

The Model A Ford Club of Queensland recently completed a 5,340 mile round trip from Brisbane to the 2016 23<sup>rd</sup> National Meet in Darwin Australia.

This is our 1931 five window Coupe that we have had for 26 years and have driven it to every state and Capitol city in Australia. In 2014 we drove across the country from east to west, a total of 6,300 miles and this year from south to north, a distance of 5,340 miles. At 6 foot 6 inches tall, I had a leg room problems so I took the back parcel tray out, turned it upside down, then end for ended it thus allowing the seat to pass under it giving me an extra 6 inches. I run a Snyder's high compression head, twelve volt system, twin point Mallory distributor. Slipper bearings and adjustable lifters so it is a very nice little touring engine. We also toured the island state of Tasmania in 2010 and look forward to many more trips in our pride and joy



Our club had 21 Model A's entered and won the best represented club award. Our return trip was via the central Australian town of Alice Springs. There is an achievement award given to vintage car owners from the Motor Enthusiasts Club of Central Australia (Google it)

It is called the "Overlander Badge." To earn this award badge and certificate there are certain conditions.

- 1 It must be a Veteran or Vintage vehicle
- 2 It must cover the specified distance
- 3 It must arrive at or depart from Alice Springs under it's own power
- 4 The badge will only be awarded to the nominated driver and vehicle

The picture is of my 1931 Coupe at a roadside truck stop beside a road train. These trucks usually pull four trailers. They cruise at 65 mph and we really need to have a good grip on the steering wheel as they fly past us.

Our next National Meet is in 2018 at the other end of Australia in a town called Murray Bridge. Victoria.

Lindsay Harris. President