

# Been in 'A' Heaven 2011

## THE 10<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL MODEL A FORD RALLY NEW ZEALAND - APRIL 2011

**Early-bird Newsletter  
Review - May 2011**

### ITS ALL OVER FOR 2011 :-

It's all over now for 2011. The 10<sup>th</sup> New Zealand National Model A Ford Rally was yet another great success, from the hugely satisfying meals, to the bad luck of the off road day, complaints are few. The touring route idea worked, and with a bit of modifying can be used again. We trust you all got home safe and sound and are ready to go again.....

### THANKS :-

Probably going to miss someone but from the organisers, big thanks to all the competitors, without you the event would not have happened. To the Local coordinators Hamish Mackenzie (Kaikoura) - Roger Devlin (Greymouth) – Brent Miles & Barrie Shipley (Christchurch) to the Vintage Car Clubs in Blenheim & Christchurch for opening their venues. To Ron Hebbard (VCC Blenheim) for leading the tour “off road” with his 4x4 and farm bike, opening gates, and seeing everyone was safe and sound out of the mud.

To Brent Woolhouse, Rex & Val Westley for running the Hubley Racing.

And Nick Harrison who tail-ended the event picking up broken vehicles along the way.

### SPONSORSHIPS :-

Thanks for the sponsorships and donations that made the event a success.

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## 2011 NATIONAL RALLY - PRIZE GIVING LIST :-

### HUBLEY RACES:-

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|-----------------------|--|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> place | Natalie Woolhouse – (Rally No110)        |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Steve Pulford (Queensland)– (Rally No97) |

### ERA FASHION:-

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> place (Female) | Susan MacPherson – (Rally No5)   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place (Female) | Margaret Michelle – (Rally No91) |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> place (Male)   | Roger Devlin – (Rally No13)      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place (Male)   | Ray Maguire – (Rally No103)      |

### GYMKANA / FIELD EVENTS:-

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> place field events | – Roger Reid – (Rally No89)       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place field events | – Jason Jurasovich – (Rally No55) |

### SPEED EVENT:-

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|----------------------------------|--|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> place (standard) | – Brent Woolhouse – (Rally No 110) – time of 46.33 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place (standard) | – Dave Leitch – (Rally No 9) – time of 46.88       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> place (modified) | – Dwayne Roark (USA) (Rally No40) – time of 43.72  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place (modified) | – Dennis Cling (USA) (Rally No 39) – time of 43.73 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place (modified) | - D. Thomason (Rally No2) – time of 44.78          |

### JUDGING:-

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|---|---|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> place (modified)              | – Murray & Shirley George (Rally No59) 1930 Phaeton – 394 points  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place (modified)              | – Dennis & Marie Cling (Rally No39) 1928 Roadster P/Up – 306 points   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> place (touring)               | – Ray & Carolyn Maguire (Rally No103) 1929 Sport Coupe – 423 points   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place (touring)               | – Greg Davidson & Vicki Pike (Rally No94) 1928 Roadster –414 points   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> place (authentic restoration) | Brian & Linda Clancy (Rally No 70) 1928 Roadster<br>– 444 points (Best of show overall winner – perpetual trophy) |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place (authentic restoration) | Kevin & Judy Straw (Rally No6) 1931 Town Sedan – 425 points   |

### SPECIAL AWARDS:-

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| Furthest Travelled from overseas without a vehicle   | – Sam Bernhardt (USA) (Rally No60)                         |
| Furthest travelled from overseas with vehicle  | – Don & Karen Cooke (Canada) (Rally No46)                  |
| Furthest travelled New Zealand   | – Daggy & Lauren Sperry (Kaeo Northland) (Rally No50)      |
| Hard Luck Trophy   | - Malcolm & Jacky Elliott – (Rally No18) (Broken Manifold) |
| Perpetual trophy for the person who has attended the most (all) National meets in the same vehicle | – Justin Bicknell 1931 Coupe (Rally No3).                  |

## OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHS :-

TJPhotos were a part of the "10th NATIONAL MODEL A RALLY" They joined the rally from Christchurch to Nelson.

They have a limited number of photos which can be viewed on-line at:-  
under VCC rallies albums (on the left side of the main page).

[www.tjphotos.co.nz](http://www.tjphotos.co.nz)

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## HIGHLIGHTS - SNIPPETS:-

Personal snippets and highlights as well as a few others from yours truly (editor).

Getting up early and making the most of every day. (just need longer days or less to do!)

The Maori group who's impromptu performance at the prize giving wowed many people.

Jason and many others getting down and dirty to help stuck drivers in the mud.

Those who helped out others with problems like Sue's broken axle or Malcolms manifold.

Best meals at any National Rally that I can remember – good work guys and ladies.

Being the only Model A to make it to the top of the Blairich Station "Off Road Route" and actually looking down on the clouds!! But then having to get back down.....

Hearing the yanks rank the "off road route" the best in the world despite the weather and problems – and they've have travelled a few places.

Best song – "The ugliest girl you've ever seen" Thanks Daggy for the music.

Best Rebel Look – 6 fat wheeled FAST Model A's from the USA – always having fun.

Oddest look – them ugly telescopic shock absorbers sticking out at the front of Model A's Meeting new people and renewing old friendships – great Model A Ford stuff.

Youngest driver – Gavin Bartlett – wouldn't let Dad (Tony) drive !! (and he got the most parts from the parts sheds) (exception a certain plough !)

Model A's without tops, Original Model A's, Modified Model A's, Touring Model A's.

And probably much much more.....

## **SPEED EVENT – GREYMOUTH :-**

Derek tells me he has the full results from the Speed day and I will try and publish them in the next Rebel A Club Newzletter in May.

## **FAREWELL VISITORS FROM USA / CANADA / AUSTRALIA:-**

All groups and several individuals have now nearly all departed for home, Thanks to all the locals who helped them out, made new friends and showed them a little part of kiwidom, and from them, thanks Kiwi's for making NZ a great experience.

We all have been invited to several events in the USA see details below.

## **SAGEBRUSH CHAPTER / MAFCA - Nevada Grand Tour III**

Date: September 11 until September 16, 2011

Base Camp: Carson Valley Inn, Minden, Nevada

The Nevada Grand Tour for 2011 will be a spectacular Model A driving tour of Northern Nevada to view the grandeur of the High Sierras, verdant and historic valleys and a tour of beautiful Lake Tahoe. You will enjoy Nevada style hospitality, good fun, great food and unparalleled scenery.

<http://www.sagebrushmodela.com/index.htm>



The FAST group Model A NZ Tour Blog – read about their trip here:-



<https://sites.google.com/site/modelarestorersclubofarizona/new-zealand-tour-blog-2011>

## **LEFTOVERS :-**

Found at Nelson, one camera bag and a pair of ladies earrings contact Judy [antiqueford@xtra.co.nz](mailto:antiqueford@xtra.co.nz)

Also have a few Fridge Magnets left over \$1.60 posted to you again contact Judy [antiqueford@xtra.co.nz](mailto:antiqueford@xtra.co.nz)

## **REBEL A's**

Thee Rebel A's AGM was held as always at the Nationals and I will be doing their next newzletter soon with their membership renewal forms at that time.

**A BRIEF SNAPSHOT OF THE EVENT:-**



Found on the way to the Rally – one of many new finds



FAST Fours packing the cars for return to USA



The only Model A that made it to the top of Blarich “off road day” great view.



Judging the modified class at McLeans Island Christchurch



Speed event Greymouth – Jason Jurasovich 1930 Roadster Pickup



Hubley Racing track at the prize giving night in Hope.



Era fashion at the Shanty Town evening function



Model A's – jus some of the many great vehicles



like Pigs in muck – Horipito Model A Parts !

## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2013 :-

For those who do not know, there was much deliberation around the next organisers and venue – with the final decision only made at prizegiving.

The 2013 11<sup>th</sup> NZ National Model A Ford Rally will be hosted by the small 100% group from Opito Bay on the Coromandel Peninsular in the North Island.

Dugald Hoyland announced at prizegiving that the proposed event might be based in the Thames / Whitianga / Whangamata areas and will be a similar event with touring between the stops, perhaps 2 days at a time, with more details as planning begins. It will again run one week before Easter this time being late March so still in NZ Summer time.

In the mean time there is a 2013 early-bird registration form attached – so show you support and get your registration in NOW and keep up to date with what will happen.

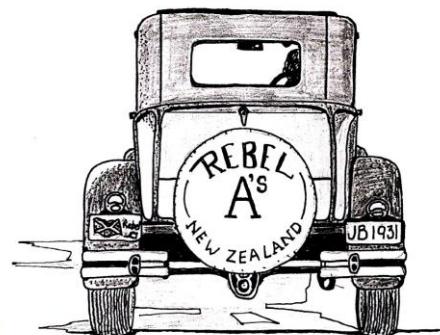
On that I can personally assure you that you will be well informed.

They have announced that there will be a major prize draw, from all the early-bird entries received (in the first 2 months) before June 30<sup>th</sup> 2011.

Also to look further forward possible events are proposed for 2015 in Wanaka by the southern group, and 2017 in the Hawkes Bay.....

## FINAL THANKS - FROM THE ORGANISING TEAM :-

Thank you all, from the small but enthusiastic organising team of Derek & Judy Thomason, Dave Leitch & Ann Skilton, Don Connew, and Ross Sharp (all Nelson) and your early bird newsletter scribe Paul Smith from the other island.



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