

# Model A News

## Club Newsletter for January 2024

**Club Meetings** are held monthly with the exceptions of January, June and August at a time and location to be determined at the previous meeting. For details of forthcoming meetings and events please contact any member of the committee.



Daniel Fitzpatrick and his 1928 Model A Woody Station Wagon at the Black Mountain Peninsula Club Run

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***The Model A Restorers Club (Australia) Inc.***  
**Was founded in 1969 in Canberra. The club**  
**has hosted four National Meets in 1972, 1975,**  
**1978 and 1998. Members possess a wide**  
**variety of Model A Fords including examples**  
**of Phaeton, Roadster, Sedan Delivery, Sports**  
**Coupe, Victoria etc. Australian-delivery Model**  
**A Fords are of Canadian origin with assembly**  
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**in Australia.**

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**The editor welcomes all contributions of articles, anecdotes, period and current photos and associated memorabilia for publication.**

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#### **Life Members of MARC (Australia) Inc.**

The Club has awarded Life Membership for outstanding service to seven club members (in chronological order):

Ian Irwin O.A.M. (ACT, Founder)

Michael Livingstone (N.S.W. Deceased)

Kevin Churchill (Victoria)

Neil Phillips (South Australia)

Allen Stafford (ACT)

Jean McDonald (ACT)

Bob McDonald (ACT)

#### **Honorary Members of MARC(Australia) Inc.**

Gwen Livingstone

#### **Concessional Registration**

Club vehicles can be concessionally registered in the ACT (or in the case of NSW members, in that state) for restricted use. Details of all aspects of Model A Concessional Registration requirements are obtainable from the Club Registrar, Bob McDonald on (02) 62543248.

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The Model A Restorers Club (Australia) Inc. Is also able to approve other appropriate veteran or vintage vehicles owned by its club members for concessional registration.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2024 which contains great photos of club runs and meetings held toward the end of last year.

Daniel Fitzpatrick and his prized “Woody” are shown on the cover, a lovely car with excellent woodwork that is in remarkable condition for its age.

The club had an interesting run to Allwood Cottage at Hall which provided a remarkable collection of early farming history. See the photos taken on the day.

Steve and Jenny had a great trip to Bendigo Swap Meet and provide a rundown of the event.

Our Christmas party was well attended and we all enjoyed the company and food. Our thanks to Jean and all the ladies who assisted her with the impressive meal provided, very little was left at the end of the day.

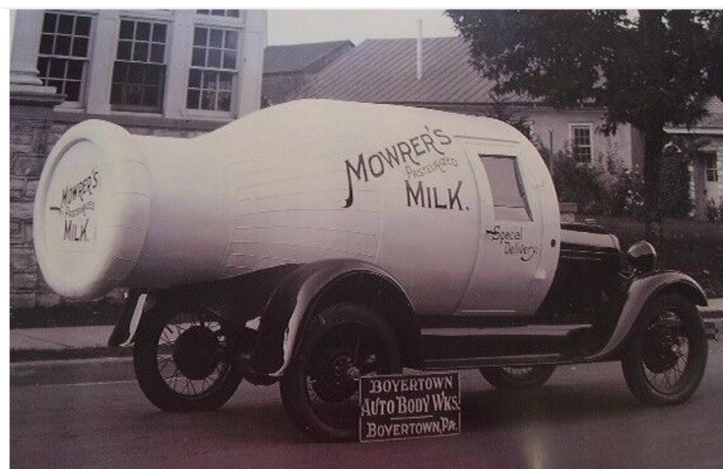
We have had extreme hot weather of late which is now being followed by rain to provide some relief to both people and gardens.

See you all at the next club meeting and on the runs this year.

Keep well and Safe.

Regards

Bill.

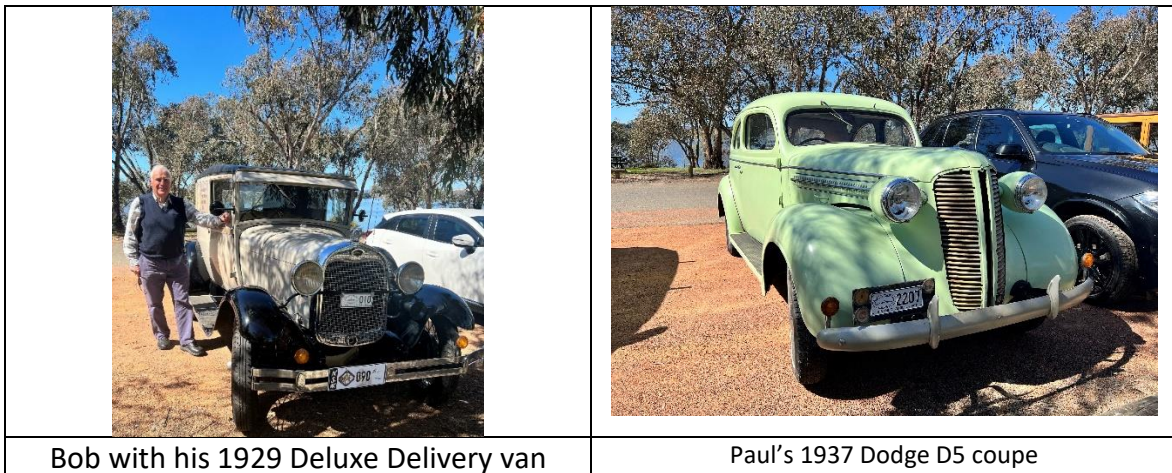


Model A Ford Milk Van on a standard Model A Ford Light Commercial chassis as determined by the painted headlamps. Pennsylvania, USA

## September 2023 Club Run and Meeting



Club members admiring Daniel's "Woody" at the Black Mountain Peninsula club run.



Nine club members attended the run to Black Mountain Peninsula to socialise during morning tea and hold a club meeting. Great to see a few older cars come out and enjoy the spring sun. Daniel Fitzpatrick's Model A Station Wagon was a focus of conversation.

## **Allwood, Hall - Club Run and Meeting – October 2023**



**Club members with one of our hosts on the veranda of one of the restored cottages.**

Allwood cottage is a heritage listed slab cottage built in the late 1800's. It is located near Hall and comprises of two structures that have been restored using original techniques and materials to show what rural life was like 140 years ago. It was also home to a family of 10 when occupied in the 1880's.

Rod and Judy Roberts live on the farm (in a modern house) and have spent many years restoring the structures and sourcing period tools, historical documents and showing the cottage to interested groups. An enormous amount of effort has been spent on the project by Rod and Judy and extended family. It is a fascinating time capsule of early farming life in the region.

Thanks to Sophia Notaras for organising the event, it was enjoyed by all who attended.



The original cottage



The kitchen area



Pictures and documents relating to the history of the homestead.



Collection of period tools.

## And in other news



## **Bendigo Swap Meet Report – November 2023**



Steve and Jenny attended the Bendigo swap meet which was the first following a four-year hiatus due to Covid and local flooding in 2022. The meet was large as usual, but both main halls had plenty of empty space.

However, the open sites displayed the usual diverse range of car related “gold” on offer. The Model A Ford Club of Victoria had a site, but most Model A offerings at other sites were confined to panels and wheels.

Well, after 6 hours of walking and with a couple of items of “gold” under our arms it was time to leave and enjoy dinner at one of Bendigo’s restaurants. This too was an enjoyable part of the weekend outing.

## Club Christmas Party – December 2023



The Christmas party was well attended with 13 members enjoying pleasant weather, fantastic food and plenty of chatter. Rob presented all present with cardboard stubby holders celebrating the club's 55 years.

As usual the food was exceptional and many thanks to Jean for all the hard work she does for this event.



Jean organising the food.



Dinner is served.





Allen enjoying his coffee.



Rob demonstrating how to use the cardboard stubby holder.

## CLUB 50TH ANNIVERSARY BADGE

50 copies of the 50th Anniversary Metal Car Badge (shown below) were produced for the club by badge maker Badge'rs.

A limited number are still available for sale at a cost of \$35.50 plus postage.

Contact the Treasurer if interested.



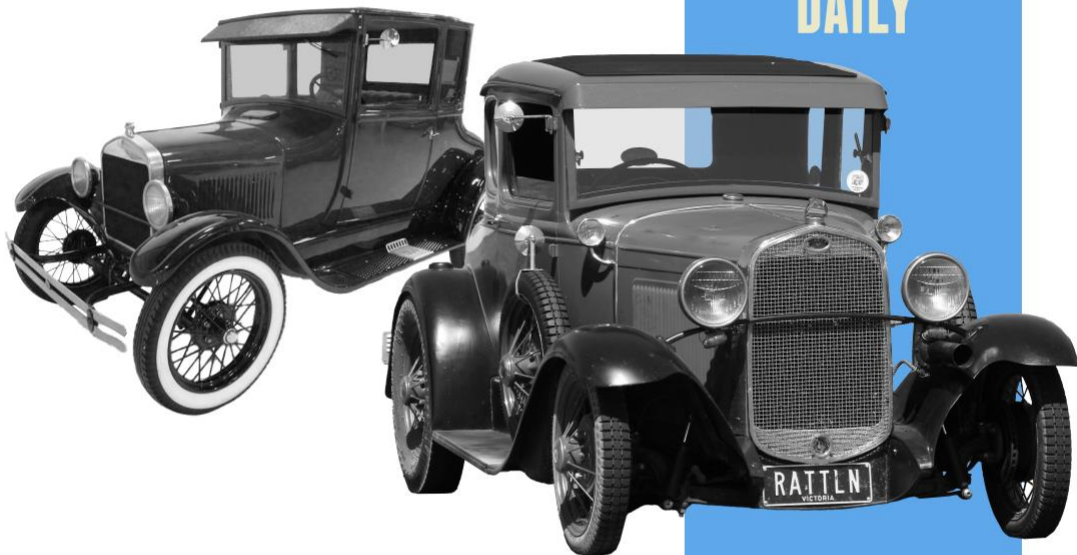
Badge dimensions are 93.5mm long by 53mm high. Fixing holes are 3.5mm diameter

<b>EVENTS CALENDAR 2024</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
4th February	Cootamundra club - Michael Livingstone run to Jugiong
18 <sup>th</sup> February	Wheels - Queanbeyan Showground
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Auto Italia - Queanbeyan Park
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Goulburn Swap meet - Goulburn Recreation Area
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Wheels of Wamboin – 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Yass Swap Meet – Yass Showground
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Wagga Wagga Swap Meet – Showground
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Cootamundra club Swap Meet – Showgrounds
7 – 8 September	Queanbeyan Swap meet at Showground – <a href="http://www.qbnswap.com">www.qbnswap.com</a>
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	German Auto Day – Brad Haddin Oval – Queanbeyan
16 – 17 November	Bendigo Swap Meet
TBA	Terribly British Day
TBA	ACT Swap Meet – Hall

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