

## **MODEL "A" FORD CLUB of QUEENSLAND inc.**

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### **EARLY BIRD NEWSLETTER No. 5 22<sup>nd</sup> NATIONAL MODEL A FORD MEET IPSWICH QUEENSLAND – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2012**

Dear Model 'A' Folks

It's now only two months to the Ipswich National Meet and the Queensland Club is working hard to ensure it runs smoothly and enjoyably. Entry Forms, previous newsletters, accommodation information etc can be requested from the above email address or from our club website at <http://carclubs.shannons.com.au/modelafordqld/>. Just click on News and scroll down to select your item.

#### **ENTRANTS**

All entries should be in by now. Cut off date was 31 December

#### **MEALS and MERCHANDISE**

Order forms for Meals/Optional Tours and Merchandise were included with the previous newsletter no 4. Please complete these and return them with full payment promptly to help with the organization of the event. Cut off date is 31 January 2012. If you haven't received the meal order form or the No 4 newsletter and cannot obtain it from the above website, please contact the Meet Secretary, Trevor Specht by the above email or phone 07 32074068.

It is not covered in the meal order but the cost of children's meals is as follows

0-4 years - Free

5 - 12years old half price of any given meal

With bus tours, if the child occupies a seat, full price will apply. The Gooloowan house tour will be half price for children

Just mark the order form appropriately

#### **RALLY PROGRAM**

Details of the program were included in the last newsletter. We would like to remind everybody that the theme of this meet is the Commercialisation of the Model A Ford and that this will be the **dress theme for the gala dinner** on Friday night so please join in the fun.

#### **CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE**

Concours judging will be on Wednesday 28 March and we are hoping to have three categories; Concours, Touring and Commercial depending on entry numbers. Further information on this part of the program can be obtained from Ron Johnman 0419 932136

## **MANDATORY RUN, THURSDAY**

### **Period dress for this day if possible**

Thursday is our mandatory run through the Scenic Rim and into Boonah for lunch. The Queensland club will provide morning tea free of charge at the Kalbar showground. The township of Boonah is going all out to make our stay in Boonah for lunch and some local shopping a most enjoyable afternoon. They have arranged for the closure of the main street where we will park as many cars as possible, and are working on making this a carnival type event.

The Boonah District with over 100 different types of businesses, industries and activities offers a "full service" of products, services, things to do, and places to see.

Boonah is a rural region but is the geographic centre of major population areas such as the Gold Coast, Brisbane, Ipswich, Toowoomba, and Warwick as well as the northern areas of New South Wales. Boonah is also central to other significant food production areas as well as significant natural environments and rare native species habitats. Boonah is a hub into the Green Cauldron National Landscape

One major business in Boonah is Dover and Sons. Dover and Sons was established in 1900 by Samuel Dover to serve the local community with farm machinery and later with vehicles. The firm was the local Ford dealer and sold Model T and Model A vehicles. Joe Dover still has many memories of those times and is able to recall a lot of local history about the vehicles. So, for the history buffs, Joe is able to provide a local perspective of the use of Model A and Model T vehicles. Dover and Sons welcomes the Ford Model A rally to Boonah. Further information about Boonah can be obtained from the club website above or from this link

<http://www.boonah.org.au/publicdocuments/Boonah%20Poster%20Model%20A%20Ra.pdf>

## **RALLY HEADQUARTERS**

Headquarters for the meet is the Ipswich Showgrounds on the corner of Salisbury and Warwick Roads in Ipswich . The address is 81 Warwick Road, Ipswich Qld. 4305. For those not familiar with the area, the most straightforward way to locate the showground is to take the Yamanto exit from the Cunningham Highway and follow the signs to Ipswich until you come to the Warwick Road/Salisbury Road intersection. The showgrounds are on the left.

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Kind Regards

Les Dunstan

National Meet Director