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Model A Restorers Club of Western Australia, Inc.



NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Paul Kelly

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Well, for all of you who missed the end of year/ Christmas event at the motor museum, you missed a fantastic gathering. The stellar committee of Ron Andrews, Daniel Pinnington and Toni Mahony organised the event. They are to be congratulated for the fantastic organisation and contributions to one of the best ever Christmas



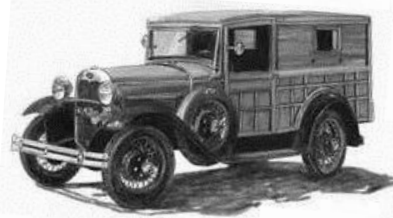
events. The concept of pre-dinner drinks and a fantastic festive environment all contributed to a relaxed and convivial atmosphere in the room. The Ford shortbread and associated trinkets and the appearance of Santa was fantastic. When these events are held in such a great spirit and with tremendous volunteerism we can be assured the Club is in a healthy state. An immense thank you on behalf of the club.

Since the last newsletter, the Rally Committee has met, and things are progressing well. The number of expressions of interest received has been outstanding, and of course the first newsletter has been distributed. There has been great progress with the City of Albany, and we now have the full support of the Council, and engagement by the Mayor (who agreed to open the Rally).

With interest received for the Rally, a tip for local club members is to book accommodation early. Word from the City of Albany is accommodation will be at a premium for most of the year as they have just released the calendar of events for the bicentenary year. The first Rally newsletter has been distributed to those who have completed an expression of interest form. Registration forms will be available early in 2026. Please complete and return as soon as possible.

Sponsorship is going well. Major sponsors are Yesteryear Garage (still on sale!), Early Ford Parts (Dave Slater who donated a Mitchell gearbox to raffle) and Henry's Model T & A Parts who have agreed to donate numerous highly prized items. Please support these major

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sponsors, as they have been very generous in their support.

Finally, thank you for your support of the Club over the last 12 months. We have a big year ahead, let us not forget to meet, enjoy runs, hospitality and each other's company during 2026. I wish you all a happy and safe Xmas period and looking forward to catching up for the 2026.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

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Fill-in editor needed next year: Due to the Steer holiday plans for next year, we won't be around at the beginning of May nor September. So, if you feel the urge to try your hand at producing a newsletter, join the queue, otherwise there will be two newsletters less next year.

Your editor is **still looking for newsletter content**, eg photos for the cover page, Out & About in your Model A, Shed Activities, details of Model A's in WA being bought or sold, *any* stories (new or old) related to Model A's.

GERRY'S CAR IS FAMOUS!

Ian Steer

Gerry ten Bokkel recently took his Model A into Tyrepower in Kewdale to have tyres fitted to his new (fresh-off-the-boat from the US) wheels. Gerry's car is so special, it got its own video made of it - click [here](#) to view the video.

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EVENTS COORDINATOR

Dean Roberts

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December

Event: MARC WA Bunnings Sausage Sizzle (National Meet fund-raiser)
Date: Sunday December 7th
Time: All day
Location: Bunnings Claremont (cnr Stirling Hwy & Leura St)
Details: Volunteers needed. You don't need to stay all day but a couple of hours would be great. Please contact Toni Mahony to secure your timeslot - ph. 0438 290 448 or toni.mahony@outlook.com
Organiser: Toni Mahony

Event: MARC WA Bunnings Sausage Sizzle (National Meet fund-raiser)
Date: Sunday December 14th
Time: All day
Location: Bunnings Claremont (cnr Stirling Hwy & Leura St)
Details: Volunteers needed. You don't need to stay all day but a couple of hours would be great. Please contact Toni Mahony to secure your timeslot - ph. 0438 290 448 or toni.mahony@outlook.com
Organiser: Toni Mahony

January

Event: MARC WA Club Run
Date: Sunday 18th January
Time: 10:30am
Location: under the big tree near the Azelia Ley Museum – Manning Park – Azelia Rd, Hamilton Hill
Details: Morning tea, club meeting and then lunch
Organiser: Anne Steer

February

Event: MARC WA Breakfast Meeting
Date: Sunday 22nd February
Time: 7:00 am
Location: Point Reserve, Bassendean
Details: Bring your own breakfast ingredients, barbeques available, meeting to follow
Organisers: Anthony & Debbie Gilberthorpe

March

Event: Classic Car Show
Date: Sunday 29th March
Location: Robinson Park, Tuart Hill
Details: tba

EVENTS COORDINATOR (CONT)

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October

Event: 29th National Meet

Date: Sunday 18th - Sat 24th October

Location: Albany, West Australia

Details: Get your [Early Bird Entry Form](#) in, and get your accommodation booked NOW. Refer to the National Meet [web page](#) and [Facebook page](#)

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)

REGISTRAR'S COMMENTS

Ray Mahony

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Thank you to those who have paid their membership fees nice and early. To date, I have received 34 renewals and renewal forms. Hopefully the remaining members will get their membership renewed on time, so that there will be no difficulty with licences.

REMEMBER FEES ARE DUE BY THE 31st DECEMBER

There is no 'grace period' allowed by the Department of Transport. If your fees are not paid by the due date, your concessional licence is deemed invalid until the difference in fees between the concessional licence and a full licence is paid. Until this difference in fee is paid, you will not be allowed to use the vehicle. It is also possible that your vehicle will need to be examined before re-registration.

VALE RAY ABBOTT

Ray Mahony

Although not a member of The Model A Restorer's club, many of our club members got to know Ray through his workshop. Ray owned and operated Abbott's Engine Reconditioning business in Bayswater for many years. Ray was a bit of a character in his own right; it was not uncommon for Ray to invite a customer into his office and offer a beer from the fridge, then sit and drink said beer while discussing the customer's needs. Ray will be missed by many in vintage/classic car movement and indeed by the Automotive Industry. Ray passed away on the 20th October.

Ray was also a very generous contributor to the club over many years. As well as paying for his annual advertising, Ray would donate another \$400 each year.

HUBLEY RACING

Germaine Jeffree

Saturday 8 November 2025 at the Jeffree (Senior) Residence

Not as many members as in past years, but the pit paddock of Hubleys was still enough to run several races.

With the sun shining, we had to improvise with setting up a shade sail over the finish line so the electronic timing would work (refer photo below).

Racing started about 5pm after many test drives and tuning attempts.

Heats were all well contested with John Moorehead declared our winner for 2025 and maintaining the Hubley "Crown" once again. At the end of the race, John and Helen Moorehead declared it was time to pass their "winning" Hubley on to the next generation of Model A'ers (Jeffree/Wringe kids). A generous gesture and the kids will be proud to wave the flag in honour of the Mooreheads at the next Hubley Race.

After the race, we had a brief meeting with Dean Roberts filling the President's Chair (as Paul Kelly was on a plane somewhere), and Germaine Jeffree wearing the Secretary's hat (as Andrae Moore was busy surprising her brother at his 50th birthday in London).

We fired up the BBQs and enjoyed a fabulous dinner with an array of salads provided by the Jeffree clan, followed by the infamous desserts (I think this is the real reason most people come to this event!)

Thanks to everyone who attended and to Allan and Edith for hosting once again. We look forward to seeing the Hubleys in action at the 2026 National Meet.



John Moorehead with his trophy



Crowd gathering in anticipation of the first race

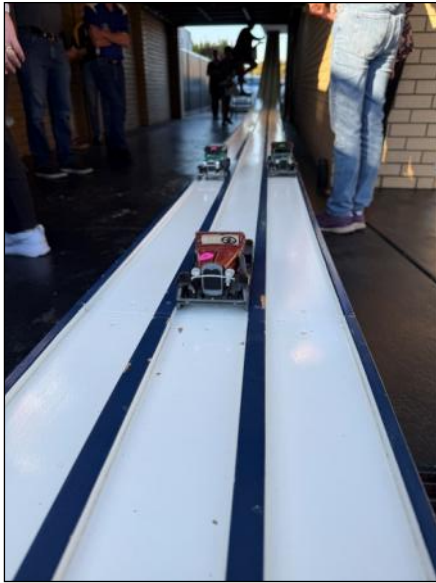


Cara Jeffree performing starter's duty

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HUBLEY RACING (CONT)

Germaine Jeffree



Hubley action



The cooks !



Members deep in conversation



Shade sail over the finish line

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Ian Steer

The annual end of year / Christmas lunch had a completely new look this year - new venue, and new catering. The lunch was held at the RAC Room at the Whiteman Park Motor Museum. It was just the right size, with lots of motoring memorabilia on all the walls. Pre-lunch drinks were outside in the courtyard under the MARC gazebo (only interrupted a couple of times by exhaust fumes from an engine-starting demonstration inside!). Lunch was provided by the ladies from the Midland CWA - and lovely food it was - and no-one went home hungry!

Your editor and sub-editor vote for a repeat next year.



President Paul Kelly addresses the gathering



Members trying to get in the shade for pre-lunch drinks



Father Christmas made an appearance



The buffet lunch



Treasurer Germaine Jeffree being thanked by Paul Kelly



Paul Kelly shows his appreciation to Secretary Andrae Moore

CHRISTMAS LUNCH (CONT)

Ian Steer



OUT & ABOUT IN YOUR MODEL A

Ian Steer

Anne and I took our car to the Woodloes Homestead Open Day. Woodloes Homestead is a historic homestead located on the banks of the Canning River very close to the intersection of Nicholson Rd and Albany Hwy in Cannington. It was built in 1874 by Francis Bird (of the Mason and Bird timber mills). Francis later owned Strawberry Hill farm in Albany and also became the Government Architect.



MARC WA LONG "SERVICE" MILESTONES

The following members have reached these significant membership milestones in 2025:

45 Years: Founding members Coral Blewett (Life Member), Linda Kirkwood, Ray and Toni Mahony (Life Members), Kelvin and Kath Pepper

40 Years: Alan and Gail Duns, Allan and Edith Jeffree (Life Members)

35 Years: Beth Martin, Chris and Leanne Wringe

30 Years: Tom and Georgina Hart, Hans and Glenda Hurij, John and Helen Moorehead

25 Years: Matthew White

20 Years: John and Kaye Cook, Anthony Gilberthorpe, John and Sue Watson

15 Years: Wes Hartley, Beverley Biggs

QUICK MEMBER SURVEY

Ian Steer

1. What is the shortest interval you have experienced between banging your head twice on your car's wing mirror? (Your editor is laying claim to under 60 seconds)

NATIONAL MEET - ALBANY 2026

Andrae Moore (Rally Director)

The rally committee is still working hard organising runs and details of the rally. More meetings were held in Albany with the CEO, Mayor, Director of the Bicentennial celebrations, city planning staff and Chamber of Commerce. They were great meetings, and they are very supportive of our event.

The first National Meet newsletter was sent out recently, with accommodation options included. If you are planning on attending the National Rally in October 2026, I highly recommend you book your accommodation NOW! Albany is a very popular place and it will become difficult if left too long. (We know of eastern states visitors already booking bulk rooms/chalets at some accommodation venues.)

We would also like to thank Cara Jeffree for her work with the rally artwork. Our badge, number plates and merchandise are looking fantastic. I think you will be very impressed with her work.

Containers for Change and scrap metal fundraising are ongoing.

There will be two sausage sizzles this month to raise funds. Sunday 7th, and Sunday 14th December at Claremont Bunnings. Please let Toni Mahony know if you can lend a few hours to help.

Many hands might light work and the more funds we raise now, the cheaper for attendees and the better rally we can create.

320 days till the start of the 2026 National Rally!!!

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Proudly sponsored by Henry's Model T & A Parts, Yesteryear Garage and Parts, and Early Ford Parts

WA MODEL A'S

Ron Andrews

There seems to be no shortage of Model A's hiding in WA. This van is a local car, with old Wyalkatchem number plates.

If anyone has any information on the van, let me know and I'll pass it on to the owner.



TECHNICAL TIP

ENGINE VIBRATION

Despite perfect balance, even if you have an A engine counter-weighted and built to Formula 1 or NASCAR standards, it will vibrate - and excessively so at certain harmonic RPM points. Why? There are several key issues, addressed in later, inline four cylinder engine designs and chassis builds, as automotive engineering knowledge progressed:

- 1) Due to unequal piston velocity and loading profiles during each of the four cycles (intake, compression, power, exhaust) no inline four cylinder design engine is balanced at all RPMs and power (throttle, torque) levels.
- 2) It was learned that offset pistons and/or rods, although yielding more torque out, add to the vibration. A's are offset 0.125".
- 3) It was learned that strokes shorter than the bore reduce vibration. A's have longer strokes than bores.
- 4) It was learned that higher compression made for stronger peaks in the torque, resulting in more vibrations. Most A's now sport increased compression.
- 5) It was learned that a mathematical relationship between the above, and con-rod length affects vibration. A's flunk that maths test.
- 6) It was learned that a harmonic balancer at the front of the crank reduces secondary 'ringing' of the crank. A's do not have one.
- 7) It was learned that specific, controlled ignition advance profiles, coupled with matched camshaft design (engine breathing timing) reduce vibration. Not on A's.
- 8) It was learned that the inherent inline four cylinder vibrations could be controlled in established driving RPMs by adding an opposite, out of balance counter-shaft either geared or chained to the crank. A's have no counter-shaft.
- 9) There are other points, like what category of vibrations are addressed and mitigated to heat energy, by correctly designed and placed elastomer engine and drive train mounts and components. A's? No way! Float-A-Motor's add a crude elastomer, but not everywhere, and not necessarily in the correct physical place in the drive-train.
- 10) Modern cars have vibration dampening/absorbing components that, unlike springs, convert mechanical vibration energy into heat energy. They are in floor-pans, seats, steering, pedals, suspension, just about everything. A's are pretty much bolted solid.

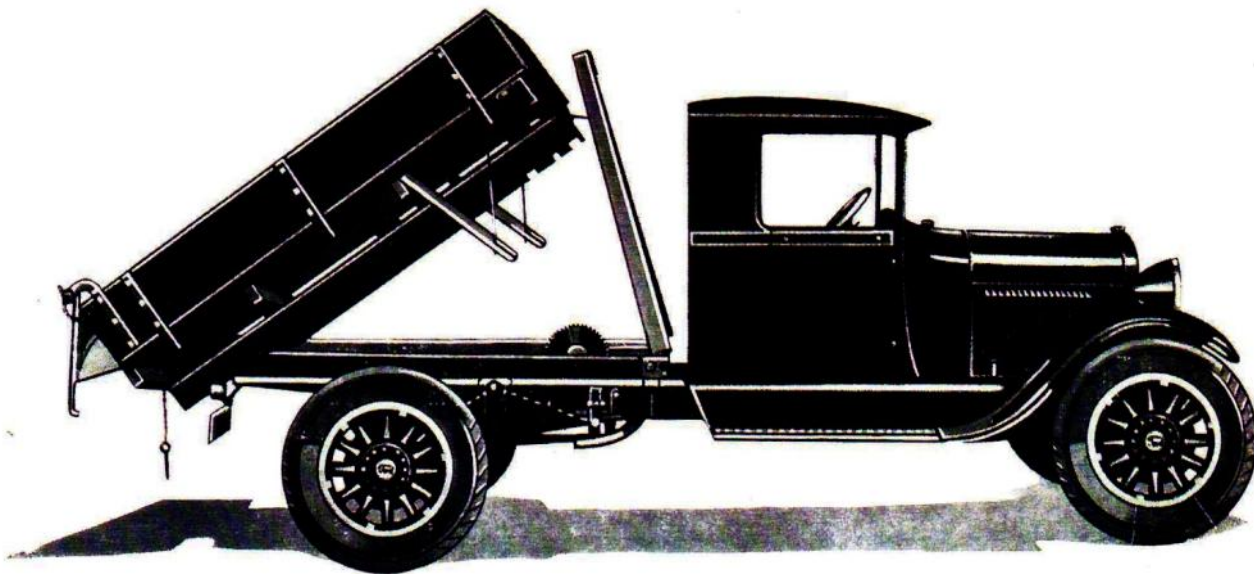
Bottom line, have fun blaming everything under the sun for vibrations and claiming only Henry had perfect balance, but those are all just stories to tell.

The A is what it is, a moment in automotive design history, now owned and preserved by YOU. Embrace it and enjoy. Unplug your massage chair and drive the Model A!

From the Santa Clara Chapter MAFCA (as appeared in "Going Places, Columbus, Indiana)

BOLTON'S BODY CATALOGUE

Courtesy of Ron Andrews



TYPE No. 560.—FORD 30 Cwt. WOODEN TIPPING TRUCK

(Full particulars overleaf)

[[FORD TRUCKS INCREASE THE CONTRACTOR'S PROFIT]]

TYPE No. 560.—FORD 30 Cwt. WOODEN TIPPING TRUCK

This Truck has the advantage of being useful as an ordinary dropside truck when not required for tipping purposes. The body is constructed of well-seasoned hardwood with steel protections of ample strength for service on heavy haulage work. It has been designed in such a manner that it is no higher from the ground than a standard platform truck.

The mechanical hand hoist is constructed so that all parts are **under** the body, permitting the platform to come within four inches of the cab. This minimises undue overhang at rear.

The tailboard is hinged both top and bottom and a special spreading attachment is fitted. The illustration on the preceding page shows the action of the tailboard when the body is tipped and illustrates clearly that a full tip is obtained. Sideboards and tailboard are removable, allowing the model to be used as a platform truck when necessary.

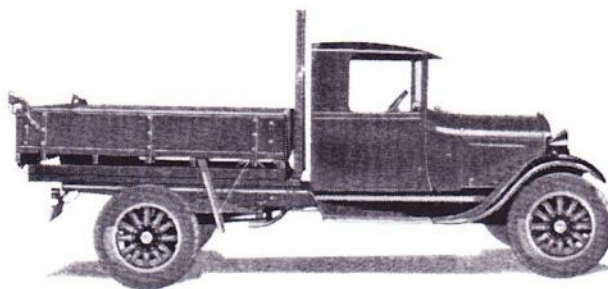
LOADING SPACE—

Length, 84 in.

Width, 72 in.

HEIGHT OF SIDES, 12 in.

CAPACITY, 1½ cubic yards



The small illustration shows the Tipping Body in lowered position.

[[CRANKSHAFT STATICALLY AND DYNAMICALLY BALANCED]]

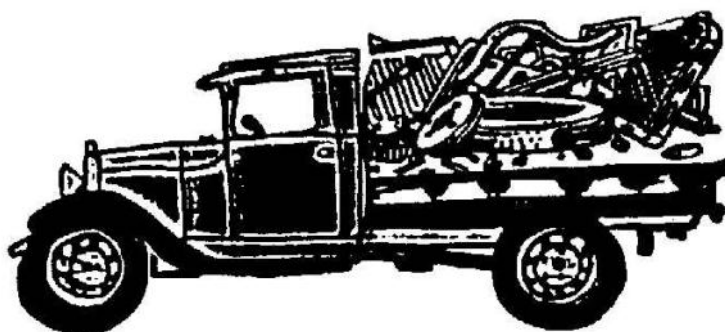
MARC DEC ACTIVITIES IN YEARS GONE BY

10 Years Ago: Report on a Misko-organised run to visit Fiora Machinery in Cannington, and the home of the Metcalf family where there were plenty of restored vehicles, car projects and motoring memorabilia on display. Description by Horace Misko of his experience having his 1930 Phaeton used by a film crew. Tale of Kerry McPharlin's 1928 Phaeton restoration (now on the website)

20 Years Ago: Credits to Dora Annear for another well-organised Christmas function (at what looked from the photographs to be the Mosman Park Bowling Club). Allan Jeffree's great write-up of a trip by 4 Model A's to Tasmania (Jeffrees, Hurijs, Newtons and Wards)

30 Years Ago: Allan Jeffree noted that 7 club cars attended the All Ford Day. New members **Hans and Glenda Hurij**, and **John and Helen Moorehead** were welcomed to the club.

40 Years Ago: The Christmas evening at the Merlin Bistro was sold-out (45 people). Fourteen Model A's attended a run to Caversham Wildlife Park (along with 40,000 flies).



EARLY FORD PARTS



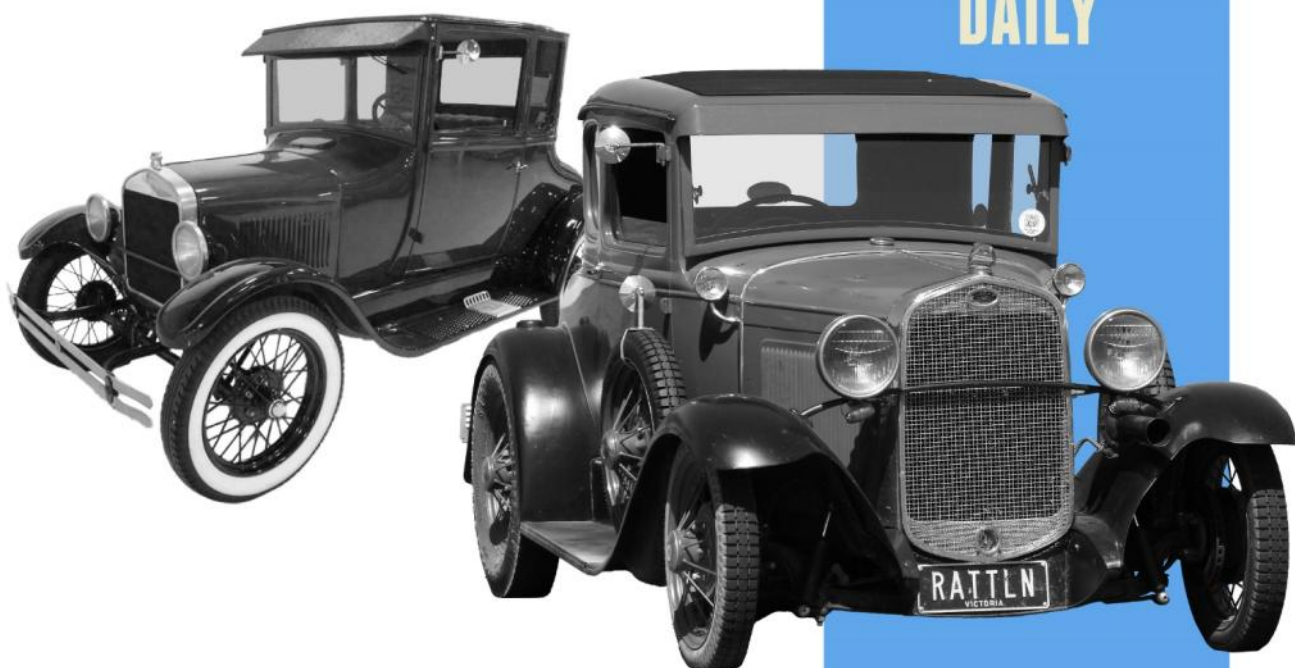
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