

We have enjoyed many and varied runs throughout the year, including: an interesting museum trip, a train trip on the Hotham Valley Railway, a restoration run, a trip to Toodjay and our usual picnic and barbecue runs.

Our away from home trips have included such exotic places as: Merredin, Tone River and, our favourite, Boyanup.

We have also seen some spectacular efforts in fund raising. Some spectacular by way of major effort for low return and some of low effort for major return. Some of these activities included: our 'bring and buy', Classic Car Show, B.B.Q. Night, our car display at Maddington Metro and, the all-time winner, our Quiz Night.

This year has also seen our club join the Combined Car Clubs and form a committee for our National Rally in 1992.

Sadly, we have also lost one of our founding members in Mr Eric Richards and I am sure he will long be missed.

Next year should see us at the National Rally in Queensland and I'm sure we will have many interesting runs and continued support of fund raising for our National Rally.

On a personal note, this year has been made very enjoyable by a trip to Bendigo Swap Meet with Bill Bennie. I've also enjoyed seeing new members join our club and new restorations start.

I have enjoyed my term as President and wish to thank all those people who have supported myself and our other office bearers and wish the Model A Restorers' Club all the success in the future it deserves.

Steve Read

ANNUAL INSPECTION

On Saturday the 19th of August Max and I inspected 9 cars and found all the vehicles to be in good condition. A lot of work had been done on many of the members' cars.

If there are any other inspections required please contact me on [REDACTED] to arrange a time.

Many thanks to Ross Letch for supplying the windscreen stickers and to Max Annear for use of his work shop.
Reg Blawett, August 29, 1989.

To The Arctic Circle by Model A Ford

extracted from MAFCA's "The Restorer" Magazine
written by John Hargraves of Independence, Missouri
* Part I *

Last year 14 American Model A Fords took a trip to Alaska and the Arctic Circle.

Two interesting articles in the March/April and May/June issues of MAFCA's 'The Restorer' magazine gave many hints and suggestions for long runs that will also be of interest to adventurous Australian Model A motorists.

The 14 cars travelled a total of 126,812 miles (204,168 kms), with an average of 9,058 miles (14,584 kms) per vehicle. The average miles per gallon achieved was 17.8 (from 20 down to 15.3 m.p.g.). Two cars pulled small trailers and two were equipped with overdrive. Information on how much fuel was saved with an overdrive, or how much more was required to pull a trailer, was inconclusive.



Most cars changed oil every 2-3,000 miles. Consumption varied considerably but averaged a quart (just under a litre) for every 1,500 miles. Most of the oil was not burned but lost through the rear main of just a few cars. Several cars never added oil between changes.

The 14 cars utilised a variety of modifications to Henry's original design, including: balanced crankshaft, pressure engine lubrication, hardened valve seats, hardened valves, bypass oil filter systems, air cleaners, modified water pumps, thermostats, various carburetors, fuel filters, modified ignition systems modern resistor spark plugs, alternators on both 6 and 12 volt systems, steering modifications, overdrives, etc.

However, in order of preference, the following were supported by the 14 drivers: (1) a balanced crankshaft, (2) an air cleaner, (3) a water pump using a graphite or ceramic seal behind the impeller, (4) an oil filter, (5) a 12v system with alternator and halogen headlamps.

No cars experienced trouble with the drive train from the flywheel back, steering system, front end assembly or with wheel or axle bearings. Most cars had to take up the brake on each wheel by ten or more notches.

The only cooling problems were traced to lack of flow through the radiator. Water pump problems involved: (a) leaking neoprene 'O' ring seals (all of them!), (b) front bearing or shaft damage due to fan belt being too tight, (c) two pot metal fans failed due to poor taper fit. All cars used 4-blade fans and most were fiberglass or plastic. The most reliable pumps were: (1) those machined to take a graphite or ceramic seal installed adjacent to the impeller and using two sealed ball bearings in the front, or (2) pumps using original packing nut and a good packing material.

The most common ignition problem resulted from the use of points with a soft cam block which would not hold an adjustment for very long. In three instances these blocks wore down to the point where the movable contact shorted to the cam.

One case of erratic point spacing was caused by a loose-fitting upper distributor plate. They did not replace a single coil and two condensor failures were put down to heat from the manifold. They concluded that a good set of plugs should last 15,000 miles and a good coil and condensor should last indefinitely.

They decided to check the theory that placing the condensor on the firewall away from any heat would reduce efficiency and/or burn out the points. Five cars were fitted with the condensor on the firewall and they concluded that it had no discernable affect on the engine or the points.

Part two, next month.....

--DETATCH HERE--

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Family Name

ALL members: Please complete to update Club records for 1989/90:

MODEL A RESTORERS' CLUB
(Western Australia Branch) Inc.

Family Membership for Year: August 1, 1989 to July 31, 1990

NAME:.....
Family Name | First Names

Address:.....

.....Post Code.....

Telephone: Home..... Work.....

* Occupation..... Business Phone No:.....
(* optional - if you have a business, members may hire your services, or your occupation may be helpful).

Annual Family Subscription: \$15.00. Date paid.....
Country Members: \$10.00. (for office use)
(Please make cheques payable to: M.A.R.C. (W.A. Branch) Inc.)

YEAR of Manuf.	MODEL A FORD MOTOR VEHICLE DETAILS:				Vehicle LICENCE Plate Number
	BODY STYLE Phaeton Roadster Tudor, etc	ENGINE NUMBER	Current Examination Certificate No.	VEHICLE is Unrestored/ Restored. Full Licence/ Concessional	
Fitted with a C.B. radio? Yes/No. Call sign:.....					

Please print clearly and return form, with remittance, to:
The Secretary M.A.R.C. (W.A.Branch) Inc. [Redacted] Palmyra, 6157

Please advise any future alterations to ensure correct records.

COMMENTS, Parts Required/For Sale, etc:



"IN BRIEF"

I would like to thank all members for attending the A.G.M., and electing a new committee for the next two years.

"In with the new / out with the old" as they say. I would like to extend my thanks and congratulations on a fine two years headed by Steve Read, with Gail and Ron Andrews, Alan Jeffree and others with a job well done. I am looking forward to my term as President with many fund-raising activities, car displays, club runs, etc already on the go, plus our 1992 National Rally which has a committee set up and running. I look forward to the continued support experienced from all members.

JOHN LUCA

.... Notebook

* ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE - please complete and forward form in this issue.

* NEW MEMBERS: Rodney and Suzanne Wright, [redacted] Orange Grove, 6109 - [redacted]. 1930 Roadster complete in good condition (been on blocks for 22 years!)
Gordon and Janine Godwin, [redacted] Gngangara - [redacted]
Purchased Ross Letch's 1928 Phaeton.

If you know a Model A owner who is not a member - please give details to the Secretary.

* 1992 NATIONAL RALLY - Your committee is up and running. They have had one meeting and have another scheduled for this month. Progress details in next issue. The committee is: Bill Bennie (Rally Director), Mike Cooke, Louise Read, Peter Lynch, Bevan Sharp and Ross Letch. Please contact any committee member with ideas or suggestions for a Patron, Venue Headquarters, Sponsors, Tour Ideas, plus any helpful information.

* CAN DRIVE - The quest for drink cans continues unabated. We can get an extra 10c a kilo for cans during September. So, get 'em all together and phone Helen on [redacted] Ta!

AVAILABLE FROM THE SECRETARY

"VINTAGE" PLATES - black on yellow for concessional licence..... \$4.00 each.

CLUB LAPEL BADGES - Essential jewellery for every club member...\$5.00 each.

CLUB CAR BADGES - A handsome addition to your front bumper....\$15.00 each.

CLUB CLOTH BADGES - For clothing, hats, souvenir gifts, etc.....\$1.00 each.

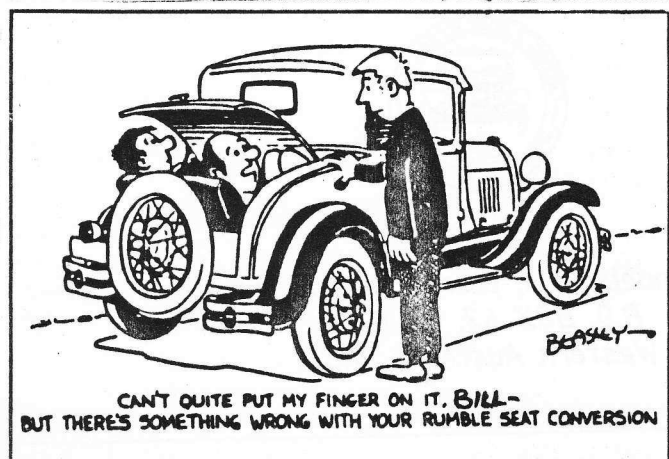
Model A Restorers' Club Australia DECALS - only two of these..... .50c each.

V.C.C. AUTO JUMBLE

We have a donation of car parts for a stall at the Auto Jumble on October 15 to raise funds for the 1992 Rally. If you have any non-Model A bits and pieces, and/or can volunteer to sell parts on the day on a roster basis please telephone Ron Andrews on [redacted] with details - thank you.

IT'S ONLY MONEY

In the last days of 1927, Henry Ford spent \$1.3 million on exciting interest in 'The New Ford' (that's 1920's dollars!). As a comparison, Toyota are spending \$1 million a WEEK to buy market leadership. Honda spend \$6,000 per car sold! Toyota earn \$1 billion a MONTH in interest alone....



CAN'T QUITE PUT MY FINGER ON IT, BILL - BUT THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOUR RUMBLE SEAT CONVERSION

Firewall Patent Plate

That small patent plate on the firewall... every restorer buys a new one and installs it, BUT do you know what those eight numbers represent?

- 1,012,620 Chassis frame, transverse front spring, front and rear radius rods, issued to Henry Ford.
- 1,044,038 Chassis frame and spring suspension, issued to Henry Ford.
- 1,075,557 Chassis frame, rear transverse spring, front radius rod socket, etc., issued to Henry Ford.
- 1,376,984 Mushroom valve stem and guide, issued to Henry Ford.
- 1,467,478 Method of making steel spoke wheels, issued to Charles J.W. Hayes.
- 1,508,387 Method of forming ring gears, issued to Walter T. Fishleigh.
- 1,629,493 Non-glare lens and lamp therefore, issued to Walter T. Fishleigh.
- 1,640,118 Auto body construction and gasoline tank, issued to Henry Ford.

Everyone seems to know someone who has a Model A that does not belong to this Club. Please have a quiet word in their 'shell-like' about the benefits of joining and/or tell the Secretary their name and address.

Consult the local tyre specialist for your Model A Ford:

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