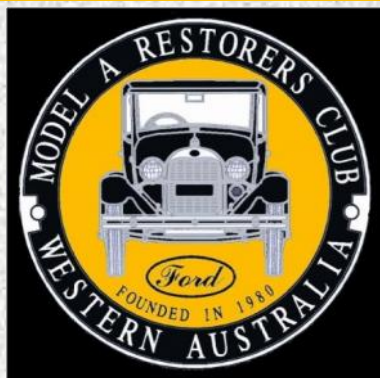




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Model A Restorers Club of Western Australia, Inc.



NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Paul Kelly

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

This is my first newsletter article as the newly minted President of MARC WA and I sincerely thank you for the opportunity.

Firstly let me say a thank you to Ray for his term as President, not to mention the enormous amount of work and commitment he has given to the club over the last 12 months with garage sales, scrap metal sales, and swap meets to mention a few.



Special thanks to Toni Mahony for organising the venue for the AGM, which given the inclement weather, was doubly appreciated. I also wish to thank all those who nominated, or renominated for the Committee and other specific roles. The diversity and make-up of the collective group will be a delight to work with.

The turnout of members for the AGM was fantastic and great to see - the hallmark of a thriving club. The social aspects and comradery are absolutely fundamental to having a vibrant, enjoyable club, hence the importance of regular runs and get-togethers. Participation and engagement is the lifeblood of MARC WA, so lets keep the runs rolling.

Obviously the major focus for the next 12 months for all club members (and especially the Committee), will be to support Andrae as the Rally Director for the National Meet in 2026. This is a huge task, and our reputation as having the best National Meet of all the states is on the line no pressure folks ... but I am absolutely confident that given our membership and mutual support for one another in the club, we will put on another fantastic rally.



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Front Cover: Colin Riley accepting the Good Luck / Bad Luck trophy from out-going President Ray Mahony at the AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Andrae Moore

On Sunday, 24 August 2025, MARC WA held its Annual General Meeting at the Motor Museum in Whiteman Park. Thankfully, Toni Mahony had reserved the meeting room, as the heavens opened with record rainfall! While the downpour kept all but one Model A at home, it didn't stop our members — 33 members and two visitors braved the weather to attend.

The day began with the traditional sausage sizzle — a big thank you to Gary Moore for taking on the role of chief cook. With everyone well fed, the meeting got underway with reports from office bearers and the election of the 2025/26 Committee.

A sincere thank you goes to the 2024/25 Committee for their dedication and hard work. This year saw a healthy number of nominations, resulting in voting for both the President's role and General Committee positions — something we haven't experienced for many years! With 14 proxy votes received, the results were close.

Congratulations to the 2025/26 Committee:

- **President** – Paul Kelly
- **Vice President** – Dean Roberts
- **Secretary** – Andrae Moore
- **Treasurer** – Germaine Jeffree
- **General Committee Members** –
Colin Riley, Darren Jeffree, Brett Pollock



Out-going president Ray Mahony handing-over the reins to new president Paul Kelly

We also extend our thanks to those members who have volunteered for other important club roles such as Registrar, Events Officer, Editor, Regalia and more. Your support truly lightens the load for the Committee and helps keep the Club running smoothly.

The full AGM Minutes are attached to the newsletter email.

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Website: www.modelafordclub.com.au **MARC Email:** info@modelafordclub.com.au

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

Dean Roberts

(events@modelafordclub.com.au)

September

Event: International Model A Day
Date: Saturday 13th September
Location: Drive your car to a destination of your choice
Details: Members must log an impromptu run for this day as it is not coordinated by the club. The organisers would like people to take photos showing your cars in unique locations for your locale. Send your photos to Bruce Adams at sailbruce@aol.com for potential inclusion in the "National Magazines". Also consider posting photos and comments to the International Model A Ford Day 2025 Facebook group.

Event: MARCWA Club Run (multi-day)
Date: Thursday September 18th to Sunday September 21st
Time: 8:30 for a 9am departure
Location: Pioneer Village Armadale to Augusta
Details: Quite a number of rooms and beds available in Augusta at a house owned by Erika Quadros' family - first-in, best dressed. Other accommodation available in Augusta as well. Please contact Daniel (0400132445) if you are planning to attend the run.

Organisers: Daniel Pinnington & Erika Quadros

Event: MARCWA Barry Bristow-Stagg's 90th Birthday Party
Date: 20th September
Time: 11am
Location: Northam Aero Club, Northam
Details: Please RSVP to Barry or Sylvia if you are planning to attend
Organisers: Barry & Sylvia Bristow-Stagg

Event: Bindoon Historic Vehicle Day
Date: Sunday 21st September
Time: 9am to 3pm
Location: Bindoon Oval, 6182 Great Northern Hwy
Details: Enquiries to Reg Scantlebury on 0427 774 083 of bindoonhistorical@gmail.com

Event: Lake Perkolilli Red Dust Revival
Date: 29th September to 5th October
Location: Lake Perkolilli, Kalgoorlie
Details: <https://www.motoringpast.com.au/>, or <https://www.facebook.com/@reddustrevival2025/>

Cont. over

EVENTS COORDINATOR (CONT)

Dean Roberts

October

Event: Curtin FM 100.1 Car Show
Date: Sunday 5th October
Time: 10am - 2pm
Location: Chessell Drive, Bentley
Details: Contact Horace Misko on 0417 958 311 if you're interested. If members want to go as a club, Horace will organise it, otherwise members can register individually.
Organiser: Horace Misko

Event: All Ford Day
Date: Sunday 5th October
Location: Steel Blue Oval, Bassendean
Details: Entry fee of \$25 per car.

Event: York Motor Show
Date: Sunday 5th October
Location: York town centre
Details: Free entry

Event: MARCWA Gymkhana
Date: Sunday 19th October
Time: tba
Location: Glen Avon Stud Farm 4990 Riley St, Stoneville
Details: tba
Organiser: Andrae & Gary Moore

November

Event: MARCWA End of Year Function
Date: Sunday 30th November
Time: 11:30 for nibbles, lunch at 12 noon
Location: RAC Room at the Motor Museum
Details: Price to be confirmed, but BYO drinks. Tea & coffee will be available. More information to follow.
Organisers: Ron Andrews, Daniel Pinnington, Toni Mahony

2026

January

Event: MARC WA Club Run
Date: tba
Time: 10:30am to 1:30pm
Location: under the big tree near the Azelia Ley Museum – Manning Park – Azelia Rd, Hamilton Hill
Details: Morning tea, club meeting and then lunch
Organiser: Anne Steer

EVENTS COORDINATOR (CONT)

Dean Roberts

February

Event: MARC WA Breakfast Meeting
Date: tba
Time: 7:00 am
Location: Point Reserve, Bassendean
Details: Bring your own breakfast ingredients, barbeques available, meeting to follow
Organisers: Anthony & Debbie Gilberthorpe

March

Event: Classic Car Show
Date: Sunday 29th March
Location: tba
Details: tba

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)

REGISTRAR'S COMMENTS

Ray Mahony

registrar@modelafordclub.com.au

I thought I would let all the members that were unable to attend our AGM last month know that you have a new Registrar and that is Ray Mahony.

So, if anyone has anything that needs the attention of the Registrar; such as proposing a new member, or changing your address or car details you can contact me on the email given in the member's directory or you can use the Registrar's email registrar@modelafordclubclub.com.au

Now, news for this month: We have a new member to add to your member's directory.

Ian Stratton, 18 Middleton Way, Bull Creek, 6149

Phone: 0406 398 588 Email: ian_stratton@yahoo.com

Ian has a 1930 Phaeton registered with 404 concession. He is also a member of the Veteran and Classic Car Club. Welcome to the Model A ford Club Ian, and we hope to see you at our monthly run/meetings.



Ian Stratton's car spotted at a recent VCCC Inspection Day by paparazzi Ron Andrews.

Does anyone recognise the car? It was supposedly used to deliver papers in West Perth at one stage.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Ian Steer

editor@modelafordclub.com.au

I'm flabbergasted that there was no competition at the AGM for the Editor's role, so I guess the caretaker will keep caretaking for another year!

The Demise of Microsoft Publisher

For many, many years now (from before my time), this newsletter has been produced with Microsoft Publisher. Microsoft has announced that they are retiring Publisher as of October next year and it will disappear from the Microsoft 365 suite of programs (which is where I get my copy). So we have 12 months to come-up with a plan. Microsoft are not introducing another product to replace it - and (for newsletters), just refer you to Microsoft Word. In my experience with Word, laying-out photos amongst text is a nightmare. A quick internet search has not revealed any other suitable alternatives.

My plan at the moment is that the club purchase a stand-alone copy of Publisher later next year that can be handed-over to the next Editor (ha-ha) to use.

Any other suggestions welcomed.

Potentially interesting items out there on the web

Paul Shin has a video about trouble-shooting the wiring to the ignition. It is quite good and presented in a simple, not-too-technical manner.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FILEKUG7XEM>

Model A Song

From Phil Kneeland of the Charter Oak Model A Club:

My friend, Ron Barbour (email: lovemy1930tudor@yahoo.com), from Sonora A's, Sonora, CA, sent me a fantastic "Model A Song" that he and a friend wrote.....

Ron Barbour and David Anderson wrote the lyrics and produced this wonderful ballad and have shared it with Linda and I to send out to all of you. (Gertie is his 1930 Model A Tudor and Rosie is his wife of 47 years).

Please click (or copy and paste) the link below to hear this fantastic "New" song.....

<https://suno.com/song/cd2b1b04-0a39-48e6-87ee-1b92c61f7525>

OUT & ABOUT IN A MODEL A

A newsletter idea from our new president Paul Kelly.

Submit a photo of you "out and about" in your Model A.

The idea is to feature a few photos each month of members "out doing stuff" in their Model A. This is a perfect opportunity for people who can't come to our runs (country members in particular) to contribute to the newsletter, and help other members "get to know you".

Send your photos to the Editor by email or text message (try to ensure they are at least a few hundred kbytes in size).

THE BULL CHASER

Colin Riley

This photo is all that remains of a Model A that would have been used to round up cattle on Ned's Creek Station, north east of Meekatharra. I saw it on my latest Grave Marking trip to the Goldfield. I didn't take the photo (obviously) as I am in the driver's seat, and I forgot to tell the photographer to snap the most interesting feature. Apart from no engine, gearbox, diff or wheels it did have bucket seats made from cut down 44gal drums, and those with a keen eye, may notice the front independent coil suspension. The structure that the bonnet is on was obviously used to support the radiator and was also the top support for the coil springs. This rather bulky modification could have been done to improve suspension travel over the rough terrain, or as I noticed, it had a broken front leaf spring, so maybe parts were difficult to obtain in that remote location. The station owner has no idea when the vehicle was used, but could assume it may have been 40's or 50's when the vehicle had passed its effective "use by" date.

If I pass that way again, I will take some more detailed photo's to provide inspiration to anyone considering such a modification (Ha, Ha). I think it would add about 50-70 kg to the front end by the amount of steel used.



FOR SALE

Doug Maslin is selling his 1929 Phaeton due to health issues.

Doug says it is in perfect working order (no work needed) and he would like to sell within the club if possible.

Price: \$25,000

Contact Doug on 0455 970 004



NATIONAL MEET - ALBANY 2026

Andrae Moore (Rally Director)

Planning for the 2026 Rally is progressing well! Recently, four members of the committee travelled to Albany, where they met with the venue's Event and Catering Managers, representatives from the City of Albany, the Shires of Plantagenet and Denmark, and the Agricultural Society. They also explored a range of local attractions that may be included in the rally program.

We have secured the largest venue available in Albany, though it may still place a limit on entry numbers. The committee is now working on the rally badge, number plate and merchandise designs — a special thank you to Cara Jeffree for her brilliant creative input. Sponsorship and fundraising are also high on the agenda, with a big push planned for the new year. Member support will be vital, particularly with fundraising, so we'll be calling on everyone to lend a hand. The next 12 months promise to be very busy, but also very exciting — just over 400 days to go!

At the AGM, members discussed the number of entries expected from interstate and how this may impact overall numbers. Official registrations will open in January and remain open for 2–3 months. Once entries are confirmed, we'll be able to finalise plans and move forward with confidence.

So, register your early interest with **Toni Mahony** to make sure you don't miss out on being part of this special Rally.

Containers for Change can and bottle collecting and Scrap Metal collecting is still ongoing and doing really well. Thank you all for your donations so far.

Containers for Change - Pass them to a committee member at a monthly run, or donate at your local recycling centre using code **C11024600**

Scrap metal donations – Contact Ray Mahony – 0438 290 446

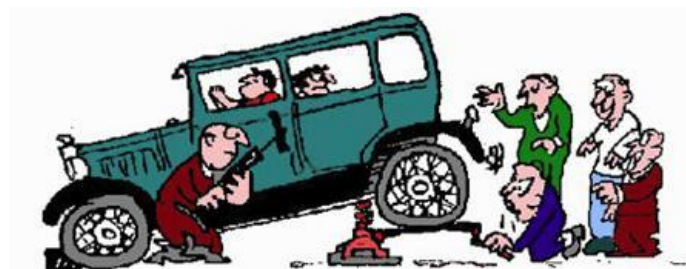
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NO CLUB MEMBER HAS SEEN THIS

Ron Andrews

A sight that no MARC member has ever seen before - an empty Reg Blewett garage! (apart from the Tudor)



CMC NEWS

Ian Steer

The plan was to include a link in this newsletter to the CMC newsletters when the CMC made them available on their website. I have just discovered that they have been available for 6 months, so this is a catch-up to those newsletters, and I will try to ensure a link is included in future newsletters.

Past CMC Newsletters:

[March](#) [April](#) [May](#) [June](#) July (not on CMC website) [August](#)

MEMBER'S SHED ACTIVITIES

Ian Steer

I have been trying to improve my brakes. I fitted cast iron drums a year-or-two back, but not much changed (nor did I expect it to really). I tried to use the adjusters to lock each wheel up, but at maximum adjustment, I could not get the rears to lock-up - obviously something wrong.

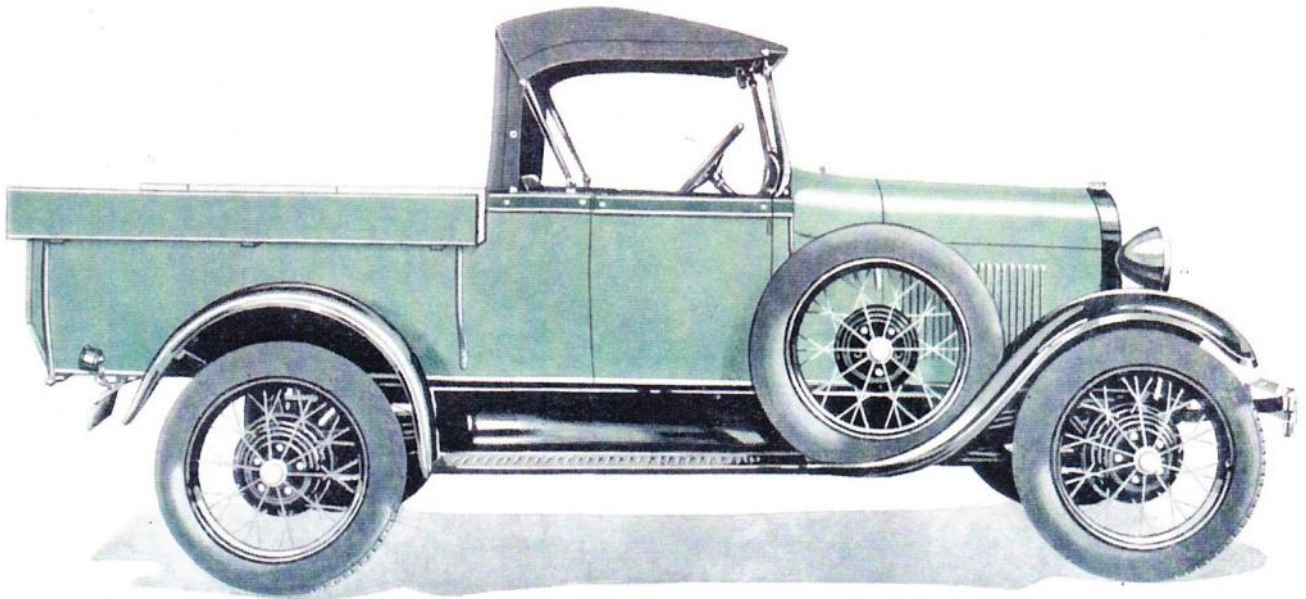
I pulled the rear hubs off, and very little of each shoe has been doing any work. Steve Read helped me rebuild the rear brake assembly with new brake camshafts and bushes, and new brake adjusting shafts. Sadly, the brakes are still crap - time to get the boffin around again!



From the NIMAFC
newsletter

BOLTONS BODY CATALOGUE

Courtesy of Ron Andrews



TYPE No. 304.—FORD WELL-TYPE LIGHT DELIVERY

(Full particulars overleaf)

[CHASSIS WELDINGS ELIMINATE MANY BOLTS AND RIVETS]

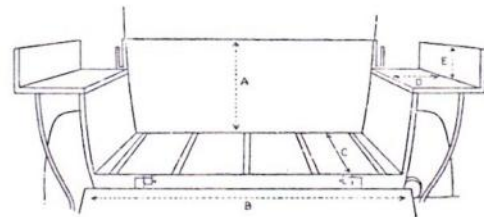
TYPE No. 304.—FORD WELL-TYPE LIGHT DELIVERY

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The body, like other Ford Light Delivery models, has complete outside sheet steel protection and a double hinged tail-board is fitted at rear.

Diagram of internal body measurements.



LOADING SPACE—

Length of Floor, ("C" in diagram) 55½ in.

Width—

At Floor, ("B" in diagram) 44 in.

At Top of Sides, 47 in.

Extensions—each, ("D" in diagram) 9½ in.

At Extreme Top, 66 in.

HEIGHT OF SIDES—

To Sideboards, 11½ in.

Overall, ("A" in diagram) 18 in.

Sideboards, ("E" in diagram) 5½ in.

[FORD DEALERS TRADE-IN USED TRUCKS OF ANY MAKE]

WANTED

21" Wheel

Colin Riley is chasing a 21" wheel to replace the one on his Coupe damaged in the "runaway wheel incident". Please contact Colin on 0417 954 549 if you can help.

16mm Movie Projector (for loan)

Ron Andrews has been given some film spools from Reg Blewett's collection that look very interesting (see photos below) - he just needs a 16mm movie projector to play them on. (If they are interesting, maybe we can have a club viewing night?)

Contact Ron Andrews on 0499 347 312 if you can help



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TECHNICAL TIP

Tom Endy (from Ford Torque, June 2025)

A Walk Off!

A not uncommon occurrence in the modern era is for the starter ring gear on the flywheel of a Model A to want to attempt to walk off its mounting position. The ring gear is an interference press fit on the flywheel and in the old days that seemed to be enough to keep it in place. It may be that the repo ring gears are not made correctly. That would be no great surprise.

The ring gear is pressed on from the front of the flywheel until it sits flush against a machined stop. The gear on the end of the starter sits behind the ring gear. When the starter is engaged the starter gear is actually attempting to pull the ring gear forward and away from the machined stop. This can cause it to move forward if the press fit is not tight enough. It would have been better if Henry had mounted the ring gear from the rear of the flywheel against a machined stop.

I had the experience of one coming loose. It walked forward almost an eighth of an inch. When I would start the car up I would hear a knocking sound for about 30 seconds, then the noise would disappear. What was happening was the ring gear was hitting the ends of two of the starter mounting bolts that protrude very slightly through the clutch housing. This occurred because the starter gear jerked the ring gear forward. After about 30 seconds of rubbing the ends of the bolts the ring gear would be knocked back enough to clear the ends of the bolts and the noise would stop.

The out-of-position ring gear can also cause the starter gear to jam against the ring gear. This also happened to me and that was how I discovered the ring gear was walking. I was able to tap the ring gear back into place by rotating the engine and tapping the gear with a brass drift every few inches through the starter mounting boss. This is only a temporary repair, as the ring gear will continue its walk about, and it certainly did.

I finally pulled the engine and flywheel. I could see witness marks on the ends of two of the starter mounting bolts where it had worn the ends smooth.

There is a permanent fix. A machine shop can press the ring gear back into place then pin it with setscrews. Holes are drilled and tapped through the surface of the ring gear and into the flywheel in three equally distant places and seated with lock tight. This would be a prudent thing to have done anytime you are having a new repo ring gear installed.



The setscrews lock the ring gear to the flywheel



Three setscrews are installed at 120 degrees distance from each other

MARC SEPT ACTIVITIES IN YEARS GONE BY

10 Years Ago: Report by Peter Sartori of a 3 day run through the northern wheatbelt, visiting Goomalling, Dowerin, Wyalkatchem, Koorda, Bencubbin, Mukinbudin, Nungarin, Merredin, Cunderdin and Kellerberrin. A description of Barry Bristow-Stagg's 80th birthday party (see the Events Calendar for details of Barry's 90th party!)

20 Years Ago: no newsletter

30 Years Ago: Darren Jeffree & Germaine Wringe congratulated on their engagement

40 Years Ago: Colin & Maxine Davidson welcomed as new members



AGM crowd scene

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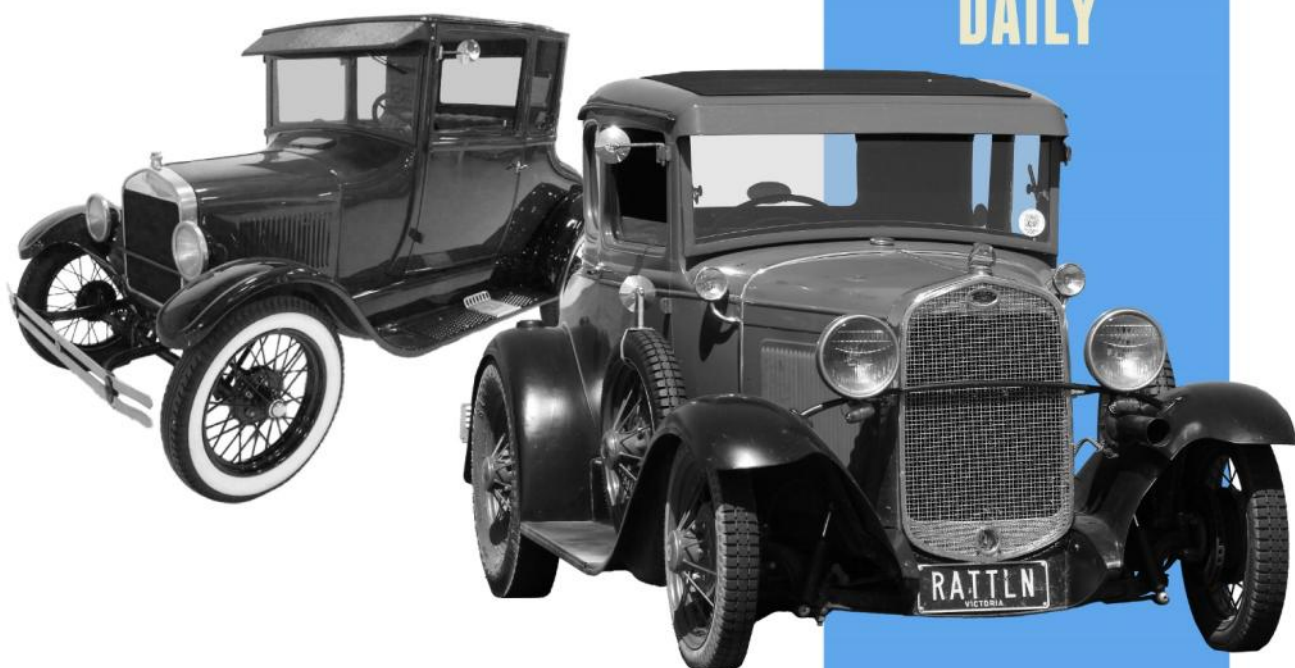
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