

Western Model A News

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

A reminder that subs are now overdue (1st January 2015)

With concessional licensing you must be a financial member of a recognised car club to maintain the licence and your insurance.

Please fill in your form with all details and send it to our Treasurer, Bob Piercy 89 Damian Rd Jandabup WA 6077 ASAP.

FINAL NOTICE

NEXT MEETING — FEBRUARY

Event: BBQ Breakfast in the Park

Date: Sunday February 22nd
Time: Gates open from 7.30am

Location: Sandy Beach, West Road Bassendean. (Meet at the

southern end of West Rd)

Details: BBQ breakfast with meeting to follow. BBQs available.

BYO makings.

Model A's to park inside the park, look for the open

Gate and Model A sign.

Moderns to park in the public car park.

Organiser: Gilberthorpe family.

Peter/Elaine 9279 3919

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COMING EVENT — MARCH

Event: Hubley Racing at the Jeffree's, 95 Boulton St Dianella

Date: Saturday evening March 7th

Time: From 4.30pm

Details: BBQ to follow: BYO meat, drinks and a chair.

Bread rolls, salads, sweets provided.

YOU DON'T NEED A HUBLEY-COME ALONG TO ENJOY THE

FUN EVENING. RSVP to Edith on 9275 4106

DATES TO NOTE on your CALENDARS for 2015

(All at VCC Club Rooms)

SUNDAY May 10th VEHICLE INSPECTIONS

SUNDAY AUGUST 9th AGM

SUNDAY 6th December CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Apologies for the crowed newsletter! I kept receiving articles and notices after I already had 12 pages done, so things have had to be squeezed in!

Temporary Editor



More Event Information

Non Club Events:

CARS and Coffee dates for 2015 are not yet published, however they are promoting "The Vintage Collective Markets" to be held on March 15th and May 24th.

Free entry, held at Oakover Winery, 14 Yukich Way, Middle Swan.

Details at "www.The Vintage Collective Markets.net"

Event	Big Al's 35th Poker Run	Ace Ford Club Annual Run	Northam Vintage Car Swap Meet
Date	Valentines Day, Saturday 14th February	Sunday 14th March	Sunday February 11th
Location	Starts from Perry Lakes	Assemble 4pm for 6pm start	Jubilee Oval Northam
Details	Entry forms and fees due by 28th January. Information available from your Club Secretary. Entry form https://abbeybennett28.wufoo.com/forms/big-als-35th-poker-run-2015/	All car clubs are invited. Destination Pickering Brook. Leave from Curtain Uni. Technology Park Enter from Hayman Rd Bentley \$20 per vehicle Last year they had 200 vehicles Contact Jim Gianfrancesco jimgianfrancesco@iinet.net.au	7am to Noon Email: junestan@bigpond.net
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Change of address– Rex and May Wilson (6 Quelquelling Rd, Northam 6401 WA) Members please update your Directories!

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It is with sadness that I report the death of George Goodchild. He was born on the 5th January 1921 so he had reached the age of 94 years. George and his partner, Joan have lived in Denmark for many years and on the last Bob Newton country outing, we spent time with them on our way from Albany to Walpole. George and Joan, with their Model A Phaeton, were at our Model A "Eightieth Model A Birthday" which was staged at Burswood in 2008.

George purchased his Model A in 1941 so he has owned and driven it for 74 years! He was a real Model A enthusiast and will be sadly missed by all who knew him!

I have mailed a card to Joan on behalf our Club members.

In honour of a special member I am publishing his 2009, Model A story again in this issue.

A special thanks to several members for their contribution to this newsletter. Wayne Millman from Collie for his article on their visit to Nannup and Wes Hartley for emailing me the Nannup photos. Horace Misko for taking on the co-ordinators job for members driving to the Darwin National Meet and doing an article featured on page 4. To new member John Scobie, for an article on configuring your 6V to use LEDs in blinkers and your stop/tail lights pages 6 and 7. Also an apology to Ray Mahony, as I couldn't fit in his second article on electrics, as it was, I had to go to twelve pages. Any more and I can't fold and fit them into the envelopes..

At the January get together there were virtually no volunteers to organise monthly meetings for 2015. This is going to be discussed at our 22nd February meeting and we need serious input and decisions made! If you haven't planned an outing in the last year or so please step forward.

The National Meet Committee is pleased to announce that the \$3000 balance due from Tourism WA has been received so the National Meet books can be taken to our auditor and finalise the Meet. It will end the four year time frame of your Committee!

As stated on the front page of this newsletter your subs are now overdue. Those who haven't paid at the time of this newsletter being despatched will receive a new "Yellow Form "as snail mail. Several members have phoned up recently because their form was missed placed (Forms are available from our web site). Please fill all columns. Vehicle inspection are now voluntary so this section "may" remain blank.

Information for our members! Beryl Paterson has been involved in a car accident and I am pleased to report she is making a steady recovery in RPH. (I am writing this on 21st Jan)

Alan Smith was driving his Model A to Wongon Hills last weekend as he has given it to his Grandson who lives there, and Beryl was following in their Camry to bring Alan home after the delivery. Beryl left the road and hit a tree, writing the car off! The Wongon Hills hospital sent her to RPH and she was placed in intensive care for a day or two. The report from Alan Smith this morning(26th Jan) - Beryl is in a general ward but has a long way to go. She is now able to stand and is much brighter and able to have visitors. She has broken ribs and collar bone with lots of bruising and cuts!

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Richard Whitehead (9361 1258, 0402 002 469) and Maxine Robins (0412 083 905) 9 Anglesea St East Vic Park WA 6101 (rakmen@iinet.net.au)

WANTED by Member Ron Andrews

Tapered roof panel in any condition to suit Model A closed car. This is the panel above the door which tapers down to the windscreen. I am repairing the left one but either side will help, as I really need the tack down bottom edge.



Darwin 2016 National Meet

For those members taking their Model A to Darwin, the time has come to start preparing for the 4000 km road trip now only 16 months away.

The journey will require planning for overnight stops, fuel, water and a time line to arrive in Katherine for the start of the rally. Since it may not be possible to get overnight accommodation every night then basic camping equipment is necessary.

This month we feature Wayne Millman's retro Model A style camper trailer which he has just completed ready for Darwin. The camper weighs just 260 kg and has a steel frame with marine ply floor and sides. It tows well and doesn't affect the performance of the Model A . Standard trailer hubs from Martin's Trailer Parts with Ford F100 bolt pattern have been used. To support the Model A wheels properly, old rear brake drums have been centred and bolted to the hubs. Fibreglass mudguards in the Model A style complete the retro look. We have a mould to manufacture these mudguards.

The camper trailer tent bolts onto the trailer. It is an OZTRAIL CAMPER 6 and cost around \$1700. These Camper tops have been around for years and are designed to fit a standard 6x4 trailers if the base of the camper can be mounted 850 mm above the ground.

These camper trailer tents have a queen size bed on top of the trailer with a tent area around 6'x6'6". There are plenty of windows and all are insect screened. An awning is supplied with the camper. Complete lightweight camper Trailers using this camper top are available but they are expensive at more than \$5000. Second hand versions sell on Gumtree for \$3000 plus.

To help plan and co ordinate we have been speaking informally to members about their intentions and whether they will be driving their Model A's or trailering to Darwin.

If you would like to be involved in a group travelling to Darwin for the rally please contact me some details of your intentions so that we can bring together people to work out a plan.

Contact Member, Horace Misko—0417 958 311 or 9256 1895 montyolly50@gmail.com



NANNUP TOWN CELEBRATES 125 YEARS

The Nannup car club is trying to re-establish and invited our Collie Club to come over to their 125 year of the establishment of the Nannup town site. It was short notice but 14 cars from the Collie branch attended. We left at 8.30am travelling out along the Mumbalup Rd and right along Boyup Brook /Donnybrook Rd. Then into Charlie Creek Rd to Kirup.

A short stop there and onto the Cunndinup/Nannup Rd to Nannup,

We were greeted by Wes Hartley and some members from the Nannup Car Club.

Our cars were displayed in the park behind the Town Hall. The Nannup Club had some of their cars on display along with some Studebaker members, Busselton VCC and of course the Collie cars. There were about 22 cars all up, 3 Model As, 3 MGBs, Studebakers, Mustangs, Morris Minors, Holdens and a P76.

The town hall had a lot of old photos and memorabilia along with the usual stalls selling local produce etc. The Collie members enjoyed the day out.

We departed at approximately 2.30pm for home along the Nannup/Balingup Rd to Balingup, a quick stop to regroup then along the South West Highway to Kirup for a coffee break and refuel the Model A. Some members continued to Donnybrook and the rest travelled the same route from Kirup to Collie via Charlie Creek Rd etc.

Just a bit of other interesting news for Holden fans that maybe in our club, I was talking to a fellow I have known for years, Jim Green who has a Holden HD X2 which he purchased new from Fennessy Motors in Busselton. It has been parked up for years and he is now restoring it and has discovered it is very rare Bathurst model with only 127 ever made. Jim had no idea, and obviously neither did Fennessys.



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INSTALLING "LED" LIGHTS into a 6V system

By new member, John Scobie

Recently when I was having our 1931 Model A checked for Concessional License it was suggested that I write an article for our Club about the LED lights that I reconfigured for a 6V operation. The circuit diagrams are available if anyone is interested and I am quite happy to help if anyone wants to go along the same track.

The front indicator lights were bought from a Trailer Spares place. I decided that two each side would be more easily seen than one and they weren't expensive. It wasn't hard to get the innards of one of these and rewire the four LEDs in pairs and each pair paralleled. The other three were also rewired. Each of these yellow LEDs has a Vmax of about 2.2Volts each and consequently I would need a power supply that didn't exceed about 4.4 volts. Altronics have a very suitable 1.5 Amp Voltage Regulator Kit for \$13. With these the SMDs need to be soldered by yourself. Not easy if you aren't used to fitting these components. Jaycar sell an identical kit with the SMDs already soldered but at a much higher price. LEDs are sensitive to over voltage and I needed to get it right. These regulators have a very stable output.



One of the two 1/2" coach bolts that supports the headlamp bracket/rod was removed, placed in the lathe and bored for wiring. As these LED lights don't have a high current consumption there was no need to make a large hole for the wiring.

The bracket was made of aluminium panel and bent as shown in the picture here.



The back of these indicator lamps needed to be tidied up a bit to cover the nuts and bolts holding each lamp to the alloy bracket. This was achieved by cutting down a plastic "Jiffy" box and securing it to the back with a few dabs of silicon. Easily removed if need be.

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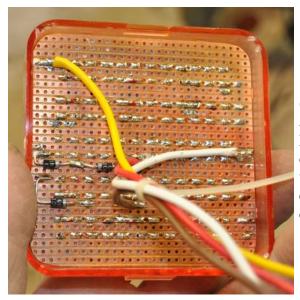
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The rear lamps were a whole different story and much more complicated, because I was organising blinker, stop and tail into the one light.

These lamps originally could be operated from 12 or 24 volts and changeover was automatic when they were connected, as all the electronics needed to do this was built in. I needed to remove the innards from the lens part and black backing plate, salvage the LEDs, discard the old circuit board what was left of it then make up a new circuit with veroboard.

The yellow indicator LEDs weren't much of a problem. These were configured as seven pairs all paralleled and running from 4.4volt regulators.



The red LEDs were also configured in pairs that were paralleled (these operate on a lower voltage Vmax of about 1.9 volts each) and I wanted the stop lamps to be a little brighter than the Park Lamp section so two more Voltage regulators were used and three diodes also used in the circuit. The reason for this is more easily understood from the circuit diagram that I have if anyone is interested. After the circuit board was installed and tested I sealed the circuit with Araldite.

For indicators at the beginning, I had made up an electronic timer on a little circuit board using about 1/2 dozen components and a 555 timer. This didn't have enough grunt to drive the LEDs so I made up a "solid state relay" if you could call it that, using a Darlington pair of transistors capable of about 1 amp output. This worked fine until I started the engine. Electrical interference made it go haywire and I never found a way to fix it. It was back to the good old indicator "can" to control the timing but that had its problems too. The LEDs never had enough amperage requirement to make the indicator "can" work. But I got around that as well. The electrical components of the indicator stalk on the steering column was also modified.

All in all quite a good outcome and learning experience but I never expected it to take so long. I am not an electronic expert by any means and quite happy to listen to someone else.

John Scobie

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Round-Up Continued

BUSSELTON DISPLAY DAY (Thursday 25th September 2014)

Signal Park, just near the Busselton Jetty was our venue for our major display. We arrived as a convoy down the main street, through the four round-abouts, with the first Model A's leaving Bayview Resort, our base at 8.40am. The vehicles were arranged into nose to tail rows with a 2m gap to allow spectators to wander between. It was a large area and the formation was organised to fill the oval and accommodate the 120 Model A's. It also made arriving and leaving comfortable and safe!

We had A3 coloured posters made which were spread throughout the South West to advertise our display well in advance They were placed in shop windows from Augusta in the south, Balingup in the west, Dardanup to the north east and north to Bunbury, as well as all towns in between. These were delivered in person by Wes Hartley and Leanne Wringe. We also advertised the display in the local papers.

The local Veteran Car Club was involved on the day and this was much appreciated. They opened their Club rooms opposite for our members to use as a rest and morning tea room and they had around twelve of their member's vehicles displayed on their Club room site to add to the vintage car spectacle.

A special feature on the day was a hired Jazz band. They set up under a small gazebo and entertained us from 9am until 2pm. Several members were in period costume! **Our pictures below tell the story**.



1928 Phaeton

Engine Number: CA 47506 Restored and owned by George Goodchild 1941 -



January 2009



These pages are taken out of our Club Model A Stories file which is part of our Club Library. This story passes on some of the motoring history of WA, with the petrol coupons and conditions during the second world war.

George's story is the second one on our file which shows his passion for the Model A. May he rest in PEACE. Mine was the first.

George was born on the 5th January 1921 and has passed only a few days after his 94th birthday!

George has owned his 1928 Phaeton for 74 years!!

1928 MODEL A PHAETON OWNED BY GEORGE GOODCHILD

Colour: Blue

Registration: DE 1928

While living on the family farm at Badgebup, George had a 1935 BSA motorbike, but his father did not like it and "encouraged" George to sell it. His father located the Model A in Katanning, and in 1941, for £25 George purchased a 1928 Tourer secondhand from Charlie Shaw, a railway engine driver in Katanning. George handed the cheque for the motorbike to his father, who returned it to him to cover fuel, tyres, etc. George says he was the "BEST DAD IN THE WORLD".

George cut down the Model A into a ute for farm use. When George's brother returned from the war, he was driving the Model A and ran into a gatepost. The car was then left in a garage on the Badgebup farm. After George settled in Denmark, he decided he needed something to do. He phoned the farm to ask if the Model A was still there, and was told it was, that he'd better come and get it because it was in the way. So he collected it and restored it as a Phaeton in Denmark, starting in 1983 and finished it in 1986. George did it by himself, not needing many parts.

George tells women not to get in his Model A because it is 'dangerous' – it was his courting car. It was used for his wedding in 1945, and to celebrate his ruby anniversary, and then his golden wedding anniversary in 1995. In October 2004, George drove the car to Gnowangerup from Tambellup to the 100 year Centenary Celebration. He brought it to Perth from Albany on a trailer for the 80th Birthday Display. He has owned it for 67 years.



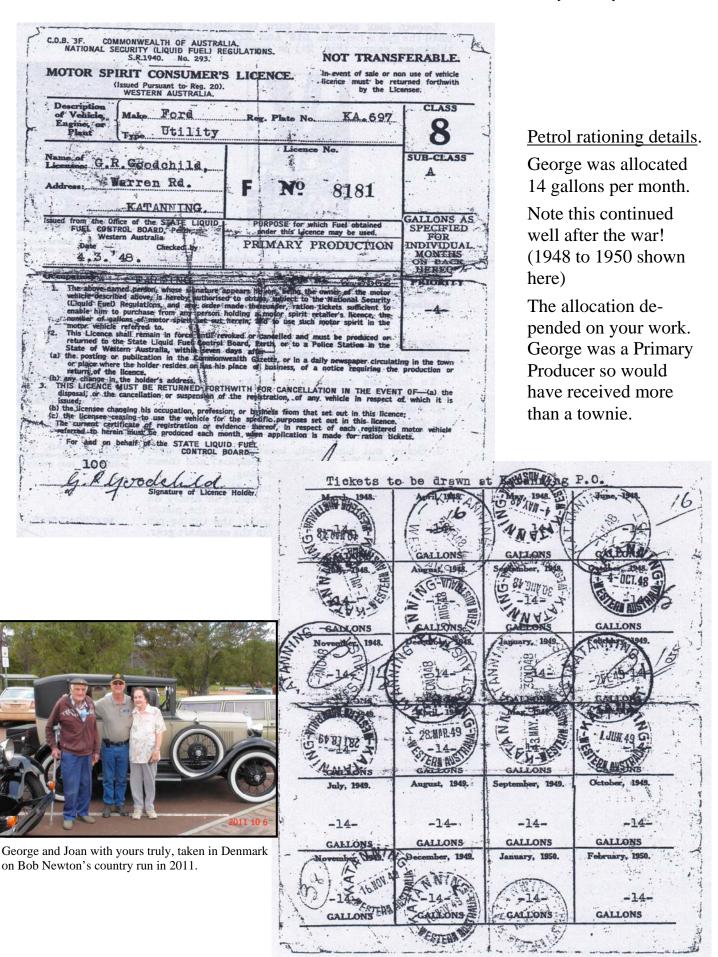


1980: Ready to Restore. George Goodchild Denmark 1980s

George Goodchild's 1928 Pheaton for 80th Birthday celebration booklet (November 2008)



1983: Denmark, with Grandson Wade



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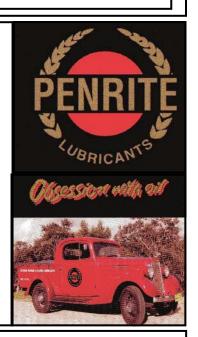
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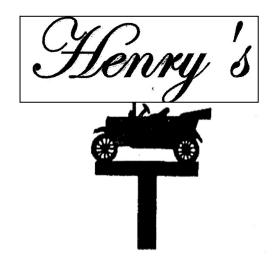
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