

Western Model A News

VOLUME 46, ISSUE 7

AUGUST 2025



Model A Restorers Club of Western Australia, Inc.



NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ray Mahony (president@modelafordclub.com.au)

Having just spoken to our Secretary, Andrae, I am told that only four nomination forms for management positions have been submitted. As you know, the AGM is August 24th and we need nominations for all positions. Please nominate your preference.



On another subject; the Council of Motoring Clubs (CMC) is working on developing a program to encourage mainly younger people, boys and girls, to be interested in the "old car" movement and learn how the older cars work. Their proposal is to run training sessions in a variety of subjects, including panel and paint, electrical and various mechanical subjects. It is proposed that the sessions would be run at the VCCC workshops using some of their parts if necessary on Saturdays. The attendees could be anyone over who is over 18 and interested in learning some automotive skills. This could include apprentices who would like to know about the older cars.

The idea is in the early stage of development at the moment and with the intention of holding a meeting of prospective learners and trainer/mentors. If you or anyone you know might be interested in being part of this programme, please let me know as soon as possible.

NEW MEMBERS DIRECTORIES

Metropolitan members - come along to the Annual General Meeting (see Events section) to collect your new Members Directory.



Inside This Issue

Note from the President	2
Editor's Comments	3
Events Coordinator	4
Gidgegannup Run	6
Registrar's Comments	8
National Meet	9
Wanted to Buy / Sell	9
Regalia	10
Technical Tip	13
Sponsors	14

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Ian Steer

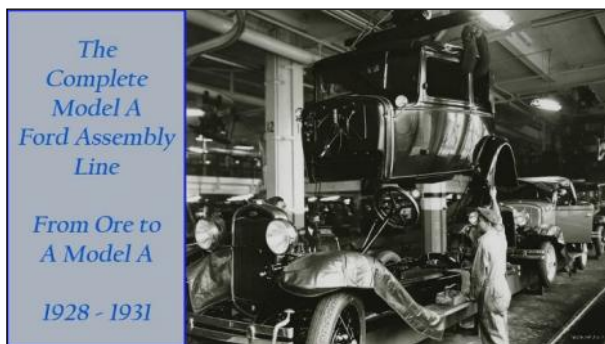
editor@modelafordclub.com.au

Please put some thought into how you can contribute to the club - because it is nothing without people willing to contribute. The first port-of-call would be to hold your hand up for a position with the club.

If for some reason you can't do that, then there is something everyone can do - and that is to keep thinking about ways that you can contribute to the newsletter. Some people tell me that they enjoy reading the newsletter. If people do enjoy reading it, it's not because I create the enjoyable content - it's because people like you contribute items. I'm sure variety is what will make the newsletter a good read.

Think about it - how can you contribute to the newsletter ?

Potentially interesting items out there on the web



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cIYNiITQ-PA>

Fascinating

It's about 26 minutes, with an occasional advertisement (that you can skip once you've seen a few seconds of)

Western Model A News is the official newsletter of the *Model A Restorers Club of Western Australia Inc.*

Copy deadline 1st of each month to: editor@modelafordclub.com.au

VIEWS EXPRESSED HEREIN ARE NOT NECESSARILY THOSE OF MARC of WA Inc.

MARCWA (INC.) CLUB CONTACTS

ELECTED:

President:	Ray Mahony	9271 7630
Vice-President:	Dean Roberts	0408 913 355
Secretary:	Andrae Moore	0427 773 621 (AH)
Treasurer:	Germaine Jeffree	0427 421 653
Committee Member:	Darren Jeffree	0428 421 653
Committee Member:	Brett Pollock	0427 637 973
Committee Member:	Paul Kelly	0419 666 233

APPOINTED:

Editor / Web site:	Ian Steer	0403 811 911
Printer:	Daniel Pinnington	0400 132 445
Registrar:	Jean Misko	0408 917 042
Events Coordinator:	Ian Steer	0403 811 911
Regalia Officer:	Marilynn Horgan	0403 434 004
Librarian:	Dianne Paisley	9456 1184
Spare Parts Officer:	Darren Jeffree	0428 421 653
Property Officer:	Ray Mahony	9271 7630
Delegate: CMC	Toni Mahony	9271 7630
Delegate: CMC	Dean Roberts	0408 913355

Website: www.modelafordclub.com.au **MARC Email:** info@modelafordclub.com.au

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)

Thinking of a destination for a club run? We received an email from the **Exchange Hotel in Pingelly** who are promoting themselves as a destination for car clubs. Contact the hotel for more information <https://theexchangeingelly.com.au/>

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: International Model A Day
Date: Saturday 13th September
Location: Drive your car to a destination of your choice
Details: Members must log an impromptu run for this day as it is not coordinated by the club. The organisers would like people to take photos showing your cars in unique locations for your locale. Send your photos to Bruce Adams at sailbruce@aol.com for potential inclusion in the "National Magazines". Also consider posting photos and comments to the International Model A Ford Day 2025 Facebook group.

Event: **MARCWA Club Run (multi-day)**
Date: Thursday September 18th to Sunday September 21st
Time: 8:30 for a 9am departure
Location: Pioneer Village Armadale to Augusta
Details: Quite a number of rooms and beds available in Augusta at a house owned by Erika Quadros' family - first-in, best dressed. Other accommodation available in Augusta as well. Please contact Daniel (0400132445) if you are planning to attend the run.
Organisers: Daniel Pinnington & Erika Quadros

Event: **MARCWA Barry Bristow-Stagg's 90th Birthday Party**
Date: 20th September
Time: 11am
Location: Northam Aero Club, Northam
Details: Please RSVP to Barry or Sylvia if you are planning to attend
Organisers: Barry & Sylvia Bristow-Stagg

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/>

Cont. over

EVENTS COORDINATOR (CONT)

Ian Steer

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

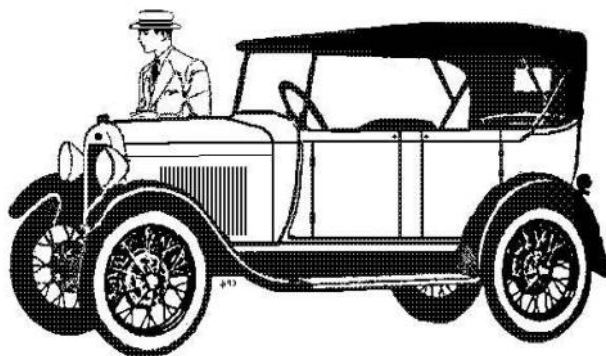
Event: All Ford Day
Date: Sunday 5th October
Location: Steel Blue Oval, Bassendean
Details: Entry fee of \$25 per car.

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

Event: MARCWA 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.
Organisers: Ron Andrews, Daniel Pinnington, Toni Mahony



GIDGEGANNUP CLUB RUN

Darren & Germaine Jeffree

Guildford to Gidgegannup - a nice day for a Sunday drive (if you like the rain!)

Those who were happy to brave the forecast stormy weather on Sunday 21st gathered at the Guildford War Memorial Park, Stirling Street, Guildford around 9.30am.

First to arrive were the Jeffree family (seniors and juniors) travelling in Allan's Holden EJ (and Germaine tagging along in her modern), followed by Horace & Jean in their modern Hilux. Gerry ten Bokkel arrived next in his Model A, followed by Peter Sartori (fresh off the plane from Greece) driving his Ford Falcon. Shortly after Ian & Anne Steer, Daniel Pinnington & Erika Quadros, and Toni & Ray Mahony all travelling in their Model A's. I thought this was a great turn out considering the weather. We stood around the cars for a bit having our usual catchup chat, a few enjoyed a warm coffee and then as the clouds started to darken, we thought best to get out of the cold, into the cars and head for the hills.



Pre-start chat in Guildford

I drove straight to the Gidgegannup Showgrounds as we had hired the hall to ensure we stayed warm and dry, and I wanted to check it out before everyone turned up. Darren, Allan & Edith led the convoy in their EJ.

We had planned a fairly short, although very scenic run. We meandered thru the Swan Valley (along West Swan Rd) before turning onto Great Northern Highway for a short distance, then turned onto Cathedral Ave to wind our way up through the hills of Brigadoon Estate. There were some rather steep hills (which gave the drivers some good leg exercise when applying their brakes on the downside) but the views at the top of the hills were worth it. We continued along some of the roads used in the Targa West Rally and past Peter Brock's Memorial on Clenton Road. (Fun Fact, Clenton Road is named after Daniel Pinnington's Grandfather). We eventually came out on Toodyay Road just south of Gidgegannup town and then arrived at our destination, the Gidgegannup Showgrounds. We had hired the hall in anticipation of cold weather – which was a good move. With just a small group we used the smaller room which had a heater and nice views of the showground where dressage horses were training while we ate our lunch and had a good chat.

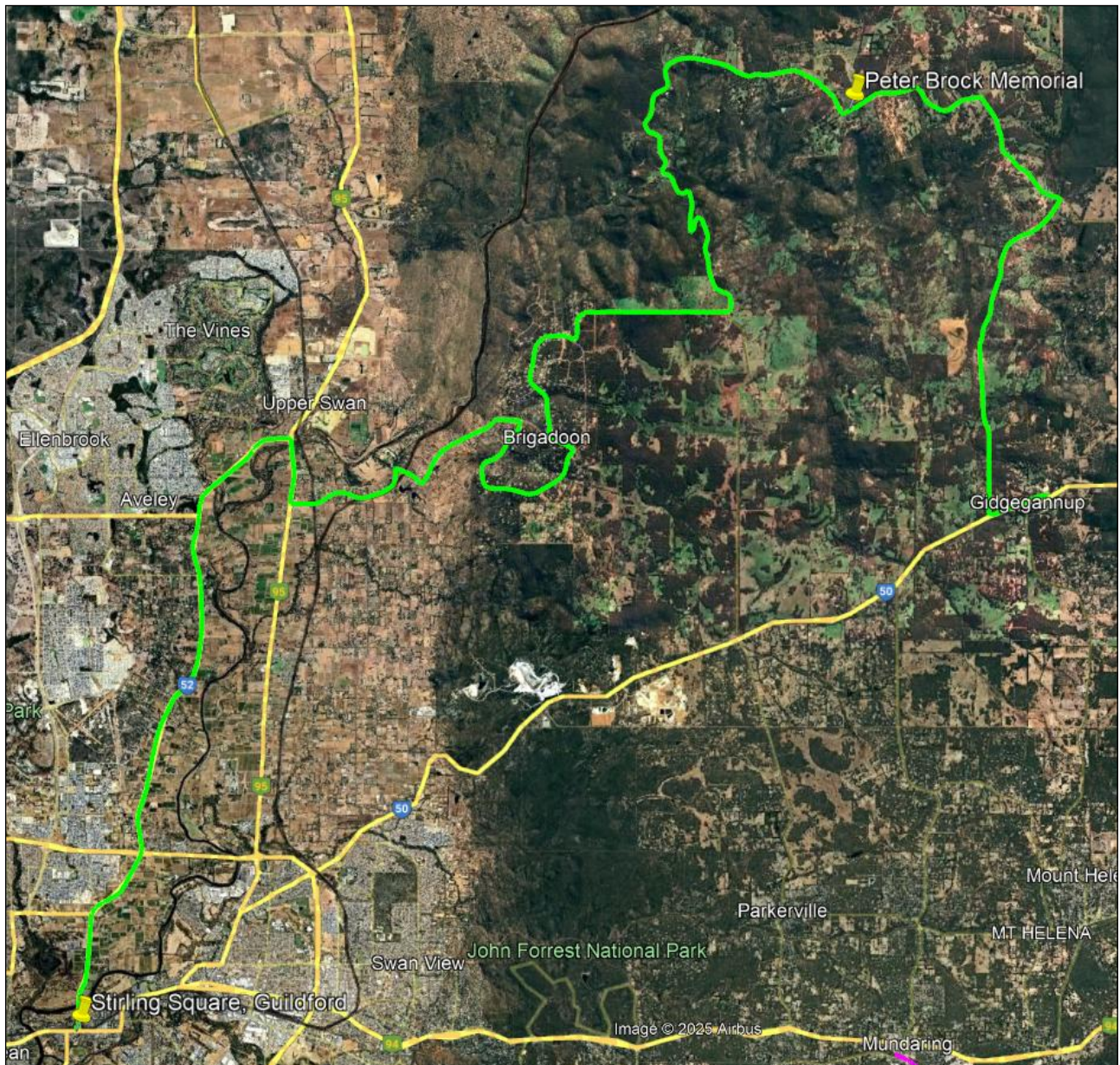


Lunch and a "Clayton's" meeting in the warm hall at Gidgegannup

Thank you to everyone who came along.

GIDGEGANNUP CLUB RUN (CONT)

Darren & Germaine Jeffree



Map of the Gidgegannup run

MARC AUGUST ACTIVITIES IN YEARS GONE BY

10 Years Ago: Colin Davidson's first report as the new President

20 Years Ago: Office bearers continued from the previous year with John Timmings as President

30 Years Ago: Allan Jeffree continued as President

40 Years Ago: Mike Cooke took-on the role of President

REGISTRAR'S COMMENTS

Jean Misko

I won't be continuing as Club Registrar. I have really enjoyed doing it but the IT side of it is beyond me. Thanks to Ian Steer for being so patient.

A big thank you to all those members who paid their fees on time, notified me of the purchase or sale of vehicles, and any alterations in personal details.

Jean

MYSTERY MOTOR MUSEUM OBJECTS

Ray Mahony

If anyone knows who owns these objects from the MARC cabinet in the Whiteman Park Motor Museum, please advise Ray Mahony so they can be returned to the owner/s.



I wonder how Peter Eardley is going with his 1930 pickup ? (Do we need an update Peter ?)

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 Yesteryear Garage and Parts,
Early Ford Parts, and Henry's Spares**

Model A Restorers Club of WA Inc

C11024600



Containers for Change code

WANTED TO BUY

Wanted to buy, Lynas motors dash rail badge or similar

Ron Andrews
0499 347 312



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: \$25,000

Contact Doug on 0455 970 004



REGALIA

Marilynn Horgan

Is your jacket looking tired and you fancy a new one for the cooler months 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.



Polo shirts \$32.50



Jackets \$55



Chambray shirts \$55

STEER MODEL A FINE

The Steer's Sports Coupe received this fine in Auckland back in 1957 for the lack of a "Warrant of Fitness" (ie roadworthiness certificate)

28.1.58

J.P.—89

NOTICE OF INFORMATION LAID FOR TRAFFIC OFFENCE
(The Justices of the Peace Act 1927, s. 60A.)

In reply, please quote
No. 20134

Magistrate's Court,

To: Geoffrey Colvin Steer,
43 Dexter Ave.,
MT EDEN

AUCKLAND CITY COUNCIL

has laid an information against you for the following traffic offence:

Nature of Offence: No Warrant of Fitness
Place: Symonds Street,
Date: 27/9/57

If you do not wish to deny the offence, you may pay into this Court, within 14 days after the date of this notice, the standard fine of 1.0.0. fixed for an offence of this nature, together with the costs so far incurred (15s.), being a total of £ 1.15.0. On that amount being paid you would be deemed to have pleaded guilty and to have been convicted of the offence and to have paid the fine and costs imposed.

If you wish to deny the offence, or to say anything on the question of penalty, you should notify me, in writing, within 14 days after the date of this notice. I will then arrange for the case to come before the Court, and will notify you of the date fixed for the hearing.

If within 14 days after the date of this notice you neither pay the standard fine and costs nor write to me about a hearing, a summons will be issued, and the case will come before the Court in the ordinary way.

W. R. Rigg
(Deputy) Registrar.

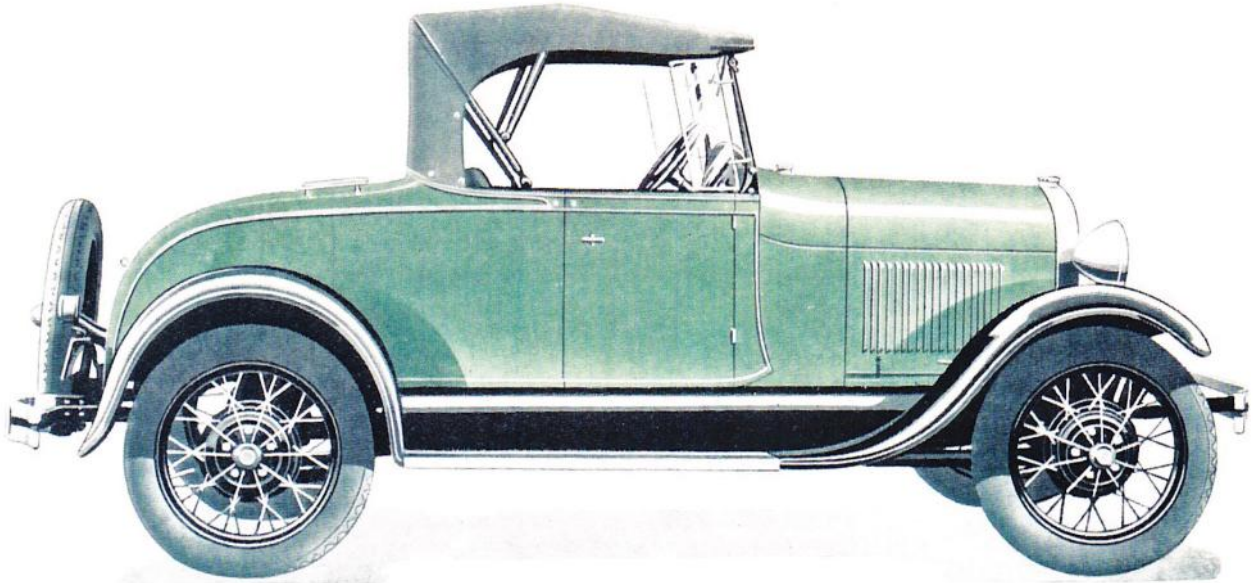
N.B.: If you remit money by cheque, exchange must be added where necessary.

Please address all correspondence to The Registrar, Magistrate's Court, AUCKLAND.

500 pads of 100-9-56-2041-W.P.

BOLTONS BODY CATALOGUE

Courtesy of Ron Andrews



FORD STANDARD ROADSTER
(Full particulars overleaf)

[TELEPHONE FOR DEMONSTRATION - TEST FORD CLAIMS YOURSELF]

FORD STANDARD ROADSTER

The New Ford has rapidly become the universal car for commercial travellers.

Those who for years have foresaken economical cars in preference for heavy car comfort during the long arduous days on the road are now taking up the New Ford in ever-increasing numbers. This is because they find it gives even better comfort than the heavier cars, and at less expense.

Conversely, salesmen who have previously been unable to afford heavy car comfort are just as enthusiastic in their demand for the New Ford. Real comfort, economy and performance are combined in this smart and speedy model.

The standard Roadster is, of course, the most widely used model for commercial travelling purposes. The Sports Roadster appeals to those who want particular distinctiveness in an open car.

The New Ford Phaeton, Sport Coupe, Tudor and Fordor, all enjoy wide popularity in the Commercial world.

The roominess of the boot in the Ford Roadster is an advantage that every salesman appreciates. Inside dimensions are:—

Length—36 in.

Width—36 in.

Height—

Front half, 30 in.

Rear half, 15 in.

Opening of Boot—33 in. x 26 in.

Approx. capacity of boot, 14 cubic ft.

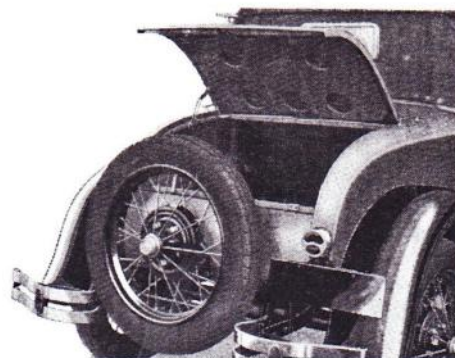


Illustration shows the generous space in the boot of the Standard Ford Roadster. This compartment is completely water-tight and gives full protection to samples or luggage.

[FORD METHODS OF PRODUCTION KEEP FORD PRICES LOW]

TECHNICAL TIP

Bob Wyrick (USA) Ford Torque, March-April 2025

THOSE PESKY FUEL SHUT OFF VALVES

Have you ever entered your garage to be confronted with the noxious odour of gasoline from your prized Model A? Have you had your wife tell you that “your old car stinks” and you must move it outside? If you have been confronted with this dilemma, you have been a victim of a leaking shut off valve.

Believe me, I have been plagued with this chronic condition on three cars. While trying to maintain originality, I have gone through at least a half dozen so-called “guaranteed not to leak” shut off valves. Every one failed within a few months; first, failing to turn without resistance followed by minor intermittent leaks.

It is very difficult for the carburettor alone to prevent seepage if the shut off valve is leaking. It only takes a thimbleful of gasoline to stink up your whole garage. After dogged persistence, I have developed a few ideas which might be worth considering. Remember you are dealing with a plug valve which has a tapered brass plug forming a brass-on-brass seal in the brass valve body. Any debris from the tank could cause grooving of either the plug or the valve body, but I suspect the greater problem is caused by galling once the pre-packed lubricant has been displaced.

Galling is a form of wear caused by adhesion between sliding surfaces. When a material galls, some of it is pulled with the contacting surface. Galling is caused by a combination of friction and adhesion between the surfaces, followed by slipping and tearing of crystal structure beneath the surface. This will generally leave some material stuck or even friction welded to the adjacent surface, where the galled material may appear gouged with balled-up or torn lumps of material stuck to its surface. Galling is most commonly found in metal surfaces that are in sliding contact with each other. It is especially common where there is inadequate lubrication between the surfaces.

The secret for a proper fix is with the lubricant. This type of valve requires an industrial grade lubricant which is gas resistant and a sealer. I have used a product called *EZ Turn Yellow-Brown Fuel Resistant Lubricant* from United Erie. (In AU try www.aircraftspruce.com.au \$50 ish/tube.)



Fig 1. Plug valve lubricant



Fig 2. New style shut off valve

The fix is relatively simple especially with the new valve (Fig. 2) which uses the O-ring to seal the shaft. This can be done without removing the valve from the tank. Simply remove the plug,

Cont. over

TECHNICAL TIP (CONT)

clean, remove any metal build-up due to galling, grease and replace. The old-style valve with packing (Fig. 3) may require removing the valve from the tank to dislodge the packing and release the plug.

I have successfully repaired several valves so that they will hold 5 to 10 psi air pressure without leaking. You may need to repeat the process every year or so as needed to maintain proper lubrication.

Just don't forget to drain the tank before beginning this project, otherwise you will have more than an odour problem!



Fig 3. Old style shut off valve

EARLY FORD PARTS



Specialising in New Old Stock and
Reproduction 1909 - 1948 Early Ford Parts.

Dave Slater

✉ dave.slater@casmn.com

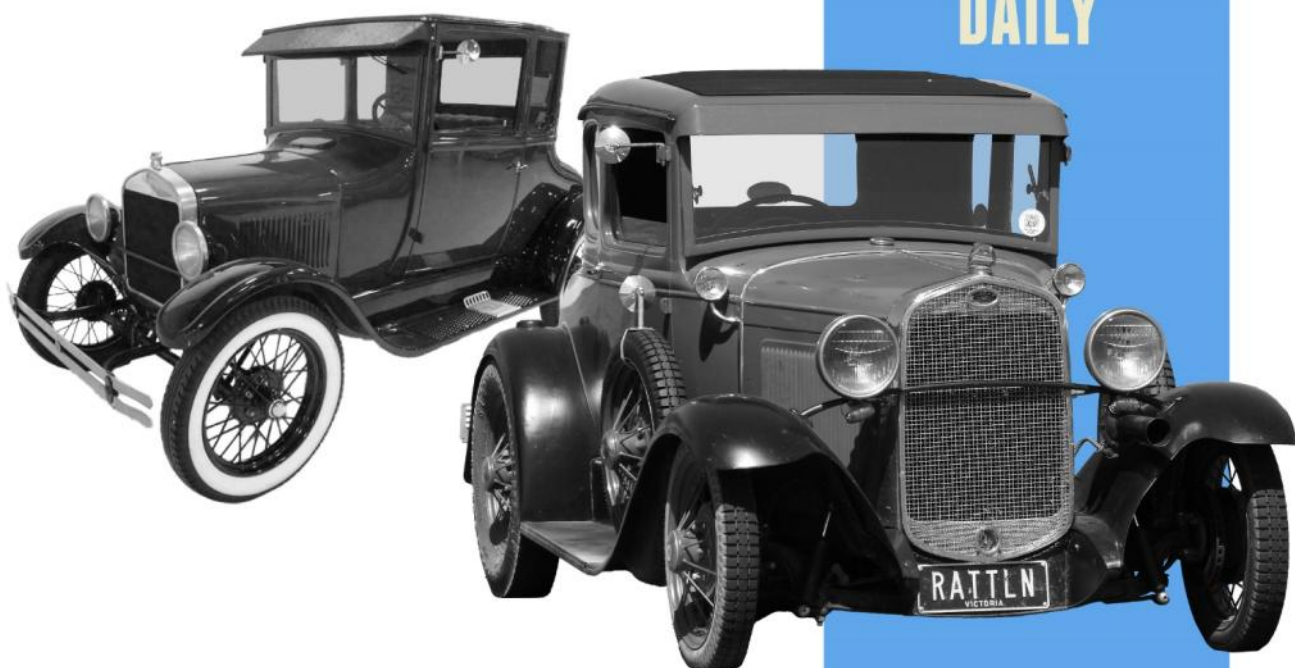
☎ 0412 59 3535

🚚 We post Australia-wide

🏠 5 Chauncey Court, Wodonga VIC 3690

ONLY ONE PLACE FOR MODEL T & A FORD PARTS

40
YEARS
EXPERIENCE
ORDERS
SHIPPED
DAILY



RESTORATION & HOT ROD PROJECTS

**FOR YOUR
MODEL T & A**

**SERVICING
TUNING
UPHOLSTERY
ELECTRICAL
MAINTENANCE
LIGHT FABRICATION
EXHAUSTS & PARTS**

HENRYSPARES.COM.AU

03 5368 1088



GREAT CLEARANCE SALE



CALL OR VISIT US!

**We are clearing all Floor Stock* including
Tyres and Accessories!**

ASK US FOR GREAT CLEARANCE PRICES



**Proud sponsor of the
Model A Restorers Club of WA
2026 Meet**

*T&C Apply, please ask in store. Instore only & store stock only - no order-ins. Excludes Burtz Blocks and Parts

Lubricants • Halogen Bulbs 6V & 12V
Flasher Cans 6V & 12V • Indicator Lights
Spark Plugs New & N.O.S • Tyres & Tubes
Tungsten Bulbs 6V & 12V • Indicator Stalks
Fuel Pumps 6V & 12V • Wiper Motors 6V & 12V
Wiper Blades • Cables (Cotton, Metal Covered, PVC)
Rust Bands High Tension Cable (Cotton Covered, Black PCV)
and All Things Vintage

Come in or call us for all the parts for your project

Ph (08) 9274 2066
parts@yesteryearparts.com.au

www.yesteryearparts.com.au

**Conveniently located at
3/350 Great Eastern Hwy Midland**