

MODEL A'S in WA
1928 Phaeton
Colour: Arabian Sand Light and black
Registration: RL 1928
Engine Number: CA34672
Owned by John and Sue Watson
2005 -
Restored and owned by
Frank Farrelly 1992 - 2005



I had always loved Model A's and T's. I worked with Dave Hume who owns several veteran vehicles and is a member of the Veteran Car Club of WA. We had been looking at T's and A's for a while trying to make up our minds which was the best way to go with a restoration. We had not even considered buying one restored when Phillip Raccuia caught me on my back looking under a Model A at the 2005 Whiteman Park Classic Car Show. After convincing him I was only looking at how they worked, and not knocking anything off, he introduced us to Frank Farrelly who had his car up for sale. It was love at first sight, the car that is, not Frank, and the following weekend we road tested it and it was ours!

Our car is a 1928 Phaeton which was built in Canada, and used and licensed until 1956. It was restored by club member Frank Farrelly. We have done nearly 10,000 miles in it since we have owned it with very little trouble, which is a credit to Frank's restoration and mechanical skills. Sue has driven it around the paddock at Kirup but reckons if God meant her to drive a Model A he would have given her three legs. "What a stupid place to put the accelerator!"

I have put on a 6 volt alternator which has fixed the constant blowing of globes. Other than that it is as I bought it.

We have done two Kirup runs. The club fellowship on these weekends was great. The biggest giggle was the A-karna in the sheep paddock, especially driving around obstacles blindfolded.



Taken during the A-karna down on the Wringe farm at Kirup on the Easter weekend 2007.

The same weekend we drove the very winding and hilly Balingup to Nannup road. Nice to do in a modern, even better in an A.

Suggestions for newer members: Ask lots of questions and for help if you need it. Everyone is always happy to help.

John and Sue Watson
Completed February 2011.

Taken at Barrack St jetty . Note our era hats!!



Proud owner John Watson at a run in 2010.