

Western Model A News

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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dean Roberts

There was a great turnout for the traditional breakfast meet at Sandy Beach Reserve, Bassendean. A big thank you to the Gilberthorpes for arranging the morning.

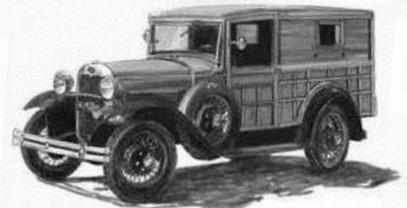


We have a busy month coming up in March; Classic Car Show on the 8th, then a Coffee and Cake on the 10th. Later in the month, on Saturday the 21st, the annual Hubley night will be at Alan and Edith Jeffree's home (this will also be our monthly meeting).

The following weekend is the Brookton Old Time Motor Show on the Saturday 28th. All of that plus whatever we have going on in our lives. As I said, a busy month!

Have a great month, stay safe and hope to see you at one of the March events.

Dean



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"Bayon Cooperative, Vezalise Branch" (villages in NE France)

Front Cover: Sandy Beach Reserve breakfast meeting

SECRETARY COMMENTS

Kathleen Kuenzel

Thank you one and all. Membership renewals are now finalised, and your treasurer and secretary can now relax into the normal business of the club.

Unfortunately, since November last year we have lost thirteen members but have gained three and are still travelling well with one hundred and forty-five members. Of that number forty-four attended Sunday's breakfast meeting at Sandy Beach Reserve in Bassendean and six apologies were noted.

As I look back through my records, I see that the pattern is the same year after year. No other meeting during the year entices such attendance. Is it the early start and meeting completion by 10.30am, leaving members to choose either to leave then or to stop and chat for a while longer? Is it the venue which offers easy access, space and shady trees under which to sit and relax although it's definitely a fine weather location?

Maybe we need a survey. Just saying!



March Birthdays

Elizabeth	Calhoun	Lorraine	Steele
Frank	Farrelly	Lachlan	Steele
Evan	Gobby	Cerena	Stratford
Shirley	Hall	Sue	Swindell
Tom	Hart	Gerard	TenBokkel
Alex	Kirkwood	Pamela	TenBokkel
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EDITOR COMMENTS

Ian Steer

In doubt about club events? Don't forget that they are up-to-date on the club website (more up-to-date than waiting for the next newsletter). You can even check them out when you're out and about using your smartphone. The link ("Events calendar") is right in your face on the home page (<http://modelafordclub.com.au/>). Be prepared - and create a bookmark to the club webpage now!

If members like the Recipe Corner, then send me your favourite "classic" recipes (my stockpile has run dry).

RECIPE CORNER

Sylvia Bristow-Stagg

BUSY DAY CHICKEN

Arrange 2 cups **mixed chopped veg**, eg fresh Broccoli florets & sliced carrots, in a lightly buttered shallow baking dish or casserole.

Place a No. 13 **Chicken**, cut into 8 pieces & skin removed on top. Combine a 440g can of condensed cream of **Mushroom soup**, ½ cup **Mayonnaise** & 1 tsp **Curry powder** & spoon evenly over the chicken. Sprinkle with ½ cup **grated sharp cheese** and a thin layer of **breadcrumbs** & dot with a little **Butter**. Bake uncovered @ 190°C Gas or 220°C Electric, for 1 hour.

Notes: This is a good, easy dish that can always be varied and made to suit your need at the time. Any vegetable can be used, cut to suit its cooking time. Chicken pieces, drumsticks, thighs can be used, it doesn't have to be a whole cut up chicken.



Another photo from the Sandy Beach Reserve breakfast meeting

EVENTS COORDINATOR

Ian Paisley

Thank you to all those who have or will contribute to organising club events for the first half of 2020.

A number of members will be traveling to Cape York and Ballarat during July to September. A program of club events for the remainder of 2020 is needed for those club members not traveling. I anticipate that 3 or 4 club run/meets and the very popular midweek coffee runs will need to be organised.

And yes, you guessed it, I am appealing to members to volunteer to organise a club run or event.

Please let me know if you would like to organise a club run. 94561184 paisidd@bigpond.com

MARCH

Event: Classic Car Show (see flyer on later page)
Date: Sunday 8th March
Location: Ascot Race Course
Details: This year registration for the CCS has been on-line. To date, 13 members displaying 15 model A's have or will register. On receipt of registrations CCS organisers forward to you a Green Pass and details about entry times.
Please call me with any queries.
Organiser: Ian Paisley 9456 1184, paisidd@bigpond.com

Event: Mid-week coffee run
Date: Tuesday 10th March
Time: 9:45am
Location: Gracies Café, 45 Berkshire Rd, Forrestfield (just behind the Hillside Church and almost under the high voltage power lines)
Details: Please let Ron Andrews know (0499 347 312) if you plan on coming so he can ensure there is enough seating for everybody. Plenty of off-road parking beside the cafe. Could be seated inside or outside depending on the forecast.
Organiser: Ron Andrews

Event: Hubley racing and monthly meeting
Date: Saturday 21st March
Time: 4:30pm onwards
Location: 95 Boulton St, Dianella.
Details: Come along for the social BBQ evening and monthly meeting (no need to have a Hubley) Bring a chair, drinks and your meat. The rest will be provided.
Organisers: Alan and Edith Jeffree and family. 9275 4106
Please let Alan or Edith know if you will be attending.

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EVENTS COORDINATOR (CONT)

Ian Paisley

MARCH (cont)

Event: Brookton Old Time Motor Show

Date: Saturday 28th March

Location: Brookton Oval, Brookton Hwy, Brookton

Details: Meet at 7.00am for 7.15 sharp departure. It is an hour & a half drive and we need to be in place no later than 9.00am. We will meet & leave from the Karragullen BP Service Station 1287 Brookton Highway Karragullen. (Just past the old Gull/Puma service station on the left of Brookton Highway)

PLEASE CONFIRM TO ME NO LATER THAN THE 16TH OF MARCH IF YOU ARE COMING, so I can do a group booking and confirm numbers to the organisers.

Organiser: Peter Sartori, 0419 220 198

APRIL

Event: Waroona All Australian Car Day

Date: Sunday 12th April

Time: 10am to 3pm

Where: Waroona Showgrounds

Details: Any and all cars welcome

Event: Club run/meet

Date: Sunday 19th April

Location: Pioneer Village car park, Armadale

Time: 8:00am for 8:30am departure

Details: Will be heading south. Before lunch and the meeting, all Model A's are invited to partake in an (optional) hill climb and downhill run (on private property) to take in some spectacular views of the coastal plain

Organiser: Brett Pollock (0427 637 973), and Paul Kelly

Event: Curtin Radio Classic Car Show

Date: Sunday 19th April

MAY

Event: Club run , meeting and optional vehicle inspection

Date: Sunday May 17th

Location: Veteran Car Club, 265 Hale Rd, Wattle Grove

Details: Proposed format for the day:

8:30am - open for booked inspections (informal inspections available anytime the pit is free)

9am (from) - morning tea and coffee (tea, coffee, sugar, milk provided, bring own cup.)

10am - tour of VCC Restoration areas.

11am - club meeting, followed by sausage sizzle. (Sausage, bun, onions and sauce provided.)

2pm - area cleaned up and vacated.

(Format may change slightly. See the April newsletter.)

Organiser: Horace & Jean Misko, 9256 1895 or 0417 958 311

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EVENTS COORDINATOR (CONT)

Ian Paisley

JUNE

Event: Club run / meet
** Organiser needed **

JULY

Event: Club run / meet
** Organiser needed **

Event: Cape York / National Meet Run
Date: 19th July - leaving Perth
Organiser: Brett Pollock 0427 637 973

AUGUST

Event: Club run / meet
** Organiser needed **

SEPTEMBER

Event: National Meet
Date: September 6th to September 13th
Location: Ballarat, Victoria
Details: <https://www.modelafordclub.org/>
Organiser: Model A Ford Club of Victoria

OCTOBER

Event: Brockwell Run
Date: Sunday 11th October

Event: MARC AGM
Date: Sunday 18th October (confirmed - changed from last newsletter)
Details: VCC Clubrooms, 265 Hale Rd, Wattle Grove

NOVEMBER

Event: Christmas lunch
Date: Monday 30th November

October 2021

National Veteran Vehicle Rally, Busselton
<https://veterancarclubofwesternaustralia.wildapricot.org/2021-National-Veteran-Rally>

CMC DELEGATE REPORT

Toni Mahony

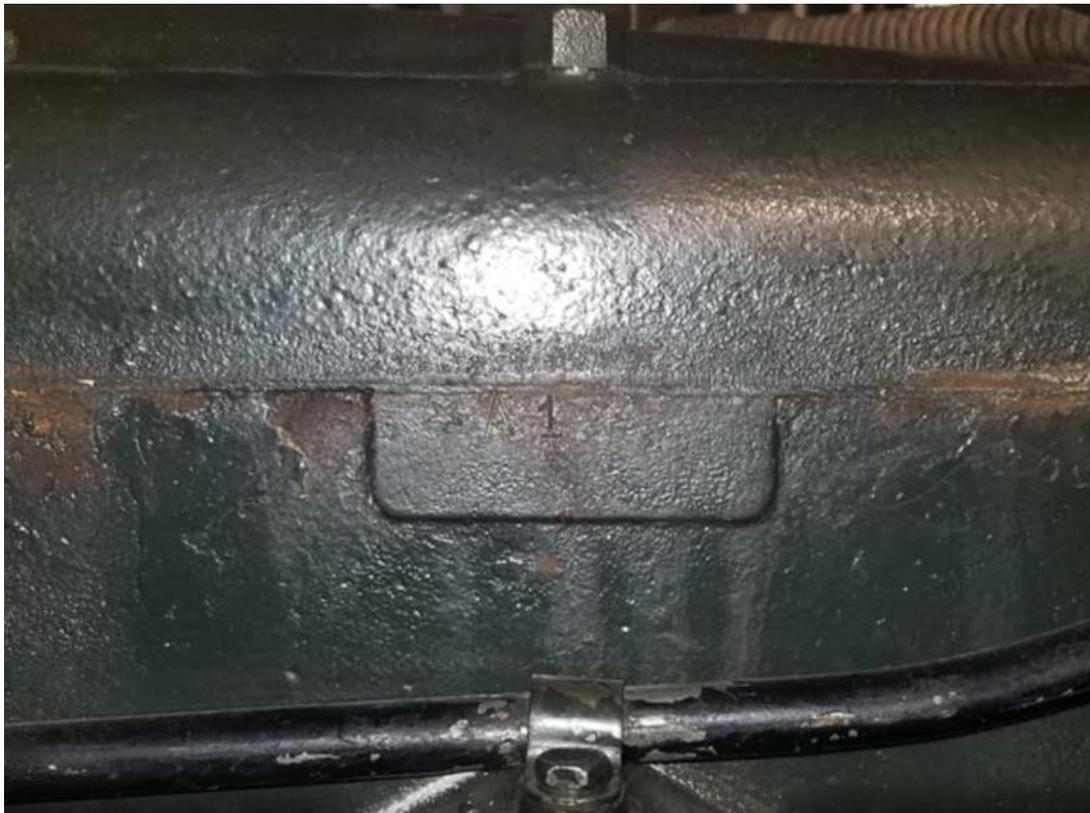
A meeting of the Council of Motoring Clubs was held on the 17th February, which I attended. It was the biggest meeting I had been to, with a lot of interest being shown by hot rod and street machine people, following the announcement of a concessional license classification being created for their types of vehicles.

Dave Reid (VCC) and others attended a meeting with the Dept. of Transport recently, partially to clarify that this new classification wouldn't have any effect of our 404 Concession for unmodified vehicles and to find out what was happening. As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Concession for our cars remains the same, with no alterations.

The modified class concession will take some time to come into being, probably more than a year, as there is a lot more technical issues to deal with and probably more restrictions than unmodified vehicles. The CMC will be assisting DoT and has advised the modified vehicle/street machine people to form a representative umbrella group to be part of the negotiations.

The Motor Museum reported that some of their entry fee has been set aside for Bush Fire Appeal, with a cheque for \$2,860 being sent off recently. Geoff Moor (well known to many) has joined the Board of the Motor Museum.

The Classic Car Show on March 8 was touted, with 78 clubs involved but less cars entered so far. Clubs to encourage their members to register promptly.

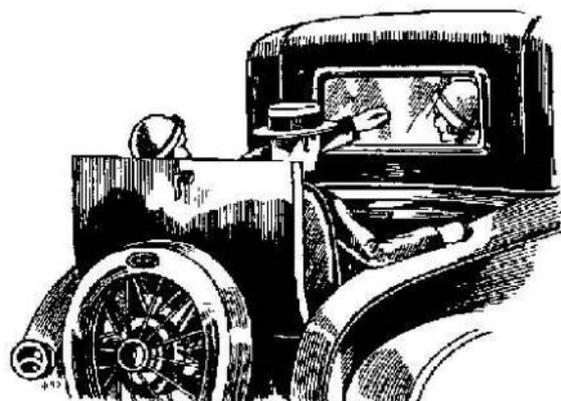
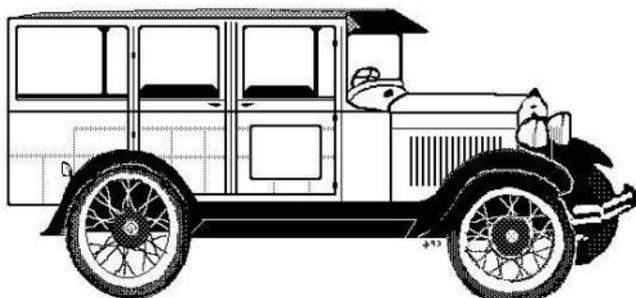


Is this for real do you think?

WHISTLERS MID-WEEK COFFEE RUN

Jean Misko

Chocolate, coffee and good company. What more could anyone want? A large group of Model A's met at Whistler's Chocolate on Thursday 6th February. It was lovely to see a couple of new faces.



MARC WA AT PERKOLILLI 2023 ?

Horace Misko

It's on again!

At the February breakfast meeting there was a rumour of the possibility of a definitive 'maybe' that the Red Dust Revival is on again in 2023!! Yep, you heard it right, straight from the horse's mouth (well, the Mayor's anyway). Time to get working on a racer and compete! There is already in the Club a loose syndicate gathering our resources (junk) to build a Model A racer in time to blitz the field and re-establish the rightful place of Model A's as the top species.



Model A's were well represented last time and stirred up more than their fair share of dust. Brett has decreed that we, as a Club, attend and claim a couple of hectares to set up a temporary Model A village for the racing carnival.

An added bonus might be to challenge the East Widgemooltha Marbles Association to a championship, so start collecting your agates and cat's eyes now before they become harder to get. It has been suggested that we have White Model A Restorers Club T shirts printed with our logo and

the words 'I lost my marbles at Lake Perkolilli 2023' on the back. You could then wash it with 500gms of Perkolilli dust to remind you of the event.

So if you've got some spare parts, get together with others to build a car, or help build a car, or pass those bits to someone who is building a car.

See you in Perko 2023, and keep the dream alive!



THE NEW FORD

HOME (FINAL) EDITION Daily News, Perth 31 Jan 1928

Complete Description Furnished

Full details of the new Ford car have now been made available by the Ford Motor Company of Australia Pty. Ltd. These specifications apply to the American as well as the Canadian car, and also to the model being marketed in Europe.

The English car differs slightly, mainly in the bore and stroke of the engine. The cars which will be available to the Australian public are being specially developed to suit Australian conditions, and to this end an Australian Ford executive is now in Canada conferring with the manufacturing departments of the Canadian company.

One of the outstanding claims made for the new car is that it makes available every light-car comfort, style and performance which have heretofore been considered peculiar to high-priced cars, and at the same time consists of the advantages of light-car design; easy to control, economical to run, easy parking, etc. It has also unusual speed, and in getaway and acceleration it is claimed to be unequalled by any car except the Ford Lincoln.

DISTINCTIVE LINES.

The lines of the new Ford are distinctive. The wheelbase is 103½ in. and the lower suspension and deeply crowned, gracefully contoured one-piece fenders are pleasing to the eye and suggest speed and stability. Bodies are steel construction, and a new type of one-piece, steel spoke wheel employing a drop-centre tyre and eliminating the old-fashioned rim and clamps is employed. A selective sliding gear transmission is used with a multiple dry-disc clutch, and the rear axle is of the three-quarter floating type with spiral bevel gears permanently adjusted and noiseless. Full torque tube drive which relieves springs of all driving strain is featured, and four-wheel, mechanically actuated, internal-expanding brakes have been incorporated in the new product. Throughout the design of the car, ease and quietness of operation, great strength and accessibility of all parts have been kept in mind.

According to the Ford officials the purpose back of the new car is to provide a small car which will incorporate all light-car advantages with the features of comfort, speed and safety heretofore peculiar to heavy and expensive machines.

This, they confidently assert, has been accomplished in the new model 'A' Ford. The four-cylinder power plant of the new Ford has an R.A.C. rating of 24.03 h.p., and develops 40 h.p. at 2,200 revolutions. This is practically double the power of its predecessor, but this great increase in power is effected without sacrifice of economy, and it is claimed that the new car will afford 30 or more miles to the gallon of petrol. This remarkable increase in power is effected through the use of a larger cylinder bore, by static and dynamic balancing of the flywheel and crankshaft, and by the use of light reciprocating parts. The new motor is practically vibrationless owing to the careful balancing of these parts.

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THE NEW FORD (CONT)

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MANY UNUSUAL FEATURES.

The model 'A' motor incorporates a number of unusual features of designs which have been born of years of experiment. Most of these features make for long life, simplified service and more economical maintenance. Lubrication is a combination of pump and splash systems, and cooling combines thermo-syphon and pump circulation of water. The water pump is so designed that it comes into use only when the motor is turning at a fan rate of speed, and over-cooling at low speeds or in cold weather is thus avoided. The motor itself is essentially a low-speed motor, developing its maximum power at 2,200 r.p.m.

This is consistent with established Ford practice, which always has aimed at securing a minimum amount of piston travel per mile of road travel, with a resultant, minimum of strain and wear on moving parts. The motor is set in the frame at an angle of 30 deg., and practically a straight line drive to the rear axle is thus secured. The nine-plate multiple-disc clutch comprises four driving and five driven discs which operate without lubrication. A feature of the clutch is that on disengagement it immediately and completely neutralises the driven plates, with the result that the gear shift lever may be snapped across immediately the clutch pedal is depressed without fear of clashing gears. Clutches of this type have hitherto been peculiar to high-priced cars.

The transmission departs from conventional light-car practice in the use of ball and roller bearings instead of bushings. These bearings, it is stated, make for more satisfactory operation, smoother performance and longer life. The steering gear also is unique in the light-car field, being of the irreversible worm and sector type with the worm carried in ball bearings. Front end weight of the car is also carried on roller bearings, which are placed at the top of the spindle bolts, and the result of these refinements is unusual ease in steering.

TRANSVERSE SEMI-ELLIPTIC SPRINGING.

Transverse semi-elliptic spring is used, and for it Ford engineers claim the following advantages: — That the springs contact with the frame at only one point, and that in the centre line of the chassis, with the result that the chassis is subjected to no twisting strains; that it permits the full torque tube drive; that it reduces unsprung weight to a minimum and improves riding qualities; that the springs have only their natural function of absorbing road shocks to perform; that the danger of uneven application of front-wheel brakes is avoided because the front axle is held rigidly at right angles to the chassis centre line and there is no possibility of uneven tension upon brake rods. The brakes are of special Ford design and operate on the inner surface of substantial steel drums. All brake parts are cadmium plated as a precaution against rust, and each brake is instantaneously adjustable through manipulation of a small adjusting stud on the exterior of each brake drum. Sixty per cent of the braking effort is applied to the rear wheels and 40 per cent to the front wheels.

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THE NEW FORD (CONT)

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The new car is completely equipped with five steel spoke wheels, improved method of chassis and motor lubrication, four hydraulic shock absorbers, speedometer, windshield wiper, rear-view mirror, remote door latch controls. There are six body styles — Tudor, Fordor, coupe, sports coupe, phaeton and sports roadster. Each style will be offered in an extensive range of optional colour combinations. It is believed that all of these models will be available on the Australian market with the exception of the Fordor Sedan.

UNUSUAL PERFORMANCE.

Unusual performance unprecedented in the light-car field is claimed for the new Ford model 'A.' It will attain a speed in excess of 60 miles per hour, and may be held at this speed for long periods without discomfort to passenger on injury to the mechanism. It accelerates at a terrific pace, and seems literally to leap away when the clutch is engaged.

It has been driven at more than 40 miles per hour in intermediate gear. It manoeuvres with great ease, negotiates the roughest roads at speed without undue body motion, holds on a sharp unbanked curve at 45 miles per hour, and has a turning radius of only 17ft., it is claimed.

Other models to be available include the model AA truck of 1½-ton capacity and light delivery models.

Editor's note: "40 miles per hour in intermediate gear" - good grief ! "In excess of 60 miles per hour" - equally "good grief" - *and* down a big hill !



Restored in 1994 by the California State Railroad Museum. Number 1003, 1931 AA truck
Note, there is no steering wheel so it never left the tracks.

TIP OF THE MONTH



Jim's Tech Tip by Jim Cannon

Check Your Oil Filler Pipe and Cap

Many Model A owners experience excessive oil leaks when driving their car, often out the rear main seal. One simple thing that can cause this is a restriction in the oil filler pipe. Take the cap off and look down the pipe with a good light. You should only see a series of little metal baffles, half-moon in shape, inside the filler pipe. If you find where someone has covered the pipe with a sock, or stuffed a piece of cloth down in the filler pipe to stop oil from coming out the filler when driving, this will put pressure inside the crankcase and force oil out the rear main seal while you drive. Easy to fix: get that stuff out of there!



While you have it off, also inspect the inside of the oil filler cap. It, too, needs to be clear inside. No pieces of steel wool, pot scrubber, or old sock in the cap! Look for evidence of someone accidentally pushing the oil filler cap on too far. When you do, you bend the little tabs inside the cap and mash it all the way down on the pipe. This blocks the engine's ability to vent the crankcase, builds up pressure, and causes a bad leak out the rear main seal.

I hope this little tip helps you stop that oil leak while driving. Have a Model A Day!
Jim

COMINGS & GOINGS

Model As Changing Hands & Restoration Completions

New member Doug Maslin has purchased Sue Swindell's 1929 Phaeton.

FOR SALE

Two Model A motors for sale. One was running when removed. \$500 for both is a bargain.
5 tyres in good condition, including a black vinyl cover with red piping - \$120 the lot.
Guy Harrison, email: guy.harrison@iinet.net.au phone: 0404 344 534



WANTED

Tudor doors (2-of), roof and back to fit on a ute. Any condition or part thereof.

Brett Pollock, 0427 637 973

Left front guard for 30-31 Model A. No spare wheel well.

Hans Hurij, 0472 700 635



A promotional poster for the 2020 Classic Car Show. The background features a collage of classic cars, including a prominent dark-colored car in the center. At the top left, there is a green shield logo with a white 'S' and the word 'SHANNONS' above it, flanked by two checkered racing flags. The main title '2020 CLASSIC CAR SHOW' is written in large, bold, white, sans-serif capital letters. Below the title, the text 'ASCOT RACECOURSE SUNDAY 8 MARCH' is displayed in a similar font. Underneath that, it says 'ADULTS \$10, AGES 16 & UNDER FREE! FREE PARKING'. At the bottom, a line of text reads 'PROUDLY POLISHED, FUELED AND ROLLED OUT BY:'. Below this line are several logos: Shannons Insurance (with the tagline 'SHARE THE PASSION'), Council of Motoring Clubs, Events at Ascot (with a checkered flag icon), Richards, and Tyrepower.

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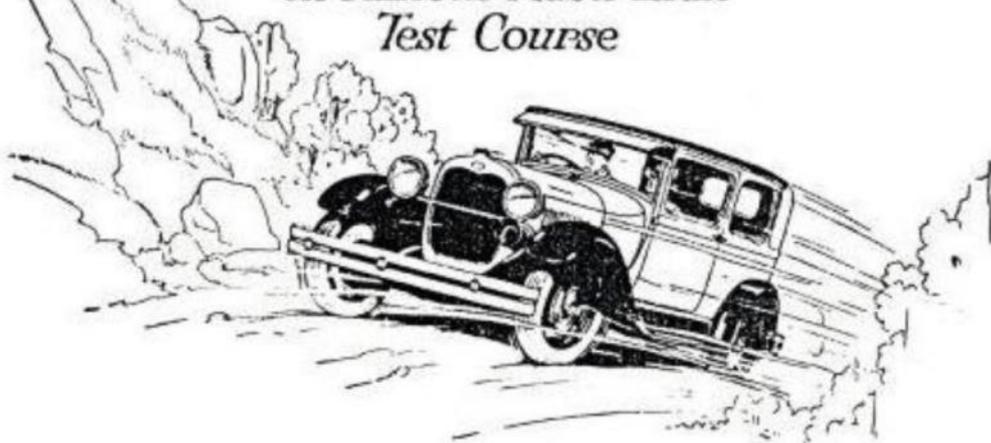
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EVENTS AT ASCOT

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The NEW CAR

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on Famous Australian
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EARLY in August, 1928, Mr. J. O. Sherwood, of the Sydney "Daily Guardian" staff, tested a New Ford Tudor Sedan over the well-known "Guardian" course of 106 miles. The car was a stock model, without any special fittings or adjustments. The "Guardian" Test Course is one of the most strenuous in Australia—including the formidable Bulli Pass climb.

Mr. Sherwood's report, published in the "Guardian" of August 3, provides convincing evidence of the thrilling performance of this New Car. Salient points of the report are summarised here in Mr. Sherwood's own words.

Speed.—". . . the speedo. was kept round the 50-60 m.p.h. mark consistently and without effort. The engine sounded capable of maintaining these speeds indefinitely. There was no vibration and the car was quite easy to handle, holding the road well. The half-mile acceleration test was cut out in 35 2-5 secs., an average of 50.8 m.p.h. from a standing start. This is not only the fastest yet recorded by a closed car, but is also the second fastest of all makes and body styles. . . . Continuing on, only 58 2-5 secs. was taken to cover the flying mile, an average of 61.6 m.p.h."

Power on Hills.—"Few cars have beaten 4 min. 20 secs. for the gruelling 2½ miles Bulli Climb, yet the Ford clocked it in 4 min. 6 secs.—the fastest time registered by a closed car. . . . Thirty-five m.p.h. was the speed in second gear up the first steep pinch and 45 along the almost level stretch. . . . During the whole 106 miles

run, it was not found necessary to change down to second gear on any hill other than Bulli."

Riding Comfort.—"Unquestionably, one of the outstanding features of the New Ford is its riding capabilities. The roughest of roads were taken at never less than 25 m.p.h. and without any discomfort. Shock absorbers are a standard fitting, and these, no doubt, are responsible for giving the Ford riding comfort equal to, or better than, that of infinitely higher priced cars and cars of considerably greater weight."

Safety.—" . . . Applied at 20 m.p.h. on the steepest portion of Bald Hill, the foot-brake pulled the car up within three lengths—a most satisfactory performance. . . . The hair-pin bend (Bulli Pass) was taken at 28 m.p.h. without any tendency on the part of the body to sway."

Economy.—" . . . Three hours had been taken to negotiate the 106 miles—an average speed of 35.3 m.p.h. The petrol tank took just under 4½ gallons to fill; this gave a consumption of 25 m.p.g. Coupled with the speed average this is a most satisfactory result."

General Impressions.—"To sum up, the New Ford is . . . exceptionally quick in accelerating through gears, is unusually comfortable, has extraordinary hill-climbing abilities, is capable of maintaining a high average speed, has good brakes and is economical."

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