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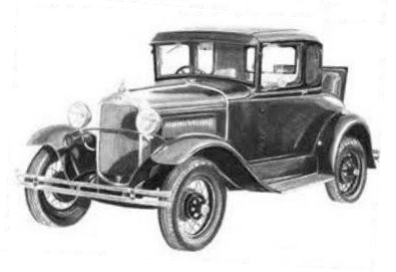
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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Paul Kelly
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The national rally held in Albany is now over, and I believe it was a highly successful event. As president of your club, I was immensely proud of the organisation and massive contributions not only from the committee, but from other club members and volunteers. The driving force of Andrae (as Rally Director) was a significant factor in the success of the rally, and her attention to detail throughout the event was incredible - as witnessed by the decorations of the room for the rally dinner. It was great to see so many members and friends from around Australia, New Zealand and the UK. It certainly did have an international flavour, and the highlights of Albany and its surrounds were enjoyed by all.

The Mayor of Albany was particularly impressed with our presence and activities, with a special mention of the twilight run on Thursday night in the City. Whilst the next National Rally is to be held in Ballarat, no club has at this stage put their hand up to organise the following event. This is obviously four years away, and I believe we have ample opportunity to consider options for the 2030 national event in whatever form it may take. The rally committee still has some tidying up to do in terms of the budget and accounts, and this will be finalised over the next a couple of months. It is now time of course to consider our normal monthly runs, and organise a Christmas event - just when we all thought we deserved a rest!!

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Red car line-up in Albany

Front Cover: Cars assembled at the Retravision Stadium for the 29th National Model A Ford Meet in Albany

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Ian Steer editor@modelafordclub.com.au

After a wonderful National Meet in Albany, I won't try and jam all the resulting material into this newsletter - expect some more next month!

Members Shed Activities: I'm sure lots of work went on in garages around the state getting cars ready for the National Meet - how about a few sentences for the newsletter?

Model A's Changing Hands: Don't forget to tell me if you hear of any Model A's here in WA changing hands (I'm sure you're interested to hear of these transactions - which means others will be as well).

Potentially interesting things out there on the web

Now this is very interesting and high-tech - using AI to diagnose sounds in your Model A engine!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6LyJZAGYFH8

The following (2 hour) video follows the exploits of a bloke who bought a Model A from a deceased estate collection, got it going, and then drove it 460 miles home. I watched the intro, skipped most of the "getting it going", then the more interesting parts were the breakdowns on his trip home.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JSBJqnMKJjU



The fire brigade had to be called on the first evening when member Barry Fowler got stuck in the lift!

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EVENTS COORDINATOR

Colin Riley events@modelafordclub.com.au

November

Event: **MARC WA Christmas Function**
Date: Sunday 29th November
Time: Noon for sit down for lunch at 12:30
Location: RAC Room, Whiteman Park Motor Museum
Details: See page 6
Organiser: Germaine Jeffree

January

Event: **MARC WA Club Run**
Date: Sunday 24th January (changed date)
Time: 10:30am
Location: Azelia Ley Homestead lawns, Manning Park, Hamilton Hill
Details: Coffee, meeting, lunch
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

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 and 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

EVENTS COORDINATOR (CONT)

Colin Riley

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

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 and beyond
Organiser: Colin Riley

October

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

EVENTS COORDINATOR (CONT)

Colin Riley

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)

MARC CHRISTMAS FUNCTION



NATIONAL MEET PHOTO REPOSITORY

Attendees to the National Meet were invited to upload their photos to the special GuestPix website (from where the evening slideshow photos were selected). Everyone can go to this site, and download and save their favourite photos.

https://my.guestpix.com/guest/188074/

In addition, Phillip Wringe has kindly shared his drone photos from the stadium:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/15xTM_SKKurOSm5PE1NXCgYIZlEzTHG0P

NATIONAL MEET - ALBANY 2026

Andrae Moore (Rally Director)

Well, That's a Wrap!

What a magnificent week we all had! I hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as the Committee and I enjoyed putting it together for you. From all the smiles I've seen in the photos, I think it's fair to say the Meet was a great success.

The Meet began with a wonderful Welcome Event where we officially welcomed everyone to Albany. Along with the City of Albany Mayor welcoming us to the region, local historian Malcolm Traill shared some fascinating stories and insights into the area's history. He was a wealth of knowledge, and a delight to listen to. It was fantastic to see old friends reconnecting, while also watching new participants form friendships that will hopefully last for many years to come.

The Meet welcomed more than 60 Model A Fords, and almost 200 participants from across Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and Slovenia. As is often the case with nearly 100-year-old vehicles, not every car completed the week entirely on the road, but that's all part of the adventure and character of Model A motoring.

The weather gods certainly smiled upon us throughout the week. The only glimpse of "typical Albany weather" arrived at our Farewell Breakfast, when the temperature dropped, the rain arrived, and hail made an appearance. Apart from that, we couldn't have asked for better conditions to explore this beautiful corner of Western Australia.



The National Meet Committee

Monday and Tuesday saw participants exploring the South West. One group travelled to the Valley of the Giants, the Treetop Walk and Walpole. The second group headed towards Discovery Bay, visiting the Historic Whaling Station and Quaranup Quarantine Station, one of the first quarantine stations in Western Australia, while taking in several stunning local natural attractions along the way like the Natural Bridge and the Gap.

Tuesday evening saw the return of the race that stops the nation, the Hubley Great Race. Thank you to the Jeffree family for once again organising this event and making it such a highlight of the week. Congratulations to Bob Horgan, who claimed victory, closely followed by Phil Wringe. Competition was fierce, with owners showing plenty of enthusiasm and pride, particularly the United Kingdom team of Kev Benson and Steve Watson, along with the "Dreaming Team" of Colin Riley, Paul Kelly, Brett Pollock and Crew Chief Cara Jeffree. Western Australia also took out the State and International Challenge, much to the delight of the locals.

Wednesday's Mandatory Run took participants to Mt Barker and Denmark. A huge thank you to Empowering Plantagenet Seniors (EPS), who provided a magnificent morning tea while locals enjoyed viewing the cars. EPS quickly discovered that standing between Model A owners and morning tea is not recommended, but thankfully there was more than enough food for everyone!

Denmark turned on gorgeous weather, and even the local police stopped by to admire the vehicles, kindly posing for photos with owners and their cars.

Wednesday evening brought the National Delegates Meeting. While the agenda itself was relatively short, discussion was thorough and centred largely on the future of National Meets. Like many community

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NATIONAL MEET - ALBANY 2026 (CONT)

Andrae Moore (Rally Director)

organisations, clubs across the country are facing the challenges of an ageing membership, creating important conversations about what future Meets may look like and how they can continue to thrive.

Thursday provided a slightly more relaxed morning. Some participants caught up on domestic duties or explored Albany at their leisure, while others entered their vehicles into judging or joined a last-minute visit to Clarence Estate Aged Care Facility.



Aged care facility visit

The aged care visit proved to be one of the most rewarding experiences of the week. Residents lined the driveway as 14 Model A Fords drove through, welcoming participants with cheers, clapping, laughter and plenty of stories of their own motoring memories. The vehicles were then parked for around thirty minutes, allowing residents to inspect them more closely and chat with owners. Many photos were taken to share with loved ones, and we were told afterwards that the visit would be talked about for weeks to come. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make it such a special occasion.

Vehicle judging also ran extremely smoothly. We would like to thank Darren, Germaine and all their helpers for conducting such a professional and well-organised judging process. We understand our international judges were so impressed with the format that they plan to take aspects of it back to New Zealand.

Thursday afternoon featured a pleasant drive to the Recollections of War Museum; a remarkable private museum located between Albany and Denmark. The collection of military history and memorabilia was simply outstanding. Following the visit, technical talks were presented by Dave Slater, Peter Sartori and Dean Roberts. Thank you to each of them for generously sharing their time, knowledge and expertise.

After enjoying some nibbles and conversation, participants mounted up and headed into Albany for the Twilight Run through the city streets. The reception from the public was incredible. Restaurants had diners specifically seated to watch the cars pass by, people leaned over pub balconies to wave, and the streets were filled with smiling faces. Some participants even found members of the public hopping into their cars and requesting an impromptu ride while stopped at roundabouts!



Paul Kelly & Brett Pollock amused the crowd each evening (with the special National Meet lecturn)

The City of Albany Mayor and his wife joined the fun, while Retravision Stadium Venue Manager Olly and his four-year-old son Hugo also enjoyed a ride. Both were captivated by the atmosphere, and young Hugo was absolutely mesmerised by the horns, cheers and waving crowds.

Friday was another magical day. Aside from a few early showers during setup, the clouds cleared and made way for beautiful conditions at Display Day in Alison Hartman Gardens in the main street. Large numbers of locals took the opportunity to get up close to the vehicles, chat with owners and learn more about the cars. The display attracted significant attention, with many photographs appearing on local social media pages throughout the day.

The Gala Dinner provided a fitting finale to a wonderful week. It was a fantastic opportunity to recognise the achievements of those who received

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NATIONAL MEET - ALBANY 2026 (CONT)

Andrae Moore (Rally Director)

judging awards, and special awards from throughout the Meet. Everyone looked magnificent, and the atmosphere was a wonderful celebration of friendship, achievement and shared experiences.

Those who attended the Gala Dinner would have heard just how difficult it was to adequately express our gratitude to one particular member:



Cara Jeffree

Cara Jeffree generously donated her time and talents to assist the Meet Committee for more than two years. During that time, Cara contributed nearly 640 hours of graphic design work, creating the Meet logo, number plates, name tags, shirts, badges, caps, pens, beanies, jackets, banners, rally programme, certificates and fence banners.

Cara gave our Meet its identity.

Her creativity, dedication and professionalism were instrumental in presenting Albany 2026 to participants and the wider community. On behalf of the Committee, thank you, Cara. Your incredible talent and generosity deserve to be recognised and celebrated.

Finally, thank you to everyone who contributed to making the 29th Model A National Meet such a success.

Whether you helped at sausage sizzles, garage sales, collected cans and scrap metal, donated goods, organised runs, prepared venues, took photos, sold raffle tickets, assisted behind the scenes, or volunteered throughout the week, your contribution mattered.

The Committee invested countless hours over many years planning and preparing for this event, but it simply would not have happened without the support of our volunteers and club members.

Thank you all for your hard work, commitment and enthusiasm. Your efforts helped create a memorable week of friendship, fellowship and motoring that will be remembered for many years to come.

A final thank you to all our sponsors and supporters – City of Albany, Dave's Early Ford Parts, Henry's Ts & As, Yesteryear Garage & Parts, Ultratune Albany, Efficient Chips, AutoOne Albany and Shannons Insurance.

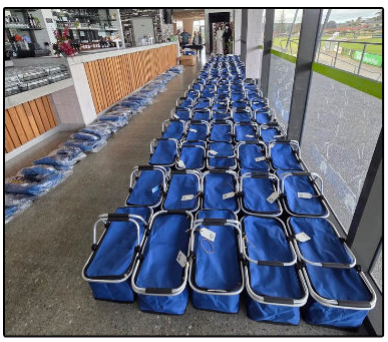
As Rally Director, there is no greater reward than seeing nearly 200 people come together to share their love of Model A Fords, friendship and adventure. Thank you for trusting us with your National Meet experience and for helping make Albany 2026 such a remarkable success.

We invited you to Albany to "Have a Whale of a Time", and as the final horn sounded and the last cars headed for home, it was clear that you did.

The next National Meet will be held in Ballarat, Victoria, from 21-28 October 2028. Not only will it celebrate 100 years of the Model A Ford, but it is also expected to be the final National Meet in the format we have come to know and love. It promises to be a truly historic occasion.

I sincerely hope as many of you as possible will join me in travelling to Ballarat to celebrate this incredible milestone and help write the next chapter in Model A history.

Andrae Moore
Rally Director
29th Model A National Meet – Albany 2026


Rally bags ready to hand-out on registration day

NATIONAL MEET PRIZE WINNERS

Vehicle Judging

Winner Touring Class – **Paul Kelly** (WA)

Runner up Touring Class – **Adam Milner** (WA)

Best 1928/29 Open - **Adam Milner** (WA)

Best 1930/31 Open – **Jason Fowler** (WA)

Best 1928/29 Closed - **Happy Chapman** (QLD)

Best 1930/31 Closed – **Paul Kelly** (WA)

Hubley Race

Winner – The Great Race – **Bob Horgan** (WA)

Runner Up – The Great Race – **Phil Wringe** (WA)

Slowest Car – The Great Race – **Teneille Jeffree** (WA)

Best Presented Car – The Great Race – **Lachy Osborne** (WA/ACT)

Special Awards

Recognition of participation in All 29 Australian Model A National Meets – **Phill Dalton** (NSW)

Peoples Choice – #55 - The Woody – **Tenielle and Cara Jeffree, James Ridley**

Youngest Gentleman Driver – **Phil Wringe** (WA)

Youngest Lady Driver – **Cara Jeffree** (WA)

Travelled the Farthest to Attend – **Kevin Benson** (UK)

Driven the Farthest to attend – **Cheryl Ciantar** (QLD)

Hard Luck Award – **Ray and Toni Mahony** (WA)

Club Attendance Award - **Queensland**

Fashion Awards

Best Dressed Display Day – **Leanne and Emma Wringe** (WA)

Best Dressed Gala Dinner – **Brendan and Leonie Collier** (Vic)

Best Dressed Mandatory Run – **Peter Forbes and Rose Best** (WA)

Best Dressed Overall for week – **Keith and Anne Smith** (NSW)

Major Raffle

1st Prize – **Jenny Brown (WA)**

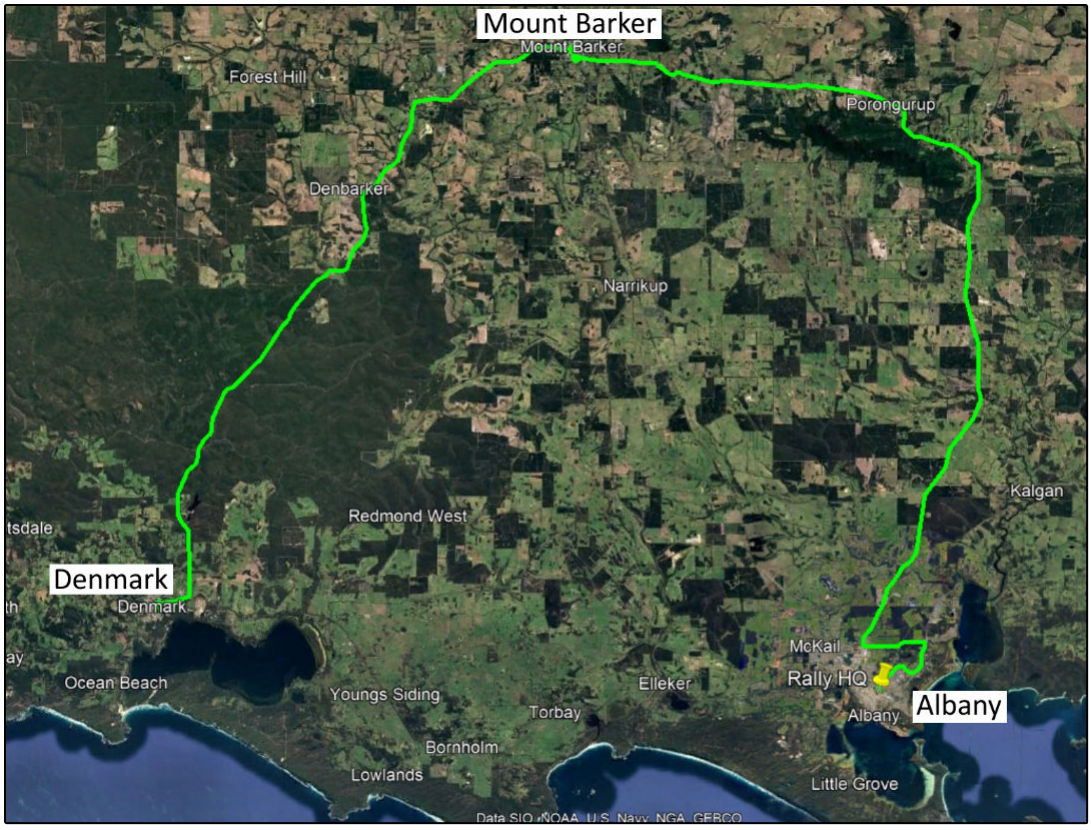
2nd Prize – **Kim Seinor (WA)**

3rd Prize – **Happy Chapman (QLD)**

NATIONAL MEET MANDATORY RUN

Gary Moore

Planning for the mandatory run started over 18 months ago, with the task of planning a route that would be interesting enough, but remain on sealed roads, avoiding as much traffic as possible. The circuitous running from Rally HQ, through Mount Barker and ending in Denmark was the obvious choice.



Meetings with both Plantagenet and Denmark shires, Tourist Bureaus and local community groups laid the foundation to what was looking to be a great event. The reality was far from easy. Personnel changes, lost emails, park upgrades, and a perceived cancellation all added to the drama behind the scenes.

The morning dawned with clear skies, allowing a perfect backdrop for the assembly of all cars on the oval in front of the grandstand at Retravision Stadium. Positioning all the cars as was planned in my head, worked surprisingly well, thanks to the behaviour of the participants, and the directions of the marshals Ray Mahony and Dean Roberts. The drone footage from Phil Wringe, and publicity opportunity taken by the Rally Director to have ABC Great Southern come for a photo shoot all added to the show.

We departed and wound our way out to Chester Pass Road and headed for the Porongurups. A hefty crosswind added to the fun, and only one complaint from a road train having to navigate a couple of A's. (CB radios are always a good addition during runs.)



We arrived at Mount Barker on time at 9.30, fighting the steering wheel to avoid landing in the bakery car park. Sue Etherington, President of Empowering Plantagenet Seniors, along with her volunteers, had laid on a

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NATIONAL MEET MAND. RUN (CONT)

Gary Moore

morning tea fit for a king. The locals turned out in force to come and see the cars in all their glory. A local rat-rod also turned up to add to the spectacle.

With full bellies, we headed for Denmark. An enjoyable run up hills and down dales, watching the scenery change from wine country, through farmland and coastal scrub into the lush forest surrounding the town. Again, we arrived within minutes of the planned target time and set up on Annie Harrison Reserve, where the participants were free to wander the town for lunch. The locals again turned out in force, literally, with the local Constabulary showing up for a look. They were promptly wrangled in to having a photo opportunity with Johnno and Kaye Cook's 30 coupe Police car replica. Peter Cameron (Qld) and Mandy Chiverton (Qld) were both targets of interest, and the photos will be placed into evidence!



Cars in Denmark

Arrival at Denmark unassisted was qualification enough for vehicle judging, and participants were free to make their own way back to Albany.

Apart from one minor incident, the run was enjoyed by most, and showed the cars at their best to an appreciative local audience. Big thanks to the volunteer marshals from the Albany chapter of the Veteran and Classic Car Club of WA for their assistance in making sure no-one missed a turn. Special mention to Sue Etherington at EPS for saving my bacon regarding the morning tea at such short notice.



Panorama of the public display beisde the main street

NATIONAL MEET HUBLEY RACING

Toni Mahony

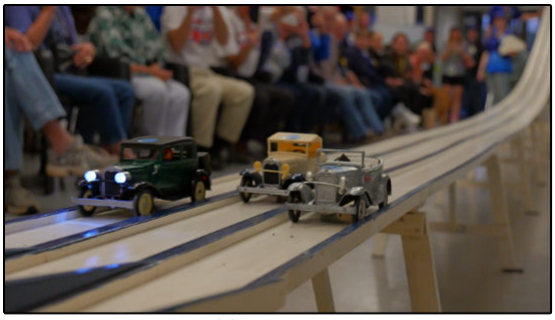
The West Australian Hubley track, built some years ago by the Jeffree family, was transported to Albany for the 2026 National Model A Ford Meet by the family and set up for competition on the lower level of the Retravision Stadium Rally HQ.



The crowd watching a race

On Monday night, registrations and 'practice' took place as each Hubley received some 'tuning up', then was presented to the organisers for entry and weighing in. The vehicles were then locked away in preparation for the Great Race. 38 cars took part.

On Tuesday night, a large crowd gathered, sitting on the floor, chairs and steps to the upper floor to watch the fun. It became very noisy with barracking, cheers, banter and so on.



Hubleys in action

The English visitors came in style with printed T shirts for the British racing team and waving flags. Mentions of the "barmy army" and the Ashes and much friendly rivalry ensued. I think Queensland and W.A. were the only states to field a car, so it was combined with the Countries with WA coming out the winner (with John Moorehead's champion car).

With Darren's electronically-timed finish line, it was very exciting to see some very close finishes (including 2 dead-heats timed to the millisecond!).

Overall – the results were 1st Bob Horgan (W.A.), 2nd Phil Wringe (W.A), the slowest car was Teneille Jeffree (it's often me, so I was glad!) and the best presented car went to Lachy Osborne.

The assembled company then decamped to the upper level to partake of a gourmet BBQ meal.

Thanks to Darren, Germaine, Teneille & Cara Jeffree for running the event – you did a sterling job!!



Germaine, Cara & Darren Jeffree running the event



Jason Fowler and Chris Wringe focussed on judging Adam Milner's prize-winning car

NATIONAL MEET - TREE TOP WALK RUN

Germaine Jeffree

First run of the National Meet, we set off from the Rally Headquarters, Retravision Stadium, in Albany. The Jeffree/Wringe family had five Model A's at the Meet but unfortunately only four were on the road on this day - more of that to come later in the story...



Run organiser Paul Kelly herding cats

Paul Kelly was the organiser of this run and thought it would be a good idea to put our car (Darren & Germaine) at the head of the pack to lead the way (big mistake!!!). He failed to tell us to leave via the main entrance, so Darren set off out of the car park at the end driveway. Unfortunately, unbeknownst to us, Paul was eagerly waiting to film the cars driving out in procession at the main gate - 1st oops of the day.

We had our Rally Program firmly in hand, and following the directions we managed to lead everyone through the town of Albany down to the water, negotiating many, many ring roads and an overpass onto Lower Denmark Rd, which kept us off South Coast Highway until just south of Denmark. We continued on and I should have paid closer attention to the directions as we sailed straight past the turn off to the Valley of Giants at Bow Bridge (2nd oops of the day). Thankfully, others were paying attention and didn't follow us!! A quick U turn and we were back on track.



Tree Top Walk

Arriving at the Valley of the Giants, parking was at a premium. Luckily, many rally members took the bus rather than their cars, as I don't think there would have been enough room for all the Model A's.



Bonnet open - with no heads in it!

We enjoyed a cuppa and then made our way to the Tree Top Walk. There was a guided tour, however, we chose to show ourselves around. The Tree top gets quite the sway when walking - not a fan when you are not good with heights, but the scenery is magnificent.

From the Valley of the Giants, you were free to either continue on to Walpole for lunch, or meander back to Albany. We decided to head to Elephant Rock/Greens Pool to have a look and eat lunch. The sun was shining and it was a beautiful warm day. Lachy (Caitlin Wringe's partner - all the way from Canberra) drove Allan Jeffree's Ute from Valley of Giants to Elephant Rock. When they arrived at Elephant Rock, Cara commented that the fan was noisy. A few heads under the bonnet and Darren tightened it up, however, when we were ready to leave, it was still making noise; so we hailed Dean Roberts with his car trailer to come and pick up the Ute as we

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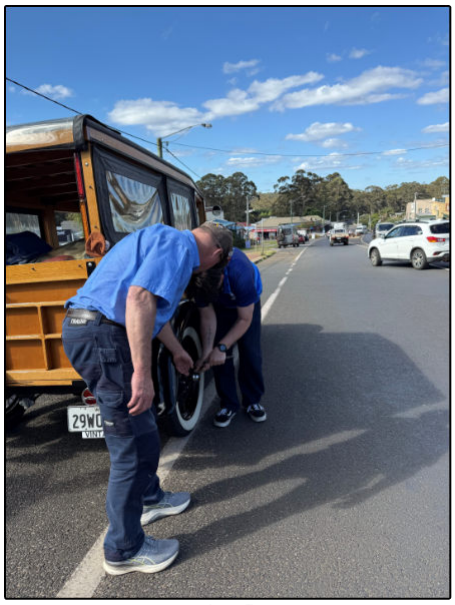
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Germaine Jeffree

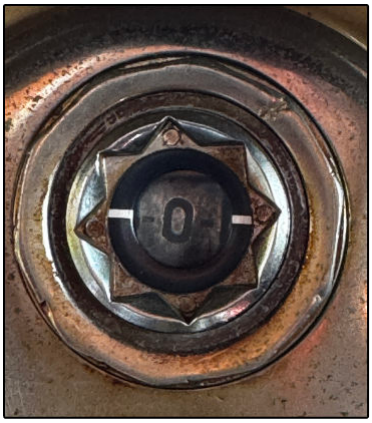
didn't want anything more serious to happen with the water pump. So, we started with five cars, now down to three!!!

We left the Senior Jeffree's and the Wringe's to wait in the shade for Dean to arrive, and the Junior Jeffree's and kids set off in the Woody and Phaeton heading back to Albany. All travelling sweet …until we reached Denmark. Driving into town, the Woody blew a tyre right in the Main Street outside the Servo. Thankfully James (driver) was on to it and immediately pulled off the road. I reckon they (Teneille, James, Lachy and Darren) had the old wheel off and the spare on in less than five minutes. What a pit crew!! We were then back on the road and made it safely home to Albany ready for a cold beer at the Bar.

Happy to report the Fordor, which didn't make it out of the garage, was repaired that night (fuel tap leaking). The Ute got a new leak-less water pump (thanks Dave Slater), and the Woody got a new tube and the spare is back where it belongs. All five cars back on the road!



Fixing the flat tyre



The Steer's Tree Top Walk Run experience: 500m from "home", the engine died for a couple of seconds. A glance at the fuel gauge showed a "non-bouncing", solid zero! Luckily it found enough fumes to get us that last few hundred metres.



Rally Director Andrae Moore thanking Cara Jeffree for her efforts at the Gala Dinner

FOR SALE

1928 Ute - restoration project

- All the bits are there (owner has decided he doesn't have time to continue the restoration)
- Second owner car (uncle bought it new)
- Head was removed for a burnt valve
- Been under cover for the last 20 years
- Located in the Darkan area
- Reasonable offers considered

Call Max Ewan on 0429 361 158



THE DREAMING TEAM

Colin Riley

"Ready Set Go". The big day had arrived. The Dreaming Team's (Paul, Brett, Colin) Hubley racer was ready to race. The anticipation was high that this little object was going to perform with blistering speed that would teach the other contestants how it is done.



The Dreamer

Monday night we viewed the track and the "Dreamer" had its first practice run. It looked good - running true and with considerable speed, but other would-be racers were also cutting a fair pace. Not to worry, a couple of "tweeks" tonight and we will show them. So after weigh in at 604 grams and registration, the team was thrown into chaos by the fact the racers were all impounded - not to be touched by their owners until after racing the following night! An attempt to lodge a protest was met with "just go and have another whisky and keep dreaming".

Race night arrived and a large crowd was gathering, no doubt to see the "Dreamer" demolish the opposition. Lights glowing front and rear, the Dreamer looked impressive waiting in the pits for its turn to "show them". Finally it was placed at the top of the racetrack with two other competitors for the first qualifying heat. On release it appeared a little sluggish. "OH NO", had it been tampered with overnight! But then as the half-track point was reached, Dreamer put the power down and finished first. The Dreaming Team, with not so quiet confidence, congratulated each other with "they should just give us the prize now". Waiting patiently for the next heat, the team could see there was some serious competition on the track. Heat two arrived and the Dreamer only achieved second place. It must not have been placed on the track correctly, so an attempt to lodge a protest with the race officials was quickly brushed off. Money was offered - obviously not enough for a re-run. Oh well, one more qualifying heat to go so we started dreaming. It must have worked as the Dreamer flashed through the finish line a few milliseconds ahead of its rivals.


The starters with The Dreamer

Unfortunately the Dreamer's average time, (or however it is calculated) was insufficient to get the little racer to the finals. Somewhat deflated, the Dreaming Team watched the finals event while planning the modifications required for Dreamer's next outing.

So the race night finished with winners in all categories happy with their little Hubley's performance. Dreamer is now in the workshop undergoing a forensic performance inspection to be ready for its international challenge in New Zealand next March. No doubt our friends over the ditch, having seen Dreamers potential, will be eagerly awaiting its return to the racetrack over there.

The Dreaming Team


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(with honorary member Dave Slater)

MARC NOW ACTIVITIES IN YEARS GONE BY

10 Years Ago: Report on a run to Bob & Lorraine Piercy's house for a BBQ lunch via the Whiteman Park Motor Museum. Report on a four day "Wheatbelt Way" run through Dowerin, Wyalkatchem, Bonnie Rock, Mukinbudin, Nungarin and Koorda.

20 Years Ago: Report of a David & Pat Bussard-organised run from Piney Lakes Reserve in Winthrop southwards for a morning tea stop at Macnuts macadamia farm in Baldivis, and then on to lunch at Port Kennedy. Alex Kirkwood's story of his car Lizzie.

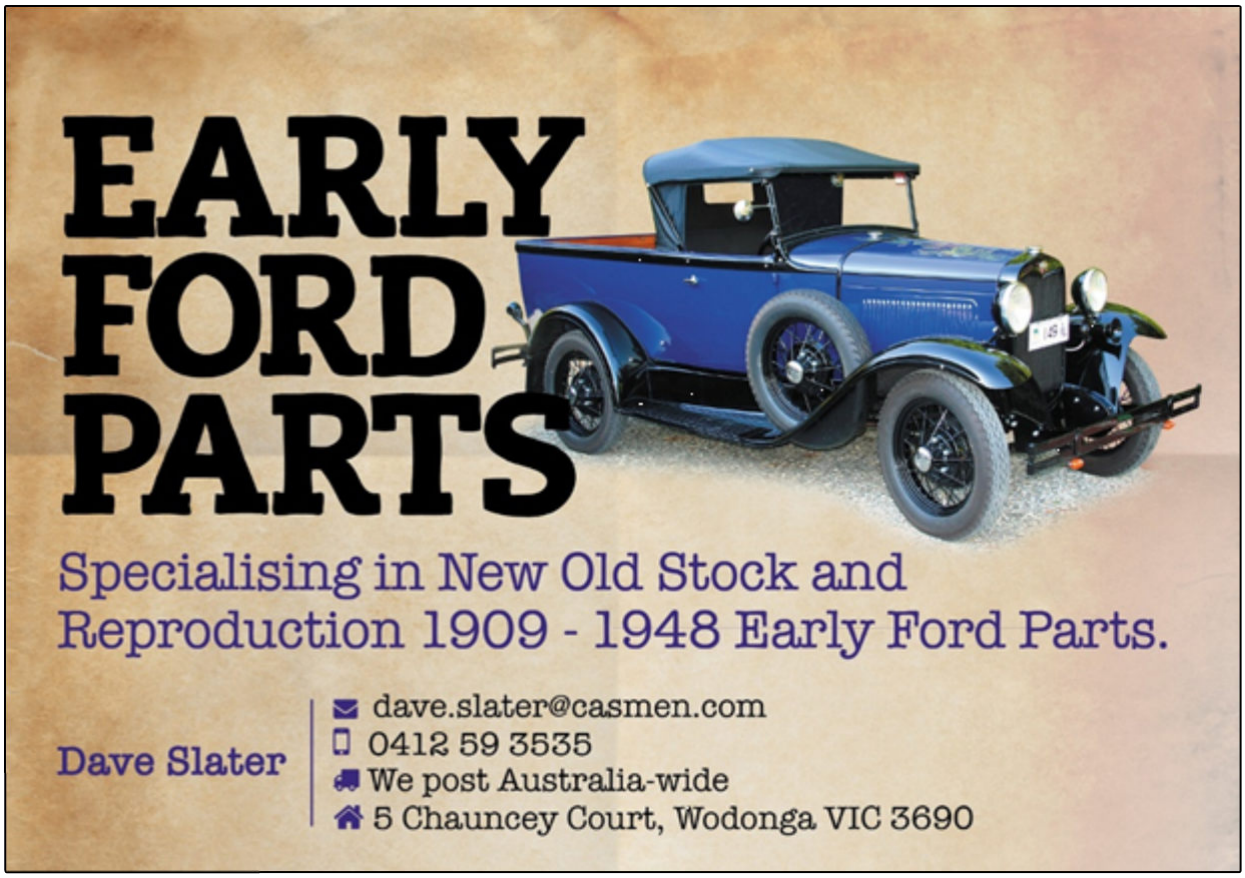
30 Years Ago: Report on a "historical tour of Guildford" with morning tea in the shade of the bridge near Lilac Hill Park, and then on the Houghton Winery for lunch and a meeting.

40 Years Ago: Christmas lunch to be at Matilda Bay Restaurant (members must have been feeling affluent!) - and there was a 50 person minimum. Report on the "Kite day" near Garratt Road Bridge organised by the Jeffree family.

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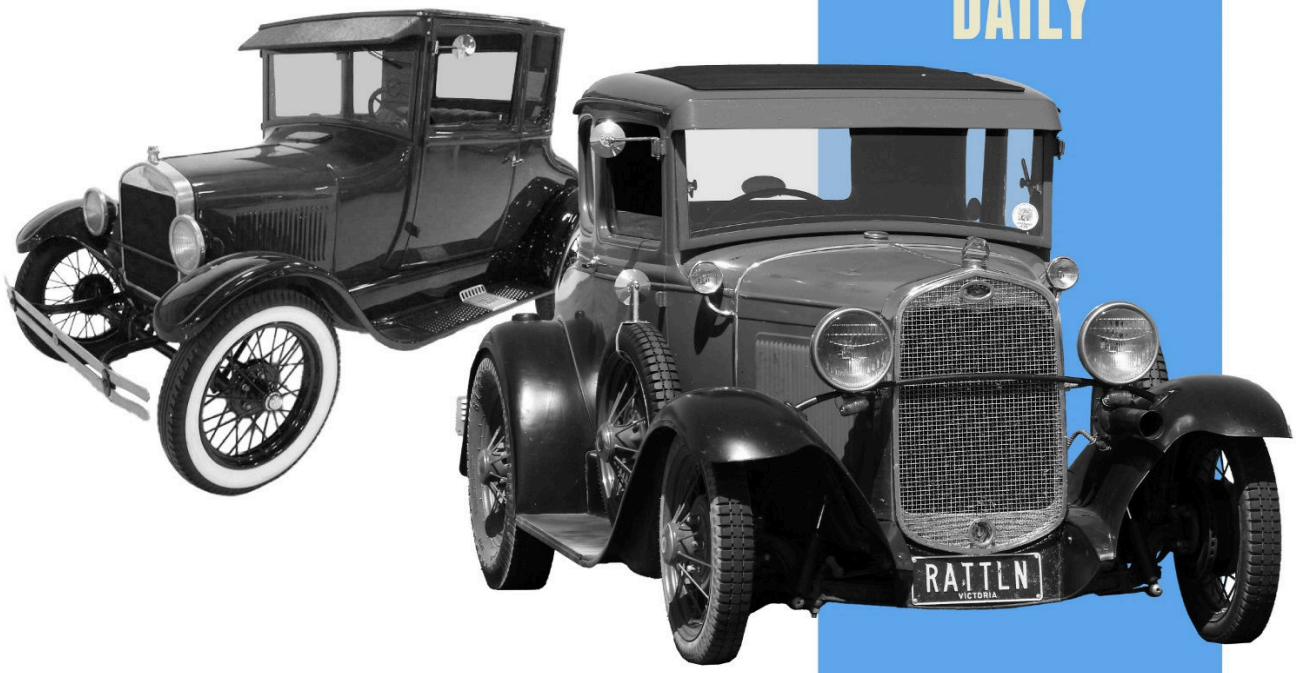
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