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*This Months cover shot is a bit of a Four Banger but just a puppy of an engine.....*

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**Rebels and or their Cars in action.....**  
**From the Model A Ford Meet in Vancouver Canada.**



*Rebels Thomason with Canadian Mountie (need a box to stand on?)*



*The two D's relaxin' Canadian Style on a Sport Coupe Pickup?.*



*Stretched Model A Hearse - all white - complete with Coffin !!!*



*Sam Bernhardt (coming to NZ) with Model A Snowmobile.*



*Kiwi Rebels "fixin' it" Thomason (with cap) Mossman (blue shirt) and Moore (bald head & glasses !!)... and Judy & Karen & David.*



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*Membership of The New Zealand Rebel A Ford Club is open to anyone with a sincere interest in Henry's Model A Ford automobile, with a bent towards touring and modified vehicles. The purpose of the club which meets only every 2 years is to enjoy, preserve and use the Model A Ford Automobile.*

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### REBELS ON THE WEB

The Rebel's and the 2011 National Rally are using some of the North Island Model A's website for our own, so check it out, same name. The latest updated showing the 2011 Rally entrants.....

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### 2011 NATIONAL RALLY

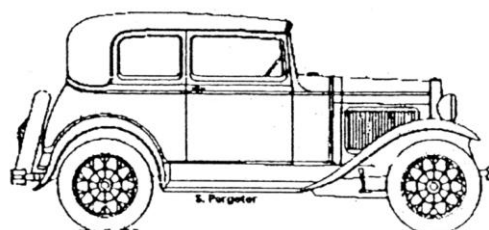
The 10<sup>th</sup> NZ National rally as it will be, will be held in the northern South Island, and will be a tour event rather than a stay put weekend, and will take place in April just before Easter.

The latest Early-Bird newsletter has just gone out and has the Entry Forms, and those who aren't Registered as early-Birds wont get one till the end of October. Numbers are tight for some things so if you want to be in suggest you register as an early-Bird right now.

Committee meeting regularly and have everything in hand.

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## USA NATIONAL MODEL A FORD MEET – VANCOUVER CANADA:-

29th July saw us meet up with our room mates for the next 3 weeks, David & Karen at Auckland airport for trip to the bi-annual MAFCA meet in Vancouver. A good flight with plane not full.

We arrived a couple of days before the meet as Air NZ does not fly everyday direct. Gave us a chance to check all out, only 1 'A' was under a veranda outside the Hotel. 29 Sport Coupe original, been cut at back and wellside jammed in. The 2 kiwi blokes had it running in a few minutes!!!

The Speed event hosted by FAST was on a remote road near the airport, Marshall Lewis kindly gave us a lift in his 31 Slant Screen Ferrari !!!,. Has many miles on it but boy it was nice & quick, actually won best Modified in judging. Marshall is no chicken and in order not to be late after a slight detour was clipping along at 60 plus!!! only to test rear shocks and head lining on an unseen speed hump!!! On arrival at venue practice had started with Olive & Art Moore burning rubber. Noted there were a few 10 speed bikes also using the road being a Sat morning, however they seemed to give way to fast moving 'A's!!

Not long into the practice Johnny Law turned up in style, 4-5 cop cars, short story was bikers complained, 30mph speed limit on road, and the Vancouver organiser did not have permission in writing from authorities to run event. We got shut down, pity as some folk had bought their vehicles thousands of miles for it, such is the interest.

By the next day the 'A's were rolling in some 450 plus. Hotel car park was bursting at the seams, small swap meet but some interesting parts. Not much Canadian parts, but one Rebel was seen exiting with 5 NOS 3X plugs made in Canada!!!

Most models were present at the meet including a freshly restored Snow Bird. Only one vehicle in repair tent, it had to have a rear end rebuilt, David did a hose job on one vehicle much to the owners delight. Meet went off good with usual seminars, tours, judging & lots of talks with friends. Too much to relate here. Did meet up with friend I had been mailing for 6 years.

Much interest was shown in our 2011 Meet in NZ by locals there, expect a number to attend our meet.

After the meet the Host club Lions Gate Chapter had arranged a 7 day tour to Alaska via the Inside passage on a Cruise Liner, spectacular scenery, 8 kiwis on board plus large number of A folk. I can recommend this trip to anyone, only complaint I had on the ship, they force feed you 24 hours a day. Food, I have never seen so much good tucker and was always taught to leave plate clean (on a last trip), well that worked for a day or 2, then the clothes did not fit. Cabin was a little tight and was not what the organiser sold us, so the young ones got the single bunk!!

We visited 3 different Ports, Juneau, Skagway and Ketchikan. Good to see different places, but that's a story in its own, Jewellery shops & souvenir shops How many do you want to look at same shit different towns, not for guys.

After boat cruise, rental car to friends in Montana and back to old cars, starter replaced and leaky carb fixed here. On to Yellowstone National Park, OK but NZ has better and not much wildlife, Old Faithful blew whilst there, 10000's tourists, bit of a let down, no bears , 2 bison, lots of elk, ok but would not bother doing it again, NZ has better geothermal pools. On to Bonneville.....

Drove 600 miles today, long day, yesterday when we did Yellowstone Park, Judes bag is very full of shopping, & now she is looking to fill mine??? fat chance there, I still have my shopping to do?? A parts are scarce but just maybe on to some goodies, Delivery bodies??? lips are sealed, Early nite tonite as 5hrs sleep not enough, then on to Carson city tomorrow to catch up with friends there, 98\* here today, bit warm, Gas \$3.05 a gallon.....

*(From Derek while in the USA)*

### AUCKLAND PARTS DEALER CHANGES HANDS:-

The old Veteran & Vintage Cars business (Rod Welch) has been bought and will now be run by Rebel's Errol & Linda McAlpine from their Swanson property, Errol has a new big shed and the parts have all been transferred, with many still packed in containers awaiting unloading. The business still has the famous tyres for all makes and models of all ages.



### REBELS AND MODEL A'S AT BONNEVILLE :-

Currently in Elco Nevada having spent afternoon at Bonneville with the 4 v 4 boys & the Model A



powered belly tank, Jim made one run this afternoon & broke the world record at 153 mph, needs to do a back up run in the morning to confirm it, looking real strong & expect a better time then, What a buzz for me to go with push car & recovery car to follow him, For those who don't know they run one of my quick changes so am part of the team, & got full recognition They are so rapt with the quicky they have the parachute tie to it. I am on a high.

The tall one Jim Brieley, the driver, Big guy Ron Mosher, Little guy with helmet a "wanabee", At the end of Jims record breaking run at 153 mph, Yes its Model A powered with a KIWI Quickchange rear end. Life does not get any better than this,

### NEW REBEL A CLUB JACKET PATCHES :-

- REBEL 'A' Club Members Jacket patches ( same as our logo on news letter ) 4" x 2" oval in shape. Now available a few in stock or we can re-order, cost \$15-00 each. Send your money & address to Judy Thomason, Rebel A's, 429 Main Rd Hope, RD1, Richmond, Nelson, New Zealand.



## INTERNATIONAL MODEL A DAY – REBELS IN THE SOUTH :- ....

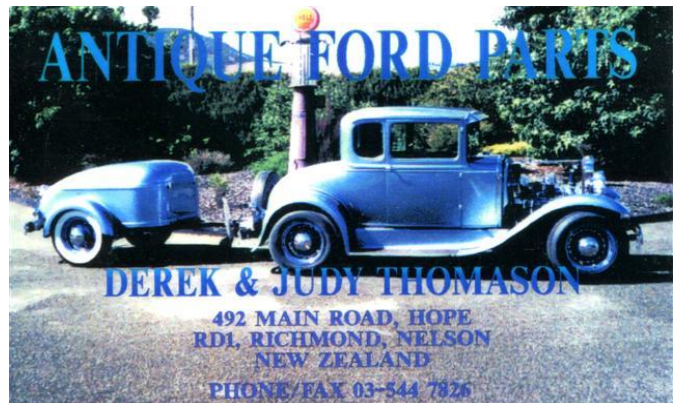
Four Rebel A members battled nature to attend International Model A day in Murchison 80 miles from Nelson, We encountered an out of season storm on the way , rain, snow hail & wind, But in true Rebel A fashion made it there to a great but cold weekend, with 18 others from CH-CH & Greymouth. *(Derek)*



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## NEWS / SNIPPETS / GOSSIP.....ANYTHING.....

Kumeu Model A Delivery van is sold going to a chap in Morrinsville who plans a full restoration.....

The Yellow Rebel racer is nearing completion out West Auckland, and will have a couple of likely lads in it for the trip south for the 2011 National Rally.

Right-oh, I need to know what is going on out there? If you have some info, maybe photos of your restoration please send them thru to me [model.a.paul@ps.gen.nz](mailto:model.a.paul@ps.gen.nz), PO Box 344, Pukekohe 2340.

## REBEL NEWZLETTER

(Newzletter in our case not Newsletter – just in case you thought I couldn't smell.)

The Newzletter is for you so should also be about you, any snippets or gossip welcomed.

.....Next Newzletter coming your way sometime soon.....