

Western Model A News

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Model A Restorers Club of Western Australia, Inc.



NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dean Roberts

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We had a good turnout for our run last month through to Mundaring that Ian and Anne organised. At the meeting, I was honoured to present to Steve Read his life Membership. Steve has been a mainstay of the club, and in one way or another, has helped most members over the years.



There is only a couple of weeks to go to the Shannon's Classic Car show, so if you plan to go and haven't registered, you need to hurry up and do so.

I hope everyone had a happy and safe Easter .

Travel safe

Dean



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Front Cover: New Norcia Hotel and Greenhills Hotel from 2009 MARC runs

SECRETARY COMMENTS

Kathleen Kuenzel (secretary@modelafordclub.com.au)

In this newsletter we are welcoming two new members, Gavin and Jo Hickey, who bring our membership total to 160. This is a very pleasing number for a club specializing in vehicles that were manufactured over a four-year period up to ninety-three years ago.

As has been said before, the pity is that Western Australia is spread over such a vast area that we rarely see many of our members and their vehicles, though some south west MARCWA folk might be visited during the upcoming Winter Getaway.

At committee meetings and at the most recent club meeting, we spoke about the need to come up with some new ideas for the way we structure our monthly runs. Our Club Rules state that we must have six meetings per year, so our custom of having a run and meeting each month is unnecessary. Maybe changes to the usual routine would inspire members who don't usually venture out to join us once in a while. To our newer members, I reiterate that if you have not yet located a vehicle, or if yours is not yet roadworthy, you are very welcome to participate in a modern vehicle.

Thinking caps on please and our ears are open to suggestions.

Kathleen

New Members

We welcome Gavin and Jo Hickey to the club. They live in White Gum Valley. Phone 0402 266 632 and email gavin.hickey8@gmail.com. Their Model A will arrive by road from the Eastern States in late March.

April Birthdays



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

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EDITOR COMMENTS

Ian Steer

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I could begin with more exhortations for you to contribute to your club newsletter with stories of private runs you've done, items you've seen in the media, etc—but you all know that, so I won't.

The gremlins had got into Google searching for our club website. I think I've fixed it, but in case it happens again, let me know, and just type "modelafordclub.com.au" (without the quotes) into the address bar at the very top of your browser and hit Enter—then save it as a bookmark for next time.

I have added a new item in the Tips menu on the club website—Licensing. The [new page](#) contains a link to the Department of Transport's web page that has the current list of Authorised Inspection Stations (AIS).

Potentially interesting items out there on the web

Walk-through of the Model A Museum at Gilmore (near Detroit): <https://youtu.be/w7QWLZo90t8>

For all the Service Bulletins by year, look under the Technical section of Model A Garage Inc at <https://modelagarage.com/>.

(This site has also been added to our club website under Tips - Links.)

For Ray Major's entertaining write-up of the recent Model T "World Auto Polo Championships", [click here](#).

For the best spark plug leads you've ever seen on a Model A, demonstrated by someone that I'm not sure is for real: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gudpRXZE3Yo>

Listen to a 1927 Model A promotional song "Henry's Made a Lady out of Lizzy" sung by Irving Kaufman <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UOw-qEIH-7M>, and another version by Billy Jones & Earnest Hare in 1928 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ow8ZRF4vjD4>

CLUB LIBRARY

Ian Steer

Some of our club members (Ian & Dianne Paisley, Toni Mahony & Anne Steer) have been putting effort into updating the catalogue of our club library contents. Once the catalogue is complete, it will be added to the club website so members will be easily able to see what we have—and then arrange to borrow it.

If anyone has space for a bookshelf and a couple of filing cabinets of the library contents, the Paisleys would love to hear from you 😊.



EVENTS COORDINATOR

Ray Mahony

(events@modelafordclub.com.au)

Thank you to the members who put their hand up to organise runs. The runs only happen if members do their bit - and remember assistance is always available.

Contact Ray Mahony

April

There will be no meeting this month due to some type of activity already on each weekend. i.e. Easter, Curtin Classic, Classic Car Show, Ascot, & Anzac Day.

Event: CMC Classic Car Show

Date: 18th April - 10.00 am to 3.00 pm

Location: Ascot Race Course

Details: <https://www.facebook.com/events/628317134503320>

Organiser: Council of Motoring Clubs

MARC Coordinator: Ray Mahony

Anyone planning to attend must register themselves at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BNBNN>

Anyone who has not yet indicated their intention to attend PLEASE contact me urgently.

April/May

Event: MARC Winter Getaway

Dates: 30th April to 11th May

Location: Pioneer Village car park, Armadale

Details: See February newsletter for details & update on page 8

Organisers: Edith Jeffree & Toni Mahony

Note: **Due to limited country town accommodation and eating options, this run is now fully subscribed at 15 cars.**

May

Event: Northam High School Centenary Celebration

Date: 15th May

Location: Northam High School Oval

Details: 10.00 to 3.00

Organiser: Contact Ray Mahony

Event: Monthly Run/meeting

Date: to be advised

Details: to be advised

Organiser: Daniel Pinnington

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EVENTS COORDINATOR (CONT)

Ray Mahony

June

Event: Monthly Run/meeting
Date: to be advised
Details: to be advised
Organiser: Gary & Andrae Moore

June/July

Event: North-West Run
Date: 26th June - (approx.) 24th July
Details: See March newsletter for details
Organiser: Wayne Millman

August

Event: Monthly Run/meeting
Date: to be advised
Details: to be advised
Organiser: John Watson

September

Event: AGM
Date: Sunday 12th September
Location: VCC club rooms, 265 Hale Rd, Forrestfield
Details: 11am to 3pm
Organiser: Kathleen Kuenzel

27th Model A National Meet - 2022

Date: 11th-17th September, 2022
Location: Goulburn, New South Wales
Details: [National Meet 2022 Information Page](#)
Organiser: Model A Ford Club of New South Wales

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MEMBER'S CAR STORIES

Read the story behind Peter & Kaye Eardley's 1928 Phaeton :

<http://modelafordclub.com.au/wp-content/uploads/memberscars/Peter-Eardley-phaeton.pdf>

EVENTS COORDINATOR (CONT)

Ray Mahony

Club-Sanctioned Events

Monthly

Event: LBW (Leeming, Bullcreek, Willetton) Coffee Run
Date: 1st Tuesday of every month (except January)
Time: 10am
Location: Ruby's Bakehouse, 1 Dundee St, Leeming
Organiser: Steve Seddon (VCC)

April

Event: Easter Rally
Date: 2nd to 4th April
Location: Albany
Details: Contact: jensinclair@gmail.com
Organiser: Veteran Car Club of W.A.

Event: Curtin Radio Car Spectacular
Date: 11th April
Location: Trinity College Playing Fields
Details: Entry from 6.30 to 9.00 **(No departure before 3.00 pm)**
Organiser: See Horace Misko for more information.

October

Event: All Ford Day
Date: Sunday 3rd October
Location: Steel Blue Oval, Bassendean
Details: On-line entries will open in May
Further details to follow

September 2022

Event: "RED DUST REVIVAL"
Date: 19th to 25th September
Location: Lake Perkollilli

MODEL A COMINGS & GOINGS

Ross Letch has sold his 1930 Coupe to a VCC member from Boyup Brook .

MARC APRIL ACTIVITIES IN YEARS GONE BY

10 Years Ago: Report on the 'hands-on' workshop held at Steve Read's workshop complete with white metal bearing pouring. 15 Model A's went to the Classic Car Show.

20 Years Ago: Write-up of the Ward's run to Ray & Gloria Cole's place to inspect their collection of vintage cars. Preparations for the Toowoomba National Meet. 10 Model A's attended the Classic Car Show.

30 Years Ago: Report on the "Jeffree Easter Excursion" run to Leeman, with the Sharp, Cooke, Letch & Kirkwood Model A's attending.

40 Years Ago: Picnic Run announced to John Forrest National Park in May (by Alex Kirkwood).

WINTER GETAWAY UPDATE

Arrangements are well under way. The main group will be leaving Pioneer Village at 8.00am sharp on Friday 30th April. Along the way, we will be collecting some people, and farewelling others. Overall there are now 28-30 people travelling for the whole route, or when they can - which is a great effort. Any late-comers need to be in touch with us now, pretty please.

Our overnight stops along the way, are at Bunbury (30/4 & 1/5), Busselton (2-3/5), Manjimup (4-5/5), Denmark (6/5), (Albany 7-8/5), Collie (9/5) & Narrogin (10/5), so if any of our country members want to call in and see us as we travel, feel free to contact us and we'd be delighted to see you.

We will be forwarding an email to participants in about 2 weeks, with some more information, things you need to know along the way, and maybe some things you need to tell us.

Our thanks to members (and their friends) who have offered suggestions, or have organised some things for us as we travel; it is greatly appreciated.

Toni 0438 290 448 – Edith 0408 944 579



MUNDARING CLUB RUN

Anne Steer

After talking to Alex Kirkwood at the MARCWA 40th celebration and finding out about the very first run that Alex organised for MARCWA back in 1981 and then again in 1991, we decided that it would be appropriate to repeat this run in 2021 – for the 40th anniversary.

The run was duly planned for Sunday 21st March. The original runs had met at McCallum Park, headed east to Guildford, headed north to what is now Reid Highway and then meandered through the hills to John Forrest National Park. Ian and I decided to not actually finish in the National Park, but to continue to Mundaring and finish the 2021 run near the Sculpture Park. All sounded good.

Alas, the temperature for 21st March turned out to be 36°+! A little hot for comfort. However, 6 brave souls turned up with their A's to McCallum Park, 3 more A's met us at Mundaring and we had 25 members in total. There just happened to



be a Community Festival also being held at Sculpture Park at the exact same time as our meeting. Thankfully, it turned out to not be a problem, as we tucked ourselves under a very shady tree in the bush, away from the festivities.

After an uneventful drive to Mundaring, Dean began by presenting Steve Read with his Life Membership certificate and badge. Steve duly responded with his thanks and proceeded to pay tribute to all the now-deceased members who had made the club what it is



today. Further impromptu words of praise for Steve were given by both Peter Sartori and Brett Pollock. And then the memories of the good-times held in years gone by came flooding out... very entertaining, very amusing.

Lunch and a fairly short meeting followed. It was a bit hot for anyone to hang-around, so most people headed off soon after. A most satisfactory day.

MORNING COFFEE AND CAKE

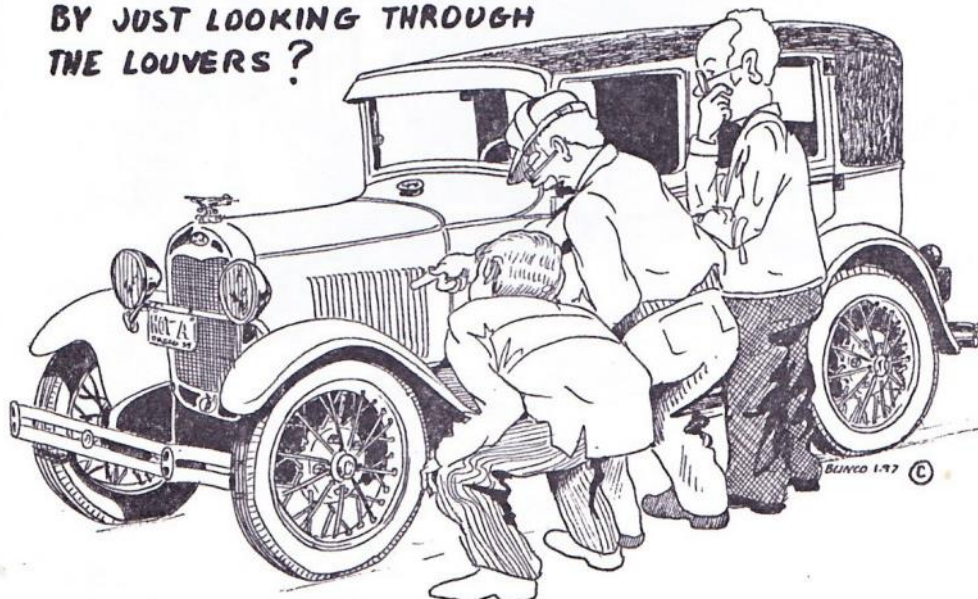
Alan Jeffree

Mid-Century Café and Collectables Michael St, Yokine, Wednesday 17th March

A small but enthusiastic group of Club Members met and enjoyed a morning snack and a chat. It was great to have country members, Kaye and John Cook join us from Kukerin. Our Granddaughter Teneille was able to join us before going off to her uni lectures.



HOW CAN YOU TELL ALL THAT
BY JUST LOOKING THROUGH
THE LOUVERS?



ALEX KIRKWOOD'S A MODEL STORY PT 2

Alex Kirkwood, *Western Model A News*, November 2006

(Continued from *Western Model A News*, March 2021)

I remember taking the A to the drive-in one Saturday night in Kalgoorlie with some mates. We didn't like the movie, so part way through I proceeded to crank the old girl, but I had the throttle down a little too far and she roared on starting, which woke every one up. My mother and father were also at the drive-in in their Zephyr, and dad later advised that he was so embarrassed that he simply faced the front and pretended that he didn't hear anything.



Old Lizzie in my parent's back yard in Boulder

In 1965, at age 19, I moved to Perth to commence work with Alcoa as a trainee Accountant, but I refused to part with Lizzie and left it with an auntie in Boulder.

Having met Linda, we often travelled to Boulder and old Lizzie was always given a touch of exercise in the bush.

In 1972, Linda and I had been married for 4 years and given that I had graduated as an accountant, I was granted permission to bring my old mate to Perth.

It was decided that restoration was a tall order, so we purchased our current A from its original owner and then restored that vehicle over a 2.5 year period.

Some minor parts of Lizzie were used, but I had the foresight to dismantle the old girl and store the parts away.

Some 34 years have passed since 1972 and would you believe that Lizzie is to be resurrected once more. This process will commence within the next 6 months, once I complete my current restoration project.

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ALEX KIRKWOOD'S STORY (CONT)

Western Model A News, November 2006

Many years ago I purchased a rough Ford A factory ute from Peter Marley in Wagin, and this vehicle has allowed me to see exactly how these vehicles were constructed.

The plan is to restore Lizzie using its original bodywork up to the edge of the rear doors and then fabricate the rear in accordance with the factory ute specs. The original engine (CA47519) and that 10 bob radiator will be used, together with that bonnet with the small dent where the fan took off.

There is enormous nostalgic value in this vehicle and I am looking forward to recreating the dark blue paintwork with black guards and once again cruising the highway. The only thing different will be the colour of the hair.



Boulder 1965

This article was written in 2006 when I was restoring an XK120 Jaguar. However, instead of the old ute, I went on to restore a 1910 Brush. The ute re-creation never happened, but a lot of it was used in the Perkolilli racer that I built. Sometimes I think that I should convert the racer back into the Ute as I still have everything.

Alex Kirkwood (2021)



FOR SALE

Are you Looking for a unique A Model Ford ?

This is a rare opportunity to acquire one that is outside of a standard pickup. Would make great a advertising vehicle for a towing company, mechanical repair shop, panel beater repairs, etc - or just drive as a Model A.

This is a Model A Ford, 1928 Closed Cab Pickup. It has bucket seats and seatbelts. This vehicle has wind up windows with extra cab dimensions for the largest driver. Vehicle vintage tow crane is installed to timber rear tray. The crane was manufactured by APAC Adelaide and approximates period correctness. Crane is removable to enable vehicle to be used as a standard Pickup. All metal body, good rubber, stainless front and rear bumpers, turn indicators, air shock absorbers, private plates "1928TOW" go with the vehicle, owner has license to trade. Concessional 404 license not transferable outside club membership WA.

Can deliver anywhere in WA at extra cost.

Contact - Hans Hurij, MARC of WA

mob: 0472 700 635. email: tricka3@bigpond.com

It is a recent restoration that is still being run in, vehicle has new A Model engine including:

1. Dynamic-balanced crank , flywheel & pressure plate.
2. New clutch plate.
3. Machined / lightened flywheel. New ring gear installed.
4. Re-ground crank big ends & mains.
5. Rods re-metaled.
6. New gudgeon bushes.
7. New pistons (0.080").
8. Re-bore & hone cylinders.
9. New Rings.
10. New B water pump & nylon fan.
11. Model B head, tested, planed & sealed.
12. Re-ground Camshaft 0.330" lift.
13. Aluminium timing gear.
14. Modern adjustable valve lifters & guides.
15. O/size Modern 1 3/4" intake valves & std size exhaust valves.
16. PCV valve installed.
17. Balanced for air cleaner Model B carb.
18. Pressure tested block & head prior to rebuild.



ACCEPTABLE CODE 404 MODS

Ian Steer

While the rules for the Concessional License Code 404 state that vehicles **must** conform to the manufacturer's original specification, some modifications are, and can be permitted. Modifications explicitly permitted include:

- 6v to 12v conversion
- Options that were available when the vehicle was new
- The fitting of some safety items such as brake lights and flashers
- Radial tyres fitted to original rims and no more than 25mm over-width
- Left hand to right hand drive conversion
- Others as approved by the CMC Technical Committee, and *"generally only approved if required to keep the vehicle roadworthy if original parts cannot be sourced"*.

The Code 404 rules also state "There is no general list of acceptable exceptions. All approved exceptions are on a vehicle by vehicle basis."

Back in 2007/8, members of MARC WA were involved in discussions with the intended objective being a list of acceptable Code 404 modifications for Model A's—as approved by the CMC Technical Committee (CMCTC).

While I have not seen correspondence from the CMCTC to verify this information, John Moorehead (committee member and Vehicle Registrar at that time) believes that the following modifications were approved by the CMCTC:

1. Four blade fan
2. Cast aluminum two blade fan
3. Model B engine
4. 12 volt electrical system
5. Solid-state electrical cut-out
6. 19 inch or 21 inch wheels for all models
7. Alternative carburetors e.g Tillotson
8. Modified headlights with a 12 volt electrical system

I believe it would be of great benefit to MARC members to have a document that clearly spells-out what they can and cannot do to their vehicles to be eligible for the Code 404 concession. With the option provided by the new Concessions for Classics (C4C) licensing scheme, it might be a good time for MARC WA to continue the efforts towards producing such an "official" modifications list.

The introduction of the C4C licencing scheme also provides a fairly pain-free path for owners of vehicles that are not really eligible for Code 404 to change their license category. The Code 404 book states "**Clubs can have their approved status cancelled if their members do not follow the rules.**"

TECHNICAL TIP

When installing a radiator, Ford's Service Bulletins reminds you:

DO NOT DRAW RADIATOR BOLT NUTS DOWN TIGHTLY

When mounting a radiator do not draw the radiator bolt nuts down any farther than is necessary to lock the nut with the cotter key. If these nuts are drawn down tightly it compresses the radiator to frame bolt springs to such an extent that the flexible feature of the springs is defeated and damage to the radiator invariably results. Recently the threaded end of the radiator bolt was reduced from $5/8$ " to $17/32$ " which makes it impossible to screw the nut down farther than the correct distance. See Fig.764.

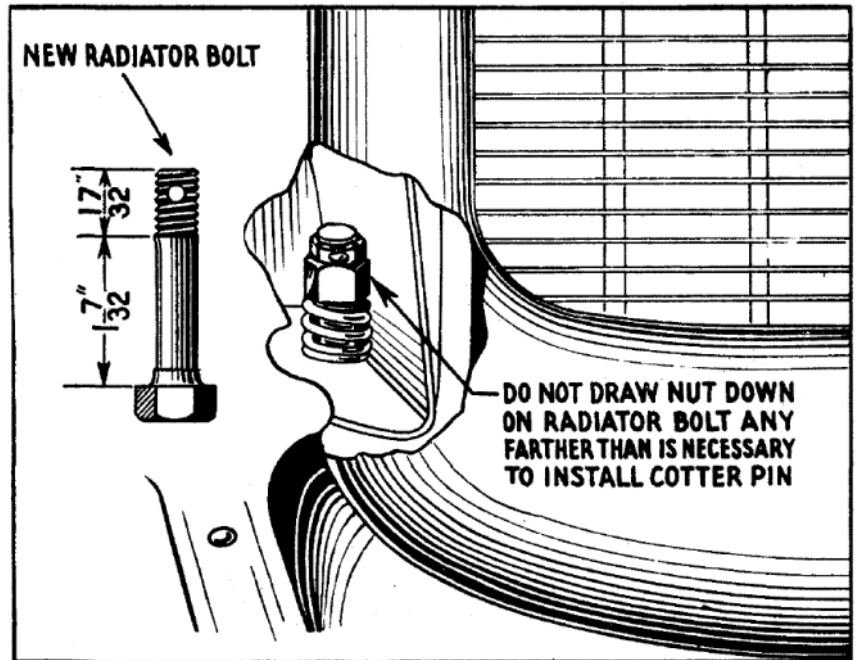


Fig. 764

However, as practically all cars are equipped with the former design bolts, constant care must be exercised when screwing down the radiator bolt nuts.



VISUAL QUIZ

Can You Find All Ten Things That Are Different?



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Visual Quiz Answers

1. "L" flipped in the Lincoln Highway decal.
2. Spare tire valve stem missing on Phaeton.
3. Door hinge missing.
4. Lug nut missing on the phaeton.
5. Phaeton's op fold down rest missing.
6. Model A Museum license topper missing.
7. Sedan on left is missing side view mirror.
8. License plate number on Phaeton changed.
9. Shadow under Phaeton different.
10. Latch on trunk missing.

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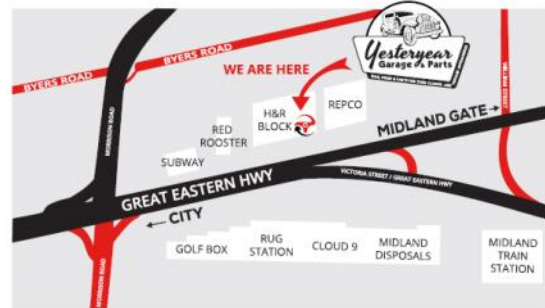
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