

**THE SUNSHINE
STATE "A"**

Model 'A' News

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026

TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND AVID READERS



Model A Ford Club of Queensland

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Of Queensland Inc.

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Editor's Note

Thank you to all those who contributed to this newsletter..Remember if you have an interesting story or photo's you believe would be of interest to our readers, please submit an article to the Editor jonesah2003@yahoo.com Would love to hear from you....Alan



President's Report DEC. 2025 & JAN. 2026



Happy New Year, welcome to another twelve months of 'Happiness is a day in your Model A. The Christmas Party was a great way to finish off our year and thank you to all who arrived and made the day what it was. I'm told this was our biggest ever with eighty eight party goers. Congratulations to all who picked up a prize in the grand raffle with first prize going to Dale Habberfield, second going to Bill Fisher and third to Elaine Dunstan.

Sadly after more than twenty years our usual caterers have hung up their chefs hats. I am going to tell them we refuse to accept their resignations but do not like my chances so we will probably be looking for a replacement caterer next year.

A highlight of the day was to be the inaugural annual Brian Waters Encouragement Award of \$500 to be presented to this years winner Aaron Chant by Brians partner Ann. As luck would have it Aaron was ill on the day but has since received his award. Ann was accompanied by her daughter Jenifer who rolled the sleeves up and pitched in to help with chores most of the day which was really appreciated.



After losing Ann and Ken Gehrke and as a lasting tribute to them and their long involvement with us, son Jason has proposed a run each year through their beloved Fassifern Valley. More details as they come to hand.

Wednesday Warriors last run for the year was to Rob Waters shed in Chandler for morning tea and a few hours wandering through his collection of cars and auto memorabilia. Thanks for making us welcome Rob.

Our first Warriors fun for this year was to another great shed also in Chandler. Rick Hoffie made us welcome with a shed full of his family's history and a collection of vehicles from their past. Morning tea and lunch rolled into one as we enjoyed stories of the past from our host while exploring his collection. Please send a few thoughts and best wishes to Gary and Toni Dougherty. Gary is in the middle of his treatment at the moment and Toni says things are going ok but life is full of surprises and each day is another adventure. You two hold a special place in all our hearts so get well mate and start sharing some Model A fun again with us soon.

Not to be out done, Jo Evans decided to dive into their pool while it had no water in it and did some damage. Happily she and Alan made it to the Christmas party and Jo is on the mend.

The Albany West Australia National is the next big adventure and accommodation and travel plans are well advanced. Alan Jones tells me Cheryl Ciantar's car is headed to Laurie Kytes in Gladstone for some heavy overhauling in preparation for the big trip.

The first run for the year will be to Sel Outridge Park, Hamilton St Redland Bay on Jan 26th. Leaving the clubrooms at 9.30. BYO. That's about it for now; hope to see you on a run soon.

Happy Trails

XMAS PARTY 2025

MODEL A FORD CLUB of QUEENSLAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2025 RESULTS

1st Prize Brass Monkey 74 ltr. Car Fridge
2nd Prize Head and Exhaust Manifold Gasket Set
3rd Prize \$200 Cash
4th Prize 10ltr Jerry can & Reversing Camera
5th Prize \$100 Cash
6th Prizes Each draw for \$50 Cash

Dale Haberfield
Bill Fischer
Elaine Dunstan
Cheryl Ciantar
Trish Pauli
Rob Raine
Phil Neil
Peter Clark
John Kroop
Cheryl Ciantar
Paul van Bruggen
Nev Pearce
Alan Gibson
Alan Gibson
Darryl Maas
Chris Pitman
Stewart Short
Jason Gehrke

7th Prize 5ltr Engine Oil

8th Prize Cast Model A
9th Prize Cast Model T



XMAS PARTY 2025



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Vale Margaret Anderson

After a long battle, sadly we lost Marg on the 7th of November last year. Richard and Margaret have been members of the Model A Club since the early 1980's and have travelled Australia in their 1929 Tudor to over twenty National Meets and she will be greatly missed for the fun she created, the quick witted retorts when the unexpected happened, and the way she accepted all that life threw at her. She absolutely loved a laugh and a good yarn and when she got behind the wheel of her beloved Yellow Mustang she was a bit of a fire cracker. Her love of 50's and 60's rock and roll music completed the package and just made her one special lady. You have left us with a lifetime of wonderful memories and are greatly missed.



Vale Peter Clark

Sadly Peter Clark, club member from Nerang passed away on Christmas Eve after a short illness. Peter had just got his pride and joy, a 1930 Tudor he found in New Zealand on the road and was keen to get involved in more club activities. His love of the chase saw him at swap meets all over looking for yet another bargain. Rest in peace old mate,



Gibson Model A. Auction

14 FEB. 2026, Maleny. QLD.

here is a more specific link to the clearance sale of Ray Gibson's Model A Ford spare parts on 14th Feb. I entered a keyword to limit the listing to Model A Ford items. We are also taking cowls and panels from 5 Model As to the Toowoomba Swap. These are not on the auction list, but anything not sold at Toowoomba will be added to the auction.

Regards

Alan Gibson

REESVILLE CLEARANCE SALE

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REESVILLE CLEARANCE SALE

LOT #373

1929 FORD MODEL A CHASSIS



LOT #374

5X 1930 FORD MODEL A RIMS



LOT #379

6X 1928/29 FORD MODEL A RIMS (5 WITH NEW TIRES



LOT #431

FORD MODEL A WINDSCREEN FRAMES



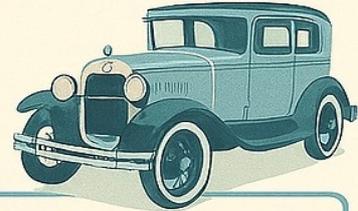
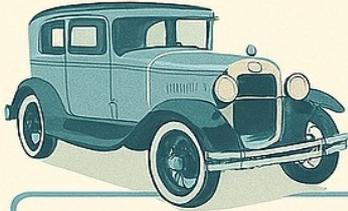
A little automotive history



In 1913, Gulf Refining Co. opened the nation's first drive-up gasoline service station in Pittsburgh, Pa. Although invitations were sent to all automobile owners in the neighborhood, opening-day sales on Dec. 1 amounted to just 30 gallons, at 27 cents each. By the first Saturday, however, the word had spread: Gulf sold over 350 gallons that day. This first drive-up station changed the concept of gasoline marketing and established a style of station operation for years to come. The station was the first to offer free crankcase service, free air and water, and free installation of tires and tubes when purchased there; and it made its employee restrooms available to motorists. A marker noting the station's historic significance was recently placed at the site where the station once stood

Just over twelve months ago we lost a special bloke. RIP Ron Johnman



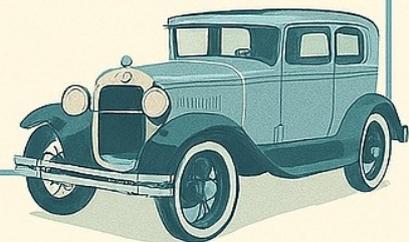
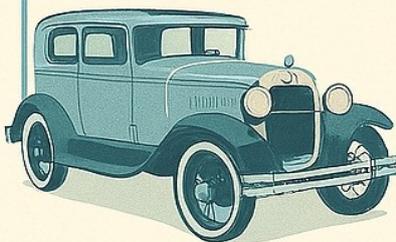


Extension of the 2025 yearly subscription

As part of our celebrations the 2025 yearly subscription will be extended to cover the 2026 club financial year.

Achieving this 50 year milestone is really something to celebrate and would never have become a reality without the wonderful members of our Model A Ford Club Qld Family. We are spread all over the state and because of distance, communication for most of the year is over the phone and our monthly meetings are hard for some to attend. But if someone is looking for advice or some elusive part, needs a hand or health becomes an issue we seem to come running to the rescue. The two and three week runs to National meets across Australia where we travel in convoy with camp kitchens every night with good friends has made our club special and extending the 2025 fees will be the start of another fun filled year for us all.

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Wednesday Warriors

Nudgee Beach, 10th Dec 25



The Ahooguh Origin

by Tom Endy

The ahooguh horn, also known as a Klaxon horn was developed and patented by Miller Reese Hutchison, an inventor of the early 20th century. Hutch, as he was known, patented the mechanism in 1908. The Lovell-McConnell Manufacturing Company of Newark, New Jersey bought the rights to manufacture the device and it later became standard equipment on motor cars. Franklyn Hallett Lovell Jr., the company founder, coined the name *klaxon* from the Ancient Greek verb *klazō*, meaning shriek. Klaxon horns produce an easily identifiable sound, often described in English as "ahooguh". Like most mechanical horns, the klaxon has largely been replaced by solid-state electronic devices, though the memorable tone has persisted on in classic cars of the era. Klaxon later became a brand name. The Klaxon horn was used on U.S. submarines during WWII. The Klaxon horn's characteristic sound is produced by a spring-steel diaphragm with a rivet in the center that is repeatedly struck by the teeth of a rotating cogwheel. The diaphragm is attached to a horn that acts as an acoustic transformer and controls the direction of the sound. In the first Klaxons, the wheel was driven either by hand or by an electric motor. Hutchison went to work for Thomas Edison in 1909, and was the chief engineer for Edison from 1912 to 1918. The ahooguh sound is usually heard today when a Model A Ford goes rolling down the road.



Miller Reese Hutchison 1876 - 1944



TECHNICAL TALK

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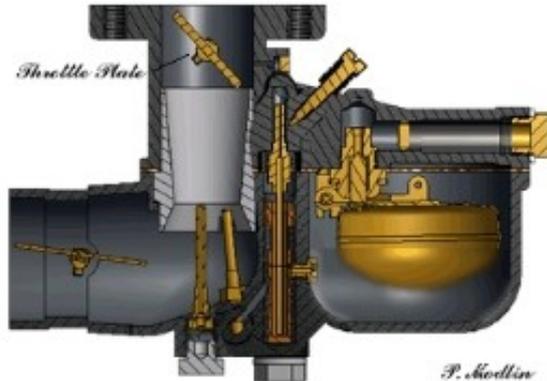


CARBURETOR BASICS

By Paul Modlin

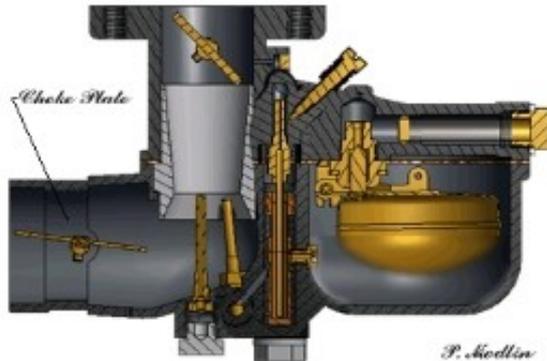
Suction created by the pumping of the pistons, causes fuel and air to flow through the carburetor into the engine. Each alternate downward stroke draws in a fresh charge of mixed fuel and air.

Throttle Plate



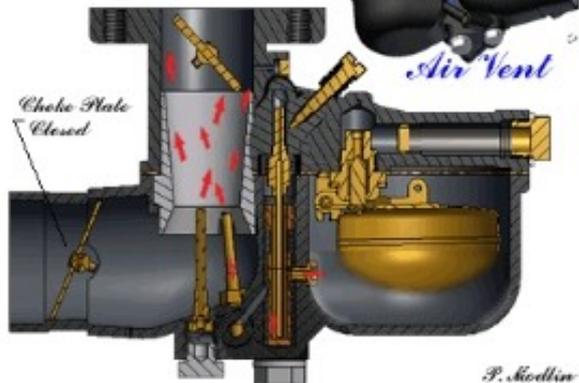
The throttle plate manages the amount of air flow that is delivered to the engine and is controlled by the "Throttle Lever" and "Accelerator" inside the cab.

Choke Plate



Pulling on the Carburetor Adjustment Knob, often called the GAV (Gas Air Valve) inside the cab opens and closes the Choke Plate. Turning the GAV enriches or leans the fuel mixture flowing through the "Cap Jet".

Starting w/Choke



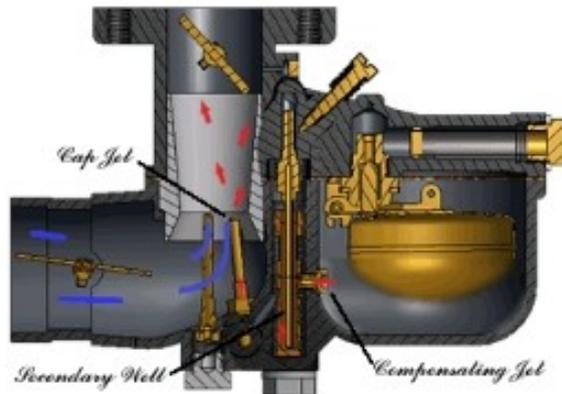
When the engine is started with the choke closed a greater vacuum is formed, pulling in a larger amount of fuel.

TECHNICAL TALK

Running

Low Speed

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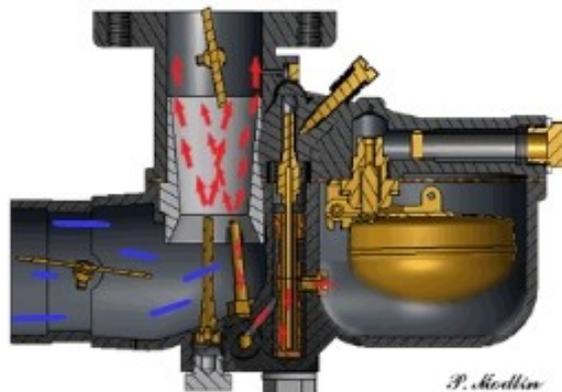


The "Compensating Jet" is inside the fuel bowl and empties into the "Secondary Well" which is open to the air. The "Cap Jet" connects with the "Secondary Well". The "Cap Jet" can only draw as much fuel as the "Compensating Jet" will allow, regardless of the amount of suction.



The "Cap Jet" has an additional fuel supply from the "Fuel Bowl". The flow rate of the fuel to the "Cap Jet" is controlled inside the cab with the "GAV" adjustment knob. Turning it left (towards the driver) enriches the fuel mixture for the "Cap Jet". The "Cap Jet" is used at low speeds.

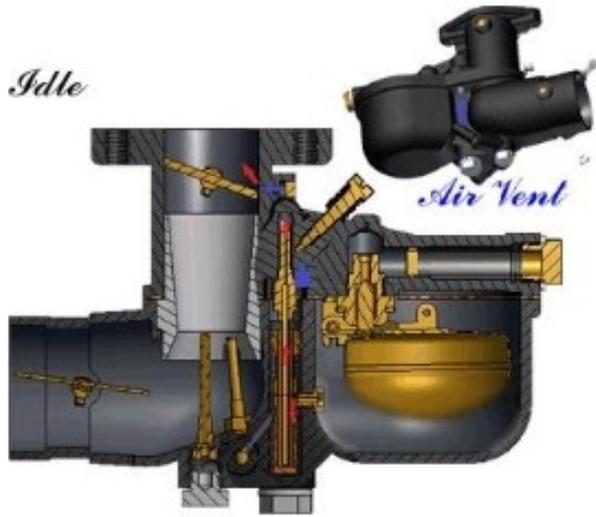
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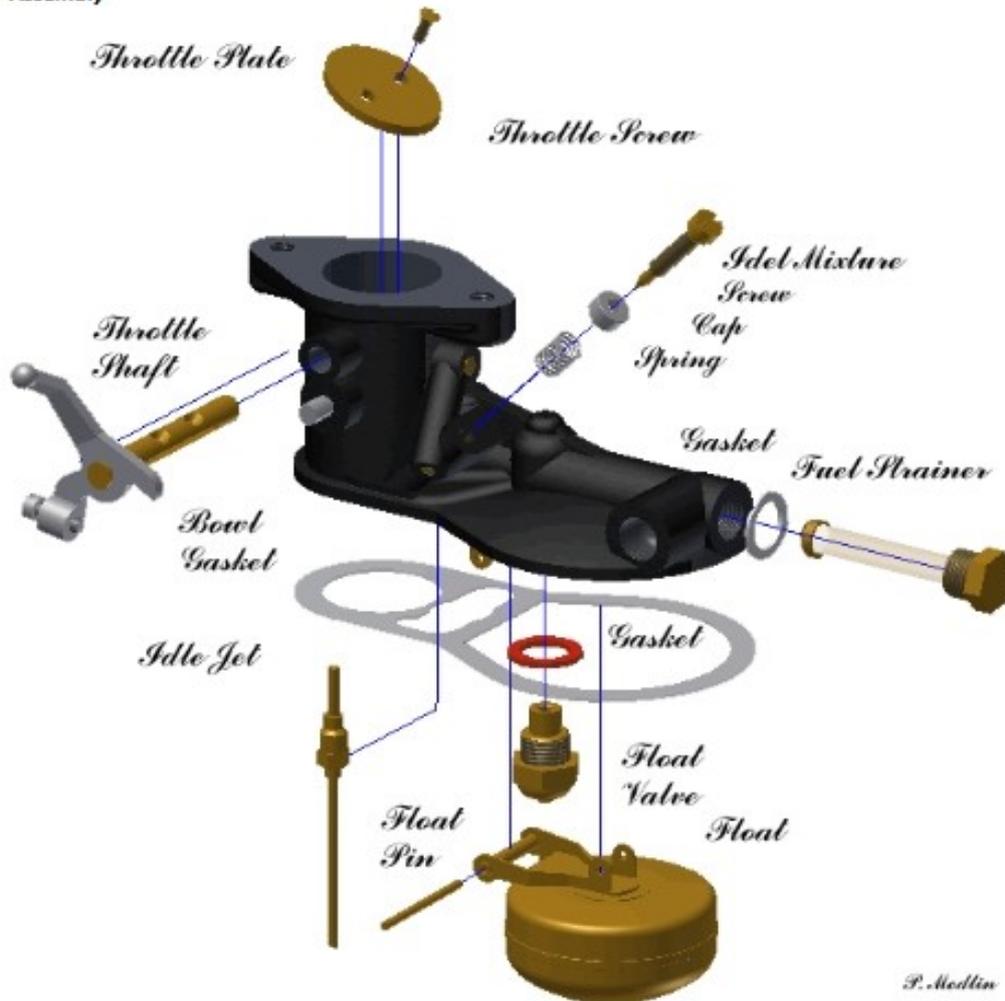
The "Main Jet" is connected directly to the "Fuel Bowl". It acts like a straw; the stronger the suction the greater amount of fuel will be supplied. The "Main Jet" kicks in and helps out the "Cap Jet" at higher speeds. When cruising, the "Cap Jet" can be leaned out (turn right) to conserve on fuel.

TECHNICAL TALK



Idling occurs when the "Throttle Plate" is partially open. A vacuum above the plate is created, drawing air through a small hole, which pulls the gas from the secondary well through the "Idle Jet".

Assembly



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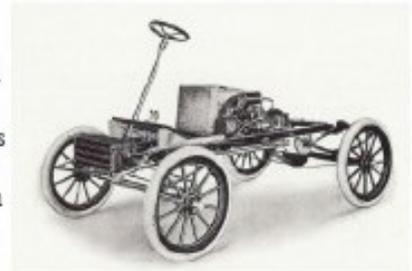
The Car That Created Henry Ford: Secrets of 1903 Model A



Before Henry Ford could put America on wheels, first he had to learn how to produce automobiles at a profit. With the 1903 Model A, he found his formula for success.

In the spring of 1903, Henry Ford was still struggling to find his way. His first two attempts in the automobile business had been personal failures: His Detroit Automobile Company was founded in August of 1899 and folded in January 1901 without going into production. And in his second attempt, the Henry Ford Company, he was pushed aside by his investors in March of 1902. He was replaced by manufacturing expert Henry Leland, who reorganized the enterprise as the Cadillac Automobile Company.

But if Ford, now 40 years old, was troubled by these early stumbles, he didn't show it. He gathered up a new flock of investors, led by an ambitious Detroit coal dealer named Alexander Malcomson, who brought with him his accountant, James Couzens, and his wealthy and experienced uncle, banker John Gray. Malcomson arranged for a simple but roomy factory building on Mack Avenue at the Michigan Central rail line, right across the street from one of his coal yards, to launch a new enterprise that would be called the Ford Motor Company.



Ford's Mack Avenue plant had no serious manufacturing facilities; it was basically an assembly shed. Ford and his design team, which included Edward "Spider" Huff and C.H. Wills, had developed a crackerjack car that boasted a two-cylinder, 8 hp engine and other advanced features, but they lacked manufacturing experience and production tools. To produce the vehicle's major components, including the engine and chassis, Ford and his investors turned to a Detroit machine shop that already had considerable expertise in auto production for Oldsmobile and others: the Dodge Brothers Company, operated by John and Horace Dodge.



The Dodge brothers' relationship with Henry Ford has been characterized in various ways, from employees to vendors, but the truth is they were partners. It's not clear who conceived the arrangement—Ford, Gray, Couzens, or some combination of the three—but the Dodges were persuaded to take a 10 percent share in the Ford Motor Company. In return, the Dodges would receive the company's manufacturing business and a line of credit that allowed them to acquire all the tools and materials they required. The arrangement proved to be a stroke of organizational genius, for it would soon make all of them fabulously wealthy.

With Ford's latest car, soon to be known as the Model A, the investors believed they had a winner. The trick was to get it into production with their limited capital and resources. The business plan as detailed by Couzens

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in the summer of 1903 broke down the unit costs as follows: \$250 to the Dodge brothers for each Ford-designed engine and chassis; \$52 for the body, \$26 for wheels; \$40 for tires; \$16 for upholstery. All these pieces would be gathered up from the suppliers and bolted together at the Mack Avenue plant at an assembly cost of \$20, with an additional \$150 figured in for cost of sale and \$46 in incidentals. While Ford's car was a totally original design, in every other sense it was essentially an assembled car—a stone soup recipe. All the components were manufactured outside the company, which had no real production capability of its own.

With a retail price of \$750, that left a profit of \$150 per car. (An optional \$100 rear tonneau seat generated an additional \$50 in profit.) If the new Ford Motor Company could manage to build and sell 650 cars—which required every cent the company had at that point—under this cautious yet audacious plan, Ford and his investors would net close to \$100,000, a sizable fortune in those days. Not bad for an automobile that was produced virtually from thin air.

And long story short, that's exactly what they did. Sales of the Model A quickly took off, though the finances were shaky at first. At one point in July, Couzens recorded that the company's cash balance had slipped to \$223.65. Then the first order came: \$850 for a Model A with tonneau from Dr. E. Fenning, a Chicago dentist. With its 72-inch wheelbase, two-cylinder engine based on Ford's Sweepstakes racer, and 1250-lb curb weight, the Ford Model A cost \$100 more than a Curved Dash Olds, but it was seen as the better car. Early Ford ads described the Model A as "the most reliable car in the world."

When the first shrewdly planned production run of 650 cars was sold out, another 1000-plus were assembled, followed quickly by the improved Model AC, Model B, and Model C. In April of 1904, barely nine months after the Model A launched, the company began construction of a big new plant on Piquette Avenue, and Ford, who started from almost nothing less than one year earlier, was now on the map as one of the nation's major auto producers. Ford and the Dodge brothers would eventually part ways a decade later, but not before all three men had become rich beyond their wildest dreams.

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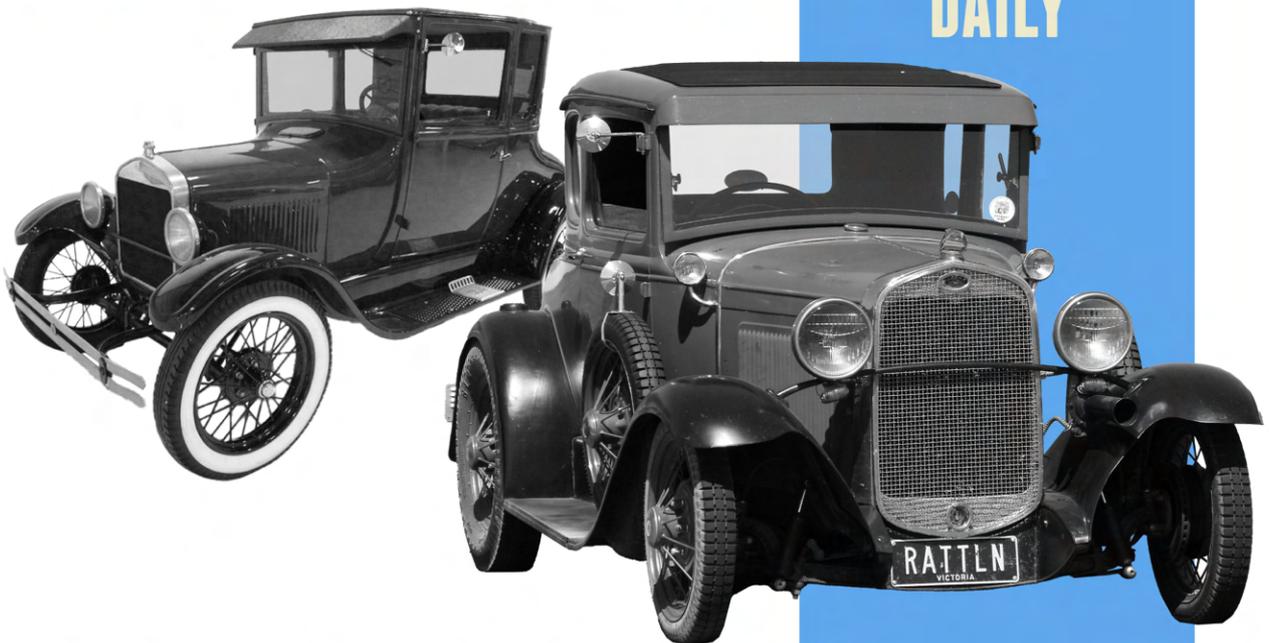
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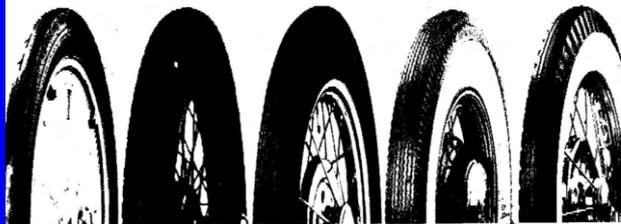
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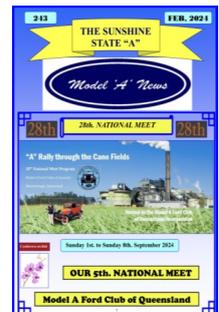
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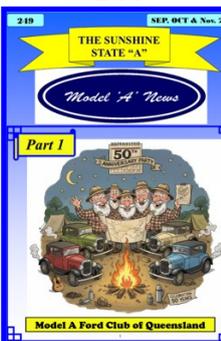
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