

NORTH ISLAND MODEL A FORD CLUB INC.

LIFE MEMBERS

The North Island Model A Ford Club has not gone out of its way to appoint Life Members, but the recognition bestowed upon these people for exceptional work, for and on behalf of the Club, deserves mention, and the respect of the other members.

Back in 1972 the club was formed in Mt Roskill, and one of the founder members was Alan Minson, who had just moved to Auckland from Christchurch where he was also a founder member of the Canterbury Model A Ford Club. In 1973 the members of the then Auckland Model A Club nominated, and approved the Life Membership for Alan. While his work and other commitments have meant we have not seen a lot of him, Alan attended both the Hamilton 1993 and Taupo 2009 National Meets. He also attended the Club's 21st birthday celebrations and cut the cake as longest serving member. His 1930 Phaeton was moved from Christchurch to Auckland and later restored, currently resplendent in black with red wheels. Alan motors the car when he can.



In 1995 Murray Ashby was nominated and approved as a life member. Murray is widely known for his friendly help when it comes to anything Model A Ford, he has been on the committee for more years than he cares to remember most in the position of Newsletter editor. Murray was also on the organising committee for the 1993 Hamilton National Rally, and has been chief judge at several other national events. Driving his Model A is what Murray likes best, having driven the length and breadth of New Zealand on numerous occasions. A year later it was recognised that Anne should join Murray with life membership, and Anne has always participated in Model A activities. Both their children Elizabeth and Sarah learnt to drive in Model A's and Murray's garage door is always open. Murray & Anne have many Model A's, and are regular participants in either their 1928 Phaeton (restored in 1980) or their yellow 1930 Roadster. They have been members for 34 years.



In 2006 Paul Smith was nominated and approved for a Life Membership. Over the years Paul has stood as Club Captain, Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor. He has been a member for 33 years. Paul was also part of the 1993 Hamilton National Rally organising committee, instrumental in attracting over 200 entrants for the event. Having rebuilt a 1930 Town Sedan, 1930 AA Truck and a 1930 Roadster, Paul has regularly attended Model A events here, in Australia, and the USA. Paul looks after the Club's website and is also the Club's Historian, holding records and information from the Club's past. Now also interested in old Tractors, and Historic Rallying, Paul and his partner Vicki, will spend September 26th 2009, the International Model 'A' Day near Milwaukee in the USA.

