MODEL A NEWS

The official newsletter of the MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.

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Most of you will know the story of Henry Ford but for those that don't you may find the following interesting.

Henry was born on a farm near Greenfield, Michigan on July 30th, 1863. Educated in the Greenfield school district, and at the age of 16 Henry became a machinist's apprentice in Detroit. In 1888 he maired Clara Jane Bryant. In 1891 he became an engineer at the Edison Illumination Company in Detroit. Henry had one son, Edsel Bryant Ford, born in Detroit Nov. 6th, 1893

Henry built his first car, the "Quadricycle Runabout" in the summer of 1896. It had a 4 horse power engine and could reach 20mph. He sold the car for $200.00 to finance his second car which was completed around early 1898.

He incorporated Ford Motor Company on June 16th, 1903 which was capitalized for $100,000 with 12 stock holders. Ford produced 1708 cars the first year. In 1908 he brought out the Model T. A car for anybody and everybody. In 1914 he annouced a plan for profit-sharing, and then an unheard of $5.00-a-day minimum wage. When the United States entered the war in 1917 his plants switched to war production. Efficient production line methods enabled him to cut costs of his products while simultaneously increasing wages so that his employee's were the highest paid in the industry. In 1926 with the popularity of the Model T waining and almost 15,000,000 units sold Edsel, now President of Ford, had pushed Henry to design and build a new car. What evolved was the "Model A". First shown in Dec. 1927 to the general public. Ford produced about 4,500,000 Model A's before adding the V8 engine in 1932 and calling it the "Model B". When the Unites States again entered war (World War II) Henry again converted all his plants to war production.

Edsel, in 1919 succeeded his father as president of Ford Motor Company until his death on May 26th, 1943 at the age of 49. Henry again, at the age of 80, took over the presidency of Ford Motor Company. On september 21st, 1945 his grandson, Henry Ford II, Edsel's eldest son, took over the presidency.

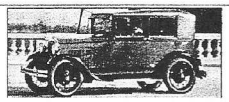
Henry Ford, the undisputed father of the automobile, died in Dearborn Mich., April 7th, 1947. He was 83 years old.

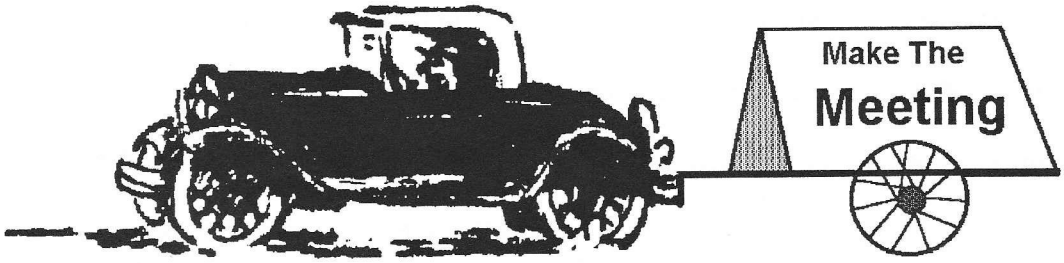
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Model A Production started on Oct. 20th, 1927. By Feb. 4th, 1929 Model A No. 1,000,000 rolled off the production line. Final production ended on Aug. 31st, 1931 with only 4,320,446 Model A's built. Below are the total "Model A" Production Figures listed by year.

"Model-A" Domestic Production Figures

	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	Style Totals
Sport Coupe	734	79,099	134,292	69,167	19,700	302,992
Truck	286	63,229	156,433	159,341	103,561	482,850
Commercial Chassis	99	42,612	130,608	56,707	34,959	264,986
Phaeton						
Standard	221	47,255	49,818	16,479	4,076	117,849
Deluxe	-	-	-	3,946	2,229	6,175
Roadster						
Standard	269	81,937	191,529	112,901	5,499	392,135
Deluxe	-	-	-	11,318	52,997	64,315
Coupe						
Standard	629	70,784	178,982	226,027	79,816	556,238
Deluxe	-	-	-	28,937	23,067	52,004
Tudor						
Standard	1948	208,562	523,922	376,271	148,425	1,259,128
Deluxe	-	-	-	-	21,984	21,984
Town Car	-	89	913	63	-	1,065
Station Wagon	-	5	4,954	3,510	2,848	11,317
Taxicab	-	264	4,576	10	-	4,850
Fordor (2-window)						
Standard	-	82,349	146,097	5,279	-	233,725
Deluxe	-	-	-	12,854	3,251	16,105
Business Coupe	-	37,343	37,644	-	-	74,987
Fordor (3-window)						
Standard	-	-	53,941	41,133	18,127	113,201
Town Sedan	-	-	84,970	104,935	55,469	245,374
Convertible Cabriolet	-	-	16,421	25,868	11,801	54,090
Victoria	-	-	-	6,306	33,906	40,212
Convertible Sedan	-	-	-	-	4,864	4,864
Yearly Totals	4,186	713,528	1,715,100	1,261,053	626,579	4,320,446



MARC your calendar

What	When	Where
CLASSIC CAR SHOW *(Club event)*	Sunday 20th March 05 9am to 4pm Model A on display before 9am. Details Peter Gilberthorpe or John Moorehead	Whiteman Park – Mussel Pool Area Dulwich St, or Beechboro Rd Entrances
KIRUP EASTER WEEKEND *(Club Event)*	Fri 25TH to Mon 28th March 05 Contact Alan & Edith Jeffree	Wringe Shearing Shed Manjimup
Toodyays Moondyne Festival *(Club Event)*	Sunday 1st May 05 Toodyay 9.30am to 3.00/3.30pm Contact John Moorehead	Meet at Centrepoint Car Park 307 Gt. Eastern Highway Midland (Railway line side) for 8am departure
Club run - Southern suburbs	Sunday 22nd May 05 Organiser Alex & Linda Kirkwood	Piney Lakes Reserve, Murdoch Drive Winthrop More details to follow

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB OF W.A. INC.
Mc Dougall Park, Ley St. Como 27th February 2005

Meeting Opened: 8.45 am with the President, John Timmings as chairman.

Attendance & Apologies: 41 members,5 visitors present and apologies as per the attendance book.

Acknowledgements: The president welcomed all present to our breakfast run and extended a special welcome to the visitors.
All members passed on best wishes to Jim & Nina Williams who have resigned from the Club to move on to the next phase of their life. Jim & Nina will be invited to join their friends as visitors at any of our events.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting. Correction to the date for the Kirup run, should be 25/03/05 and not /04. Balance of minutes accepted as published. Moved: Helen Moorehead, Seconded : Fran Timmings.

Business Arising From Previous Minutes: John Timmings will assist as Membership Officer as no suggestions received from members. A Club publicity handout has now been produced and will be available for the Classic Car Show at Whiteman Park. As no comments received regarding a regular Raffle Organiser it was agreed that the organiser for a specific event will also be responsible for the raffle on the day. John Timmings is still investigating the idea of a social Breakfast run and asked members for comments. April would be a good time for this event, as we do not have any runs scheduled.

Correspondence In: Araluen Botanic Park publicity, Yarloop Workshop schedule for 2005, Tsunami Super Cruise 28/03/05, Merv Ward with details of Model A parts for sale, Model A parts for sale, Kath Turner & Doug Foster, Marloo Newsletter – Darlington Theatre Players. Model A Flyer- Model A Ford Club of N.S.W. Model a Torque Feb. 05 Model A Ford Club of S.A., North Island Model A Ford Club Feb. 05 N.Z.

Correspondence out: The Moondyne Festival Committee re attendance on 1/05/05,Hans & Glenda Hurij confirming membership, Ray Abbott Engine Reconditioning thanking Ray for increase in advertising support, Lotterywest with invoice details for display cabinet, Schedule of Volume and Issue details for the Model A News to our Editor, Peter Sartori confirming membership, Email to Lorna advising that Nina & Jim Williams have resigned from the Club,
Correspondence in/out noted and accepted. Moved: Toni Mahony , Seconded: Barbara Forbes

Treasurers Report:

Balance of current account as at 1/01/05	$ 12,270.65
Receipts January 05	1,057.00
Payments January 05	302.20
Balance as at 31/01/05	$13,025.45
Petty cash on hand as at 31/01/05	$17.05
ANZ Term Deposit	$7,777.18
Total Club Funds as at 31/01/05	$20,819.68

Treasurers Report be accepted, Moved: Barry Guest Seconded: Barbara Forbes

General Business:

Dora Annear advised that John Laurie had nominated the 18th. September 05 for his event.

John Timmings advised the meeting that Darren Jeffree had supplied the P.A. system and John will seek Darren's help to improve the operation of the unit. John also highlighted the parking problems associated with Manners Hill Park for our January run and asked members to suggest an alternative venue?

Bob Newton advised that he had checked out suitable venues, north of the river, for a breakfast run in June ($13 to $14 per head) Bob asked for comments from members for other venues south of the river?

John Timmings reminded members that Steve Read had resigned from the work associated with the annual inspection day and hence a committee meeting will be held to appoint a Chief Examiner and team to organise the annual inspection day. The register of concessionally licensed vehicles will also need to be finalised.

Some 10 members indicated that they would be attending the Moondyne Festival in Toodyay .i.e with a Model A

Toni Mahony advised that various locations for our Clubs 25th. Anniversary event in August have been considered. Toni again asked members to forward suggestions to either her or Dora Annear. Toni advised that information regarding the Model A National Rally in S.A. in 2006 would be passed on to the Editor.

Hans Hurij reminded members of his suggestion at the last AGM to submit a motion at the forthcoming AGM regarding charges at the annual inspection day together with a refund to members attending the AGM and a certain number of events. Comments will be sought from members concerning this concept.

Peter Gilberthorpe displayed two rear main bearing caps from early Model A engines and sought comments concerning the different designs with respect to the oil ways. Several members assisted Peter.

Alan Jeffree provided details for the run to Kirup over the Easter weekend.

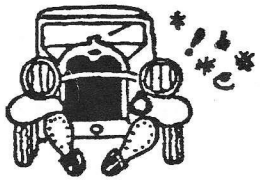
John Timmings advised that he will be in New Zealand at the date of our next run and that Ray Mahony will take the meeting on the 20th.March 05. John thanked Barrie Guest again for all the cakes/jams and his efforts raised $60 for Club funds. The Raffle run by Peter Gilberthorpe raised another $63. Thankyou to all members for their support.

Meeting Closed: 9.30 am

John Moorehead
Secretary/Treasurer

A woman is like a tea bag. - you don't know how strong she is until you put her in hot water





TECHNICAL TIPS AND MECHANICAL MUTTERINGS

ROLLING REMEDIES

By Steve Read

Steve says: "remember if you fail to proceed – DON'T PANIC! Don't start pulling the car to pieces until you have gone through your trouble-shooting and diagnostic procedure. Always stick to the same procedure so you don't get confused. Remember – your bought the car, you restored it, you CAN fix it!"

Trouble-shooting procedure:

1. Check fuel flow and quality, water etc
2. Check spark at points, if no spark then condenser, wiring or wire under distributor plate
3. Check spark to plugs. If no spark out of distributor, then probably coil or rotor button.
4. Check points for gap and timing
5. Check for stripped cam gear

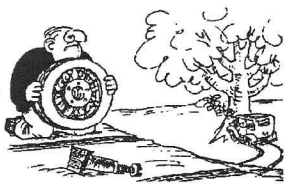
FUEL

1. Tap fully on?
2. Small filter in tank come loose, is outlet hole blocked? Check by loosening the pipe at the carburettor and see if fuel is running out, if not, hole in tank covered by rust or scale. Remedy – remove fuel line from carburettor and blow back along line, eject any rubbish around hole. May need repeating to get you home.
3. Has small nut holding choke arm come adrift allowing choke flap to close, so causing flooding? Remedy – keep flap in open position with piece of folded cardboard or use clothes peg to hold choke open..

ELECTRICAL – are battery terminals clean and tight?

1. Slow and loss of power resulting in a final stop and possibly overheating? Most likely points have closed or screw holding timing cam has loosened allowing timing to retard. Remedy – reset or time.
2. Motor idles reasonably but misses badly under load or on hills, etc. Remedy – most likely coil. Replace with new one from under the seat!
3. Motor backfires under most conditions? Probably condenser. Remedy – this is the most blamed part in a Model A, and may not be the problem but change it anyway, it cant hurt anything!
4. Engine winds over but will not start? Check for spark at points. If no spark most likely problem is wire under distributor plate. Remedy – dismantle distributor and repair. Better to have a complete, timed, spare distributor so you can drop it straight in (have rotor straight ahead as a reference point) to eliminate a range of suspects)
5. Loss of timing through crankshaft? If the motor turns over but the rotor does not you can reasonably assume no cam gear teeth. To check, press in timing pin – you will feel if cam is moving. Remedy – can be replaced by roadside, but best done in peace back home.
6. no condenser? Almost any modern condenser will do by removing the old one and fitting a condenser to the coil bracket and the wire to the distributor side of the coil. Make sure condenser is earthed. Normally condenser wire would go to positive side of coil but if your car has been converted to negative earth, make sure the wire always goes to the distributor side of the coil.
7. Broken rotor button? Unlikely but possible. Take rubber cap from end of coil lead and push over rotor shaft, poke small split pin through top of cap in line with key way in shaft so it just clears contacts in distributor cap. Then fit a bit of tin foil down centre of cap to conduct current from top of cap. Refit. Purely temporary!
8. to clear rust blocking hole in fuel tank, poke a thin piece of wire into the fuel outlet through filler hole. The wire will prevent large pieces from covering the hole but still allow fuel to pass.
9. amp meter or regulator stoped resulting in flat battery? Run a wire direct from the generator terminal to the starter terminal. Beware to start motor before connecting and be sure to remove wire as soon as engine has stopped or damage to generator could occur. In an emergency the wire from stop light to switch is over 2 metres long!
10. lost timing pin? Use anything that will fit. To make it easier, put some paint marks on the crank pulley and motor to show position of top dean centre. It only comes around every second revolution.





19th MODEL 'A' FORD NATIONAL RALLY

Adelaide - Sunday 24th - Friday 29th September 2006

Hosted by the Model 'A ' Ford Club - South Australia Inc.

EXTENDING THE HAND OF FRIENDSHIP IN 2006

All Correspondence To: National Adelaide Rally Committee – PO Box 251, Melrose Park SA 5039

The 19th National Rally for Model 'A' Fords will be held at "The Shores Convention Centre" Military Road, West Beach
(adjacent to Glenelg), and will be hosted by the Model 'A' Ford Club - South Australian Inc.

The Rally will commence on Sunday evening with a get together at Rally headquarters, after the Bay to Birdwood Run.

You all have the opportunity to take part in the "Bay to Birdwood" run on the Sunday. This event is the largest veteran, vintage and classic vehicle event in the southern hemisphere. The entry forms and cost for this event should be made available around May of 2006, so please indicate on your registration form if you are interested in receiving information when it comes available.

The "Bay to Birdwood" has a motor fest of activities for the week preceding the event, so if you have the time to consider all the attractions when coming to Adelaide for your holiday.

If you don't wish to participate you can either take in the fantastic selection of vehicles at the starting point or relax somewhere on the route and watch the cars go by. As it is a Sunday, Port Adelaide is an ideal area to investigate if you are interested in historical museums and there is also a great market to purchase antiques and nick knacks.
There will be something for everybody at the Rally, and we are planning to offer you a wide range of choices, where you can go on jaunts around the countryside and take in some of our great attractions, or relax and enjoy some of our in house events, the choice will be up to you.

We are checking into costings and possibilities of you being able to visit Kangaroo Island whilst you are in South Australia. Either a one or two day coach tour. For those of you who haven't heard of Kangaroo Island it is a world heritage island, full of unique flora, fauna, caves and magnificent scenery. The Island is located some 45 minutes by ferry from Cape Jervis, which is approximately ninety minutes coach ride from Adelaide. There may be another ferry service operating next year from Glenelg, so we are looking at all options. Please let us know if you are interested by marking the appropriate box on the Registration Form.

We may be a small club in South Australia but we offer you the hospitability of our club and will show case some of what our state has to offer.

Looking forward to meeting you all in Adelaide, September 2006

Graham R. Johnson President
Graham Johnson - President – Model 'A' Ford Club – South Australia Inc. Email
[redacted]
Telphone No – [redacted] Lynda Johnson – Rally Entry Director
Rally Committee Members — John & Gill Fishlock [redacted] Margaret & Ray Mudge [redacted]
Don & Ros Cresshull [redacted]
Model 'A ' Ford Club Website – **http://www.homestead.com/fordsa/FordA.html**

ACCOMMODATION GUIDE

The venue for the Rally is the Shores, which is located on Military Road, West Beach and is five minutes away from the centre of Glenelg.

There is a wide and varied choice of accommodation within a very short distance of the venue.

The Shores our rally headquarters, is located between the Adelaide Shores Holiday Village (Cabin & Villa Park) and the Adelaide Shores Caravan Resort.

Most of the accommodation listed has off street parking but please check when booking.

The following websites should also be checked out for accommodation within the area.

www.enjoysa.com	this website is the South Australian Accommodation Guide on line
www.holdfast.sa.gov.au	details on the Glenelg area

All prices quoted are listed for 2004 therefore prices will differ from 2006.

West Beach Caravan Resort

Four or Five Berth Cabins	internal ensuite	$87.00
Six Berth	internal ensuite	$103.00
Six Berth	Private external ensuite	$72.00
Six Berth	communal showers	$65.00

28 on-site caravans also available plus 370 powered caravan sites

Apartment – motels – hotels

Baybeachfront Apartments	82949666	$92 - $199
Bayswaterfront Apartments	82949666	$99 – $165
Bayview Apartments	82949666	$85 – $142
South Esplanade Apartment	83263664	$80 – $150
Corfu Holiday Units	82952345	$95 – $115
Glenelg Holiday Flats	82951952	$77 – $170
Marco Polo Apartments	82952345	$95 - $165
Maritimo Holiday Units	82956780	$50 – $176
Sea Cottage	83555373	$116 – $140
Seachange Holiday Resort	0407735588	$65 – $105
Glenelg Gateway Apartments	83763914	$95 – $125
Adelaide International Motel	82942155	$70 – $170
Watermark Glenelg	82942300	$99
Norfolk Motor Inn	82956354	$65 – $75
Ramada Plaza Pier Hotel & Suites	83506688	$300 –$ 400
Best Western Esenada Motor Inn	82945822	$115 - $200
Comfort Inn Anzac Highway	82941344	$95 – $160
Flag Haven Marina Inn	82941555	107 – 180
Seavista Holiday Suites	83563975	49 – 120
Beachside Holiday Units	83565324	55 - 595

For a complete list please contact Lorna Wigmore

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REGISTRATION FORM

Entrants Surname.....First Name.....

Address.....Suburb.....

State.....Post or Zip Code.....

Country (If not Australia).....Tel: No.....Fax No.....

Mobile Telephone No. .....Email Address.....

Passenger Details: Spouse/Partner/Guest - Surname.....First Name.....

Children's Names:.....Age at time of Rally.....

Children's Names:.....Age at time of Rally.....

Interests or Hobbies other than your 'A' of Course:
Entrant.....Passenger.....

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If a member of a Model 'A' club or Chapter please provide Name.....

Vehicle Details:

Year.....Body Style.....Registration No.....

Judging:
Do you wish to have your vehicle judged YES / NO
(If 'yes' please circle category you wish to have your vehicle judged in –

Categories: Blue Ribbon (Past concourse winners) Concourse Red Ribbon (Touring Class) White Ribbon (Unrestored/Close to Original)

Are you prepared to assist in the judging of vehicles: YES / NO

Hubley Racing:
Will you be entering a Hubley model vehicle in the races? YES / NO If so how many .....

Please indicate if you would like to receive an entry form for "The Bay to Birdwood" run on Sunday Sept. 24th.
(Entry forms and cost of entry will not be known until approximately May 2006)
YES / NO (please circle as appropriate)

Accommodation: If you have booked your accommodation – please provide details where you will be staying:
.....
(An accommodation guide is available, if you have not already received one, and would like one please contact Lynda Johnson on [redacted]

****** Immediately after the Rally we are trying to organise a coach tour either for one or two days to Kangaroo Island possibly 30th Sept. or 1st Oct. Please indicate if you are interested, and information will be forwarded as soon as it becomes available. YES 1 day tour Yes 2 day tour Please circle as appropriate.

Entry Fee is: AUS. $80.00 per vehicle – includes rally bag and badge ..... Currency Converter

Payment Details: I enclose my cheque or money order in payment. Cheque / Money Order
(Please do not send cash through the mail)

Cheques and money orders should be made payable to: NATIONAL RALLY ACCOUNT
And forwarded to the Entry Director, National Adelaide Rally Committee, PO Box 251, Melrose Park SA 5039

Entries received after May 2006 cannot be guaranteed a Rally bag and badge.

Indemnity Clause:

I the undersigned, understand that to be eligible to participate in the Model A Ford 19th National Meet, I must accept the following conditions of entry.

1. All entrants and vehicles, owner's, drivers and passengers enter and participate in the Rally and its associated activities solely at their own risk.

2. The Model 'A' Ford Club – South Australia Inc., its members, organisers, agents and sponsors of the 19th Model A National Meet, accept no liability for any loss, damage or injury suffered to or by any vehicle, entrants, owners, drivers and passengers by any means, act or omission or through any circumstances.

3. The entrants hereby agree to indemnify and save harmless the Model 'A' Ford Club - South Australia Inc., its members, organisers, agents and sponsors of this Model A Ford 19th National Meet, from all suits, actions, claims, proceedings or demands for damages or loss how so ever arising out of the vehicles, entrants, owners, drivers and passengers participating in the Model A Ford 19th National Meet and associated activities.

Signature.....Date.....

Please check all the details you have provided to ensure that the form has been signed in the appropriate place.

Your Completed Registration Form along with your payment should be forwarded to the:

ENTRY DIRECTOR, NATIONAL ADELAIDE RALLY COMMITTEE – PO BOX 251, MELROSE PARK S.A. 5039

WE THANK YOU FOR ENTERING THE 2006 RALLY
AND IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT – THE ENTRY DIRECTOR - LYNDA JOHNSON
Tel: [redacted] or Email: [redacted]

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RAY ABBOTT ENGINE RECODITIONING

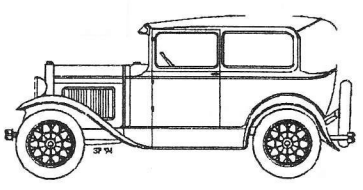
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BALDIVIS WA 6171

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If undelivered please return to
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Mahogany Creek WA 6072





THE NOTICE BOARD

For Sale

Model A rear end, radius rods, brakes in good conditions, front end condition unknown. Contact Danny Hadwinger, [redacted] Banjip on [redacted]

Danny has a partially restores 1930 Harley Davidson M/C would anyone like a job (paid) to finish. Above details from Merv Ward

For Sale

1929 Model A Sports Coupe, complete but in pieces. $12,000 further information Doug Foster [redacted] also available 1927 & 1928 Buick Roadster & Tourer for restoration

For Sale

Model a parts, brakes, bumpers, clutch, gearbox, motor, diff, front end, steering, exhaust, hood irons, lights, wheels, body panels. Assorted non-Model A vehicle parts and manuals phone Kath Turner [redacted] or Doug Forster [redacted]

Note : detailed list of items available from the secretary

If there is a cross in this box, your annual subscription is overdue. The membership renewal form was in the December 04 Model A News. Failure to return this form with the appropriate remittance to the secretary by the end of March will indicate that you have resigned from the club and this will be your final newsletter. Please don't let this happen

Sucscriptions: Perth Region $30
Country $25
Secretary/Treasurer John Moorehead, [redacted]
Leeming 6149

For Sale

1929 Model A Roadster, restored on concessional licence $16,000
Contact Ian Dalby on [redacted]