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Club Meetings are held at 8pm on the first Tuesday of each month (except January) at the Girl Guide Hall, Erin Street, Queanbeyan.

Contributions should be submitted **by the 15th of the month** for the following month's issue. Articles covering events, members' experiences, automotive/mechanical items or photographs welcomed. The editor reserves the right to accept,

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Club Notices

DECEMBER Meeting Tuesday 4th Starting at 8.00pm at the Girl Guide Hall, Erin Street, Queanbeyan
Guest Speaker TBA

Please bring a plate for supper to share. Remember that this means all members so if you have not brought anything along for a while it is your turn. All welcome a little bit earlier for a cuppa and a catch-up.

Committee Meeting—informal at the Twilight run on Jan 20

COMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2012

Queanbeyan Swap Meet

Members are reminded that the club will have a stand at the Queanbeyan Swap Meet at Queanbeyan Showground on Saturday 1 December. The showground hosts the All Ford Day and All American Day car displays over the same weekend.

Terribly British Day

Terribly British Day will occur on Sunday 2 December and will be held in the Treasury Car Park. The event is being organized by the Jaguar Car Club and they have suggested that as many as possible exhibitors turn up with a bowler hat.

STHARC CHRISTMAS PARTY

STHARC CHRISMAS PARTY SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER WAMBOIN HALL
112 BINGLEY WAY We get under way at 11am with lunch at 12noon Could you bring drinks, nibbles, salads and desserts to share. STHARC will provide Ham, Chicken and Pork, bread rolls and coffee and tea.

PRESIDENTS TWILIGHT RUN

Sunday 20 January
Googong foreshores reserve Off Burra road (London Bridge)
Assemble at the Guides hall at 3.pm for a 3.15 pm departure.

Minutes of General Meeting

Tuesday 6 November 2012

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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 6 November 2012

Meeting Commenced: 8.00 pm

Held at: Girl Guides Hall, Erin Street, Queanbeyan

Attendance: 21 members

Apologies: as per attendance book and

Visitors: nil

Minutes of Previous Meeting: as published in November issue of The Wheel

Acceptance of minutes as amended Moved: Lawrie Nock **Seconded:** Jeff Gill **Carried**

President's Report As you can see from the articles in our newsletter, it has been a busy month of events for STHARC members – Bathrust 1000, midweek run to Tarago, Uniting Church display, visit to Benny's in Goulburn, just to mention a few. Many thanks to the events committee. There are some very good reports in the Wheel, thanks to the members who put pen to paper. Thanks also to Ian and Krys McLeish for hosting the Melbourne Cup luncheon to-day which was much appreciated by those members who attended.

Treasurer's Report: We currently have a balance of \$10,690 plus receipts from tonight. We currently have subscriptions from 66 members.

Acceptance of report: Moved Brian Thomas **Seconded** Joe Vavra **carried**

Secretary

Correspondence: In

Statement Annual Report and notice of AGM from Service One

RTS subscription reminder for A Newell, subscriptions from three other members

Thank you card from Jane Nock

Flyers from Shannons re Private Collector Auction 14 October and Sydney Spring auction 22 October

Invitations currently in hand to: Crookwell Potato Festival 2 March 2013; Bay to Bermagui Run 12-14 July 2013; Morris Centenary tour; Berrima District Historic

Vehicle Club to attend Berrima Rally 9-10 February 2013, Hall village Markets for 4 November, Yass Antique Motor Club Inc Celebration of Heritage Motoring Saturday 3 November 2012, Marques in the Park 18 November; Highlands Steam and Vintage Fair 8,9,10 February 2013; Cootamundra Antique Motor Club 9 – 25 November run to SA and Tas; Goulburn Historical Car Club static display in Goulburn 23/3/2013 to mark 150 years since the foundation of Goulburn; Terribly British Day to be held on 2 December in the Treasury Car Park, Parkes ACT.

Flyer for Blues Train Steam train which runs weekly on a Saturday night from Geelong; Queanbeyan City Council, City Life newsletter

magazines: Classic Motoring Club of Wagga Wagga, Classic Lines Sept/Oct; Berrima District Historic Motor vehicle Club, Drive Chatter October; Classic and Vintage Motor Club of Eurobodalla, Classic Times Sept/Oct; Veteran Vintage and Classic Motor Cycle Club of ACT, Bike Torque October; Gundagai Antique Motor Club, The Crank Handle October; Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club, The Colonial October cover feature of the Berrys' Hillman Husky which accompanied us to the Benny's function at Goulburn; Yass Antique Motor Club, Get It Together; Cootamundra Antique Motor Club Coota-Hoota November; Goulburn Historic and Classic car Club, Rocky Road Nov/Dec; Veteran and Vintage car Club of Goulburn, The Broken Spoke November.

Correspondence: Out - a few email but nothing else

Property Officers: Ray did a quick rundown on merchandise including wind-screen banners.

Registrar: 6 renewals this month including 2 new vehicles. Bill Butcher has acquired a 1980 Honda Civic wagon and the Cornwells' 450 Mercedes sedan has gone onto club plates.

Editor: Reported that he has now worked out how to put the magazine onto the website using only a very small amount of digital space. He will try to do so for future editions which will give readers the opportunity apart from other things to access any additional pictures which don't make it into the printed version. Malcolm is happy to email digital versions direct to members who request it. These would go out about the same time the version for printing is completed. Editor wants members of the couple of hundred or so cars in the club to keep sending in reports on their vehicles for inclusion in the magazine. It was noted that reports on cars such as Ferraris, Aston Martins and the like are probably of interest to members.

Website: Webmaster absent.

Public Officer: Nothing to report

Events:

Recent events

Reports on October outings except for Benny's outing are published in The Wheel.

The Lake Goldsmith run from 1 to 7 November is under way.
Yass Heritage celebration was held on 3-4 November
Visit to Hall Village markets was enjoyable but poorly attended by club
Melbourne Cup Day Lunch was held to-day

Forthcoming events

Marques in the park again this year at John Knight Park Belconnen on 18 November.

Canberra Truck and Ute Muster

Taralga Tractor event 17/18 November

London Bridge run for 25 November is still on – details will be emailed out
Terribly British Day 2 December on a hard stand site in in the Treasury Car Park to remove the uncertainty caused by wet ground conditions.

STHARC Christmas party will be held again this year on 9 December commencing 12 noon at Wamboin which was the site for last year's very successful event. Coffee, tea and cordial and cold meat will be provided by club. Normal arrangement of a salad or sweets to share please.

Invitations are in hand for a number of events being promoted by clubs and other organizations over the remainder of this year and during 2013.

Summernats will be held in Canberra again early in January. It is anticipated that ACT Motor Clubs will again be invited to participate as guests on the Sunday family day

Elvis Festival at Parkes is an annual event coinciding with Elvis Birthday early in January. The 2013 theme is Blue Hawai

The Haulin' the Hume event which was so successful last year will be run again on 28-29 March 2013. The organizers will limit the number of trucks entering and are planning to marshall the mid run stop at Gunning Show-ground.

Council Reports

STHARC has volunteered to assist CAMC with the running of the ACT Centenary Rally in October 2013. The nomination cost for the rally at more than \$100 was noted.

Summernats organizers have invited clubs to take on oversighting of parking at the event with a sponsorship for the club and complimentary entry passes for those doing the work. It was noted that the complimentary pass concept might provide an opportunity for CAMC to introduce younger people to the idea of historic, classic or custom motoring.

Wheels will be held at Thoroughbred Park on 17 March 2013 and 16 March 2014.

General Business:

Austins over Australia will be held at Bendigo over easter in 2013.

Jane and Hazel attended a recent RMS meeting to discuss Driver/Reviver Centre matters. Other participants were interested in the concept of having car clubs involved in the running driver/reviver stops.

The very impressive car club set up at Pambula was mentioned. STHARC has visited that club and the facility a few years ago.

Eurobodalla/Batemans Bay Club members who attended the Yass Classic event expressed an interest in having a joint venture with STHARC at some stage. Passed on the Events Committee.

There are several country fairs such as Bungendore, Tarago and Braidwood, at which STHARC has previously exhibited vehicles. CHB undertook to look into whether we are still going to be invited to participate.

One visitor to the Hall Markets last weekend noted the club badge on a club member's shirt and advised that she had not previously heard of a religious person by the name of St Harc.

Jeff Gill advised that a well known repairer of old type(valve) radios is planning to finish up in his business in the next year or so. He is selling off his supplies etc.

Joe Vavra advised that he attended to opening of the display at National Museum which is the venue for the next mid week run and considers it to be excel-

lent.

The club trailer is beginning to look a bit tatty. Ian McLeish was authorized to source paint and have respray done and to be reimbursed for costs.

Birthdays, Special events, anniversaries : It was reported that there may be the sound of wedding bells in the air for Maureen Scattergood .

John Corbett will be out of action for about 8 weeks in the near future as he undergoes shoulder reconstruction. His executive assistant Pam will still be in charge during his recovery.

Malams celebrate a wedding anniversary 9 November; Belinda a birthday 7/11 and Paul 12/11, Tony McLeish 2/10

Health and Welfare:

Judy Davis has recovered from her dealings with the surgeons.

Anne Scattergood is recovering from her shoulder reconstruction.

John Cornwell is on the mend. He is likely to have his dialysis port relocated to improve his response to treatment.

Raffle: Prizes won by Hazel and Graham Bates

No guest speaker. Planning of Christmas Party to be sorted out after meeting.

Meeting closed: 9.10 pm



CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

To ensure a fantastic hamper would members please bring suitable hamper items to the December STHARC meeting on Tuesday 4 December at the Guides Hall.

Hall Village Markets 4 November

Hall Village Markets operates on the first Sunday of each month. STHARC members have put their vehicle on display at the markets on a number of previous occasions. The market proceeds go to support Hartley House. The operators welcome the presence of something different for visitors to see and especially for those who are merely accompanying dedicated market supporters.

The attendance was not very impressive for a club with 80 or so membership but it was noted that the event clashed with our Lake Goldsmith run and the reallocated timing of the Canberra Swap meet. Three families had cars on display. I think it would have been nicer had we been able to present a more representative show of classic and historic motor vehicles.

There were some interested passers by who wanted to know more about one or other of the cars on display and quite a number who seemed to be more interested in the variety of club cars as evidenced by our club collage. We were joined by a hot rodder in his beautifully painted A Ford Ute.

The markets themselves were brimming as vendors geared up for the festive season opportunities. The weather was very nice to us although there was more than a little dust stirred up by the traffic entering and exiting the parking area and deposited by a breeze which could not work out where it was headed. This is not a destination where members should spend the previous day polishing the car to its finest shine. The A Ford didn't look any better than the dusty Crewe crew after about 5 minutes. The site is however much nicer than when we last visited in the middle of the drought.

STHARC members did not seem to have made any sizeable impression on overall takings for the day but we were nevertheless invited to return if we would like to, so our behaviour must have met at least the basic requirements.

Attendance

Jane Nock
Brian and Benita Thomas
Tim and Debra Cooper
Lawrie Nock

Bentley T Coupe
Rover 3 litre Coupe
Jaguar XJ6 Series I
Rolls Royce Corniche drophead

Queanbeyan Swap Meet

**Saturday and Sunday December 1st and 2nd
American Car Nationals Sunday 2nd December
Queanbeyan Showground**

STHARC has booked its site near the far side gate

STHARC is located on the Canberra Avenue side of the showground just near the gate adjacent to the NSW Govt building (the rusty one). Setting up is from 7.00am on Saturday. Anyone who can help is welcome.

Please note. We are only at the swapmeet for Saturday.

American Car Nationals

The **American Car Nationals** are open to all makes, models & years of American cars, hot-rods, trucks, boats, caravans and machinery. Queanbeyan Swapmeet on all weekend at the same venue.

American Car Nationals opens to Entrants at 8am and 10am to Spectators
Car entry only \$5.00 (includes car entry and driver) **Spectators only \$4.00 per person**

PRESIDENTS TWILIGHT RUN
Sunday 20 January
Googong foreshores reserve
LONDON BRIDGE TIN HUT PICNIC AREA

Co-ordinators: Allan and Chris Boyd phone: 6297 6014, Allan mob 0427 976 014 email: allanchris@grapevine.com.au Please let the co-ordinators know by Friday evening 18 January if you are intending to come on this run. thank you.

Meet at: Guides Hall, Erin St, Qbn
Time: 3pm for **3.15 sharp** departure

Route Guides Hall, into Erin St
L into Carinya St,
R into Morisset St,
L into Collett St (under Canberra Avenue),
R into Rutledge St (past Anglican Church and Uniting Church
L at Cooma St roundabout into Cooma St.
Follow Cooma St out of Qbn for **approx 11 km** (past Googong).
L into **Burra turn**, and follow this road for **approx 8 km**.
L into **London Bridge turn**. This is a **gravel road** for approx **1.2km**.
L into Tin Hut Rd for approx **0.8km**. Note the gravel road is a bit rough in places, so **drive slowly!**

You are now in the Tin Hut Parking and Picnic National Park area.

Facilities: There is a fenced car park, a shelter shed with bench/tables and two electric BBQs, the toilets are close by. All are approx 50m from the car park. STHARC BBQ trailer will be in the car park in case the facilities are in use or not working; more bench/tables beside the car park. We should not need BYO picnic tables/chairs however, if you have any might be more convenient for you to bring them along. From the car park you are looking at the head waters of Googong Dam/Queanbeyan River – impressive view.

Food: byo BBQ food/ or cold meats, and nibbles and/or a salad / sweets to share.

Drinks: **byo** drinks, thermos flasks (in case there is a fire ban), however, we should be able to boil water for tea/coffee on the STHARC BBQ trailer. Remember water especially if the weather is hot.


Clothing & spray: It could get a bit cool late in the afternoon/evening so bring ade-

quate clothing and some insect spray.

Note: This area is an **ACT National Park** so **no dogs/animals** are allowed and the park gates are **shut at 7pm**; we will have to be out before this time. Malcolm Stewart and Allan Boyd did a reconnaissance visit and it is a quiet venue. We hope to have some STHARC direction signs at the intersections within the National Park for those early/late or going directly to the site.

JANUARY MEETING: We will be holding our January general meeting (a brief affair) here prior to indulging in our BBQ or while it is cooking.

In the event of a total fire ban the reserve is closed. If this occurs we will email alternative arrangements. Otherwise contact a member of the events committee to find out where we are going



STHARC Mid-week run Wednesday 14 November 2012
Visit to the National Museum of Australia's (N.M.A.) Museum
Workshop exhibition
Report and photos by Allan Boyd

What a great idea for a STHARC mid-week run event! Thanks to whoever instigated this one.

We met at the Guides Hall after lunch and departed at 1.30pm with 6 vehicles. The Boyds' in VW Beetle "Ringo" led the way to the N.M.A. On arrival we congregated at the N.M.A. reception to enquire about the Workshop exhibit – best of all, it's free. Into the exhibition we went to find out how the Museum conserves and displays its objects. There are videos on a wide range of objects such as paper, art and textiles, clocks, a typewriter, Aboriginal objects and even a 1930's pram made in Hobart. We found out the emphasis is on "conserve" and not necessarily "restore" many of the memorabilia including motoring memorabilia. Some of the workshop's staff were on hand to answer questions and demonstrate their skills.

The focal point of this exhibit is a 1948 Daimler Landaulette that was used by Queen Elizabeth II during her 1954 tour of Australia following her coronation in 1953 (one of 7, I think, used on that visit). The vehicle was purchased by the N.M.A. from South Australia and is in need of a good restoration that, hopefully, will be completed in time for Queen Elizabeth II's proposed visit in 2014.

There are two other vehicles on display in their original, "as found" condition and they will not be restored but have been conserved. Of interest to me is a 1940's BSA M20 motorcycle (ie military motorcycle) that has had several modifications from other motorcycles of the same era (me being somewhat of a motorcycle 'purist' noticed some Triumph bits attached to it). The Museum's interest in this motorcycle was the post-war use made by the family who acquired the motorcycle and used it as the family vehicle.

There is a 1962 Holden station wagon on display recovered from remote South Australia that has been 'hacked' and modified to keep it going; it is in memory of the ingenuity of Aussie 'local bush mechanics'. This vehicle will remain in its current condition as a reminder of what some Aussies did to keep vehicles on the road.

Of more interest to the ladies were the paper, textiles and clothing on display and some of the processes used to conserve them to maintain their significant heritage value.

Out in the foyer were some more interesting exhibits, especially "The Sharpening Man" whose large trailer was set up with all sorts of sharpening stones/grinders etc towed by a tractor that criss-crossed the outback towns and properties offering a sharpening service of shearing blades, knives, scissors etc. Also, there was a steam tractor, vintage car, a bi-plane and a wooden box plane (these latter displayed from the foyer ceiling).

By now, our legs were getting a bit tired so we adjourned to the Museum's temporary café for a sit down and coffee and cake and a good chin wag. Some members made a visit to the Museum's gift shop. The Museum is undertaking some major foyer renovations including a new café that should be able to seat 200! Overall a great afternoon and I can recommend the Museum's Workshop exhibit to our members. Regards, Allan

Roll Call

Lawrie & Jane Nock	Bentley T Coupe
John & Sandra Harwood	visitors (Laurie's cousins)
Graham Bates	1979 Ford Fairlane
Geoff Rudd	modern (5 th wheeler)
Allan Boyd & Chris HB	1971 VW Beetle "Ringo"
Ronda & John Cornwell	modern
Charlie Adams & Cate	1937 Nash
Brian Thomas	EH Holden





John Corbett inspecting our newest members trucks including this ACCO and BLITZ



Date/Day	STHARC EVENTS December 2012 – February 2013		CONTACT	BBQ Trailer
All STHARC runs start from QBN Girl Guides Hall Erin St QBN unless otherwise advised.				
For all runs: BYO chairs, tables, picnicware, drinks & food, sunscreen unless otherwise advised.				
Mid Week runs will meet at the Guide Hall				
2 nd Wednesday of the month at 1.15pm, leave at 1.30pm				
3 rd Thursday of the month at 9.15am, leave 9.30am unless otherwise advised.				
Note: not all months are finalised – there is always space for more events.				
December 2012				
1 st Sat	Queanbeyan Swapmeet – QBN Showground, Glebe Ave, QBN, Swapmeet starts at 6am – Car entry \$5 per vehicle – Judging at 11am. General entry \$3 per person	Lawrie – (02) 6230 3320	No	
2 nd Sun	Terribly British Day – Treasury car park, Langton Circuit, Canberra. Bowler Hat theme (Lawrie has a small stock of hats) starts at 8am open to the public 10am to 3pm. Refreshments available onsite	Lawrie – (02) 6230 3320	No	
9 th Sun	Xmas Dinner – Wamboin Hall - see magazine for details	Events Committee	No	
January 2013				
13th Sun	Presidents Choice – Twilight Run – Molonglo Gorge 4.30pm start leave Guide Hall at 4pm BYO BBQ -	Allan & Chris Boyd or Debra Cooper	No	
February 2013				
9 th - 10 th Sat & Sun	Berrima Rally	John Thomas		

Date	OTHER EVENTS 2012-2013
2 nd December	American Car Nationals & Queanbeyan Swap Meet
6 th January	Summernats
16 th & 17 th March	Chrysler on the Murray – Albury
January 2013	Elvis in Parkes
February	
March	Cars at Lake Burley Griffin – NRMA Sponsored
April	
May	Beechworth – Drive Back in Time
October	Show and Shine OPH – NRMA Sponsored

Marques in the Park - 18 November

It can be confusing when people talk about marks in the park. There are just so many possibilities. When the description is related to a static car show the first inclination is to think of some sort of concourse judging.

Once you have adjusted to the idea that this is not about scoring points it is still easy to be confused into thinking that it is something to do with Royalty. Out in my part of the world we haven't seen even one Marquis. I thought that perhaps there might be a lot of them attending an open air function in which cars were to provide some sort of backdrop. After the first couple of these annual events, I realized that driving a Rolls to them was not essential. In fact no-one there seemed to give a damn about a Rolls.

Fortunately, this year STHARC managed an impressive line-up to satisfy the most fastidious of Marques watchers. I of course took a Rolls, but I don't have a lot of alternatives to this type of vehicle anyway. With a Valiant charger on one side and a Packard 12 and the Ferrari 400i on the other, the Rolls had plenty of passing interest. As visitors moved from one side to the other, they had to pass the Rolls. The orange Chrysler Hunter, Blue Valiant coupe and the green BMW 633csi made up the rest of the STHARC contingent and attracted their own audiences. It was nice to see a few STHARC members who we seldom see at events or meetings.

Once again the event was a well run show in a very pleasant environment. The sun came out enough to make us feel good, but not enough to cook us or even the other display cars which did not have the benefit of the shade of the trees. Some of our club members have involvements with other clubs too. In addition to the 7 vehicles in the STHARC area there were several others on other sites. The party packed up about 2.00pm ish.

Attendance at STHARC site

Peter Toet and Anne Heffernan
Barry and Lee Davis
Paul Anderson
Steve Cole
Lawrie Nock
Allan and Chris Hillbrick-Boyd
Hugh Spencer

1938 Packard 12
1970 Valiant Coupe
1971 Chrysler Hunter
1972 Valliant Charger
1973 Rolls Royce Corniche
1977 BMW 633 csi
1979 Ferrari 400i

Elsewhere on the day

Charlie Adams

Jeff Gill

nison caravan

1937 Nash Ambassador

1960 Chrysler Royal and 1953 Jen-





Gala Melbourne Cup Day at Ian and Krys' Property, Sutton

It was STHARC's gala event of the year! Hosted by Ian and Krys at their Sutton property, the 19 guests took in the rural atmosphere with a great lunch, great hospitality, great company and the running of the 2012 Melbourne Cup.

The attendees were

Ian and Krys McLeish (hosts)
Ray and Barbara Malam
Roy Rehak
Jannie Brown
Brian and Benita Thomas
Barry and Judy Davis
Marshall and Sandy McCarron
Allan Boyd, Chris Hillbrick – Boyd
Lawrence and Jane Nock
Anton and Jane Muller
Troy, Neveah and Teah McLeish

The Gala Prize Winners

Best Ladies' Hat – Jannie Brown
Best Men's' Outfit and Hat – Barry Davis
Best Men's' Hat – Allan Boyd

Top Sweep Winner

Ray Malam – winner of first and second prizes in the main sweep!

Final Event of the Day

Kneeling on the floor play the horse game created and made out of wood by Barry Davis!



Albatross

Show n Shine

9 December 2012 - 10 am to 3 pm
\$15 Registration fee
Gold Coin Entry

Fleet Air Arm Museum, HMAS Albatross, Nowra

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Classic Yass photos



Paul Anderson's car





Above Chris HB with Pam and Les Warren, Young in front of the Warren's Fiat Taxi!

Below Chris at the marvelous Quilt display



1930 A Model Ford By Ian McLeish



The first car I ever drove was an A Model Ford which my father used as a rough farm ute. I still remember the A Model's controls of manual spark advance and turning the choke to alter the fuel mixture.

Waiting for Krystyna at the Riverside Plaza in Queanbeyan, I consumed two cups of coffee. I then decided to buy the "Just Cars" magazine to read whilst still waiting. The magazine showed a good looking A Model Ford for sale in Flynn ACT.

I hurried to Flynn to inspect the car and it was in excellent restored condition. The elderly owner had put many years in restoring it back to original condition. He was more concerned that I would look after it and garage it properly before he would let me purchase it.



I proudly drove it home that afternoon and on the Federal Highway it ran along nicely between 40 and 45 mph. The vehicle is referred to as a Deluxe Roadster and it is 6 wheel equipped, has two tail lights and 2 parking lights, electric wind-screen wiper and dicky seat. It is the upmarket version of the A Model Sports with dark green paint and fawn soft top.

This car is a numbers matching vehicle engine no CAY1 9408 built in May 1930.

A few interesting details about A Models:

By March 1930 A Model sales reached 3 million and the vehicles were available in four standard colours, but not in black. The first car rolled off the production line on 2 December 1927 and it was said that Henry Ford spent 100 million dollars on the retooling of the Rouge Plant to build the new Model A. This was quite a sum in the 1920's, but the car did contain over 6,800 parts.

The vehicle is fitted with 6 – 4.50x21” tyres, has 4 wheel mechanical brakes and as I have found out, it has 26 grease nipples. The engine has 4 cylinders and has a 3.78” bore and a 4-1/4” stroke with a displacement of 200.5 cubic inches. SAE horsepower of 24.03 with brake horsepower rated at 40 at 2200 rpm. Typical fuel mileage is between 20 and 30 mpg.



On the steering column the vehicle has a lever for manual advance of the spark and has a throttle and by turning the choke rod the fuel mixture from the carburetor can be adjusted on the move. The transmission is a 3 speed sliding gear unit with a conventional clutch. The fuel tank is located between the windscreen and the engine compartment, it has a visual fuel gauge and the fuel flows to the carburetor by gravity.

The A model is very basic and simple with very little to go wrong. It is fun to drive but a little difficult to get into and out of, as people were smaller when it was designed 85 years ago.

Prices for the Model A ranged from US\$385 for a roadster to \$1400 for the top-of-the-line *Town Car*. The engine was a water-cooled L-head 4-cylinder with a displacement of 201 cu in (3.3 l). This engine provided 40 hp (30 kW; 41 PS). Typical fuel consumption was between 25 and 30 mpg (U.S.) (8 to 12 kilometres per litre or 8-9 l/100 km) using a Zenith one-barrel up-draft ^{*[citation needed]*} carburetor, with a top speed of around 65 mph (105 km/h); It had a 103.5 in (2,630 mm) wheelbase with a final drive ratio of 3.77:1. The transmission was a conventional 3-speed sliding gear manual unsynchronised unit with a single speed reverse. The Model A had 4-wheel mechanical drum brakes. The 1930 and 1931 editions came with stainless steel radiator cowlings and headlamp housings.

The Model A came in a wide variety of styles: Coupe (Standard and Deluxe), Business Coupe, Sport Coupe, Roadster Coupe (Standard and Deluxe), Convertible Cabriolet, Convertible Sedan, Phaeton (Standard and Deluxe), Tudor Sedan (Standard and Deluxe), Town Car, Fordor (2-window) (Standard and Deluxe), Fordor (3-window) (Standard and Deluxe), Victoria, Station Wagon, Taxicab,

Truck, and Commercial.

The Model A was the first Ford to use the standard set of driver controls with conventional clutch and brake pedals; throttle and gearshift. Previous Ford models used controls that had become uncommon to drivers of other makes. The Model A's fuel tank was located in the cowl, between the engine compartment's fire wall and the dash panel. It had a visual fuel gauge, and the fuel flowed to the carburetor by gravity. A rear view mirror was optional.^[1] In cooler climates, owners could purchase an aftermarket cast iron unit to place over the exhaust manifold to provide heat to the cab. A small door provided adjustment of the amount of hot air entering the cab. Model A was the first car to have safety glass in the windshield.^[5]

The Soviet company GAZ, which started as a cooperation between Ford and the Soviet Union, made a licensed version of the Model A from 1932-1936.^[6] This itself was the basis for the FAI and BA-20 armored car, which saw use as scout vehicles in the early stages of World War II.

In addition to the United States, Ford made the Model A in plants in Argentina, Canada, France, Germany and the United Kingdom.







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SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER
WAMBOIN HALL
112 BINGLEY WAY

STHARC are again planning to celebrate xmas with our end of year function on Sunday 9th December at WAMBOIN HALL. The plan is for the event to get under way at 11am with lunch at 12noon. Same as last year if you plan to come along could you bring drinks, nibbles, salads and desserts to share. STHARC will provide Ham, Chicken and Pork, bread rolls and coffee and tea.

1.30pm Santa will arrive and if you wish your child/grandchild or guest to receive a gift from Santa (TO THE VALUE OF \$10) please have the gift wrapped and ready to give to an events committee member who will ensure the gift makes it into Santa's sack.

If you are planning to come along please give Debra a call on 0419 019 394 before Thursday 6th of December to advise who/ how many guests, how many younger guests and whether a Santa gift will be bought. It would also be great to know the salad or dessert you will bring to share.

The Committee will raffle a Hamper of Xmas goodies and donations will be gratefully accepted on the day. Otherwise please bring your hamper contribution to the club meeting next Tuesday

DIRECTIONS> Start at SUTTON ROAD go 9 kms Then right on to NORTON ROAD go 4.2kms then right onto BINGLEY WAY go 1.2kms and arrive at the Hall.

David Buckley spotted this bus in Thailand. Personally I don't think this guy has enough headlights!



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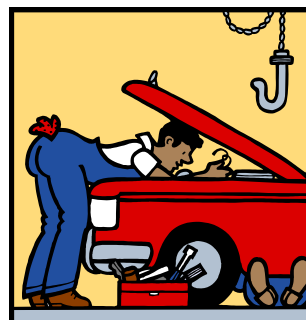


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