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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ray Mahony (president@modelafordclub.com.au)

We offer our condolences to Anne Steer and her family following the death of her Father. Tom passed away at the grand old age of 105 years and 9 months. Well done Tom.

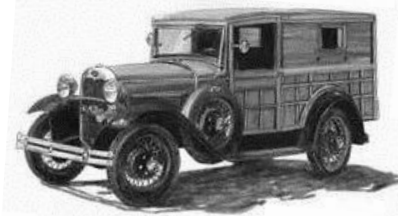
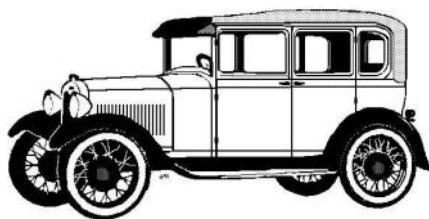


On the 21st and 22nd of June, a small contingent enjoyed another of Edith Jeffree's country runs. It was a rather low key event but those that went had a good time. There is a full report further into the magazine.

The other reportable event was our attendance at the VCCC Autojumble. Daniel Pinnington, Andrae Moore, Erika Quadros, Adam Milner and I took a collection of parts and tools that were excess to the club's needs, for us to sell. Ron Andrews also donated some books for us to sell. We manage to make \$434 which goes to the Rally account. Thanks to those members who helped. Toni was parked next to us selling excess books from the Motor Museum Library. She also kept an eye on our stall when we went wandering.

REMEMBER the August meeting is our AGM and all committee positions become vacant; so think about who you want running your club and fill out a nomination form, which will accompany this issue of the newsletter.

Also don't forget to keep up the Containers For Change and scrap metal donations. Scrap metal collection has slowed lately, although Adam Milner has yet another trailer load or two for me to pick up.



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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Ian Steer

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MARC WA Members eDirectory. A pdf-format, electronic version of the club Members Directory has been produced for use on mobile phones. It features active links for both email and phone numbers (ie touch to dial, or touch to draft an email).

If you would find this useful for your phone, please request a copy from your Editor.

Editors Position Vacant! The AGM is coming-up next month, and (like all positions), the Editors role is up for grabs. I know you're tempted! I am always available to explain to you how simple the job is. (I can hear the buzz of excitement amongst the membership already, with people polishing their CVs to ensure they stand-out amongst the other candidates.)



Terry Redman's 1928 Phaeton (will we see it at the National Meet ??)

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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

Ian Steer

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

July

Event: MARCWA Club Run

Date: Sunday 20th July

Time: 9:30am

Location: Stirling Square , Guildford

Details: Morning tea at Stirling Square, then a 10:30 departure for a leisurely drive through the Swan Valley and Brigadoon. The destination (about 12:30) is the Gidgegannup Showgrounds for lunch and a meeting. The hall has been reserved in case of inclement weather. BYO morning tea & lunch and chairs.

Organiser: Darren & Germaine Jeffree

August

Event: MARCWA Annual General Meeting

Date: Sunday 24th August

Time: Noon for the sausage sizzle, followed by the AGM at 1pm.

Location: Whiteman Park, Area M (near the Motor Museum)

Organiser: Andrae Moore

September

Event: MARCWA Club Run

Date: September ? (tba)

Time: tba

Location: tba

Details: tba

Organisers: Daniel Pinnington & Erika Quadros

Event: Lake Perkolilli Red Dust Revival

Date: 29th September to 5th October

Location: Lake Perkolilli, Kalgoorlie

Details: <https://www.motoringpast.com.au/>, or <https://www.facebook.com/@reddustrevival2025/>

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

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EVENTS COORDINATOR (CONT)

Ian Steer

October (cont)

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

Event: MARCWA Gymkhana
Date: Sunday 19th October
Time: tba
Location: Glen Avon Stud Farm 4990 Riley St, Stoneville
Details: tba
Organiser: Andrae & Gary Moore

November

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: Price to be confirmed, but BYO drinks. Tea & coffee will be available. More information to follow.
Organiser: Ron Andrews, Daniel Pinnington, Toni Mahony

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)



A momentous occasion captured in Daniel Pinnington's car on the Brookton run - 44mph at 44,444.4 miles (sadly not 4/4ths of fuel)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Andrae Moore (secretary@modelafordclub.com.au)

NOTIFICATION OF MARC WA 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Model A Restorers Club of Western Australia will be holding the **Annual General Meeting** on **Sunday, 24 August** at **Whiteman Park**. Join us for a relaxed afternoon beginning with a **sausage sizzle lunch at 12 noon**, followed by the **AGM at 1:00pm**.

As part of the meeting, **all committee positions will be declared vacant**. This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved and contribute to the future of our club. Whether you're a long-time member or relatively new, we encourage you to consider how you might be able to help. Every role, big or small, plays an important part in keeping our club vibrant and running smoothly.

If you're curious about what a role involves or have suggestions on how it could be improved, please don't hesitate to reach out to a current committee member. We're always happy to chat and support new volunteers.

Executive Committee (meets 4–6 times per year):

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- 3 × General Committee Members

Other Club Roles:

- 2 × CMC Delegates
- Registrar
- Events Coordinator
- Newsletter Editor
- Webmaster
- Librarian & Library Admin Officer
- Regalia Officer
- Property Officer
- Spare Parts Officer

NOMINATIONS must be received by the Secretary 2 weeks prior to the meeting, 10 August 2025.

Please email to secretary@modelafordclub.com or post to 210 Neptune St, Mount Helena WA 6082.

Our club runs on volunteer power — without it, we simply can't function. If you've ever considered lending a hand, now's the perfect time. Be part of shaping the club's future — we'd love to have you on board!

BROOKTON RUN (21/22 JUNE)

Edith Jeffree

Armadale to Brookton via Popanyinning

Armadale was our usual meeting place for: Ian and Anne Steer, Daniel Pinnington and Ron Andrews, Cara and Teneille Jeffree and James, Ray and Toni Mahony, Gerry ten Bokkel and Allan and Edith Jeffree.

A pleasant drive along Albany Hwy was enjoyable by all until the Steer's coupe looked like it was on fire – it turned out to have overheated with steam coming from under the bonnet. The cold atmosphere exaggerated the steam! It was caused by a clogged stocking filter that Ian had put in



The last of the steam escaping

the top radiator hose. The water in the engine then boiled and blew the stocking apart. A piece of bent wire was used to try and (unsuccessfully) find the remains of the stocking. After letting it cool a bit, a lot of water and coolant was needed to refill the radiator - while Daniel checked out the forest.



On the road

It was Wandering townsite for morning tea - with scarves tight and zips pulled on jackets. Wandering was demonstrating why they say it is the coldest town in WA.

From Wandering, the route took us over Pumphreys Bridge and onto Popanyinning - where we met up with Leanne and Emma Wringe who had driven up from Kirup via Williams and Narrogin. A loo stop and then we continued on to Pingelly.

In Pingelly, the locals held their museum open for us. The building was originally the town hall and they had the fire going in their "lesser hall" and welcomed us to sit there to have our lunch. While in Pingelly we visited their Recreation & Cultural Centre - the largest timber building in WA and the largest timber civic



Carriage display in the Pingelly Museum



Pingelly main street

building since 1920!

From Pingelly, it was onto the "The Brookton" (hotel) where we were greeted by our host Kerry, and a large wood fire in the lounge. Upstairs we unpacked into our beautifully restored and decorated rooms. The hotel is being elegantly restored in keeping with it's historic character, but currently operating just as a B&B.

BROOKTON RUN (CONT)

Edith Jeffree



The Steers showing-off their honeymoon suite with lovely period décor.
(Ed: I was wondering if they were ever going to leave)



Wine, cheese, chips and biscuits were had by all around the fire before crossing the railway line to our evening meal at the Bedford Arms Hotel.



Bedford Arms fish & chips



Everyone had a good evening, finishing back at our base with a dash of port around the fire and reminiscing.

It was a pleasant surprise the next morning to meet-up with Coral Hall who had read we were in Brookton. It was good to see you Coral.

Everyone arrived home safe (including the Steers). Thanks to everyone for coming.

NATIONAL MEET - ALBANY 2026

Andrae Moore (Rally Director)

With approximately 475 days to go until the Albany National Meet, the planning is coming along nicely. The committee met in mid-June and decided on the official badge. We are also busily working on merchandise ideas, as well as an exciting rally program. The draft program has been agreed to, and we are now filling-in the finer details.

Dean Roberts has joined the committee with his wealth of experience, knowledge and contacts for our merchandise and marketing.

Suggestions for the program are still welcome from members - and encouraged. Please reach out to one of the committee members.

Planning visits to Albany will be occurring in August.

If you want to keep up-to-date with Rally newsletters, please ensure that you express your early bird interest to toni.mahony@bigpond.com. Our numbers of early bird entries are staggering - with over 150 registrations, including from England, Ireland, and New Zealand. Important information and official rally entry and order forms will begin to arrive from November this year. Don't miss out!

Information will also be shared on the 'Australian "Model A Ford" National Meets' Facebook page, so join the group today!!

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

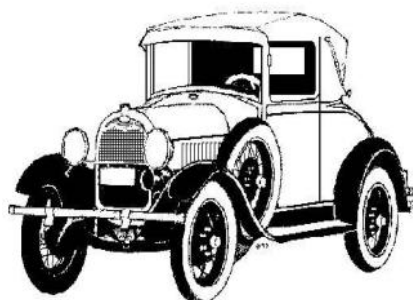
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OUR FAMOUS MARC WA AUTHORS

Ian Steer

Cara is famous! And Wes builds on his fame!

As foreshadowed in the last newsletter, the July/August issue of MAFCA's Restorer magazine features articles by Cara Jeffree and Wes Hartley. Congratulations to both of you.

(and don't forget - you read Cara's article, and the first of Wes's articles here first !)

	
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<p>Front Cover Photograph By Frank Kennedy Chris Brainard of Rocky Hill, Connecticut, drives the Rocky Hill Fire Department's 1929 AA Fire Truck during the 2024 New England Meet.</p>	

MARC JULY ACTIVITIES IN YEARS GONE BY

10 Years Ago: Report on a Paisley-led run on a cold morning to Toodyay where Kelvin Pepper had his AA truck along for the run. The run finished in the CWA hall in Toodyay.

20 Years Ago: Matthew White welcomed in his green, dual-cab AA truck. Story of a seized universal bearing on an A owned by the Strahans on a Kirup event.

30 Years Ago: Report on a run from Riverton Forum to the Air Force Museum in Bullcreek when Kelvin Pepper was noted to be making very slow progress through the exhibits. Write-up of a (VCC?) rally to Wagin by Reg and Coral Blewett that several As attended.

40 Years Ago: Report on a square dancing afternoon in Kalamunda attended 6 A's (and their owners).

CMC NEWS

Toni Mahony

I attended the last meeting of the CMC, held on 16th June. Some of the issues raised were as follows:
Information received from the Operating Heritage Australia group regarding an update on the Fossil Fuels Survey, which was sent out to all members and published in the CMC Voice newsletter. I'm not sure if our committee took part in this survey.

A seminar for the CMC membership has been requested for an update on responsible actions for car clubs regarding submitting ATO taxation returns. This will probably be held in mid October 2025 ,with a date to be advised.

The CMC Surplus Funds committee had organised a meeting of interested parties, in regard to a training session for younger people in car restorations, etc. Ray Mahony attended this as an interested, ex- technical school lecturer. There is still a fair way to go before this gets underway.

The Classic Car Show 2026 will be held in April, 2026, but planning is still underway.

The next meeting for the CMC will be the AGM on August 18th. If anyone else would like to take on the job of Delegate to the CMC from our club, please feel free to let the Model A Committee know at or before our AGM on the 24th August. It requires attending a meeting once every two months and reporting back to our club members.

Toni Mahony, Delegate.

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS CAR?



The club has had a request from Neville Marsden who now lives in Braidwood to see if we can locate the pictured Model A Delivery. On the back of the photo is written:

*"1928 Model A Ford owned from new by Mr G.V.Warren who was a Rawleigh's travelling salesman.
Photo was taken approximately 1974 on the day it was sold at Campbell St, Moruya.
Gordon Warren is in the photo."*

If anyone has any knowledge of this vehicle, can they please contact Neville:

Neville Marsden
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Marilynn Horgan

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TECHNICAL TIP

Jim Cannon, MAFCA

Jim's Tech Tip - Clutch Pedal Free Play

It is easy to forget to check the clutch pedal clearance (or free play) now and then, but you really do need to check it. You press down gently on the pedal with just a couple of fingers, to judge how far down the pedal goes before you are pressing the throwout bearing against the clutch "fingers".

If you do not have an inch of movement, follow the instructions below. A little extra free play will not hurt anything. Forgetting to keep an inch or so of clutch pedal free play can lead to premature throwout bearing failure, because the bearing is spinning all the time where the pedal is pressing it into the clutch. We don't want that.

So maybe check it every time you change the oil and adjust as required.

Have a Model A Day! Jim

Clutch Pedal Clearance

The correct clearance or play for the clutch pedal is approximately 1". That is when the clutch pedal is depressed there should be about 1" movement in the pedal before it starts to disengage the clutch.

As the clutch facings wear this clearance or movement gradually grows less. Consequently it should occasionally be checked. Under no circumstances should the car be driven without clearance or play in the clutch pedal.

Adjusting Clutch Pedal Clearance

The adjustment is easily made by removing the clevis pin (see Fig. 4) and turning the release arm rod. Screwing the rod in decreases the clutch pedal play. Screwing the rod out increases the play. After making adjustment, be sure to replace clevis pin and cotter key.

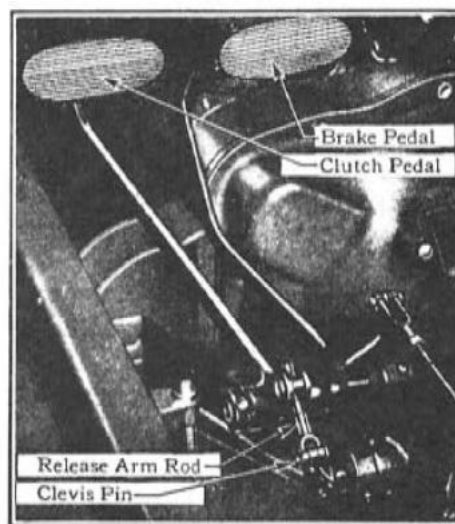
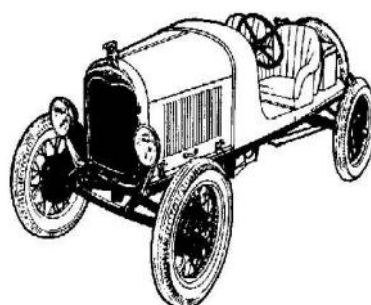
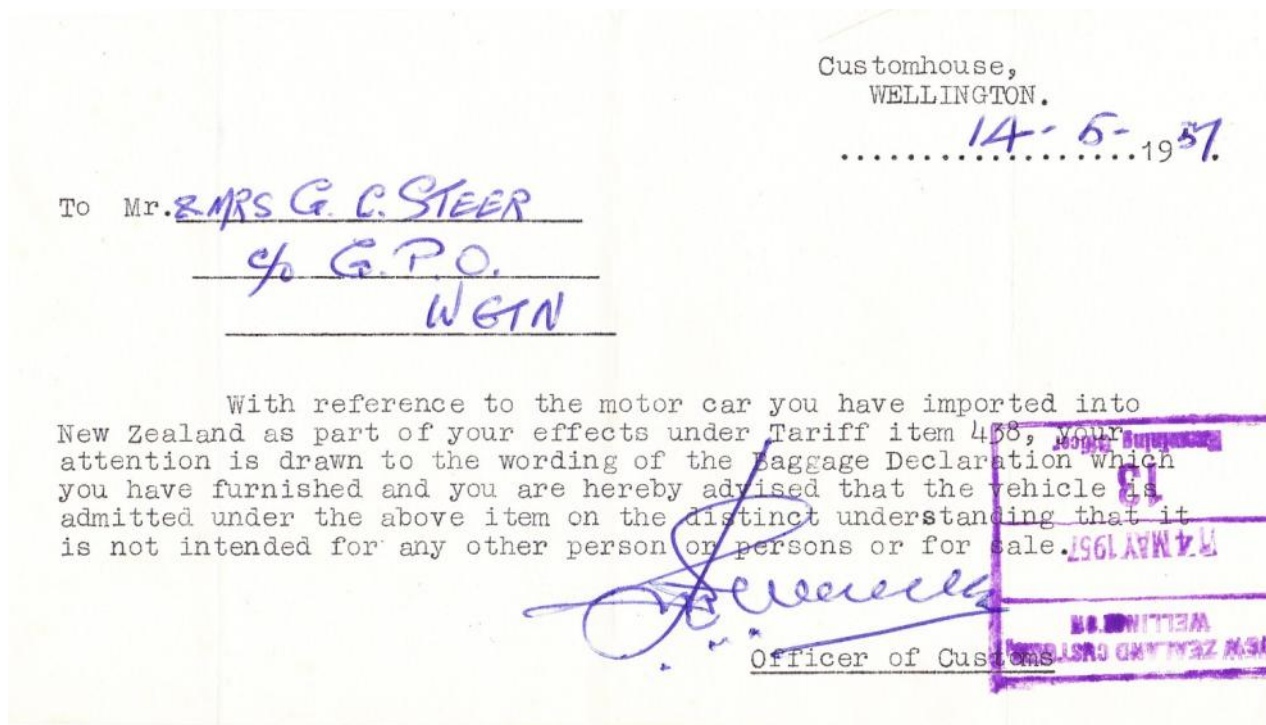


Figure 4
Clutch Pedal Adjustment





Wellington customs clearance certificate from 1957 when the Steer's Model A visited New Zealand

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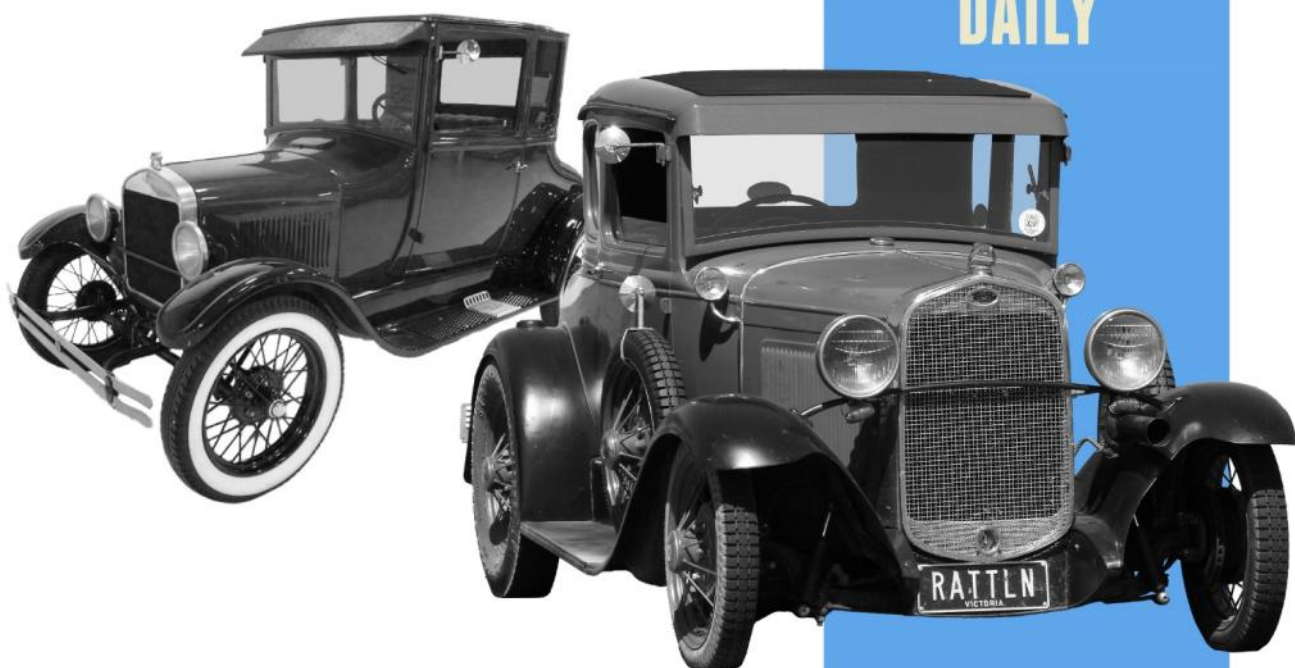
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