



Western Model A News

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COMING EVENTS: Bushwhackers Run to Wooleen Station

Departing Perth Monday 20 September.

See details in July newsletter.

Organisers: Brett Pollock 9383 3078 and Colin Davidson 9495 4445

COMING EVENTS: Bob Newton's Country Run

Wednesday 29 September to Monday 4 October

This tour is booked out. Organised by Bob Newton.

Ph 9247 1299 (h) 0438 705 322 (m)

Starting point: Shell Roadhouse Great Northern Highway, Upper Swan.

Further information will be emailed direct to participants.

COMING EVENTS: Kwinana Heritage Day

Sunday 3 October 11am to 4pm

We are invited to display our Model A's at historic Smirk Cottage, on Beacham Cr, Medina as part of Kwinana Heritage Day celebrations.

Those of us who are not participating in the two country tours will not have a club event between our monthly runs on 12 September and 24 October, and this could be a relaxed and interesting day out for our club. As of 12 September five Model A's will be displayed. If others wish to join the group, please let David Bussard know by 1 October so the organisers can be informed. Ph 9524 1086.

There will be displays by spinners and weavers, and readings by Rusty Christianson, a well known bush poet. Tea, coffee and scones will be available, and there will be a sausage sizzle. A supervised play area is organised for children.

Meet at 10.30 for 10.45 at car parking area for Thomas Oval on Tucker Street, at the intersection with Atkinson Road. Medina.

Access from Thomas Road: Turn south into Medina Avenue, and immediately turn right into Bingfield Road W, which becomes Tucker Street after Rowson Place. We will drive together to the parking area at Smirk Cottage.

MARC YOUR CALENDAR

WHAT WHEN WHERE AND OTHER DETAILS

CLUB EVENTS

October run and meeting	Sunday 24 October 8.30 am for 9am departure.	Meeting at Armadale Pioneer Village Car Park (Peter Sartori to coordinate). Morning tea at Pinjarra Train Station. Lunch and meeting in the garden at M & L LeRoy residence. We will inspect Mike's project and Lynda's garden, then travel to Waroona for the British Open Classic at the showgrounds. Bring morning tea, lunch, chairs and have a full tank of petrol. Organisers Mike and Lynda LeRoy Ph 9733 1573(h) 0417 997 639(m).
John Hughes Big Walk	Sunday 31 October Be at Burswood by 7.30am, stay until 1pm.	Cars are needed at Burswood for the John Hughes Big Walk. We supported this fund raiser for Princess Margaret Hospital in 2008 for the Model A's eightieth birthday. If you can help please contact our member Brett Pollock 9383 3078 to register your interest. Brett will stay with the vehicles if you if you need to leave them.
Christmas Lunch	Sunday 5 December	See page 4 of August issue. Organised by Edith Jeffree (Ph 9275 4106) and Frank Farrelly (Ph 9477 3503).

NON-CLUB EVENTS

VCC Spring Auto Jumble	Sunday 10 October	Cannington Exhibition Centre, corner Albany Highway and Station Street. Sellers \$10 Buyers \$5. No asbestos products.
All Ford Day Cruise	Saturday 30 October TBA further	Belmont to Mandurah. Details at www.afd.asn.au . I looked, and the date is Sunday October 31 there.
Brockwell Run	Sunday 14 November	Commencing at Cannington and to follow the same route to Whiteman Park as last year. Along the lines of the Bay to Birdwood event in South Australia each year, this will give the public the opportunity to line the route and see all the vehicles in procession.

From Ford Torque MAFCV in case you will be in the eastern states in October or November:

The Last of the Chrome Bumpers, Car Show Market/Swap Meet and Vintage Caravan Display: Sunday 3 October.
The Inaugural All Ford Display Day and Cruise to Nagambie Lakes Regatta Centre: Sunday 17 October.
Cars of the World at Rochford Wines: Sunday 31 October.
Historic Commercial Vehicle Club of Australia 29th Annual display: Sunday 28 November.

MARCWA (INC.) CLUB CONTACTS

ELECTED:

President:	Alan Jeffree	9275 4106
Vice-President:	Colin Davidson	9495 4445
Secretary:	Toni Mahony	9271 7630
Treasurer:	John Moorehead	9332 6104
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Committee Member:	Steve Read	0412924299

APPOINTED:

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Property Officer:	Bob Newton	9341 5391
Events Coordinator:	David Bussard	9524 1086
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT ALAN JEFFREE

At our first Committee Meeting held on 19th August your Reps presented several interesting items which will be progressively discussed at general meetings. You will have discussed three of these on 12th September.

- An annual calendar planning for several outings which take members out of the metro area with overnight stays.
- Cataloguing our spare parts and producing a list for members to access.
- Producing a Club Calendar using photos of club cars.

The attendance at Bob and Val Newton's run on Sunday 15th August was disappointing with only six families present. This was probably because it was the week after the AGM. Bob put a lot of work into preparing the day, even having to rearrange the route after finding out the Mundaring Markets weren't on as confirmed by an earlier phone call to the Mundaring Shire. An enjoyable day was had by those who did the drive. Thanks Bob and Val.

Barrie and Gwen were there with the usual goodies.

Each second Easter (the one in between National Meets) Edith and I have taken between 40 and 25 members to the shearing shed in Kirup however it is time for a change. Edith has booked the Dryandra Woodlands Lions Village which is between Wandering and Narrogin. It can house up to 50 adults in dormitory type accommodation. More information as details are finalized.

Last Friday Edith and I drove to Eneabba to be part of a 50th Anniversary of their Primary School (I taught there 1981-83). From Eneabba we drove to Coorow to visit our country member Barry Fowler. He has just purchased an original unrestored 1930 Phaeton from South Perth which he plans getting mobile and licensed as is.

They just keep turning up.

Alan Jeffree

September 2010

The new phaeton with Barry,
son Jason and grandson
James



AUGUST SOCIAL RUN BOB NEWTON

15th AUGUST 2010 MODEL A RUN

With fear of rain forecast, we woke to a beautiful day on Sunday for the run. Expecting around 20 starters we printed off the necessary run sheets, and left for the start, to find two cars already waiting. After waiting a further 15 minutes after the start time our numbers had grown by two and we left with five cars to meet up with Barry and Gwen at our morning tea stop.

With a planned reverse of the normal day's outing, where we usually have a metro morning tea and a hills lunch, a run through the northern and eastern suburbs found us in Kalamunda, outside of the morning markets, with time to visit the Markets and enjoy morning tea.

The ladies then decided they needed more retail therapy, and needed to find another market. So yours truly revised the planned route sheet to take in a Market in Lesmurdie. Following verbal instructions (follow me) we set off down the hills to the next stop.

While our ladies vented their frustrations at the Market, the route was replanned, again, to get us back on track to our lunch stop at Wireless Station Hill in the southern suburbs.

The views from this location over lunch, and the company of those who attended a great day was enjoyed by all.

Bob Newton

MODEL A'S IN PRAGUE PETER SARTORI



Some pics of Model A's that were doing tours of the city block for 1200 CZK (approx \$80.00AUD).

The cars were nicely restored and ran sweetly.

Dressing, Living, and Surviving in the Latter Part of the Model A Era

by Anne Neely-Beck

Living during the latter part of the Model A era which encompassed the Great Depression, that started with the crash of the stock market in 1929, was challenging.

Many of the clothes we show in the Fashion Guidelines were not affordable to most common ladies of that time.

In 1931 the Great Depression was real to most people. People sewed their own clothes, remade them and passed them down to others. During this time about one fourth of the nation's work force was unemployed. The "Dust Bowl" started in 1931 which force a lot of people in the Midwest to leave and try to find work elsewhere.

In *Homeless on the Range*, by Barbara Barden Margerum, she gives a detailed description of her family's experience living in their Model A on the road in 1931. She was four at the time and she recounted her family's travel via letters her mother had written to her sister and a journal that her father kept.

The following are dresses the lady of the house would wear while at home doing the daily household chores. There are morning frocks, wash frocks, and Hoover dresses. Hoover dresses were an evolution of the coveralls (Hooveralls) that became the Hoover Apron. In 1917 when Herbert Hoover was director of the Food Administration he developed a plan for civilians to supply food to the military; house wives were issued a beret and coveralls that became known as the Hoover apron. In 1929 when the market crashed Hoover was president then and a kind of wrap-around house dress was handed out by city relief agencies to families of the unemployed, hence the Hoover dress.

When the lady of the house did go out to the market she would change into a nicer dress and wear a hat and gloves. If you lived on a farm these would be dresses that you wore most of the time, except to church or going to town.



One of many Era Fashion Articles available from the MAFCA website (www.mafca.com): Dressing.doc is from July 2010

A new article is posted every two months. The September one is titled *Women's Handbags* by Judy Lewis.

MODEL A'S IN WA
1928 Model A Phaeton
Licence Plate 1928 AR
An Update
John and Helen Moorehead

Over the last couple of years it was noticed that the paint work on the doors was deteriorating due to imperfections beneath the surface. The finish had progressed to a stage that rectification work was required to keep our Model A up to a standard that we expected. A fellow Club member, Rob Mawson, who is a panel beater by trade, suggested that to do the job correctly the doors should be cleaned back to bare metal, primed etc. and repainted. I guess in a moment of weakness, Rob suggested that we do work under, of course, his supervision.

My initial job was to accumulate all the materials and paint required. We stayed with the original body colour, Arabian Sand Light, and matched to the existing shade in an Acrylic paint. In the meantime Rob was busy removing the old paint and preparing the doors. Surface rust was the cause of the deteriorating finish.

When Rob had finished priming the doors, he suggested that we give the remaining body parts a complete repaint to match the doors. The mouldings and pin striping were redone in the correct colours as per the Model A colour chart reference book (available from our club library). I had a go at the pin striping myself and from a distance it looks very good.



Paintwork in process



Helen adds the finishing touches.

The work was completed in November 2009 and the finished job is a credit to Rob as I only acted as his offside. Rob suggested that we repaint the mudguards etc. However I decided that we wait until after the National Meet in Launceston, Tasmania in March 2010. Events proved that to be a correct decision.

For the National Meet in Launceston, most of our members transported their Model A's from Perth to Melbourne. Three Model A's were positioned in each container for transport and departed Perth well ahead of the time required in Melbourne to fit into the travel schedule. Whilst we were still in Perth I received advice that the vehicles had arrived in Melbourne. That was the good news but the bad news was a Model A in the front of the container had broken loose and damaged the front left hand mudguard of our Model A which was in the middle of the container. The mudguard was pushed back to the front wheel; the horn was damaged as was the indicator light and front bumper support.



After considering all our options I contacted Kevin Churchill and Robert Turner of the National Meet committee in Melbourne who in turn arranged for Ron MacDonald with assistance from Phil Bradshaw and Gary Coleman to carry out temporary repair work. Both damaged vehicles were transported from the Transport depot in Melbourne to Ron MacDonald's home to be worked on over a weekend.

When we arrived in Melbourne both vehicles were back at the Transport depot and in roadworthy condition. I purchased some parts at the Meet in Tasmania from Henry's Model A Parts to repair the horn and indicator lights. We completed the National Meet without any further difficulties. The work carried out by the Melbourne Club members was incredible and Helen and I ensured that they were sincerely thanked in many ways.

On return to Perth the Transport Company arranged for our Model A to be restored to its original condition by a repairer of our choice. Rowe & Sons in Maddington were selected and the completed job was excellent.

John & Helen Moorehead

31 July 2010



Council of Motoring Clubs Information

The Council of Motoring Clubs of WA Inc. is the umbrella organization for the marque and restoration motoring clubs in WA. It was incorporated in August 1984, and was previously called the Combined Car Clubs Association. MARCWA (Inc.) is a member of this organisation, and our representatives are John Moorehead and Peter Gilberthorpe, who were appointed at the AGM. The following information is from reports and General Business in the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 16 August 2010:

Australian Historic Motoring Federation (AHMF): The Annual General Meeting is held in a different State each year, and was hosted by the Council of Motoring Clubs of WA in August 2010.

The AHMF is the umbrella organisation for the car club councils in every State and Territory and looks after National motoring items such as taxation issues, road and vehicle safety eg. Seat belts for children, National motoring events, club vehicle licensing systems, vehicle importation and many other old vehicle issues.

Importation of vehicles: A number of cars to be imported have been refused Import approval. This applies to pre-1989 vehicles and the refusals were for extensively modified or recently built kit cars.

New seatbelt legislation with emphasis on child restraint, whilst a National law, appears to be applied differently in many States. This means that you may drive legally in WA but when you get to Queensland you will be breaking the law, depending on the age of the child. The AHMF will try to get consistent legislation across the country with respect to our old car hobby.

AHMF Survey: Not many responses have been received, so the deadline has been extended to the end of October. All clubs are asked to encourage their members to complete the survey. The information provided is needed when the AHMF approach Government, Licensing, Insurance and other regulatory bodies to show that the AGMF represents over 100 000 members who contribute financially to the economy every year and support many industries and suppliers.

The form is available and MARCWA asks all members to fill it in and return it to the CMC as soon as possible.

Motor Museum of Western Australia: Volunteers are the life blood of our museum and we are always happy to have new faces spend a bit of time assisting in the general running of this wonderful facility. If any club member has a bit of spare time we would love to hear from you especially if you have computer skills to improve our website or just keep it up to date.

Ethanol in Fuel: At the recent AHMF AGM there was considerable discussion about Ethanol in Fuel. The RACV has tabled a report on Modern Fuels and Classic Cars. It states that ALL pre 1986 vehicles and later models with carburetors are generally unsuitable for use with Ethanol blended fuels, depending on the blend and the vehicle. Older car owners in the Eastern States are already experiencing problems with starting, pitting and leakage from metal fuel tanks and a host of other complaints, particularly when a vehicle is left standing over long periods of time. The committee (CMC) decided to look further into the introduction of Ethanol in WA and advise members accordingly.

Seat Belts: The WA government has announced the introduction of child seat restraint legislation to come into effect on 1 October 2010. Some information has been received in addition to the gazette regulations, to the effect that an exemption may be applied for to carry children aged less than seven years in historic vehicles, with clear requirements and restrictions.

Other than child restraints, an important aspect of the legislation is that those vehicles not fitted with seat belts, nor required to be fitted with seat belts, will not be required to retrospectively fit seat belts or child restraint points. That decision is left up to the individual vehicle owner. **The CMC urges caution to anyone fitting seat belts on a vehicle not manufactured with seat belt anchorage points, to have them fitted professionally so that an engineering certificate issued by an organisation approved by the Department of Transport can be obtained.**

Classic Car Show: The Classic Car Show will be held on the third Sunday in March 2011. From 2012 it will be held on the fourth Sunday in April. Extensive discussion preceded this decision, which can be read on request.

Summarised by Pat Bussard.

How sweet it is!

To have Barrie and Gwen Guest in our club. Barrie and Gwen assist in the preparation of our monthly newsletter, and other material to be posted to club members. They have not been at meetings recently, but indicate that this will change. Recently, they gave me a recipe for a cake which only has three ingredients. Apparently they wrote it down while watching TV, but they know that Bob Newton has it in a cook book.

I will pass it on - have not had time to make it, but maybe someone else will! Why not send in some recipes and we can have a regular column to add variety to our cooking and baking activities! Bob? Frank? Edith?

Ingredients:

1 Kg *good* mixed fruit (with cherries etc.)
 1 can (850g) mango fruit (sliced or other)
 2 cups SR flour

Method: Mash up mango and juice, then soak the fruit in it overnight. Next morning, add flour. Put in 2 loaf pans (21cm x 11 cm). Bake at 125° for about 2 hours. Cover with alfoil for the first hour, then check regularly until done.

THE NOTICE BOARD

BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER: Georgina Hart, Anne-Marie Beattie, Germaine Jeffree, Chris Wringle, Peter Sartori, Gail Duns, Beth Martin, Margaret Strahan, Barry Bristow-Stagg*, Barry Fowler, Jill Axford, Andrew Gower* and Jenni Roberts.

We wish you a very Happy Birthday, with good health and much happiness in the year ahead.

* marks a special one. Extra good wishes to you!

SYMPATHY is extended to Jill and Greg Axford on the passing of Jill's Mother recently. Our thoughts are with you at this sad time.

FOR SALE: 1930 Ford A Tudor - ex California - left hand drive (have parts for conversion). New tyres and tubes, new stainless steel valves, new valve guides, adjustable tappets, counter-balanced crankshaft. Too many extra, spare parts (some new) and literature to list. Can e-mail list. \$31,750.00 ono.

Also: 1928/29 Spare Parts: 3 oval speedometers \$45 each.

1 pair 28 headlights complete \$100 pair

4 stop lights \$10 - \$30

28 front bumper \$20

28 rear bumpers \$30 pair

New wiring harness \$40

New light switch body \$10

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COLLECTORS: From *Ford Torque*, the newsletter of the Model A Ford Club of Victoria (Inc.), *We have been advised by the ABC that the Collectors programme about the National Meet is scheduled for Friday, October 8th. HOWEVER we have also been advised that "schedules can change"/The actual date will be confirmed at a later time. Stay tuned.*

MILLION MILE CHALLENGE: OVER THE TOP! September 7 - The preliminary August totals are coming in! Over 356 vehicles have reported August mileages of 105,256 for a revised total of **1,013,194**. The target mileage for Jan/August was 850,000. E-mail this month's totals on first of next month to:

MillionMiles@MAFCA.com.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Please pay John Moorehead or Edith Jeffree. \$56 per person.

RECOMMENDATION: Crawford Motor Trimmers of 27 Wittenoom St. East Perth is now closed. Club member Fred Manwaring has spoken with the owner, and reports that two of the trained employees from this establishment are now at Supatrim Car Upholsterers, Unit 3/175 Welshpool Road, Welshpool WA.

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