

# **1928 MODEL A FORD - Sports Coupé (Model 50A)**

**SPECIAL 90<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR - 1928-2018**

**WA Registered - WHH 1 (Full Licence)**

**Owned by Wes Hartley & Beverley Biggs - Busselton WA**

Wes Hartley and Beverley Biggs purchased their 1928 Sports Coupé (Model 50A) from Rainsfords, Adelaide in February 2010.

Ironically the car had come from Busselton nearly 30 years earlier as part of the late Bill Spencer's collection, with three of Bill's complete Model As still being listed amongst MARC of WA owner vehicles, including this Model 50A, which was then known among Club members as "Daisy Duck".

For ten years prior to Wes and Beverley's ownership it was based in Esperance, the pride and joy of former MARC of WA member Craig Freebairn. During Craig's ownership the body was completely repainted, retaining the distinctive Arabian Sand colour, but mechanically little had been attempted since Bill's original 1980s restoration from a complete wreck.

When the car first arrived back in Busselton with its new owners, Beverley's father was completely taken aback, as he had bid unsuccessfully for it at auction following Bill's death. It was as if the car had come home.

A range of mechanical issues led to a complete rebuild between 2012-2013 of engine gearbox, differential, brakes and replacement cooling system, with great assistance from MARC of WA member Hans Hurij. The car retains the original 1928 mechanical specification, apart from conversion to 12 volt and filters for air and oil, along with the fitment of a luggage rack and colour-matching trunk.

In Wes and Beverley's time of ownership, they have enjoyed full participation in four National Model A Meets: Ipswich (2012); Busselton (2014); Katherine-Darwin (2016), where their car won the "People's Choice"; and Murray Bridge (2018). Additionally, they have been actively involved in the Busselton Motorfest, winning "People's Choice" (2013) and "Best Vintage (2014); Bay to Birdwood (2018) in the Concourse Category; and Special Mention in Touring Class at Murray Bridge (2018). A highlight in September 2017 was a 1200 mile journey from Busselton to Geraldton, in order to participate in the Veteran Car Club of WA Rally.

Wes and Beverley are also members of Canterbury (Christchurch) NZ Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America, participating in the 13<sup>th</sup> Model A Rally (2017), based on Napier, North Island; and will be participants in the 14<sup>th</sup> National Model A Rally at Te Anau, South Island in April 2019.

They both love the Model A Ford experience, including always being on the lookout for period clothing and memorabilia. It is a great life with a 90-year old mistress of great beauty and temperament.

(December 2018)



Wes Hartley and Beverley Biggs' 1928 Sports Coupé (Model 50A) in 2018







(Above)\_The late Bill Spencer's three Model A Coupés, circa 1990.  
Wes and Beverley's 1928 Sports Coupé (Model 50A) is on the left.

(Below) Wes Hartley and Beverley Biggs' 1928 Sports Coupé (Model 50A) as it was circa 1975  
*"I was once and ugly duckling, but then things changed so much for the better..."*

