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National Meet Ready - 47 Days to Go!

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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

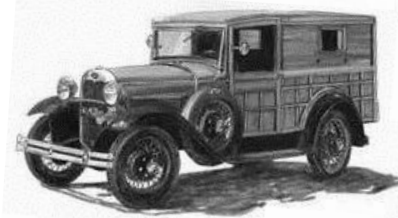
Paul Kelly

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With each newsletter we move one step closer towards the National Meet. It is comforting that we have an excellent Rally Director and Committee. The meetings are getting longer and more frequent which is an indication that the excitement is rising and the detailed



arrangements are falling into place. I hope all the WA vehicles are being attended too with the regular grease and oil change in preparation for the big Albany event. We already have one NSW model A arrive in Perth just over a week ago. It was an eventful trip for them with some very bad weather, including some damage to the canopy of the phaeton. We gave the old girl (Betty) an oil change and grease along with a good underbody inspection and packed her away until October whilst the owners flew back to Sydney. I have managed to do the same with one of mine which I'm lending to a Kiwi registered couple and have one more to prepare in the next couple of weeks. As outlined in the events section of the newsletter, there is a shakeout run organised prior to the rally and also the Classic Cars and Coffee display at UWA. At the National Rally there will be a meeting of representatives of each club around Australia to discuss matters of common interest and in particular the future of National Rallies. If you have any items you think appropriate for that agenda then please let me know.



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EDITOR'S COMMENTS



Germaine Jeffree

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It appears I have advanced from "Learner" to "Probationary" Sub-Editor, filling in once again while Ian and Anne are off exploring another part of the world, thank you to all of the contributors for this month's edition, it certainly has made my job a lot easier. There may be a few of the usual items missing—apologies. Hurry home Ian and Anne we miss you!

Vale Barry Bristow-Stagg

It is with deep sadness we share the news that Barry passed away 8am, Thursday 3 September 2026, in Northam Hospital with Sylvia by his side. Barry has been a long standing member of the club. Barry and Sylvia travelled to many club events both in WA and Australia. Barry was always happy to share his knowledge of vehicles and willing to assist members. May he Rest in Peace.

REGISTRAR'S COMMENTS

Ray Mahony

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This month we welcome new member Robin Marshall who has a 1930 Roadster and lives in Dongara. Also joining us this month are Michael and Alyson Irwin who are now the proud owners of Colin Riley's 1929 Phaeton. Some of you would have met and welcomed Michael and Alyson at the recent AGM.

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EVENTS COORDINATOR

Colin Riley

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September

Event: Classic Cars and Coffee
Date: Sunday 13th September **NOTE - DATE CHANGE (was Feb 2027)**
Time: 8:30 to 10:30
Location: University of WA Car Parks 5 & 10, Hackett Drive, Crawley
Details: MARC will attend as a club with an area set-aside for us. Donation of \$15 per car to the Prostate Cancer Foundation. Spectators free. For those who have never been to this event, it ***really*** is worth attending. There are classics, vintage, rare modern sports, luxury specifications, bikes and more. **Please contact Paul on 0419 666 233 if you are planning to attend.**
Organiser: Paul Kelly

Event: **MARC WA Club Run to Bindoon Historic Vehicle Day**
Date: Sunday 20th September (Public 9am to 3pm)
Time: 7.30am at Gingers Roadhouse 1383 Great Northern Hwy, Upper Swan WA 6069
depart at 7.45am (more details in this newsletter)
Location: Bindoon Oval, 6180 Great Northern Hwy, Bindoon
Details: Great "National Rally Shake-Down" opportunity to test your cars with a bit of a run.
Organiser: Edith Jeffree - 9275 4106 or Darren Jeffree 0428421653

October

Event: **MARC WA 29th National Meet**
Date: Sunday 18th - Sat 24th October
Location: Albany, West Australia
Details: Entries now closed. 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

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)

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BINDOON HISTORIC VEHICLE DAY
(Incorporating the Bindoon Farmers Markets and Northern Valleys Art Group)
SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2026

9am to 3pm Bindoon Oval
6182 Great Northern Hwy Bindoon

MARKETS STALLS – FOOD – COFFEE – FREE ENTERTAINMENT
FREE LIONS TRAIN RIDE – FREE ANIMAL FARM
CHITTERING SPRINGFEST – ARTS & CRAFT – QUILTS IN SPRING – HISTORICAL MUSEUM
TRINITY CHURCH TOUR – COURTESY BUS TO THE BROCKMAN CENTRE
ARTS DISPLAY IN THE BINDOON HALL

Enquiries: Chris Waldie 0411 420 501 Email: bindoonhistorical@gmail.com

In preparation for the Albany National Meet (or if you just want to go for a nice drive) join your fellow members on Sunday 20th September 2026 as we do a “shake down” run to the Bindoon Historic Vehicle Day.

We plan to depart from Gingers Roadhouse (Great Northern Hwy) at 7.45am and arrive in Bindoon at 9am to assemble as a club display. You then have free time to wander around the town, (highly recommend the renowned Bindoon Bakery), if time permits we will leave Bindoon after lunch and head to Gingin for a cuppa by the river and then travel home.

It will be a great day hope we see you there! Please call Edith Jeffree (08) 92754106 if you intend coming so we know who to expect at the start line.

CALENDARS FOR SALE

Edith Jeffree

If you are interested in purchasing a calendar with photos from the Wildflower Run in 2025 organised by Wayne Millman and Co of the Collie VCC Club , please contact Ann Milman (waynemillman2013@gmail.com) . They are \$25 per calendar.

AGM

Germaine Jeffree



Great to see so many club members attend our recent AGM. Thank you to our chefs and organisers for the sausage sizzle lunch and I believed I missed a great afternoon tea and catch up at the end of the AGM. Great venue also having the use of the RAC Meeting Room at Whiteman Park compliments of the CMC.

As you will see from the Minutes we have retained our existing officeholders all re-elected to their respective roles. Congratulations to Colin Riley who was this year's recipient of the Good Luck / Bad Luck Trophy. Colin recalled his attempt to start his Model A full of fuel with no carby (having kindly lent it to a fellow member to help him diagnose his motor issues (this was the bad luck). The good luck is that despite plenty of spark and fuel flowing there was no ignition and no emergency call to the fire brigade. This is the second year in a row that Colin has taken home the trophy, lets hope his luck improves and there is no trifector.

REGALIA

Marilynn Horgan

We have plenty of stock in hand with a range of sizes in polo shirts for \$32.50 and jackets for \$55 to meet your cooler weather needs. Caps and both cloth and metal badges are also available. There is also the option of a blue Chambray shirt in both men's and women's sizes for \$55. The Club logo is above the left pocket and there is an option to have your name embroidered above the right pocket for an extra \$5. A short sleeve version is also available at \$49.50. Have a look at [Regalia - Model A Restorers Club of WA Inc](#) [Model A Restorers Club of WA Inc](#). Give me a call on 0403 434 004 or email me to place an order. Regalia can be posted or, if you live in the metro area, I am happy to arrange a suitable drop off for you.

BRAKING IT DOWN

Colin Riley

For most of us with Model A's, making them go is generally not a problem, however making them stop as "Henry" made them, is a little more of a challenge, given the component wear and tinkering with the brakes over 100 years. I do not confess to be an expert on Model A brakes, and I know there are many in our club with vast more experience than me. But I will just relay my experiences I am now going through while optimizing my braking system on the Coupe, prior to the Albany meet. *"This is not a how to adjust your brakes tutorial"*. My experience on the Phateon has given me some in-sight into the more important aspect to concentrate on. Unless you are prepared to spend a considerable amount of money (>3K) to replace all components in the front and rear of the car you have to make some judgements on what will most effect the breaking ability. Even accepting that some of the components will be worn, thereby compromising optimal braking, it is still possible to get stopping power, probably as good as original with a few "trick" bits and a couple of careful adjustments. Below is what I have found to be most important, but not in order of relevance.



1. Brake shoes. Make sure there is adequate lining and it is not glazed and hardened (removing the glaze will only give very limited benefit if the heat has glazed/hardened the lining). Ensure the pin holes in the shoes are not too worn. I have just had 8 shoes rebounded and radiused by "Clutch and Brake" in Malaga for \$220. You can buy a new set of 8 from USA on line incl. freight for about \$370.
2. The 15deg adjustment. You will find this in any technical literature and it is very important. So arm yourself with some cheap shims (pills) and set the activating leaver correctly.(front brakes only)
3. Self-aligning shoe kits. These are available for top and bottom on the front and the rear of the back brakes. The front activating arm on the rear has a self-aligning mechanism to evenly distribute pressure to each shoe. These are a great improvement over "Henry's" original design and eliminate the tedious task of manually trying to centre the shoes. Fortunately my coupe has both top and bottom. (thanks to David Bussard)
4. Cast drums. An expensive option but if you original steel drums are warped, oversize by >0.070in or don't have the anti-warp bands fitted, it may be your only option. It is virtually impossible get effective braking if you have a warped drum. Ensure any drum is de-glazed with some course abrasive cloth prior to re-fitting. (minimal machining if required)
5. 60/40% brake bias. All the brake adjustment literature will specify setting 60% braking force to the rear and 40% to the front. This has long been debated as it is the reverse of modern cars, and there are various reasons why A's were like that. I have recently found some literate that says, if you have self-aligning wedges in the front brake, then set to 60% bias to the front. I feel this is better regardless.

There are many other components in the braking system that are probably worn, like the cross shaft bearings, so just try to eliminate any excessive backlash so that when you apply the brakes the effect is immediately felt at the wheel rather than trying to take up any slop in the system. Hope this is helpful to some as we will need our brakes for the hills around Albany.



NATIONAL MEET - ALBANY 2026

Andrae Moore (Rally Director)

47 Days to Go Until the 29th Model A National Meet!

Less than 50 days to go until we roll into Albany! Registrations have now topped 200 people, with five nations joining us — how good is that?

The Committee has shifted into high gear, meeting more often and ticking off the final pieces. Merchandise orders are locked in, and the rally bags are shaping up beautifully thanks to our sponsors and the hard work of the team.

Fundraising continues steadily, with Scrap Metal recycling and Containers for Change still being gratefully received. If you have any craft items or prizes you'd like to donate, please see a member of the committee — every contribution helps make the Meet even better.

Now's the time to polish your glad rags, tune up the Hubleys, and map out your trip south. A special shout out to the Jeffree clan for organising the club's appearance at the Bindoon Historical Car Show — an ideal shake down run to wake up the cars before the Meet.

If you can spare a few hours during Meet Week — selling raffle tickets, helping with car parking, or lending a hand at Nibbles & Natter — please get in touch with Toni. Many hands truly do make light work.

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FOR SALE



If anyone is interested in purchasing their very own Hubley and participate in the great race at the National Meet, Darren Jeffree has this one for sale. It's a Victoria model new in box made by Gabriel. These are hard to come by these days so first in first served. Price is \$150.00. Call Darren 0428421653.



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WHY TOW

Colin Riley

Now that's a trunk! Why worry about towing when you could have your kitchen on the back of your car?? Maybe an option for us folks looking to drive to VIC in 2028. Practical I guess but does not enhance the beauty of the coupe. Take note Brett and Ray.

Photos taken during Jack Ruckle's 1932 trip in a 1929 Model A Coupe.



CMC REPORT

Toni Mahony

The August CMC Voice magazine can be found here [CMC Voice](#) to download a copy. Hope you enjoy the read.

JUDGING—2026 NATIONAL MEET

Darren Jeffree - Chief Judge at the 2026 National Meet

On Saturday, 29th August, we invited those Perth members that have indicated on the Registration form that they would like to volunteer as a Judge at this year's National Meet in Albany to come to a practice judging session at my place.

Brett Pollock, Jason Fowler, Paul Kelly, Teneille Jeffree, James Ridley, Germaine Jeffree spent a couple of hours learning about the judging process and how we will be using the scoring sheets etc. We proceeded to do a "test" run on both Jason's 1930 Phaeton and my 1928 Phaeton which was a good example to see the differences between years. I think it was worth while and I intend doing another practice session before Albany, if you are interested, please contact me on 0428421653.



James, Darren, Brett, Teneille, Paul and Jason — Not quite scratching our heads yet!

BARN FIND- FOR SALE



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GOOD OLE DAYS

Article supplied by Colin Riley

As part of its service program, the company also supplied to dealers without charge, a quantity of small sixteen page booklets titled, "A Schedule of Standard Charges For Ford Service." These were to be used to promote service work by mailing or delivering them personally to owners. A form letter for mailing to owners was provided along with the booklets. This letter stressed to owners the importance and advantages of service for their Model A cars and Model AA trucks in a dealer maintained service facility. With this schedule the owner could determine in advance what the repair would cost for labor.

The booklet covered service on twenty-one major components from the front axle to the windshield. Following is a sampling of labor charges listed:

Overhaul the engine only, including rebabbiting and reboring	\$25.00
Overhaul the entire brake system (trucks \$1.00 extra)	\$5.00
Replace front fender (1930 type - \$3.00)	\$2.50
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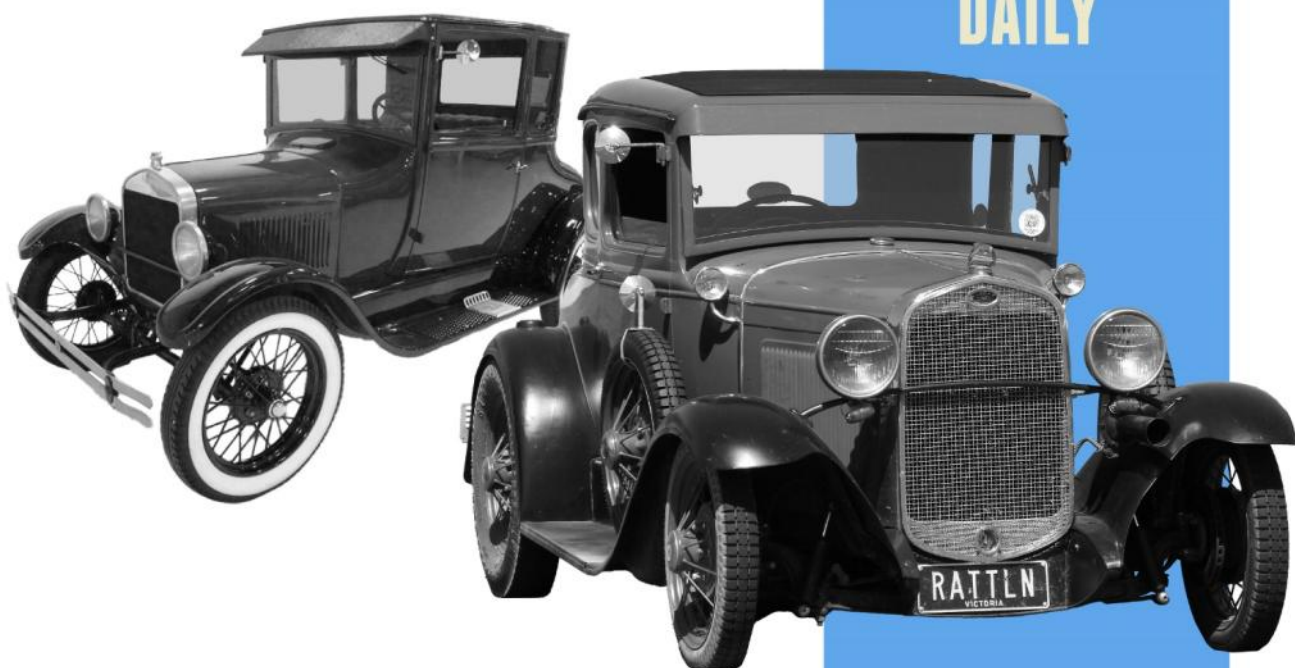
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