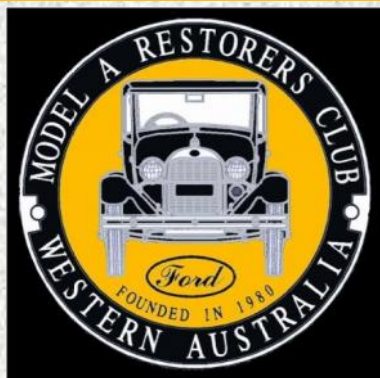




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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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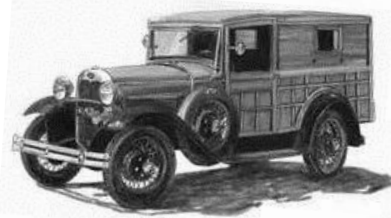
Hope all those A wheels are still rolling and you got out on September 13th for International Model A Day. I did but my wheels weren't rolling too well!! See the article later. I was intending to join Daniel's run to Augusta but had a local government election clash and visitors from NZ. We of course extend an exceptionally warm congratulations to Barry Bristow-Stagg for his 90th birthday on September 20th.



I know a number of members are sorting out their 'jalopies' (and for some Rolls Royces) for the big event in Kalgoorlie this week at Lake Perkolilli Red Dust Revival ... stay safe and drive carefully!!

The Rally Committee met last week and things are taking shape for October 2025. Andrae is doing an excellent job as Rally Director and the committee is working well together. Interest in attending the rally is high, and we have booked the largest venue possible in Albany but it will likely still be a tight squeeze. We have some fantastic sponsorship from Henrys Spares, Early Ford Parts and of course our own Yesteryear.

Some members may have recently received an email from Brattons in the USA regarding the closure of their business. Brattons are a major supplier within the USA and have been a long time supplier of model A parts to Dave Slater, Early Ford Parts in Australia. I contacted Dave regarding the email, and coincidentally he was in the USA visiting suppliers and manufacturers of model A parts. He informed me that it was the retail component of Brattons that was closing down due to the sale of their building, but the manufacturing part of the business (around 150 different parts) was continuing and they would continue to supply those parts to retailers. This is great news as we do not want manufacturers of Model A parts to diminish such as happened to MACs and Car Touche upholstery.



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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Ian Steer

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From my reading of the AGM minutes, there seems to have been a mis-interpretation of my statement that "if no-one else volunteers for the editor's role that I would do it again for another year". I was not implying that I would do it only for one more year - but I would do it for yet another year. ☺

Thanks to Peter Eardley, Paul Kelly, Ray Major & Dean Roberts for their contributions this month - and to **Wes Hartley** for the many little snippets he finds.

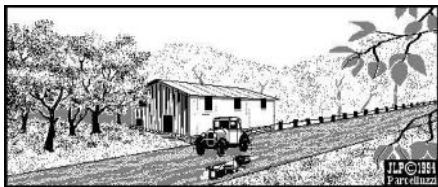
Please heed the notice on Page 6 for the **end of year / Christmas gathering**. Our enterprising organisers (Toni Mahony, Ron Andrews & Daniel Pinnington) need our thanks (that they probably don't get much of) and support for organising a new and innovative function this year at the Motor Museum. It should be a refreshing change - please support them by doing the "RVSP thing" and paying your money by the requested date, and then coming along.

Don't forget to follow Ray Major's lead and send me photos of you and your **Model A "Out and About"** (Ray was shy and didn't include a photo of himself - but it is the standard expected ☺).

Don't forget to let me know of any **Model A's in WA changing hands**.

If you are tackling a matter with your car, don't forget to look at the **Technical Tips** section of the club website. There you will not only find all the technical tips (nicely grouped) that have appeared in this newsletter over the years, but links to Model A technical information on other websites.

The club receives **newsletters** from the other Australian clubs and some from Britain and the USA. If you would like to receive these, just let your Editor know. (If you do receive them and don't want them anymore - also let your Editor know.)



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EVENTS COORDINATOR

Dean Roberts

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October

Event: Curtin FM 100.1 Car Show
Date: Sunday 5th October
Time: 10am - 2pm
Location: Chessell Drive, Bentley
Details: Contact Horace Misko on 0417 958 311 if you're interested. If members want to go as a club, Horace will organise it, otherwise members can register individually.
Organiser: Horace Misko

Event: All Ford Day
Date: Sunday 5th October
Location: Steel Blue Oval, Bassendean
Details: Entry fee of \$25 per car.

Event: York Motor Show
Date: Sunday 5th October
Location: York town centre
Details: Free entry

Event: MARCWA Belmont Car Boot Sale
Date: Sunday 12th October
Location: Belmont
Details: The Rally Committee will be selling the left-overs from the garage sale at the Belmont Car Boot Sale. The committee will be there early to setup, but helpers will be needed to run the sale throughout the day - please contact a member of the Rally Committee to volunteer your services.
Organiser: Rally Committee (Andrae Moore, Toni & Ray Mahony etc)

Event: MARCWA Gymkhana
Date: Sunday 19th October
Time: 8:30 am for a 9am start
Location: Glen Avon Stud Farm 4990 Riley St, Stoneville
Organiser: Andrae & Gary Moore

November

Event: MARCWA Hubley Racing
Date: Saturday 8th November
Time: From 4pm, racing starts at 5pm, BBQ at 6pm
Location: Jeffree (Senior) residence at 95 Boulton St, Dianella
Details: BYO BBQ meat, chairs and drinks. Salads & desserts provided

Cont. over

EVENTS COORDINATOR (CONT)

Dean Roberts

November (cont)

Event: MARCWA End of Year Function

Date: Sunday 30th November

Time: 11:30 for nibbles, 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.

Organisers: Ron Andrews, Daniel Pinnington, Toni Mahony

2026

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: tba

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: tba

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)

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.

NATIONAL MEET - ALBANY 2026

Andrae Moore (Rally Director)

Containers for Change can and bottle collecting and Scrap Metal collecting is still ongoing and doing really well. Thank you all for your donations so far.

Containers for Change - Pass them to a committee member at a monthly run, or donate at your local recycling centre using code **C11024600**

Scrap metal donations – Contact Ray Mahony – 0438 290 446

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



Containers for Change code

OLD BILL

Peter Eardley

It was a bit of a surprise to see work in progress on our pick-up ("Old Bill") in the Model A News August issue. The photo taken was in August 2019.

So, here's the story:

History

The pick-up was originally a five-window coupe, cut down with a tray fitted for farm use.



A young NZ shearer purchased Old Bill from a farmer in Danseys Pass, South Island in New Zealand.

He later settled in Munglinup, west of Esperance, and brought Old Bill with him.

Old Bill was destined to be an Aussie. I'm not really sure of the circumstances, but Old Bill found a home at AM Wreckers in Esperance, waiting for a restoration, or maybe just enjoying a nice dry shed.

Old Bill stayed at AM Wreckers for many years, probably 40+ years.

The management changed and the second long-time owner knew that we had Model A's, so a deal was done.

The Restoration



The brakes had been done, chassis good, motor needed attention, but Ford blue paint looked the part. Guards and bonnet were solid, but the cab needed major repairs. Basically, a great starting point to build a pick-up.

A local panel shop owner, (Chris Redman) helped us achieve the final result. I was able to work at Redman's paint shop under the guidance of Chris, but of course leaving the painting and body work to the experts. I think I was the oldest apprentice they ever had. It was a very happy shed with lots of banter between the old farmer and the professionals.

"Mr. Model A" (Steve Read) found us a really nice tub in Melbourne. Thanks, Steve.

The puzzle was complete. We just needed to put them all together.

Old Bill rolled out of the paint shop in gleaming Blue Rock



OLD BILL (CONT)

Peter Eardley

Green body panels and French Grey wheels. Looking very flash.

OB is on full registration, and he's been seen at Bunnings, farm shops, Repco and coffee shops. He's quite a well known 'Old Bloke' around Esperance.

His first trip was Allan and Edith's Southwest Run in May 2021, and then to Port Hedland and Marble Bar, as well as South Australia. The motor had been fully rebuilt with slipper bearings, Snyders high compression head, Weber carburetor and overdrive, all set up for those long country trips. Old Bill is very nice to drive and tows our teardrop along beautifully. A pleasure to own.



On the South West Run



More Perkollilli A's spotted by Ray Major at Collie. Number 9 was built by a Tasmanian who raced a T last time. The car developed a serious knock - but he is carting a spare engine with him! The open wheeler (The Flying Scotsman) was highly modified Model A running gear on a T chassis, that displayed dazzling handling and off-track capabilities in the wet conditions.

BARRY'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

Courtesy of Dean Roberts

Long-term MARC member Barry Bristow-Stagg had a big 90th birthday celebration at the Northam Aero Club on September 20th. MARC members attending were Dean & Jenni Roberts, Peter Sartori, Allan Jeffree, Toni & Ray Mahony, Colin Davidson and Kelvin Pepper.



THE MODEL A MISSES-OUT

Ian Steer / Wes Hartley

The Model A has missed-out on being selected by Australia Post to feature in its special edition celebrating 100 years of Ford. How could they ???!



OUT & ABOUT IN YOUR MODEL A



Ray Major's new car on its last pre-Perkolilli track testing at Collie
(Ray says the lead ballast bolted to the chassis at the rear has improved handling dramatically)

FOR SALE

Doug Maslin is selling his 1929 Phaeton due to health issues.

Doug says it is in perfect working order (no work needed) and he would like to sell within the club if possible.

Price reduced to \$20,000

Contact Doug on 0455 970 004

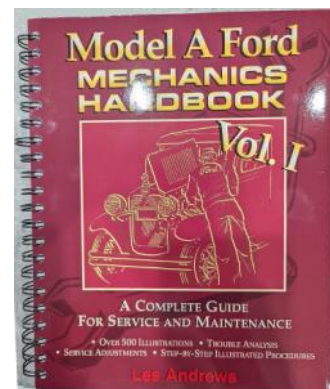
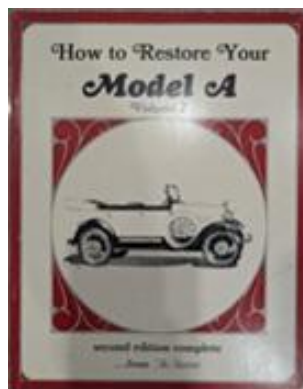
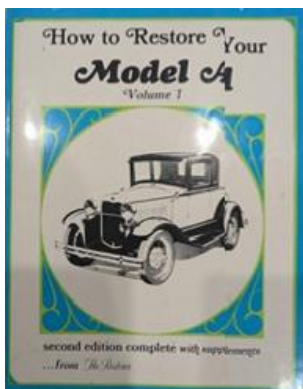


Model A Books

How to Restore Your Model A, Volume 1 & 2: \$20 ea

Les Andrews book vol 1: \$50

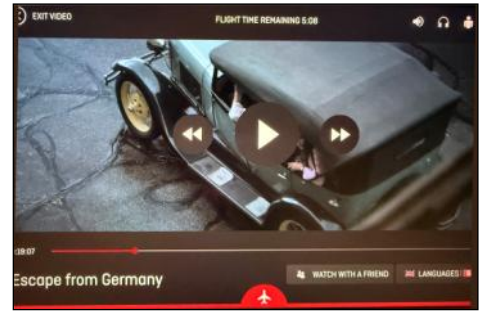
Darren Jeffree, ph: 0428 421 653



YET ANOTHER MODEL A IN A MOVIE

Ian Steer

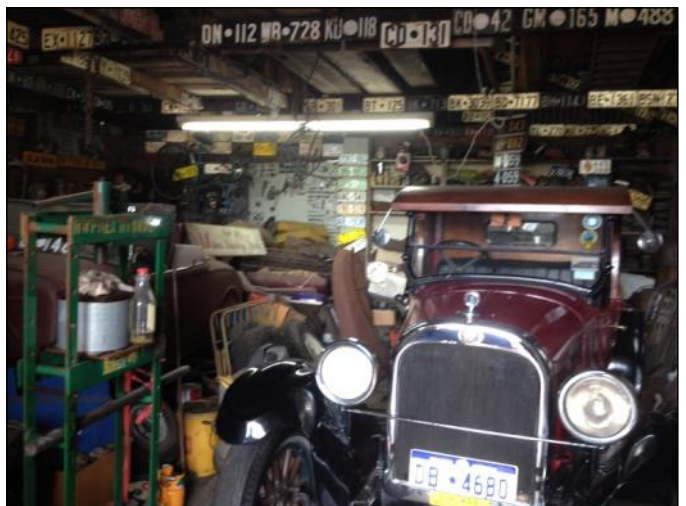
On a recent very long flight I found myself struggling to find a movie to watch and turned to "Escape from Germany". It turned out to be very good (a true story about Mormon missionaries getting out of Germany in the days before WWII broke out) - but the bonus was yet another appearance in a movie by a Model A. [Click here to download an 11 second appearance of a Model A Phaeton in the movie](#)



REG BLEWETT'S SHED - BEFORE

Ian Steer

Last month's newsletter had photos from Ron Andrews of the amazing sight of the current state of Reg Blewett's shed. For those that had never had the experience of seeing Reg's shed in the "before state", this may have been a ho-hum series of photos. It was remiss of me not to have included some photos of the "before state" - so here are some:



MEMBER'S SHED ACTIVITIES

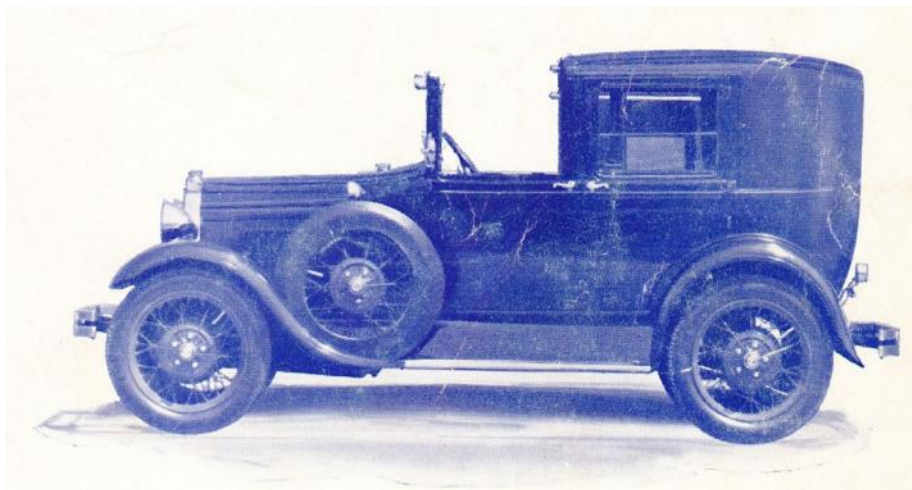
Ian Steer

Steve Read kindly came around and helped me adjust the brakes. One of the front brake actuating arms was not at the required 15 degrees forward of vertical, so a bit of welding and (tentative) finishing was required. Steve explained the technique of brake adjustment, and it has improved the brakes dramatically (I can get an (unknown quantity) of wheels to lock with a generous amount of pedal travel remaining).

In brief, the technique is:

- Chock the brake pedal up high
- Wind the adjusters in until each wheel is just locked
- Adjust each brake rod length so that you can *just* get the clevis pin in while pulling hard
- Back the adjusters off until each wheel just spins (probably will be a bit of drag)

I then used my infra red thermometer to tweak the adjusters so each drum was operating at about the same temperature. The result is not perfect (still pulls a bit to one side), but is a huge improvement.



The Latest Ford Product

HERE is the Ford Town Cabriolet — the newest of Model A creations and a very aristocratic vehicle with special items of appointment. The body has all of the features of highest priced cars. It is upholstered in several different styles of material and presents a handsome interior in keeping with the general lines. All of the luxurious “extras” and points of refinement found in the more costly town cars are revealed in this unique model.

It has a top that comes over to the windshield stanchions and curtains that entirely enclose the driver's compartment. There is ample and very comfortable seating capacity for three besides the driver. As will be noted, a fender well holds the spare tire.

A number of the Ford Town Cabriolets are now being assembled to meet the demand of those car buyers who prefer this type of car. The model is very popular in European markets.

REGALIA

Marilynn Horgan

Is your jacket looking tired and you fancy a new one to maintain your sartorial elegance?

We have plenty of stock in-hand with a range of sizes in polo shirts and jackets for all your requirements.

We also have 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.

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.



Polo shirts \$32.50



Jackets \$55



Chambray shirts \$55

TECHNICAL TIP

Paul Kelly

Hippy Hippy Shakes

After purchasing some fantastic new whitewall tyres for my Slant Window Model A from Yesteryear Garage's Great Clearance Sale, I was delighted to fit them to my rims together with new tubes.

Whilst doing a grease of my vehicle, an unnamed close colleague suggested that since I had nice new tyres we should just adjust the wheel alignment whilst the vehicle was on the hoist - probably mistake number 1. We proceeded to use his telescopic tube to adjust..... works brilliantly he said!!

Following the newly adjusted alignment, I subsequently took the vehicle for a drive along the freeway to attend the MARC WA AGM to check how the wheels were rolling. Unfortunately, at about 45 miles an hour, I had some difficulty holding on to the steering wheel as the front of the car shook significantly, to the point of danger. Long story, but eventually I gave up and spoke with Tyrepower in Claremont who assured me they would be able to do the alignment. I dutifully took the Model A to Tyrepower who subsequently carried out the alignment (informing me that they were 10mm out of alignment!). Thinking all problems were solved, I proceeded on another test run to discover only a minor improvement.

While at Tyrepower, I did discuss the possibility of wheel balancing if I removed the hubcap (as I had explored the balancing machine and realised the A wheel could probably be fitted to the machine). I subsequently took both front wheels and they were balanced on the static machine. Upon yet another test drive, I was delighted to discover the steering was perfectly aligned and balanced. I had been under the impression that both balancing and aligning with modern equipment was perhaps not possible given the Model A rims, but I can confirm that the outcome of my endeavours has been outstanding.



WANTED

21" Wheel

Colin Riley is chasing a 21" wheel to replace the one on his Coupe damaged in the "runaway wheel incident". Please contact Colin on 0417 954 549 if you can help.

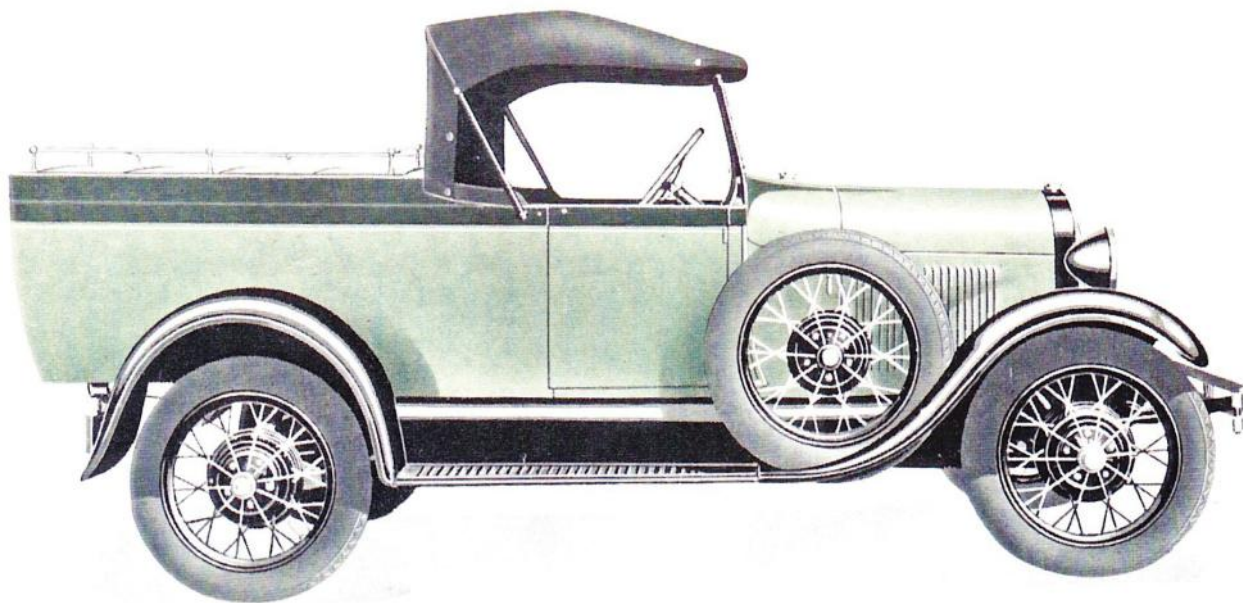
16mm Movie Projector (for loan)

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

BOLTON'S BODY CATALOGUE

Courtesy of Ron Andrews



TYPE No. 301 and 301A.—FORD COMMERCIAL SAMPLE CAR
(Full particulars overleaf)

[MANY IMPROVEMENTS SINCE THE FIRST NEW FORDS]

TYPE No. 301 and 301A.—FORD COMMERCIAL SAMPLE CAR

As a general Light Delivery vehicle or Commercial Traveller's Sample Car, this model leaves nothing to be desired in the transportation of light goods needing full protection.

The model is available in two sizes, the only difference being in the height of the loading compartment. The deck has neat rails around the edge, which make it suitable for carrying bulky packages.

Inside shelves can be supplied at small extra cost, and the rear doors can be securely locked.

LOADING SPACE—

301.	Length, 54 in.
	Width, 43 in.
	Height, 18 in.
301A.	Length, 54 in.
	Width, 43 in.
	Height, 24 in.

[MORE SPEED THAN YOU WILL EVER NEED]

Editor: don't you love the "more speed than you will ever need"?

MARC OCT ACTIVITIES IN YEARS GONE BY

10 Years Ago: The “Kal-Kal” run along the Great Central Road to Uluru, Alice Springs and returning across the Nullarbor was underway, and the blogs can still be read on the MARC website starting with the [first day](#) (**It is a great story and well worth (re)reading.**)

20 Years Ago: Report on a run by 14 Model A's to the top of Greenmount Hill and the Ford Museum. Club member profile of Peter & Lorraine Sartori.

30 Years Ago: Wildflower run report and a write-up by Louise Read of a run by 6 Model As to Collie and back via Narrogin (Darren & Germaine Jeffree were also on the trip).

40 Years Ago: Short story of a run to the Marapana Deer Park. Story from Bill Bennie (a founding member) of how he was pulled-up on the Kwinana Freeway for doing less than 60kph (at the time when the (upper) speed limit was 80kph). This triggered Bill to modifying (with Steve Read's help) his “mountain diff” to a normal ratio to add 8-10mph to his travelling speed. This was also apparently appreciated by all those that travelled with Bill and his car. Report on a 3-day run to Wave Rock by 14 cars, 28 adults and 14 children.

BRATTONS CLOSING-DOWN

Ian Steer / Wes Hartley

After 55 years in business, the *retail* part of Brattons Antique Auto Parts is closing. Look out for increasing discounts as they try and sell all their stock by the end of the year.

EARLY FORD PARTS



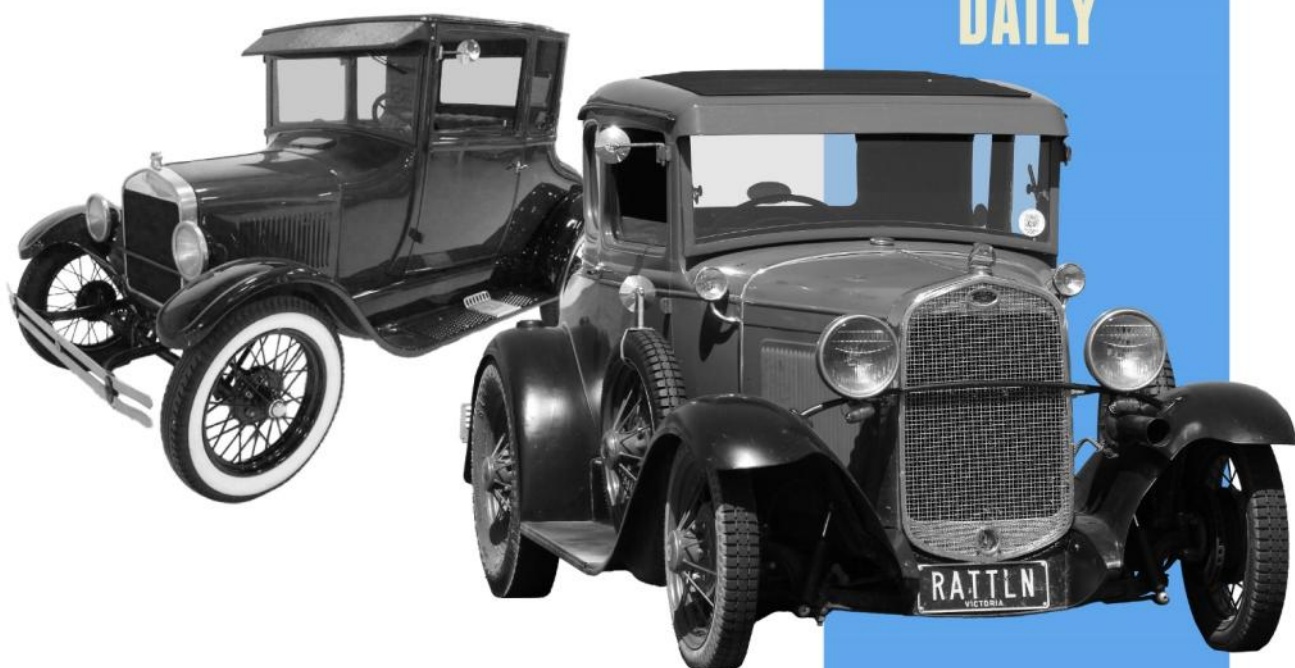
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