

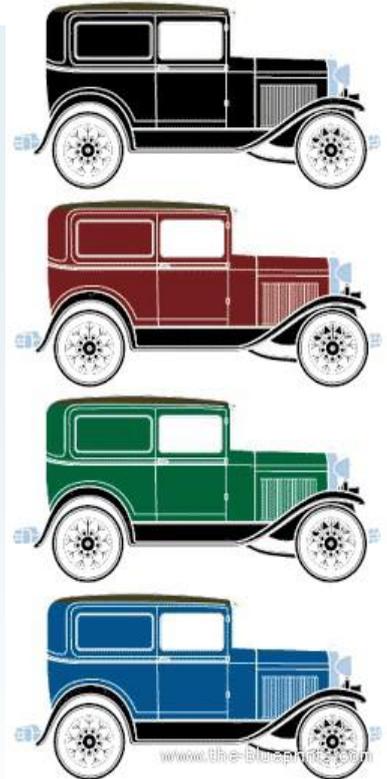


November 2023

FORD TORQUE SA



Barry Cummings at All Ford Day with his Ute.



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Special points of interest

- **Next Meeting** : 21st November
- **Following Meeting**:
16th January
- **Next Event**: 3rd December
- **Following Event** : 19th January

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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From the President



Hi everyone. Where has the year gone? I can't believe that it is almost Christmas; but it must be as the Christmas Pageant was this weekend, and what perfect weather it was. Thankyou to Warwick Little and all those who managed the club in my absence even though I know my input is pretty limited!

I hope you are all keeping well and enjoying the any opportunities to enjoy your 'A'. I'm sure that the Anniversary Run was enjoyed by all. Coming up this month we have Across the Goyder Line organized by Gary Fischer. I hope to be able to catch up with you all at the Christmas Celebration at the Clubrooms on December 3rd. It is always a great event. It was a great day for the Early V8 Club event at Lenswood Oval. I had planned to join you there but it's a bit far to walk from Ros-trevor, as both my cars were out of action!

See you soon

Elaine Howson

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

fordmodela.sa@gmail.com

Website Updates

Remember to check out the Club website for information about upcoming events and other trivia

<http://>

www.mafcofsa.epizy.com



**Club Christmas Party
Sunday 3rd December
2023
Club rooms, from 4.30pm**



Come along and join in the Christmas party festivities The club will again be providing food for dinner plus

welcome drink on arrival (bubbly and/or orange juice)

Bring your own drinks and nibbles, if you want pre-dinner nibbles.

Please bring your tables and chairs as we may venture outside.

Please bring your own plates, bowls and cutlery etc

(no plastic single use plastic plates and cutlery will be provided this year!)

Please let Eileen Draper know if you are attending as we required numbers for catering. 0402 354 625



Committee & Club Positions

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Graham Johnson	Kevin Draper	Margaret Mudge

Technical Reps

Need help with your "A"?

Have questions you can't answer?

Have a chat with our Technical Reps



Graham Johnson
8276 7561

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8260 2129

Wayne Stapleton
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Member Spotlight— Graham Johnson Pt 2

Each week I was still scanning the News Papers for an early 7 for Edd and there it was, an ad for a 1929 Austin 7 roadster and a 1924 Humber roadster both in the same advert. The cars were in Auburn and when we got there we found them parked side by side in a shearing shed. The other thing we found out you couldn't buy one without buying the other. That had stopped 2 buyers before us. Not to worry I will buy the Humber and sell it later, you can get the 7. Ok says Edd, "Oh" I should involve Pearl (Edd's wife) so she is comfortable with my choice. Pearl comes in and immediately gravitates to the Humber. So the deal is done I end up with the 29 Austin and Edd gets the Humber.



" It was everything I wanted in an old car..... "

Now back to model "A"s, I won't bore you with too much of my vintage car history but after building 2 engines and doing other repairs on both cars we lined up for the next B to B.

The Tudor took up room in my shed just sitting there with no engine. Neil Phillips comes to my rescue and says I have some engine blocks in my old chicken house you can come and choose one. This I did and work on reconditioning the motor began again.

Sometime later Neil reports to the members that he has come across a very rare Canadian 1930 Town Sedan. The car was a 2 family car and was in very good original condition. He explained that if the members could get the car going, the owner would join the club and display it at events. A number of members turned up and worked on the car. I was smitten with it. It was everything I wanted in an old car. Time passed and I saw another interesting add in the Advertiser for a 1930 left hand drive Town Sedan. I think I know that car so on to the phone, inspect the car again, find out it is too much for me. I gave the owner my phone number and told him I really liked his car but I couldn't make his asking price and if it doesn't sell to get back to me. Some months later his business falls over and he rings and negotiations take place and we agree on a price that I could come up to.

Member Spotlight Cont....

So now we are the third family owners of the sedan. Now to work. The original brake linings and wheel bearings were removed and replaced, the radiator re-cored, water pump overhauled, two burnt valves replaced the bores honed and pistons fitted with new rings. The bearing clearances were checked and found to be okay and ½ inch of sandy dirt was removed from the valve spring chamber and the sump. All moving parts were lubed and oils changed. I then fitted an extra tail light and two side mirrors, tidied up the wiring and removed the seized shockers.

After a very rigorous inspection at Regency Park it passes and goes straight on to club rego with a Left Hand Drive Exemption paper.

I finished it just in time for the 1994 National at Immanuel College and we have been happy Model Aer's ever since. The mileage was 42,000. After about three years of limited use I decided to pull the engine and overhaul it properly.

Now I had a fully reconditioned engine on the bench which was for the Tudor, so in the Sedan it went. Poor Tudor, surplus to requirements again. I had been doing some work on the car like having the radiator re-cored, fitting cast iron brake drums to the rear, rebuilding the gearbox and chroming bumpers etc. The Tudor was nearly driveable several times but other cars always got in the way and I used the recon bits and pieces. It took Wayne Stapleton to fit an engine and gearbox etc. to get it back on the road as he purchased it from me so I could purchase our 400A Sports convertible.



Anniversary Run

We enjoyed a great run to Pt Hughes and surrounding areas such as Moonta and Wallaroo. Highlights included visiting the Moonta Farm Heritage Museum, The Crafty Pint Hedonbar Brewing Company (for a pint or two) next door, the Retro Rustic Vintage Treasures and Treats Café in Wallaroo, a guided tour of a Moonta Miner's Cottage and Heritage garden and the Tourist Railway for a guided tour of the historic Moonta Mines State Heritage Area.

On Saturday evening dinner at the Pt Hughes Tavern was well received by all.

Sunday Breakfast was barbequed by our Model A Chefs Extraordinaire in the camp kitchen.

Kev and Eileen were given the honour of organising the Annual Run next year.

Thank you to Ray and Margaret Mudge for an excellent weekend.

Kev and Eileen Draper



V8 Club Picnic

It was once again time for the Early V8 Club's annual picnic. We were pleased to be invited even though it has been an incredibly busy few weeks for our members. It was a delightful day with delightful weather. Although I only made it for a short time, I thoroughly enjoyed the friendship and jokes. Especially as when I arrived I was travelling way too quickly and sailed spectacularly past the entrance dragging the '66 XP Falcon that was barely keeping up, straight past, necessitating a synchronised U-turn. We thank the Early V8 Club for inviting us, and hopefully next year we manage more than 3 cars. *Martin*



Buys and Sells

Club Items for Sale

King Pins

Oversized King Pins available \$120 each (plus postage). Plus \$20.00 if old king pin is not returned.

**Model A Ford Club Badge
SA Inc \$20.00**



Floor Mats

The club now has a supply of floor mats available.

These include:

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Back Tourer \$140.00

Back Roadster (dickie seat)
\$120.00

Pedal mat \$ 45.00

**Postage charges will also
be added.**

Mufflers

The Model A Club of SA is making Model A mufflers to order at a cost of \$300 plus delivery.

Contact Margaret Mudge on 0407 614 819 or email rmjmudge@bigpond.com if you would like to purchase any of these items



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All Ford Day Report

All Ford Day was held on the Oakbank Racecourse and it was a beautiful sunny day. There was a large number of all different models of Ford cars and trucks on display. There were a total of 4 Model A's (3 belonging to Club Members plus one '31 Victoria which for some reason was stuck right out the back and not with us) and one Model T. As usual, the event was really well organized, but unfortunately fell at a really awkward time for our Club. Barry Cummins won first place for the A's, and Eileen Draper took home the runner-up trophy. Congratulations to you both, your cars looked stunning parked right in front of the central grandstand. Regrettably Kevin Stephens didn't make it in his A, but the Mini was there regardless.



Barry & Eileen with their trophies



"When I grow up I want to be a Ford!"



The one and only T

Bay to Birdwood Report

It has been 15 years since I last entered the B2B, and I convinced my son, Christopher, that we should participate. He was keen even though it meant a 5:30 start to head down and collect the car. The light was just starting to penetrate the darkness when we set off with Chris driving. Upon arrival, the marshals herded us into the centre of the seething mass of cars with all the other vintage and veterans. We had time for a wander around to peruse the amazing variety of beautiful machinery, ran into a few friends and met Stuart, a very new Model A owner having just purchased the '28 roadster from Marc Osment.

It wasn't long before we were off up the road with me driving and Chris waving a camera in all directions from the dickey seat. We spent the first part of the journey exchanging places with a huge '29 Cadillac, a mid 20's Buick and a very cheeky veteran Humber who had delusions of grandeur and thought he should be ahead of us. I might have snuck past a gaggle of veterans to try and get ahead of them before we hit the hills, and even passed a few more once beyond TTG (including a T who stopped for a high speed driver change). There was a brief delay while a few drivers on Greenhill Road held up the entire procession while they swerved in front of us and stopped, and then hunted for a place from which to watch. Obviously some people have no concept of mechanical drum brakes, I really hope they were embarrassed. The 1912 Gregoire speedster blew a clutch on Anzac Highway and pulled out. I would have loved to have seen Kevin Weekes in his 1954 GP car tackling the hills. We started about 30th or 40th and ended up being the 4th car to reach the Mill. I am convinced that should have been enough for a win on handicap and anyone who tries to tell me it isn't a race is obviously suffering from an extreme case of jealousy. A great day!

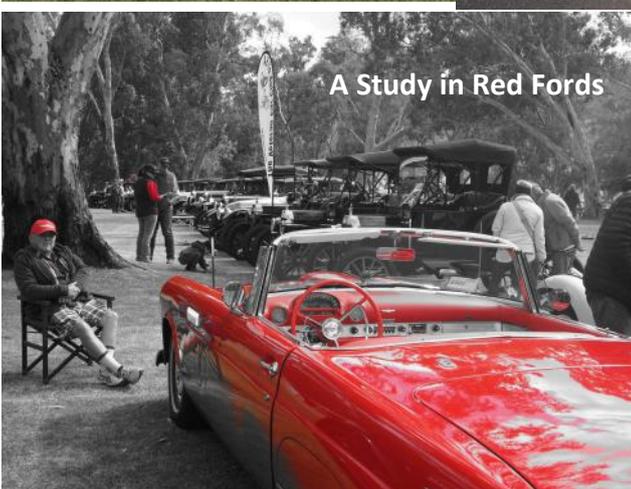
Martin Blanchard



Stuart Ramsay in his new car



'20's Dodge and '29 Cadillac near the start

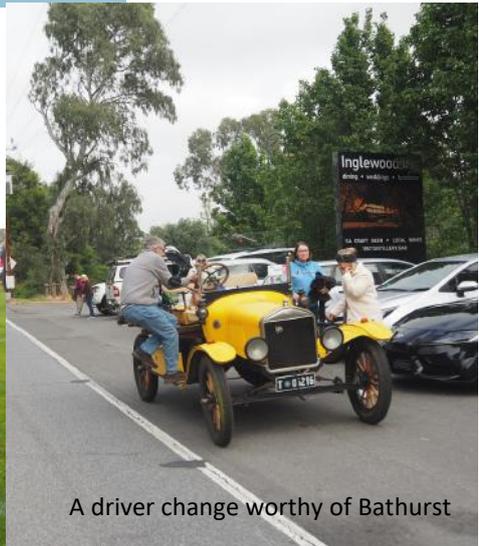


A Study in Red Fords



The only other person braving the cold

Kingsley Taylor in his '30 Coupe



A driver change worthy of Bathurst



Trying to escape...the lunatic in the back seat.



Kevin Weekes Mercedes W196 Grand Prix (and yes he drove it)



Peak Hour on Anzac Hwy



1912 Humber



A Pair of A's



Bay to Birdwood Photos



1912 Humber



Bugatti Tipo 30



1969 BMW 2002



1931 Packard



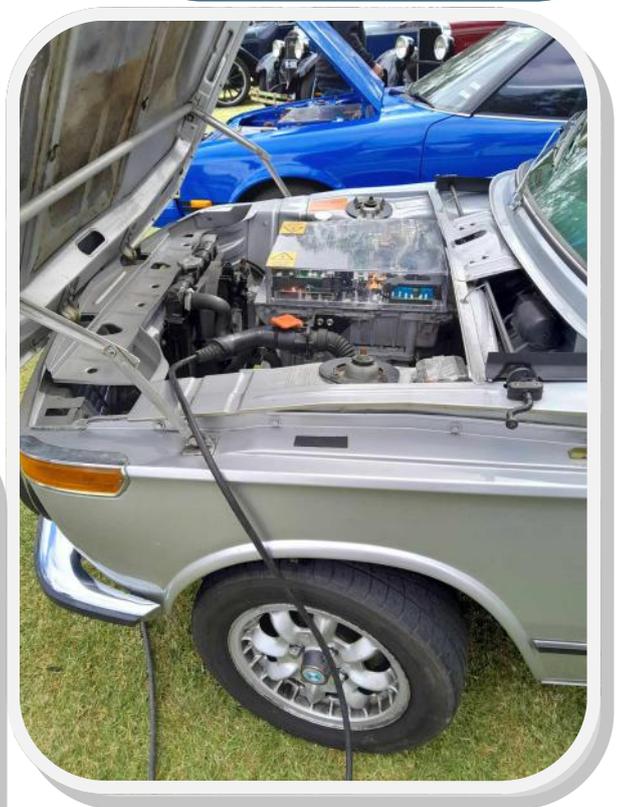
1955 VW Kombi



1954 Mercedes W916



Amilcar C4



Electric Powered BMW 2002



Electric Celica

Restoration Update



So, having taken (another) two weeks off work, my plan was to travel the Yorke Peninsula for the first week then spend a week in the garage. We all know how well that was likely to go..... But on the last day before I went back to work I finally rolled the poor old girl out of the shed. I managed almost a full day just working on the imperfections on the bodywork, so not really a huge amount worth photographing, but half of one guard is now ready. I have since primed all of the passenger side, so I can now see all the blemishes I still have to sand out. It is nice to see some progress again.



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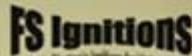
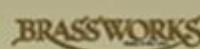
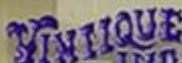
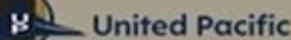
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Club Calendar

For further information and details on individual events please contact the organizer of the run as indicated, or our **Events Co-ordinator Ray Mudge 0407 614 819**

Club Events

November	Tuesday 21st	Club Meeting Club Rooms
	Sunday 5th	Early V8 Picnic—Lenswood
December		NO CLUB MEETING
	Sunday 3rd	Club Christmas Party
January	Tuesday 16th	Club Meeting—Club Rooms
	Friday 19th	Fish n Chip Run

Other Events

November	Sunday 12th	Barossa Valleysa Ford Club Show n Shine
	Sunday 18th	Gary Fischer's Run
	Sunday 18th	Murray Bridge Christmas Pageant
	Sunday 19th	Yankalilla Classic Motor Show
March	Sunday 17th	Woodside swap Meet



“Maaate..... That stuff on the roof is too heavy, it’s bending yer car”

Next Issue.....

Lenswood Picnic Report
Gary Fischers Run Report
Member Spotlight—Graham Johnson Pt 3