



# Western Model A News

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**Model A Restorers Club of Western Australia, Inc.**



## NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

[\(president@modelafordclub.com.au\)](mailto:president@modelafordclub.com.au)

It is with sadness that I mention the passing of long-time member Lorna Wigmore. Lorna and Steve joined the club in 2002 and have attended many events over the years in the red ute. A number of members joined Steve in saying farewell to Lorna at Purslowe and Chipper Funeral Parlour on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.



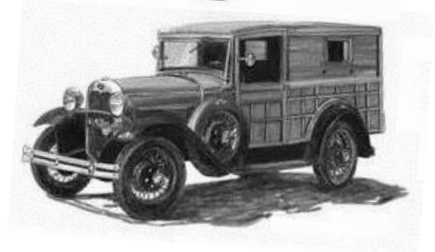
It's amazing how much we learn about people when we go to a funeral. Lorna had many talents which I, for one, never knew. I am sure all members join with me in expressing our condolences to Steve and all the family.

On a brighter note, it was great to see such a good turnout at the breakfast meeting with lots of chatting and catching up. I think I counted 36 members, 7 Model As and 4 assorted other vehicles in the line-up. This is how we learn about our fellow members: don't wait until you attend their funeral to find out what their talents are. This seems to be the premier event on our calendar, thanks to Anthony and Debbie Gilberthorpe.

We now have runs organised for the next three months (see events calendar), however it is time to think about the ones after that. Another thing to consider is the need to get the basics, (date, time & start point) to Edith Jeffree in time for inclusion in the newsletter at least a month before your event.

It was great to see John Hanel from Dwellingup, arrive at the breakfast meeting with a trailer full of scrap metal. I took the steel to the scrap dealers the following Tuesday and traded it for \$99. The aluminium and stainless is still to go. Thanks John.

Our National Meet bank balance is growing slowly, so keep up the good work with the bottle recycling and collecting scrap metal. You can take the metal to the recyclers yourself, bring it to me, or if necessary I could pick it up. Just to remind you the number for bottle recycling is **C11024600**.



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# REGISTRAR'S COMMENTS

Jean Misko

[registrar@modelafordclub.com.au](mailto:registrar@modelafordclub.com.au)

Thank you again to all those wonderful members who paid their fees by the 1st January, 2024. We have only one membership outstanding. I've had to remind a few people and I hope it wasn't YOU ☺

I must admit I was a little surprised and saddened that some people don't seem to read, or even glance at the newsletter.

We've had 6 resignations and I do hope those people have enjoyed their time with the club.

Thanks again everyone, I appreciate your effort.

# EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Ian Steer

[editor@modelafordclub.com.au](mailto:editor@modelafordclub.com.au)

There is very little "local content" this month, so if that disappoints you - you know what to do ! (and dobbing someone in is a perfectly valid option ☺)

## Potentially interesting items out there on the web

Ford Model AA Type 210A Panel Delivery truck - it's big ! [https://www.hemmings.com/stories/1931-ford-model-aa-delivery-truck/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=EDaily&utm\\_campaign=2024-02-09&uemlid=8be83773518a47c5f859aaae74979a3c27ec0a477c581a8db8bae776df13786a](https://www.hemmings.com/stories/1931-ford-model-aa-delivery-truck/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=EDaily&utm_campaign=2024-02-09&uemlid=8be83773518a47c5f859aaae74979a3c27ec0a477c581a8db8bae776df13786a) (link courtesy of Wes Hartley)

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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](mailto:events@modelafordclub.com.au))

## March

**Event:** VCCC Collie Capers & Spark Plugs on the Hill  
**Date:** Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> to Monday March 4<sup>th</sup> (ie the long weekend)  
**Location:** Collie  
**Details:** Entry form can be found [here](#)  
**Organiser:** Collie VCCC branch (contact Peter Sartori if you will be driving down from Perth)

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**Event:** MARC WA Club Run  
**Date:** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
**Time:** 9:15 for a 9:45am departure  
**Location:** A.P. Hinds Reserve, river end of Milne Street, Bayswater, turning right into the car park (right next to Garrett Road bridge).  
**Details:** Morning tea about 10:30 and lunch around noon (destination is still a mystery)  
**Organiser:** Toni Mahony

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**Event:** VCCC Easter In Esperance  
**Date:** Easter weekend (March 29<sup>th</sup>-April 1<sup>st</sup>)  
**Location:** Esperance  
**Details:** See page 14 of December's newsletter for a call for expressions of interest  
**Organiser:** VCCC Esperance, Tim Bailye (secretary), [espvetcarclub2020@outlook.com.au](mailto:espvetcarclub2020@outlook.com.au)

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## April

**Event:** MARC WA Nungarin Searchlight Party Run  
**Date:** Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Location:** Toodyay & Nungarin  
**Details:** See page 7  
**Organiser:** Ray Major, 0435 616 820, [liv2sail@hotmail.com](mailto:liv2sail@hotmail.com)

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**Event:** MARC WA Club Run  
**Date:** Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>  
**Time:** tba  
**Location:** tba  
**Details:** tba  
**Organiser:** Ron Andrews

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## May

**Event:** MARC WA Restoration Run  
**Date:** tba  
**Location:** tba  
**Details:** tba  
**Organiser:** Darren & Germaine Jeffree

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# EVENTS COORDINATOR (CONT)

Edith Jeffree

## August

**Event:** MARC WA Annual General Meeting  
**Date:** Sunday August 4th (tentative)  
**Location:** tba  
**Details:** tba  
**Organiser:** Andrae Moore

## September

**Event:** 2024 National Meet  
**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> September - 8<sup>th</sup> September  
**Location:** Maryborough, Queensland  
**Details:** Check under the "28<sup>th</sup> Biennial Meet" heading on the Queensland club website - includes featured outings, Entry Form, newsletters and accommodation options:  
<https://modelafordqld.wixsite.com/website>  
**Organiser:** Model A Ford Club of Queensland

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**Event:** Classic Car Show  
**Date:** Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** tba  
**Location:** Ascot Racecourse  
**Details:** tba  
**Organiser:** need a volunteer to coordinate the MARC WA cars

## October

**Event:** Curtin FM Car Show  
**Date:** Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** Cars to be in place by 9:30  
**Location:** 6 Elderfield Rd, Waterford (Trinity Football Grounds)  
**Details:** Register at <https://form.jotform.com/210900407125846>  
**Organiser:** Horace Misko

## 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)

# MARC WA BREAKFAST MEETING

Ian Steer

Our popular, annual institution of the Gilberthorpe family-organised “Breakfast By The River” continued at the new venue of Point Reserve in Bassendean on Sunday 25th February. Anthony had been up early checking all the facilities were clean and unlocking the gates for our Model A's and other classic cars to park on the lawn.

Everyone settled-in and had their breakfast, with the lovely aromas from Nathan Robert's BBQ wafting over us all. The ants were again excited to see us and made us all very welcome (they have the event in their calendar too).

Eventually, President Ray Mahony dragged himself and everyone else away from the many conversations being had around the park and we had a short and sharp meeting - and it was lucky it was short and sharp too because the rain arrived very shortly after. Well-timed Ray.



Cars at Point Reserve



Pre-meeting chatter

# NUNGARIN SEARCHLIGHT PARTY

Ray Major

Looking for a memorable weekend adventure? Look no further than the Nungarin Heritage Machinery & Army Museum Annual Vintage Rally and Search Light Party!

Join us for an unforgettable afternoon filled with all things vintage, from 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

From classic machinery to historic army exhibits, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Whether you're a seasoned enthusiast or simply curious, this event promises a trip down memory lane like no other!

So why not come for the day and stay for the weekend? Explore the charming town of Nungarin, immerse yourself in its rich history, and experience the magic of the Vintage Rally first-hand.

For all exhibitors and visitor information, don't hesitate to reach out to us at 08 9046 5040 or via email at [nungarinheritage@bigpond.com](mailto:nungarinheritage@bigpond.com).

## **MARC WA Proposed Itinerary**

### **Friday 5/4/24**

Meet at Stirling Square, Guildford behind Alfies Kitchen 9.30am for 10am departure.

Via Middle Swan, Bullsbrook, Julimar Rd into Toodyay for lunch at Coca Cola cafe.

Afternoon free for whatever.

Dinner at Victoria Hotel in Toodyay - 6pm

Overnight at Toodyay - members make own arrangements.

I'll be staying at the Toodyay Caravan Park, 122 Railway Rd, (08) 9574 2612,

[info@toodyaycaravanpark.com.au](mailto:info@toodyaycaravanpark.com.au)

### **Saturday 6/4/24**

Meet at 8am at Coca Cola Cafe for breakfast.

Depart 9.30ish

Tour through Goomalling, Dowerin, to Wyalkatchem.

Stop for Lunch at Wyalkatchem and opportunity to visit CBH Agricultural Museum after lunch

Drive to Nungarin for Searchlight party

Overnight at Nungarin - members make own arrangements. There is a camping area in town for caravans.

### **Sunday 7/4/24**

Make your own way home.

You do need to register with the Nungarin Museum. Please contact Ray Major for the form and to register your intention to join the run.





# 2026 NATIONAL MEET

Andrae Moore

## Fundraising

**Swap Meet / Garage Sale** - Please keep the Rally Committee in mind when cleaning out your houses and sheds. The Committee would love to sell your donations to raise funds for our rally. Items can be given to a Rally Committee member.

**Bunnings Sausage Sizzles** - We will have dates very shortly for Bunnings Sausage Sizzles - We will require volunteers to assist on the day.

**Scrap Metal** - Please contact Ray Mahony if you have any scrap metal or vehicle batteries to donate - 9271 7630

**Containers for Change** - please give them to a committee member or donate at your local collection centre using the code to the right.

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## GOT ANY CLASSIC CAR SHOW PHOTOS ?

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The Combined Motoring Clubs (CMC) are looking for high quality photos from Classic Car Shows from previous years to use in promotional material.

If you have any good photos you'd be happy to let the CMC use (hopefully of Model A's), please contact the CMC Secretary on [cmcwasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:cmcwasecretary@gmail.com), or our own Dean Roberts.

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## DESERT COLLECTORS MODEL A'S

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The Desert Collectors programme featured 2 Model A's well known to long-term MARC WA members. Both the cars are now in Kalgoorlie, but the previous owner was an old MARC WA member Bob Newton.

One car is a 1928 Tudor that was driven by ex-MARC WA member and editor Bevan Sharp in the 1988 London-Sydney rally. (A copy of Bevan's book "Globe-Trotting by Vintage Car" is in the club library.)

The second car is a green 1929 4-door that was originally a barn-find from Orange.

Anyone interested can watch the program on the Channel 7 streaming service "7+". The cars are featured in Season 2, Episode 9 at the 40 minute mark.

Thanks to Wes Hartley from providing this information.

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## MARC MARCH ACTIVITIES IN YEARS GONE BY

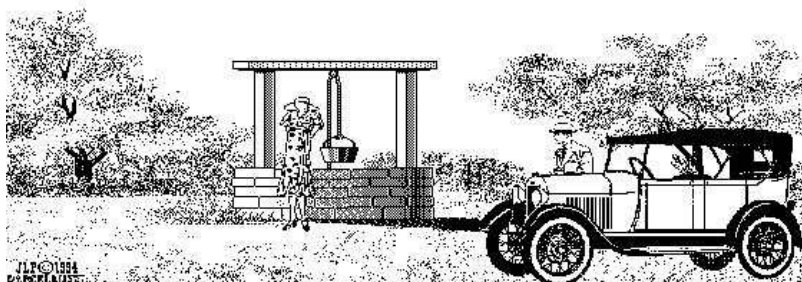
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**10 Years Ago:** Run report from the Gilberthorpe family-organised breakfast meeting at Sandy Beach Reserve (it's quite an institution isn't it?). There looked to have been over a dozen Model A's there that day. The late Des Addison's story of the first half of his solo, around Australia trip in his Model A and teardrop. Allan Jeffree's highlights of attending a farm clearance sale in Kulin.

**20 Years Ago:** Write-up of the breakfast BBQ at McDougall Park in Como

**30 Years Ago:** Various amendments were approved to the club constitution during the meeting (2 1/4 hours!) at McDougall Park. Notes from the Bendigo State Delegates Meeting. Big report from a trip to the Leach farm near Boyanup by the Jeffrees, Cookes (Mike & Laurel), Andrews, Blewetts and Philips where the Andrews tent did not survive the strong winds in the middle of the night.

**40 Years Ago:** Report on a run from Boans, Morley to Dawesville where Ross Letch's green phaeton was admired. Personalised number plates were obviously a new thing, and there was some advice on choosing them. Automotive Instrument Service were noted as having overhauled several members speedometers - and the company still exists today (Editor's note - my speedo was unable to be repaired by them recently though).



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# CMC HAPPENINGS

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**Toni Mahony**

The Council of Motoring Clubs meets every two months in Bassendean. Your delegates are Toni Mahony and Dean Roberts, who are also both on the Management Committee.

## February meeting report

**Classic Car Show** - Changed to the 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 at Ascot, with Media Junction WA being the organisers in conjunction with the CMC. The Model A National Meet will be winding up on that day, so some of the regulars will still be in Queensland. *A volunteer will be needed to co-ordinate our members on the day.* More information will be forthcoming in the coming months.

**National Events, Australia wide**, will be put up on the calendar on the CMC Website, for all to see.

A **new magazine** is underway to be put out by the CMC to all affiliated clubs and non member WA car clubs as well, to try and keep everyone abreast of what is happening in the wider car community.

**Surplus Funds** – the CMC holds considerable funds which it has accumulated over time. A new sub-committee is in the process of being set up to consider worthy applicants (car related) for a grant. Final decisions have to be approved by the Management Committee. This is still early days, but one to keep in mind for the future.

**Australian Historical Motoring Federation (AHMF)** – the CMC has recently re-joined this organisation after a break of some years. Funding may be available for national events from the Robert Shannon Foundation, which this body oversees. This organisation is in ongoing discussions with federal government departments in regard to motoring issues with a national interest, e.g. the recent survey of the old car movement and its economic benefits, insurance issues and so on.

**Zoom meetings** – looking into setting these up to cater for country clubs.

Toni.

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## MEMBER'S SHED ACTIVITIES

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**Ian Steer.** I was chasing a “flickering LED headlight” issue, and thought I would clean-up the earthing between the headlight shell and the headlight bar, and between the headlight bar and the mudguard. It's always a problem when you need nice fresh, shiny steel to get a good earth - which then rusts vigorously. I thought I would try some of this stuff (\$11 from Altronics) to slow-down the corrosion.

Contact me in 10 years to ask how it worked.

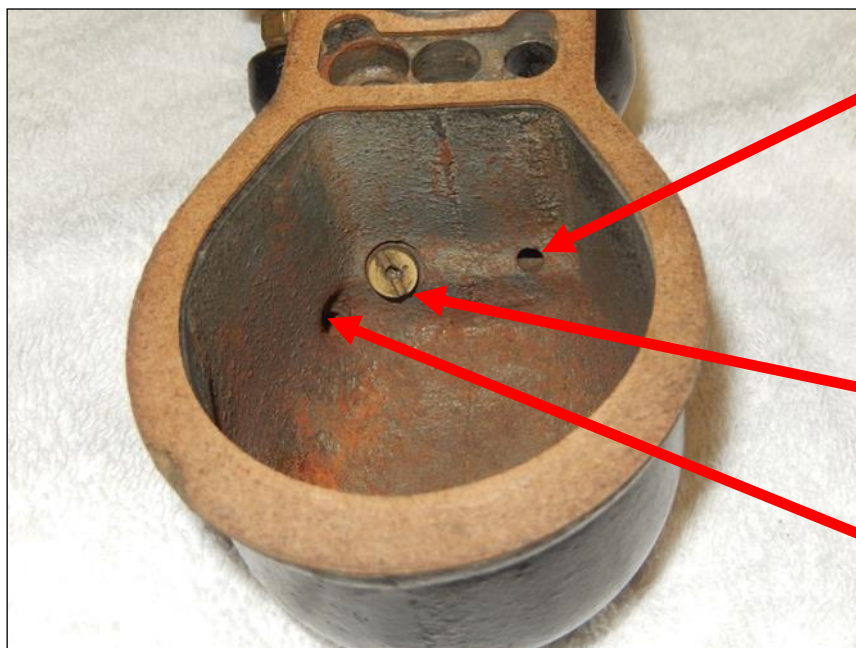
(Incidentally, I suspect the real problem was one as described in the technical tip from last month, ie bulb-to-socket contacts.)



# SIMPLIFIED ZENITH CARBURETTOR

**Rob Brown, North Island Model A Ford Club**

There are many articles on restoration of the Zenith carburettor as used on the Model A, and like the rest of the car, its 'beauty lies in its simplicity'. In order to better understand it myself, I have, with the help of those articles and a bit of compressed air, put together some photos and drawings showing the path taken by the petrol, and fuel mixture through the carburettor.



Outlet without restrictions to main jet

Numbered brass jet leading to both the idle jet and cap jet via the compensating well

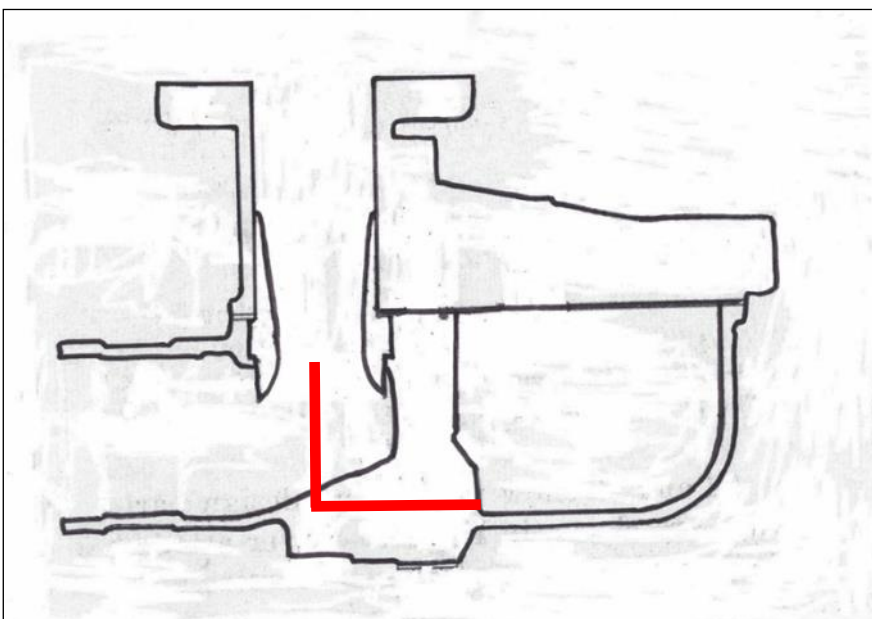
Outlet to mixture adjusting valve

A later carburettor may have an air vent hole high on the side of the bowl above the main jet delivery hole.

From the fuel bowl, there is a direct path to the main jet, although in reality the drillings do go around corners. The top of the main jet should be in line with the narrowest part of the venturi where incoming air is travelling the fastest.

Fuel level in the bowl is critical and needs to be just below the level of the top of the main jet.

Too high will cause fuel leaks and a rich mixture. Too low will starve the engine of fuel at higher speeds and cause a lean mixture.



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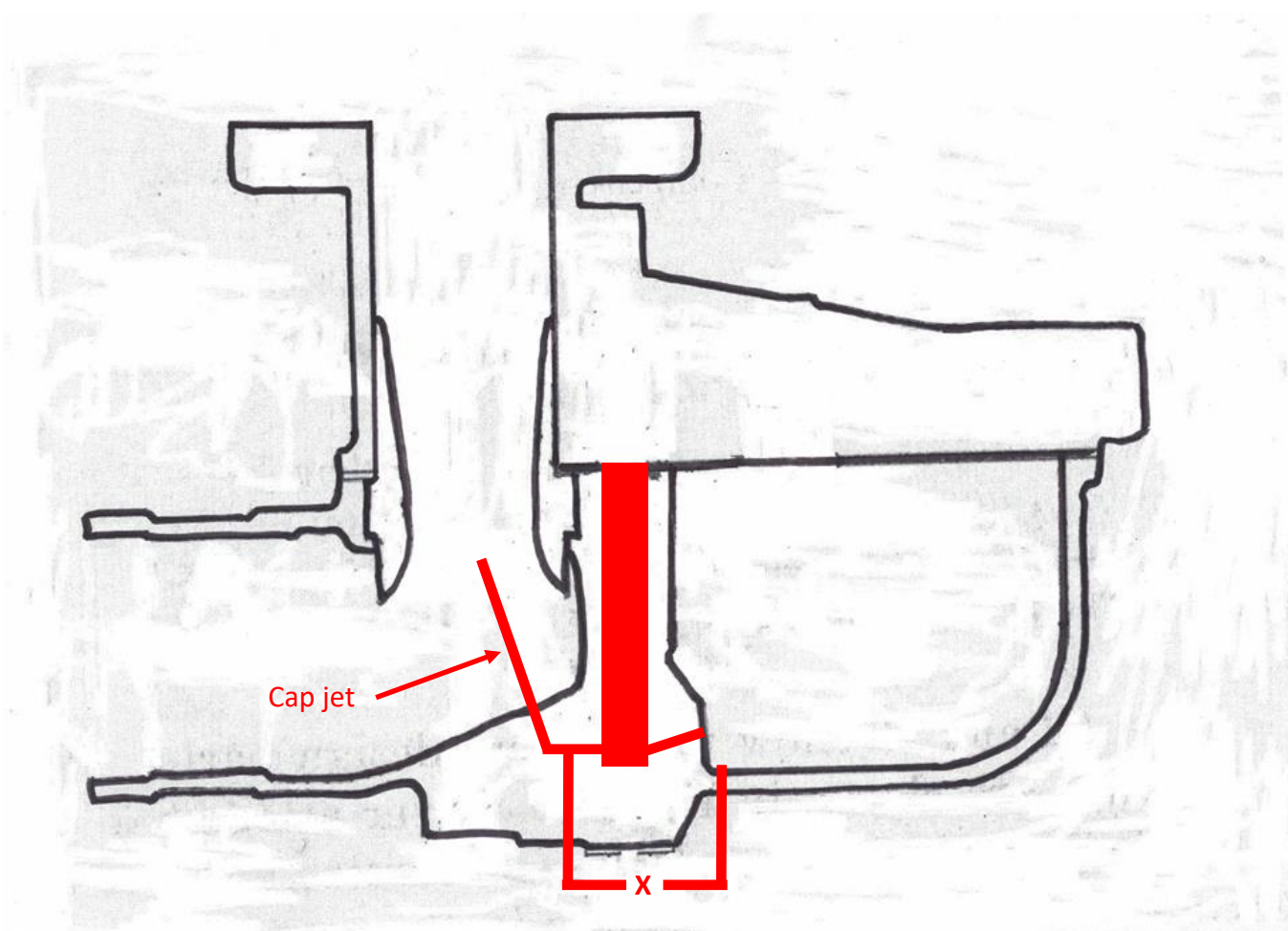


# ZENITH CARBURETTOR (CONT)

Rob Brown, North Island Model A Ford Club

## The compensating well

From the brass numbered compensating jet in the bowl, fuel passes through a drilled passage to the compensating well then another passage to the cap jet. The compensating jet allows a small amount of fuel to always be available at the cap jet and idle jet.



The mixture adjusting valve **X** is in a parallel path of drilled passages from the fuel bowl, around the compensating well to the cap jet. This allows the driver to deliver extra fuel to the engine if needed.

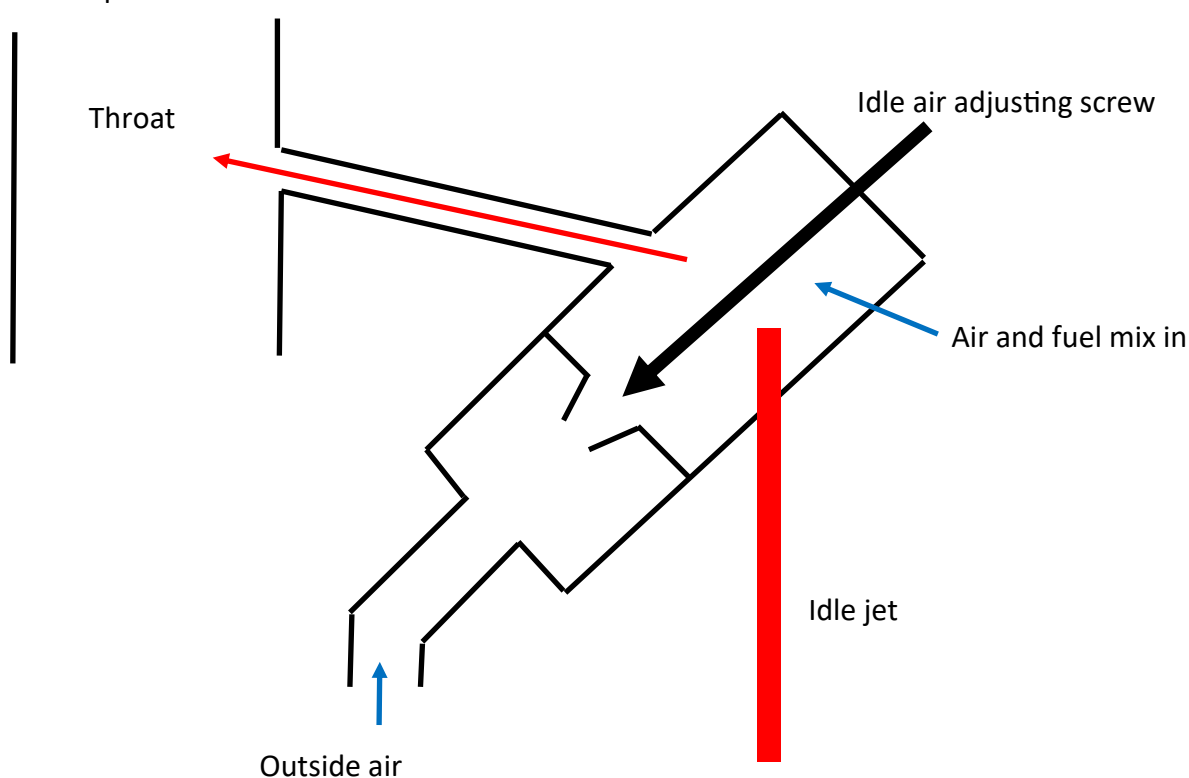
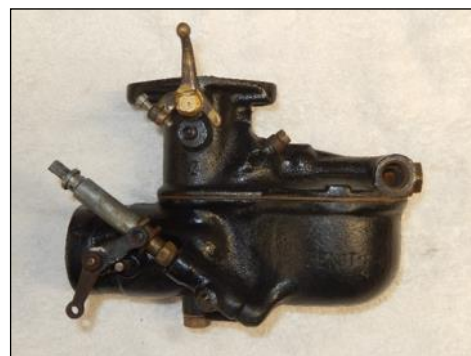
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# ZENITH CARBURETTOR (CONT)

Rob Brown, North Island Model A Ford Club

## The Fuel Flow at Idle

The idle jet sits inside a brass secondary well, which is screwed into the compensating well. Fuel reaches the secondary well through two small holes at the lower sides, then travels up through the idling jet and out a very fine hole at its tip. Air from an opening shown below mixes with the fuel at the idle air adjusting screw. The mixture is then drawn into the carburettor throat and engine, at a hole just above the throttle butterfly in the closed position.



## What can go wrong?

If there are no air leaks and the float level is correct, then all that can happen is a blocked jet or things falling apart. The idle jet is very prone to blockages caused by rust or other contamination in the fuel tank. All Jets can be flow tested and soldered up then re-drilled the correct size.

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## Ford Model A 1930 utility

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- Left hand drive
- Original engine which was overhauled in the US
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- Upgraded gearbox-F1 4spd

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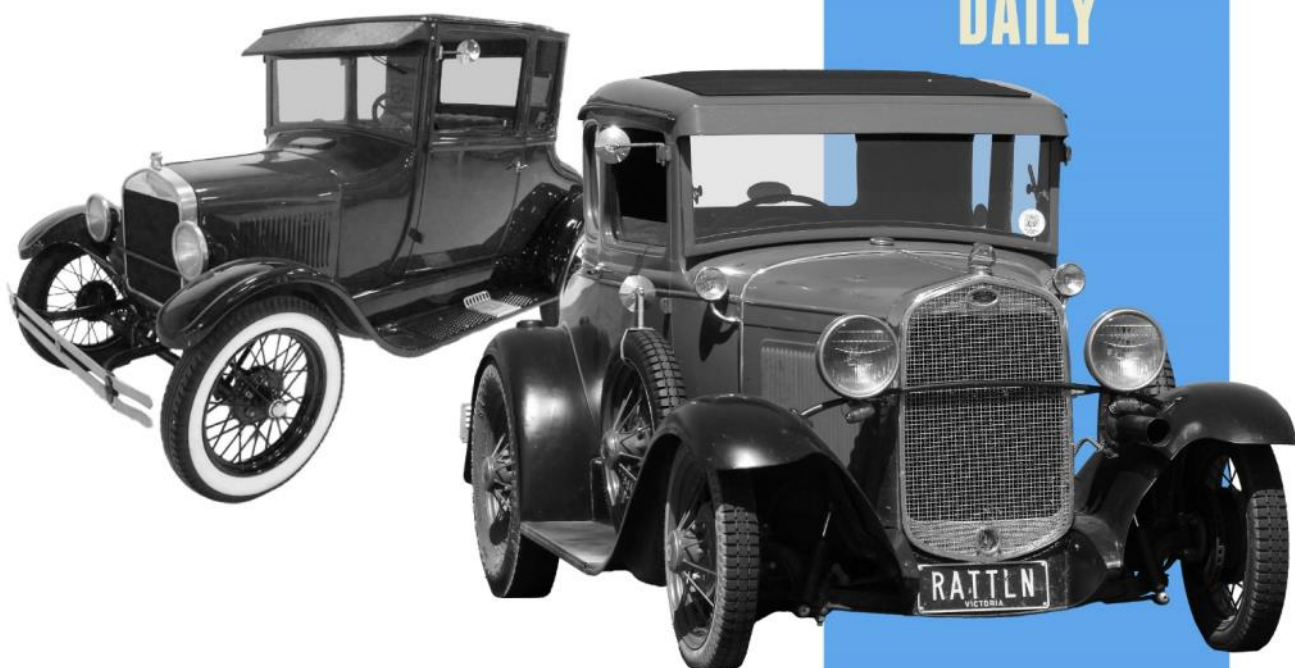


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