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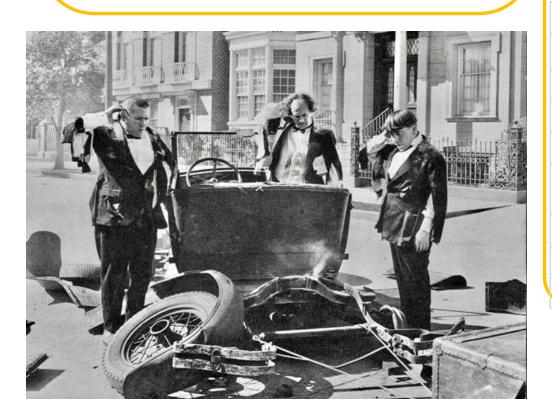
On Sunday April 21st, a small group of members enjoyed a short run (about a 3 minute drive) to the house of a friend of Ron Andrews (Harold) to view his very interesting collection of motoring memorabilia. After examining the exhibits and having morning tea at Harold's, we



returned to our start point (Penistone Park), for lunch and a great chat with no meeting. It was a GREAT outing.

It just shows that the monthly events don't have to be anything complicated. Members sat around under the trees chatting and getting to know new member Mark Quinn. Thanks Ron Andrews for a very pleasant day.

Toni and I are off to the UK for a month on 24th so we won't see you at the run next month.









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Front Cover: Cars and members at Penistone Park on the April run.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

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Submit Your Car Photo to MAFCA!

While communicating with MAFCA about removing Kathleen's contact details from their website, their web master urged me to get our members to submit photos of their cars to MAFCA's "A" of the Day. Please describe your car's year and model, and your city and state in an email to AoftheDay@mafca.com (photos that are at least **250KB** in size work the best).

Note - there will be No June Newsletter (as your Editor and Treasurer will be travelling).

REGISTRAR'S COMMENTS

Jean Misko

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Welcome to our new member, Ian Thomson from Scotsdale (near Denmark). Ian has a 1929 Tourer (Phaeton) with an older restoration. It hasn't been registered yet.

A reminder to all members that if any of your details have changed please let us know. It would be horrid if you couldn't read our newsletter each month to find out when and where the runs are.



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EUENTS COORDINATOR

Edith Jeffree

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May

Event: MARC WA Restoration Run

Date: Sunday May 26th

Location: Bullcreek Shopping Centre carpark off South St

Time: 9am for a 9:30 departure

Details: Morning tea at Daniel Pinnington's, lunch and meeting at Jeffree Junior's home in Yokine (tea and

coffee provided)

Organiser: Darren & Germaine Jeffree

June

Event: MARC WA Club Run

Date: Sunday June 23rd

Location: Bolgart Hotel

Details: (details will be sent by email since there is no June newsletter)

Organiser: Edith Jeffree

July

Event: MARC WA Club Run - Army Museum Fremantle

Date: Sunday July 21st

Location: tba **Details:** tba

Organiser: Ian & Anne Steer

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

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EUENTS COORDINATOR (CONT)

Edith Jeffree

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)

ECONOMIC VALUE STUDY

Australian Motor Heritage Foundation

The Australian Motor Heritage Foundation has completed its Economic Value Study of Australia's Historic Vehicle Sector, and the report can be found <u>here</u>.

Some numbers extracted from the summary in the report:

- Estimated there are 970,000 historical vehicles (4.4% of total vehicles)
- The 6,296 owners who responded to the survey spend \$10,240 on average per vehicle (12% more than regular vehicles)
- Aggregate turnover of the historic vehicle sector is \$9.9b per annum
- When including the multiplier/indirect impacts of the supply chain and consumption, the total value is \$25b per annum
- Creates 78,760 jobs across the country (42,150 direct, 36,520 indirect)
- These jobs generate \$6.2b in wages and salaries per annum
- The contribution to Gross Domestic Product is \$11.4b per annum



MARC WA cars on the April run

SHORTEST EVER MARC ROUTE SHEET

Ron Andrews

I arrived at the meeting point at Penistone Park in Greenwood, just after nine, expecting to see (but hoping not to) hundreds of cars in the carpark and energetic young people in shorts on the playing ground.

What a pleasant surprise to find the carpark empty and one lady on the oval exercising her dog.

Other members soon arrived and began chattering away, before we set off at ten to view the automotive memorabilia collection of a friend of mine (Harold).



Harold's memorabilia

The drive was only 800 metres from our starting point but most people had a decent run to get to the starting point, so it wasn't an issue.

Harold was waiting to welcome us, and gave a talk on his collection - which he only started relatively recently.

And what an interesting collection it was - a bit of everything - all neatly displayed on the garage walls. There wasn't a square inch of space left, and everywhere you looked you found interesting pieces. Harold had the urn on for us, so lots of people had a coffee. He also had a slide show of historic photos of Western Australia on the television which

were interesting to see.

Harold has set the garage up as his own retreat, with a comfortable Chesterfield lounge and a refrigerator full of cold beverages. What more could a man want?

Harold also has a Model A Roadster hot rod, International pick-up, Buick and an Oldsmobile which added to the visual feast.

After about an hour we thanked Harold for his hospitality then travelled back to Penistone Park for our lunch.

We set up our chairs in the park under some trees and it worked-out very well. We never had an official meeting, which left plenty of time for everyone to natter away.

We had approximately 20 members attend and it was good to see our new member Mark Quinn come along. I'm looking



MARC members having lunch at Penistone Park

forward to seeing Mark join us in his van as soon as it's on the road.

A huge thank you to a Harold for allowing is to view his collection, to Daniel for the printing of the run sheets, and to everyone who made the day enjoyable

NUNGARIN SEARCHLIGHT PARTY

Our adventure began at Bindoon
Bakehouse for lunch on Friday 5/4/24.
Brett Pollock & Paul Kelly in Glad with the teardrop, Colin Riley in his Phaeton, and myself in the ute. It was great to have a full complement of Model A's on the run!
After a delicious feed and coffees, we headed-off to Toodyay for the evening.
Brett left behind a well worn, iconic part of his country persona - which bizarrely wasn't

taken as a trophy by a passing Japanese tourist.

Ray Major



The party gathered at the Bindoon Bakehouse

On arrival in Toodyay, we were informed the town had no electricity, but given we left our EV's at home and our accommodation wasn't air conditioned, this presented no issues to us. We were placed in a lovely shady spot under huge trees beside the riverbed. Unfortunately, it was also beside an odorous septic leach drain, but given it was school holidays, we were lucky to get any accommodation at all.



Brett tinkering with the brake light switch

Brett had some trouble with the teardrop brakes, and an overactive brake light, so that was looked at in the Caravan Park. Glad was also lacking power, and it became apparent the air cleaner had been missed in Brett's usually thorough preventative maintenance regime (LOL). I went to check out Cobbler Pool as a potential camping spot for future runs. It was a lot further than I thought, and it was a dustbowl in the dry weather, very glad we decided not to camp there.

Dinner in town was very good after a few IT payment issues were resolved. Something must have changed: when I was a kid we were tucked into bed before 9pm, that sure doesn't happen anymore at caravan

parks - the kids were making plenty of racket well past 10pm when I resorted to earplugs to get some rest

Next morning, we had a coffee at the Coca-Cola café in town before heading to Wylie. There we met up with members Darrell & Cerena Stratford, who live close to town on their farm. After a tour of the Wylie museum (is there a musty old museum I don't enjoy ???), we had lunch at the only café in town (just opened). Good coffee, but the one



Stratford's farm

staff member on duty was a bit busy serving all of us. Then off we headed to the main event. Glad was having a little reflux issue via a perished radiator gasket, so en-route we diverted to the Stratford farm to rummage through their collection of O-rings, which provided a fix.

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NUNGARIN SEARCHLIGHT PARTY (CONT)

Ray Major

We arrived at Nungarin around 2pm, parked up on display, and had a good look around the Museum. Always an eclectic mix of things to see and do, including rides in a WWII tank or half track. I took a particular shine to a WWII Dodge weapons carrier converted to a camping rig, and also a homemade tractor featuring a blown 2 stroke GM engine and a Terex Haul Truck rear axle! It purred like a tiger. Comments were made re the lack of visitors, but I assured all that everyone in the surrounding districts would arrive for dinner and a social gossip, and the hall quickly filled after dark.



Stratford's camp at Nungarin

As the sun was setting, we all crept out of the display compound to set up camp behind the museum among

display compound to set up camp behind the museum among the rusty gold. We returned to grab a feed, but despite the sterling efforts of the many volunteers, dinner took quite a while - featuring long queues. But the band was good, and the drinks well priced and cold.

Around 9pm the main event, (the WWII searchlight) was fired up. The WWII Flathead V8 generator on wheels has been retired and a thumper of an old Diesel (Gardner?) hooked up with the assistance of a sparky, and the whole setup performed faultlessly, lighting up the sky. Thankfully the cannon wasn't fired this year, I think my ears are still ringing from the last eruption.

We retired to our camp for a cuppa and a restful sleep away from noisy kids and traffic. I really missed a campfire, but it was windy, warm and everything out there is tinder dry, the open fire ban has been extended.



The author's camp

Morning broke and Brett serenaded us with his wakeup song which I'm sure you are all familiar with. Breakfast and coffee were shared and we headed into the big market event in Nungarin. Well there were a few people there..... we said our farewells. I headed to Cunderdin in a failed attempt to get a ride in a glider at their open day. The Stratfords headed home to Wylie, and Brett & Co headed back to Bindoon to be reunited with his missing appendage.

Good times, good company and good weather blessed us, and for the record Glad never failed to proceed, just a few minor age-related ailments which I fear we can all relate to.

Maybe next year we can encourage a few more members to join us for the pilgrimage.

ESPERANCE EASTER RUN

Peter Sartori

Day 1: Thursday 28th

Lorraine & I met up with Gerry ten Bokkel (in his "Burtz" Model A), Daniel Pinnington and Erika Quadros (in their very smart "Grandads XJ6 Jag") at the BP servo in Karragullen. Just after 8am, we got going with Gerry setting the pace out front as he was the slowest car (mind you, he would have been averaging a good 80km per hour), and onto Brookton for a toilet stop.

After our short Brookton stop, we were off to Pingelly (20km) for our morning tea and fuel stop. As there was real no hurry, we had quite a good long stop and chat.

Moving on from Pingelly, I went in front as Gerry says his skills following directions are not too flash. Heading out of Pingelly, it is a bit of zig zagging to get onto the Wickepin Pingelly Road, so I stayed in front (still only doing around 80kph). The roads were quiet, making it a very pleasant drive through the little country settlements, Wickepin, Harrismith, and along the rabbit proof fence line - and made our way to Lake Grace for our lunch stop.

After lunch and on our last leg to our night stay at Lake King, we went through Newdegate and got onto the Newdegate-Ravensthorpe Road (Hwy 107). We arrived at the Lake King Hotel Motel late in the afternoon. We unloaded, freshened up, had a short rest and then into the hotel for our evening meal (which was fantastic). I am not sure, but I have been told, that the hotel, motel, and Caravan Park at Lake



The convoy at Lake King

King is owned by the community. In any case, it is excellent value, and is a good place to break-up the 700-odd km drive from Perth to Esperance.

Day 2: Good Friday 29th

We left Lake King just after 8.00am on our way to Ravensthorpe and arrived in good time. We all got fuel and returned to the parking area for morning tea. Again, it was a nice long stop as we were making good time. We then ventured to the wheat silos for a couple of photos and then it was off on our last 187km leg to Esperance. We arrived at our motel mid-afternoon - well and truly in time for a rest and freshen up before going off to the VCCC club rooms for nibble and natter, and details of the weekend's activities.



Ravensthorpe grain silos

Day 3: Easter Saturday 30th

Off on a nice easy run out to the Esperance Stonehenge for photos and morning tea, then a fairly long drive to the Condingup Winery for a wine tasting and our BYO lunch. After lunch, it was back to the motel for a short rest, before going to the VCCC club rooms where the VCCC put on a really nice, catered dinner. It was then back to the motel for a good night's sleep.

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ESPERANCE EASTER RUN (CONT)

Peter Sartori







Esperance Stonehenge

Day 4 Easter Sunday 31st

Today was an easy day: put our cars into a display along with all the local folk and other visitors, had a wander through the busy markets, and fitted-in a coffee and a sit down. Later in the afternoon, we went on a 40km drive around the tourist loop. While on this drive, the temperature dropped down to 17 degrees and we had a short shower of rain - it was a shock, as Saturday was 37 degrees. The evening was back at the club rooms for a BBQ - again, another great meal. After dinner, they held a quiz where all the questions were car related. It was good fun and the five of us from Perth won (with the help of Google).

Day 5 Easter Monday 1st April

We all met back at the club rooms early for a quick, cooked breakfast provided by the VCCC before saying our goodbyes to Daniel & Erika who had to go back to Perth for work on Tuesday. They went home via Hyden and Wave Rock, while Gerry, Lorraine & I travelled together to Ravensthorpe for morning tea. Gerry then went off to Hyden for the night, and Lorraine and I travelled to Albany for 3 nights, then onto Manjimup for a night, before returning home on Friday the 5th of April.



ALBANY EASTER RALLY

Edith Jeffree

Allan and I set-off at 8am Wednesday morning in our EJ Holden, a day earlier than the "Easter rush" to try and avoid too much traffic.

We stopped-over with the Wringe family in Kirup for the night and were once again, away early the next morning - via the South West Highway and Bridgetown, then through to Manjimup. At Manjimup, we stopped for fuel at Thompson's Garage and caught-up with the son of the EJ's original owner who commented he hadn't seen it for many years.



Thompson's Garage were Holden dealers and Allan's uncle (Gordon) worked in the servicing section all his working life. Gordon bought the EJ Holden from Thompson's.

Many years later, Allan inherited the EJ with 42,000 miles on the speedometer.



To avoid traffic congestion, we chose to drive the Muir Highway across to Mt Barker, arriving at their well-known bakery for lunch. Then a leisurely drive to Albany was the first day to start our Easter stay.

On Good Friday evening, we were welcomed by the Albany Districts Branch of the VCCC - receiving our rally bags and being checked-in. After a briefing of the weekend's activities, we then

enjoyed soup, pizza and the company of Kaye and John Cook and friends.

On Saturday morning, we all assembled at the Entertainment Centre for the car display, meeting up with Anne and lan Steer who were spending Easter with lan's parents.



At the completion of the car display, we went for a casual run along Princess Royal Drive and out to Denmark to Anvil Beach for a photo shoot. Following this, it was back towards Albany to Karri Heights Alpaca Stud for Devonshire tea refreshments.

The Saturday evening dinner at Motel Le Grande was very well presented with high standards. As this was where we were staying, it wasn't far to walk to our room.

Sunday morning featured a BBQ breakfast at the starting point of our run. A Sundowner and presentation was held at the VCCC club rooms in the evening - once again putting on a very well catered night.

Overall a great weekend was had - returning via another overnight stay at Kirup and home on Tuesday.



THE CHURCH MODEL A

Wikicamps via Australian Hot Rod History FB via Ron Andrews



Richard Jenner was the Methodist Minister at Ceduna in 1944-45 and used the caravan on the Far West Patrol. Visiting a farm one day, he came across a farmer with a Ford V8 up on blocks as they could not get tyres as it was war years. They had been travelling to town in the old truck that they had and Mum was not happy. Richard's A Model Ford had new tyres and a deal was done for a swap with no money changing hands as Richard was classed as priority 2, and could obtain a permit from the Controller of Rubber for a new set of tyres. Everyone was happy - Richard got a later model car, and the farmers wife got to ride to town in a car again. 50 years later Richard and the farmer both retired to the same seaside town and laughed about their swap. From the pictures it looks as though the caravan has a extra pair of springs fitted for the rough roads and a vent in the roof for the hot weather.



TECHNICAL TIP

David Brockman, Visalia, California

Another "Tech Tip" from Dr Dave

Got a Leak ??!!

Smell petrol in your car? The petrol line from the fuel tank shut-off valve to the firewall fuel filter has a flare fitting on each end of the tubing. The flare fitting frequently does not fit tight enough on one or both ends to completely seal and a small amount of petrol will seep out and you will smell petrol inside the car.

I have found that the 3/8", "Flaretight" 45-degree coneseal is the perfect solution to stop these pesky petrol leaks in our Model A's. These cone seals are frequently used by Air Conditioning companies and also by the space industry to seal high pressure flare connections. The "Flaretight" seal is a thin stamped copper ring with concentric ridges formed by a baked-on Loctite Vibra-Seal coating.

You can purchase the cone shaped "Flaretight" seals from an A.C. shop or order them from various dealers. If you only need two of the seals then a good buy is the "Mini-Split Kit" Model MSP-0406 for about \$32 (Editor: price update) from Amazon. The kit contains two 3/8" seals and two ¼" seals.

Buying the seals individually costs a lot more.

Happy Motoring

David Bockman





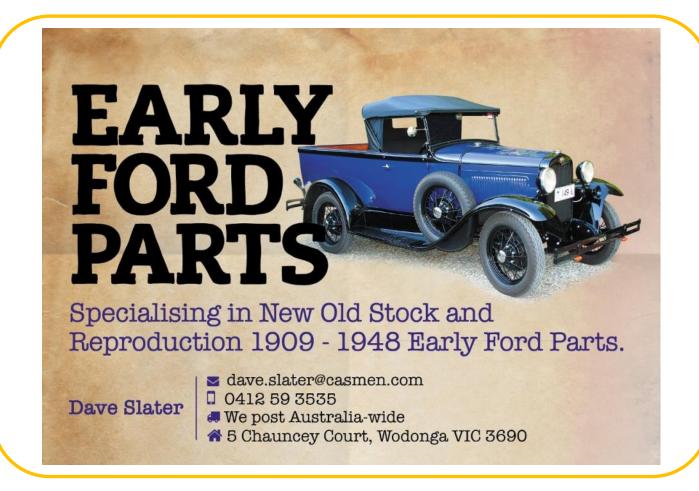
MARC MAY ACTIVITIES IN YEARS GONE BY

10 Years Ago: Horace Misko and Ray Mahony travelled to Clackline to collect some scrap metal from some country (now ex) members - and collected 3.1 tonnes! Report on a run filled with hurdles to Swanleigh where members watched Kojonup member Peter Trethowan play polo. Final report of (the late) Des Addison's around Australia trip in his Model A with tear drop caravan. A welcome to new members Wayne & Anne Millman.

20 Years Ago: 13 Model A's attended the Classic Car Show at Whiteman Park. Louise Read's wrap-up of the 2004 Perth National Meet where 39 Americans took part. Reprint of a report on the rally by some of the visiting Americans.

30 Years Ago: Photos of MARC WA members at the 1994 National Rally in Glenelg.

40 Years Ago: No May newsletter.







Ed: how did they come-up with "Thoroughly British"??!! Photos courtesy of Ron Andrews

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