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Model A Restorers Club of Western Australia, Inc.



NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Another month has gone already, and in that month we had an interesting club run visiting various spots along the river. The road to one had several speed bumps which, I believe, gave Ross Letch some consternation. I will let Toni fill you in with the details.



Towards the end of April, Toni and I will be jetting off to England. Among other things while we are there, we will be attending **The Annual Model A Rally of Great Britain** to be held in Peterborough, about an hour's drive north of London. The rally is for one week; which happens to be the last week of our trip. We have been offered rides for each of the runs and have been invited, by the Rally Director, to give a talk on our rallies and cars in Australia. No doubt we will have photos and stories to share with you on our return at the end of May.

Keep the Recyclables coming to help with our '26 National. The number for the Containers For Change is in the newsletter, and scrap metal can be dropped off at my place, or taken directly to a metal recycling yard if you prefer.



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Daniel Pinnington and his assistants repairing yet another flat on the Fordor.

Front Cover: A Jeffree generations 2 and 3 drive-past at Kings Meadow Reserve

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Ian Steer

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Googling for Model A Ford Restorers Club of WA

Several obsolete references are returned when you try and Google our club name. I have been plugging away trying to get these fixed.

Shannons - after about half-a-dozen emails, I am making some progress. They have added the club website and general email address, but are yet to delete the Kuenzel's address & phone number - a work in progress.

Yelp - I have finally found a way to contact them and have made some progress. We have 2 entries in Yelp (one under the old club name). They are both now marked as "closed" - which isn't good. I am trying to get to the point where we have one entry (under "social clubs"), with the correct name, and generic club email address and website, and no member personal information - another work in progress.

MAFCA - I have submitted a change of details form, so hopefully that will be corrected soon.

REGISTRAR'S COMMENTS

Jean Misko

registrar@modelafordclub.com.au

We would like to welcome our **newest member** - Karl Bellette from Karratha. Karl has two Model A's and hopes to learn more about Model A Fords and get some handy tips to keep them running.

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EVENTS COORDINATOR

Edith Jeffree

(events@modelafordclub.com.au)

March

- Event:** VCCC Easter In Esperance
Date: Easter weekend (March 29th-April 1st)
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

April

- Event:** MARC WA Nungarin Searchlight Party Run
Date: Friday April 5th to Sunday April 7th
Location: Toodyay & Nungarin
Details: See page 7 of the March newsletter
Organiser: Ray Major, 0435 616 820, liv2sail@hotmail.com

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- Event:** MARC WA Club Run
Date: Sunday April 21st
Time: 9:30 am for a 10am departure
Location: Penistone Park, Greenwood (turn off Penistone Rd and into the big car park)
Details: We are visiting a private collection of automotive memorabilia that is just minutes away from Penistone Park. There is an urn there for anyone who would like a coffee. I anticipate we will be there for 45-60 mins. From there we will travel to a nearby park (yet to be selected) for lunch.
Organiser: Ron Andrews

May

- Event:** MARC WA Restoration Run
Date: Sunday May 19th
Location: tba
Details: tba
Organiser: Darren & Germaine Jeffree

June

- Event:** MARC WA Club Run
Date: tba
Location: tba
Details: tba
Organiser: ORGANISER NEEDED

July

- Event:** MARC WA Club Run
Date: tba
Location: tba
Details: tba
Organiser: ORGANISER NEEDED

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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: 1st September - 8th September
Location: Maryborough, Queensland
Details: Check under the "28th 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

Event: Classic Car Show
Date: Sunday September 8th
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 6th
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: 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)

THE SWAN RIVER RAMBLE

Toni Mahony

24 March 2024

We couldn't have asked for a better day for this short run around the northern Swan River area. We had eight Model A's, several moderns and 23 people in attendance for this run. The young, young Jeffree girls were there to help Darren and Germaine bring out two cars on the day. Well done!!

The run started at the A.P. Hinds Reserve in Bayswater, near the Garrett Road Bridge. The Sunday before, there was hardly a soul in sight.



Gathering at A.P.Hinds Reserve



Morning Tea at Success Hill Reserve

A whole different scenario greeted us this Sunday morning, where the sea scouts were having an event, the rowers were out and about, etc. etc. - so we sneakily parked in the bus bays. A couple of cars parked over the road in the sandy soil, which caused Horace to get slightly bogged when it came to reversing out again.

The run was designed to take you beside some of the riverside parks along our river, and to stop at some. Our first stop was for a lazy morning tea at Success Hill Reserve in the

Bassendean area. Leaving there, we headed across the river and went down to the Kings Meadow Reserve. From here you can look across the river to our February meeting place at Point Reserve. Kings Meadow has been vested as public land since 1829 and is currently leased to a polo club.

Daniel Pinnington had a flat tyre at Kings Meadow Reserve, but club members were there to assist with the change-over.

From there we travelled back to Great Eastern Hwy and called into some more riverside parks: Max Hunt Reserve, then



Travelling through Kings Meadow Reserve

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THE SWAN RIVER RAMBLE (CONT)

Toni Mahony

to Garvey Park (where kayaking was happening on the river, and orienteering on the reserve - with a lot of people about). We then headed over Tonkin Hwy and went for a quick look at Gould Reserve at the river end of Epsom Ave.

Our lunch stop was at Tomato Lake Reserve in Kewdale. The plan was to get there early to secure parking and we just made it. A club meeting was held. After a good deal of interesting chat, we wended

our way home – except for the young Jeffrees, who had some issues with one of their cars. Once again there were some members who stayed to help, but I believe they didn't get home until about 4.00pm.

Thank you all for participating – I'm sorry if your wheels got a workout on the bumps, Ross (and the arms also) – maybe that car should come out more often??!



Cars at Tomato Lake



Meeting in progress at Tomato Lake

2026 NATIONAL MEET

Toni Mahony

The organising committee for the 29th National Meet met again on Thursday 21st March, 2024. Things seem to be ticking along quite nicely at this early stage of planning.

Some committee members will be heading to our rally destination in June, to speak with people from the local council and visitor centre. Our focus currently is to be prepared to put on an encouraging presentation at the Maryborough National in September, 2024.

Fundraising is ever ongoing, so remember to hoard your cans and bottles and then take to a local Containers for Change centre. Ray Mahony is collecting scrap iron, stainless steel, brass, aluminium and so on and deposits will be made at regular intervals. The cans have already raised \$361.80 and scrap metal is up to \$535.90, so keep up the good work. Every little bit helps!

Ideas and suggestions are very welcome from all members. Contact one of the committee members: Andrae, Gary, Daniel, Erika, Brett, Paul, Ray or me.

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MARC APRIL ACTIVITIES IN YEARS GONE BY

10 Years Ago: A successful Hubley racing evening was had at the Jeffree's house with Bob Newton 1st and John Moorehead 2nd. Allan Jeffree's report of a trip to the Busselton Aerofest by 12 couples from MARC WA, with a farewell BBQ hosted by Wes Hartley & Beverley Biggs. The "Jeffree Newsletter" then continued with Edith's report on the Brookton Old Time Motor Show, where 8 MARC cars travelled up. Dean Roberts had a flat tyre, then "unvented fuel cap" engine trouble, while Hans Hurij took his misbehaving car home. Part 2 of Des Addison's Solo Around Australia trip was featured. Ron Andrews (Internet trawler supreme!) found reference to someone building a new Model A block!

20 Years Ago: Reports by Bob Newton and Toni Mahony on a run from South Perth to Kwinana Beach. Bob was shocked by the changes in Dalkeith caused by selling-off the rear of lots of house blocks. Final report on the WA National Rally that was only weeks away.

30 Years Ago: Report on a Gilberthorpe-organised run from Gloucester Park to Sandalford Winery. 15 Model A's was referred to as a "reasonable turn-out" - I think we'd be overjoyed to see 15 these days. Write-up of MARC's attendance at the National Rally in Glenelg where Steve Read won the Best Closed 1928-1929 car. Colin Davidson won the individual gymkhana event, MARC WA were the overall gymkhana winners and scored the club participation trophy.

40 Years Ago: Six Model A's attended the Concours D'Elegance at Ascot racecourse. Report on a run to the Blue Gum Camel farm that proved to be difficult to locate - resulting on more trade for the Spencers Brook Hotel.

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Containers for Change code

COLLIE CAPERS

Peter Sartori

VCCC COLLIE CAPERS AND SPARK PLUGS ON THE HILL

Allan & Edith Jeffree, Gerry ten Bokkel and I met at Pioneer village in Armadale at 8am on Friday of the March long weekend, getting away smartly by 8.15 for the traditional toilet stop at Pinjarra. Unfortunately Daniel Pinnington had work commitments and had to come down on Saturday. After Pinjarra we went onto Waroona for our morning tea, and then to Brunswick for lunch.



Cars (including the Jeffree's Model A ute) at the Showgrounds

After our reasonably long lunch stop, we headed-off down to Rolands - turning left up the large hill to Collie. I went in front as the Falcon can be a little quicker than the Model A's. I said to Allan and Gerry if I lost sight of them, I would wait at the top of the hill - they were both being gentle to their new Burtz engines. However, every time I looked in the mirror, Gerry was only a few car lengths behind! I could not see Allan, but that was because he was so close to Gerry, he was hiding behind him - two very happy Burtz engine owners. At Collie, we checked into our motel.

At the VCCC Collie club rooms on Friday evening, we had the "nibble and natter" and check-in and briefing for the weekend activities. It was one heck of a spread of tucker - did not need dinner.

On Saturday morning, I received a text from Daniel at 6.30am saying he was off to bed after a 22-hour day. He and his brother had completed a large and long software update in their computer business. Daniel arrived later in the afternoon in Collie looking a little tired, but happy.



Cars at the Showgrounds

The rest of us went to the show grounds to place our cars in the display. As usual, there were cars there that I have not seen before. It was a really nice display, including rare old trucks, a nicely restored bus and stationary engines. The display day ended by a presentation of trophies to

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COLLIE CAPERS (CONT)

Peter Sartori

numerous vehicle owners in the various categories. In the evening, we went back to the club house for dinner - which was extremely well done. We were also treated to a large fire works display sponsored by Synergy on the show grounds next door.

On Sunday, we all met at the club rooms and left on a nice drive around the outskirts of Collie - I did not realise the town was so big. I really hope there will be something in the way of industry in or around Collie to help it survive when the coal mines close. We returned to town, parked-up and strolled through a major town fair that was very well done by local folk. Later in the afternoon,



Two (and three) wheelers at the Showgrounds

Hamish Pipe took us all to a local panel and paint business. This was not your ordinary repair shop - they do panel, paint, mechanical and detailing. Two impressive, professional young couples own it.

In the evening, we were back to the Collie club rooms for dinner again. The members really spoilt us, they are an exceptional group of people.

Overall a great weekend away. I returned to Perth early on Monday, Gerry went via Australind to visit family, and then battled

with the traffic on Forrest highway. Allan & Edith went on to Kirup to stay for a few days, and Daniel went for a drive down to Busselton to visit Dean for lunch and then returned home later on Monday evening.

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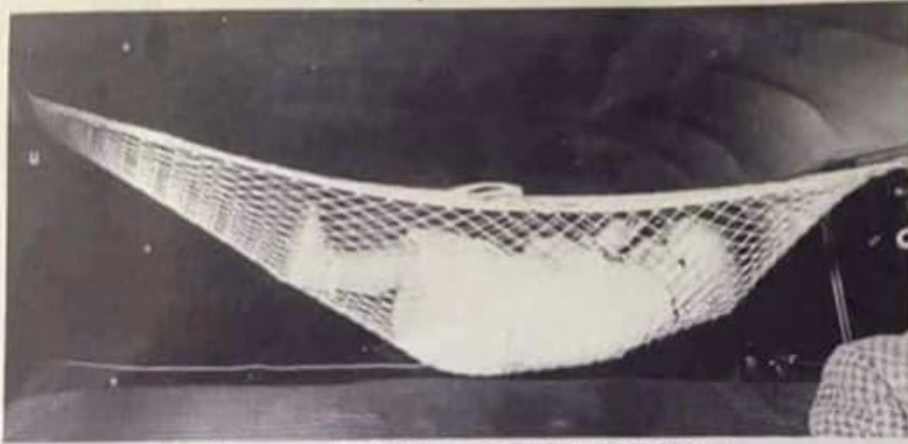


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nozzle, the dust and dirt are drawn through the hose and expelled into the air at the rear of the car. It is made in three models, for cars of different size.

With the car's engine idling, gas from the exhaust creates a vacuum that cleans the cushions

Some products that might not meet today's standards (courtesy NIMAFC Feb 2024)

TECHNICAL TIP

Jim Cannon, MAFCA

“Ignition Misfires”

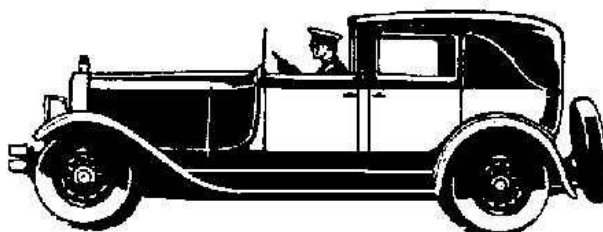
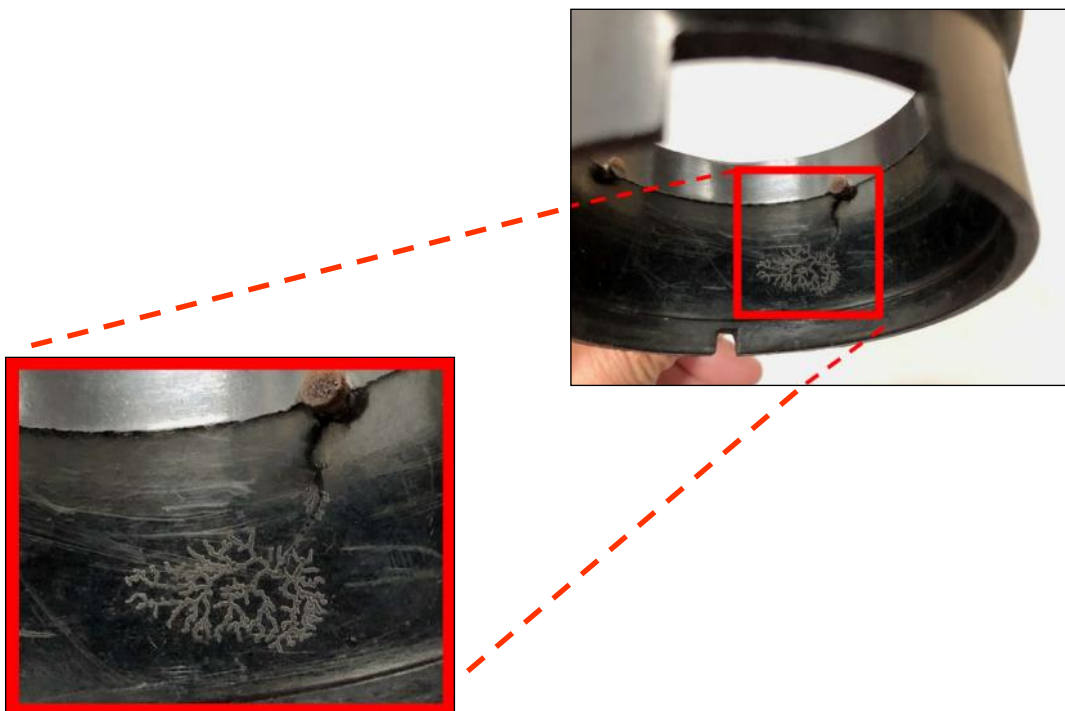
We’ve all experienced it. When the engine is cold and first started up, the engine is running rough and you can tell not all 4 cylinders are firing. It usually clears up in under a minute. But later, when the engine is warm, you should not feel a miss when climbing a hill or accelerating into traffic. If the power is just not there, like you know it should be, where to look? It could be a carburettor problem, but don’t overlook fouled spark plugs and problems in the distributor.

Check the point gap in the distributor. The cam follower wears as you drive and the point gap closes down, giving a weak spark. So check it and increase the gap back to 0.020” if needed. While you are there, look for burned points and clean them up or replace them; you might have a bad or weak condenser.

Look at the rotor. Make sure the black flat spring is touching the underside of the cap, and is not burned up. Wipe off any oil film on the rotor.

Look at the underside of the distributor cap. Inspect the graphite button on the underside. I have seen caps with the entire button broken off and missing.

Look at the inside of the distributor body (the black plastic piece). Look for an oil and dirt film on the inside. Wipe it out with a clean cloth. Look for “carbon tracks” on the inside of the cap, where the spark is jumping down to ground on the metal housing (see photo). Replace if needed.



MEMBER'S SHED ACTIVITIES

Ian Steer: Last month I wrote about how I was chasing a flickering LED headlight issue, and thought it was a “bulb-to-socket” issue as per February’s technical tip. I can now report that this was not the problem - but I feel confident I’ve sorted it out now.

I think the problem was the lack of a good electrical contact between the headlight socket and the (earthed) reflector (it was quite a sloppy fit). So, as shown, I have moved the earth off the reflector and soldered it directly to the headlight socket. (Note that there is still a separate earth (seen slightly blurred in the bottom left corner) to the parking light socket.)



Also - my “new” Ames horn (ex-Steve Read) has been painted and fitted to the car (no more replica horn - does anyone want it? It might actually be a 12V horn I suspect - explaining its lack-lustre performance on my 6V car.)

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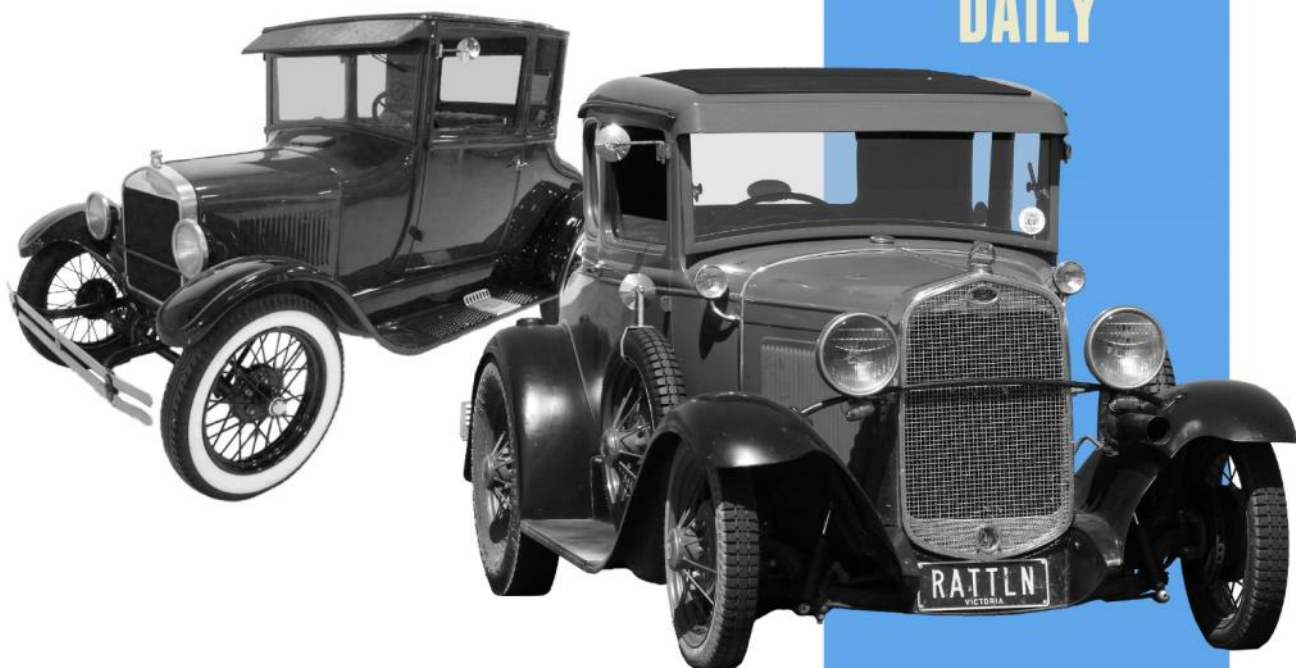
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