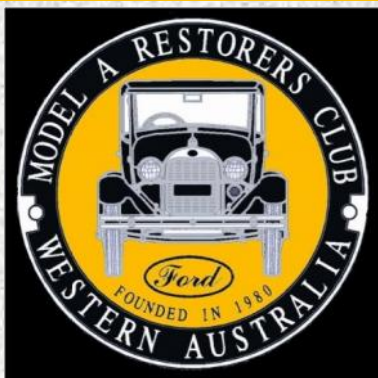




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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Paul Kelly

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We had a great run last weekend organised by Andrae, and held what can only be described as an impromptu club meeting in order to help meet the statutory requirements of having the required number of meetings during the year. There was a great roll up, and I'm sure there will be a report in the newsletter (see p 6).



Obviously the focus of the club is still on the National Rally in October - and things are coming together well. Brett and I recently spent 3 days in Albany, driving and putting the finishing touches to a number of the runs proposed for the event. I think it will be a great mix of options, and will showcase the Albany region. The editor of the newsletter has kindly offered to road test the run sheets prepared by Brett and myself to iron out any mistakes and audit our handiwork!

I happened to be at a conference this week and spent some time with the Mayor and CEO of Albany. The Mayor is absolutely fully engaged and excited about the event, and is really looking forward to the activity we are bringing to the city. He tried to convince me to include a time trial for all of the attending A's around their very recently opened motordrome..... and he wasn't joking !!!



Geelong Ford plant
assembly line
c1927/28



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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Ian Steer

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The editor wants your photos!

The editor always wants good photos of **MARC WA events** (to accompany write-ups of those events), and for **newsletter cover photos**. I prefer to use "topical" photos for the cover page, but as you can see this edition, I've had to reach-in to the archives.

Please send me your photos of MARC WA events, or any random, great photos involving Model A's.

REGISTRAR'S COMMENTS

Ray Mahony

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This month we welcome Colin Malcolm from Morawa into our club. Colin is restoring a 1928 Phaeton.



Colin Malcolm's 1928 phaeton under restoration

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EVENTS COORDINATOR

events@modelafordclub.com.au

July

Event: MARC WA Club Run
Date: Sunday 19th July
Time: 9:30 for a 10:00 start
Location: Stirling Square Gardens, Stirling St, Guildford
Details: BYO morning tea, lunch and chairs. Morning tea at Mt Helena, with meeting and lunch in Northam.
Organiser: Toni Mahony

August

Event: MARC WA Annual General Meeting
Time: Noon for a sausage sizzle (provided) and meeting to start at 1pm.
Date: Sunday 16th August
Details: See p7
Organiser: Andrae Moore

September

Event: MARC WA Club Run
Date: Sunday 20th September (proposed)
Details: tba
Organiser: [Organiser needed](#)

October

Event: MARC WA 29th National Meet
Date: Sunday 18th - Sat 24th October
Location: Albany, West Australia
Details: Get your [Entry Form](#) in, and get your accommodation booked NOW. Refer to the National Meet [web page](#) and [Facebook page](#)

November

Event: MARC WA Club Run
Date: Sunday 15th November (proposed)
Details: tba
Organiser: [Organiser needed](#)

2027 January

Event: MARC WA Club Run
Date: Sunday 17th January
Time: 10:30
Details: tba
Organiser: Anne Steer

EVENTS COORDINATOR (CONT)

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2027 February

Event: Classic Cars and Coffee
Date: Sunday 7th February (tbc)
Time: 8:30 to 10:30
Details: MARC will attend as a club with an area set-aside for us. Donation of \$15 per car to the Prostate Cancer Foundation.
Organiser: Ian Steer

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)

FOR SALE

1930 Roadster, contact Graham on 0407 778 165 or gwort1@bigpond.com for details



EPIC MODEL A'S TO THE UK STORY

North Island Model A Ford Club

In the words of Molly Meldrum - do yourselves a favour and read this epic story from 1973 and blokes driving two Model A's from New Zealand to the UK. It is in 2 parts, across the March and April newsletters from the North Island Model A Ford Club.

[Part 1 \(starts on page 13\)](#)

[Part 2 \(starts on page 15\)](#)

ROAM DISTILLERY JUNE RUN

Andrae Moore

A crisp, winter Sunday turned into an ideal club outing as 20 members, and guests of the club, made their way to Roam Distillery in Morangup. Five Model A's made the drive, drawing plenty of admiration from other visitors. It was a lovely, relaxed day in the hills.

Despite the forecast of winter weather, the rain held off - giving everyone the chance to enjoy the peaceful country setting. Members settled-in for a lovely lunch overlooking the vineyard and the distillery's poultry pens, with the scenery adding to the easy, social atmosphere. We were welcomed by the very chatty owner, Shahe, who explained the story of the property and the evolution of the distillery.

The tasting session was a highlight, with Roam's whiskey, gin, and limoncello all receiving enthusiastic reviews. The sampling sparked plenty of conversation and added a fun, flavourful element to the visit. A few bottles may have been purchased for quiet sipping at a later date.

Great company, good food, and a welcoming venue made the day a memorable mid-year run. Thank you to everyone who joined in — and to Roam Distillery for their warm hospitality.



MARC WA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Andrae Moore

The Model A Restorers Club of Western Australia will be holding the Annual General Meeting on **Sunday, 16 August** at the **Motor Museum at Whiteman Park**. Join us for a relaxed afternoon beginning with a sausage sizzle **lunch at 12 noon**, followed by the **AGM at 1:00pm**.

As part of the meeting, **all committee positions will be declared vacant**. This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved and contribute to the future of our club. Whether you're a long-time member or relatively new, we encourage you to consider how you might be able to help. Every role, big or small, plays an important part in keeping our club vibrant and running smoothly.

If you're curious about what a role involves, or have suggestions on how it could be improved, please don't hesitate to reach out to a current committee member. We're always happy to chat and support new volunteers.

Executive Committee (meets 4–6 times per year):

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- 3 × General Committee Members

Other Club Roles:

- 2 × CMC Delegates
- Registrar
- Events Coordinator
- Newsletter Editor
- Webmaster
- Librarian & Library Admin Officer
- Regalia Officer
- Property Officer
- Spare Parts Officer

NOMINATIONS must be received by the secretary two weeks prior to the meeting, 04 August 2026. Please email to secretary@modelafordclub.com, or post to 210 Neptune St, Mount Helena WA 6082.

Our club runs on volunteer power — without it, we simply can't function. If you've ever considered lending a hand, now's the perfect time. Be part of shaping the club's future — we'd love to have you on board!

NATIONAL MEET - ALBANY 2026

Andrae Moore (Rally Director)

Keep your cans flowing to help the National Meet bank account.



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MEMBER'S HELPING MEMBERS

Ron Andrews

Daniel Pinnington and I went to Adam Milner's property to degrease and pressure wash the phaeton. We then used compressed air to dry the ignition and get the car running. It was a little reluctant, but we soon had it purring like a kitten.

We then drove it down the road to Daniel's house where we changed the oil in the gearbox and differential. Next job was to grease all of the undercarriage, while Daniel, Adam and Melyssa polished the chrome and buffed the paintwork.

We removed a lot of rally badges that had no relevance to Adam (plus they took away from the classic lines of the Model A).

The last job was to reinstall the headlights and bar, using new pads and bolts.

There are still a few small jobs to do on the upholstery that will make the car more comfortable, and get it ready for Albany.

We were all very pleased with how well the paint and chrome came up, and it certainly looks very crisp and clean.

It could be a contender for Touring Class.



CMC REPORT

Toni Mahony

June CMC meeting update—

Classic Car Show – awaiting the financial details of the 2026 Show. The 2027 CCS will be held at the same venue (Robinson Reserve, corner of Royal St and Park St in Tuart Hill). The date is still being finalised with the City of Stirling. Teething problems from the March show are being addressed, and we should be advised shortly of the date.

Governance of Car Clubs – in September, the CMC is organising a presentation by Keith Mortimer (who is an eastern states delegate to the Australian Historic Motoring Federation). More information will be forthcoming on this.

Funding – a reminder that funding for restoration of a vehicle by a young person is available. The figure is up to \$5000.

Motor Museum report – by Danny Ganon, Manager. Proposed roofing of Volunteers' Way (the open area between the two display halls at Whiteman Park). Funding applications are underway to assist with increasing the 'footprint' of the displayable area. It will have lockable doors at each end of the area. Clubs may be approached shortly to endorse this plan with supportive letters to assist with the applications. The Museum continues to go from strength-to-strength in attendance numbers, income, and car club usage of the facilities.

CMC AGM will be on Monday, 17th August at the Jaguar Car Club rooms, Innaloo at 8.00pm – all welcome.

(No new CMC Voice Magazines available since last month - old ones can be found [here](#))

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PHOTO?

A photo from Facebook supposedly showing the launch of the Model A in Dec 1927.

What is wrong with the Model A ?

(For those reading the newsletter electronically, zooming-in will help)

(One difference should be known to most longish-time owners of an A, the 2nd probably only to the real boffins.)

Answer on page 14



MEMBER'S SHED ACTIVITIES

Darren Jeffree

Recently I took my original Phaeton engine out to fix the timing gear, replace the gearbox (to stop it jumping out of top gear) and hopefully fix an overheating problem. I also took the opportunity to revert back to an original multi-disc clutch.

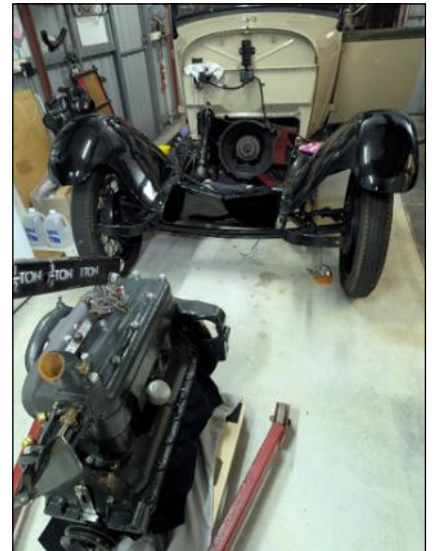
Everything went smoothly - I had the engine in and out in a weekend. I took it for a test drive 50kms down the road, and sadly the engine was still getting too hot. The aluminium timing gear was also noisy, which bothered me, so I removed the timing covers and this is when I found - water mixed with oil – never a good sign! So out with the engine (again!).

This time I decided to replace it with Cara's recently rebuilt engine. As we had tested that on the engine stand, I was comfortable to put that in so I could investigate the original motor further. So second time around, the engine went in easily but now the battery has decided it has had enough (after 20 years!). This then lead to a google search for a new 6v battery – see my recommendation in last month's newsletter.

As at the time of writing, we are yet to test drive the new engine, although it has been cranked-over and started. Stay tuned - you might see us on the next run in my Phaeton – fingers crossed!



Original engine coming out



Original engine out



Multi Disc flywheel
(re-sleeved)



New old-stock multi-disc
clutch



The backyard
mechanic hard at
work – ready for a
stubby and massage!



Cara's engine in the Phaeton

I SMELL FUEL

Colin Riley

Some of us will have been in the situation where we have encountered that familiar fuel smell. Where is it coming from? Maybe the carby float? Maybe the fuel tap? Maybe the fuel filter bowl? Or (heaven forbid) a rivet joint on the fuel tank steering column support?

This situation arose the other day when starting the phaeton for the first time in a while. Ignition ON, fuel tap ON, choke/enrichment OUT, foot on the starter switch and cranking. And cranking, and cranking, and cranking. It refused to start - which it has always done without hesitation. What is wrong with the old girl? - maybe just sitting for too long and carby fuel bowl needs to fill? So I wait a short while and try again. NO GO! About this time, I start to smell fuel, so turn off the fuel tap and exit the car. As I proceeded to unlatch and open the right engine cowl the smell was getting considerably stronger. My guess was I would find fuel exiting the carby due to a stuck float valve.



Well I was sort of right - the fuel was exiting (or it had been prior to the tap being turned off). What was immediately obvious was - THERE WAS NO CARBY ON THE ENGINE. Fuel had been running out of the flexible fuel line which was lying across the top of the engine. About ½ a litre of fuel had run over the engine and puddled on the garage floor. This quickly got the grey matter activated - recalling I had lent the carby and some other spares to a fellow club member to resolve a problem he was having. It was subsequently returned and was sitting in the unopened box waiting for me to refit it. I can think of lots of excuses as to why I didn't refit it earlier, but probably only one would be true.

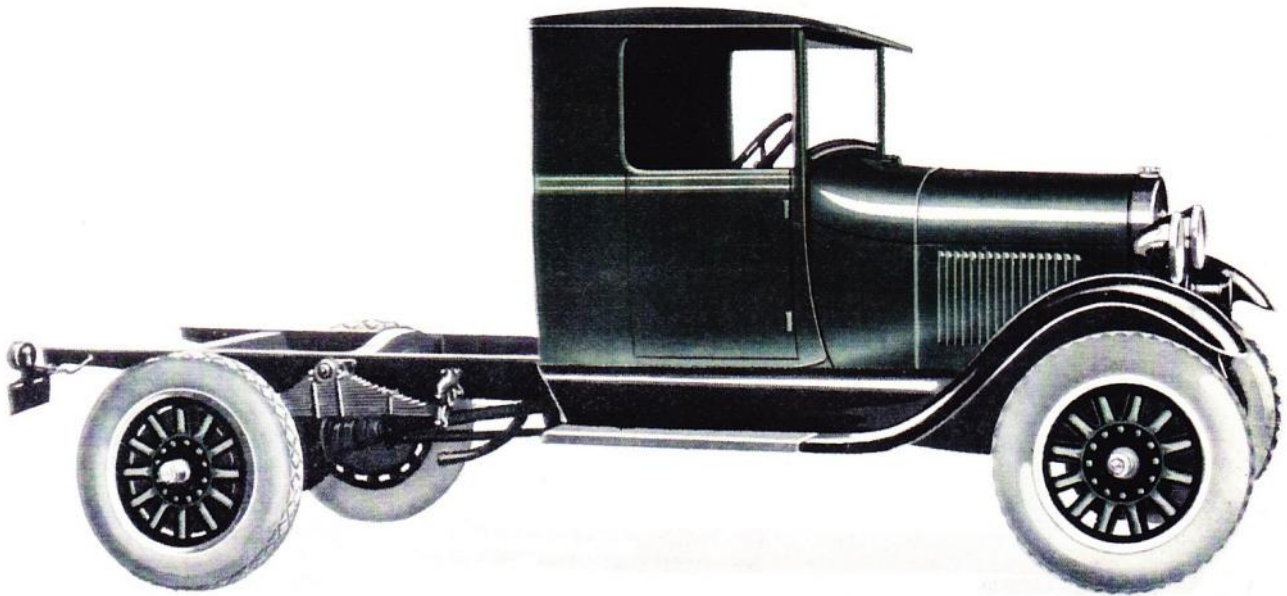
A hasty refit of the carby, wipe all the fuel off the engine, then fuel back on and instant start. The next task was to remove the (what now appears to be more like 2 litres) of fuel from the carport floor and air out the smell. I am glad fuel has an odour!!



We look forward to seeing Wes Hartley and Beverley Biggs in their beautiful Sports Coupe in Albany in October

BOLTONS BODY CATALOGUE

Courtesy of Ron Andrews



TYPE No. 501.—STANDARD CAB FOR 30 Cwt. CHASSIS.

(Full particulars overleaf)

[A USER'S OPINION ... WORTH £600 COMPARED WITH ANY OTHER]

TYPE No. 501.—STANDARD CAB FOR 30 Cwt. CHASSIS

MEASUREMENTS

Windscreen to Cab back panel, 38 in.

Floor to Roof (inside), 47 in.

Floor to top of Seat Cushion, 11½ in.

Depth of Squab (above seat), 22 in.

Seat Cushion, 44 in. x 19 in.

Window in back panel, 16 in. x 8 in.

This Cab is standard for all Ford 30 cwt. Body Types except Vans, Special Open Truck and Steel Tipping Trucks. The appearance of the cab is exceptionally neat. Drivers appreciate its unusual comfort and the convenience of all controls and instruments. The cab is fitted with passenger-car type doors which have clear vision heavy side curtains opening with the doors. The new type narrow hinge pillars give fullest visibility. The full view rear window also is a feature appreciated by drivers.

[FORD SERVICE IS AVAILABLE EVERYWHERE]

TECHNICAL TIPS

Ex-Editor Bevan Sharp (compiled from various issues of The Restorer)

READ THE LABEL

Repeated exposure to a chemical found in some car maintenance products can cause nerve problems, including numbness in the hands, feet and forearms. In extreme cases, the chemical solvent *n-hexane*, found in some products used to clean and de-grease engines, can lead to loss of motor skills. A health study in California found that three mechanics reported numbness and tingling after using products with *n-hexane*, such as brake cleaner. Most of the car-cleaning products come in aerosol form, and the nerve damage is likely caused by inhalation. The condition of the nerves improves when exposure to *n-hexane* stops.

DOES TYRE SIZE AFFECT SPEED?

The diameter of your wheels will make a difference to how fast you can go. But that doesn't always mean that running 19-in wheels will allow you to run slower than using 21-in wheels. It's the outside diameter of the tyre that makes the difference – some 19-in tyres can have a larger diameter than 21-in tyres and same-size tyre sizes can vary by manufacturer. Measure the outside diameter before changing tyres. The larger the diameter tyre will allow you to go faster at the same engine RPM.

MY SPEEDO DOES NOT WORK

Sometimes the square end that goes into the speedometer is too short and will not hold a connection between the two. You should have at least 11/16-in from the brass collar on the cable to the end. The outer cable housing must hold the cable all the way in and the brass collar should ride on a bearing surface in the top of the speedometer housing. This is a common problem with using a reproduction cable and housing parts. You may need to replace the inner cable.

TOWING YOUR MODEL A

Towing a Model A on all four will wear the rubber off the front tyres quite rapidly. The steering box will just not let it track and you will be dragging

the tyres. Towing with the fronts up will solve that problem. The main concern is the transmission, which is designed to be lubricated by the cluster gear spinning. While being towed, the main input shaft and the cluster gear remain at a standstill. This prevents oil from being thrown about inside the transmission case, lubricating the bearings. The output shaft will be turning with the driveline and U-joint and the short needle bearing that fits between the input shaft and the output shaft will be turning the entire time the vehicle is being towed and could be damaged due to lack of oil. The needle bearing is designed to be in motion only while the transmission gears are in second, low, neutral or reverse so it would receive quite a bit of extra use in mostly a dry state.

NO SPARK AT THE PLUGS?

A spark at the points will not necessarily mean a spark at the plugs. With the ignition on, take your coil wire out of the top of the distributor and hold it ¼-in from a head nut. Do not touch the brass connector or you could get shocked. Next open the points with a wooden stick and the coil wire should spark to the head nut in a good, strong blue spark just as the points spark. If you do not have a spark there, you have a bad distributor cap button and/or the rotor connection or your rotor tip is too far away from the terminals inside the bakelite body. The gap here should be .025. If you do not have a spark at the head nut and coil wire then your coil is not wired properly, or is defective, or your condenser is not grounded properly. Another possibility is if you just installed the plugs in a freshly painted head you may have painted the threads in the head and insulated them from ground.

RAVEN FINISH

A dull black wash applied to some nuts and bolts and other small parts to prevent rust. To meet Judging Standards for these parts try gun shops for "gun blueing" products for an excellent "raven" finish.

MARC JULY ACTIVITIES IN YEARS GONE BY

10 Years Ago: Report on a run planned by the Kuenzels from Perry Lakes, via a morning tea near Lake Joondalup, then on to the Gravity Discovery Centre near Gingin. Short note from Paul Kelly about his attendance at the MAFCA National Convention in Colorado. Anne Steer welcomed as a new member. Updates to the travels of: Millmans and Swindells, Miskos and Bob Piercy, the Hartleys.

20 Years Ago: "New" member Daniel Pinnington was welcomed at the Gravity Discovery Centre run (exactly 10 years prior to the run above). A tale of a Model A's life in Derby (WA) in the 1960s.

30 Years Ago: Report on a run from Riverton Forum. Meeting held at the Bullcreek Airforce Museum with morning tea on the banks of the Canning River. Reg & Coral Blewett wrote of a June long weekend VCC run to Wagin via the Quindanning Hotel. Sunday involved a visit to Kojonup, then a return home via Narrogin on Monday.

40 Years Ago: Report on a very cold run to Whitby Falls.

PHOTO QUIZ ANSWER

1. The Model A in the (supposedly 1927) photo has 30/31 wheels.
2. The front bumpers have end bolts. According to some people (on Fordbarn.com), the first 200-or-so cars had open-ended front bumpers.

EARLY FORD PARTS



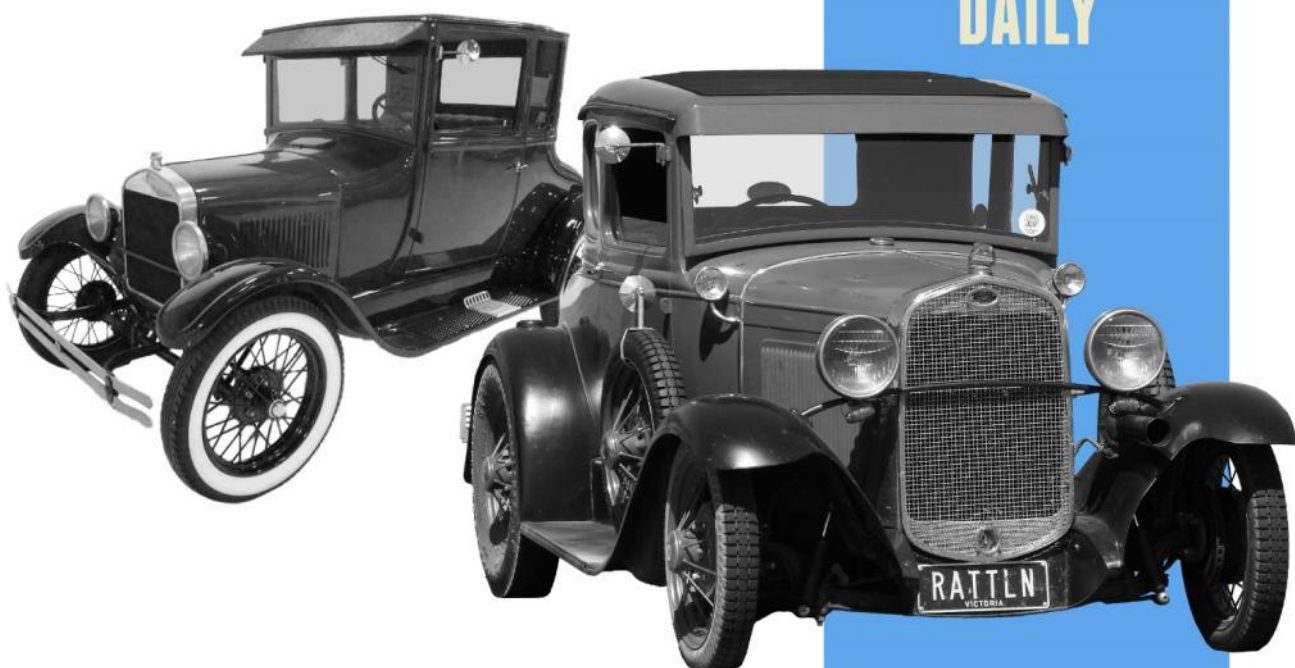
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