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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

(president@modelafordclub.com.au)

Well, it's that time for my first report. I would very much like to thank everyone who voted for me. However there wasn't anyone against me; which is a pity, because for a club to remain vibrant it needs members who have ideas to drive the club forward. Enough of that for the moment.



I would like to acknowledge the years of work Kathleen has put in as secretary; attending all the meetings and diligently keeping Minutes, and keeping members on their toes with regard to membership renewal. I also thank Horace for his work on the committee and especially as Events Coordinator. It is sometimes difficult to make sure there is a run/meeting each month.

Our retiring President has been under the pump a bit, what with living in Busselton part-time, running a business, his CMC commitments and dealing with other personal issues. Never the less, Dean has given his utmost to the club and I know he will continue to do whatever he can in the future.

I am sure that all who attended the Hubley night at the Jeffree household had a great time. All the Jeffrees have done a great job with this for a good number of years; in fact next year will be the 20th anniversary of the event. All credit for a job well done.

The club has, for one reason or other, had difficulty holding meetings on our monthly runs. The monthly meeting is an important part of the club, and the means by which much information and ideas can be discussed. I would like to see meetings included in our monthly runs, not JUST for the sake of holding a meeting, but to conduct important club business.

Ray Mahony



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Front Cover: Darryl Freind and Tanya Piercy, Kim and Janette Seinor at the Dongara beach racing

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Your Organising Committee

Our annual Christmas Lunch will again be held at Mosman Park Bowling Club on Sunday, 3rd December at 12 noon, for a 12.30 meal.

We will be having a delicious traditional Christmas lunch menu, which has always been greatly enjoyed.

MARC Christmas lunches have invariably been a wonderful chance for members to gather and enjoy each other's company in a totally relaxed atmosphere. Members who can't get to meets throughout the year often make a special effort to attend the lunch. And where better than overlooking one of the best views in Perth – on the river at Mosman Park!

And - newsflash!- since the retirement of Frank Farrelly as the Christmas Cake Chef, Toni Mahony has very generously offered to fill those big shoes, and cook this year's cake. Thanks so much, Toni.

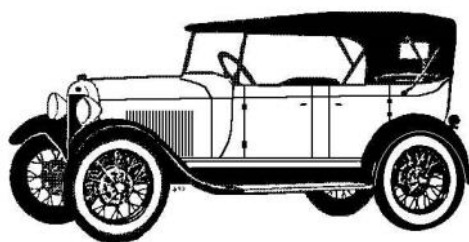
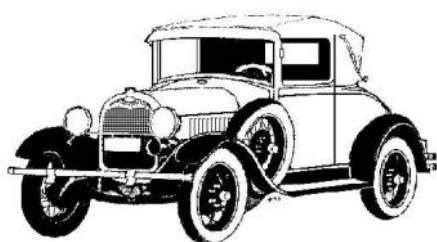
By the time you receive your next Newsletter, our Christmas lunch will have been and gone!!

It is very important that you let us know of your attendance and pay your money **as soon as possible**, but definitely by 25th November.

We would love to see as many members as possible come along and enjoy this special function!

Full details are on page 11.

Anne, Marilyn, Brett and Paul



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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), John Moorehead (2023)

EVENTS COORDINATOR

Edith Jeffree

(events@modelafordclub.com.au)

November

Event: MARC WA Hugh Manning Tractor & Machinery Museum, Serpentine
Date: Sunday 5th November
Time: 10:30am for 11am departure
Location: Wells Park, Kwinana
Details: Entry to the Museum is \$5 per person. Bring a picnic lunch. Plenty of parking and a public barbeque is available. No meeting is planned for this event.
Organiser: Ray Major (0435 616 820)

Event: Classic Car Run - Cities of Canning and Cockburn
Date: Sunday 12th November
Time: Noon for a 1pm departure
Location: Woodloes Homestead, 39 Woodloes St, Cannington
Details: Open to anyone with a classic car. Travel to Azelia Ley Museum (Manning Park, Hamilton Hill) via WWII radar detection camps, Chinese and Croatian market gardens, Pensioner Guard Settlements, lime kilns and Australia's oldest crematorium at Woodman Point Quarantine Station. Free entry (gold coin donation at museums). The route will take about an hour and a half, and finish with a free cuppa and sausage sizzle at Azelia Ley. Bookings aren't necessary although it would help with numbers for catering and printing. Booking via Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/728003166067?aff=oddtcreator> Phone enquiries to Geoff Moor, Heritage Services, City of Canning ph: 0418 929 035

Organiser: Horace Misko

December

Event: MARC WA Christmas Lunch
Date: Sunday 3rd December
Time: Arrive at noon for a 12:30 lunch
Location: Mosman Park Bowling Club, 39 Bay View Terrace, Mosman Park
Details: See page 11

January

Event: MARC WA Monthly Meeting
Date: Sunday 21st 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.
Organiser: Anne Steer

February

Event: MARC WA Breakfast Meeting
Date: tba
Time: tba
Location: Point Reserve, Bassendean (to be confirmed)
Details: Bring your own breakfast ingredients, barbeques available, meeting to follow
Organiser: Anthony & Debbie Gilberthorpe

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EVENTS COORDINATOR (CONT)

Edith Jeffree

March

Event: Classic Car Show
Date: Sunday March 17th
Time: tba
Location: Ascot Racecourse ? Subiaco Oval ?
Details: tba
Organiser: tba

September

Event: 2024 National Meet
Date: 1st September - 8th September
Location: Maryborough, Queensland
Details: Check under the "28th Biennial Meet" heading on the Queensland club website - includes proposed itinerary, Early Bird Booking Form and accommodation options:
<https://modelafordqld.wixsite.com/website>

Organiser: Model A Ford Club of Queensland

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 (VCCC)

EDITOR COMMENTS

Ian Steer

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Did you know that it is very easy to alleviate that sense of guilt you feel after doing something in (or to) your Model A - and then not writing a paragraph or two about it ? Just DO IT, and others will thank you for making their newsletter more interesting.

For those Facebook members interested in knowing about next year's **National Meet in Maryborough**, QLD, keep an eye on the Australian "Model A Ford" National Meets Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2286256461593076>).

Ownership and control of this group is transferred after each National Meet to the club hosting the following meet (so MARC WA will be responsible for it late next year).

Here is some (modern) footage of a 4WD 1917 Model T demonstrating its snow performance:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fmHoUKq0sC8>

- and the Model T Snowmobile 2015 National Meet:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4wJLbpjH_LI

(and to think Ray Major complains of needing cold weather gear in his C-Cab !)

REGISTRAR'S COMMENTS

Jean Misko

registrar@modelafordclub.com.au

January 1st, 2024 - but that's ages away! Well it's not really. I could scare you and say it's only a short couple of months until Christmas, but I won't do that.

1st January, 2024 is when your membership form and fees need to be in to the club. After that date, I am obliged to send a letter into DoT and if your car is on Code 404 or C4C it will no longer be covered.

Thank you to all those super, marvellous people who have already paid their fees and emailed, or posted their forms to me.

Jean

PS. Another Membership Renewal Form is included with this newsletter, or can be downloaded from the club website at: [Membership Renewal Form.pdf](#)



Ray Major's Perkollilli speedster with its new owners at the Dongara beach racing



We look forward to seeing Ian Hislop's 1928 Phaeton on a club run soon

NUNGARIN SEARCHLIGHT TRIP

Peter Sartori

Alan and Edith Jeffree, in their 1933 Ford V8 Roadster, along with Gerry ten Bokkel in his Tudor and myself in the Falcon, met at Karragullen bright and early on Friday, 6th October. We got going smartly with Gerry leading the way (I had to convince him to come in his Model A as he thought he would slow everyone else down - however, as we all know, we only travel at the slowest car's comfortable speed).

We had a great run to Brookton where we all topped-up with fuel, had our morning tea, then headed-off to Corrigin for our lunch stop. After lunch, it was a short run to our first night stop in Narembene, and to meet up with the Collie guys, plus John and Kaye Cook from Kukerin. We were into our delightful motel (The Morning Sun) by about 1.30pm (if you are ever out in the wheat belt do yourself a favour and stay at this place - it is a near-new motel). Later in the afternoon we visited the local Men's Shed Museum.

Wayne Millman had us all booked into the local pub for dinner where the meals were great, but service was a little slow. Despite that, we were all tucked in bed by not much after 9pm.

We were all up and ready to go on Saturday morning and met at the local roadhouse for fuel and photo shoot. That done, we were off to Merredin. We all had a good look around the shops in Merredin and had lunch. The four of us from Perth then went off to our motel for a nap and the others headed off to their accommodation in Nungarin.



Corrigin lunch stop



The cars at Narembene



Ray Major's ute on the road
(now with tyre-mudguard clearance!)

Alan and Edith's grandson Phillip, from Kirup, arrived about 4.30pm and joined them on the drive to Nungarin. Gerry rode in the Falcon, to keep me company - and so he did not have to drive the 40 km back to Merredin in the Model A at night. When we arrived in Nungarin, Ray Major had arrived in his trusty little Model A ute.

The evening at the museum in Nungarin was great and the volunteers put on a tasty home-cooked meal for us. I hadn't been to the museum since about 2011, and gee, they have really been able to lift the standard of the whole place up to another level - plus the very large searchlight is a work of art. If you have not been there, put it on your bucket list of places to visit.

On Sunday, the Perth foursome packed-up and decided the best way home was to avoid Great Eastern Highway by going via Bruce Rock and onto York for lunch - where we again met with the Collie crew.

We said our goodbyes to the Collie folks and headed for home.

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NUNGARIN SEARCHLIGHT TRIP (CONT)

Peter Sartori

I have been on several runs that Wayne and the Collie guys have organised and they've always been fantastic.

Thanks again Wayne.



The searchlight and its generator



The searchlight in action

ANNUAL HUBLEY RACING

Germaine Jeffree

The Spring weather turned it on for our annual Hubley Race gathering on Saturday, October 14th.

The Jeffree clan spent the morning with food preparation and getting the track setup. Members started arriving around 4pm - some with their Hubley cars in tow, others just joining for the social company. It was great to see so many members come along to what has become a traditional annual event on the MARC calendar.

It was agreed to have the general meeting prior to the race. The first meeting with our new President and Secretary was short and sweet so we could move on with the race. With scrutineering done, it was time for the race. Most of us pulled our cars out of their boxes, having not touched them since last year, yet some went faster and some went slower.



Hubleys in the pits

With a great turnout of cars, we had 24-odd vehicles line up for the elimination races. With the Jeffree family having several spare Hubleys on hand, every member attending got a car registered in their name to participate in the race. John Watson's Phaeton set the fastest lap time, however in keeping with tradition, John Moorehead took out first place with Allan Jeffree coming second.



Teneille Jeffree's Hubley

With the race done and dusted, the BBQs were lit and members enjoyed a great night chatting and indulging in some yummy salads and scrumptious desserts.

It was great to see new members, Ian and Sue Hislop come along, and Tom Eastough dropped by to see what all the fuss was about with the Hubleys.

Next year will mark 20 years since the track was built - so keep your eye on the calendar for a celebration event.

Thanks to all who helped with the preparation and thank you to all who attended.



Hubleys in action

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ANNUAL HUBLEY RACING (CONT)

Germaine Jeffree



Hubley Day



John Moorehead collecting yet another winner's trophy from Edith Jeffree



Gerry ten Bokkel finally getting last year's Good Luck / Bad Luck Trophy

CHRISTMAS LUNCH



2023 CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Date: Sunday, 3rd December - 12.00, lunch at 12.30

Venue: Mosman Park Bowling Club, 39 Bay View Terrace, Mosman Park

Cost: \$55 per head for members
\$60 per head for non-members

Please notify your intention of coming by email or phone to Treasurer, Anne Steer as soon as possible, but definitely by 25th November: isteer@iinet.net.au, treasurer@modelafordclub.com.au or 0407 867 703.

Payment also by 25th November:

EFT - payment to our **NEW CBA Bank Account (different from last year)**

BSB: 066 164

Account Number: 1062 1294

Reference: "SURNAME Xmas"

Cheques - can be posted to Anne at 7 Gransmoor Way, Willetton, 6155

MENU

Glazed leg ham platters

Turkey breast roll

Gravy and condiments

Assorted roast vegetables

Broccoli, bacon and cranberry salad

Orange, prawn and avocado salad

Tomato, red onion and basil salad

Snowpea, apple and nut salad

Fruit and rice salad

Dinner rolls and butter

Christmas pudding with creamy brandy sauce

Tea, coffee and chocolates

DRINKS

Iced water on each table

All other drinks to be purchased



TECHNICAL TIP

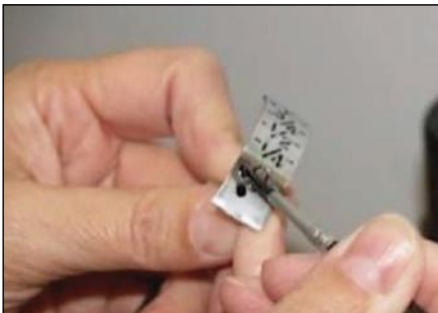
Brian Amato, MAFCA

Restoring the Fuel Level Indicator

After spending over 80 years inside the gas tank of my 1930 standard coupe, the fuel indicator was looking pretty sad. Paint was missing from the numbers and the overall appearance was dingy and tarnished. I decided to see if I could bring it back to life.

Since the numbers are actually stamped into the indicator, lower than the surrounding surface, I figured I might be able to flow some new paint into the recesses, wait until it dried, and try to rub the paint off the top surface, leaving just the numbers painted. It worked like a champ. Here's what I did:

I gathered up a small artist's brush, a tiny cup, and some fuel proof paint. This is the same model airplane paint recommended to repaint your carburettor. After shaking the paint up for at least a full minute, I squirted some into the small cup.



Getting just a bit of paint on the tip of the brush, I let the paint flow into the recesses of the numbers where they had been chipped or eaten away over the years.

Once the paint had thoroughly dried, I looked around for something to rub the surface with. I decided against a cloth as being too floppy and might actually pull the paint back out

of the recesses. I needed something smooth but stiff. A scrap piece of pine, from another project, laying on my work bench caught my eye. A sort of burnishing tool. Perfect!

I rubbed it over the now dried paint and it not only took off the unwanted paint around the numbers but it had a sort of polishing effect on the metal as well.



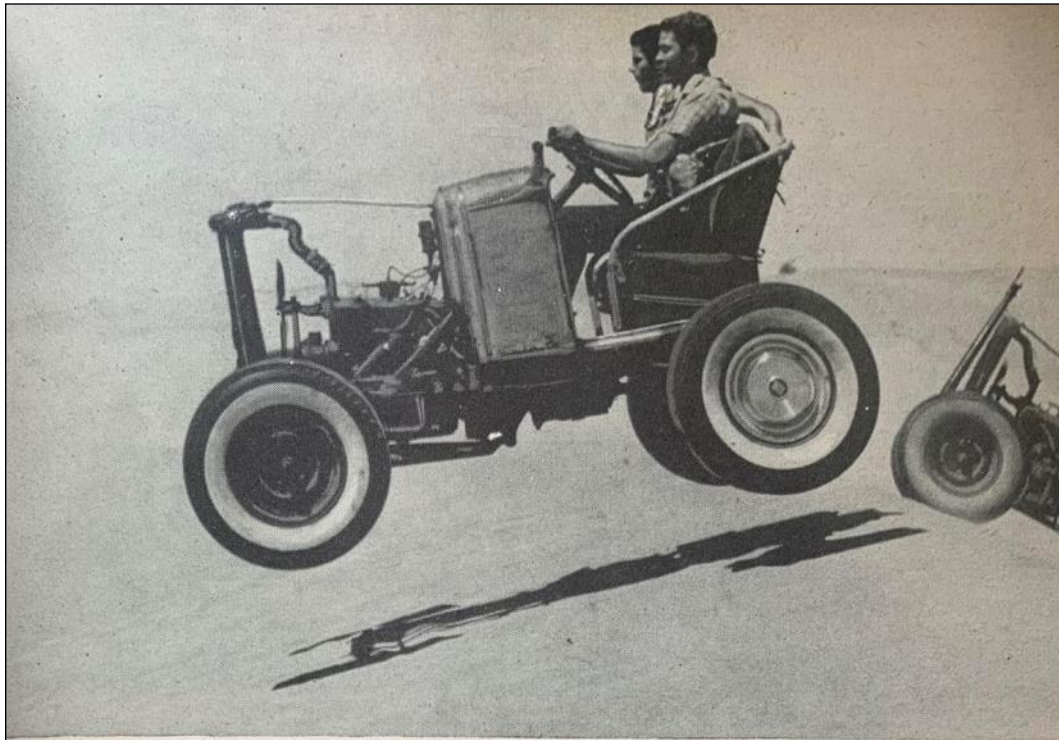
Whatever the surface of the indicator is plated with, it came right back, shiny as new and the numbers looked terrific (the lovely hands belong to my wife. I'm manning the camera.)

This is going to look great, even behind the old, original bezel.



After cleaning and polishing the inner and outer rings as best I could, my gas gauge is ready to be reinstalled in the fuel tank and give another 80 plus years of service.

Brian Amato, Kwesting@aol.com, Membership Number 53732, Traverse City, Michigan MAFCA
April 2020

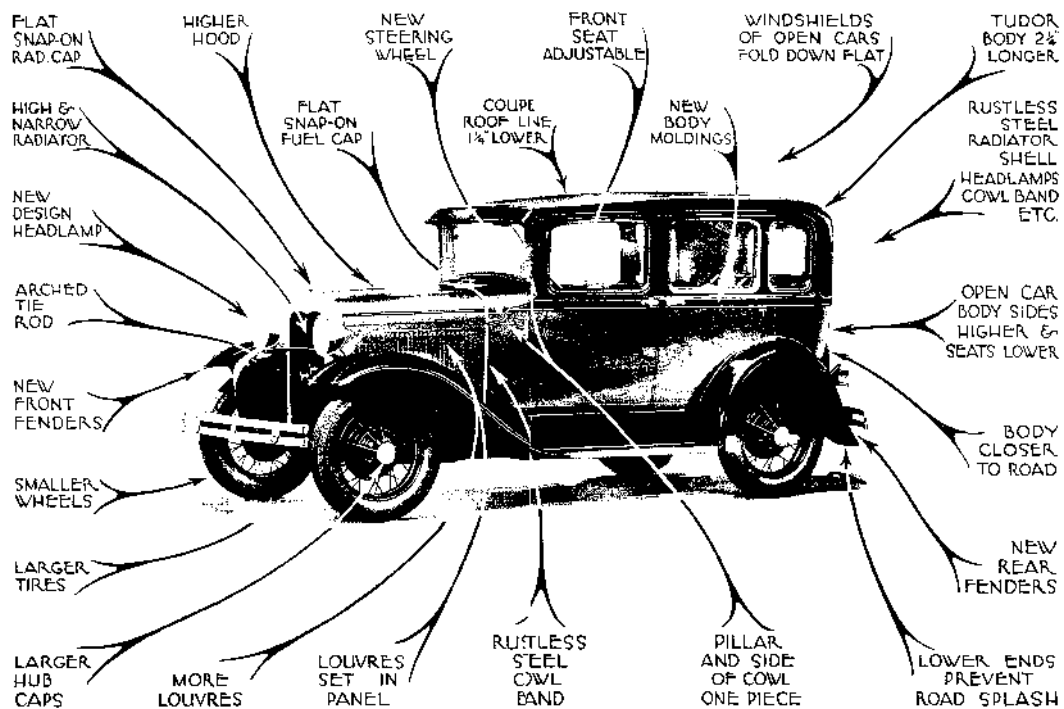


Model-A "Dune Bugs" Beat Dig-In Problem of Driving on Sand

Cut a Model-A Ford down to an over-all length of eight feet, strip it to bare essentials, put dual rear wheels on it and you have a "Dune Bug." High-school boys in the Yuma, Ariz., area use that formula to build a \$30 car that will scoot over the

shifting sand dunes of the desert Southwest where even Jeeps are trapped when the wheels dig into the sand. The rear wheels have smooth 7.50 by 16 tires that spin instead of digging in when a stall threatens. Air pressure is limited to eight pounds.

FEATURES OF THE 1930 FORD



MEMBER'S SHED ACTIVITIES

Ian Steer's 1928 Sport Coupe radiator has been re-installed for the 3rd time in less than 2 years (and thankfully, the leak appears to have been fixed).

Darren Jeffree kept himself busy during COVID-times rebuilding a couple of engines:



Darren also found this casting mark on one of the manifolds, meaning it was cast by “**Eureka Planter**”. This company made some castings for Ford Canada. Darren has found this marking on water pump housings, water outlets and gearbox casings. There is interesting info about small Canadian differences from the USA made cars. See <http://www.cmaff.com/> select “research”.



MARC NOV ACTIVITIES IN YEARS GONE BY

10 Years Ago: Report on a Peter Sartori-organised overnight trip to Narrogin by 8 cars.

20 Years Ago: Write-up of a multi-day run attended by 6 Model As, an old Holden, an old Falcon and a modern to Brookton, Narrogin, Collie, Donnybrook and home. Louise Read wrote about the All Ford Day.

30 Years Ago: A drawn-out saga of proposed changes to the Club Constitution was mentioned (voting postponed until after Christmas)

40 Years Ago: Report on a run around the river and finishing in Manning, and meeting a Canadian, round-the-world traveller in his 1928 Phaeton.



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