

Western Model A News

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Model A Restorers Club of Western Australia, Inc.



NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

(president@modelafordclub.com.au)

It is with much sadness that I have to commence this entry with the news that long time member, Frank Farrelly passed away just before the issue of last month's "Model A News". Just two weeks before his death, Frank tendered his resignation from the club stating that, at 87 years old, he felt his time was near.



Frank restored two Model As during his life and participated in many club events. He may well be best remembered for the delicious Christmas cakes he made for many years. He was also seen at the BBQ before AGMs assisting Colin Davidson prepare lunch. I am sure all will remember Frank for a long time.

On a lighter note, I have it on good authority from Horace Misko that past (but long time member) Frank Cocks celebrated his 91st birthday recently. May there be many more, Frank!

Your new committee has met, and would like to encourage members planning to organise a run/meeting to, where possible, select the third or fourth weekend of the month. This will alleviate the possibility of having runs only one or two weeks apart. It is also the committee's intention to hold a meeting at each run wherever possible.

So, Christmas is on top of us, with the club Christmas lunch being held on the 3rd December. I wish all members and family a not-too Merry Christmas and if you are getting out on the road, stay safe and don't trust the other driver.

Until next time

Ray Mahony



Front Cover: Gerry ten Bokkel's Tudor with "old engine out and new Burtz engine about to go in" (now installed)



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REGISTRAR'S COMMENTS

Jean Misko

registrar@modelafordclub.com.au

A big THANK YOU to all those members who have paid their 2024 membership and sent me the form. Please don't forget to send the form to me, as this completes your membership for 2024. Even if you no longer own a Model A, the form must be returned. (Another copy of the renewal form is attached with this newsletter, or can be downloaded from the [website](#)).

In early January, I will be advising the Department of Transport of those members who have not paid their fees and sent the form in. This may result in those members with cars on concession having to pay full licensing fees. (Both 404 and C4C)

Beth Martin, from South Australia, asked me to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and all the best for 2024 when she sent in her form.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Ian Steer

editor@modelafordclub.com.au

SCAM EMAILS Beware that someone has sent some emails around purporting to be from president@modelafordclub.com.au and signing-off as Ray Mahony. On closer examination of the (normally hidden) detail of the email, the emails have not come from Ray's "president" email address (ie he has not been hacked) - they've just forged the "From" address and put his name in the "Reply-To". The Editor and Treasurer received these emails - and others??

The scammers could easily have got these names and email addresses from the newsletter.

So - the lesson here (and elsewhere) is beware! - and if you get an email from anyone (in the club or not) asking for money, phone them and confirm.

Note: As usual there will be **no January newsletter**.

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EVENTS COORDINATOR

Edith Jeffree

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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: Sunday February 25th
Time: 7am
Location: Point Reserve, Bassendean
Details: Bring your own breakfast ingredients, barbeques available, meeting to follow
Organiser: Anthony & Debbie Gilberthorpe

March

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

April

Event: VCCC Easter In Esperance
Date: Easter weekend (March 29th-April 1st)
Location: Esperance
Details: See page 14 for a call for expressions of interest
Organiser: VCCC Esperance, Tim Bailye (secretary), espvetcarclub2020@outlook.com.au

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>
The 3rd National Meet newsletter can be found [here](#).
Organiser: Model A Ford Club of Queensland

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EVENTS COORDINATOR (CONT)

Edith Jeffree

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)

KWINANA - SERPENTINE RUN

Ray Major

After concerns about the potential heat, a hardy group assembled at Wells Park in near perfect weather on Sunday 5th November.

Luckily, Darren Jeffree was aware that Serpentine (where we were headed) was very close to some active bushfires in Jarrahdale, and let me know. I decided we didn't need to get in the way of DFES, or put ourselves in harm's way, to visit a museum that was likely closed anyway.

I then chose an alternative run destination to C.Y. O'Connor Reserve near Coogee. I was then advised that several members were very comfortable staying at Wells Park, so everyone had a chat and some tucker before heading home.

Looks like the Tractor Museum will have to wait until next year.



The cars at Wells Park, Kwinana

2026 NATIONAL MEET REPORT

Toni Mahony

The first official meeting of the 2026 National Meet Committee was held recently. We thought an update for our members would be appreciated.

As for previous National Meets, we start our planning quite a long time ahead of the actual event. At this stage, we will be meeting monthly commencing in February (unless we deem it unnecessary). During the next 1054 days (from 28/11/23), you (our members) will be asked to help in whatever way you can, so be prepared. We are receptive to any and all ideas to help make this again the **best** National Meet – the Eastern States still talk about our rallies, so we have a reputation to uphold!! ☺

Name of the Rally – “Whale of a Time” or similar.

Bank Account – this is set up and already receiving funds. We have received nearly \$1000 over and above our ‘set up’ fund from the Club through fund raising. Bank A/c – BSB 066-112, A/c 10572085.

Venue - Retravisation Stadium in Albany has been booked, including the main hall, some meeting rooms and the foyer. Although we don't know how large this event will be, this is about the only venue large enough to hold a decent crowd and we are aiming for ‘big’. It is modern, has plenty of parking and all the facilities we will need.

Logo - The working logo for use during the rally planning stage was shown at the meeting. A friend of **Andrae** has designed it for us (free) and features a whale, the ocean, and a Model A. It is being reworked a bit at this stage, but will be used on correspondence, early bird form, etc etc.

Fundraising and Sponsorship – while **Brett Pollock** and **Paul Kelly** will be working on sourcing major grant amounts to help us fund this event, there are other fundraiser ideas underway as well.

The major raffle will feature the Burtz engine, donated by **Dean Roberts** with the assistance and donations of members for parts and labour to get this motor put together in reasonably short order. All help would be appreciated.

Other raffle prizes will be requested during the next few years, with tickets to be sold at the Meet, so put on the thinking caps, folks! Crank-up the craft skills, etc.

Scrap metal is already being collected. This can be given to **Ray Mahony**, who will sort and deposit it on a regular basis. The first pile has already been lodged (thanks to **John Hall** and a few other members).

Containers for Change - Members are asked to use the National Meet account when getting rid of your cans and bottles. The code to be used when doing this is **C11024600**. Thank you in advance.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzles are on the drawing board, commencing as soon as possible.

Rally Programme – a tentative itinerary has been proposed, including all the usual happenings, including the mandatory run. **Darren Jeffree** has offered to be Chief Judge for the event. **Brett Pollock** has volunteered to be the Master of Ceremony during the Meet.

We shall endeavour to keep you up-to-date as often as we can, with what we have done and what we need help doing.

Toni Mahony – Secretary - 29th National Model A Ford Meet, 2026 - ALBANY

NUNGARIN SEARCHLIGHT TRIP (CONT)

Ray Major

Some photos from the Nungarin Searchlight trip from Ray Major that missed the deadline for last month's newsletter.

This Model A is owned by David Uren of Katanning.

His Great Grandmother ordered "the new Ford" in 1927. The salesman offered her his best deal on a runout Model T, but she insisted on waiting for the latest and greatest.

It has been in the family ever since and is used daily on the farm.

David was kind enough to invite us to visit his farm on the way home to inspect his impressive collections of tools, stationary motors and tractors. He had 2 stationary motors manufactured in WA at a government foundry which apparently used to exist in Fremantle.



People going for a ride in a half-track at Nungarin.



There's few mod-cons for Ray when he's camping.

TECHNICAL TIP

Ian Steer

There are several tools and techniques around to help get the circlip installed in the light switch spider on the end of the horn rod. I have found the following method easy, leaves plenty of access to get the circlip in and leaves both hands free to do so. I use an Allen key as I can always find one and they are very stiff for their diameter.



VISITORS FROM COLORADO

Edith Jeffree

Early in November, our club was contacted by the President of Colorado's Model A Cabriolet Special Interest Group (Tom Krueger). He and his colleague were in Perth for a few days, and he was hoping to meet-up with some MARC members. Tom and his colleague Chris, were pilots on a private jet for three couples holidaying across the country, having four days in W.A. Unfortunately, the days they were here were during the week.

After a few emails, Allan and I were pleased to be able to arrange a bit of an itinerary for them. We picked them up from their hotel in our Fordor and took them up to Kings Park to view our city. We were joined by several other MARC members who were able to spare the time to welcome them over a coffee - and of course discuss cars.

Leaving Kings Park, we ventured across to The Floreat Café for lunch (showing off our beautiful beaches) where new member, Colin Riley, also joined us for lunch. After much chatter and eating, our President Ray presented Tom with our club badge and cap as a keepsake.

On our way back, Tom rode in Darren's woody and Chris had the excitement of riding in Ray's buckboard back to the Jeffree house, where Darren and Allan were able to show-off a running Burtz motor and Allan's car collection.

Both visitors were very appreciative of the hospitality from our club when we delivered them back to their hotel at Elizabeth Quay.

Many thanks to Paul Kelly, Ray and Toni Mahony, Ron Andrews, Darren and Cara Jeffree, Ian Steer, Peter Sartori and Colin Riley, who were able to attend.



Visitors from Colorado - Chris on the left, and Tom on the right with MARCWA members at Kings Park



Tom with his MARCWA cap



Tom's cars in Colorado:

Front row: 1929 68A Cabriolet & 1931 Tudor

Back row: 1929 Murray Town Sedan & 1931 68C Cabriolet



Tom with his wife Sheri at Loveland Pass (3,600m) in the Rockies in Colorado

MARC WA LONG "SERVICE" MILESTONES

The following members have reached these significant membership milestones in 2023:

30 Years: Barry & Sylvia Bristow-Stagg, David & Pat Bussard, Frank Farrelly*, Elaine Gilberthorpe, John & Shirley Hall, Ian & Dianne Paisley

20 Years: Evan & Kaye Gobby

15 Years: Rob Mawson, Dean & Jenni Roberts

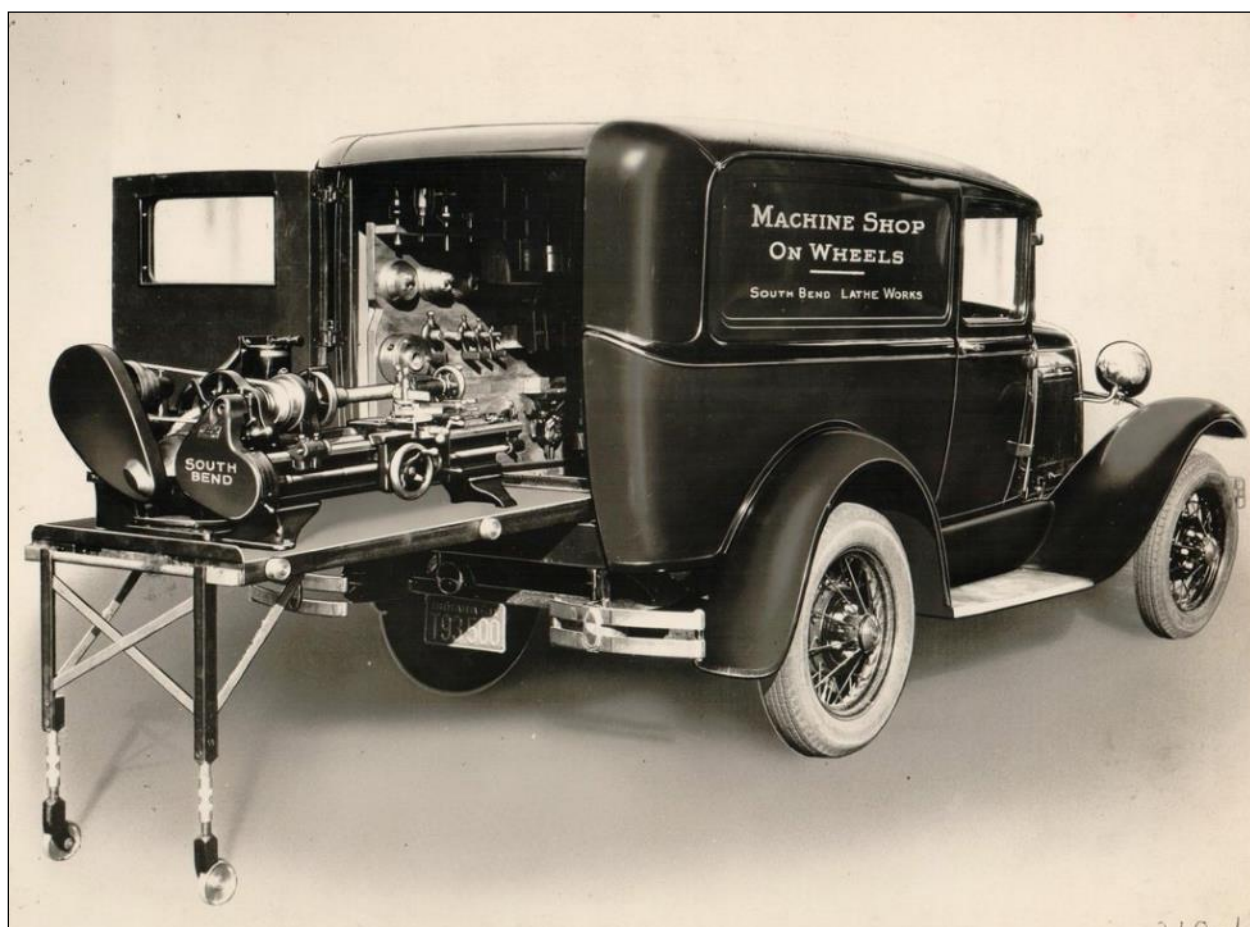
10 Years: Jeff & Teresa Blackman, Craig & Ellie Davidson, Darlene Mallett, Debra Paisley, Peter Trethowan

SNYDERS STOCKIST IN PERTH!

Yesteryear Garage and Parts have very recently become a Snyders reseller. They won't be able to stock the complete range, of course, and it will take a while to build-up stock of what they are going to carry. If you have any advice on some of the standard parts to stock, please let Dean Roberts know (0408 913 355).

Dean will placing a stock order very soon, and placing monthly orders after that.

The idea behind this is to backup the parts needed for the Burtz block and support the Model A community with other A parts.



1931 Ford Sedan Delivery Machine Shop On Wheels from MARC USA FB page

MARC WA CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Ian Steer

The annual MARC WA Christmas lunch was held again at the Mosman Park Bowling Club. It was a delightful day with the "Million Dollar View" (as the per the bowling club's slogan) over the yachts on the Swan River. The catering was again wonderful, with a full Christmas dinner with a big choice of salads - and the plum pudding was very good indeed. The afternoon was topped-off with Toni Mahony's Christmas Cake, and Andrae Moore's "Ford shortbread".

The numbers were down this year. This puzzles our committee because the venue and catering at the Mosman Park Bowling Club have been really good for the 3 years we have been there. An on-line survey will appear in your email Inbox in the not-too-distant future



in an attempt to find-out what you would like to see for an end-of-year function in 2024.

Sadly, your editor was not on the ball and failed to take a single photo of the event. Luckily his faithful sub-editor thought to take a few to brighten the newsletter and remember the occasion by (thank you yet again, Anne).



We know Ken Hall lives in the country in Brookton, but it would be great to see his nice 1931 Special Coupe sometime.

BAY TO BIRDWOOD

Hamish Pipe & Wayne Millman

I asked a fellow car club member and good friend if he would be interested in participating in the 2023 Bay to Birdwood, so in early June we both applied to enter and were granted permission on June 20. On Monday, October 16 the VW Beetle and the Wolseley (the V & the W touring again) left Collie and drove 647km to Coolgardie - counting 158 semis and road trains. Tuesday saw us travel 606km to Cocklebiddy, Wednesday 470km to Nullarbor Roadhouse, Thursday 472km to Minnipa and Friday 624km to Glenelg.



Border Village

Friday afternoon traffic in Adelaide was a bit of a shock to the system after the 2,700km of mostly open road. Despite counting approximately 500 big trucks between Collie and Ceduna, caravans would have substantially outnumbered them. Saturday was a rest day and to wash the heaps of bugs off the cars as well as meet a few B2B entrants staying in the same motel.

Sunday dawned overcast, windy and cool with the possibility of rain as we gathered at West Beach before the departure time arrived. It was a car lover's dream to wander among the hundreds of cars, trucks and motorcycles assembled on the grass and admire people dressed in period costumes. It soon became time for our row to join the procession towards Birdwood and be amazed by the sheer number of spectators lining the route, including groups of marquee specific car clubs. Even out in the country, people were sitting in paddocks and any convenient spot they could find. The weather had improved, becoming sunny and warm, making it very pleasant to talk to other entrants and view so many makes and models. Hamish found fellow Victorian Wolseley Club member John Mallia there in his 6/110. Volkswagon were well represented with 42 various models entered. We spent some time in the National Motoring Museum, even adding to my model car collection. South Australia can be very proud of this amazing motoring annual event.

We had booked accommodation for one night in Hahndorf, but decided to make it two, before driving to Tanunda for two nights and a whole day winery tour in the Wine Wagon with three other couples. Unable to fit much more in our cars, a quantity of wine was ordered to be freighted back to Collie. The Barossa Valley is certainly a beautiful place to visit and needs much more than two days there.

Whyalla was our next stop, followed by a night in Coffin Bay and consuming quite a few of their delicious oysters. Our next stop was in Penong, followed by Madura, Coolgardie, Merredin and then home on Wednesday November 1. The Wolseley 6/110 travelled 6,395.4km, used 787 litres of petrol for \$1,445.00 and the VW Beetle travelled 6,251km, used 521 litres for \$1,192. We took heaps of photos and there was not one bit of trouble with either car.



Some of the other cars at the motel in Adelaide

Model A Accessories



Spare Wheel Lock

Band type design, made from case hardened steel. Securely locks spare wheel, tire and tire-cover to car. Finished in chrome and black enamel.

\$2.50



Radiator Ornament

Represents quail in flight, symbolizing quick getaway. Unusually attractive. Ornament locks securely to radiator.

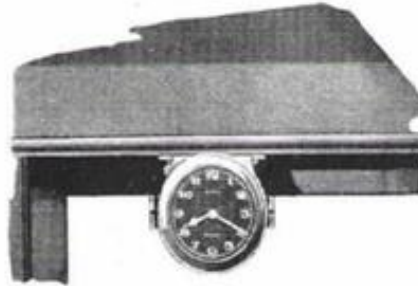
\$3.75



Cigar Lighter

Operates without loose wires or cables—simply push in until coil is hot, then withdraw lighter and pass around. Easily installed, no holes to drill.

\$1.25



Auto Clock

Rim-wind, rim-set, six jewel. Numerals and hands visible in the dark. Exceptionally accurate and steady time-keeper.

\$12.00



Air Maze Cleaner

Attaches to carburetor, assuring delivery of clean air, thus reducing carbon, oil consumption and carburetor noises. Air flows freely.

Pass. Car Model **\$6.00**
AA Truck Model **7.00**



Tire Gauges

Choice of either clock type or plunger design. Easily read—guaranteed for accuracy. Recommended tire pressure shown on gauges. Furnished with soft leather case.

Either Design \$1.50



Spare Tire Lock

For use with cars equipped with well fenders. Bright chrome finish. Sturdy construction throughout insures against theft.

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Motometer

Standard Boyce Junior Model Motometer complete with special locking radiator cap.

\$5.00



Pedal Pads

Made from high grade, long wearing elastic rubber. Provide a cushioning effect when operating brake or clutch pedal. Ideal for women drivers.

\$0.35 Per Pair

You can try your favourite Model A parts stockist for these - but good luck getting them at these prices !

Courtesy Ron Andrews

MEMBER'S SHED ACTIVITIES

Peter Sartori

I recently did some "warranty work" for Daniel Pinnington on my old Fordor.

When he bought the car from me (September 2021) I told him that the new Burtz engine had a small oil leak and I was happy to fix it, but he had to decide when or if he wanted it done.

As has been reported before, the clutch lever on the bell housing broke on our recent Busselton run and the Fordor came home via the RAC. This in turn led to me saying "let's do the oil leak before I get too old to do it". It is done and back running. It turned out to be a pesky, small plug in the rear of the oil gallery of the Burtz engine - and we have replaced the broken clutch lever.

Darren Jeffree

Over the years, most jets have been "cleaned out" quite often using oxy acetylene tip cleaners or similar which are like tiny round files. They do also wear through fuel flowing through them. However, by the time we get them they have all been tampered with somehow.

You can see in the picture, second row from the bottom, the compensator jets marked as 17 flow from 115ml/minute up to 175ml/minute. This is tested by flowing water through the jet from a set height for 1 minute and measuring the amount of water collected. The jets can then be soldered-up and redrilled to the correct size, then tested again. New jets also vary a lot and need to be checked.

A fun fact is the jet size marked on them is a multiple of 0.05mm. ie, a jet marked 20 will have a $0.05\text{mm} \times 20 = 1\text{mm}$ hole. Also the jet threads are 5mm x 0.75 pitch - metric because Zenith was originally a French company. Holley also produced them soon after production because Henry Ford was mates with George Holley.



ESPERANCE IN EASTER 2024

VCCC Esperance Branch

We are seeking expressions of interest for Easter in Esperance, 2024. This event will be a low-key, laid-back gathering. Check in Friday night for a BBQ, Saturday for a cruise around the towns attractions, probably a car display or something on Sunday at the Markets, but who cares?; you will be relaxing in Esperance; there will probably be a fish and chip or pizza night with light entertainment included as well as some other optional activities yet to be arranged, all at minimal cost.....get away from it all for a few days with a cruisy country crowd. Hope you can make it! Please reply via email.

Notes

1. The Clubroom capacity of 100 persons max. will be strictly enforced at all times. If the need arises, entry to clubroom-based activities will be at the discretion of Esperance Committee.
2. An expression of interest is simply to help us plan the event. It is not a guarantee of entry if registration becomes necessary due to overwhelming response. In that instance, registration will be first come/first served upon opening of registration. Fair warning of opening of registration will be given a week before opening.

Please reply to the VCCC Esperance secretary Tim Bailye at espvetcarclub2020@outlook.com.au

MARC DEC ACTIVITIES IN YEARS GONE BY

10 Years Ago: (was a combined Nov/Dec newsletter)

20 Years Ago: Report on a run by 21 cars on a run to Dwellingup. Notes by Louise Read on the annual Christmas lunch that was held at the Perth & Tattersalls Bowling Club, with Edith Jeffree's Christmas Cake very much appreciated. Report on progress towards the 2004 National meet.

30 Years Ago: Reports by Allan Jeffree on appearances at car displays at the North Mandurah Primary School and the All Ford Day. Angelo Caleja wrote about the "Annual Dinner" where a number of members tried boot scooting after dinner, after partaking of a really appreciated Christmas Cake - again generously supplied by Edith Jeffree.

40 Years Ago: (no December newsletter in the archives)





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