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MODEL A FORD CLUB
OF SA



The Start of the Ford FlatHead Funday



Briefing before heading off

Meetings & Contact

Model A **Ford** Club of South Australia Inc. – meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the C.C.C. Club Rooms, Glandore Community Centre, Clark Avenue, Glandore starting at 8:00pm

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another AGM has come and gone with a couple of changes. The role of Events Coordinator will be in the hands of Kevin Draper and I look forward to serving as President to the Model A Ford Club SA once again. Thank you to the Committee for organising the sumptuous supper following the meeting.

Participation in events in recent months seems to have fallen off so let us hope that folks will get enthusiastic again and take to the roads.

Let's have fun on the road—these are not just collectors' pieces, but living, breathing legends with adventures to share.

In closing, keep your "A" fuelled up and ready to go.

Till next time, safe and enjoyable driving.

Cheers Eileen

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 24th August.

We will be having a short run followed by a meal at a Spanish Restaurant in the North Eastern Suburbs.

Warwick will be providing more information shortly.

Sunday 21st September

Arthur Clisby Picnic on the Macclesfield Oval

ANNIVERSARY RUN – 24TH-26TH OCTOBER 2025

We will be meeting at Birdwood at 12 noon for lunch opposite the Birdwood Motor Museum before continuing on to Mount Pleasant to our accommodation. Friday night will be a BYO everything happy hour and BBQ Tea.

We will be displaying our A's at the local Farmers Market on Saturday morning followed by a scenic 80 km afternoon drive. You are also welcome to join us on Saturday morning at 8am for the car display if unable to come on Friday.

Please book your accommodation individually with the Mount Pleasant Caravan Park. Phone 08 8568 1934

Cabins have been held until 24/9/25 and as there are only 6 cabins please book early and you need to tell them you belong to the Model A Ford Club.

2 Deluxe Cabins with 2 bedrooms

\$190 for 2 people per night (\$15 person for extras)

4 Standard Cabins \$130 for 2 people

Powered Sites for caravans & campers are \$42 for 2 people and again mention you belong to the Model A Ford Club.

Alternative accommodation is available at the Mount Pleasant Hotel/Motel - Phone 0458455586

6 Rooms available \$280 for 2 nights & again mention you belong to the Model A Ford Club.

Please notify **Gary Fischer on 0439853229** once accommodation is booked to allow for catering numbers.

HAVE YOUR SAY

We are always happy to receive submissions for the newsletter. If you can email your stories to the editor by the 1st of each month for inclusion

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Website Update .

Remember to check out the Club website for information about upcoming events and other trivia
<http://www.mafcofsa.epizy.com>



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Have a question you can't
answer?

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NOTICES

DID YOU MISS OUT?

Let me tell you, if you didn't come to the AGM last meeting you did. You will note we managed to fill all but the Editors position on our committee positions.

This is a shame because for many of you this is our only communication due to distance and or age. We will do our best to keep you informed of what is happening. We are of course still hoping someone will volunteer their time to take on the position.

Now back to why you missed out if you didn't come to the AGM. You were all invited to supper, and what a supper it was.

There were fantastic sandwiches, party pies, sausage rolls, spring rolls, biscuits, apple loaf, Portugese tarts and mini custard donuts.

Now I don't know about you, but if I am going to put on weight, I would much prefer it to be from lemon filled spongy donuts, than greasy pizzas's.

Well done Joan and Ivan Blanchard for purchasing and setting out the supper table, I do hope we can do it again next year.

Regards to all,

Graham J.

MODEL A FORD CLUB OF SA Inc - SUBS & HISTORIC REGISTRATION

Reminder - Your subscriptions are now overdue if you have not yet renewed

Contact Martin Blanchard if you have not received your renewal form

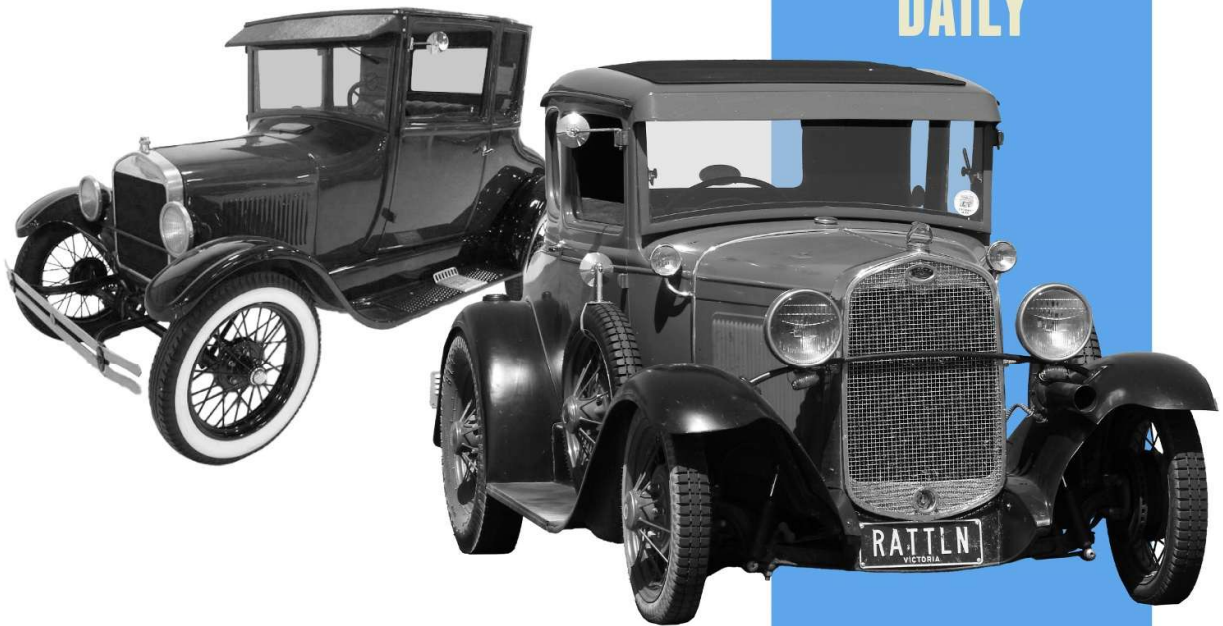
The Club's financial year ends on 30th June 2025, and the fees were set at the March meeting and are due by the end of June 2025.

Your renewal form together with instructions has been forwarded to each member. A majority were emailed while a few were posted.

As in the past, we ask that your renewal form **MUST** be returned with payment, with all details checked – address, phones details, email etc.

Membership can be renewed and log books can be updated at any club meeting or club run, or can be posted to M Blanchard PO Box 472 MT BARKER SA 5251 but if on Historic Registration, then details can be posted to Andrew Costi (see instructions forwarded with renewal form).

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EVENTS:

8 & 10 FUN RUN

We met at the "T" Club rooms on Pt Road at 9.00 am. The weather was threatening to rain all day, but only a few drops caught up with us.

Due to the Burra to Morgan run hosted by NARC our numbers were down this year.

Only Martin and I attended and represented our club, there were at least 3 families from the V8 club. The 8 & 10's were well represented and their cars all performed well, as did the one "A" raced by Martin.

As per usual a well prepared run sheet was distributed and an interesting drive around the suburbs followed, ending up at Dock 2 Port Adelaide. On our arrival we were greeted by the volunteers of the Clipper Ship City of Adelaide with a cup of piping hot Tea or Coffee. Just the thing.

We then sat down and enjoyed a well-rehearsed and informative talk and slide show of the retrieval of the abandoned vessel from Scotland to Adelaide.

You have to give it to us Aussies, when we want something bad enough we find a way. This was followed by an enjoyable lunch. Every one commented on the soup, cheese

and strawberries. There were sandwiches, lamingtons, biscuits. No one left hungry I can tell you.

Then we made our way on to the Ship and explored and noted the progress made from our last visit 2 years ago. The Ship has been successfully moved into its final location on Dock 2, quite an engineering fete. Now that it is in position more conservation work can be carried out. Masts and rigging can be fitted once the structure has been made more secure.

I am looking forward to seeing the progress of the preservation work in another 2 or 3 years.

Many thanks to the 8 & 10's for putting on this run.

Graham J.



Traffic on Greenhill Road



Just givin' them littl'uns a head start!



The Tonkins



AWARDS

The Club has two awards that are presented at each AGM.

The Clubman Award is where points are awarded for those who attend meetings, attend runs, organize runs and contribute items to the magazine. For the year 2024-25 the Clubman award was awarded jointly to **Kev and Eileen Draper**. They have been hard to beat in this category for several years as they always love to attend events in their A's.



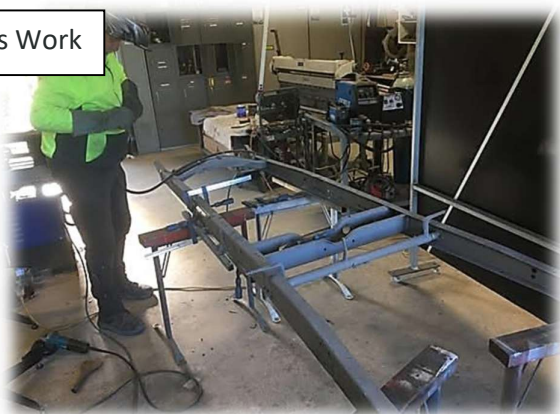
The Restoration Award was awarded to **Dave Brinkley** in Younghusband. Dave is restoring a tudor and from the photos below it looks like it is going to be a great looking vehicle. We hope to see it out on some Club runs in the not too distant future.



MURRAYLANDS COMMUNITY MEN'S SHED UPDATE

The Model A Woody style Panel Delivery being built by the members of Murraylands Community Men's Shed at Murray Bridge came about entirely by accident.

Chassis Work



The writer of this piece (Steve Ford) has an interest in Hupmobile vehicles owning a couple of the Series R and the sad remains of a very rare 1926 Hupmobile Series A Coupe (2 known in Australia with a restored example in Tasmania comprising the other). Since the car in my possession has been denuded of the majority of parts my ears perked up when someone who knew me mentioned a stash of "Model A" parts heading to the tip back in March last year. Of course he

knew my interest was in Model A Hupp parts and when questioned he affirmed "yeah, definitely Model A according to the guy who has them". Now the prospect of parts I am chasing being scrapped was not on so I agreed / urged for them to come my way. What got delivered was around 4 pallets of parts which quickly were recognised as Ford. The problem was that they were now mine and I didn't want them!

As I regularly attend the local men's shed, I asked around if anyone there knew of anyone who has an A Model Ford that I could palm off these piles of what to me was scrap. That was met with a joking response from one of the members "bring them here and we will put it together". As often can happen, a throwaway line can gain traction and soon there were others asking "what's the story with the car?" and there seemed to be a genuine interest. The proposal was put to the committee to do a woody as a promotional tool and despite some negativity a vote from members was held a few days later with the majority being in favour. The catch was that the car had to find its own funding and not take priority over any paying job that kept the lights on. A "formal" agreement was drawn up detailing the obligations of the shed and the membership, How the car was to be used once completed, who was eligible to use the finished vehicle (any member with a valid licence) and under what conditions could the car be disposed of if that ever eventuated. The Men's Shed then joined the Model A Ford Club of SA with myself as its delegate.



Gary our engine guy



Now that we had unleashed the genie - the first problem was that we had no chassis to start from. One of our ranks knew someone in Tumby Bay who had one so a deal was struck to buy at a very reasonable cost the remains of "The Tumby Bay Bush Pig" - chassis, rusted out cowl, hood and fenders. As the "ringleader" of the group I stumped up the cash and our member when visiting Tumby Bay next loaded up his trailer and dragged it back to my place, securing a rear end assembly passing through Whyalla.

In July of 2024 the bare chassis was off at the local grit blasters and there were various parts at the Men's Shed and at my place where storage was an issue. A few weeks later

the blasted chassis came back and we began by sorting out some rust issues, filling stray holes and straightening it up. Next in order of business was to work out what we had and where it went and what we needed to make a start. Our biggest problem was that we did not dismantle the thing so we had on our hands a huge jigsaw puzzle. Warwick Little became our saviour in many respects as he came up for a visit and donated a few missing parts and was able to shed light on some of the mysteries. The suspension springs we had were broken and Warwick supplied a new leaf for the rear and a front leaf of the correct size was found in my stash of Ford Prefect parts. A new member who happened to be a mechanic gave the rear end a going over and it was pronounced good to go and became the first major part bolted into place. We then went through the brake parts and found what we needed, relined the handbrake and main shoes and rebuilt the levers and shafts to correct the wear and fitted them up with new bushings. As we were waiting on cash to buy some needed parts work was on things that were time only with minimal dollar outlay. Warwick once again rescued us by loaning his new running boards, valances and front splash apron so that we could make copies.



By around Feb of 2025 we had some cash to spend and began placing orders with Henry's A & T in Bacchus Marsh and whilst waiting on delivery rectification of the serious rust in our cowl section was tackled. All the while lots of little time consuming tasks went on elsewhere and more new parts ordered as we recognised the need, splurging out on new steering components as a safety priority. Sadly during this time I was made aware that one of our number had a serious health issue that left him with mere weeks to live and he was insistent

on his estate donating to our cause to purchase tyres. He passed away peacefully not long after and true to his word his partner made that donation which proved a very emotional time for all. This generosity has proved to be a leap forward as it provided for one of the main expenses and has also reinforced the dedication to see the project to completion in his honour.



I have done a few "horse trades" where parts I have surplus to my needs for Hupmobiles have found new homes for "a donation to the car" and some generator and starter motor repair likewise. One trade was a pair of refurbished T Ford starters for some sedan doors and we are adapting these to fit the cowl we have.

As of now which is the 12 month mark, we have progressed from what was unrecognisable as a car to something which is now very clearly one. I can happily report that now most of it is no longer cluttering my personal shed space. There is a long way to go and we are up for the task.

Credit and heartfelt thanks are given to the following (in no particular order) for the assistance and generosity that has seen us to this point.



Steve at Lower Murray Grit Blasting, Norm Hardinge of Aussie Desert Coolers, Shaun & Angie Colliver (& Joe) from Henry's A & T Parts, Warwick Little, Martin Blanchard, Simon Tonkin, Gary Fischer and many others from The Model A Ford Club of SA and all the members of the men's shed

Steve Ford

Q: Why was the car always tired? A: It never took any brakes.

Q: What's a movie they could never make about a Lamborghini? A: Silence of the Lambos.

A pair of jumper cables walked into a bar. The bartender says, I'm fine to serve you but you better not start anything.

Q: Why do pistons make such bad employees? A: They only work after they are fired.

Why did the driver get kicked out of the car? He kept making crash decisions.

Why did the car's insurance go up? The provider thought it was a high-risk vehicle.

CLUB CALENDAR

For further information and details on individual events please contact the organizer of the run as indicated, or our Events Co-ordinator Kevin Draper

Club Events marked are the official club runs, where points are allocated towards the clubman trophy.

CLUB EVENTS

August	Tuesday 19th	General Meeting—Clubrooms
	Sunday 24 th	Run to Spanish Restaurant (W. Little)
September	Tuesday 16th	General Meeting—Clubrooms
	Sunday 21st	Arthur Clisby Picnic Macclesfield
October	Tuesday 21st	General Meeting—Clubrooms
	Fri 24th– Sun 26th	Anniversary Run (Fischers)
November	Sunday 2nd	V8 Picnic - NEW LOCATION—Paracombe Oval 383 Paracombe Rd Paracombe
	Tuesday 18th	General Meeting—Clubrooms
December	Sunday 7th December	Christmas Celebration

OTHER EVENTS

1 st Sept	Drive it Day	Bethany Reserve
21st Sept	Gawler Swap Meet	
29th Sept- 5th Oct	Red Dust Revival	Lake Perkolilli WA
12 th Oct	Strathalbyn Swap Meet	
19th Oct	Bay to Birdwood	
26 th Oct	Down Under London to Brighton	London Rd Mile End to Brighton
14 th Nov	Bendigo Swap Meet	