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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dean Roberts

A month ago, we realised it was our 40th year as a club. After 40 years, the club is going strong. The club has gone from 12 members in 1980 to over 150 members in 2020.



As I am sure you are aware, it was decided the club should celebrate such a milestone and what better time and place to celebrate, than our first club run and meeting since we had to suspend our club activities due to Covid 19. This was held last Sunday and was a great success (see run report later in the newsletter).

It is now time to start planning for the rest of the year. We need some volunteers for a few runs between now and our Christmas lunch. Please put your hand up, contact Ian Paisley and let him know you are willing to help. Planning is in place for our coffee and cake mornings, with the next one to be announced via email and Facebook in the next couple of weeks.

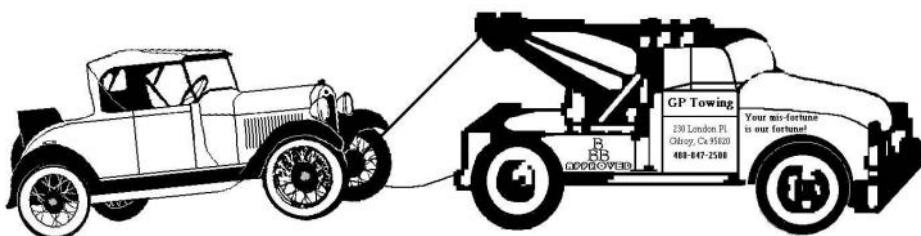
It looks like we are slowly getting things up and running, and can start getting back out there.

I hope to see you in Waroona on the July run organised by Brett Pollock and Paul Kelly.

Stay well, stay safe.

See you soon

Dean



Front Cover: Scenes from MARC 40's 40th celebration at the Whiteman Park Motor Museum



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SECRETARY COMMENTS

Kathleen Kuenzel

Not withstanding Covid-19 regulations, we have managed to hold two functions during June. The first was the lunch get-together at Kwinana Beach which was attended by just over a dozen members. The weather forecast had been questionable but when we found shelter from the wind and soaked up the warmth of sunshine, a chat with club members was most enjoyable. The second was, of course, our club's 40th birthday and more of that will follow elsewhere.

Newsletters have once again started pouring in from around Australia, New Zealand and the USA.

Although the state is opening up, I am still receiving notification of the cancellation of some events due to the lack of time left for organization. On the other hand, the York Motor Show will be on again in September.

We have welcomed three new members since May, two of whom are Kim and Janette Seinor from Esperance. We welcome them most heartily. Application forms for two more members are being dealt with. At present our membership stands at 150.

If you're out and around do keep your distance and stay healthy,

Kathleen



July Birthdays

Reg	Blewett	Horace	Misko
Craig	Davidson	Kelvin	Pepper
Hans	Hurij	Lorraine	Sartori
Glenda	Hurij	Jocelyn	Treasure
Kathleen	Kuenzel	Sue	Watson
Peter	Lynch		

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EDITOR COMMENTS

Ian Steer

Old MARC newsletters now becoming available on the internet

It is a WA Government requirement that our newsletters are lodged with the WA State Library, and each issue has been dutifully posted to them. They are available to be perused if you travel in to the State Library. In the last month, I have started lodging old newsletters electronically (one per day). At the time of printing, I have lodged the more recent newsletters back to late 2018, and the first dozen newsletters from 1980 and 1981. I have been told to stop lodging the older ones because they have been scanned from paper copies and are not text-searchable. Instead, I am now emailing the older copies to the State Library, and (one day) they should be available through the State Library website.

So, apart from being able to find newsletters from the last 3 years on our club website, you will be able to find them by searching on Trove (the National Library website: <https://trove.nla.gov.au/>). Sadly, following a recent change to the Trove website, finding them has suddenly got a lot harder:

- In the “Search Trove” box, enter “western model a news” (the quotation marks are a must)
- Click the magnifying glass
- Scroll down and click the entry that has a picture of John Watson on the cover
- Click the Read box
- Click the line that says “National edeposit”
- Click the green box in the top right that says “Browse this collection”
- Unfortunately, it seems to be sorted by the order I deposit them (ie newest first - apart from the dozen copies from 1980/81), with no way to change that.

Potentially interesting items out there on the web

Latest Motor Museum of WA Newsletter: <http://www.motormuseumwa.com.au/musings/>

YouTube series on restoring a 1931 Victoria: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j-6uCJxqbV4>

Video on fitting new babbitt (white metal) bearings to a Model A engine block:
<https://www.hagerty.com/media/videos/model-a-ford-block-blessed-new-bearings/>

Brief, historical newsreel footage about the release of the Ford V8
<https://www.macsmotorcitygarage.com/video-henry-ford-introduces-the-1932-v8/>

EVENTS COORDINATOR

Ian Paisley

July

Event: Club run/meet
Date: Sunday 26th July
Location: Pioneer Village car park, Armadale
Time: 9am for 9:30am departure
Details: Will be heading south for approximately 100km. 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 near Waroona.
Organiser: Brett Pollock (0427 637 973), and Paul Kelly

August

Event: Club run/meet
Organiser: NEEDED

Event: Mt Augustus run
Date: Monday 17th August
Time: 8:30am
Where: Gingers Roadhouse, Gt Northern Hwy, Upper Swan
Details: Approx 14 day run; Mingenew, Murchison, Gascoyne Jn, Mt Augustus, Meekatharra, Mt Magnet, Sandstone, Leinster, Leonora, Lake Ballard, Kalgoorlie, Merredin. Please let Alan or Wayne know if you are interested in taking part.
Organisers: Wayne Millman & Alan Jeffree

September

Event: Club run/meet
Organiser: NEEDED

Event: York Motor Show
Date: Sunday 13th September
Location: York
Organisers: York Branch - Veteran Car Club of WA
Details: Enquiries to Gayle Byfield ph: 0414 885 338 or byfield@wu.com.au

October

Event: Annual General Meeting
Date: Sunday 11th October
Location: VCC club rooms, 265 Hale Rd, Forrestfield
Details: To be advised in later newsletters.

Event: Hubley racing
Date: To be advised
Location: Jeffree's house
Details: To be advised in later newsletters.
Organiser: Alan Jeffree

EVENTS COORDINATOR (CONT)

Ian Paisley

March 2021

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

Event: NZ National Model A Ford Rally
Date: March 28 - April 4 2021
Location: Gisborne, NZ
Details: gisbornemodelafordrally@gmail.com

October 2021

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

CLUB LIFE MEMBERS

With interest in club life memberships being rekindled, members might be interested to know of the life memberships previously granted within MARC WA.

Annear, Max (deceased)
Annear, Dora
Guest, Barry (deceased)
Guest, Gwen
Mahony, Ray
Mahony, Toni
Spencer, Bill (deceased)
Spencer, Mavis (deceased)

MEMBER'S CAR STORIES

Read the story behind Colin Davidson's 1931 Slant Window Town Sedan:
<http://modelafordclub.com.au/wp-content/uploads/memberscars/Colin-Davidson.pdf>

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Dean Roberts

MARC WA's 40 anniversary run/meeting was held at the Whiteman Park Motor Museum in the RAC Room, (thanks to Toni Mahony for organizing the room for us) last Sunday, the 28th June.

Despite the rain, or should I say, in spite of the rain, we had a great turnout. Ten intrepid owners braved the weather to try to get to Whiteman Park in their Model A's, but alas only 9 made it. Andrae Moore had the best of intentions, but her car (Michelle) had other ideas. Michelle was being a prima donna, and did not want to go out in the rain. Andrae put Michelle to bed and came in her modern - a bit late for the meeting, but just in time for the food.

The day was a great success with 67 members and guests attending.

It was good to see 5 of 12 foundation members - Alex Kirkwood, Reg Blewett, Ian Paisley, Ray Mahony and Kelvin Pepper there.



Alex Kirkwood gave us a brief insight as to how the club came into being.

I promised a quick meeting, and a quick meeting it was - 35 minutes and it was done and dusted. Now we could get on with the celebration and time to eat.



A big thank you to Anne Steer, Kathleen Kuenzel, Toni Mahony and Edith Jeffree for supplying the salads, Horace Misco for the excellent cooked onions and to Fred Kuenzel, Alan Jeffree and Nathan Roberts for cooking the sausages.

With everyone having had a good filling of sausages and salad, it was time for Alex to cut the cake.

Cake eaten, for those who wanted to, it was now time to visit the museum. I hadn't seen the museum before and must say, it well worth spending a hour or two looking around. It was a good ending to a great day.

MARC WA'S 40TH YEAR

Marilynn Horgan

The Model A Restorers Club of WA Inc was founded in 1980 with a small but enthusiastic group of twelve foundation members who owned 17 Model A Fords (7 being fully restored). In 1987 there were fifty-two family members who owned 78 Model A Fords, of which 27 were road-worthy. The focus of the Club was the restoration and building of vehicles – often from parts sourced from rubbish tips and old farm sheds! Club activities reflected the young family membership with the regular Boyanup camp-outs fondly remembered.

In 1992 there were 86 members of the Club who owned 119 vehicles, 57 vehicles were restored and 62 were unrestored.

In the forty years since, the Club has grown into a large active group of Model A enthusiasts with 150 members and over 90 restored Model A's licensed for road use and another 20-plus vehicles under restoration.

Foundation Members

Reg Blewett *	
Bill Spencer	this car is still in the Club and owned by Wesley Hartley, the 1931 5-window coupe is now owned by Evan Gobby
Bill Bennie	this car is still in the Club and owned by Alan Porter
Eric Richards	
Mike Cook	this car is still in the Club and owned by Barry Fowler
Ian Paisley *	
Alex Kirkwood *	
Kelvin Pepper *	
Ray Mahoney *	

*Still financial members

A story from the early Wildflower runs -

On an over-night stop in Moora, some of the blokes convinced Reg that his car maybe a risk from interference from some of the local residents. Reg was so worried he spent the night in his car – not peacefully it seems as some of his so-called friends left their comfortable motel beds to go to Reg's car in the middle of the night and rock it up and down.

Boyanup Family Camp-Outs

In the early days most members were under 40 years old and had young kids and limited budgets, so the Boyanup Family Camp-outs were much looked forward to and enjoyed.

Tents were set up in corral-style and a good time was had by all.

A highlight of these events were the gymkhanas. Participants had to drive to a set location where a mechanical problem was set up that had to be fixed. Such challenges included driving to an engine block and being timed to change spark plugs!

MARC WA - THE EARLY YEARS

Alex Kirkwood

At the Club 40th Anniversary meeting and BBQ held at Whiteman Park Motor Museum on Sunday 28th June, President Dean asked if anyone wanted to speak on the formation of the club in June 1980.

As a person who was a foundation member, I was able to add a little information that is not included on the club website. Briefly, I advised the meeting as follows....

As a keen Model A person from an early age, I restored an AR Phaeton between 1972 and 1974 and joined the Veteran Car Club of WA (Inc) (VCC) .

There were several Model A owners in the VCC, with prominent people being the late Eric Richards and the late Bill Bennie.

Whilst restoring our A, I frequently communicated with Ian Irwin of Canberra as he had a strong knowledge of Model A's (Particularly Australian A's) and at that time there were no websites or emails so it was all done in writing or phone calls. Ian subsequently played a key role starting the Model A Restorers Club of Australia, and Linda and I became members of that club. We still have a transfer for that Club on our Model A windscreen.

Given my interest in forming a club based on Model A's in WA, I spoke to Ian Irwin and he advised that Eric Richards had been in touch around the same subject. Rather than duplicate efforts, I spoke to Eric, and found that he had undertaken research and was considering a meeting to progress his idea. A meeting was subsequently held around April 1980 with a small number of A owners gathering at the late Max Annear's house to discuss whether it was considered feasible to form a WA Branch of the Model A Restorers Club of Australia. The decision was affirmative. I cannot recall everyone who attended that meeting, but it included at least Eric Richards, Bill Bennie, Max Annear, and myself.

As stated on the club website, the first meeting of the club was held at Bill Bennie's place on 22nd June and Bill was elected as the inaugural President.

By the end of December there were 22 members (see below) while on Sat 2nd May 1981, Linda and I ran the first rally for the club with 7 member families attending in their Model A's. On Sat 5th May 1991, Linda and I ran a "Tenth Anniversary" run using the same route (with a few minor changes due to road changes). The rally started at McCallum Park on Canning Highway and concluded at John Forrest National Park. I still have a copy of the rally route if any members are interested.

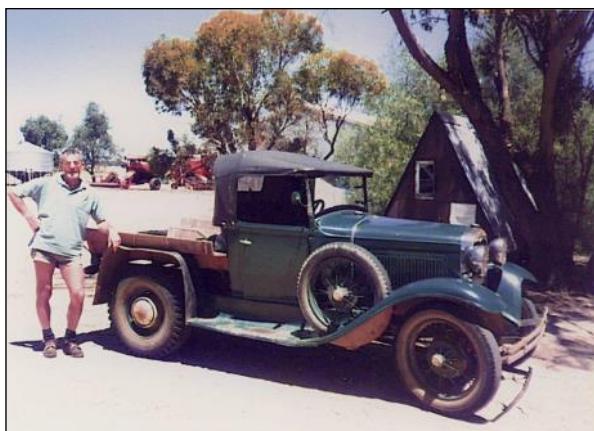
Annear, Max & Dora	Harris, Ken & Enid	Ortmueller, Peter & Yvonne	Sheahan, Joe & Susan
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Davies, Geoff & Kath	Mahony, Ray & Toni	Richards, Eric & Nene	

Member list as at 1 Jan 1981

MEMORIES FROM THE EARLY YEARS!



David Bussard



Des Addison



Louise and Steve Read



Linda and Alex Kirkwood



Ross Letch



Edith and Alan Jeffree



Toni and Ray Mahony



1980 Mc Callum Park

THE RECESSION RUN

Horace Misko

A small gathering of Model A members met for a picnic lunch at Wells Park (Kwinana) in blustery weather conditions. We were rewarded with industrial views of the real economic activity of heavy industry located in the Kwinana area.



A timely reminder to us all that pouring hot water on coffee beans is not where the real wealth of Australia is created to lead us out of this current recession.

It was great to catch up with newer members. The weather forecast limited the number of Model A's but we all enjoyed our first chance to come out of hibernation.



THE EARLY BIRDS (PT 1)

H.S. "Doc" Kalinka (The Restorer magazine)



Bumper with flat rounded, open end, without the usual bolt, is one of the more obvious features of a true "early bird." Also notice round center bumper clamp with Ford script and "made in USA" - same as Model T

Ninety two

Forty years ago the first of our beloved Model A Fords were produced. Records relate that nearly five thousand complete 1928 Model A Ford cars were actually built in 1927. From pictures and present day articles on these "early birds" we find that many errors and false ideas have been created concerning Henry's first. It is not my intention to create more argument and confusion but to simply set forth some of our findings, as compiled from the 1928-Owner Questionnaire which has been sent out to interested owners over the past two years.

The basic intention of the questionnaire was to tabulate, if and when possible, the appearance and disappearance of certain features related to the 1928 Model A. Definite emphasis was placed on the early left-hand emergency brake models. More than two hundred questionnaires were sent out; with a fifty percent recovery.

The first misconception I would like to bring up concerns the Position of the emergency brake handle. Contrary to

some beliefs, the left side emergency brake handle and single brake system is found to appear into the month of June 1928. The changeover took place between the 10th and 22nd of June that year and involved engine numbers A-155,000 thru A-177,486. This data does not apply to commercial vehicles or 7928 passenger cars produced outside the continental United States.

Next, it seems appropriate to discuss some of the ramifications appearing on some of the 1927 models that we have records of; some six reports, I have on file. We suspect that some or perhaps all of the assembly plants used up stocks of late Model T Parts where and when they were compatible on the first very early Model A's. Despite Ford directives, many of the early Model A's sported Model T center bumper clamps, with "made in USA" in block letters beneath the Ford script.

I hesitate to comment on the following, but at least two thousand pairs of open-end front bumpers were released, the vast majority going to foreign assembly plants, especially to Canada.

Many of the sheet metal body components on the early A's were actually bolted and screwed together instead of being spot welded or riveted. Many of the floor panel patterns and rear fender well patterns differed not only from car to car but also from one side of the car to the other.

In retrospect, from forty years away, one might summarize that the assembly plant did not receive a full stock of parts to build a complete car at first. Thus necessitating the use of whatever they had on hand or could acquire in order to make it saleable and roadworthy. It cannot be denied that the first days were not difficult and trying, since from mid-October to December 31, 1927, only five thousand vehicles were manufactured. Compare this to the near record production rate of nine thousand units per day in 1929.

After only a little research on the subject, one begins to imagine that the Model A must have been designed while it was being assembled. The number of changes evident on the first early five thousand or even twenty thousand Model A Fords manufactured defies imagination or description. I will describe, however, just a few of the most obvious deviations from what may be considered a "typical" 1928-1929 Ford.



HUB CAP and WHEEL LUGS same as Model T



REAR BUMPER CLAMPS have Ford script

(Editor: Apologies for the poor text quality)

TIP OF THE MONTH

Jim Cannon, MAFCA

Installing New Radiator Hoses

Heat takes a toll on the radiator hoses, especially the upper hose. The radiator hoses on a Model A can be a pain to install, particularly the lower ones with the pipe. Here are a few tips I have picked up to make the job easier.

Use a lubricating, non-hardening sealant inside the hose ends to make it easier to slide them on to the engine and radiator necks, and easier to move them around when you need to. The best one that I have found is called Hylomar AF. A thin coating inside the hose helps it slide around when installing, and will also make it easier to remove in the future.

On the lower pipe, install one short hose on each end of the pipe and secure each with a clamp. Estimate where you want the hoses to be, but be prepared to move them later after a trial fitting. Slide the hose end first on to the radiator outlet at the bottom and slide it far forward. Then work the other end's hose over the cast iron water inlet and slide up. Feel through the hose to find the bead on the inlet and clamp on the engine side of the bead. Then tighten the clamp at the radiator.

The upper hose uses a similar technique. Slide the hose first down on the cast iron engine gooseneck. Carefully work the other end over the radiator inlet and slide it up. Then position the hose clamps near the end of the hose and tighten them.

Do not over tighten the hose clamps, especially the ones on the radiator. If you do, you can buckle and crush the thin brass, and you will cut into the hoses. You should not have to make the clamps too tight if you use some sealant. Start out with them just snug and then only tighten more if coolant drips from the hose when the system is full.

After driving a few times, go back and check the clamps, snug them up a bit if needed.

That's it!

Have a Model A Day!

WANTED

- Radiator to suit 28-29
- Radiator to suit 30-31

Needs to have a good sidebands and tanks as it will be rebuilt as backups for outback treks.

Darryl - 0404 948 838

Model A car or truck

Alan has a hankering for a 1928 Phaeton, but willing to consider other body styles

Contact Alan Lewis, Mandurah, 0474 065 494 or zlewis3@bigpond.com

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- Original mechanicals
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- All panels very repairable

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

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Used distributor cap (Good spare)

Gear box reverse idler gear and shaft (New)

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2 Sets of 2 Oil pump bushes (New) A-6612 \$6.00 per set

Radiator Crank hole cover with rivet (New) \$2.00

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Complete set of used gear box gears Including cluster \$180.00

Peter Sartori, ph 0419 220 198

FOR SALE

1931 Phaeton \$21,000

Fully licensed, lives in a shed, restored about 10 years ago and in very good condition, runs well, 2 spare wheels with new tyres

Alwin Bradford
Hopetoun
9838 3838



1928 Phaeton

Alan Porter is selling his Model A.
Everyone knows it as Benny's car, as he refurbished it.
Only car that club has full history.
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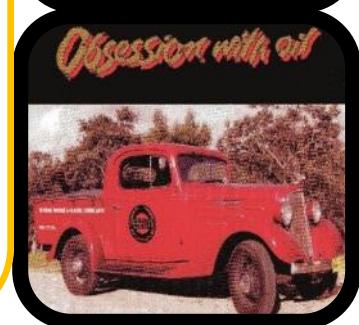
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