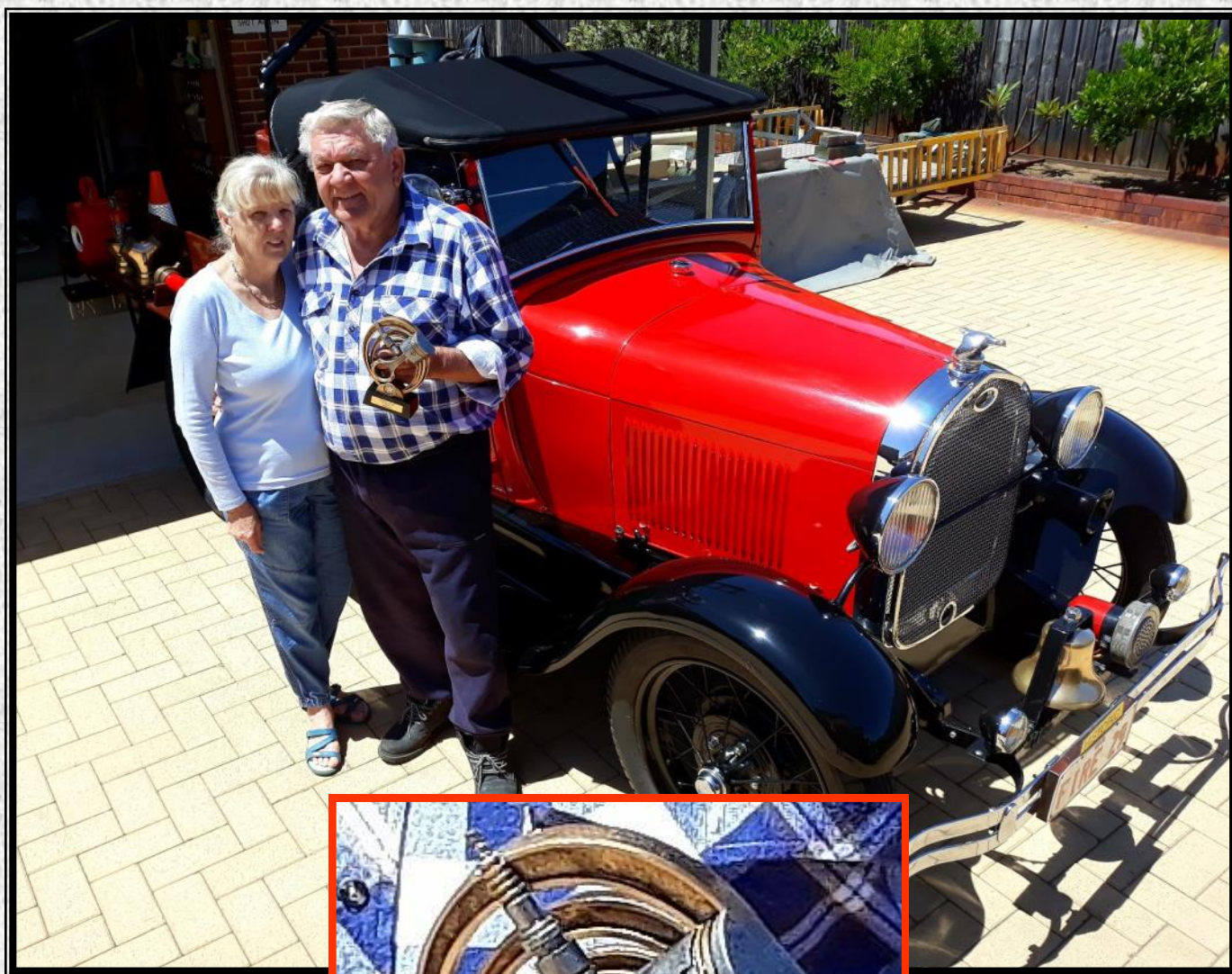




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Model A Restorers Club of Western Australia, Inc.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ray Mahony

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hi all,

It's nice to be home again after 9 weeks away. Fortunately we had no problems during our 8466km of travel. (Unlike some that could be mentioned.) While away I was given some interesting Ford stuff, some of which I will share with you in the coming months.

We were saddened to hear, shortly after our return home, that long standing club member and friend, John Timmings passed away on the 20th November. He will be surely missed.

On a brighter note, we have reached that time again when we wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I believe the club has continued to move forward this year with the new committee starting in August. Changes/ improvements have been made to the web site and I believe more are to come. Other suggestions have been made which will be further discussed in the New Year. The clubs success can only continue with the dedication of a good committee, which we have. I thank them, one and all, for their input.

Unfortunately I will not see everyone at the Christmas dinner, so to those I don't see I wish you all the best of the festive season and hopefully see many of you next year.

As always, a passing thought: Not only does $12+1=11+2$, but the letters "twelve plus one" rearrange to give you "eleven plus two"

Ray Mahony



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Chittering Run
Peoples Choice Award
for Glenda and Hans HURIJ

SECRETARY COMMENTS

Kathleen Kuenzel



Membership under the old Constitution – a member (usually the male who drove the vehicle that was registered in his name) paid an annual membership fee for both himself and his wife or partner. The membership form was completed in both names and both were members of the Club.

Membership under the new Rules of Association – both the person who drives the vehicle that is registered in his name and his wife/partner are required to be members in their own right. No extra fee needs to be paid as the original fee is simply divided between two people: it is halved. The both-er of this innovation is that the person who previously became an automatic member is now required to fill in up to five lines on a form, sign it and return it to the secretary along with that of the other family member.

Because of this overwhelming change we are losing members. Apart from that disappointment the loss of revenue will, at some time, necessitate a rise in membership fees for those who choose to remain in the Club. I am writing this on 1 December and 35% of members who have renewed and were previously one of a couple now hold single membership. Together with your Committee I find it disappointing.

Remember: If you have vehicles registered under Concession Code 404 your membership for 2019 must be finalized by 1 January 2019 or your Concessional Licence will be cancelled as will your insurance.

A Very Merry Christmas to all.

Kathleen Kuenzel

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EVENTS COORDINATOR

Ian Paisley



JANUARY 2019.

Event : Club run/meet. Azelia Ley Historic Museum.

Date: Sunday 13th January.

Time: Gates open 9-30am.

Location: Manning Park, Azelia Road, Hamilton Hill.

Details: Parking as directed on the day. Morning tea / Lunch then meeting.

Organiser: David and Pat Bussard. 9524 1086.

Event: Show and Shine Car Display.

Date: Saturday 19th January.

Time: 9am to 12-30pm.

Location: Ultra Lube Mechanical Shop Midland

Address: 3/350 Great Eastern Hwy, Midland.

Organiser: Dean Roberts. 0408 913 355.



*More detail about the **Show and Shine** later in this newsletter. There is a special offer for those who attend.*

FEBRUARY

Event: Club run/meet. Breakfast meet.

Date: Sunday 10th February. **(to be confirmed)**

Time: Gates opens 7-30am

Location: Sandy Beach Reserve. West Road Bassendean.

Details: BBQ breakfast with meeting to follow.

Organiser: **(to be confirmed)**

Non club event.

Northam Vintage Swap Meet. Sunday 17th February.

Jubilee Oval Northam. 7am to noon,

MARCH

Event: Classic Car Show.

Date: Sunday 24th March.

Location: Ascot Race Course.

Details: To be advised.

LIBRARY

Dianne Paisley

- A book "Around Australia in a Model A Ford" by Laurie McGrath (NSW) has been added to the Library collection.
- There is a large amount of information available in the Club Library about Model A's, the Model A Clubs community and era.

Please contact Dianne paisidd@bigpond.com to borrow any of the Library resources.

CMC DELEGATE'S REPORT

John Moorehead

DELEGATES REPORT COUNCIL OF MOTORING CLUBS (CMC) DECEMBER 2108

The CMC Committee organised a Concessional Licensing Information Evening in November for all Clubs to attend. The presenters included Geoff Moor as Chairman, Maurice Davin-Code 404 Committee, Murray Lizatovich- AIS Examiner , David Reid-AIS Examiner, Paul Blank –Technical Committee. The purpose of this special information session was to reiterate the current requirements for vehicles on Concessional Licence Code 404 and to answer questions from the Club representatives. Kathleen Kuenzel our Secretary and Vehicle Registrar and John Moorehead attended the meeting. The meeting was well attended with 62 clubs representing both car and motorcycle clubs and country localities.

It was interesting to note that the majority of questions raised could be answered with reference to the current Concessional Licence Code 404 Information Booklet (August 2018 Edition). This booklet is available from the Club Secretary or can be downloaded from the Department of Transport or CMC websites.

The meeting was advised the Certification of Financial Membership (CMC 1) form is under revision and a revised CMC 1 form will be available shortly. It will remain the responsibility of vehicle owners to comply with the Code 404 requirements with respect to financial membership of an approved motoring club and to ensure the vehicle remains unmodified.

It was confirmed that vehicles can be used for an “impromptu run” involving one or more vehicles provided that the club events registrar (or club officer tasked with maintaining the events log) has been notified in advance. Some clubs have an online system for management of these impromptu events. It was also confirmed that if a vehicle owner joins another Department of Transport authorised club and they wish to place their vehicle on that register then they need to advise the registrar of the original club that authorised the concessional licence .

John Moorehead

Club Delegate

26th. November 2018

Member Birthdays



Des	Addison
Teresa	Blackman
Bob	Horgan
John	Moorehead
Kathleen	Pepper
Erica	Quadros



Starting next year, members with an email address registered with the Club will receive the newsletter only by email. Please ensure your email details are correctly registered with the Club. Also the email account is active and functional.

Ed: Each month I get “non delivery” messages for some member’s email suggesting the account is full or inactive. Please check your email account is working.

SHOW AND SHINE— MARC OF WA

Dean Roberts

As discussed at the meeting in Chittering, I was going to arrange, in conjunction with Repco Midland and Ultra Lube Mechanical Shop Midland, to hold a Show and Shine for MARC of WA.

This has now been done with the date set for Saturday the 19th January starting at 9.00am for around 3 hours. All Model A's displaying their car will receive a gift for attending.

There will also be a First, Second and Third prize for best car on the day, as selected by the Manager of Repco Midland. Prizes donated by Repco Midland.

Repco Midland is also supplying the sausages and buns for a Sausage sizzle. Nathan and I will man the BBQ with any help we can get. Coffee and tea will also be available.

There is a special discount at Repco Midland for anything you purchase through Dean's Ultra lube account at this store on the day.

Note: The discount only applies on purchases through the Ultra Lube account, you must see Dean whilst at the show to secure the discount.



This will be a great opportunity to show case the Model A to the community in general. Also anyone who has a Model A for sale could use this opportunity to try and sell. I encourage everyone to attend.

Please RSVP me at dean@visionsafe.com.au or on 0408913355 by the 12th Jan so I can arrange catering.

Look forward to seeing you there. Regards Dean

Show and Shine for MARC of WA

Date: Saturday 19th January
Time: 09:00am
Where: Ultra Lube Mechanical Shop Midland
Address: 3/350 Great Eastern Hwy, Midland.



NOVEMBER RUN - CHITTERING

Ian Paisley

Sunday, 18th November 2018.

Fine and cool morning saw the Model A's meet at Stirling Square, Guildford for an early morning run to 34 Santa Gertrudis Drive (School grounds), Lower Chittering Valley.

Nearly all vehicles made it to the school (except Dean Robert's Model A which had to be towed by the RAC to the workshop in Midland for future repairs!). Dean and son, Nathan, made it to the venue in a modern car. Several Model A's joined the group at Bullsbrook. Our vehicles made a splendid display of older vintage cars amongst many other vehicles lined up around the edge of the school oval.

The school had set up a number of market stalls and food and refreshments trucks and vans. A pleasant time was had by all members.

Dean Roberts conducted the November Club Meeting under our large gazebo. Hans Hurij's bright red fire truck won an award (popular vehicle selected by the people attending the Car Day and School Markets) – Hans received a large bucket of car cleaning products and a trophy – congratulations! Most vehicles left for home by 3 pm.

... and a special note from Dean Roberts

On the way to our last meeting at Chittering, my pickup had problems. We only made it to the corner of Middle Swan Road and Great Eastern Highway due to the pickup back firing and having no power. Decided to call the RAC and get a tow back to our workshop in Midland. We picked up our modern car and headed to the meeting. Nathan, my son, tried to sort it out on the Monday. As he was trying to start it, it back fired again and broke the started motor (yes he had retarded it).

It turns out that it has the ½ shaft early 28 starter motor and parts are very hard to get. To cut a long story short I rang Steve Read to ask for some advice. As it turned out he was going to be in Midland later that day and he offered to drop in to our work shop and have a look. Steve took the broken part from the starter motor back to his workshop and welded it up. He then returned to our workshop and helped Nathan fit it correctly and then guided Nathan in sorting out why it was back firing in the first place. In the end, they serviced the cabbie, replace the distributor, adjusted the timing and did a few other things. A big thanks to Steve for helping get the car going, but more importantly, the advice and information he passed onto Nathan.



CHRISTMAS 2018

Fred Manwaring

The Club Christmas lunch on Sunday December 2nd was well attended with about 60 members attending enjoying shared company and food.

Ray Mahony thanked Edith with a presentation of flowers for doing another excellent job in organising the Christmas lunch. To be followed by a resounding rendition of "She's a Jolly Good Fellow..." led, of course, by Frank Farrelly.

Similarly, committee members Kathleen (Secretary) and Anne (Treasurer) were also thanked for their work.

Frank treated us all to another of his special home made Christmas cakes with plenty to satisfy everyone to this treat.

Thank you to everyone attending making it another success.



MODEL A's In WA 1929 Phaeton

*Owned by Colin and Nina MacKinnon
1968 to 1974*

Purchased from John Barker 1968

Registration Plate WN 1929

Engine number

Sold to unnamed buyer 1974

Purchased by Noel and Jenny Broun 1976?

Currently owned by Jenny Broun(2018)



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Scribe A Jeffree

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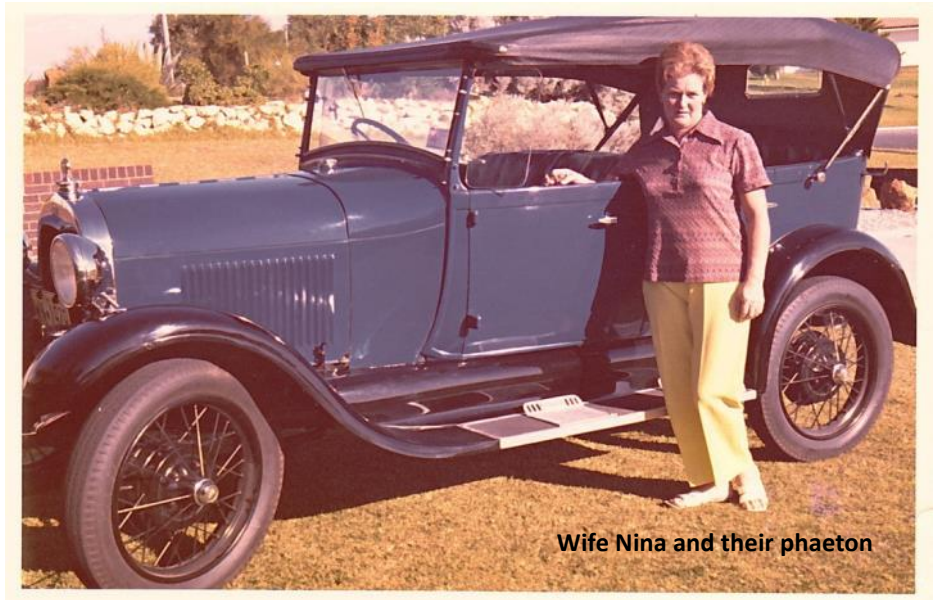
ANOTHER CHAPTER IN OUR CLUB FILE OF MODEL A'S IN WA

Alan Jeffree

Alan Jeffree recording Colin Mackinnon's 1929 Model A phaeton story! Mostly as Colin related.

Colin, and wife Nina, have lived in Sorrento since 1966 and my contact with Colin came through a phone call from Colin several years back, through mutual interest in Model As. Colin has given me some notes of his story which I will piece together here. His interest in restoring a Model A started in the mid 1960s and he went about looking and chasing parts.

Colin worked for (MWS&DB) Water, Sewerage & Drainage being on the road most days visiting many country shires, often being away from home for days/weeks. He recalls being in Collie being on a farm looking for parts he had been told about. A farmer took Colin to his farm in what looked like a new Dodge sedan. The back seat had been taken out and a ram was in the back! There were a lot of parts and Colin had to return with a hired truck soon after.



Wife Nina and their phaeton

Still collecting parts Colin noticed a Model A parked in the MWS yards on Kew St, Welshpool. He placed a note on the steering wheel "looking for Model A parts" with his name

and phone number. The owner phoned that night and said he had parts. On enquiring, the caller told Colin you can drive it away, stating he was restoring it but had had enough! On getting the phaeton it was stripped to a bare chassis in a week and a thorough restoration started. Being partly restored already gave Colin a good start. Also having many spares meant it could be restored to a high standard. Colin's father gave him some good advice many years earlier, "Boy, don't start something you can't finish"!

Colin purchased the partly restored Phaeton from John Barker but had no contact with him following the purchase!

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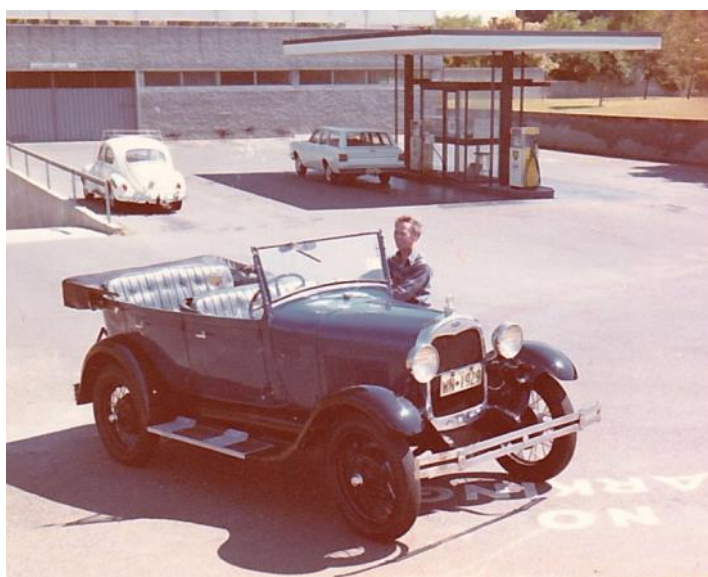
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Once the restoration was complete in 1968 the spares were sold to make room in the shed. Other challenges to the MacKinnon family came along and the Phaeton was sold in 1974.

For some family reasons after 1 to 2 years, the new owner contacted Colin advising that he phaeton was again for sale, giving him first options to buy. By this time there were other challenges in the Mackinnon life so the offer was reluctantly declined. Colin was to learn later that it was bought by Noel Broun, a farmer in Coorow.

Colin continued working in the MWS&BD and one day was heading north and decide to see if he could find Noel Broun while on his travels! Meeting him was a to be the most incredible coincidence! He had been driving his 1975 XB Falcon 500 ute for three hours and reached where he thought the farm was. This was the end of a five mile stretch of sealed road west of the town of Coorow heading towards the Brand Hwy. Before he turned onto the gravel he stopped the next on-coming car to make sure he was on the right track, and it was Noel driving this every day vehicle!

When Colin met up with Noel Broun that day he recalls Noel saying he had bought a home in Lesmurdie where he planned on garaging the Model A so he could get more use of it. Colin gave me all this information a couple of years ago and I phoned Noel for a chat and sent him a copy of Colin's notes and I asked him if he could write a story of his ownership! Unfortunately this didn't eventuate. Noel died around 2016.



Colin at the servo



Colin driving Father Christmas, his friend Morris Priestley.

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ANOTHER CHAPTER IN OUR CLUB FILE OF MODEL A'S IN WA

Alan Jeffree

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Last year Jenny, his wife phoned me to let me know there was to be a clearing sale on their property and there was a pile of Model A bits to sell but she was keeping the Phaeton. Son Darren and I visited the farm which was east of Three Springs and helped her gather the Model A bits ready for the sale. There was a pile of about two box trailer loads which I have heard sold for around \$80.

In recent weeks I have visited Nina and Colin and they have provided the photos for me to scan and copy for this story. They will be given a laminated copy as a permanent record of their Phaeton story.

Colin still has a passion for the Model A so I took my Phaeton on the last visit and I took him for a short drive along the beach where they live in Sorrento.

Noel died about three years ago but wife Jenny, still has the Model A.



Colin and Nina

2018 9 19

SPECIAL REQUEST—UPDATE

Alan Jeffree

At the last club meeting a letter was read out asking if a Model A club member could visit a family in Ballajura with their Model A to help cheer up their father who suffers from mild dementia.

He owned a Model A back in NZ many years ago and at home talked about it regularly.

On Saturday I drove my Phaeton to the home and took dad and the family around a couple of blocks. It was very worthwhile and dad couldn't stop talking about his early experiences with Model As.

Smiles all round!



2020 RUN TO CAPE YORK

Brett Pollock

Preliminary Notice

2020 Run to Cape York

Longest Short Cut to Queensland

Date: April 27 to mid May 2020

Route: Perth - Uluru - Alice - Winton - Cains - Top of Cape York QLD

- Return at your leisure, but can include coastal barge for cars and touring party to Cairns.
- The WA touring party is hosting this trip and will be planned so as other State Model A clubs can join in on the way.
- We have a Unimog coming as tail end Charlie and will be towing an EMPTY car trailer as well as carting spares etc.
- Also a documentary film maker will be working on the trip supported by Tourism WA .
- This will be a RUN for Model A Ford and a limited number of modern 4WD will be allowed ??????
- Expressions of interest please contact below. More details in March
- One way 5600km , or 266 km per day ?????
- *There is interest in changing the date to late July to align with the Ballarat rally in September. We can include this as a optional date to consider. PLEASE notify Brett of your preference.*

Contacts Brett Pollock 0427637973 and Peter Eardley



MODEL A'S AND AUSTRALIAN STREET RODDING

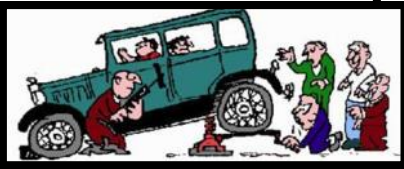
Wes Hartley

Neville and Lynne Eltze also Neville and Gayle Thomas - all of Horsham Victoria featured in a story of the rather unique Horsham enterprise known as "Old Skool Hot Rod and Custom Club".

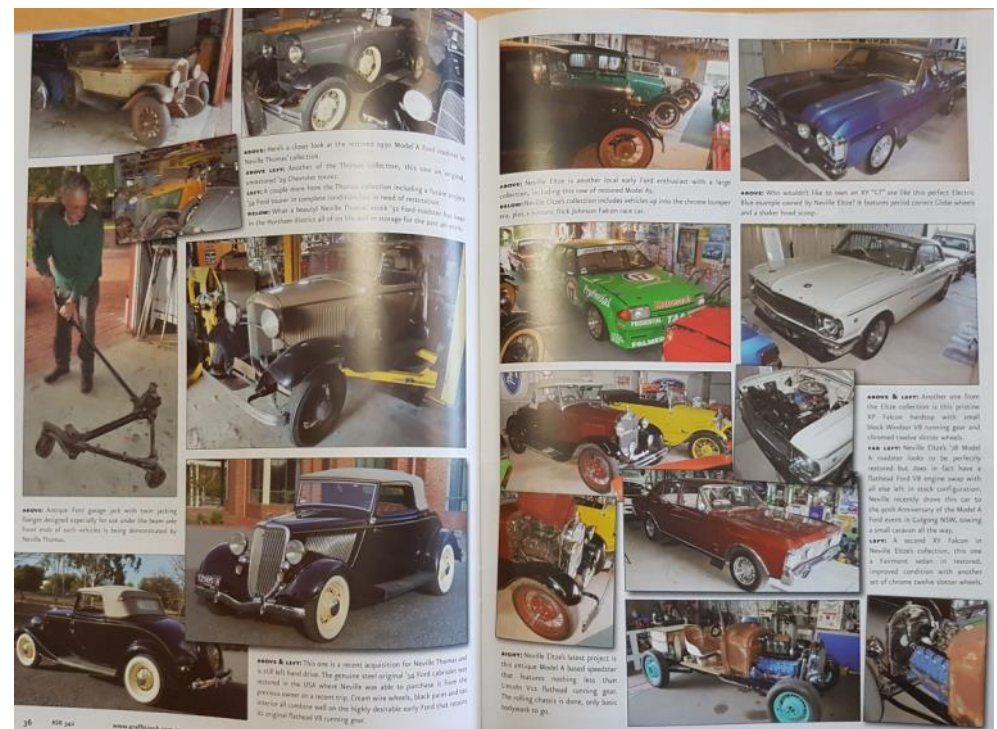
"The 2 Nevs" are featured in the current December 2018 Edition, No. 342 of *Australian Street RODDING*.

It was Neville Eltze who purchased the 23rd Busselton National Meet banner, which hangs proudly in his museum/workshop.

I suggest buying a copy of the December edition of *Australian Street RODDING* to find out more. (Ed)



Wanted: Tow bar for Model A.
Contact: Fred Manwaring Ph: 040 616 1313



CAN'T FIND THE ENGINE NOISE?

Hans Hurij

Speaking to a fellow club member recently the topic of the 'tap 'tap' tap 'tap' from the engine was discussed in terms of likely cause? As I have been involved in a number engine rebuilds both for myself and for club members I started at the obvious mis-adjusted tappet/tappets to worn gudgeon bushes, excessive bearing clearances, worn cam gear resulting in excessive clearance to the crank gear. Also the installation of a metal cam gear can enhance the noise coming from tappets. Some years ago one of our club members was experiencing the same tapping noise from a new rebuilt engine and as we were interstate he decided to live with the annoying tapping until he got home whereupon he replaced a metal cam gear with a new fibre one and "presto" the tapping noise was gone. The fibre gear acted like a shock absorber and resulted in a much quieter engine

But I did ask myself was the real cause addressed? In my view, the tapping from the engine was in fact caused by excessive clearance/ wear in the bearings in the cam tunnel in the block or the cam bearings on the camshaft could also have excessive wear. I have used the services of RAY ABBOTT ENGINE RECONDITIONING extensively whenever I have had a complete engine rebuild to manage. Ray provides a service should the customer choose to go that way, where the cam tunnel bearings in the block are machined out oversize and new bearings are pressed into the cam tunnel in the block. These in turn are machined again to accommodate the sizes of the bearings on the existing camshaft resulting in clearances replicating new components for good oil flow to these vital parts.

It is interesting to note that FORD was aware of this problem also back in the 1930's. This is born out by the article following which is a letter from George De-Angelis citing the existence of cast iron bushes for the purpose of rebushing the bearing surfaces in the cam tunnel in a Model A block. The letter from George is self explanatory.

Hans Hurij

A Letter From George

Cam Bearings

Just a short note. Do you recall a couple issues back you printed a short article from Jay Steel which described a "tap-top-tap" sound from a "rebuilt engine". He traced the problem to an overly worn camshaft bearing hole in the block. His fix was to line bore the three bearing surfaces oversize and insert bronze bushings. Would you believe that Ford was doing the same thing back in the 1930's.

It was just chance that last summer, while I was doing research at the Ford Archives, I came upon some part numbers that were not in the parts list. They were A-6261-PR, A-6262-PR, and A-6263-PR, and to my surprise these are drawings of cast iron bushings to be used as inserts in blocks with overly worn camshaft bearing holes. Attached are copies I made of those drawings. They were dated 4/4/29, and were active until WWII. Back in the 30's, when new camshafts were still available, reboring and bushing the block was a practical way to restore the camshaft bearing holes to the original specs.

With Jay's article we have to wonder how many of us have engines with the same "tap-top-tap" problem which we keep blaming on poorly adjusted tappets. Anyone who is

planning to have an engine rebuilt, had better check the wear on the camshaft hole and then decide whether to put up with a little "tap-top" or go with re-bushing the block. However, with the availability of good quality bronze stock, its better to use the bronze bushings rather than the cast iron.

Incidentally, Ford also provided bushings for worn tappet liftoles for both the "A" and "B" blocks. They were part number A-6076-ARP and A-7076-BRP. For that fix, I think it would be better to ream the tappet holes .010" oversize and then use new tappets ground .010" oversize. Who produces the current new tappets? Can they be asked to produce some sets oversize? Can you check that Charlie?

George De Angelis, South Lyon, MI

A-6263-RP A-6262-RP A-6261-RP

This came down the "internet" line about the fires in the United States, thought I would share it with you. A selection of photos are presented here.

"Unusual number of retired car guys and gals live in Paradise, CA. One of my internet Willys friends in the West Coast Willys Club lost his two 1933 coupes and everything else, home and shop. Please share this with our many friends in the old car hobby. Our constant precipitation in the Mid-Atlantic is really quite a blessing. In our recent trip out there we saw the wildfire damage around Yosemite, and the pervasive dry conditions that are just crippling CA and much of the Great West. Thoughts and prayers for everyone out there."



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