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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dean Roberts

(president@modelafordclub.com.au)

Over the last few months I have been helping plan the Perth Classic Car Show and during this period, the Covid rules have changed numerous times. I guess this has been a bit like what has been happening in Western Australia for the



last 2+ years, but we are now finally coming out the other side with most restrictions being eased.

Certainly from a business point of view, this is going to give us some certainty in our planning. On the private side, it will help us plan some holidays and give us a chance to catch up with our far flung families.

Don't get me wrong, I don't think we are totally out of the woods yet, and I think we should still take care - but it is a good start.

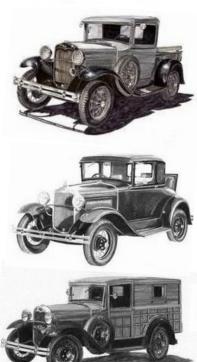
The Perth Classic Car Show will be over by the time you read this as I am writing this before the event. I would like to say to those who went, I hope you had a great day - and for those that didn't go, you will hear how good it was and go next year.

Our AGM is coming up on the 14th of August so it time to put your hand up for a position on the committee. Please think about this. Its your club and it would give you a chance to help guide the club into the future.

Stay Safe Dean







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Front Cover: Some of the MARC WA cars at the Classic Car Show

SECRETARY COMMENTS

Kathleen Kuenzel (secretary@modelafordclub.com.au)

In last year's December newsletter I told you of the Department of Transport requesting information on owners and their vehicles which are registered on Concession Code 404. All clubs have been sent notice of a new rolling audit system which will ensure whether they meet the criteria to remain an Approved Historic Motoring Club.

I must forward my spreadsheet with all the information you have given me to the Department - but the two most critical items will be each owner's <u>Name</u> and the vehicle's <u>Licence Plate Number</u>. Your name *must* be your legal one as it appears on your drivers licence or your registration papers i.e., <u>no abbreviations</u>.

If you need to contact me on this (urgent) matter, please do so on either: secretary@modelafordclub.com.au or 0417 943 136



May Birthdays

Jeff Blackman	David Mathwin
Barrie Byers	Guido Meens
Elaine Gilberthorpe	Anne Millman
Alan Jeffree	Debra Paisley
Cara Jeffree	Janette Seinor
Anthea Kelly	

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EDITOR COMMENTS

Ian Steer

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Multi-Day Runs

As we should all know, impromptu runs cannot be used for multi-day runs - so what do you do if you want to do a multi-day run with in your Code 404 car (with or without a few others) ?

The answer is to make it a MARC club run. This can be done quite easily be letting your editor know the details of the run. It can then be put in the Events section on the website - usually within hours. The editor can then ensure it appears in the next newsletter as a permanent record.

Want to Take your Code 404 Car to a Car Show?

If there is a once-off, or regular (eg monthly) car show you would like to take your car along to, then advise your editor of the details and it can be put in the events calendar. It then becomes a "club event" and an impromptu run log is not required for anyone who wants to go.

Enjoy Gerry's Write-up?

If you enjoy reading Gerry's write-up on his trip to Nungarin later in this newsletter, then it is highly likely that others will enjoy reading about your Model A adventures - so start writing. If you aren't confident about your writing skills, maybe tell the story in photos with some informative captions.

CMC DELEGATE'S REPORT

Toni Mahony

The bi-monthly CMC meeting was held on the 18th April in Eden Hill. Our president Dean (also the Treasurer of the CMC) has made some progress (with help) with the finances of the CMC. They now have a tax file number and we can start moving forward with the tax situation of the CMC. The CMC holds considerable funds, however, the suggestions put forward by the member clubs for the use of these will be put on hold until the ATO advises what is necessary in regard to the past history of the club.

There is a Dept of Transport audit underway of Concession 404 member clubs. This is a rolling audit and currently there are 15 clubs under review. They will get to us at some stage, but in the meantime, Kathleen needs to know whether your 404 vehicles are registered in the same name as is on your driver's licence. Please check your paperwork and get back to her asap, so she is ready when the DoT request our records. Please make sure that your impromptu runs are recorded correctly on our website.

The updated 404 Concession book is currently with the DoT for final approval, so should be available shortly.

The Classic Car Show will be over by the time you get this, so hopefully it all goes well, for all concerned.

Toni Mahony

EUENTS COORDINATOR

Ray Mahony

(events@modelafordclub.com.au)

Thanks to Daniel for the film night that was well attended and enjoyed.

Thanks also to Toni, Brett and Ron for the events they are organising.

If you think of somewhere pleasant or interesting please organise an event and ask for assistance if you feel you need it.

May

Event: MARC WA Coffee Run

Date: Tuesday 10th May

Time: 9:30am

Location: Pasta In The Valley, 2931 West Swan Road, Caversham

Details: This might be a pasta place, but they have some nice sweet delicacies such as: almond biscotti,

melting moments, cannoli, chocolate mousse, tiramisu, panna cotta, cheesecake, sticky date

pudding & gelato.

Please let Ron know by Sunday 8th May if you intend to attend.

Organiser: Ron Andrews (ph 0499 347 312)

Event: MARC WA: 16th National Motoring Heritage Run (& Meeting)

Date: Sunday 15th May
Time: 9am for a 9:30 start

Location: Meet in the car park at the end of Milne St, Bayswater, closest to the Garratt Road Bridge end. **Details:** Initially we will be heading for the hills for morning tea, so bring the makings. If you prefer to join

along the way, contact Toni for the route.

Organiser: Toni Mahony

June

Event: MARC WA Kennedy Ranges Run

Date: 4th to 11th JuneTime: 9:30am (June 4th)Location: Bindoon BakeryDetails: See page 7Organiser: Brett Pollock

August

Event: MARC WA Gymkhana

Date: Sunday 7th August

Time: Further details to be advised.

Location: Stoneville (probably) **Organiser:** Andrae & Gary Moore

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EUENTS COORDINATOR (CONT)

Ray Mahony

August (cont)

Event: MARC WA Annual General Meeting

Date: Sunday 14th August

Time: Further details to be advised.

Location: VCCC Club rooms, 265 Hale Road, Forrestfield

Organiser: Toni Mahony (Acting secretary)

September

Event: 27th Model A National Meet **Date**: 11th-17th September, 2022 **Location**: Goulburn, New South Wales

Details: Model A Ford Club of NSW National Meet web page

National Meet Official Booking Form

National Meet newsletter#3 https://bit.ly/nat-meet-newsletter3

Organiser: Model A Ford Club of New South Wales

Event: "Red Dust Revival" (Lake Perkolilli)

Date: 19th to 25th September

Details: Latest newsletter: https://bit.ly/perkolilli2

Location: Lake Perkolilli

December

Event: MARC WA Christmas Lunch

Date: Sunday 4th December

Time: Further details to be advised. **Location:** Mosman Park Bowling Club

Organiser: Brett Pollock and his able deputies

Monthly

Event: LBW (Leeming, Bullcreek, Willetton) Coffee Run

Date: 1st Tuesday of every month (except January)

Time: 10am

Location: RAAFA Club, Air Force Memorial Estate, 2 Bull Creek Drive, Bull Creek

Organiser: Steve Seddon (VCC)

CODE 404 INSPECTION STATIONS

An up-to-date list of the Authorised Inspection Stations (AIS) can be found on our website at this link: https://bit.ly/AISApril2022

KENNEDY RANGE TRIP JUNE 2022

Brett Pollock

This is an opportunity to see the West side of Kennedy Range, visiting Mookaite Mine, Mooka Spring and spectacular scenery. If you want to visit East side of the range (tourism sites), allow extra days at the end of the trip.

All Model A Fords are welcome.

Trip will have a back-up Unimog for support.

Upper Gascoyne Shire has given our group a \$5000 grant to film the trip for creating a Tourism Loop Road.

Option to trailer Model A to start trip.

Itinerary

Saturday 4th June 9.30am: depart Bindoon Bakery. Overnight at Mingenew or Coalseam National

Park.

Sunday 5th June: Leave for Murchison Roadhouse, via Mullewa. Overnight at Murchison

Roadhouse.

Monday 6th June 9.30: depart Murchison Roadhouse Settlement for Gascoyne Junction. Camp-

out or Caravan Park.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 7th, 8th, 9th June: on the Kennedy Range.

Friday 10th June: arrive back at Gascoyne Junction Caravan Park, or camp-out.

Sponsored dinner at the Hotel.

Saturday 11th June: Depart Gascoyne Junction. END of trip.

All welcome to overnight at Wooleen Prospecting Camp.

More details and your intention to participate to Brett Pollock on 0427 637 973.

MARC MAY ACTIVITIES IN YEARS GONE BY

10 Years Ago: Nine Model A's attended the Classic Car Show. John Watson's report on a rainy club run to Jarrahdale. Colin Davidson's lovely report on the drive to and from the Ipswich National Meet. Ray Mahony's story of the purchase of his buckboard at the Ipswich meet.

20 Years Ago: Only 3 Model A's attended the Classic Car Show. David Bussard's story of the run to Dawseville where the route instructions weren't too good - and Tenielle Jeffree's first appearance on a club run. Part 2 of the Mahony's report on their trip to the Toowoomba National Meet.

30 Years Ago: Classic Car Show report where six Model A's attended. Write-up of the Perth National Meet plus all the award winners.

40 Years Ago: Report on the Restoration Run to the Letch's, Lynch's & Bennie's.

MARC MOULE NIGHT

Anne Steer

Once again Daniel Pinnington put his hand up to organise an interesting and different Club event.

Daniel and his father are quite the movie buffs, with all the gear to show quality movies away from the cinema or TV. Daniel suggested a Club Movie Night - to be held in conjunction with a barbecue - in his back yard at High Wycombe.

The original date in March was cancelled due to, guess what, Covid restrictions! Undeterred, as soon as those restrictions were lifted, Daniel made a new date so that we could hold the event before the evenings started getting too chilly.

30 members put their hands up to attend. With a 5pm start, there was lots of chat and then a fantastic barbecue. Daniel, very generously, supplied a lovely roast of meat and we all brought salads or sweets to compliment the meal. What a fabulous assortment of delicious food!

Marilynn came along with the new chambray club shirts and found a new buyer in president Dean!

We then had an ultra quick meeting, before gathering all of our chairs in front of the very big screen on Daniel's lawn.

The movie was great. Tucker: The Man and his Dreams was made in 1988 and is a biographical comedy-drama. It recounts the story of Preston Tucker and his attempt to produce and market the 1948 Tucker Sedan. Although only 50 of these cars were ever made, many of them are still roadworthy and in use today.

It was a most successful evening and everyone who attended was overwhelmed by Daniel's hospitality and generosity.







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2026 29TH NATIONAL MEET IN WA

Toni Mahony

I know this is getting in early, but we have to start thinking about the next National Model A Meet to be held in WA. We are scheduled for 2026, two years later than before, due to the NT rally being included in 2016 and pushing each state back by two years. This subject got mentioned at the minimeeting held at Daniel's on the film night, so now I'm sending this to all members in WA. I just heard you all groan "I'll be ??? years old by then", but nothing like a little purpose in life to keep you going!!

We've had three remarkable National Meets in WA in 1992, 2004 and 2014, that are still talked about today. I don't know that we can reach those lofty heights again for 2026, but we can give it our best shot. We can design it however we want, as have several states over the years. There are things we need to organise or decide NOW, as we will be taking these decisions to Goulburn later in the year to be discussed at the National Delegates Meeting there.

The forthcoming Nationals will be held 2022 Goulburn, NSW; and the following ones are set for 2024 in Queensland, 2026 WA; 2028 Victoria are having it at Ford plant/premises, Geelong, to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Model A; 2030 South Australia. So far, I only know of 2 cars going to the Goulburn Meet – we certainly won't win the Participation Award this time! Let me know if there are more participants, we'd be glad of the company!!! Lake Perkolilli races, age and ability, etc. have hit our numbers this time round.

I'd really like some feedback on the following questions from all of you –

- 1. Do we run a National Meet in 2026?
- Yes / No
- 2. If we do, where do we hold it? Some suggestions already Albany, Kalgoorlie, Perth, Geraldton, Broome???? Other suggestions welcome. Date will depend on location.

Would you be <u>willing</u> to help, if you are able? <u>Give it some thought</u>. We should start preliminary work in 2024/5 or thereabouts.

Regards from the "I am not the 2026 Secretary!" Toni Mahony.
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CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Ian Steer

The Classic Car Show was held in <u>perfect</u> weather, and we had a good roll-up of 13 cars (and 2 trailers). Those who attended were: Ian Paisley, Gerry Ten Bokkel, Nathan Roberts, Dean Roberts, Daniel Pinnington & Erica, Toni Mahony, Ray Mahony, Andrae & Gary Moore, Ray Major, Paul Kelly, Allan Jeffree, Horace Misko and myself. We had a nice amount of space and everyone could get some shade under our majestic marquee (when they weren't roaming around checking-out all the other cars).

As usual, Horace came up with an interesting new idea and filled the bottom of his little trailer with junk Model A parts and a sign challenging spectators to nominate where in the car they all belonged.

Ray Mahony was driving his old Dodge to the show and delegated driving the buckboard to son Kim. That might be the last time Kim volunteers to drive any of Ray's cars, after Ray Major had to tow Kim & the buckboard the last few km into the

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car show at Ascot racecourse. Ray (Mahony) stripped the carby during the day and it seemed Kim would be saved the ignominy of having to be towed home. Sadly this was not completely the case,



and my spy reports that the buckboard had to be towed the last few streets home by the 1915 Dodge!

Peter Sartori did his best to be part of the Model A display by parking his shiny Falcon in the VCCC area *right* next to the Model A's. John Moorehead made a visit to the MARC WA marquee, having had to walk from the far end of the ground where his car was displayed with the FB/FC Holden club. Other members who droppedin for a chat were Ross Letch, Philip Raccuia & John Hall.

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CLASSIC CAR SHOW (CONT)

Ian Steer



MODEL A'S IN DENMARK (THE COUNTRY)

Ian Steer

Back in October, the newsletter cover featured the Model A from the Denmark (WA) Restoration Group. The photo and caption was then picked-up by the Script 'A' News in their March Newsletter.

In early March I received an email from Knud Gaarn-Larsen in Denmark (the country). Knud is the editor of the Vamdrup Ford A Klubs magazine, and wanted more information about the Model A from the "Danish Agricultural School" that he had seen in the Script 'A' News.

I had to disappoint Knud and tell him that the featured car had no connection to his homeland.

Knud also went on to say:

We have two Model A Ford clubs in Denmark. Vamdrup Ford A Klub is the small one with around 130 members, and Dansk Ford A klub, with around 500 members. www.dfak.dk. Every second year we have an event "Grænsetræf" - bordermeeting with participants from Norway, Sweden and Germany, and one from Wales. We normally have between 125 and 150 model A Fords.

I have heard about "Denmark" in Australia. I know farmers here, who have been in Australia, but they never told about "Denmark". Our crown princess Mary comes from Australia.

NUNGARIN SEARCHLIGHT PARTY

Gerry Ten Bokkel

I read from the VCCC Early Auto magazine that a 'Searchlight Party' function at the Nungarin Military Museum was being held on Saturday 26th February 2022. I have wanted to visit Nungarin for a few years as my wife's maternal grandmother and an auntie and uncle are all buried there. Therefore I saw the opportunity to not only visit my wife's grandmother's grave and go to the 'Searchlight Party', but also as a sanctioned event initiated by the VCCC Military Section, drive my Model A to the event and return home over a number of days. I thought going it alone would be a new challenge and I could stop and divert where ever I wanted. Unfortunately both hotels and the B & B were booked out. I didn't want to camp it this trip so I booked a cabin at the Mukinbudin Caravan Park, about 35km north of Nungarin, which is about 30km north of Merredin. I had stayed at the Mukinbudin Caravan Park previously and knew this caravan park was quite good.

As the Great Eastern Hwy was still experiencing a high volume of truck traffic re-stocking Perth, I decided to leave on Friday from my home in Forrestfield to Toodyay, Goomalling, Wyalkatchem and on to Mukinbudin. Although I asked quite a few VCCC members if they were going, only Ray Major said

he would be going – and in his 'C' cab Model A. Ray said that he would be making a round trip of it going a similar route to Nungarin and returning via Merredin, Bruce Rock, Quairading and he would go via Beverley to Safety Bay, whereas I would go via York to home. Although a bit apprehensive about going it alone, the trip was very uneventful with very little traffic and I enjoyed the scenery. Due to going it alone concerns and want to sort out my accommodation, I drove straight to Mukinbudin, mainly at 75kmh.

Saturday morning I was about to leave Mukinbudin only to find a half flat tyre. I changed it with the spare and drove to the Mukinbudin tyre dealer, but he was closed on a Saturday morning. I drove onto Nungarin to find the cemetery before I reached the town.

Entering Nungarin I realized that there were no service stations, and the café and newsagent shop was closed, so I went straight to the Military Museum and parked with several other vintage cars. The 'regulars' were very helpful and allowed me to repair my flat tyre in their maintenance workshop including using their compressor - which made the task so much easier.



Outside Mukinbudin showing a population of 274



Parked outside Nungarin Cemetery

The museum was great, with lots of military vehicles and also historic farming and household equipment. I met up with Ray Major, who was camping over the back fence with quite a few others including several VCCC Military Section members, most in their club vehicles. I visited them a few times having got to know them through the VCCC.

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NUNGARIN SEARCHLIGHT PARTY (CONT)

Gerry Ten Bokkel

An endless loop video provided the history of the building, surrounding area and how the museum developed. I was amazed that they were re-building tanks etc. here at the time. There were tank and halftrack rides that went quite fast and disappeared into the bush at the back of the museum for a while before returning at speed in a cloud of dust. There was a large indoor area with chairs and tables to have lunch and dinner (or just drinks) serviced from a new well equipped canteen. A local band from Merredin played in the evening. Thereafter they cranked up a huge world war 2 spotlight run by a struggling V8 engine generator. Occasionally interrupted by an extremely loud cannon firing.

I left the festivities about 9pm to return to my cabin at Mukinbudin very concerned about encountering kangaroos, emus, sheep, cows or possibly even a goat or camel. However travelling at about 65km I didn't see even a rabbit (I suspect I was going so slow the animals were hiding in the bushes waiting impatiently for me to pass by). The following day, Sunday, I again went to Nungarin as they were having a street market due to so many people being in town. After browsing the markets I travelled via Merredin to Bruce Rock past Shackleton where I took a photo of a very small Post Office and bank (now closed) and on to Quairading and York then home.

The return trip was uneventful with very little traffic until getting on Great Eastern Highway. The temperature in Perth was 36 deg and very hot inside the car with a digital gauge near the floor showing 47 degrees - but the car did not over-heat,



A few of the display cars



The crowd in the big shed



Shackleton's closed little bank & Post Office

even up the sometimes long hills. I travelled a total of 760km for the 3 day 'rally' and was pleasantly surprised to average 21 MPG (13.5 l/100km). It was a great trip and although I was apprehensive, I think I would take a more leisurely trip next time.

4 GENERATIONS OF MODEL A'S

Allan Jeffree

The photo below is of Edith and her brother Darrell beside their first four wheeled vehicle. Before Edith was born, the family travelled on a motor bike and side car. The ute was a cut down Phaeton. The roof was a grey blanket as were the curtains! Their cab light was a jam tin with globe. The family lived on their uncle's farm in Newdegate.

Generation 1: Bill and Joy Tullett (no photo)



Generation 2: Darrell Tullett and Edith Jeffree (nee Tullett) at a Newdegate Community Dress-up Day 1949



Generation 3: Darren and Leanne Jeffree 1971

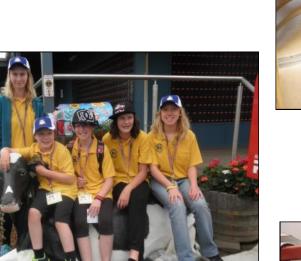
4 GENERATIONS OF MODEL A'S (CONT)

Allan Jeffree

Generation 4: Five grand children



Teneille Jeffree



Emma, Phillip and Caitlin Wringe, Cara & Teneille Jeffree at the National Meet in Busselton



Phillip Wringe and Cara Jeffree in Darren's Woodie



Cara Jeffree 2022

TECHNICAL TIP

Jim Cannon (MAFCA)

Ignition Cam Screws

I have helped a few Model A owners with an unusual problem: For no reason at all, their distributor goes "out of time". They lose power and have to limp home. They reset the timing and the car runs great again, but after a while the same thing happens and they limp home. Gremlins? No.

The problem is that the ignition cam screw may not hold the cam down tightly to the distributor shaft. After a bit of driving, the cam rotates into a more and more "retarded" position and the engine loses power. In spite of getting out a big screw driver and tightening the screw as much as possible, the cam still moves on them. Why is this? The SCREW that they are using is too long for the hole that is drilled and tapped in the top of the distributor shaft.

Some reproduction screws are just too long. Or the hole in the reproduction distributor shaft is too shallow. Or both! Whatever the case, the screw bottoms out in the hole and jams up tight before the cam is properly locked down on the shaft. So the cam moves.

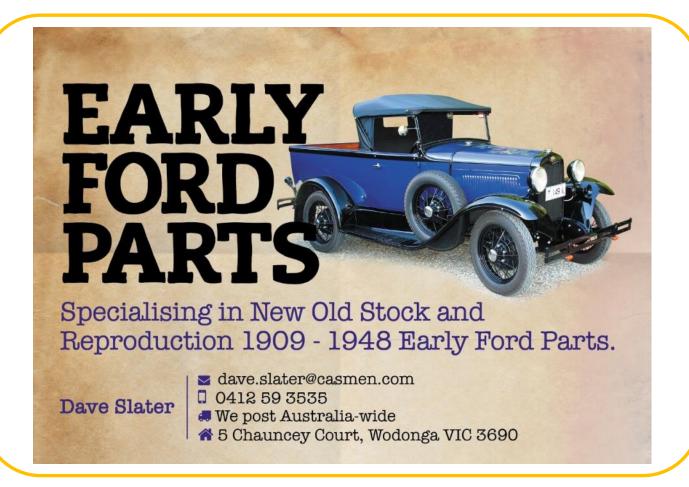
The simple fix is to add a washer under the head of the cam screw. Now the cam will get locked down well before the screw bottoms out in the hole. You also want to inspect the underside of the cam; it should have ridges that help lock it down on the shaft. Once the screw is tight, put the rotor on the cam and gently try to turn it on the distributor shaft. It should not move.

If you or a friend encounters this problem with the engine going out of time, I hope my little Tip does the trick for you.

Jim Cannon

Have a Model A Day







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