

MODEL A'S in WA
1930 Tourer / Phaeton
Engine Number: CA 68571
Registration Number: 8GP 381
Owned by
Peter and Elaine Gilberthorpe
1993 - 2005
Passed to
Anthony and Debbie Gilberthorpe
July 2005



Our 1930 Model A Tourer (Phaeton) was purchased in early 1993 from a chappie based at Attadale. This fellow was on a buying spree for military vehicles and the Model A was included in one of the lots that he purchased. Most of his military purchases, we were given to believe, were intended for the overseas market. I/we did not ask which country, but were given to believe it was the Asian markets. We never actually met the original purchaser, so do not know where the military vehicles went.

We found our Tourer in the Sunday Times. Before we purchased it, club member Steve Read came to inspect the car, took it for a test drive and approved of its road worthiness, with a “thumbs up”, and just a few things to be corrected. Steve helped with the faults that were found, and had them all fixed up for our first runs.

We definitely did not do any restoration. I have not got a mechanical bone in my body.

We kept it on full license for quite a while, but reverted to concessional licensing, where it remained until it was passed to my son Anthony in July 2005 so that he and his wife Debbie could enjoy the thrill of vintage motoring.

Peter and Elaine Gilberthorpe

January 2010

Peter and Elaine joined MARCWA in August 1993. They attended National Meets in Perth WA 2004 with the Tourer, Adelaide 2006 with their Austin 7, Bathurst 2008 (rental vehicle), and Launceston Tasmania 2010 (rental vehicle). They are going to Ipswich QLD 2012.

Further research by Pat Bussard: As MARCWA Club Member Steve Read was mentioned in Peter Gilberthorpe’s recollection on the purchase of his 1930 Phaeton, I contacted Steve for any information he could add. Steve said that Club Member Peter Lynch had been involved with the car, so I contacted Peter Lynch, who provided the following information.

The 1930 Phaeton was purchased from Queensland by Gordon Godwin, a Perth car dealer. Gordon arranged for it to come to Perth on a truck. Peter Lynch assisted Gordon to get the vehicle licensed. Gordon then sold the Model A to a real estate agent, surname Moon, who was collecting various items to send to Malaysia. Instead of sending the Model A with the consignment, it was retained by Mr. Moon to drive potential purchasers from Malaysia to view land in the Perth area.

Moon may have been the “chappie in Attadale” in Peter Gilberthorpe’s story.

Gordon Godwin was also involved in the purchase of John and Shirley Hall’s 1930 Roadster in 1993, as related in the July 2010 issue of *The Western Model A News*.

*Tourer or Phaeton? **Tourer** is the term used in Australia, **Phaeton** comes from the United States.

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Registration Number: SW 6752
Owned by
Anthony and Debbie Gilberthorpe
2005—
Owned by Peter and Elaine Gilberthorpe
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Anthony and Debbie Gilberthorpe joined the Model A Restorers Club of Western Australia in March 2005, before they owned a Model A. Anthony and Debbie accompanied Peter and Elaine (Gilberthorpe) in the Phaeton on many outings prior to and after joining.

Both Peter and Anthony had Austin 7's but Anthony did not manage to get his on the road and he sold it. Anthony knew he would inherit the Phaeton owned by his father Peter, but was planning to purchase his own Model A as Peter and Elaine were still driving it and enjoying the club. When Peter and Elaine streamlined their car collection in 2005, Peter passed the Tourer on to Anthony, so that he and his wife Debbie could enjoy the thrill of Vintage Motoring.

Soon after Anthony received Model A, he had the motor done by Ray Abbott, getting it ready for the 19th National Meet in Adelaide (2006) when Peter and Elaine took their Austin 7. Both vehicles participated in the Bay to Birdwood that year.

Anthony and Peter attended the 20th National Meet in Bathurst in 2008, and both couples attended the 21st National Meet in Launceston, Tasmania (2010) but without a Model A.

At present the Phaeton is off the road for some body work awaiting a new gear box and some body work. Anthony is planning to have it back on the road for the 23rd National Meet in Western Australia in 2014.

Anthony and Debbie have happy memories of MARCWA runs in the Tourer, particularly country runs such as the one to John and Pat Laurie's place in Gidgegannup.

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