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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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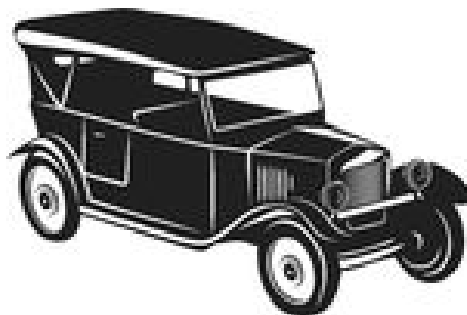
Well - it is only a matter of a few sleeps now before the National Rally. The final preparation for vehicles was a shakedown run to Bindoon which, from my perspective, certainly was a shakedown. I arrived home to red hot brake drums, with brake, and brake lining dust all over the rim and tyre. I thought the solution might be simple - but not to be, as the rear bearing was a bit short of grease and it wore a couple of millimetres out of the hub!! I burst into action as I have promised the car to a New Zealand couple for the Rally.



In addition to this, we had an interesting time at the Classic Cars and Coffee on September 13th at UWA. We had a turn-out of 4 vehicles (although I did see the back end of another Model A going out the gate as we were leaving). We attracted great interest, and considerable genuine enthusiasm from the organisers, as our vehicles were significantly different from all other vehicles. I think it would be great to do it again sometime, and take our marquee and maybe 10 or a dozen vehicles.

Also of recent note, was a transaction and sale of a barn-find Model A which I'm sure will be referred to in another part of this newsletter.

The final touches to the rally arrangements are in progress, and whilst the nerves are highly strung, we are confident that it will be a fantastic event. I have been talking to the CEO and Mayor of the City of Albany, and they are really looking forward to having us there for the week. Hope you are all prepared and the A's are running well.



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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Ian Steer

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On behalf of myself, and all the club members, thank you very much to Germaine Jeffree for stepping-up to do last months newsletter in my absence. Great work Germaine, and hopefully we can look forward to another fill-in effort should I ever go on holidays again?

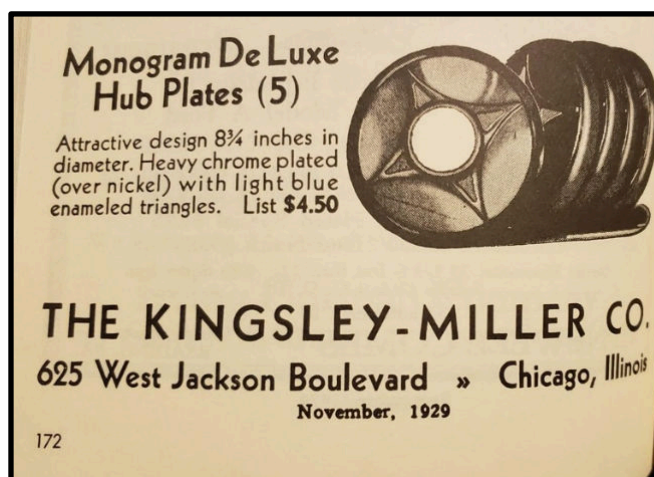
Welcome to your first newsletter prepared with "Affinity by Canva". Hopefully, it looks the same as the ones you are used to seeing. It has taken a bit longer to prepare as I learn to use the new program, but I'm sure it will be good once I've used it a bit. Rest assured - I'm making lots of "how to" notes to assist the next keen editor (who I know is out there, just waiting in the wings somewhere!).

Please think about those classic photos you've taken of your Model A in interesting surroundings, and send them to your editor for potential newsletter cover photos.

Potentially interesting things out there on the web

A comprehensive video on rebuilding a Model A transmission:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Efg5WO47vEg>



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EVENTS COORDINATOR

Colin Riley

events@modelafordclub.com.au

October

Event: City of Rockingham Pioneers Luncheon Car Display
Date: Friday 16th October
Location: Gary Holland Community Centre, Kent St, Rockingham
Details: Bump-in by 10am, done by 12:30ish(?), contact Caroline McLeod at the City of Rockingham if you're interested (9527 0713 or Caroline.McLeod@rockingham.wa.gov.au)

Event: **MARC WA 29th National Meet**
Date: Sunday 18th - Sat 24th October
Location: Albany, West Australia
Details: Refer to the National Meet website page (<https://modelafordclub.com.au/2026-wa/>)

November

Event: **MARC WA Christmas Function**
Date: Sunday 29th November
Time: 11am
Location: Point Reserve, Bassendean
Details: BBQ lunch
Organiser: tba

2027

January

Event: **MARC WA Club Run**
Date: Sunday 24th January (changed date)
Time: 10:30
Location: Azelia Ley Homestead lawns, Manning Park, Hamilton Hill
Details: tba
Organiser: Anne Steer

February

Event: **MARC WA Breakfast Meeting**
Date: Sunday 20th February
Time: 8am
Location: Point Reserve, Bassendean
Details: BYO breakfast (BBQ available), meeting to follow
Organiser: Anthony Gilberthorpe

EVENTS COORDINATOR (CONT)

Colin Riley

March

Event: Brookton Old Time Motor Show
Date: Sunday 20th March
Time: tba
Details: See flier below
Organiser: Volunteer needed to coordinate a meeting time & place for those attending

April

Event: Classic Car Show
Date: Sunday 18th April (to be confirmed)
Time: tba
Details: tba
Organiser: Volunteer needed

Event: **MARC WA Hubley racing**
Date: tentative (placeholder in calendar)
Time: tba
Details: tba
Organiser: Jeffree family

May

Event: **MARC WA Club Run**
Date: tentative (placeholder in calendar)
Time: tba
Details: tba
Organiser: Volunteer required

June

Event: **MARC WA Club Run**
Date: tentative (placeholder in calendar)
Time: tba
Details: tba
Organiser: Volunteer required

July

Event: **MARC WA Club Run**
Date: tentative (placeholder in calendar)
Time: tba
Details: tba
Organiser: Volunteer required



EVENTS COORDINATOR (CONT)

Colin Riley

August

Event: **MARC WA AGM**
Date: tentative (placeholder in calendar)
Time: tba
Details: tba
Organiser: Andrae Moore

September

Event: **MARC WA Cherry Blossom Run**
Date: Sunday 26th September
Time: tba
Details: Bickley & beyond
Organiser: Colin Riley

October

Event: **MARC WA Gymkhana**
Date: tentative (placeholder in calendar)
Time: tba
Details: tba
Organiser: Andrae & Gary Moore

November

Event: **MARC WA Christmas Function**
Date: tentative (placeholder in calendar)
Time: tba
Details: tba
Organiser: Volunteer required

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)



NATIONAL MEET - ALBANY 2026

Andrae Moore (Rally Director)

Final Newsletter Article from the 29th Model A National Meet 2026 Committee

With the National Meet now just around the corner, the organising committee has officially reached that stage where the to-do lists are shorter, the excitement is higher, and the coffee intake is... well, let's just say "robust".

It's been a huge effort getting everything ready for Albany. From early planning meetings and scouting runs, to wrangling merchandise, confirming venues, sorting rally bags, and keeping track of who's bringing what — it's been a real team effort. Every month has brought a new milestone: another sponsor confirmed, rally programmes printed, another run polished up, another box of goodies arriving at someone's doorstep.

Behind the scenes, the Committee has been buzzing. There's been laughter, a few "are we sure we can organise that?" moments, and plenty of pride watching it all come together. The City of Albany has been wonderfully supportive, and assisted every step of the way to help make the week feel special.

Some of the participants are already on the road and some are still counting down the days. Whether you're polishing your Model A for the trip or simply enjoying the updates from afar, we appreciate you.

Once the Meet kicks off, we'll endeavor to share photos, stories, and highlights so everyone can follow along. The 'Australian Model A Ford National Meets' Facebook page will be a great place to see what's happening each day.

A big thank-you again to our sponsors, supporters and MARCWA club members — your help has made a huge difference and allowed us to add those extra touches that make a National Meet memorable.

So here we are: almost ready to roll. Whether you're heading to Albany or staying cosy at home, thanks for being part of the journey. We can't wait to celebrate the cars, the people, and the community spirit that keeps this club running strong.

Let's go and have ourselves 'A Whale of a Time'.

Andrae Moore

Rally Director - 29th Model A National Meet - Albany 2026

Model A Restorers Club of WA Inc



Containers for Change code

CMC REPORT

Toni Mahony

The August and September CMC Voice magazines can be found [here](#), and [here](#).

BINDOON FAIR SHAKEDOWN RUN

Germaine Jeffree

It was an early start on a damp foggy Sunday Morning. We gathered at Gingers Roadhouse at 7.30am-ish. Dean Roberts in his Fordor, Paul Kelly in his Fordor, Allan & Edith Jeffree in their Phaeton, Darren, myself and James Ridley in our Phaeton, and Peter Sartori in his Falcon. We set-off up the highway through Bullsbrook and, with Darren navigating at the front of the line, we took a minor detour as we searched for the BP Petrol Station where we were to meet Colin Riley. Located Colin, and set-off once again up the highway.

After arriving at Bindoon oval in the centre of town, we were directed to our parking spot. We then setup for the day, and watched various other makes and models stream in to the display. The weather was overcast but warm. There was a good turn out, and I think the organisers would have been happy. The early Holden club were setup just in front of us - so Dean Roberts could share his time between the clubs.

As there were not enough in attendance, it was decided not to proceed with the club meeting. We meandered our way around the cars, various stalls and the art display (some of us may have indulged in the CWA scones with jam & cream) and caught up with Tom Eastough, John & Helen Moorehead and Gerry Ten Bokkel who all came to visit.

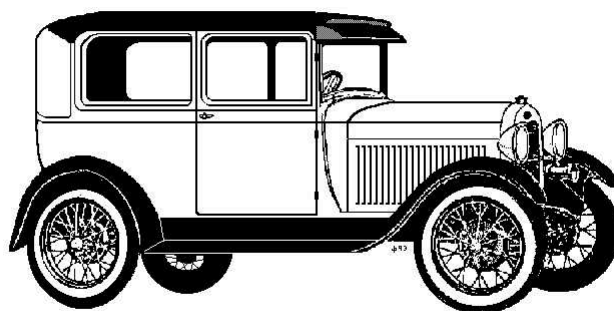
There were awards given out by the organisers, and Darren took home the Best Engine Bay award with a \$50 fuel voucher.

The shakedown run was worth it for most of us. Dean limped into his driveway with no fuel in the tank - had to replace his fuel line, Paul had a lot of brake dust covering his back wheels and upon further investigation his rear hubs need some attention. Darren's Phaeton was running warm, so his long weekend was spent messing around with radiators.

Hopefully it will now be smooth sailing to Albany that these issues have been resolved.



Darren Jeffree with his Best Engine Bay award



THE NEXT RESTORATION CHALLENGE

Brett Pollock

I purchased this 1927 "ex-phaeton converted into a buck board" this month from Phil Scott from his farm south of Darkan. His father bought the car near-new. It still has a small numberplate CO 50 underneath but it is very rusty.

The excuse for this purchase is to restore it with my grandson Lachie (16) for the 100 year anniversary of the Model A.

The first job was to clean and inspect it. The nearly complete engine turned over by hand, the steering works, the wheels turn, and gears move. However, all the wheels are rusted, so I need a new set of 19 inch wheels and tyres. The bonnet needs 4 catches. All other moving parts are rusty and need freeing-up

This month we will restore the buck board tray with 100 year-old wood from the Wooleen wool shed, and repair the rear fenders.



Paul Kelly, Brett Pollock and friend Richard Allen



Wheels from "Glad" for loading



The 2nd job on the list



Note the shape of the lights and generator



Restoration commencing



The new owner: Lachie Pollock

HUBLEY HAPPENINGS

Colin Riley

Having been recently approached by Brett and Paul to go shares in purchasing Darren's un-assembled Hubley, I thought that would be fun, we will show them how a real Hubley Racer should perform at the Nationals event - so let's do it. Then I was presented with the conditions - I would be tasked with assembling the kit! OK, I had made a few models in my youth so should be easy. On collecting the kit from Darren on the Bindoon run and giving it a quick inspection, I realised this was not just a simple component assembly project. For those of you who have made these kits you know how much filing of all the small die-cast components there is - a lot!

So the filing has commenced, and things are starting to look more like kit components rather than a jumble of miss-shaped aluminium castings. Next I will have to decide on a colour scheme. A quick check online indicated that anything goes. Trying to accurately replicate Henry's original colour is only for the purist! So look out! "The Dream Team's" racer will stand out from the crowd. Hopefully the car should be completed in the next couple of weeks giving me time to "fine tune" the characteristics of the car so its performance lives up to the pre-race hype.

From "The Dream Team" assembly plant

Colin Riley (chief engineer and construction director)



NEW DONGARA MEMBER

Ian Steer

Last month, Registrar Ray welcomed new member Robin Marshall from Dongara. I can now bring you a photo of Robin's very smart-looking 1930 Roadster. Also, some background in Robin's own words:

"We have owned our 1930 Model A Ford Roadster for 46 years and brought it with us when we migrated from Zimbabwe in 2010. It has had two complete re-sprays during our ownership, and one re-upholstering.

We lived in Warragul, Victoria from 2010, and were very involved in the West Gippsland Restorers Club until moving to Dongara WA in 2025. We also have a 1926 Standard and 1982 Landcruiser FJ40."



NATIONAL MODEL A DIRECTORY

Andrae Moore

Attached to this newsletter is the National Model A Directory for 2026.

The directory has been compiled to help Model A club members from across Australia find a friendly contact if they need advice or assistance while on the road with their Model A.

At our recent AGM, members confirmed that personal details should only be included in the directory once consent has been given. As this hasn't happened yet, this year's edition contains only the contact information for the WA Committee Members. This approach ensures everyone's privacy is respected, while still providing a useful point of contact for anyone travelling with their Model A.

To help build a more complete directory in future years, the 2027 Membership Renewal Form will include a question asking whether you're happy to have your details included in the National Directory. This gives every member the choice to be part of a resource that supports Model A owners right across Australia. As we gather permissions for future editions, we'll be able to grow it into a more complete national resource.



Great to see David & Roger Williams out and about in their Model A - joining Brett Pollock, Paul Kelly and Colin Riley at the UWA Classic Cars and Coffee

MODEL A IPHONE APP

North Island Model A Ford Club August 2026

During the last month the Club received correspondence from long time Model A Ford enthusiast and member of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of MAFCA Brian McGuinness.

Over the past year, he has been developing A-Speed, a free iPhone app designed specifically for Model A Ford owners. He has created A-Speed to solve a simple problem: giving drivers an easy-to-use digital touring companion designed around the unique characteristics of our cars.

A-Speed provides:

- GPS-based speedometer and engine RPM calculations
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- Driving statistics and historical data
- Built-in achievement system to encourage touring and use of our cars
- Nearby gas station finder for longer trips and tours
- Complete privacy — no accounts, no sign-ups, and no personal data collection

Most importantly, A-Speed was built by a Model A enthusiast, specifically for the Model A community. He is asking that we share A-Speed with our members. Attached is a promotion pack that includes:

- A two-sided informational flyer that can be printed or shared digitally
- Newsletter-ready advertisements in multiple sizes that can be inserted directly into chapter newsletters

A-Speed is completely free and available now on the App Store.

You can learn more at: <https://a-speed.com> Brian has also created a video walkthrough available at: <https://youtu.be/Ksi46NVJIGE>

Take a look at this site and you can make the decision. You will need to consider that this is created for American geography and driving conditions however it is still worth viewing.



A-Speed

A-SPEED IS HERE!

Dear Model A Ford Enthusiast,

I'm excited to share that A-Speed is now available on the App Store! A-Speed is a modern driving companion built specifically for Model A Ford owners.

As a Model A owner and enthusiast for over 30 years, I created A-Speed to help fellow enthusiasts enjoy their cars with confidence—whether it's a short drive around town or a long tour on the open road.

Brian

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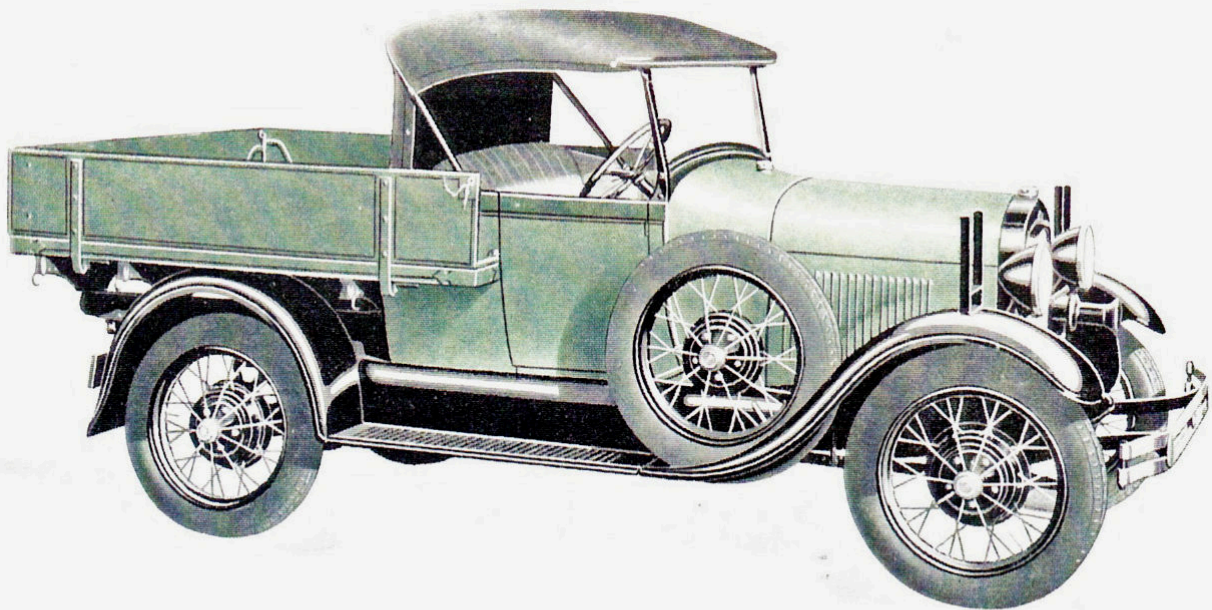
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BOLTON'S BODY CATALOGUE

Ron Andrews



TYPE No. 305.—FORD TABLE TOP LIGHT DELIVERY

Illustration shows dropsides which are optional equipment at small extra cost

(Full particulars overleaf)

[[TAKE THE WHEEL YOURSELF — THERE'S NO BETTER TEST]]

TYPE No. 305.—FORD TABLE TOP LIGHT DELIVERY

Type No. 305 is a very convenient Light Delivery model for the transportation of flat or cased merchandise. The table top is completed with a 2½ in. riser around the edge covered with steel. The platform top extends well out to the sides, giving a generous loading space right to the edge of the rear mudguards.

At small extra cost the Table Top model can be fitted with dropsides and tailboard, which are quickly fitted or detached, very considerably increasing the variety of uses to which the vehicle may be put. Illustration on preceding page shows Type 305 fitted with dropsides and tailboard.

Full running boards and rear mudguards are a standard fitting.

LOADING SPACE—

Length, 60 in., excluding the extension of platform along the side of driver's compartment.

Width, 66 in.

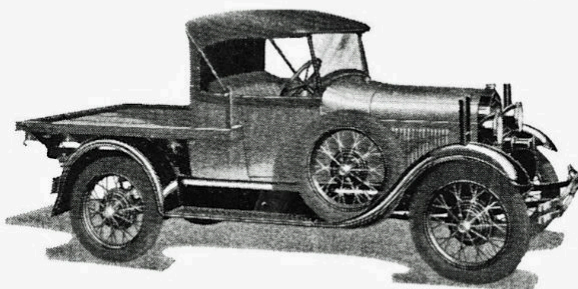


Illustration shows the Table Top Light Delivery with dropsides and tailboard removed for use as a platform vehicle.

[[FORD LUBRICATION SYSTEM IS SIMPLE AND SURE]]

MARC OCT ACTIVITIES IN YEARS GONE BY

10 Years Ago: Changes to Code 404 were a hot topic. Peter Sartori's write-up of a run to the Waroona Old Time Machinery & Car Show. John Moorehead selling his beloved Phaeton.

20 Years Ago: Restoration run report by Ray Mahony. First restoration project was Daniel Pinnington's - and 20 years later, it's still not ready! (but very close now). Ian Paisley's house was the 3rd place visited. The report included a photo of the roadster that had recently arrived from Victoria belonging to new members Fred & Kathleen Kuenzel.

30 Years Ago: Report on a car display at Castledare Fun Day that was raising funds for Princess Margaret Hospital. Another report on a run up to Burns Beach that had to be hastily re-organised because the City to Surf organisers hadn't checked with MARC first! Report on a 3-day run through New Norcia to Wongan Hills. Eight Model A's were on display at the Leeuwin barracks celebrating the 75th anniversary of the RAAF.

40 Years Ago: Colin & Maxine Davidson welcomed as new members. Membership fees (for a family) increased to \$10.



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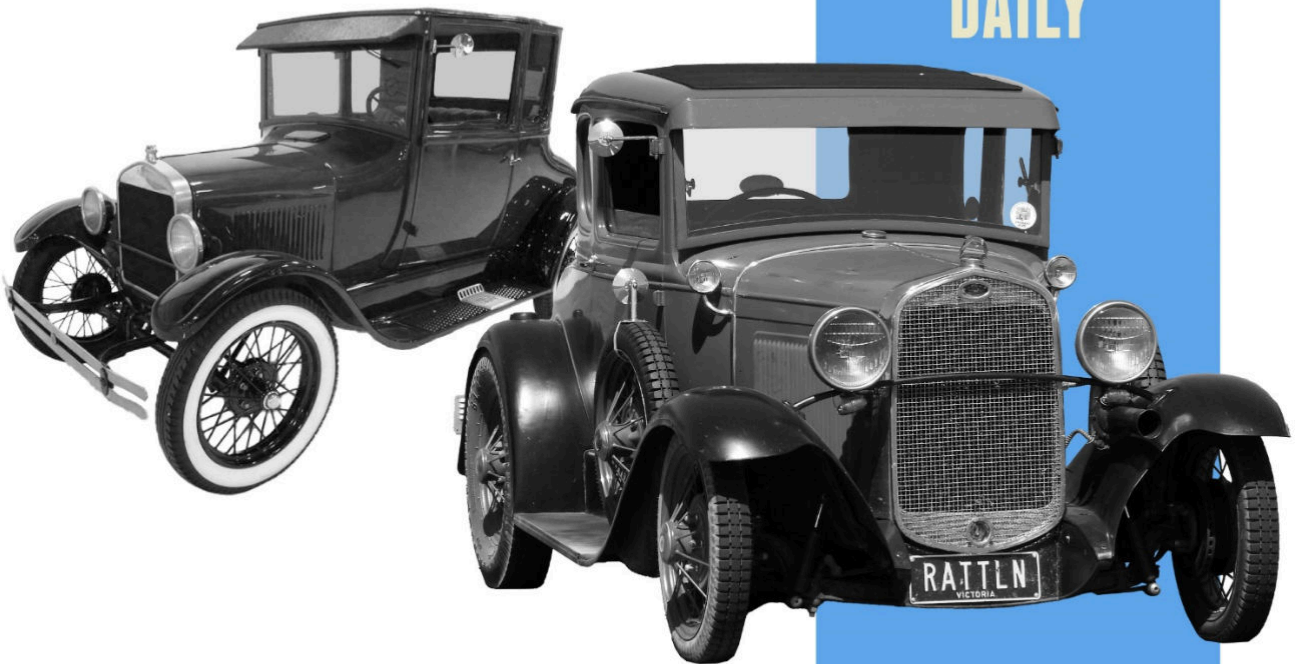
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