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## COLIN'S CORNER

Colin Davidson

I have noticed lately that the changing weather conditions make it hard to know how to dress for the day. The weather forecast is starting to get like Melbourne with the proverbial four seasons in one day. At least the good thing about it is, with rain every few weeks, it clears away some of the oily slicks off the road making driving conditions a little bit safer.

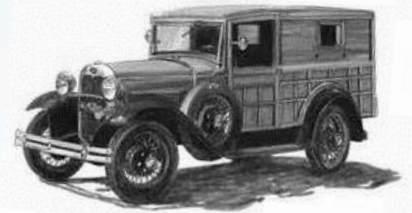
While fuelling up my car at a service station this morning I saw 2 cars driven by P plate drivers spin out at the nearby roundabout. I don't think they were showing off and if they were it was a very unimpressive display. I think that they just haven't been taught how to handle hazardous conditions on the road. Once the vehicles got into a skid it appeared they had no idea what to do.

Growing up and learning to drive on a farm I got my fair share of practice in when nobody was looking and by the time I went for my licence I had a sound knowledge of what it was all about and, I am proud to say, most of my learning was done in a Model A!

While talking model A's those of you who are also members of the RAC will have noticed a beautifully restored Model A in the latest RAC Horizons magazine belonging to none other than our member Rob Mawson. What a lovely way to show off your car and advertise the RAC's launch of Classic Insurance cover to the 860,000 members of the RAC.

I am not sure how competitive the RAC rates are compared to Shannons however it doesn't hurt to have good competition. To those members who haven't been out on a run lately remember the Adidas motto "Just do it". I look forward to seeing you all on the next run you can make it to.

Colin Davidson



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**Front Cover.** Bob Piercy alongside his beautifully restored Tudor, despite the challenges. Read about this restoration project on pages 8 and 9.



# SECRETARY COMMENTS

Kathleen Kuenzel

As was written in the Minutes attached to this Newsletter there are now 12 members who are unfinancial. Please check and see if you are one of those mentioned. We actually have a much better membership renewal rate than in any of the years during which I have acted as your secretary so I thank all members for attending to this task earlier than usual.

Also, in the Minutes, you will note that Colin commented on the need for the committee to attend to the task of updating the Club's Constitution. I feel strongly that during that process the three-month period past the due date members are given to get around to paying their membership renewal fees must be reconsidered.

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## ***John and Patricia Laurie***

We take pleasure in congratulating long-standing members John and Patricia Laurie who celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary on 22nd February.



Recently it has been necessary for both John and Pat to spend time in hospital. We hope they are recovering well.

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## ***New Member***

Club number- 103  
Troy and Tammy BOGAERS  
13 Catseye Crescent  
WELLARD WA 6170  
Email: tammy.bogaers@bigpond.com  
Troy's mob: 0419 938 772  
Tammy's mob: 0449 640 298



Troy and Tammy are the new owners of the 1929 Roadster which was previously owned by Peter and Elaine Gilberthorpe.

*Kathleen Kuenzel – Secretary*

# EVENTS COORDINATOR

Ian Paisley

## **MARCH**

### **Hubley Races.**

**Date:** March Saturday 11th.

**Detail:** Hubley Race at the Jeffree's. 4-30 pm onwards.

**Organisers:** Alan and Edith Jeffree

**NOTE:** RSVP / advise Edith of your attendance NOW for catering. See page 14.

### **Club Run.**

**Date:** Sunday 19th.

**Organisers:** Fred and Kathleen Kuenzel.

**Detail:** We will meet at the back of the large car park on the corner of Marine Parade and Napier Street in Cottesloe at 7.30am for an 8.00am departure. The run will take approximately one hour. The end point will be Beaton Park Reserve in Nedlands where we will have morning tea and a meeting. Members can then either stay under the trees or leave.

## **APRIL**

### **Curtin FM Classic Car Spectacular.**

**Date:** April Sunday 2nd

**Detail:** *(Can those who nominated to attend this event please remind me who they are?)*

### **VCC Esperance Easter Rally 2017.**

**Dates:** April 12th - 19th

**Organisers:** Alan and Edith. Details soon.

### **23rd Shannons Classic Car Show.**

**Detail:** Ascot Racecourse in Belmont. Details next page.

## **MAY**

### **Vehicle inspections.**

**Date:** May Sunday 7th.

**Details:** VCC Club Rooms.

**Organiser:** Ray Mahony.

*Thank you to Colin Davdison, John Watson, and Dean Roberts who have nominated to organise meets for May, June and July. Details soon.*

## **AUGUST.**

**AGM. Date:** Sunday 13th. VCC Club Rooms.

## **SEPTEMBER.**

**Rallywest. Date:** 10th to 16th September.

## **DECEMBER.**

**Christmas Party. Date:** Sunday 3rd December.

**Detail:** VCC clubrooms.

**Organiser:** Edith Jeffree.

# 2017 SHANNONS CLASSIC CAR SHOW.

Ian Paisley

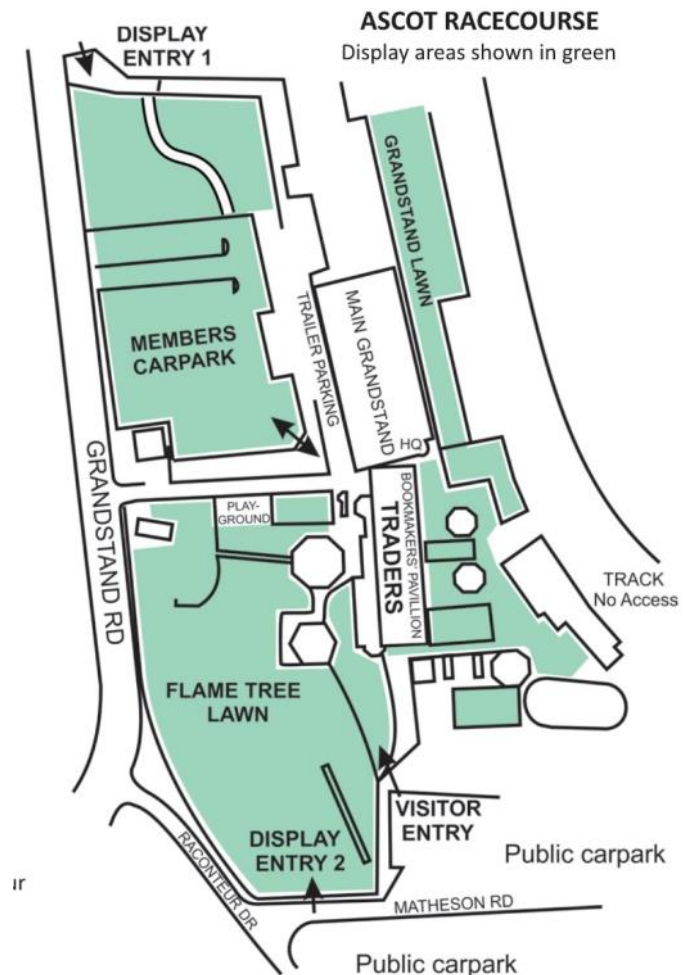
*Events coordinator Ian Paisley will coordinate the CCS for our club.*

We **MUST** by the **10th March** nominate the number of cars that we will be displaying.

PLEASE let me know (Ian Paisley) ASAP if you will be showing your car. 94561184, 0427080243 or [paisidd@bigpond.com](mailto:paisidd@bigpond.com)

We will also need volunteers to help with marshalling on the day.

(The map (right) indicates the layout of the car show at Ascot. Ian Paisley will provide details for MARC participants.— Ed)



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# EDITOR COMMENTS



Fred Manwaring

A bumper newsletter this month, I have reserved space in future editions for material submitted by members, thank you for your contributions. A funny thing happened to me the other day, however it is not Model A related. A phone call and conversation with the office staff for my neighbourhood tree cutting contractor went like this, "Do you look for people who want to take your chippings?" "Sure do," was the enthusiastic reply. My answer, "Great. I will take a large truck load ASAP and in about two months' time I'll ask for another load." I understood a truck load could be up to 10m<sup>3</sup>. That was good for me. However, between the office and the workers in the field, there was a mix up and in one day I got both full truck loads – truly a mountain of mulch. Oh well! Free mulch anyone? I was grateful I wasn't chasing free manure.

Fred...

## LIBRARIAN COMMENTS

Dianne Paisley



The third in a series of books by Les Andrews, "Model A Ford. Troubleshooting & Diagnostics" has been added to the Library collection. A complete list of CDs and DVDs in the Library is now available. The list will be circulated at meetings and can be provided on request. Please contact Dianne about any Library request. Ph 94561184 or email [paisidd@bigpond.com](mailto:paisidd@bigpond.com)

### February

Sylvia	Bristow-Stagg
Val	Cowlin
Alan	Duns
Kaye	Eardley
Tom	Eastough
Anthony	Gilberthorpe
Peter	Gilberthorpe
Lorraine	Gower
Kenneth	Hall
Bert	Hayes
Linda	Kirkwood
Pat	Laurie
Ian	Paisley
Kimberley	Roberts
John	Timmings
Betty	White
Stephen	Wigmore

### March

Elizabeth	Calhoun
Frank	Farrelly
Evan	Gobby
Shirley	Hall
Tom	Hart
Beverley	James
Alex	Kirkwood
Rob	Mawson
Nam	Perret
Daniel	Pinnington
Lorraine	Steele
Lachlan	Steele
Sue	Swindell
Matthew	White
Steph	Will
May	Wilson





# FEBRUARY RUN REPORT

Sandy Beach Reserve



The Model A's were displayed in all their glory under the trees and inevitably drew a crowd of interested passersby. The February meet attracted about 40 members and 12 Model A vehicles. Thank you to all those present ensuring that this meeting will have once again been possibly the best attended gathering of the year.



**Members cars - 12 Model A, Mustang and Tesla. Representing extremes in technology**



# A RESTORATION PROJECT

Alan Jeffree

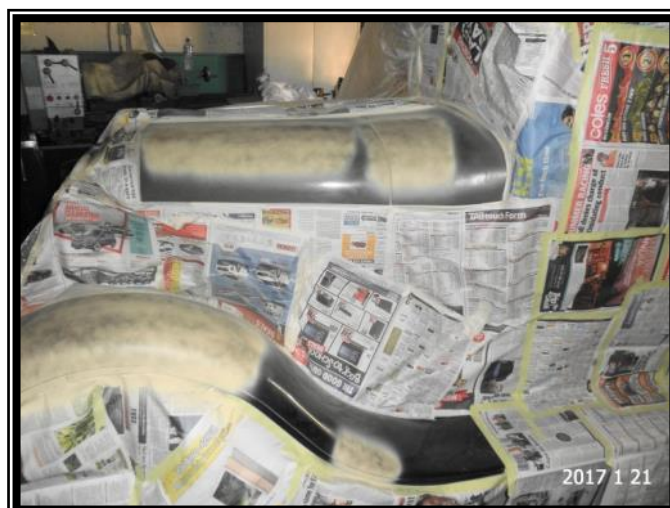
## A RESTORATION PROJECT ALMOST COMPLETE “MYSTERY BODY DAMAGE” (AJ)

Bob Piercy has been restoring a 1929 Tudor for some time and it is nearing completion. It is mechanically complete, painted and upholstered but waiting on the seats to be covered. Bob has done all the upholstery but needed the seats covered professionally.

The Model A Tudor was in an enclosed shed close to the house. Three weeks ago Bob opened the roller door to find several long pieces of angle iron and steel which had been leaning up against the wall had fallen onto the passenger's side of the vehicle. It fell then had to slide along the side of the car as it made its way onto the floor. The steel had been there for ten years!!

Bob without saying, was devastated. A little later that morning he visited me and told me the news! After Bob left I phoned fellow Club member Rob Mawson, a panel beater by trade. That weekend Rob and I visited Bob at home to survey the damage. Driving home we talked about what we could do and both decided we would repair the damaged panels and repaint where needed.

The repairs over three weekends are now complete and the Tudor looks a picture. Rob was the tradesman and Bob, Darryl and myself the *lackies*. Three colours were damaged which made extra work. The cover photo of this newsletter shows the finished product. Licencing is now close. The seats are now covered and installed, thanks to Bruce Swarbrick doing a special order.





# A THANKYOU FROM BOB

**Bob Piercy.**

For the last few years I have been restoring a 1928 Model A Tudor. I have done all the work myself, from the sandblasting, welding, panel beating, painting etc. etc. Work has been slow but steady as time permitted. I was almost to the end, needing only upholstery and a few odds and ends.

Then disaster struck... TWICE.

First a major health problem then another blow when oddments of steel, leaning against the shed wall, fell and damaged the car in several places.

Then Alan Jeffree and Rob Mawson showed up and generously offered to make repairs. Rob Mawson put his panel-beating skills to work assisted by Darryl Freind, Alan and me. Over some of the hottest days in January they worked and sweated their way through all the laborious details and processes of a top- notch job. I am totally overwhelmed by their generous efforts in making the body and paint work even better than before. With any luck, I can now look forward to getting my car finished and on the road. I am very grateful to Rob Mawson for his expertise and Alan and Darryl for their hard work and support.

Thanks to you all.

*Bob Piercy.*



**Lorraine and Bob Piercy**



## My classic car

To celebrate the launch of RAC Classic Car Insurance, we asked RAC staff to share stories about their own classic cars. RAC's Robert Mawson tells us about his 1929 Model A Ford Phaeton.

"I loved old cars so I went to a car show looking for one for sale. I was talking to a car owner there who knew of a Model A Ford at another classic car owner's house. We swapped numbers and I received a call that night from the owner of what would become my Model A.

"When I went to look at the vehicle, it was in the corner of the shed surrounded by junk and had not been touched for more than three years. I purchased it and took it home for restoration.

"This Model A is known as a 35A and was built in Canada by Ford. Being part of the Commonwealth, import costs to Australia were cheaper at the time. This is a factory right-hand-drive-built car.

"I joined the Model A Ford Restorers Club of WA and went to club meetings with my camera to get ideas from other cars and information from owners.

"It took me three years to build the car from the ground up. When it was finished and licensed I was able to go for drives and experience a totally different world of motoring pleasure.

"When driving a car like this you are in the public spotlight and everyone waves, points at you and takes photos. Every time I stop somewhere, someone will come and talk to me about the old car that their grandparents owned and share their memories."

**Find out more about RAC Classic Car Insurance at [rac.com.au/classiccar](http://rac.com.au/classiccar).**

Rob with admirers





# THE STEER FAMILY- A MODEL STORY

compiled by Ian with details from Geoff (dad)- July 2016

Cont'd from January (Page 3)

We have a new family membership, Anne and Ian Steer who live in Willetton. Ian's father, Geoff, purchased an A Model Sports Coupe over fifty years ago and just this year Geoff has passed the vehicle onto son Ian. Their story of ownership is unique and it has been compiled by Ian with details passed on from Geoff! Their story will be added to the Club's file to be kept as a permanent record and can be added to with Ian and Anne's ownership.

(AJ)

## Unloading car at Wellington



Soon after arriving in Auckland, the A Model needed a valve regrind. This was done each night under a street light outside the boarding house! It was done without using any valve guides.

Each car in New Zealand needed a 'Warrant of Fitness'.

The A Model, still registered in Western Australia, had no such thing. Each day Geoff drove the car into the city to work. Finally, he was stopped by a policeman and asked to show his warrant. Time to get one! Luckily, their next door neighbour was a mechanic, fixed a few things on the A Model and the warrant was granted.



The A Model took Lorna or Geoff camping on weekends to such places as Rotorua, the Bay of Isles, Lake Taupo and Mt Ruapehu in the snow-fields.

**A Model covered in snow Ruapehu staff quarters**



# THE STEER FAMILY- A MODEL STORY

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**Manukau Harbour from Mackies Rest**



**Whaka model village**



**Urewera National Park road summit**

On one long weekend, the Steers went away in the A Model and the car broke down in someone's driveway. The end result of this was that a clutch plate was needed to be fitted. Details are sketchy, but the clutch plate was located and the job done in the driveway.

Geoff and Lorna decided to stop work and explore the South Island of New Zealand before heading home to Australia. One of the highlights of the South Island was the historic Skippers Road at Shotover Gorge near Queenstown. Geoff drove the A Model down this very scary road. The single lane road encompassed miles of stunning views through twisty hair pin corners, high elevations and steep grades. He could see where previous slate roads had slipped away. This road is known to be one of the world's most dangerous and spectacular roads, and still today is not covered by hire car insurance policies.

Lorna and Geoff then returned to Wellington, where the car was shipped back to Sydney. Once back in Australia, the Steers chose a route back to Perth, which was mainly along the Murray River. The A Model started to make some 'funny noises' at this stage. Geoff and Lorna decided that they would drive the car only as far as Port Augusta. From there, the car was put on the west-bound train and offloaded at Kalgoorlie. It was rather a dodgy trip from Kalgoorlie back to Perth, as there appears to have been a tooth missing from the diff.

# THE STEER FAMILY- A MODEL STORY

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**A Model back in Western Australia In January 1960**, Lorna and Geoff decided to move to Albany. Geoff bought an Austin A70 to take to Albany, and the A Model was put on blocks at the back of Geoff's father's house in Kalamunda. There was no real decision to keep the A Model - it just sort of happened.

Time passed and Geoff's parents decided to sell the house at Kalamunda, so the A Model would need to get moved in readiness for the sale. Geoff and Lorna drove up from Albany and started the long drive back with the cars. On the first weekend, they got as far as Kojonup and decided to leave the A Model there until the next weekend. Where was a safe place to leave the car in Kojonup? Behind the Police Station, of course! The next day, Geoff got a very irate phone call from the Kojonup police demanding to know why his car was dumped at the back of their premises! The next weekend, the Steers headed back to Kojonup to finish the A Model's journey to Albany.

During the early years in Albany, the A Model was parked on the verge (unlicensed), where the horn was stolen at one stage. Every time Lorna and Geoff moved house, the unlicensed A Model went with them. Once or twice a year, Geoff would tip some petrol in, load the kids into the dicky seat and go roaring up and down the street to give the (unlicensed) car a run. Around 1963 the car was repainted dark blue.

**Ian and younger brother Peter on the bonnet. The car at this stage was French Grey with blue guards.**



**1964 A Model repainted**

To be continued in the  
March newsletter

# FIRE TRUCK

Hans Hurij - A follow-up comment



As a result of the devastation caused by the "Black Saturday" bushfires in Victoria in 2009 , Hans & Glenda paraded this vehicle as a drawcard at various shopping centres and the CMC Display at Whiteman Park attended by MARC members whilst raising funds for the victims of these devastating fires. The public donations received as a result totalled \$27056-00. (yep, twenty seven thousand and fifty six dollars) This included a \$1000-00 donation from the CMC of WA orchestrated by Messrs. John Mclean and Peter Taylor.

This money was handed over to the visiting representative of the Country Fire Authority of Victoria at the annual Volunteer Firefighter Demonstrations and competitions at the Fremantle oval under the auspices of the WA Fire and Rescue Volunteers Ass. Inc.

So , not only is this a "Remembrance Vehicle" of volunteer firefighters who have made the ultimate sacrifice, it is also a MARC of WA vehicle and ultimately a fundraiser for victims of the ravages of the Black Saturday bushfires.

*Hans Hurij*

# HUBLEY RACE

at the Jeffree's

## Hubley Evening at the Jeffree's 11th March - 4.30pm onwards

Bring yourself along to enjoy an evening together. Darren will have the track set up with electronics and all. Always a good night with lots of competitive racing with a BBQ to follow. Edith will provide nibbles. salads, bread rolls, and sweets.

The urn is always on ready for a cuppa. BYO meat, drinks and a chair.

There is no need to have a Hubley model, come and enjoy the company.

***Please let Edith know you are coming for catering purposes.  
92754106***





# FORD DEALERSHIP

## The Cribb and Foote Motor Garage

Ron Andrews found these interesting photos on the internet. Thanks Ron.

This garage, at 144 Brisbane Street, was built in 1911 for the first motor bus company in Ipswich, with J. P. Bottomley as one of the directors. In 1913 Cribb & Foote purchased the building and two of the buses which were converted into lorries. (Information taken from: Ipswich in the Twentieth century by Robyn Buchanan, 2004. See this website for the full article). The building on the left was also part of Cribb & Foote. It has D. T. Keogh Stores, 1864 on the facade.



Picture - Dated 1936

Truck carrying two Ford cars. The truck signage on the side advertises 'The new V8 by Ford'. Ford introduced their V8 engine in the United States of America in 1932. This garage, at 144 Brisbane Street, was built in 1911 for the first motor bus company in Ipswich, with J. P. Bottomley as one of the directors. In 1913 Cribb & Foote purchased the building and two of the buses were converted into lorries. (Information taken from: Ipswich in the Twentieth century by Robyn Buchanan, 2004. It now is the site of a CASH CONVERTERS

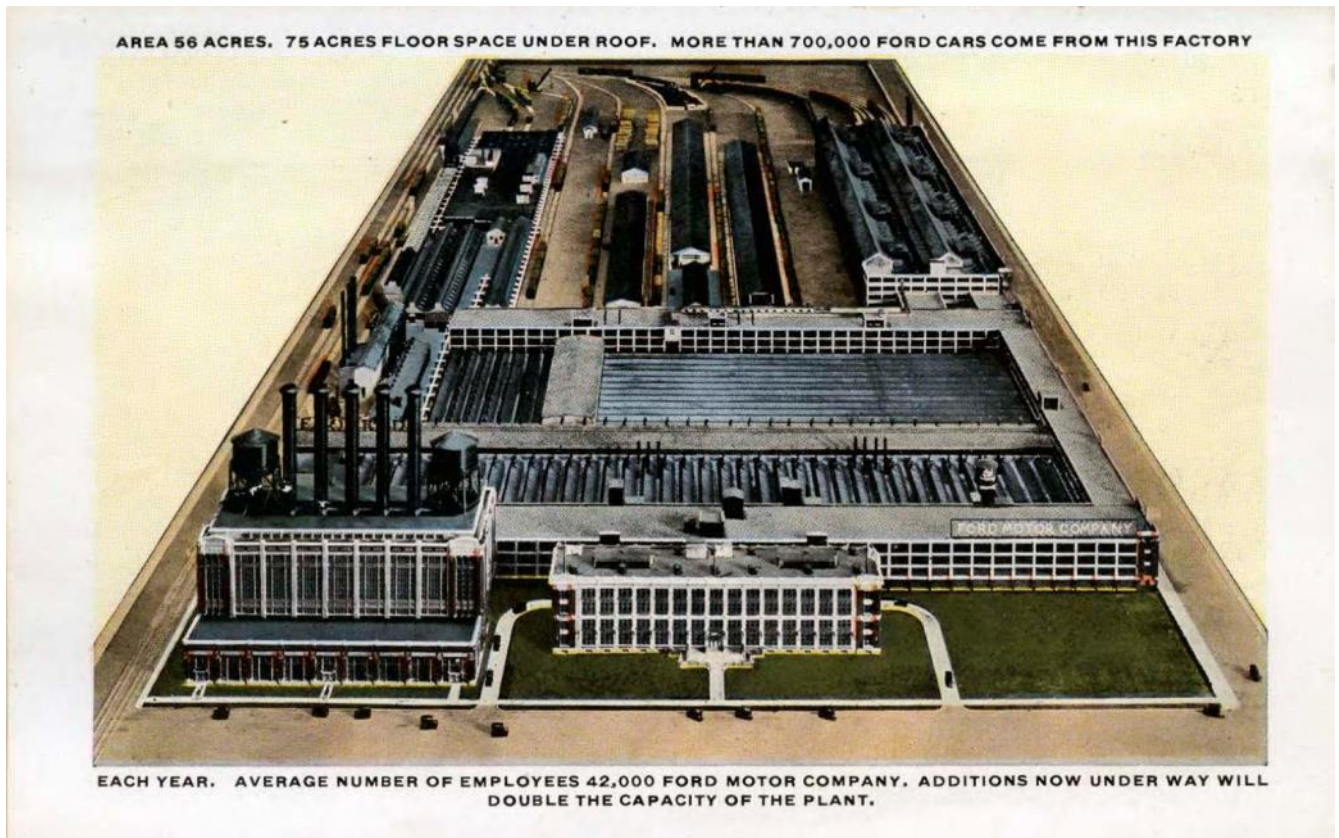


Ron may have made a rod for his back where I have challenged him to find WA Ford material. Editor.



# FORD PLANT POSTCARDS

Ron Andrews has sent in images of a collection of images titled "Ford Plant Postcards", I will present one or two each newsletter. Thanks Ron.



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## FOR SALE / WANTED

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### For Sale:

A friend of Neville Swindell in Hopetown has a Model A to sell. Details below:

Alwyn Bradford (Hopetoun WA) has a Model A 1931 Tourer in good condition with Full Licence wanting \$30,000 ONO. Phone 98383838



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### Wanted:

Looking for a complete set of cast running board brackets and a pair of steel (American) longitudinal sub-rails for a 1928 /29 Tudor. They must be in good usable condition.

Contact: Scott Alexander 0437 808 695, [eaglehaslanded.aus@hotmail.com](mailto:eaglehaslanded.aus@hotmail.com)

### Free:

Free! garden mulch / chips See Editors Comments page 6.



# A FEW LAUGHS

Anonymous



"It says here that you'd prefer someone with regular bowel movements..Does it matter if they're involuntary?"

## Subject: Life after death ....

A couple made a deal that whoever died first would come back and inform the other if there is sex after death. Their biggest fear was that there was no after-life at all. After a long life together, the husband was the first to die. True to his word, he made the first contact:

"Maggs ... Maggs...."

"Is that you Garry?"

"Yes I've come back like we agreed."

"That's wonderful! What's it like?"

"Well, I get up in the morning, I have sex. I have breakfast and then it's off to the golf course. I have sex again, bathe in the warm sun and then have sex a couple of more times. Then I have lunch (you'd be proud - lots of greens). Another romp around the golf course then pretty much have sex for the rest of the afternoon. After supper, it's back to the golf course again. Then it's more sex until late night. I catch some much needed sleep then the next day it starts all over again."

"Oh, Garry! Are you in Heaven?"

"No ... I'm a rabbit somewhere near Dubbo!!"

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