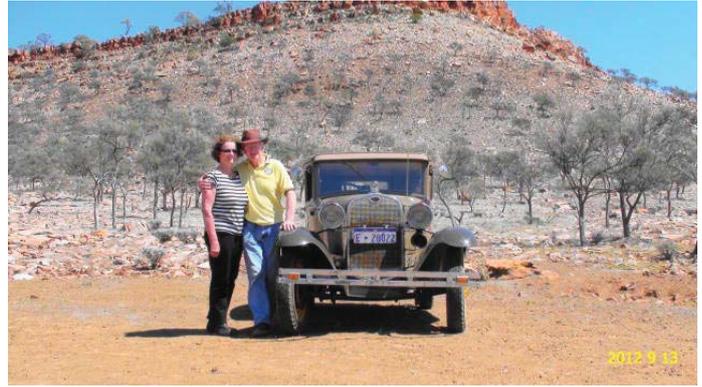


Model A's in WA
1930 Murray Bodied FORDOR
Engine number CAU 9746
Registration No. E 28022
Mid-brown with darker guards
Affectionately known as 'Wilson'
 2012—



Peter and Kaye Eardley with 'Wilson'

For my early introductions to Model A Fords you need to refer to my previous 1928 'Granny' Phaeton story!

Buying a Fordor/Town Sedan wasn't on our radar until Bob Newton's Wildflower Run to Geraldton in 2010. It is Alan Jeffree's fault! While in Geraldton that year Kaye and I accompanied Edith and Alan along with Bob and Lorraine Piercy in their Fordor to a Geraldton Club organized BBQ. After that night I decided I would like a closed vehicle like that!!

In January 2012 we purchased a 1930 Murray bodied Fordor/Town Sedan from Club Member, Nita Hart. Nita gave us some information about the previous owner. It had changed hands a few times earlier. I rang a previous owner, Bill Formby of Drouin, Victoria. Bill was a T Model man but he saw the Fordor in 1980 and decided to buy it as it was a very complete and original vehicle. He owned and used it for 25 years. During this time he refurbished it.

He sold the car in 2005 but the new owner only bought it to take the original old Victorian number plates. It was then in the hands of Dave Dryden who organized its sale to Western Australia, being purchased by Nita.

Bill Formby believes the Fordor spent its early life in Ballarat, Victoria.

Since owning it I have replaced the king pins, tightened up the rear hubs, changed to an early Holden down draft Carby and fitted a tow bar ready to pull our small camper trailer. It is now ready for the Club Run to Wooleen Station. We will be part of a group on 20 club members doing the five day trip.



Camp set up at the Coal Seam just out of Mingenew on Monday, 14 September 2012, the first day of the Club Jaunt to Wooleen Station



Just arrived at Wooleen Station, Day 2



At Irrabiddy Bluff just out of Murchison Settlement



Posing with Horace Misko's new teardrop camper at the Wooleen Shearers' Quarters.

Peter and Kaye Eardley
August 2012

Added information, 15th October - Scribe Alan Jeffree

Peter and Kaye drove the Fordor with their small camper trailer up from Esperance (700 kms) to start the Wooleen trip. They, along with nine other Model A members who were in Moderns, drove to Wooleen for a five day visit. Once again they towed their small camper trailer. To add extra sightseeing, Kaye and Peter travelled from Wooleen to Kalbarri for a couple of days before heading to Perth down the West Coast.

The rough roads caused the bottom radiator outlet to crack at the solder and this had to be repaired in Perth before they headed home to Esperance.

Information from the Editor:

'Granny', the 1928 Phaeton, was featured in the November 2012 issue of *Western Model A News*. The story of Nita's ownership of the 1930 Town Sedan was in the April 2011 issue of *Western Model A News*.

These stories are included in the file *MODEL A'S IN WA (Their Stories)*, a project conceived by Alan Jeffree in or prior to 2008. Alan brings the file to all Model A Restorer Club outings for club members to look through.

This is the 36th car story included in the file, representing 31 Model A Ford vehicles. Most are still owned by club members, and others are not longer seen regularly.

Several stories are in process, as a result of the efforts of Alan Jeffree. He contacts vehicle owners to collect information, and his endeavours in preparing the stories for inclusion in our monthly newsletters are greatly appreciated.

If your car story has not been included, please provide information to Alan or myself and we will assist you in preparing it for a future newsletter.

Pat Bussard
Editor *Western Model A News*