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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dean Roberts

About two weeks ago, Ian asked me to put my "Dean's Note" together. It's taken me some time to get my head into the right space to be able to say something appropriate.



Our family business Visionsafe, has been flat out. We have been asked by government medical departments Australia-wide to supply safety eyewear - nearly a year's sales in 2 weeks. From our hat manufacturing side, whether we can make scrubs for the medical staff.

Times are certainly interesting and stressful for me at work.

Having said that, it is nothing like the stress the nurses, doctors and support staff must be going through. Jenni and myself (and I am sure you are too), are thinking of them, and are very grateful for everything they are doing.

This is a time when I feel we should come together and show support where ever we can. An extra smile and thank you to the checkout person, the delivery driver, the wife, the husband, the person on the other end of the phone, even if they seem a little off.

I would like to ask everyone, as a club, to keep in contact with our fellow members, whether it be by phone, text or email. We may not be able to have club runs, but at least we can still talk.

If anyone needs a little chat, give me a call on 0408 913 355.

Please take care.

Dean



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Front Cover: Scenes from the MARC WA Wooleen Run, 2018

SECRETARY COMMENTS

Kathleen Kuenzel

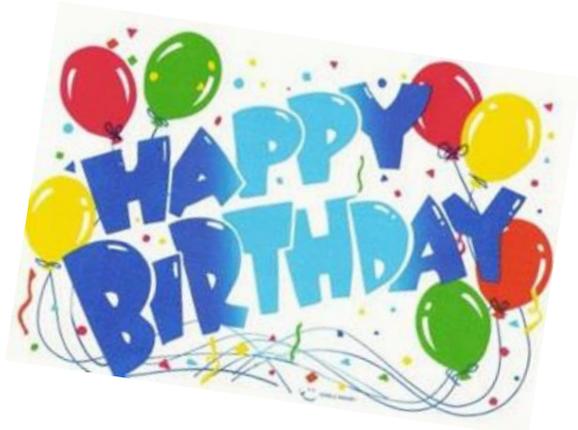
Okay, so there's not much happening. Just when we'd found a great place for the next coffee meeting and had spent considerable time organising safe parking on a green space behind the café for the A's, the wheels fell off the wagon.

Our son and his family park in the drive-way once a week. We're not allowed close to the car as we talk and I don't get the hugs I live for. Don't think they're being 'over the top'. Both parents are health care workers and are thinking of us. So be it. The family in the UK can still be contacted on Skype when the NBN is active.

Please remember, while you're doing your thing at home, if you make any alterations to your personal details – those that were given on membership forms – or details of your cars please tell me about them so that I can keep our club records up to date and we'll be on the starting blocks when this cloud passes over.

Do as you've been advised and stay healthy.

Kathleen Kuenzel



April Birthdays

Marg	Addison	Ray	Mahony
Ronald	Andrews	Toni	Mahony
David	Bussard	Jean	Misko
Ellie	Davidson	Gary	Moore
Freind	Darryl	Terry	Redman
Gary	Knight		

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EDITOR COMMENTS

Ian Steer

Well, it seems like 2020's content has been cancelled - plenty of time to catch-up on things that have been in the "I'll get around to that one day" basket, maybe including....

Member's Car Photos on the Website

I would like to have a photo of each member's car on our website (<http://modelafordclub.com.au/members-cars/>).

If your car is not there, or you now have a better photo, either:

1. Email it to me at maofwainc@gmail.com, or
2. Take it with your phone and send it (as a full size photo) to my mobile: 0403 811 911

Photos should preferably:

- Be at least a few hundred kbytes in size
- Include the member in the photo with the car



This photo triggered the thought to challenge all members to find a photo of your car in the snow.

- and then I remembered I could meet that challenge! (although the snow isn't quite as deep as above)
This photo shows my car at Mt Ruapehu chateau in NZ in 1957 (yep - before I was born).



EVENTS COORDINATOR

Ian Paisley

All MARC WA events are cancelled until further notice.

SEPTEMBER

Event: National Meet
Date: **** Postponed until March 21-28 2021 ****
Location: Ballarat, Victoria
Details: <https://www.modelafordclub.org/>
Organiser: Model A Ford Club of Victoria

October 2021

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



The queue to give repair advice to Brett , Wooleen Run 2018

NEW MEMBER

We welcome a new member - Doug Maslin who has a 1929 Phaeton

Doug lives in Rockingham

Mob: 0455 970 004

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CMC DELEGATE REPORT

Toni Mahony

All reports for the Shannon's Classic Car Show (8th March) have been very positive this year. I have it on good authority that gate takings were up about 16% this year, as well as having more clubs exhibiting and more cars overall – didn't quite make the 1000, but very close. So the CMC's thanks to all who participated and made it a success – it was a very pleasant day.

I have received word that the Commonwealth Standing Committee on Tax and Revenue held a meeting on 5th March, where it was agreed to proceed with an inquiry into the Luxury Tax on vehicles over 30 years old. This came from Doug Young, Australian Historic Vehicle Interest Group, who have been lobbying Parliament for some time on this issue. So maybe there is hope for those who have a wish to import more exotic and expensive vehicles to this country. I would think it will still undoubtedly take some time to happen yet, especially in the current climate.

Motor Museum – this is currently closed for the duration, like everything else. However, last week, Daniel Ricciardo's Formula 1 returned from its visit to Melbourne, where it was meant to be on show for the 25th anniversary of the Australian Grand Prix, which was aborted. It comes back with a medallion and a booklet commemorating the event, which never was. It did look a little bare at the entrance of the Brockwell Shed while it was away on holidays.

Also this past week, a very rare machine has joined the motoring stable – in the shape of a Giacattolo (jew-cat-oh-low, it apparently means 'toy'), a mid engine, Alfa Romeo Sprint-bodied, Australian built vehicle, also called a Group B, one of only four factory standard models left. For anyone who wants to know more about this vehicle, email me and I'll forward on more of the write-up I received.

I haven't officially heard, but I would presume the next CMC meeting in April will be deferred. However, if anything is happening, I shall bring it to you.

Toni Mahony
CMC Delegate / Motor Museum librarian.

MEMBER'S CAR STORIES

Did you know that Alan Jeffree has been busy over the years producing a history of the all the WA Model A's that he can, and they feature on the club website?

<http://modelafordclub.com.au/members-cars/>

One new story will feature here each month in the order they appear on the website (which is alphabetical by owner first name - so Alan Jeffree's Fordor is first ~~car~~ Model A off the rank!)

<http://modelafordclub.com.au/wp-content/uploads/memberscars/Alan-Jeffree.pdf>

MOTOR MUSEUM OF WA CLOSURE

March 23

Good morning, hope you are well. This is just to advise that we have taken the decision to close The Motor Museum of Western Australia as of today to protect our fantastic volunteers, wonderful visitors and hopefully reduce the ability of this insidious virus to spread in our community. I will continue to be on-site and am contactable via email or mobile.

All the very best, stay safe.

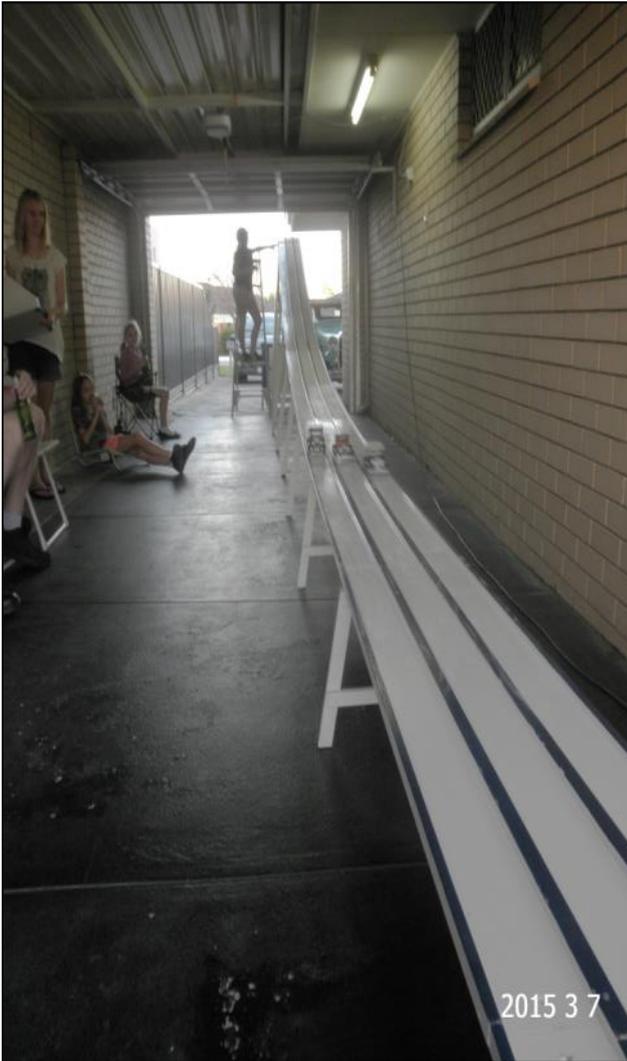
Patric O'Callaghan
Manager
Motor Museum of Western Australia



CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS

Please note Tania Piercy has changed her email address to: taniapea.tp@gmail.com

VIRTUAL HUBLEY NIGHT



The track

For those who haven't made it to a Hubley night yet:

The Hubley Manufacturing Co made a range of detailed, metal model car kits from the early days until around 1970 when they closed. They produced a limited range of makes and models of vehicles, but they did produce many body styles of the Model A in a 1:20 scale. The kits need assembling and painting. An occasional kit or completed car comes up for sale.

At the MARC WA Hubley Night, Darren & Alan Jeffree set-up a track (that Darren made many years ago) in Alan & Edith's carport. Three cars are sent down the 15 metre track together in a race and are timed electronically to the nearest 1000th of a second.

Heats are controlled by the computer, and run until the final fastest three Hubleys race off.



The timing computer

VIRTUAL HUBLEY NIGHT (CONT)



A selection of MARC WA member's Hubleys



Hubley Night festivities under-way

JEFFREE UTE RESTORATION

Alan Jeffree

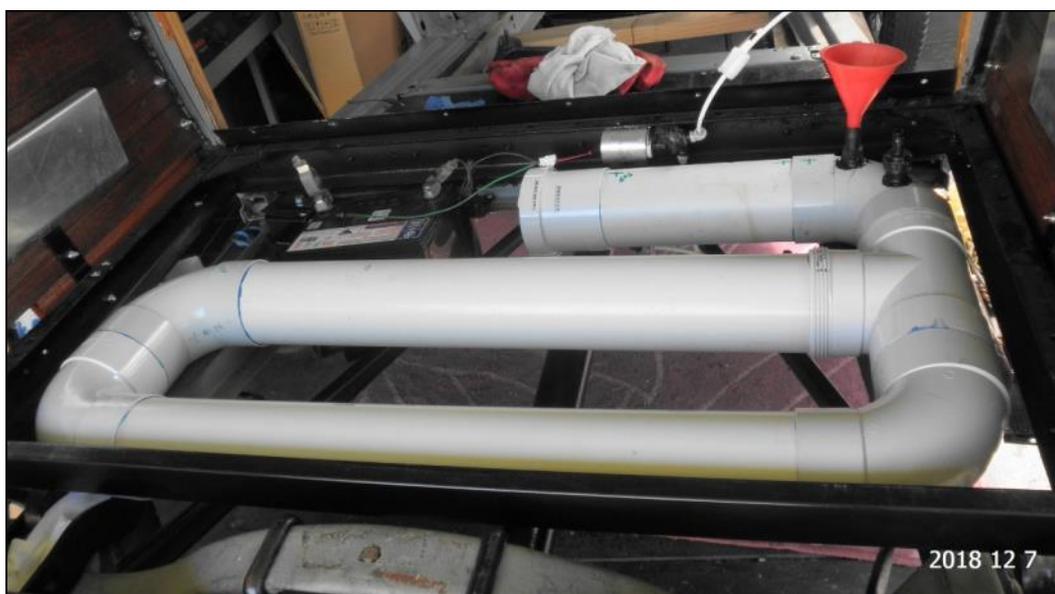
In 2015, I was a member of a group of WA Model A Club members who drove the Great Central Rd to Alice Springs, then down to Streaky Bay before driving the Nullarbor home. I was co-driver with member Bob Piercy in his 1929 Phaeton, and each day we camped-out with a nightly camp fire. I enjoyed it so much that I said to my wife Edith on return, that I would create a Model A camping ute. I was sure that other Club Members would join us on future camping trips.

At this stage, we leave on its first trip (the Great Central Road again) on the 19th July, although the Corona virus might be a problem, because permits are required where we are going.



The sides are made from jarrah floor boards (thanks to Ian Paisley), and the floor and large drawers are from half inch marine ply. The two drawers are 900 long, 450 wide and 300 deep. 42 sealed skate-board roller bearings ensure a drawer will slide out past the end of the tray. This is necessary because half the floor space has a deck to store the bedding.

Under the rear floor I have built in a 21 litre water tank. It is made with 140mm plastic piping and the filler is just behind the driver door, passing through the jarrah upright side. I have fitted a small 12V electric water pump to dispense water to the rear of the tray, ready to fill the kettle. You can also see a second 12V battery which is also under the rear flooring. I have fitted an electronic system which controls the charging and ensures the starter battery is always topped up.



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JEFFREE UTE RESTORATION (CONT)

Alan Jeffree

The rear canopy is light-weight, mostly aluminium. The tail gate which is fitted and shown here hanging down will be our table once chains are attached. The aluminium top tailgate has gas struts. There is a rubber seal all the way around both the lower and upper tailgates. We have fitted a special plastic vent on the roof, towards the front, to pressurize the rear space to help keep the dust out. I decided not to fit three windows to see out the rear, and as it happened our son Darren has given us a rear view camera which will be handy when reversing. You can't see it here, but I have mounted two spare tyres and wheels behind the diff and between the rear bumpers. They both use modern ute chain-winding mechanisms.



Some of the "raw materials"

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JEFFREE UTE RESTORATION (CONT)

Alan Jeffree



Reskinning the two doors



Tumbling the tank with blue metal inside



In this restoration I have done everything myself except engine machining, upholstery and electrical wiring (done by son Darren).

TIP OF THE MONTH

Jim Cannon, 2017 MAFCA Technical Director

I have always found the instrument panel light on my Model A to be too bright (and too hot! Ouch!). I would turn mine on for a few seconds, and then turn it right back off.

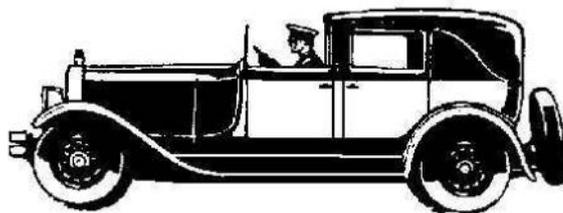
Here is a simple fix: put a 12-volt, 3 candle-power tail-light bulb in your 6-volt Model A instrument panel. That would be a #67 bulb, available at any auto parts store. Instead of being so bright, it will glow a nice, soft orange colour because it's operating at half of the voltage it was designed for. Once your eyes get used to the dark, it gives all the light you need to see the instruments. You will gladly leave it on for the entire night drive.

P.S. The bulb number to do this on a car that has been converted to 12 volts is a #623 bulb. Harder to find, usually special order.

WANTED

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

Hans Hurij, 0472 700 635



COMINGS & GOINGS

Model As Changing Hands & Restoration Completions

Alan Jeffree completed the restoration of his masterpiece 1929 Closed Cab Ute (see story this newsletter).



FOR SALE

1929 Phaeton - \$9500 ono

- Reasonably complete
- Original mechanicals
- Only rust is in one back door (rest is rust free)
- All panels very repairable

Contact: Andrew Gower, email: gowerind@hotmail.com, phone: 0408 448 180,



5 tyres in good condition, including a black vinyl cover with red piping - \$20 each.

Contact: Guy Harrison, email: guy.harrison@inet.net.au phone: 0404 344 534



FORD IMPROVEMENT

Perth Daily News, Tuesday 13 May 1930 (Home Final Edition)

FORD IMPROVEMENT

State Showing Thursday

"Notable changes have been made in body designs of the Model A Ford, to be shown throughout the State on Thursday next," stated Mr. C. A. Kendal, West Australian branch manager of the Ford Company, today.

"The sport coupe will be entirely new in design. It will have a lower roof line, but this will not bring any loss of head room inside, and driving will be made more comfortable by an adjustable seat, which may be moved forward or backward to suit the driver's convenience. A panel effect carried out by the moulding on the rear deck will add much to the smart appearance of the car. It will have a rumble seat as standard equipment.

The two open cars, the phaeton and roadster, are entirely new in design, with long, lower lines and more beautiful appearance, Mr. Kendal continued. He emphasised the fact that no new model has been brought put. Mechanically the car is essentially the same. While new features such as wheels and a new composition steering wheel, black and polished to a high lustre, with finger knobs underneath the rim, have been added, all the standard features which have made the Model A a car of such remarkable dependability have been retained.

These include sturdy steel construction, four Houdaille hydraulic double acting shock absorbers, quick acceleration, ease of control, 55 to 65 miles an hour and smoothness, balance and security at all speeds."

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