

## *MODEL A'S in WA*

### *1928 Phaeton*

#### *Owned by Jeff and Nam Perret*

*2006 -*

Jeff and Nam Perret purchased their 1928 Phaeton from Dennis Turner in Kalgoorlie in September 2006. The Phaeton had come from somewhere on the Nullarbor, and Dennis had spent a long time restoring it. In order to complete the restoration, MARCWA club member Ray Mahony donated the right hand driver's door.

When Jeff was a young boy, he dreamed of being a train driver. The dream was thwarted, but after retirement as a pilot of jumbo jets, Jeff joined the Whiteman Park Train Club and drove the trains in the park.

Other childhood memories of Model A Fords led him to look for a Model A after the farm was sold and he had some spare time. He went to a Classic Car Show at Whiteman Park, sought out the Model A Restorers Club exhibit and was invited to join the club. He then began looking for a Model A to purchase, and John Moorehead told him there was a 1928 Phaeton for sale in Kalgoorlie. Jeff's daughter was going up to Kalgoorlie to visit a friend and Jeff asked her to check out the Model A. Her message on return was that it was in pretty good condition, so Jeff and Nam went up to Kalgoorlie to have a look. They also visited their son in Esperance where they looked at Daisy Duck and another Model A. They chose the Phaeton and purchased it from Dennis, arranging for transport to Perth by truck.

When it arrived, John Moorehead met Jeff to drive it home. John noticed that the engine stopped occasionally on the trip, and Jeff had the same experience when he drove it. Jeff phoned Dennis who suspected electrics, and said he would check it over when he came to Perth the following week. Dennis replaced the coil and condenser, found a short, fixed the short, and Jeff has had no problem since.

Jeff and Nam travel a lot and are unable to attend many runs, but they have always had fun when they have been able to participate.

