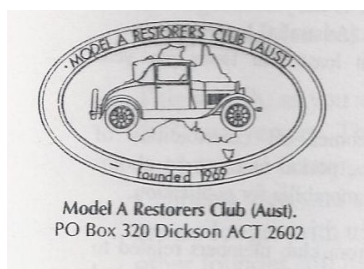




Model A News



November-December 2016

**WHISHING ALL OUR READERS A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, PROSPEROUS AND
HEALTHY 2017**

Club Meetings are normally held at 1930 on the first Thursday of each month with the exceptions of January, June and August at an address to be determined at the previous meeting. For details of forthcoming meetings and events please contact any member of the committee.



Member Paul Cunneen's AR Tourer cuts a lone figure against all the modern iron at the Queanbeyan all American day on Sunday 20th November 2016

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The Model A Restorers Club (Australia) Inc.
Was founded in 1969 in Canberra. The club
has hosted four National Meets in 1972, 1975,
1978 and 1998. Members possess a wide variety
of Model A Fords including examples of
Phaeton, Roadster, Sedan Delivery, Sports
Coupe, Victoria etc. Australian-delivery
Model A Fords are of Canadian origin with
assembly of many body styles having been
undertaken in Australia.

Model A News is the journal of the Model A Restorers Club (Australia) Inc.

The editor welcomes all contributions of articles, anecdotes, period and current photos and associated memorabilia for publication.

Advertisements from club members related to cars or parts wanted or for sale are published free of charge and if desired will be reprinted in interstate exchange Model A club journals.

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The Club has awarded Life Membership for outstanding service to seven club members (in chronological order):

Ian Irwin O.A.M. (ACT, Founder)

Michael Livingstone (N.S.W. Deceased)

Kevin Churchill (Victoria)

Neil Phillips (South Australia)

Allen Stafford (ACT)

Jean McDonald (ACT)

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Honorary Members of MARC(Australia) Inc.
Gwen Livingstone

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The Model A Restorers Club (Australia) Inc. Is also able to approve other appropriate veteran or vintage vehicles owned by its club members for concessional registration.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well here we are almost at the end of 2016 with our November-December issue of Model A News. How time flies!

Firstly the death of member Larry Gee was a severe shock to us all and we will miss him greatly. Our thoughts are with his wife Pam and family.

The recent Queanbeyan Swap Meet proved to be a good social time meeting members from our club selling and looking for bargains. As usual, it was a great swap meet, although very hot.

Our Christmas run to Boorowa on Sunday 4th December should be great fun and looks to be a good turn out of members.

It seems Allen, David and Chris enjoyed the Motorclassica in Melbourne. See the interesting article and photographs on page 5.

The committee wishes all our members and friends all the best for Christmas and The New Year. Please drive carefully.

A Merry Christmas to all,

Regards,
Bill

In loving memory of

Larry John Gee

19 September 1951 to 11 October 2016



EDITORIAL.

I must apologise for not being able to attend the last meeting and the AGM. Unfortunately, I had to attend upon a doctor in Sydney on the following Friday, so I had to make my way there on the Thursday of the meeting. Hopefully I will be in attendance at the next meeting.

I would like to say how sad it was to hear of the sudden and unexpected death of Larry Gee. He was a prolific contributor to this magazine and I will miss his contributions. My personal condolences go to Pam and his family on this very sad occasion.

The run to Boorowa for our Christmas lunch is on Sunday 4th December. Jean will be advising meeting places and times and contacting members attending to assist with the catering.

I will be attending the Queanbeyan Swap Meet on November 19/20. You never know what you will come across at these country swaps. I am sure many of you will also be there.

Well I'm afraid folks I don't have much news for you this time, so I will say have a Happy and safe Christmas and I hope to see you all safe and sound in the New Year.

Until next time,
Allen.



Here is a photo of my sports coupe at Braidwood on its first run in late 1983
The number plate has since been changed to the more fashionable 030.

MOTORCLASSICA 2016.

On Saturday October 22 I was privileged to attend the Motorclassica display at the Exhibition Buildings in Melbourne. Dave and I had planned this trip since seeing it advertised last year. An arrangement was made with Chris to stay at his unit in Melbourne for the Friday and Saturday nights, thus saving us the accommodation costs. Although Chris's unit is small we were able to fit in and we both enjoyed the weekend.

Up early on the Saturday morning we travelled by public transport (train) into the city, then a short trip on the city tram system to the Exhibition Buildings. Actually I know these buildings from my navy days. We had a club in them called the White Ensign club that was for naval personnel only. . It was once used by sailors coming from HMAS Cerberus, the main training establishment in Australia. It was a low cost accommodation for sailors on leave in Melbourne up until the late '80's. The whole building has a long history and was the site of the first Commonwealth Government sittings before Parliament House was completed in 1927 in Canberra.

The entry fee to the Motorclassica was \$35 and \$30 for seniors. Of course I took advantage of this fact. The interior of this building is massive. As you can see, from the photo below, the halls are huge.



I was standing on the mezzanine floor above the main hall taking these pictures. . As you can see there is not many vintage (or veteran) vehicles visible. There was also a display outside near the new Melbourne Museum. Mainly locally produced vehicles, Ford, Holden, Austin and Morris to name a few.

David, Chris and myself braved the Melbourne weather, it rained and honestly it was colder than Canberra. However I must admit the displays were really great.

Henry Ford's quadricycle or a reproduction of it was on display and also a very nice 1903 Benz. A couple of photos of those vehicles appear on the next page.



Ford Quadricycle Replica



1903 Benz

Except for the weather, it was a great day. I'm sure that in the future the displays will be more widely spread and cover more years of motoring classics. On this occasion the main number of vehicles were Mercedes, Roll Royce and of course the exotic Italian vehicles. A 'roller' running gear appears below in a nice photo.



The Italian manufactures' were well represented. All being well, I hope to attend Motorclassica next year.

Allen Stafford

The following article has been copied from the July-August 1982 edition of Model A News and the photographs were taken at Yass. On page 11 is a recent photograph (thanks to member Gwen Livingstone) of participants Dottie Meyer and Bruce Davis together with the Meyer coupe which has been placed in the Model A section of the Gilmore Car Museum in the USA. As an aside, when Jean and I attended the joint MAFCA/MARC meet in Tacoma in 1994 with Sophia and Jim Notaras, we borrowed a roadster from Kurt Peterson for the mandatory run. Kurt used his "around the world" special delivery for this run and it was still sporting a Yass Car Club badge.

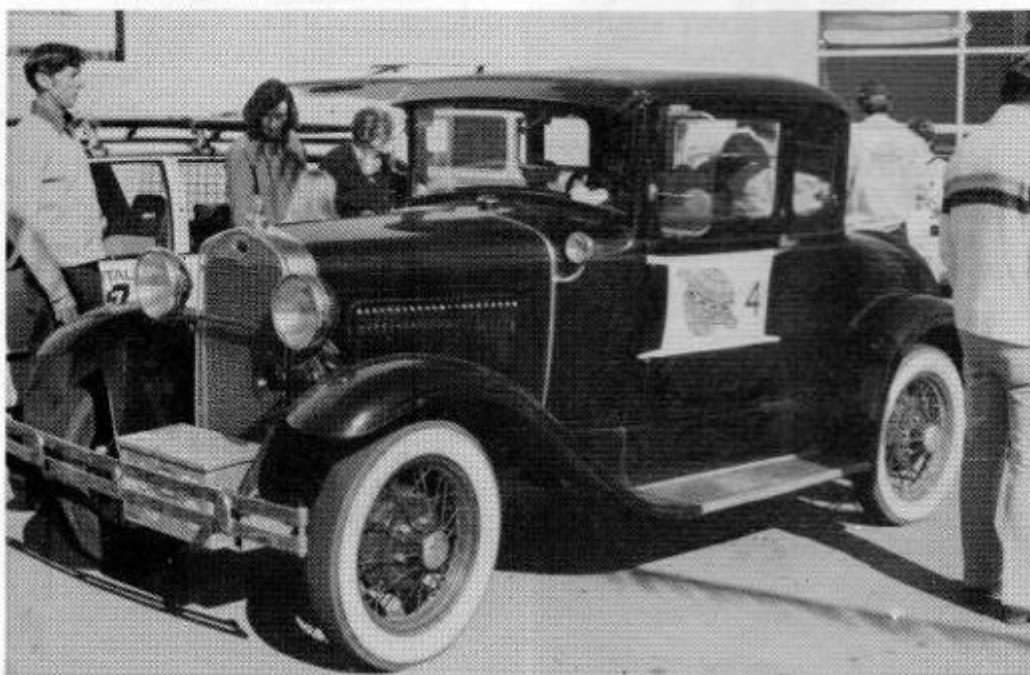
Bob McDonald

around the world *slightly more than* in *1* 80 days

Several months ago Australia played host to a collection of Model A Fords that were on a round the world tour. For the four cars, their owners and passengers, Australia formed the last leg of a journey that had taken them from America, to England and across to Europe. From there the cars ventured down to Egypt and across to India, finally arriving in Fremantle, W.A. in June of this year.

Organisation for the trip started many months ago with an expected roll-up of over 50 Model A's in America. The week before this epic journey was to start saw only 4 cars as firm starters, these being Bruce and Dianne Davis from Walnut Creek, California, with their 1931 Model 400 Convertible, Doc and Darlene Ingwersen in their 1931 Victoria from Downey, California, Bob and Dot Meyer from Cincinnati, Ohio and Kurt Peterson and Judi McMillan from Renton, Washington State in Kurt's 1931 Special Delivery. It must be noted that Judi joined the group at the last minute when Kurt's first passenger couldn't make it. To make things really interesting, none of the participants knew each other before the trip!

The cost of a trip such as this could only be described as very costly, so sponsors were approached to aid in meeting all expected costs. A total of 600 companies were contacted by mail to see if they would be interested in helping out with costs — 97% did not bother to answer the mail and the remaining 3% who did reply offered nothing. The only money they did manage to secure was by a chance meeting with one of the directors of Jim Beam Whiskey, who gave them \$1,500 per car and several bottles of Jim Beam (Collector Series Model A bottles) to have signed by all the Model A owners they met over the world.

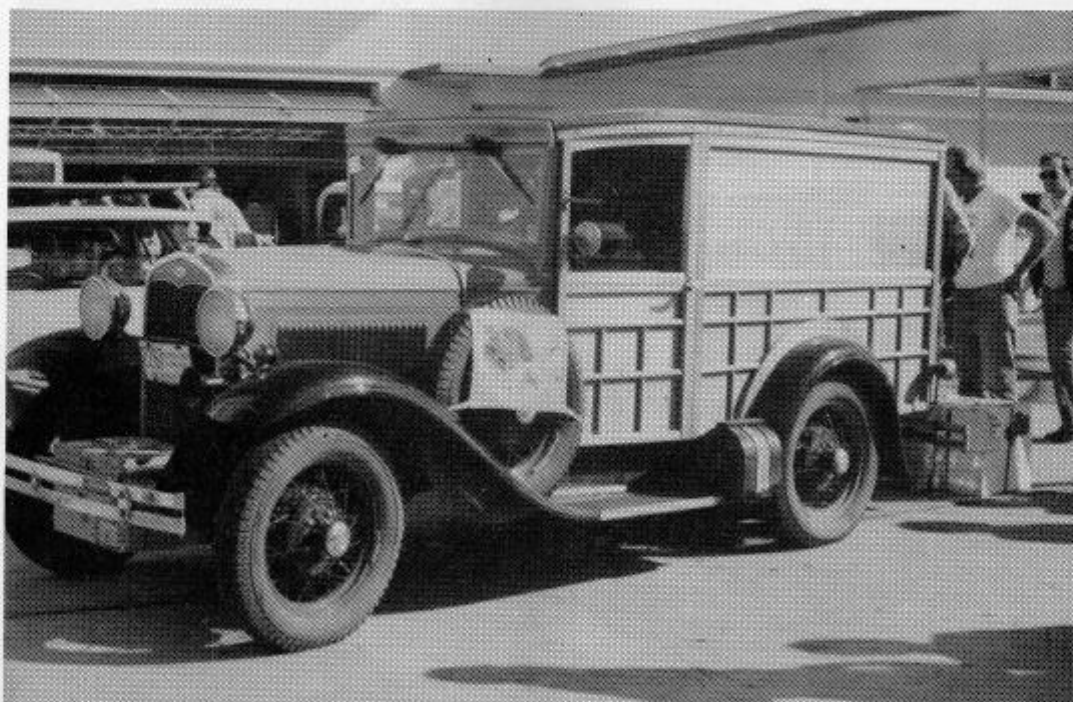


Bob and Dot Meyer's 1930 Coupe

The trip started in March on the 31st in Mineapolis then to Newark, New Jersey. All the cars were then shipped across to England in early April, with the owners flying across to London on the 3rd April.

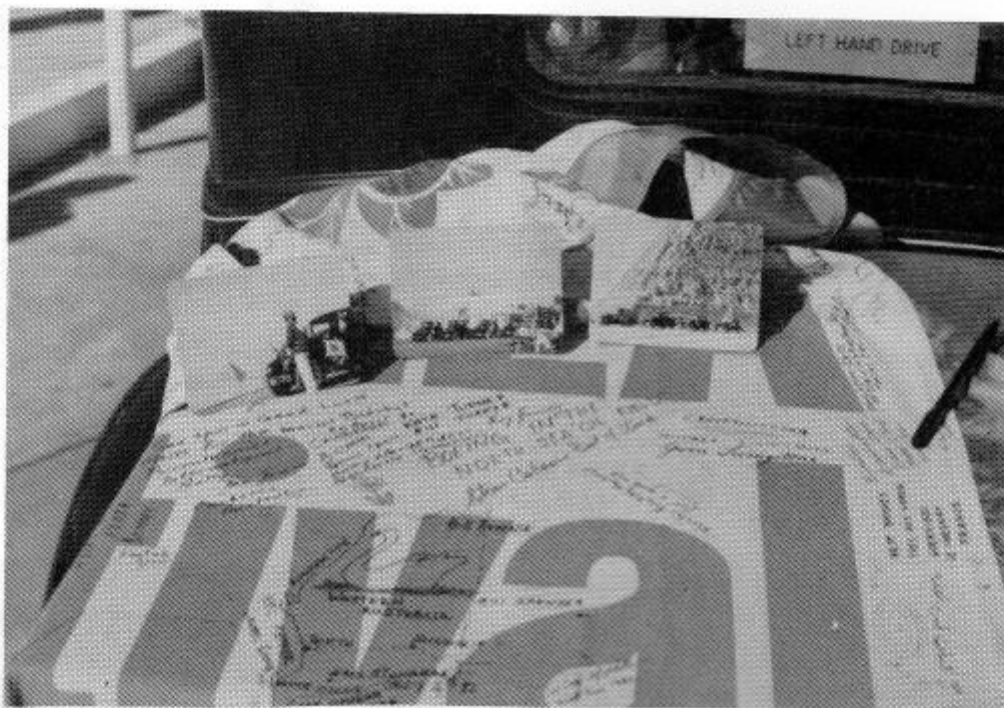
From April the 16th to May the 13th, the cars toured through Europe, taking a winding course through France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy and from there to Yugoslavia and down to Greece.

A drive through Turkey, Syria, Jordan, Israel and to Cairo brought them to the 21st of May. Due to a fault in the arrangements to ship the cars to India, the band of travellers nearly turned back at Cairo, however, things were sorted out and the cars were flown to Bombay. They couldn't drive across India so the cars were then shipped to Fremantle and the weary travellers spent some time in Singapore washing off the dust.



Kurt Peterson's 1931 Special Delivery.

Upon arriving in sunny Western Australia, they were met by members of the M.A.R.C. who took them under their wing and showed them around. Due to mix-ups in India, the travellers had to leave on the 6th so that the vehicle could be placed in quarantine in Sydney prior to their return to the 'States on the 13th July.

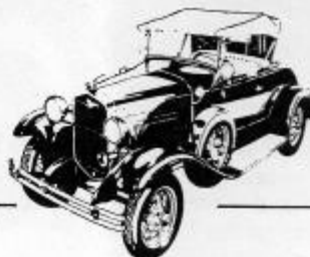


A large banner with some signatures of those they've met. If you look closely you should see Bill Bennie's. The photos are from the pyramids in Egypt.

Unfortunately Adelaide had to be skirted due to time constraints, which resulted in three different bunches of police stopping the vehicles after Neil Phillips contacted them to see if they had been spotted. Talk about being spotted! It turned out to be one of the most humorous things to happen to them on the trip across.

On Sunday the 11th the cars passed through Yass N.S.W. where they were met by the National President Bill Turner and this is where the photos were taken. From Yass they continued on their merry way till Berrima where Mal Bradley lay in wait for them. Mal kindly escorted them up to Sydney where a collection of cars from the N.S.W. Model A Ford Club were waiting to greet them.

That just about wrapped up the Australian leg of the journey and the owners and passengers had a couple of days of rest before joining their cars in San Francisco on the 14th for a drive to Mineapolis for the 1982 National Model A Meet on the 15th July. What a homecoming.



MORE ABOUT THE AROUND THE WORLD TOUR



Dottie Meyer and Bruce Davis



The Meyer Coupe 34 years on

CAN YOU RECOGNISE THIS MEMBER?



No it is not an alien from outer space but our own Rob Scott in his beekeeper's outfit tending his recently acquired beehive and colony of bees.

It is no ordinary hive, but the revolutionary "Flow Hive" developed by Australian father and son team Stuart and Cedar Anderson. It was the result of a decade of research and trial and error to come up with a system of harvesting honey that was less stressful for the bees– and the beekeeper.

By mid April this year some 20,000 kits had been ordered from more than 140 countries. Half as many kits again have been ordered via their online shop, and in something of a minor miracle, Stuart and Cedar and a small, but deeply committed team is managing to pull it off.

Another first for Australian ingenuity.

PS Rob tells us that the honey tastes great.

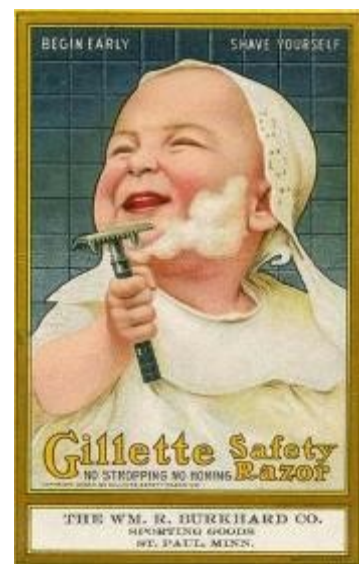
FUNNY THING THAT!

Two old women were outside their nursing home having a smoke when it started to rain. One pulled out a condom, cut the end off, slipped it over her cigarette and continued smoking. 'What's that?' asked her friend. 'A condom, this way my cigarette doesn't get wet.' 'Where did you get it?' 'You can get them at any chemist'. Her friend replied. The next day she hobbled into the local chemist and asked for a box of condoms. The pharmacist, a little embarrassed, looked at her strangely - after all she was over 80 years old - very delicately asked what brand she preferred. 'Doesn't matter son, as long as it fits a Camel!'

One afternoon a lawyer was riding in his large limousine when he saw two men along the roadside eating grass. Disturbed, he ordered his driver to stop and got out to investigate. He asked one man, 'Why are you eating grass?' 'We have no money for food, so we have to eat grass.' He replied. 'You can come with me to my house and I will feed you' the lawyer said. 'But sir, I have a wife and two children, they are under that tree over there'. 'Well then, bring them along'. The lawyer replied. Turning to the other man, he said, 'You may come with us also'. The second man, in a pitiful voice said, 'But sir I also have a wife and six children with me'. 'Bring them all as well.' The lawyer answered. They all piled into the limousine, which wasn't easy, even for his big car. Once under way, one of the men turned to the lawyer and said, 'Sir, you are too kind. Thank you for taking us all in.' the lawyer replied, 'Glad to do it, you will really love my place, the grass is almost a foot high!' 'C'mon you really didn't think there was such a thing as a heart warming lawyer story?'

A guy is walking along the beach when he comes across a lamp partially buried in the sand. He picks up the lamp and gives it a rub. A genie appears and tells him he has been granted one wish. The guy thinks for a moment and then says, 'I want to live forever.' 'Sorry,' said the genie, 'I'm not allowed to grant eternal life.' 'OK then I want to die after Labors' next government when they balance the budget and eliminates debt.' 'You crafty bugger,' says the genie.

Here are a couple of old ads that may raise your eyebrows.



Much of the content on these pages came from Larry Gee. I will miss his input greatly. Smooth motoring mate, we will be thinking of you.

Allen

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

WANTED. Articles, matters of interest, technical notes and any other material that may be of interest to members of this and any other Model A Ford club. All material gratefully accepted. Please contact the Editor MARC (Aust) Inc.

From New Zealand

“The Complete Model ‘A’ Ford Restoration Manual”.

Now 435 pages. Every page in colour. Covers all years of Model ‘A’ Restoration. Can be purchased from Amazon Books, E-bay, or most USA Model ‘A’ Parts Suppliers. A very limited supply of some books are available from the author, Les Pearson in New

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Contact: modelabooks@extra.co.nz



Also available from the same source are:.

"THE RIGHT HAND DRIVE MODEL 'A' FORD"

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"MODEL 'A' FORD HOUDAILLE HYDRAULIC SUSPENSION"

Wanted: Model ‘A’ Ford 28/29 Phaeton or Tudor. Must be in good roadworthy condition.

Contact: Les Pearson (New Zealand) at lespearson@xtra.co.nz or tel: 0064 3 528 7924

From NSW:

For Sale: 1928 model A Ford ute. *Barn find.* Kurnell, \$15,000 Call Steven Eames 0439446310

Wanted: Differential complete please Contact Ian de Beuzeville on 6352-3489 or 0448-529-482

Wanted: Owen- Dyneto electric windscreen wiper motor Model No. OD-C3 or any associated parts. Contact Bill Brice 0414 22 88 41.

Wanted: 1929 Model A Tudor, in reasonable condition, call David Cox 02 9743 5955

Wanted: 1930 Model A roadster in good condition. Eddy Tabone (02) 9636 7776 (M) 0412 663 608

Services: Model A Ford White Metal Bearings - if needed *call Dean, Dean Repairs* 0401767761

MARKET PLACE

Please send "For Sale" & "Wanted" ads to Paul Daley by:
(i) mail to 112 Croydon Road Surrey Hills 3127 or (ii) by email
pauld@newlitho.com.au.

For Sale and Wanted ads are free to Members and will appear for two (2) issues of "Ford Torque". (Wanted ads may run longer depending on space availability.) If you sell your vehicle/ parts or find the elusive part you are looking for, please notify the Editor at pauld@newlitho.com.au.

Members can check the Model A Ford Club NSW website in Buy & Sell, for their latest news.

FOR SALE

1928 AR Tourer

Vehicles hood, side curtains and upholstery are in excellent condition. Upholstery is moulted brown. The guards, valances and hood are black with the main body creamy white. Vehicle has been standing on blocks for approximately four years. Vehicle was a good runner when parked comes with spare engine and gearbox and 4 new tyres. Tyres on the car are useable. Price: \$17,500 ono. Vehicle is located at Payneham.



Contact Rick on 08 8336 2861 or 0411 022 983

9/16

For Sale:

28-29 Chassis - all original \$1000, Centre cross member \$25, Pair rear guards (no rust) \$400, Pair front guards (no rust) \$400, 30-31 front bumper & splash tray bolts (4) \$20, 30 Coupe rear window frame & parcel shelf \$30, 28-29 rear bumper irons \$35, 28-29 headlamp shells (pair) \$40, 30 black headlamp shells (pair) \$30, Pitman arm (good) \$20, Modern starter drive (new) \$25, Set generator field coils (new) \$40, A generator cut out A 10505F diode (new) \$25, Distributor parts all new: Body \$15, Bushes \$1 each, Rotor \$4, Lower shaft \$5, Plug connectors \$4 set

Wal Martin 5786 1667 (H) 9467 1464 (W)

7/16

1930 A Model Ford Fordor Town Sedan

Chassis & wheels restored & repainted. Body & motor to be restored - in original condition. Totally dismantled. Been undercover for the past 20 years. Vehicle located in Tasmania. Reasonable offers considered.

Contact: Gary 0407 435 129

7/16



Model A inlet manifold, modified to use a 3 bolt Ford V8 carby downdraft. \$65. Ray Gillson 03 9723 1969

11/15



For Sale: 1929 Tourer, older restoration but still in good order. Drives well and has been a good long distance cruiser. Travels well between 45-50 m.p.h., towing a camper trailer. Good top and side curtains. Selling only because of space issues and too many toys.

Asking \$22,000 Reg No. XKR 929 Contact Jim Goddard on (08) 8377 2388 or 0414 804 255 Or email jimgoddard@bigpond.com. Can send photos if required.

5/16



FOR SALE-- 1930 5 window Coupe - three tone colours black mudguards, chicle drab main body, light green grey upper body. Stone guard, quail, trunk rack plus box and cover, nice LeBaron Bonney upholstery. 12 volt FS Electronic ign. Leakless water pump, overall

appearance condition excellent. Left hand drive personal import, historically registered in South Australia for the last four years, drive it anywhere. \$27,000 negotiable. Contact Bill Blackwood 0416 179 995.

5/16

MUFFLERS

The Model A Club of SA is making Model A mufflers to order. It is now necessary to send these via carriers (too large for Australia Post).

To order please contact Margaret Mudge on 08 8277 6182 or email rmjmudge@bigpond.com

FLOOR MATS

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SWAP

SWAP

5 X 21" Firestone tyres & tubes for 5 X 19" tyres & tubes Moyle Bunworth (03) 5330 3480 or 0417 556 694

10/16

WANTED

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Complete rear end - diff etc, for auto Star Model Ford 58/59 (tin hat) Tony Howard (03) 5985 1930 or 0416 094 193

10/16

Wanted: I have a 1928 model A with a mulit plated clutch. It is all complete, going and on the road but I would like to get some spare parts just incase. Does anybody have some spares relating to the multi plated clutch model they would like to sell. The type of parts I'm looking for are: clutch parts, gearbox input shaft, starter motor etc.

Contact Barry Murfett 0403 352 753.

7/16

From the ACT:

Wanted:

Pair of cathedral windows for Model A rear guards (originals preferred)

Contact Allen Stafford (02) 62413360 or 0417 043 102

Model A parts Sale! Old age has finally caught up. Final sale of my stock of East Coast Antique. A list is available including another list of used parts.

I am offering a 20% discount on all orders over \$200.

Parts have already been discounted, some items lower than U.S. prices.

Send me a stamp-addressed business size envelope to **Alan Crouch, P.O. Box 5102 Elanora Heights NSW 2101**

For Sale: 1929 Ford Model A Roadster. Fully restored with all new components. It is an all steel body as in US models—no wood in the frame, only wood is the front floor. Does need a little tinkering as it has been stored for a couple of years. Possible stuck valve and may need new points. I will include a rebuild kit for the distributor. It does run very well and is very reliable. It has club rego, but is not transferable. Garaged near Boorowa NSW. Price \$27,500

Alan Crouch, Mob: 0407 218 149



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Price \$17,500ono

Vehicle is located at Payneham, Sth Australia.



WANTED

- 1930 front crossmember will consider 1929 but prefer 1930. **Contact Graham Johnson 0418 830 091.**
- 21" Wheels to suit an early Model A. **Contact Alex Robinson on 0402 965 154.**

MARC (AUST) EVENTS CALENDAR 2016/17

04	December	MARC(Aust) Christmas run to Boorowa to meet up with Cowra members
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04	December	Terribly British Day
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05	February	Michael Livingstone memorial run to Jugiong Park
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12	March	Wheels 2017—Treasury Car Parks
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02	April	Auto Italia—Lawns of Old Parliament House
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