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COLIN'S CORNER

Colin Davidson

Looking at the Calendar I realise we are almost a quarter of the way through the year already. Time goes quickly when you're having fun so they say! I don't know about the having fun part but the time is going quickly never the less.

April promises to be a busy month with the car shows at Curtin University, the Shannons Classic Car Show at Ascot and the Easter run down south to Esperance.

There will be no shortage of outings for members wanting to get out and about. I will be going to the Easter Rally at Napier in the North Island of New Zealand, ably accompanied by Dean Roberts and Wesley Hartley. With all that happening it was decided to give the April car run and meeting a miss as it was somewhat impractical with so many other events happening.

It was interesting to see on election night that a small car club like ours had 2 members standing for election to State Parliament, namely Terry Redman who retained his seat for the Nationals in Warren-Blackwood and Wesley Hartley who stood for Labor in the seat of Vasse. They should both be congratulated for their efforts.

At the last meeting in February I offered to organize the May run. I would think by then the weather will be getting a bit cooler. Perhaps a run up to one of the Northern areas could have some merit. Anyway I am working on it.

In the meantime enjoy your Easter activities and I look forward to seeing you all in May.

Colin Davidson



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Front Cover. Phaeton: Horace and Jean Misko.
Coupe: Wes Hartley and Beverley Biggs

SECRETARY COMMENTS

Kathleen Kuenzel

I have been waiting for 31 March to arrive so that I can no longer concern myself with members who have neglected to renew their memberships. In the meantime as we have new members, I went to Officeworks to print some more Constitutional Rules and By Laws. I decided to reread the document and discovered (on p.2) that "after 31 March a member may be suspended for non-payment of dues." Suspension, that's temporary, so take all the time you want. Just be aware that this newsletter is the last that will be mailed or emailed to you until your 2017 MARCWA fees are paid.

I do ask that if the 10 members who have not renewed their memberships plan to resign from the Club they contact me either by mail or email (see p.3) so that I can alter club records.

Thank you, Kathleen

Kathleen Kuenzel – Secretary

EDITOR COMMENTS

Fred Manwaring



Thank you to all contributors. Without your input the newsletter would not exist.

A note from me to members: The months of June and July will find me overseas on holiday therefore the newsletter is in need of a volunteer Editor for those two months. Please come forward if you are interested.

Ideally you will need to have experience in Microsoft Publisher which implies knowing your way around a PC and Windows, not forgetting quite a few spare hours to bring it all together. I can set up blank drafts for the two months, you fill in the blanks. If you don't know Publisher, then any word processor you are comfortable with to put together a basic newsletter with text and photos, enough to get the message out. If no one comes forward then perhaps the newsletter will not be available over June and July. Contact me if interested.

You might recall last month and my predicament of taking delivery of a somewhat generous delivery of a mountain of free mulch. I managed to spread it all around using a Dingo (too much by shovel and wheelbarrow). This week one of my neighbours has kindly helped but I would have preferred he ask before *helping* himself. As if I would not notice the sudden appearance of mulch around his front garden beds, mulch that strangely looks like it came from the same source as mine. Oh well his need is greater than mine and I have plenty to spare.

Fred...

EVENTS COORDINATOR

Ian Paisley

APRIL

Curtin FM Classic Car Spectacular.

Note: Three more cars are needed to attend this event. Please let me know if you are interested.

Date: April Sunday 2nd

Organiser: Ian Paisley 94561184

VCC Esperance Easter Rally 2017.

Dates: April 12th - 19th. 10 cars participating, contact organisers for information.

Organisers: Alan and Edith.

Shannons Classic Car Show.

Date: April 23rd

Detail: Ascot Racecourse in Belmont. Details next page.

MAY

Vehicle inspections.

Date: May Sunday 7th.

Details: VCC Club Rooms.

Organiser: Ray Mahony.

Club Run

Date: Sunday 21st

Location: TBA

Organiser: Colin Davidson

JUNE

Club Run

Date: TBA

Location: TBA

Organiser: John Watson

JULY

Club Run

Date: TBA

Location: TBA

Organiser: Dean Roberts

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 have nominated to show 12 cars at the new Ascot venue.

There are 10 nominations so far so if you would like to show you're A please let me know ASAP.

Ian Paisely 94561184

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REGALIA

Marilynn Horgan

The new "Premier" design polo shirts have been selling well at the bargain price of \$20. To date fifty-two club members are looking very smart in their new shirts and these can now be worn with the new black and gold badges.

As winter approaches, club members may be requiring warmer club jackets. The existing polar fleece jacket with a ¾ zip is no longer available so alternate designs have been sought.

At the Club meeting of the 19 March, it was agreed that the Eureka Jacket be purchased in all sizes so members can try on before buying. The jacket is 100% pongee (china silk) polyester fabric with interlock lining, a full length zip and pockets. It will also feature the club logo to complement the new design polo shirts and is available in Small, Medium, Large, XL, XXL and XXL. The jacket costs \$50 and will be available from the first week in April. The Regalia Officer will have the range at the Easter Rally in Esperance.



Marilynn Horgan
Regalia Officer
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LIBRARIAN COMMENTS

Dianne Paisley

Two books have been added to the library.

1. *Model A Ford Troubleshooting and Diagnostics - A Complete Guide for trouble Analysis and Testing* by Les Andrews.

2. *How to Restore Your Model A, Volume 9* by MAFCA "The Restorer".

Any queries concerning the library please contact *Dianne Paisley* on 94561184 or E-Mail paisidd@bigpond.com



April Birthdays

Marg Addison
Ronald Andrews
David Bussard
Bill Cowlin
Ellie Davidson
Gary Knight
Ray Mahony
Toni Mahony
Jean Misko
Maureen Oulaghan
Bob Piercy
Terry Redman
Phillip Wilson

MARCH RUN REPORT

Cottesloe to the River

March Run – Cottesloe Beach to the Swan River via Kings Park

We met in Cottesloe, overlooking the Indian Ocean on a clear, fresh morning; it was not going to be the very hot day we had anticipated. As usual members had driven from all over the metropolitan area including the extremities of north, south and east to gather at 7:30am.

Twelve Model A's and five modern cars drove a short way through western suburbs to Kings Park. It really is a delightful place and at the speed limit of 40kph we had time to look at the large expanses of natural bush, the grassed areas, the amphitheatre and glimpses of some of the botanical gardens, etc. Even at that time of the morning there were many people walking, picnicking and, of course, bike riding.

We drove along the three major roads through the extensive park then exited to travel beside the river at Matilda Bay in Crawley. We continued on to The Esplanade in Nedlands towards our meeting place at Beaton Park.

Kathleen Kuenzel



A MATE - MAX ANNEAR

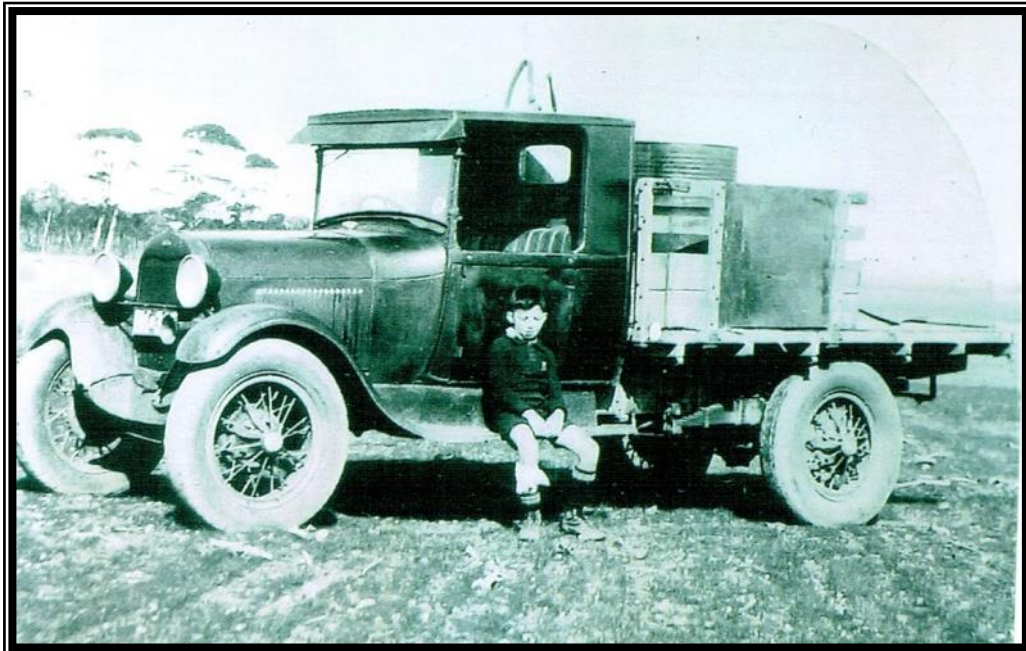
John Laurie

Member John Laurie who no longer owns a Model A remains interested in the Club and its affairs. He sent this photo and caption together with his renewal fee.

"The photo is of Max Annear (a former long-standing member of the Club) when aged about 9 or 10 taken on a farm near Bruce Rock. No doubt he is looking sad because his father was no fan of Ford. He was first of all a mechanic for Maxwell cars then Chrysler when Maxwell was bought by Walter Chrysler.

Now you know how Max got the name Maxwell Annear. He served his apprenticeship with Duncan Ford and became a V8 and Ford enthusiast.

Max and I were mates long before the A Club, both being members of the WA Car Club since the 1950's. What marvellous days of trials and rallies and endless stories of competition there were to tell."



Various Maxwell vehicles



CMC DELEGATES REPORT

John Moorehead

COUNCIL OF MOTORING CLUBS OF WA (INC) GENERAL MEETING MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2017

1. Classic Car Show.

It was confirmed that the Shannons Classic Car Show will be held at Ascot Race course on the 23rd April 2017. Indications are that spaces will be limited due expressions of interest. There will be space for some 1000 vehicles.

The MARC WA has all the details and Ian Paisley will be the organiser

2. Concessional Licence Code 404

Various questions received from the delegates present and explanations provided by the head of the CMC Code 404 sub-committee.

In particular it was stated that for an 'impromptu' event there is no defined format for the run log maintained by the appropriate Club. It is important that there is documentation referring to the event and it was created prior to the event occurring.

Some changes to Form CMC 1 (Certification of Financial Membership) will be made to acknowledge that certification that the vehicle is not modified can be carried out by any competent person provided that they have been authorised by the relevant Club.

3. Motor Museum at Whiteman Park.

The 2000 square metre extension to the Motor Museum is currently being fitted out and an opening date of April 2017 is still the objective. The facility will have space for some 70 vehicles along with a reference library, workshop and meeting room.

4. Digitising of Old Channel 9 Motor Shows

Work has now commenced on this project and the Clubs that indicated that they can contribute towards the costs will receive a notice regarding this project.

John Moorehead

CMC Delegate 10th.March 2017

HUBLEY NIGHT 2017

at the Jeffree House

Our day started Saturday morning, Darren with his electronics and setting up the track, dusting off the Hubley cars, scales ready to check all cars are 600g, oil cans and whatever else makes them go faster!

We enjoyed having thirty two adults and seven eager children to experience a fabulous afternoon and evening. It was warm and still, which made being outside very pleasant.

Racing began at 4.30pm and we saw some serious competition with many close races. After the heats it came down to a race off with John and Helen winning from Darren by a difference of 200th of a second.

Following this final we had a kid's series of races which was won by Brook Hurij (Glenda and Hans's granddaughter). Second was our grandson, Phillip Wringe. Certificates were proudly taken home, destined for school show and tell!

After the races the BBQs were fired up, salads brought out, along with a spread of sweets to die for. The evening was finished with the usual tea and coffee along with many yummy biscuits and slices.

Thank you to the members who came along, and those involved in helping out before and after. It was a great night!



Scribe EJ



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

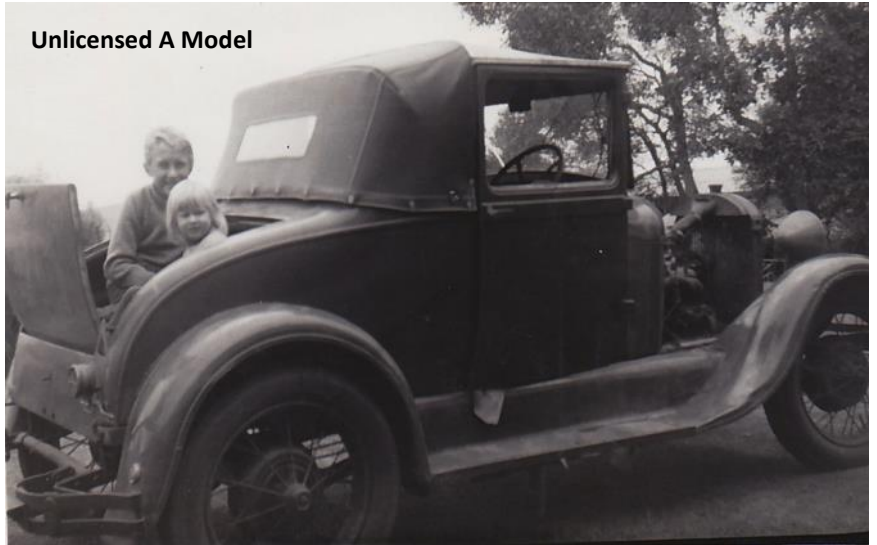
Cont'd from February

From the age of 14 or 15, Ian learnt to drive the Model A. He drove up the back lawn in 1st gear and back in reverse. When he got bored, he did a 21 point turn.

When Ian turned 17 in 1975, he foresaw a potential problem. He was about to get his driver's licence and he lived in a house that would have 3 drivers and only 1 licensed car. What chance would he ever have of driving a car? He offered Geoff

all his worldly savings (the grand total of \$75) to help get the A Model back on the road. Geoff counter-offered, suggesting that Ian buy 2 new tyres. Normal tyres at that stage cost \$35 each, so Ian thought he was onto a good deal. Hmm – A Model tyres cost \$60 each! Geoff got a couple of other jobs done in readiness to get the car back on the road. He paid for the king pins in the steering to get replaced and got the brake rods fixed.

Unlicensed A Model



1975 The newly licensed A Model

The day came for Ian to get his driver's licence and the A Model to go down to the licensing centre. The car was still very much a bomb, but luckily, on the day of the relicensing, the normal grumpy inspector at the Albany centre was away on holidays.

There were two enthusiastic, young men down from Perth relieving in his position. They were so enthralled seeing this 50 year old car come in that they only gave it a scant inspection. They didn't even take it for a drive, but granted the licence.



1981

Geoff driving and the family dog riding as the passenger

THE STEER FAMILY- A MODEL STORY

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More years passed and the windup windows had long ago stopped working. This, after-all, had been the reason for this car being purchased way back in 1953. So....time for a major restoration. In August 1987, Mike Rodsted, who owned the Vintage and Thoroughbred Garage in York quoted Geoff between \$9,000 and \$10,000 for a complete body restoration. This involved the chassis being blasted and repainted, body rust repairs and the timber framing replaced. The car was taken to York. Over time, Geoff paid Rod a total sum of \$16,515.



A Model restoration begins in York



1988 restoration continues

One night in mid 1988, Geoff received a phone call from 'someone in the know' telling him that Mike Rodsted had skipped town. Disaster! Geoff immediately got hold of a car trailer, drove to York and Ian joined him. The owner of the Car Museum, which was down the road from the restoration business, had a key to Mike Rodsted's premises. Geoff chatted to this man, who agreed to unlock the restoration workshop and let Geoff and Ian gather all that was theirs. Bits of the A Model were scattered all over the workshop, but they managed to retrieve everything that Geoff owned. In March 1989, David Reid took over the completion of the A Model restoration in Glenn Forrest. Geoff paid David a further \$3,777. The outcome was a fully restored, gleaming, burgundy and cream coloured A Model. Very nice.

1928 Sports Coupe

Owned by Geoff and Lorna Steer of Albany from 1953 up until 2016, but now by Ian and Anne Steer of Willetton.

Engine Number CA 17281
(original from 1953) Registration number A 13713

The Steer family story finishes next month.



1989 The newly restored A Model

DAVE CALLAN'S 'S' CLUB PARTY

Ray Mahony

Occasionally we are asked to assist someone with the making of a film. Assisting with something like this is lots of fun and a worthwhile experience. Do it if you get the chance. I was not paid for this one.

On the evening of 3rd February I received a call from friend and comedian Dave Callan asking if he could use my car as a back drop in a video he was making. The video is a parody on the 1999 S Club Party music video.

I turned up at a lime stone quarry in Flynn Rd. Carramar and met the singers/dancers, Dave, camera crew and driver of the 1959 Cadillac at 7am. Practice, planning, filming (with lots of retakes) took until 2.30 pm. It's amazing how tired you can get sitting under a gazebo in the sun just watching others work.

Dave, who is "**Jon**" in the clip, went to school with my youngest son Kieran.

Have a look at the end product, (2.08 min) which will be part of Dave's show in Adelaide soon. The first few shots and the cars racing around are clips from the original video.

Google "**Dave Callan S Party**" and see what we made.

Ray Mahony



TIP OF THE MONTH

ZENITH CARBURETOR

IDLE PROBLEMS WITH ZENITH CARBURETOR

Members have expressed concerns regarding uneven idle or stopping with the Zenith carburettor in their Model A.

The most common cause is foreign matter in the idle jet. The opening in this jet is only 0.021 inch in diameter and hence it can become partially blocked even with a filter in the fuel line.

Another cause is an incorrect fuel level in the carburettor bowl. When braking hard when the fuel level is below the specified position the fuel will move resulting in insufficient feed to the idle jet. The setting for the float to control the fuel level can be set at nominally 0.625 inch above the machine surface of the inverted upper body.

(Refer to Model A manuals) A more accurate method is to remove the drain plug and position a clear plastic tube with fitting to the outlet and raise the tube above the upper body. With the fuel on the petrol in the tube should be approximately 0 .625 inch below the gasket joining the two parts of the body.

Another, not so obvious, problem is the under cut section in the secondary well in the lower body of the carburettor, (P/No/ A-9545). In early production the secondary well had the undercut section positioned below the hole to the compensating jet thus affecting fuel supply. To check your carburettor it is only necessary to remove the compensating jet and with a soft pencil mark the well via the jet hole and then remove the well to check.

The design of the secondary well was changed in 1930 providing a new location for the undercut section.

John Moorehead Member No. 68
20th.March 2017

FORD TRANSMISSION REMOVAL

To remove the transmission or clutch assembly on some modern Fords without pulling the engine or rear end, try the following method. Raise the weight of the car from the rear wheels and connect a Porta-Power unit, ordinarily used in body work, from the centre cross member to the differential housing. After all bolts have been removed from the universal joint, jack the rear end back far enough to clear the joint spline shaft.

August 1949 issue of the SERVICE STATION AND MOTOR TRADER OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA magazine.

Ray Mahony

RESTORATION REPORT

Ben Fowler

Attached are some photos I've taken over the Christmas break. Horace, Alan and Dean helping me with the engine restoration of my Model A (formally Bill Cowlins.) We're currently pulling apart spare engines for inspection. Not quite there yet. Just a quick update on Emily.

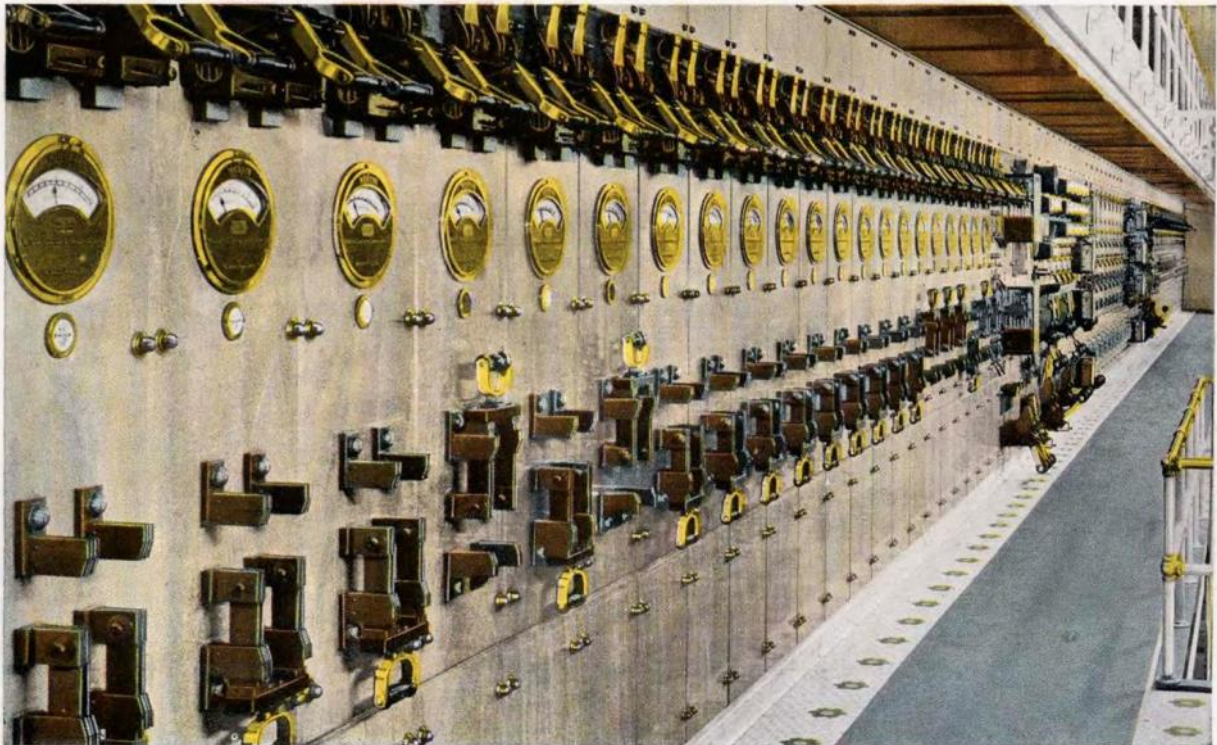
We've sourced an engine that will go in our Model A over the next month or so. Just waiting on a final shipment of parts. This engine came from Dean Roberts' chassis project. It has rebuild history and appears to be in "as new" condition. I will run this motor while I strip down and rebuild one of the other engines. Picture included is the chassis with Emily in the background



FORD PLANT POSTCARDS

Ron Andrews

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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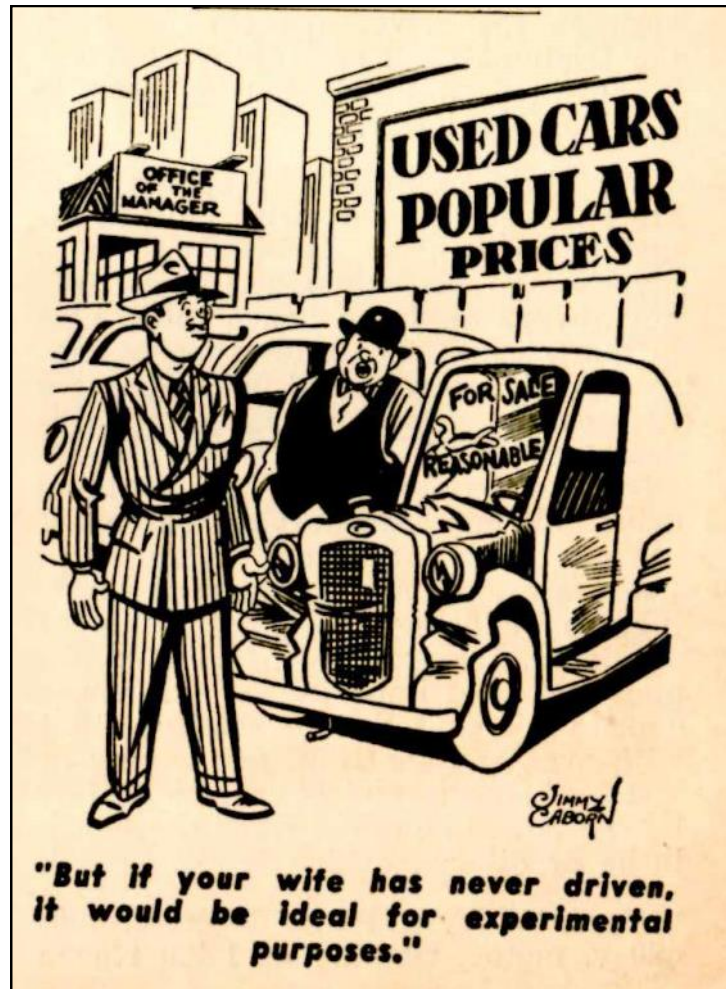


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A FEW LAUGHS

Anonymous



Old Harry was on his deathbed. He raised himself on one elbow and beckoned his wife.

"Doris, he whispered, you were with me through the great Depression".

"Yes, Harry"

"Doris, you were with me through the worst droughts in the fifties and the eighties."

"yes , Harry"

"And you were with me when the farm got burned out last year, you were still hanging in there with me when the bank foreclosed on our mortgage and we lost the farm."

"Yes Harry."

"And now here you are with me today, when I am just about to die."

"Doris nodded.

"You know , Doris" he whispered " I'm beginning to think that you're nothing but bad luck!"

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