

Western Model A News

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Model A Restorers Club of Western Australia, Inc.



NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dean Roberts

Yet another month has passed, and time for the latest MARC of WA newsletter to be sent out. Our AGM is only a couple of weeks away, which I hope to see you there. Frank is looking after the sausage sizzle, and coffee and tea will be provided. To help, please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea. It not just a meeting, it a good chance for us to catch up.



As some of you are aware, the National 2020 Meet has now been cancelled. Rob Turner (Rally Director) and his team have worked hard to put the rally together, so it was not an easy decision to cancel. In the end it came down the fact that they could not guarantee:

1. that government regulation would allow it at the time,
2. the safety of those attending.

On behalf of MARC of WA, I have thanked Rod and the Victorian club for all their effort.

Our Christmas lunch is fast approaching and at this stage we have only had a few members send in their money. Can I ask that you confirm if you are attending and that you send in your money or pay it at the AGM.

On a final note, we need people to put up their hand and volunteer to organise runs. It's time to start planning for next year.

Stay Safe.

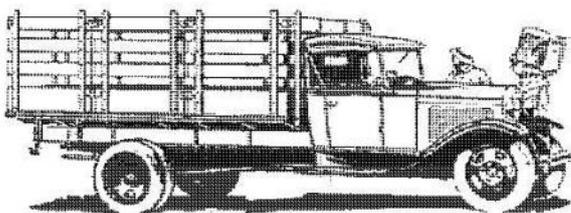
Hope to see you soon.

Dean



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Front Cover: Scenes from the York Motor Show - John & Kaye Cook's new 1930 police car (and its interior), and Tania Piercy's Cecelia.

SECRETARY COMMENTS

Kathleen Kuenzel

Code 404 Information

I thank the members who responded to the emails relating to the Department of Transport's request for details of members who own vehicles registered under Concession Licence Code 404. Of course, if your licence plate numbers are as I sent in the email you do not have to respond but if not, do please inform me of any additions, depletions or other alterations. Letters about this matter have been sent to owners of vehicles on Code 404 registration who do not have access to emails.

Also needed by the DoT are addresses, birth dates and full names. I am taking the latter as meaning your full first Christian name and surname so if I know you as, for example, Les and your complete Christian name is Lesley it will help if you inform me of that matter or if I can't locate that information I shall be making phone calls to ascertain correct Christian names.

As stated, please get any information to me by 12 October. Thank you.

Events Coordinator Role

Ian Paisley has been our events coordinator since the AGM of 2013. He has kept members well informed about upcoming events; he has seen to the organisation of monthly runs; and he has arranged for club members to take part in functions such as the Classic Car Show. We thank him for the time and effort he has put into the position. Much of his work has been carried out in his unassuming manner but evidence is always to be found in the Events Coordinator section of every newsletter.

Now, after seven years he is ready to step back so we ask that, in the days before the AGM, members consider whether they might be prepared to accept this important and necessary task to keep our club running smoothly.

AGM & Club Executive Positions

At the bottom of the Proxy Voting Form it was written that Nominations for Executive Positions were to be with the Secretary by 4 October after which date further proxy forms would be distributed. This will no longer be necessary as all positions have been covered with one nomination each so no voting will be necessary.

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EDITOR COMMENTS

Ian Steer

This newsletter contains a great write-up by Alan Jeffree of the club's recent run to Mount Augustus. However, many members may not be aware that Tania Piercy was writing very entertaining reports at the end of each day during the run. Tania published these on Facebook, but for those that hearing that word causes a shiver down their spine, Tania also posted them to the club website. For those who missed Tania's write-ups, have a look at them on the club website at

<http://modelafordclub.com.au/news-and-posts/>

I was contacted by the editor of the Model A Club of the UK for permission to reprint an item from our last newsletter (that had fallen into their hands). (The poor editor was struggling for material because those poor Poms can't actually get out and do anything!) Of course, permission was granted, but we will now exchange newsletters each month. So for those to whom I distribute other clubs' newsletters, you should also now start getting them from the UK club as well.

New Members

We welcome two new members: -

188 Daryl Rabey who lives in Bertram, Mob: 0466 113 600 and email: daryl.rabey@live.com

189 Shane Carew who lives in Rivervale, Mob: 0409 815 500 and email: shanecarew86@gmail.com



October Birthdays

Dora	Annear	Kerry	McPharlin
Michael	Beattie	Darlene	Mallett
Beverley	Biggs	Wayne	Millman
Guy	Harrison	Steve	Read
Barry	Howard	Nathan	Roberts
Paul	Kelly	Anne	Steer
Lorenz	Kurys-Romer	Ian	Steer
Micheal	Le Roy	Greg	Wade

Potentially interesting items out there on the web

An excellent, very professional video on Perkolilli (I wondered whether it would be worth 30 minutes of my life - but it was): <https://vimeo.com/455334061>

A story about 7 vintage cars (including at least a couple of Model A's) taking a trip up into the NZ high country:

https://www.nzherald.co.nz/motoring/news/video.cfm?c_id=1503084&gal_cid=1503084&gallery_id=149090

Henry's V8 OHC 1935 Patent

<https://www.hemmings.com/stories/2020/09/17/why-didnt-henry-ford-follow-through-on-his-1935-patent-for-an-overhead-camshaft-engine?>

Long video on repairing some 30/31 front fenders and adding a spare wheel well for those clever people amongst us who can tackle such things: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7AxN7pLUcl0>

EVENTS COORDINATOR

Ian Paisley

Situation vacant

Having been the Events Coordinator for a number of years now, it's time for me to step away from the position. It has been a privilege to be the events coordinator, and I thank all who have contributed to the program over the years.

It's time for a new coordinator to inject fresh new ideas.

If you are interested in this position, please contact the President or the Club Management Committee.

October

Event: Invitation from the VCC Collie Branch to join their 6-day run to Jurien Bay & Koorda
Date: 14th to 19th October
Details: See proposed trip plan in August's newsletter
Organiser: Wayne Millman, ph: 0408 477 472

Event: Annual General Meeting
Date: **Sunday 18th October**
Location: VCC club rooms, 265 Hale Rd, Forrestfield
Details: Sausage sizzle to start at 12 noon. The General Meeting will commence at 1pm and will be followed by the Annual General Meeting, after which comes afternoon tea.

*** Don't forget to bring a plate of food to share ***

Event: All Ford Day Cruise & Targa West Rally
Date: Sunday 25th October
Details: MARC WA cars to be at Midland Gate carpark by 9am to register, ready to leave as a group at 9:30am for the drive to Langley Park (if we arrive at Langley Park as a group, we can be parked together). \$10 per car entry fee. All cars must be parked by 11am and cannot leave until 3pm. The tarmac section of the final day of Targa West will be run during those times. All sorts of displays, things to look at, and food and merchandise vendors.
Organiser: Ray Major, ph: 0435 616 820

Event: Hubley racing
Date: Saturday 31st October
Time: 10am
Location: Jeffree's house (95 Boulton St, Dianella) - park on the driveway and front lawn
Details: BYO chair, cold drinks and meat for the BBQ
The day starts with morning tea at 10am (tea, coffee and morning tea provided).
Hubley racing will then take place from 10:30, followed by a BBQ lunch (salads and sweets will be provided). After lunch (1/1:30pm), a meeting will be held on the lawn.
**** Please let Edith and Alan know if you will be attending 9275 4106 or 0407 317 333****
Organiser: Alan Jeffree

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EVENTS COORDINATOR (CONT)

Ian Paisley

November

- Event:** 5th Annual Chittering Car Day and Immaculate Heart College Markets
Date: Sunday 15th November
Time: 9am – 3pm
Location: 34 Santa Gertrudis Drive, Lower Chittering
Details: A meeting time and place for the drive to Chittering will be arranged.
Organiser: Ian Steer - please contact Ian (0403 811 911) if you are interested in coming so he can arrange numbers (and parking space) with the car day organisers.
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- Event:** Christmas Lunch
Date: Monday 30th November
Location: Bridgeleigh Reception Centre, 198 Mary St, Wanneroo
Time: Pre-lunch drinks at 11:30
Details: See later in this newsletter

March 2021

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

September 2022

- Event:** National Meet
Date: 11-18th September
Location: somewhere in New South Wales
Details: to be provided
Organiser: Model A Ford Club of New South Wales

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

***On Sunday 18 October 2020
the AGM of the
Model A Restorers Club of Western Australia, Inc***

***will be held at the Veteran Car Club clubrooms located at
265 Hale Road, Wattle Grove WA.***

Following the usual format, the sausage sizzle will start at 12.00 noon, the General Meeting will commence at 1.00pm followed by the Annual General Meeting after which we will enjoy afternoon tea and a chance to chat.

Don't forget to bring a plate of food to share.

Kathleen Kuenzel - Secretary

**November 1st is:
"Read Your Odometer Day"
(You all read them last November didn't you ?)**

ANNUAL MILEAGE AWARD

Spurred by a practice in one of the US clubs, the committee decided to implement a mileage award for MARC WA. The exact details (still) haven't been thrashed-out yet, but might be along the following lines:

- The practise is completely optional.
- Everyone reads their odometers on all their Model A's on 1 November each year and submits their mileages.
- Awards are then presented (at the Christmas lunch) for the most miles driven for the year.
- Members with multiple Model A's would be eligible for awards for each individual car, plus also for their combined mileage.
- Presumably members with non-functioning odometers can keep a log of the runs they do with the distances obtained from; a vehicle they travelled with, GPS tracks, Google Maps estimates etc.

Send your mileage figures for each Model A to your editor at maofwainc@gmail.com

MT AUGUSTUS 12 DAY RUN

Alan Jeffree

I will commence by listing the members and vehicles making the trip:

Wayne Millman (Model A ute)	Darrell & Cerena Stratford (Model A Roadster)
Des Addison (Model A ute)	Peter & Kaye Eardley (Model A Fordor/teardrop)
Edith and Alan Jeffree (Model A ute)	Jeannette & Kim Seinor (Model A Fordor/teardrop)
Neville & Sue Swindell (Model A ute)	Brett Pollock and Paul Kelly (Model A phaeton/teardrop)

And in moderns:

Gerry Ten Bokkel	Ian Paisley	John & Kaye Cook	Reg & Coral Blewett	Darryl and Tania
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for a total of 8 Model A's, and 5 moderns.

Schedule Depart Ginger's Roadhouse 8.30am Thursday 17th Sept.

Meet up with Darryl/Tania, Cooks, Eardleys, Seinors at Bindoon Bakery for morning coffee.

Meet up with Darrell and Cerena Stratford who came across from Wyalkatchem along the way.

Overnight at Mingenew Caravan Park.

Morning coffee/fuel stop at Mullewa. Here we heard that our next overnight stop at Murchison was out of fuel and wouldn't have supplies until the following late afternoon. After much concern, the decision was made to find a 44 gallon drum in town and fill it to keep us on schedule the next day.



Darryl's magnificent MAN truck - all set-up for living and with a workshop (with Tania supervising)

Problem - nobody uses 44 gallon drums any more. The problem was solved by speaking with the local policeman (who was a car buff like us). He directed us to a business who happened to have an empty/clean drum. Next problem - Darryl put the drum on his truck and pulled into the servo in Mullewa - "Sorry the law doesn't allow us to directly put petrol into a 44". Two of our members filled a jerry can just away from the servo and tipping one by one until the drum was full. This was dispensed can-by-can the following morning at Murchison (where we had stayed the night, and where we were joined by Brett and Paul who trailered the phaeton to Wooleen). We all now had fuel to make the next stop in Gascoyne Junction, where we stayed the next night.

The road from Murchison to Gascoyne Junction is all dirt and has many rocky outcrops and corrugations that caused what could have been a serious accident. Neville Swindell's Model A ute shed the front wheel with drum still attached. The front axle dug into the dirt (with bearings and nut still in place) - the car luckily staying on the road. Fortunately Darryl's truck workshop had the gear to weld the hub and drum back together so Neville could limp into Gascoyne Junction. Once in The Junction, Neville and Sue arranged for the RAC to come from Carnarvon and take the ute and them home to Collie the following morning.



One problem is getting a jack under when the axle is buried into the ground!

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MT AUGUSTUS 12 DAY RUN (CONT)

Alan Jeffree



Typical afternoon/evening.



John did a tyre on the van, and the ute, and also lost the water in the caravan tank!



Eardley and Seinor camping style.



Jeffree camping style. Engine bay being checked by Neville

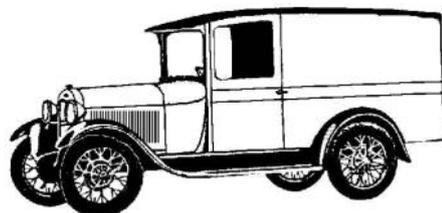


The ladies having a chat!



Mt Augustus as we approach the settlement - showing the corrugations.

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MT AUGUSTUS 12 DAY RUN (CONT)

Alan Jeffree



They say the biggest rock in the world.



Darryl Stratford cooling his feet at the Rock.



This photo says it all. The trip away was fantastic and the company great! Lets do this sort of thing regularly!!
Many thanks Wayne
A J reporting

MODEL A COMINGS & GOINGS

Steve Read finally finished converting his 1931 coupe and got it licensed. He had found the coupe in San Jose where it had been resting for 50 years. It had been pulled apart into lots of pieces scattered around the yard. Steve and his buddy put it back together and shipped it back to Australia. Steve rebuilt the transmission, brakes, steering and converted it to RHD. He was then approached by a person from NSW and it is waiting to be trucked to NSW. The new owner is a member of the NSW Model A club and has half-a-dozen Model A's.

Peter Eardley & Bob Horgan and Peter's son-in-law paid a visit to Steve's hidey-hole and Peter bought his newly machined Model A motor with him and they test assembled the crankshaft assembly.

YORK MOTOR SHOW 2020

Marilynn Horgan



Beautiful weather, thousands of cars and bikes and thousands of people took advantage of the historic town of York for the 2020 Motor Show conducted by the York Branch Veteran Car Club of WA on Sunday, September 13 2020.

Fords and Holdens faced off against each other in the main street while other clubs filled adjacent vacant space and park areas along the river. Taking a starring position outside the Motor Museum was John and Kaye Cook's recently completed 1930 Police Car "Chugg" which attracted a lot of interest due to its workmanship and engine structure.

Alongside was Piercy's Cecelia still showing the red dust residue from the Perkolilli Red Dust Revival. John's car won the prize for "Best Under the Bonnet."

The Bus Preservation Society conducted guided tours of the town site in busses of yesteryear all polished to within an inch of their lives.

The Aston Martin contingent cruised in fashionably late, just behind the Lamborghini which the young boys drooled over. Muscle cars, Austins, Vauxhalls, Jags, Buicks and Rollers all were on display with their proud owners enjoying the picnic atmosphere on checked rugs under the trees.



The Model A Restorers Club was also represented by John Moorehead in his Holden, Jason Fowler and Ray Major in their Model A's, Peter Sartori was there and Bob and Marilyn Horgan (who piked out and took a modern for the weekend!).

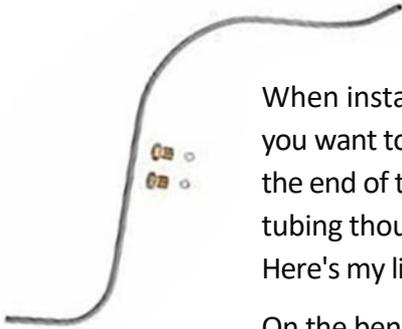


The Cooks, Darryl and Tania and the Horgans all met up on Saturday afternoon at the Greenhills Inn just east of York. Cooks and Horgans enjoyed the quaint upstairs rooms while Tania and Darryl had their most amazing tow vehicle to sleep in and enjoy the overnight frost! The Wagin VCC also stayed at Greenhills for an early start on Sunday. It was a buzz to see a photo outside the dining room of our club's cars parked outside Greenhills on a 2009 run.

There were tales of traffic backed back to the Lakes in the morning and in the afternoon, it was a steady stream as everyone headed home after an amazing event. There were estimations of in excess of 3000 vehicles on display, so all in all, a mighty effort by all the Clubs.

TIP OF THE MONTH

Jim Cannon (MAFCA)



When installing a new fuel line between the sediment bowl and the carburetor, you want to get the little brass ferrule locked down on the tubing about 1/8" from the end of the tubing. It is difficult to see where the ferrule is located on the tubing though, when the end is inside the carburetor or the sediment bowl. Here's my little trick to getting it where you want it.

On the bench, before installing anything on the car, slip the tube nut and ferrule on the end of the fuel line like it will be installed on the car. See the photo. Place the ferrule on the tubing with 1/8" of tubing showing on the end. Gently press the nut up against the ferrule and mark that location with a little piece of masking tape.

Now when you install the tubing on the carburetor or sediment bowl, you hold the tubing in so that the tape is right at the edge of the nut while you tighten the nut. When the ferrule gets clamped down on the tubing, it will be in the right spot. You can take it apart to check.

I apply a few drops of oil to the threads of the nut and to the ferrule when tightening it all up for the first time, to help everything turn smoothly as it's being clamped in place. Teflon tape should not be needed on these tube nuts and ferrules; they are designed to seal with just the nut being tightened. It does not hurt to put a thin film on non-hardening sealant on the ferrule, though, before installing, for extra protection against weeping fuel.



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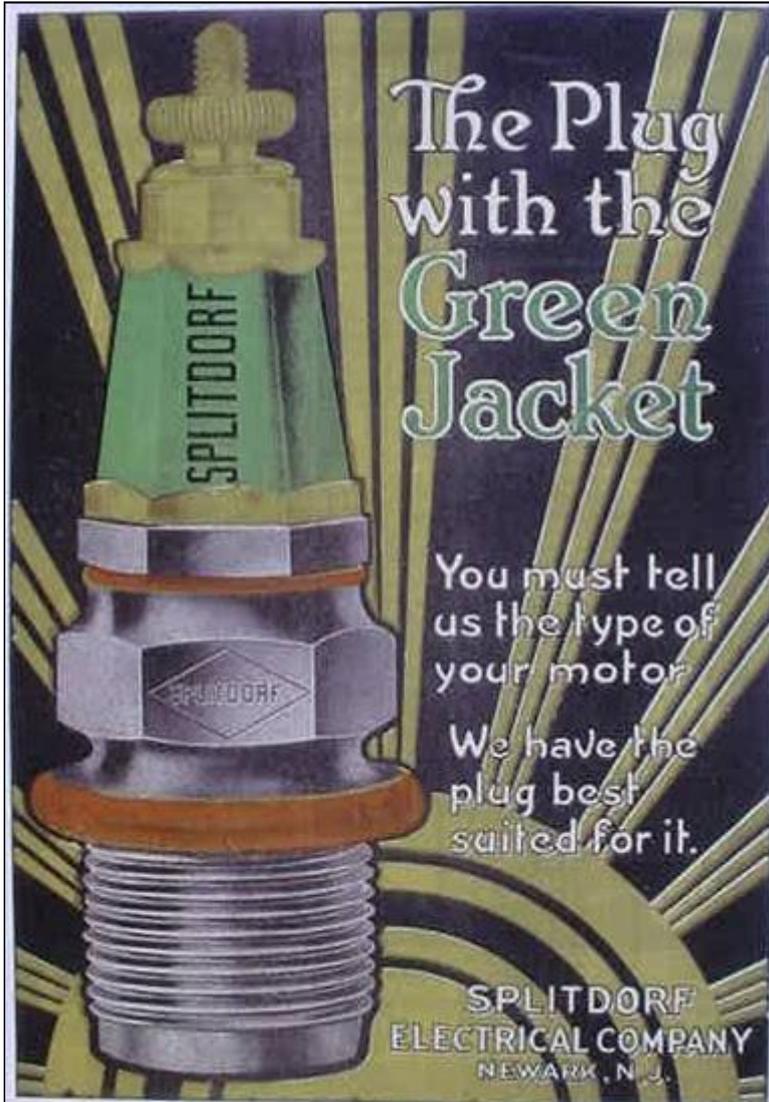
Attached is a copy of the complete announcement for your further information. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES, are details of the new Ford car to be given out to anyone.

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You thought all spark plugs had white porcelain insulators, right? They do now, but at one time the Splitdorf Company made a premium spark plug that was very recognizable because of its hexagonal insulator and its green colour. The colour was not a marketing or aesthetic choice. Splitdorf Spark Plug insulators were made out of ruby mica rather than porcelain. The mica was more durable than porcelain, being less susceptible to cracks and breaking.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This year's Christmas lunch repeats last year's successful formula with a Monday lunch at the Bridgeleigh Reception Centre.



Date: **Monday** 30th November (pre-lunch drinks at 11:30)

Venue: Bridgeleigh Reception Centre, 198 Mary St, Wanneroo

Cost: \$45 per head for members
\$61 per head for non-members

Payment by 16th November to the Treasurer (Anne Steer), by either:

1. Cash or cheque at the AGM
2. EFT - details are the same as for paying your membership, ie:
BSB: 306052
Account Number: 0284817
Reference: "SURNAME Xmas"
3. Cheques - can be posted to Anne at 7 Gransmoor Way, Willetton, 6155

See menu on next page

MEMBER'S CAR STORIES

Read the story behind David Bussard's 1928 Special Coupe:

<http://modelafordclub.com.au/wp-content/uploads/memberscars/David-Bussard-coupe.pdf>

CHRISTMAS LUNCH



BRIDGELEIGH CHRISTMAS MENU

Entrée

Freshly baked warm bread roll
Butternut pumpkin soup with sour cream, chives & parmesan croutons

Main Course

Roast turkey with Adelphi ham, sage & onion stuffing, port wine gravy, cranberry compote, roast potatoes & steamed medley of vegetables

Dessert

Traditional plum pudding with brandy custard, fresh cream and vanilla ice cream
Freshly brewed coffee & tea with yuletide mints

Drinks

Pre-function drinks: beer, sherry, house wine (Brown Brothers), lemon squash
With meal: 1 bottle fruity white wine, 1 bottle dry white wine per table
Beer on request
Carafes of lemon lime & bitters
Lemon squash
Cash bar for all alcohol after first round is consumed

WANTED

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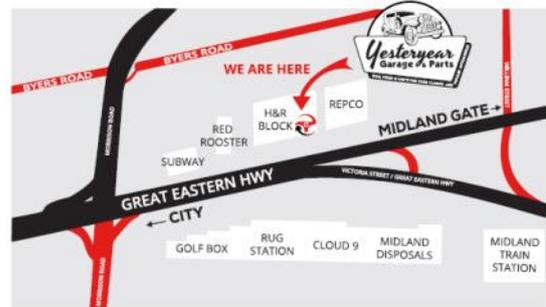


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