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## NOTE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Allan Jeffree

(Dean and Jenni are taking a few days off)

There are many acknowledgements to cover our year! Without these following member inputs, our club could not function!

All of our office bearers, especially Kathleen and Anne, carry us with the many hours of work behind the scenes. To them and all office bearers, our gratitude and thanks.

Our Newsletter producer, Ian Steer and his fabulous publications, along with keeping our web pages interesting and up to date! Complemented by Daniel Pinnington and the printing and despatching of our monthly production.

To the members who have organised our interesting outings and meeting places. New places to visit are always interesting and welcome.

Special thanks to the Collie club for inviting our members to join in their country trips during 2022.

Ross Letch, a *special* thanks for another fabulous Club Directory!

With our Christmas lunch, a special thanks to Paul Kelly, Brett Pollock and their helpers, Marilyn Horgan and Anne Steer. Hoping to see many of you there!

OUR SPARE PARTS- Firstly, thanks to David and Patricia Bussard for housing our spares for so many years. Pat and David are planning a move so we need to relocate. Daniel Pinnington, who lives in High Wycombe, has offered us a place for a 20ft container. This will all be happening in the near future - stay tuned.

All the best to all members for 2023 and beyond.

AJ



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**Front Cover:** Some table photos from the MARC WA Christmas lunch at the Mosman Park Bowling Club

# SECRETARY COMMENTS

**Kathleen Kuenzel** ([secretary@modelafordclub.com.au](mailto:secretary@modelafordclub.com.au))

Have you paid your Membership Renewal fees and sent in your forms for 2023?

If not, by 1 January 2023 you will be regarded as unfinancial members. If your vehicles are registered on Code 404 or Code 350 Concessional Licences, our Registrar will advise the Department of Transport of your altered status and as a result you could be required to pay the full licence fee for your vehicle/s and in the intervening time your insurance would lapse.

If fees and forms are not dealt with by 1 February, your membership will cease until such time as you satisfy requirements following which the committee will decide on accepting your reinstatement.

Now, I take pleasure in wishing every one of you a very merry Christmas and may you all experience peace, happiness and good health throughout 2023.

I'd like to welcome **new member** John Hanel of Dwellingup (Phone: 0427 777 255, Email: [buggesyhanel@gmail.com](mailto:buggesyhanel@gmail.com)). He is restoring a 1929 AA Truck. Please add his name and member number (208) in the space provided on page 27 of your new directories.

Kathleen Kuenzel



## December Birthdays

Des Addison	Jeanie Misko
Teresa Blackman	John Moorehead
Ray Chester	Kathleen Pepper
Bob Horgan	Erika Quadros
Andrea Jepson	Kim Seinor

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**MARC WA Life Members:** Bill & Mavis Spencer (1987), Max & Dora Annear (2000), Ray & Toni Mahony (2004), Barrie & Gwen Guest (2006), Reg & Coral Blewett (2020), Alan & Edith Jeffree (2020), Steve Read (2020)

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# EDITOR COMMENTS

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Ian Steer

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## MARC WA Members Directory in Electronic Form

An electronic version of the new Member's Directory has been produced (the eDirectory). It looks exactly like your printed member's directory except it is one huge, long page. It is a pdf document and can be used on your computer, phone or tablet (although most useful on a phone). It allows you to click/touch on a phone number to dial it, or create an email by clicking/touching an email address.

**This directory is strictly for club member use only - we do not want it to fall into the hands of people who may then swamp members with junk mail or junk text messages.**

If you would like a copy, please contact me and state whether you would like the instructions for an iPhone/iPad or an Android phone/tablet.

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## There will be no January newsletter.

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### Potentially interesting items out there on the web

- For anyone who hasn't seen their engine in pieces [https://youtu.be/\\_ZESBbQ2dew](https://youtu.be/_ZESBbQ2dew)

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# REGISTRAR'S COMMENTS

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Jean Misko

As Kathleen has mentioned, it is vital that your fees are paid, and forms returned.

If not, after 1 January 2023, you will be an unfinancial member of the club, and the Department of Transport advised. If your vehicle is concessionally licensed under Code 404 or Code 350, it will no longer be licensed and your insurance will be affected as well.

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# A LIBRARY OF CLUB RUN SHEETS

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Ian Steer

Ray Major made a great suggestion about compiling a library of run sheets from old club runs. This could make it easier for people to come-up with an idea for a run, and reduce the work needed to create the run sheet for a run.

I am not sure how this information would be made available to club members seeking to do a run, but my first thought is that there could be just a one line summary of each run on the website (maybe geographically divided into north, south and east ?) and members would then contact (who?) for copies of the runs they might be interested in. Further suggestions welcome.

So - **please send me copies of any old run sheets you have,**

- whether you wrote them or not, and
- in any form convenient to you (hardcopy, scan, original electronic document, etc.)

# EVENTS COORDINATOR

**Horace Misko**

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## Christmas Lights

There are many brilliant displays of Xmas lights in your area close by. Why not log an impromptu run and show your appreciation for the effort of the home owners by cruising past in your Model A. Maybe even decorate your pride and joy with tinsel, or a solar powered string of fairy lights. Not much petrol involved but you will get at least a 100 smiles per gallon!

See you at the Christmas Lunch.

## December

**Event:** MARC WA Christmas Lights Run

**Date:** Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

**Time:** 6pm

**Location:** Daniel & Erica's house, 9 Brae Rd, High Wycombe

**Details:** Meet at Daniel & Erica's place and Daniel will supply a sausage sizzle / meat on the BBQ, then head-off about 7pm for a look around the Christmas Lights

***Please RSVP to Daniel if you are planning to come (for his catering needs).***

[\(Daniel.p@efficientchips.com\)](mailto:Daniel.p@efficientchips.com) or ph: 0400 132 445)

**Organisers:** Daniel Pinnington & Erica Quadros

## January

**Event:** MARC WA Monthly Meeting

**Date:** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January

**Time:** 9:30am to 2pm

**Location:** Azelia Ley Museum – Manning Park – Azelia Rd, Hamilton Hill

**Details:** Members are encouraged to visit the museum, especially the Wagon Houses that display all sorts of vintage machinery.

**Organisers:** Anne & Ian Steer

## February

**Event:** MARC WA Breakfast Meeting

**Date:** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February

**Time:** 7:00 am

**Location:** Point Reserve, Bassendean

**Details:** Bring your own breakfast ingredients, barbeques available, meeting to follow

**Organisers:** Anthony & Debbie Gilberthorpe

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**Event:** MARC WA Movie Night

**Date:** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February

**Time:** 6pm

**Location:** Daniel & Erica's house, 9 Brae Rd, High Wycombe

**Details:** Daniel will supply the meat. Members to bring a salad or dessert to share. Movie still to be selected (but will be car-related).

***Please RSVP to Daniel if you are planning to come (for his catering needs).***

[\(Daniel.p@efficientchips.com\)](mailto:Daniel.p@efficientchips.com) or ph: 0400 132 445)

**Organisers:** Daniel Pinnington & Erica Quadros

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# EVENTS COORDINATOR (CONT)

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Horace Misko

## March

**Event:** Collie Sparkplugs on the Hill & Collie Capers  
**Date:** Labour Day Weekend, 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> March  
**Location:** Collie  
**Details:** Friday: evening clubrooms meet & greet, Saturday: Spark Plugs On The Hill car display, clubrooms evening BBQ, Sunday: Dardanup Heritage Park in the morning, Geographe Motor Museum in the afternoon, evening meal at the Federal Hotel  
**Organisers:** VCCC Collie Branch (contact Wayne Millman (MARC WA member))

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**Event:** Brookton Old Time Motor Show  
**Date:** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March  
**Time:** tba  
**Location:** Brookton  
**Organisers:** Peter Sartori & John Moorehead

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**Event:** Classic Car Show  
**Date:** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
**Time:** tba  
**Location:** Ascot Racecourse  
**Organisers:** tba

## Monthly

**Event:** LBW (Leeming, Bullcreek, Willetton) Coffee Run  
**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month (except January)  
**Time:** 10am  
**Location:** RAAFA Club, Air Force Memorial Estate, 2 Bull Creek Drive, Bull Creek  
**Organiser:** Steve Seddon (VCCC)

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# CMC DELEGATE'S REPORT

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Toni Mahony

There was no CMC general meeting in November, however they did convene an Information Night on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Jean Misko (Registrar) and I attended the club for MARC WA. This meeting was to clarify all the issues regarding 404 and C4C concessions for vehicles and all clubs were invited to attend. There were over 50 clubs represented by about 70 people. While nothing new came from the meeting, clarification was given about areas of perceived confusion, especially relating to Impromptu runs. The new updated (as at Oct., 2022) "Code 404 Concessional Licence Information Handbook" has also been printed. Jean has taken a supply for the club. The book has been reprinted to mainly update the wording and make it clearer to understand. The C4C rules are on the Department of Transport website and remain the same.



# COOK'S TOUR

## Kukerin, Bremer Bay, Katanning by Anne Steer

After many hours of work over many months by Kaye and Johnno Cook, the day had finally arrived. Cook's Tour began on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October. As well as members from other car clubs, we had a great participation by MARCWA members.

Our members arrived from all parts of the state. Seinors from Esperance, Millmans from Collie, Hurijs from Geraldton, and Sartoris, Horgans, Steers, Daniel/Erika, Steve/Andrea, Darryl/Tania, Gerry Tenbokkel and Paul Kelly from the metropolitan area. Peter Sartori was Mother Duck for most of the MARCWA members leaving Perth. We avoided the major roads as much as we could, heading south to Pinjarra, then east through beautiful forest and farmland to Dwellingup and Williams. Taking more back roads, we then travelled to Wagin, before heading east to Dumbleyung. All lovely countryside and towns – crops nearly ready for harvest and the magnificent Lake Dumbleyung. Apart from Steve's car being reluctant to start a few times, the 300km trip was very smooth. Arriving at Kukerin, Kaye had organised accommodation – whether it be at the fantastic Mary's Farm Cottages or camping at their farm. Much-appreciated generosity by Johnno and Kaye, most of us were chauffeur-driven to the Kukerin Hotel Thursday night by Johnno (in the local school bus), where Kaye had already pre-ordered our meals. We spent a great evening, getting to chat and meet the other members of our touring party.



Peter on a fact-finding expedition

Day 2 began at a leisurely pace. Once again transport was arranged by Kaye and Johnno for most of us to visit the Emu Essence Farm, just out of Kukerin. It was great getting out in the paddock, and up close with the many emus, hearing about the farm and then being treated to a lovely morning tea of sponge cake, made with emu eggs. Back from the Emu Farm and then off to the Cook's Farm for lunch, very nicely catered for by the Kukerin P and C. Cook's Farm is quite something! After lunch, we all wandered through the many sheds of the farm, totally gobsmacked by the amazing collections of all sorts of history, but with a very strong leaning towards CARS! People then dispersed to spend the afternoon in different ways. The evening was our Gala Dinner. Once again, out came Johnno and the school bus to take most of us to



This emu was a bit TOO friendly to Ian

Cambinata Yabbies, just east of Kukerin. The dinner was in the Shearing Shed. It is beautifully decorated in the style of the outback, but with all the trimmings of a 5 Star hotel. We were entertained by beautiful classical music on the baby grand piano, had a scrumptious dinner, listened to a few yarns from members of our touring group and then more entertainment (including learning a few dances) by David and Teresa Higgins. A top night!!

By Day 3, the weather was turning against us. Rain had set in, wind and cold. But it didn't dampen anyone's spirits! Meeting at the Kukerin Hotel, the convoy set off south to Nyabing. Kaye was Mother Duck this time, in her red Corvette with Johnno tail-end Charlie, driving his F250 and towing a car-trailer. Fuel, coffee, breakfast at the new Nyabing Hub, before heading east and passing through

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# COOK'S TOUR (CONT)

Kukerin, Bremer Bay, Katanning by Anne Steer



Cook's farm and visiting cars



Enjoying the Gala dinner at Cambinata Yabbies

Pingrup. We saw the beautiful painted silos of Pingrup, and then continued south through more farmland and lakes to Jerramungup. It was a trouble-free drive for everyone. Gerry did lose his air-filter on the road, but it was retrieved and I'm not sure Gerry even knew he'd lost it! At Jerramungup, the weather hadn't improved, no-one felt like dallying, so we all had lunch, refuelled, and headed south for Bremer Bay. In total, Kukerin to Bremer, it was a drive of around 250kms. At Bremer, we went to our accommodation, before meeting up for a Halloween-themed night at the Bremer Bay Resort. Not a huge number of people wearing costumes, but there was some representation in our group!



Leaving Kukerin



Refuelling at Nyabing

Sunday, Day 4, was a day to explore in and around Bremer and do our own thing. The weather was still cold, windy and wet, but didn't stop anyone. The Wellstead Museum was a very popular spot to visit, along with the old Telegraph Station, the Bremer Bay Brewery and the Gnorrbup Winery. The beautiful beaches probably weren't at their best in this weather, but still worth a visit.

Day 5 we had the drive from Bremer, back west to Chester Pass Road, and The Lily. What is The Lily? It is an authentic 16<sup>th</sup> Century design brick "ground-sail" mill. Pleun Hitzert, the builder of the mill, was very generous in allowing us to call in and visit. He set the mill turning and gave us a brief talk about how it came to be, here, just north of the Stirling Ranges in WA. After a brief look around at the Mill and the resident Dakota DC3 accommodation, we did the traditional photo-shoot of the A's all lined up in front of the mill. It's sort of compulsory! Heading south towards the Stirling Ranges, the A's, of course, all needed to refuel at Amelup. Everyone else drove on, but the 6 A's and their owners had a bit of fun at the 'Caution Nudists Crossing' sign, strategically placed with the Ranges as the back-drop!

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# COOK'S TOUR (CONT)

Kukerin, Bremer Bay, Katanning by Anne Steer



Car pose in front of The Lily and Stirlings



Fully clothed members at Amelup - it was cold!

Lunch, again pre-ordered for us by Kaye, was at the Bluff Knoll Café. After lunch we WERE planning on driving up the entire length of the Horse Power Highway towards Gnowangerup. A passing comment at the café by a local resident meant a very quick change of plans. Due to the recent heavy rain, this road was now apparently flooded at the Pallinup River Crossing, with very fast-flowing salty water making the road impassable. Never mind, a quick change to Plan B, and off we went to Gnowangerup via Borden. Through Gnowangerup, Broomehill and finally at Katanning. Another total of around 250kms. After settling into our accommodation in Katanning, some of us availed ourselves of one last special visit. Chester, Fiona and Jordan Smith have a fantastic collection of history, just on the outskirts of town. They had all the time in the world to shower us with hospitality and show us around their sheds. It is so great to see these collections of history throughout WA, knowing that the treasures of days gone by are in such passionate and enthusiastic hands. The very last part of our most memorable Cook's Tour was Drinks and Farewell dinner at the Katanning New Lodge. Kaye had organised a fun start to the evening with a game. The members of Cook's Tour then showed their unanimous appreciation of the super-effort, which had been put into organising these 5 wonderful days, by Kaye and Johnno.



Many, many thanks to Johnno and Kaye

Enter Tuesday, Day 6. Time for everyone to head home to various parts of the state. And, when we arrived home, over the next few days, time for the positive Covid results to come in! But, not for one minute would we have missed the fun we had.

# PINJARRA/DWELLINGUP RUN

Ray Major

Very nice weather greeted those who gathered at Wells Park (Kwinana) on 13/11/22 for the MARCWA November run.

There were a few faces we don't often see, a few stating they were pleased to join a run that started closer to home for them. Variety is the spice of life ? Daniel decided to give his Model A a rest (still dirty from the Cook's Tour) and instead engaged the pink aircraft carrier, and it was very popular wherever we stopped.

The group left on time and did a great job of staying together except the Jeffree Clan, who had to pull over and turn their lunch on their bespoke Manifold Grills as shown below. By all accounts the gourmet results were well worth the effort. Fortunately, traffic was light, the scenery was quite pleasant along the backroads, and there were no mechanical mishaps to report.

We had lunch and a chat under a tree at Pinjarra, no meeting on this occasion.

A few of the more intrepid members carried on up the hill to Dwellingup, stopping at Vergone Fruit Stall to buy some fruit and an ice cream, then onto Wine Tree Cidery in Dwellingup to inspect their small private collection of old vehicles, and test a few of their local brews.

All-in-all, a pleasant outing for those who attended - Thank you for joining us.



Darren Jeffree "turning lunch"



Lunch at Eden Vale, Pinjarra



Cars at the start at Wells Park, Kwinana Beach



# NEW ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

Anne Steer & Ian Paisley

Fred Hainsworth of Lesmurdie contacted Ian Paisley wanting to donate some Model A publications to our club. In Fred's words "I have always treasured them, and am grateful they can now be placed in a good home." These books are now available for loan, and are in the Library catalogue on our webpage.

This is Fred's story: The instruction book for a Ford Model 'A' is believed to have been from a car owned by my father, Cecil Hainsworth (1898 - 1967). Dad was self-employed as a manufacturer's representative, mostly of quality carpet and linoleum floor coverings, along with various sorts of textiles. Before marrying in 1935, his business sometimes required travelling in the south-west, and he is known in 1925 to have owned a Ford Model 'T'. Apart from the business samples he carried, he took a stack of hessian bags for placing under the car wheels when it became bogged.

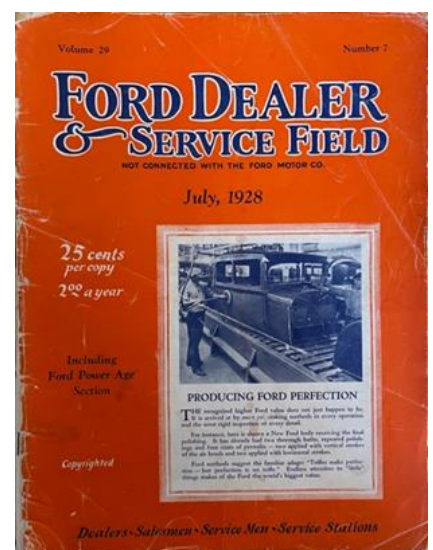
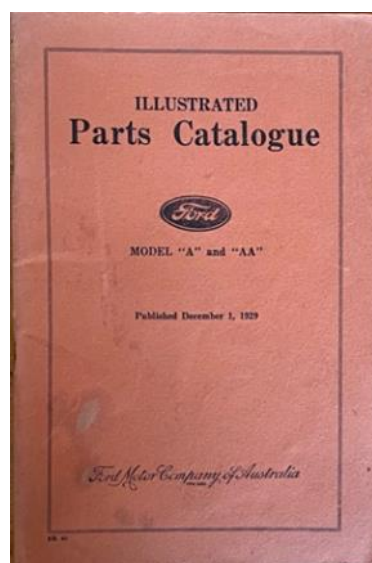
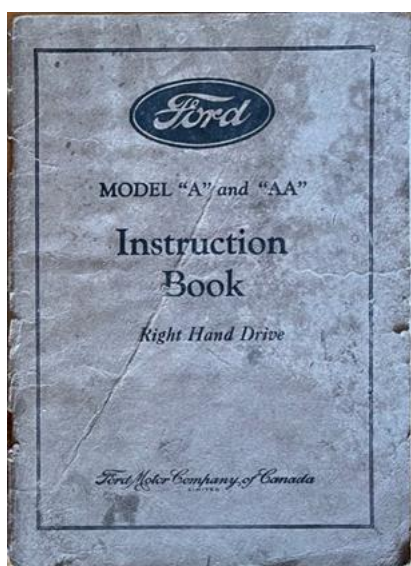
At some stage he is believed to have sold the Model 'T' and purchased a Model 'A'. However, as yet I have been unable to conclusively verify this, and with both my parents long gone I cannot ask. Without such a record, the only other obvious source is that it was given to me by my uncle (see the following).

Both the *Parts Catalogue* (1929) and the four copies of *Ford Dealer & Service Field* magazines (July to October 1928) came from my uncle, Charles Leuba (1912 - 1985).

Charles, my mother's eldest brother, grew up in wheatbelt Mandiga. After their home and general store (where Charles worked) was burnt to the ground in 1936, Charles went into business selling vehicles and farm machinery in nearby Koorda.

The publications I am passing on to the Club were given to me sometime between the late 1950s to the early 1960s, when I called in to see Uncle Charles at his business in Redcliffe. Trading as C. C. & F. Leuba, and fronting on to Great Eastern Highway, the land behind was open fields across to Perth airport. That building was, I think, what is now McIntosh & Son on the corner of Ivy St.

From memory the business dealt mostly in the sale and servicing of trucks, but also a few cars and earth working / agricultural equipment. The magazines suggest at some stage Charles sold vehicles manufactured by Ford.





# MARC 2023 CALENDAR

Ian Steer

Daniel Pinnington has produced a MARC WA calendar for 2023 full of the best photos of member's cars from 2022 activities. 20 "in stock" for quick delivery - any more will take a little longer.

Cost - **only \$25 including postage!**

Who could want for a better Christmas present ?

Send your money to our treasurer by EFT to the usual account (BSB: 306052, Account Number: 0284817) and Daniel will then post your calendar to you.

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH



President Dean presenting Life Member Coral Blewett with flowers



Marilynn Horgan & Anne Steer drawing Rob Mawson's name as the winner of the **Henry's Model T & A Parts** "early bird prize" \$100 voucher



President Dean presenting Secretary Kathleen with flowers



# LOOKING ONES LOVELIEST IN 1928

Jill Barrett, Santa Clara Chapter, California

It was in 1928 that Henry Ford's River Rouge Complex in Dearborn Michigan, an auto plant begun in 1917, was completed as the largest factory in the world. In 1928 the United States were still consumed by Prohibition and the Roaring 20's. Fats Domino, Lefty Frizzell, Maya Angelou, Rosemary Clooney, Elias James Corey, Dick York, Bob Crane, Jimmy Dean, Dick Van Patton, and Ralph Waite are some that have one thing in common. Only one was an American chemist Nobel Prize laureate but they all were born in 1928. And on that note, 1928 was the first year of our Model A era.



Anne Rittenhouse, fashion contributor for McCall's Magazine, wrote in 1928, "Not a knee was to be seen." She also wrote, there was a new trend of practicality. Every woman could wear the same dress at home, to work and to then to the store. One costume for the day was sufficient. Another trend for women's fashion in 1928 was the open season for all fabrics between two Januarys. Cedar chests were now used for interior furnishings.

In 1928, waistlines were right at the widest part of hipline. New belts livened up old frocks. Designers used simple straight lines. The hem line was straight with flares and pleats that allowed the

skirt to open with the movement of a woman's knee brought on by new dance demands.

A vivacious evening and afternoon tea dress was preferred to a sedate one. A wider variety of colors were accepted. Women's clothes were now referred to as romantic and acquiescently Victorian similar to the feminine gowns in the late 1880's when Queen Victoria lived. There were no plain surfaces on a dress in 1928. Dresses had ruffles, full skirts, a flare below the knee and uneven hemlines. In 1928 there were flounces, jabots, pleating, decorative girdles, odd seams, flying scarfs, floating sleeves, raglan shoulders, and hip yokes that were features to attract attention and prove change from the last season.



Necklines were softened with lace using its old sway over the neck opening. The decorative neckline went hand-in-hand with the flowing, straight skirt. Coats in the summer were not only for comfort but often as a decoration. Coats were not meant to hide the dress but slyly reveal it. Well fitted shoulders were a necessity. The slim arm was as important as the slim ankle. Muscles were taboo. Stringy tendons were abhorred. Women went to great lengths to look just right.

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# LOOKING ONES LOVELIEST 1928 (CONT)

Jill Barrett, Santa Clara Chapter, California

Women's fabric colors in 1928 were bright and vivacious. Fabrics in garden colors let in brilliancy. With bright colors available, black and white, dark blue and mist gray were running mates. For more information about colors in the Model A era, check out The Color of Fashions in Your Model A World written by MAFCA member Peggy Gill. Her research and color descriptions will steer you in the right direction to recreate that perfect ensemble.



In young girls fashions, there was the allure of the new smocking which simplified fitting with straight under-arm seams. Another great trend was hand stitchery with effectively placed dainty flowerets made from French knots.



Men's clothing was like women's fashions, proper etiquette and correct attire was the norm. Wool was the primary fiber although other fibers were woven in to create subtle patterns. Popular colors included blue, gray, blue and black. In warm climates, lightweight suits were worn without vests.

The year 1928 offered many clothing options, and the beginning of the Model A era.

## MARC DEC ACTIVITIES IN YEARS GONE BY

**10 Years Ago:** Daniel Pinnington's report of his very successful (20 Model A's !) run called "The Amazing Valley Chase" - a treasure hunt with cryptic clues. Allan Jeffree's description of visits to Andrew & Lorraine Gower's house and cars in Albany, and an Esperance visit where he met-up with Peter & Kaye Eardley, Craig & Yvonne Freebairn (now ex-members), Ron Casey and Brian & Ruth Walsh. Welcome to new members Gary & Kym Knight.

**20 Years Ago:** Much discussion in the meeting minutes about potential venues and fund raising ideas for the forthcoming WA National Meet. Gayle Easterbrook's report on a run all around the city.

**30 Years Ago:** The Mahony's report on Rally West held in Busselton. Reports on a club run near Rockingham organised by Max & Dora Annear, and a trip to the Bendigo Swap Meet by Bill Bennie. Greetings from Colin & Maxine Davidson back in Oman after a trip to the USA.

**40 Years Ago:** (no December newsletter)



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## TECHNICAL TIP

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Ian Steer

Back in May last year, I mentioned in my Editor's Comments about an interesting article in the March / April Restorer about a jig to hold the distributor, to enable a dial gauge to check points opening. My conclusion back then was that removing the distributor from the car was too much hassle, and that I might buy a dial gauge and magnetic base so I could check my feeler gauge setup of the points gap with the distributor in the car.

My dial gauge and magnetic base arrived months ago - and I finally got around to using them recently.

The conclusions:

- I *can* setup the points gap accurately with a feeler gauge after-all
- My cam lobes are all pretty consistent in height (ie no significant differences in wear).



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## MEMBER RESTO/MAINT. ACTIVITIES

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### Ian Steer's 1928 Sport Coupe

- I finally discovered the cause of the year-long clanking noise at the right rear of the car - a broken shock absorber connecting "dog bone". Horace provided a good half of a dog bone, and I purchased a set of rubbers. I have disconnected the other 3 and was amazed to find 3 of the 4 still behaving like shock absorbers. The 4th needs more oil (purchased from Yesteryear). Now ready to top-up and reconnect.

Tell me what you're up to on your car (do it right now before you forget!)

(I'm not detecting much interest in this newsletter initiative??)

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## MARC WA LONG "SERVICE" MILESTONES

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The following members have reached these significant membership milestones in 2022:

**40 Years:** Michael Bell

**35 Years:** Phillip Raccaia

**25 Years:** Barry Fowler

**20 Years:** Kerry & Lyn McPharlin, Steve & Lorna Wigmore

**15 Years:** Fred & Kathleen Kuenzel, Michael & Linda Le Roy

**10 Years:** Peter Forbes, Rose Best, Bob & Marilyn Horgan, Gary & Kym Knight, David Mathwin, Daniel Pinnington, Ron Poultney

# Dealer Does a "Napoleon" With *the* New FORD

*"Napoleon had an army of a hundred thousand men,  
He marched them up the hill—and then,  
he marched them down again;  
And when they were up, they were up,  
be gobs,  
And when they were down, they were down,  
But when they were half way up the hill  
—they were neither up nor down."*

**T**HUS gaily sang Paul Kent, proprietor of the Kent Motor company of Mount Morris, Ill., as he drove a Ford Model A Tudor up hills and down hills, or stopped midway where he was "neither up nor down" and defied gravity to overcome the strong grip of the Ford brakes.

Paul Kent, although still a young man, is an old head and hand at Fordology. Five years ago in the pages of this magazine we told of his car and tractor selling achievement when he was just a fledgling with Williamson Motor Company of Rockford, Ill. Since that time he has become a full dealer on his own and is successfully applying his past experience.



*Above is the Model A Taking One of the Hills*

Mr. Kent knew that the new Ford was to be a knockout, even before he saw it. When it arrived his enthusiasm mounted. And when the first nice spring day came along, Paul de-

cided that he would show the good people of the surrounding country just what the Ford was capable of doing.

Around Mount Morris are hills. These are just the kind to try the mettle of any car and to discourage most of them. They are not short and steep elevations which a car may rush at and reach the top with a roar that makes it appear more of an achievement than it is. These hills are long, heart-breaking grades and any car must have what is inelegantly called "guts" to climb them. Most cars have not a sufficient supply of such "in-nards" to accomplish the climb gracefully.

But Kent's Model A Tudor seemed to iron out these elevations as it came to them. Without pause, grunt or cough, the car rolled along and up and down in just about the nicest demonstration ever given. At times Mr. Kent would stop the car on the steepest grades he could find and leave it there unmanned just to show the kind of stuff Ford brakes are made of.

"No other car could come near doing what we did with the Tudor A", says Mr. Kent. "The car has proved itself here".



*Paul Kent Demonstrates New Ford Brakes*





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