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Model A Restorers Club of Western Australia, Inc.



NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Paul Kelly

[\(president@modelafordclub.com.au\)](mailto:president@modelafordclub.com.au)

The recently elected Executive Committee met in Mt Helena for the first time since being elected at the AGM held in August. We discovered that we have wide representation across the metropolitan area from Mosman Park to Mt Helena and Yanchep!!! Unfortunately Brett was an apology due to illness (since fully recovered) and Germaine was on-line. It was great to get together and appreciate each other's views on the club, and recognising our responsibility of supporting the National Rally Committee in any way we can to ensure the rally is a success.



We decided there would be a quick club meeting at the Hubley night to agree to a special membership for non-WA club members to become club members as part of their registration. Dean will chair the meeting and explain the background. (unfortunately I have a commitment in Melbourne)

It was a shame that our Gymkhana event was cancelled, but having attended the hastily-organised alternative at the Mount Helena Tavern, and experienced a couple of the substantial downpours, it was definitely the right decision. It would have been dangerous and uncomfortable.... and the tavern lunch and company was fantastic.

Don't forget the MARCWA End of Year Function - get your \$\$ deposited ASAP (cut-off is November 15th). I transported the wine (donated by Brett Pollock and myself) - handing it over to our trusty secretary for the event. Darren Jeffree has kindly donated some beer - so pre-dinner drinks are organised.

Brett and I are heading to Albany at the end of October to sort out some runs for the National Rally. While there, we are meeting with the President of the local VCCC to pick his brains, and tap into local knowledge about some great optional runs with a bit of variety.



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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Ian Steer

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Numbers at Club Events The club seems to be having increasing trouble in attracting people and cars to our club events. Of course, some of our previously stalwart, event-attending members are getting older and less mobile, and a number have sold their Model A's for classics that are easier to drive. We all need to think about what sort of events we like attending (and those we're not so keen on). Ideally of course, you would think of an event you like attending - and then volunteer to go and organise one - but people just being willing to come along is equally vital to the success of a run.

Maybe we need a member survey to collect everyone's thoughts and opinions?

Newsletter Content On a similar theme, I have tried a few new things in the newsletter, but am in the dark about how they have been received (the information flow is one-way - me-to-you). For example, I seem to be the only one that writes in the "Member's Shed Activities" - does this mean people aren't interested, and hence don't think anyone would be interested in their stories either?

I would love to get your feedback on what parts of the newsletter you like, and what bits you're not fussed about—or new content you'd like to see. All comments welcome - positive or negative.

(For example: "Activities in Years Gone By", "Out and About in Your Model A", "Member's Shed Activities", "Technical Tips", "Model A Comings and Goings", old, period information, ads etc - anything else at all ???)

Reminders

1. **End of Year / Christmas lunch:** Get your money in now (see page 6 for details - also, the treasurer will be able to take EFTPOS payments at the Hubley event)
2. **Hubley Racing:** Please RVSP to Edith Jeffree on 0435 422 653 or ejjeffree@bigpond.com

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MARC WA Life Members: Bill & Mavis Spencer (1987), Max & Dora Annear (2000), Ray & Toni Mahony (2004), Barrie & Gwen Guest (2006), Reg & Coral Blewett (2020), Alan & Edith Jeffree (2020), Steve Read (2020), John Moorehead (2023)

EVENTS COORDINATOR

Dean Roberts

(events@modelafordclub.com.au)

November

Event: MARCWA Hubley Racing & Meeting
Date: Saturday 8th November
Time: From 4pm, racing starts at 5pm, BBQ & meeting at 6pm
Location: Jeffree (Senior) residence at 95 Boulton St, Dianella
Details: BYO BBQ meat, chairs and drinks. Salads & desserts provided.
Please RSVP to Edith Jeffree on 0435 422 653 or ejjeffree@bigpond.com

Event: MARCWA End of Year Function
Date: Sunday 30th November
Time: 11:30 for drinks, lunch at 12 noon
Location: RAC Room at the Motor Museum
Details: \$45 for members, \$50 for non-members (includes pre-dinner drinks & Motor Museum entry).
BYO drinks. Tea & coffee will be available. See page 6 for more information.

Get your payments in NOW

Organisers: Ron Andrews, Daniel Pinnington, 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: Bassendean (exact location to be confirmed)
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

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)

GYMKHANA 2025

Andrae Moore

In the lead-up to the Annual Gymkhana, the weather forecast did not look promising. This year, we weren't worried about fire danger ratings or potential Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans — instead, our concern was the rain and just how green (and soft) the paddock grass had become.

With three days to go, the decision was made to postpone the event, as rain was forecast and the paddock would have been far too slippery for our thin-wheeled vehicles.

Instead, lunch was arranged at the Mount Helena Tavern for those who still wished to gather. Ten members and guests attended, along with four Model As, and a lovely lunch was enjoyed by all with plenty of jovial conversation.

Sure enough, it rained for most of the day in Mount Helena, proving it was a wise decision after-all. Hopefully, there will be an opportunity to hold the Gymkhana early in Autumn 2026.

Thank you to all that attended. Fingers crossed for next year.

(Editor's note: I did feel out of place without a long, grey beard in the public bar when getting drinks!)



The cars in the Mt Helena Tavern car park



Old photo in the tavern showing a Model A Phaeton



Members ready for lunch



Window view of the tavern's (wet) outdoor area

MARC END OF YEAR / XMAS FUNCTION

Toni Mahony



You are all invited to gather at the **Motor Museum's RAC Room** on **Sunday 30th November, 2025** to celebrate together this year's end of year / Christmas gathering.

Be there **11:30 a.m.** for pre-lunch drinks (supplied) in Volunteers Way, followed by a sit down 2 course lunch at **12 noon**.

A special guest may make an appearance during the day

The meal will be catered by the CWA Midland Branch ladies. Special dietary requirements need to be advised to Toni as soon as possible, so we can advise the caterers.

Bring your own drinks for lunch and afters. Tea and coffee will be available, along with Christmas cake and other goodies.

Cost: \$45.00 for members of MARC WA, \$50.00 for non-members. This covers your lunch, pre-dinner drinks and all day entry into the Motor Museum.

PAYMENT is being received **now**, by the following methods –

Direct bank transfer to the Club account – BSB: 066 164, Account No: 1062 1294 – please include “Xmas lunch” and your name, when paying by this method.

Card and cash payments at club events before the RSVP date, to the Treasurer (Germaine Jeffree).

Cheque, made payable to the Club, (if you still have a cheque account), again with identifying name.

RSVP and payment due by 15 November, 2025

Questions?? Contact the organisers - Ron Andrews, Daniel Pinnington or Toni Mahony.

REGISTRAR'S COMMENTS

Ray Mahony

registrar@modelafordclub.com.au

NOT LONG TO GO NOW

Just a reminder that your MARC WA membership is due for renewal by the end of December. Start thinking about it now, and perhaps pay it before the end of December.

If you have not paid by the due date, and you have a car on concessional licence, your car will be unregistered. I know you don't need to be told this, but some members just don't see it as an issue.

The club has a legal responsibility to maintain accurate membership records, so the membership renewal form (attached to this newsletter), **MUST** be completed and returned (there's not much to complete if nothing has changed since last year).

NATIONAL MEET - ALBANY 2026

Andrae Moore (Rally Director)

With less than a year to go until the big event, the Rally Committee is *busy, busy, busy!*

The first **Early Bird Newsletters** were sent out in late October (did you receive yours?) and it includes some great information about accommodation options. Accommodation will be at a premium during the Rally, so make sure you book early!

If you haven't yet registered for the Early Bird information, please email toni.mahony@bigpond.com to be included.

In early October, the Rally Committee attended the **Belmont Car Boot Sale** to move-along some leftover items from our earlier garage sale. We arrived at the advertised time, only to secure the very last site available! Sales began before the "doors" officially opened — many to other sellers wanting to resell our items on their own stalls. As long as the goods went and we raised a few dollars, we were happy!



Darren Jeffree at the MARC WA stall at the Belmont Car Boot Sale

Over **\$300** was raised on the day and added to the Rally fund.

Planning for the **program and runs** is coming together beautifully. Conversations with local suppliers, retailers, wineries, and attractions are going well, and the **special events** throughout the Rally are also shaping-up nicely.

Rally Fundraising

Please keep your fundraising contributions coming through **Containers for Change** and **scrap metal recycling**.

- **Scrap metal donations** can be dropped off at **Ray Mahony's house** — please contact Ray to arrange.
- The **Containers for Change** code is listed beside, or you can hand your cans to a member of the Rally Committee at the next meeting.

We're also arranging a **Bunnings Sausage Sizzle**, and as many hands make light work, we'd love a few volunteers to help out for an hour or two on the day. Keep an eye out for the announcement — coming soon!



Containers for Change code

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

CARA'S (FIRST?) MOMENT OF FAME

Germaine Jeffree

Editor's note: Cara Jeffree is the club's youngest female Model A driver.



Cara on the grid



Cara with father Darren

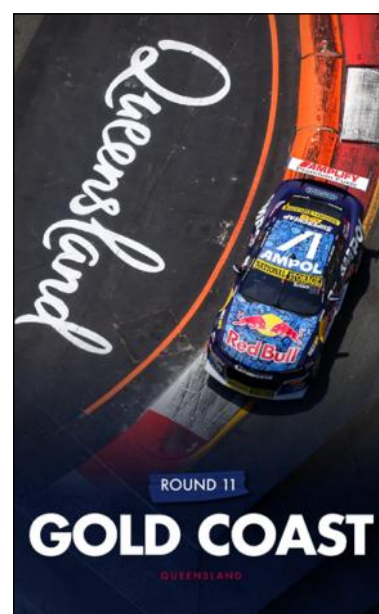
Just a little moment for a Mum to brag...

Recently Cara found a competition run by Red Bull Ampol Racing where you could submit a design to be used on the Red Bull Ampol Racing cars at the Gold Coast 500 race event in Queensland.

Cara loves to draw (and is pretty good at it ☺) so sitting on the couch she began designing a livery for the cars. She actually ended-up submitting 6 different designs, and in September she received an email from Red Bull Ampol Racing announcing she was the major prize winner of the competition, and her design had been selected by the judging panel to be used on both cars at the Gold Coast 500 race event. The prize included return flights and accommodation for two people to the Gold Coast for the race weekend, along with entry to the Corporate Red Bull Suite in pit lane and a \$5,000 Ampol Card.



Those that know Cara know that she is a mad-keen motorsport fan. In fact all she wanted for her 10th birthday was to be taken to Wanneroo for the V8 supercars round. So to win a prize like this was a dream come true. Cara invited father Darren to go along with her to Queensland last weekend and they both had an amazing time mixing with the drivers and crew of Red Bull Ampol Racing. We are so proud of Cara's design and who knows what doors may open in the future.



OUT & ABOUT IN YOUR MODEL A



Tom Hart out for a night drive, and at the Ongerup Golf Course

(Ed: one of the advantages of living in the country - I suspect Tom wouldn't get away with that at Royal Perth Golf Club!)

CMC NEWS

Toni Mahony

CMC – Club Fee payments (ie payments by member clubs) - a Special Meeting was held prior to the General Meeting last week, where the payment of club fees to the CMC will now need to be received within one month of the due date – otherwise the club in question will be deemed to be unfinancial and the Department of Transport will be notified of non-compliance.

Coming events - Classic Car Show is on the 29th March, 2026 and will be held at Robinson Park in Tuart Hill – a new venue for this event. The CMC would like to know numbers of cars likely to attend this event as soon as possible.

Click for the September edition of the [CMC Voice](#)



It would be nice to see Philip Raccuia's 1928 Standard Coupe out on a run soon
(it would also be good if Philip could send the editor a new photo for the website with a better background ! ☺)

REGALIA

Marilynn Horgan

We have plenty of stock in hand, with a range of sizes in polo shirts for \$32.50, and jackets for \$55 to meet your Christmas requirements! A new order of caps has arrived at \$15.

There is also the option of a blue Chambray shirt in both mens and womens sizes for \$55. The Club logo is above the left pocket and there is an option to have your name embroidered above the right pocket for an extra \$5. Have a look at Regalia - Model A Restorers Club of WA Inc.

Give me a call on 0403 434 004, or email me to place an order. Regalia can be posted, or, if you live in the metro area, I am happy to arrange a suitable drop off for you.

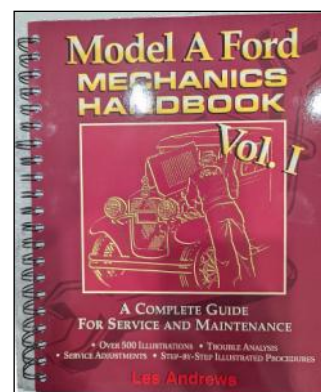
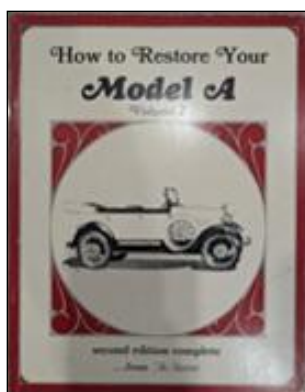
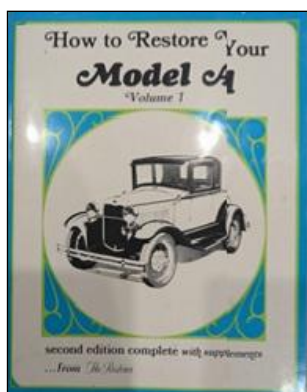


FOR SALE

Model A Books

How to Restore Your Model A, Volume 1 & 2:	\$20 ea
Les Andrews book vol 1:	\$50

Darren Jeffree, ph: 0428 421 653



MODEL A PRICE LIST 1927

Colin Riley

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DECEMBER 20th, 1927.

MODEL	LIST FOB DETROIT	NET DEALER PRICE	FREIGHT	ADV FRT ON BODY EQUIPT.	TAX	GAS & OIL	TOTAL COST TO DEALER	GREEN IS. DEL. PRICE.
Phaeton	395	316	46.80		10.88	1.98	375.66	454.66
Roadster	385	308	46.80		10.64	1.98	367.42	445.42
Roadster with Rumble Seat	420	336	46.80		11.48	1.98	396.26	480.26
Coupe	495	396	46.80		13.28	1.98	458.06	557.06
Coupe with Rumble Seat	530	424	46.80		14.12	1.98	486.90	592.90
Sport Coupe								
(Rumble Seat Standard)	550	440	46.80		14.60	1.98	503.38	613.38
Tudor Sedan	485	396	46.80		13.28	1.98	458.06	557.06
Fordor Sedan	570	456	46.80		15.08	1.98	519.86	633.86
Chassis	325	260	46.80		9.20	1.98	317.98	382.98
Pickup	395	316	46.80			1.98	364.78	442.78

NOTE: The above prices do not include spare tire and tube and bumpers which are extra equipment. Each car contains 9 gals of gasoline @ 15¢ per gal and 5 qts. of oil @ 50¢ per gal.

Tractors	495	396	27.00				423.00	522.00
Tractors with Fenders	530	422.25	27.00				449.25	557.00

1-1/2 Ton Truck

Chassis	460	358.80				1.98		
Chassis with Cab	545	425.10				1.98		
Chassis with Cab and Express Body	600	468.00				1.98		
Chassis with Cab and Stake Body	610	475.80				1.98		
Chassis with Cab and Platform Body	595	464.10				1.98		

1-1/2 Ton Truck - Dual High Transmission

Chassis	510	397.80				1.98		
Chassis with Cab	595	464.10				1.98		
Chassis with Cab and Express Body	650	507.00				1.98		
Chassis with Cab and Stake Body	660	514.80				1.98		
Chassis with Cab and Platform Body	645	503.10				1.98		

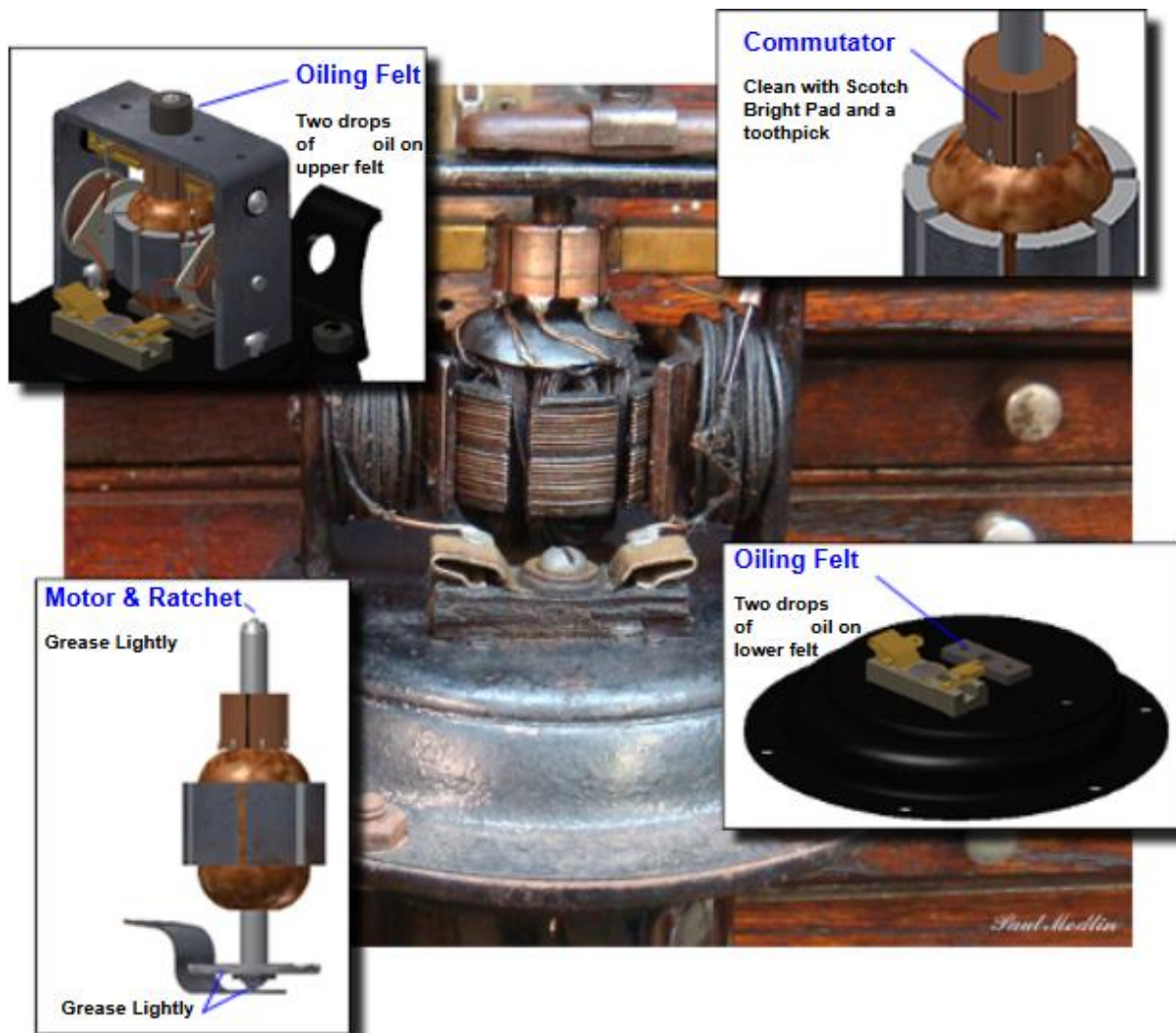
NOTE: 20% discount on passenger cars including "Pick Up".
22% discount on Trucks and Truck Body Equipment.
Freight charges on Truck Chassis and Equipment will be announced later.

Green Island Drive Out Price List sent to D.D. Norton, December 20, 1927.

TECHNICAL TIP

Paul R. Modlin (modelabasics.com)

Horn Maintenance



Oiling

Tools and Supplies:

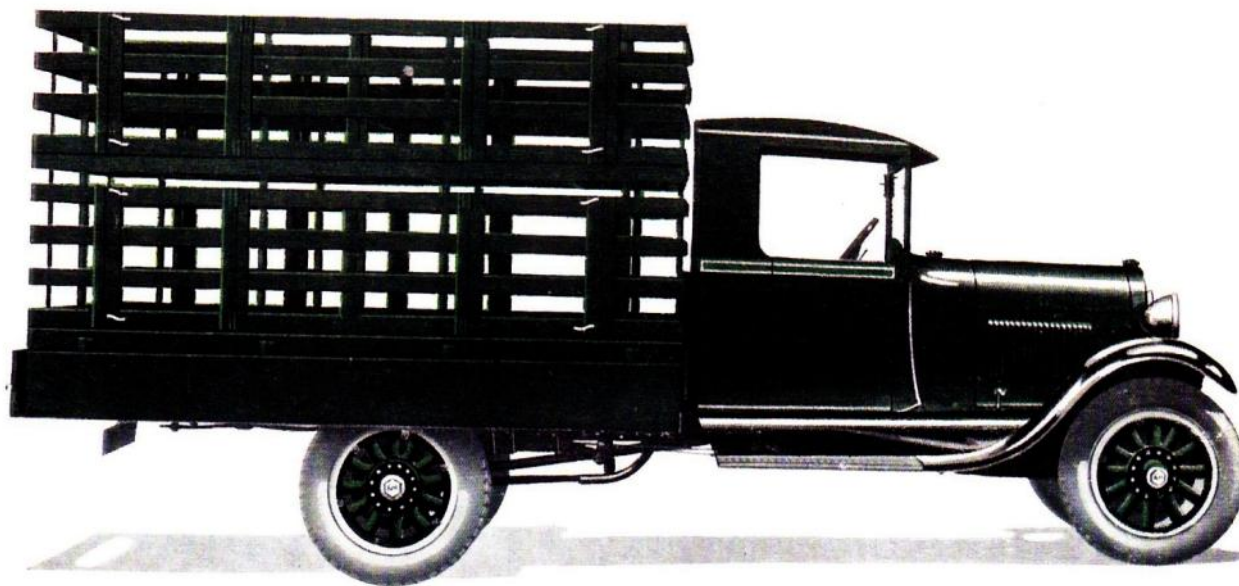
- Flat blade screw driver
- Scotch Bright pad (or similar)
- Sewing machine oil
- Kerosene
- Toothpicks

Procedure:

1. Remove the dirt build up from the upper and lower oiling felts. Clean with kerosene and pad dry.
2. Polish the commutator with a Scotch Bright pad. Clean between the gaps with a toothpick.
3. Apply two drops of sewing machine oil to both the upper and lower oiling felts.
4. Lightly grease the upper and lower tips of the motor shaft, as well as the bottom of the ratchet

BOLTON'S BODY CATALOGUE

Courtesy of Ron Andrews



TYPE No. 550.—FORD 30 Cwt. SHEEP TRUCK, CONVERTIBLE TO DROPSIDE

(Full particulars overleaf)

[TODAY'S FORD UNITS EMBODY MANY RECENT IMPROVEMENTS]

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Length, 108 in.

Width, 70 in.

HEIGHT OF DECKS—

Lower Deck, inside, 28 in.

Upper Deck, sides, 28 in.

Each deck comprises two pens measuring 54 in. x 70 in.

[FORD — THE WORLD'S MOST POPULAR TRUCK]

MARC NOW ACTIVITIES IN YEARS GONE BY

10 Years Ago: Report on a very successful run to the Mt Helena Whim Festival where "16 Model A' and the Pinnington Cadillac took to the road"

20 Years Ago: Many parrots were hand-fed in the hills before the eventual trip to Rockingham. Photos from the All Ford Day.

30 Years Ago: The Good Luck Bad Lucky Trophy was presented to the club by a visitor from the USA (Don Winchell from Ohio) during a run from La Plaza shopping centre in Bentley to Churchmans Brook via Riverton Drive.

40 Years Ago: Christmas dinner planned for the Merlin Hotel

WANTED

16mm Movie Projector (for loan)

Ron Andrews has been given some film spools from Reg Blewett's collection that look very interesting (photos last month) - he just needs a projector to play them on. (If they are interesting, maybe we can have a club viewing night?)

Contact Ron Andrews on 0499 347 312 if you can help

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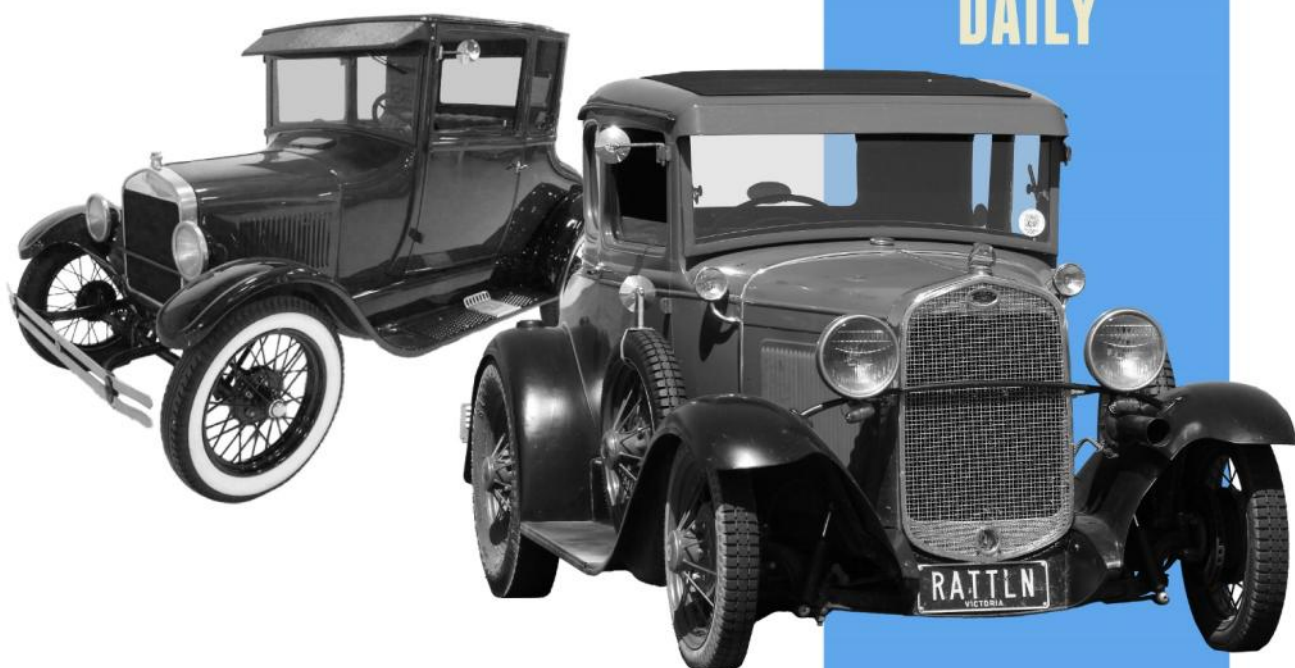
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