

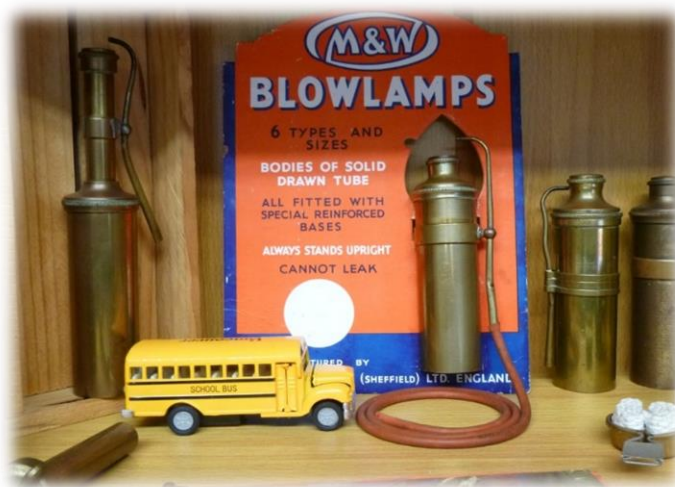
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Welcome to the North Island Model A Ford Club Inc.

The purpose of our club is to enjoy, restore, preserve and protect the Model A Ford automobile and to foster a spirit of good fellowship and family participation through the use of the Model A Ford.

Membership is open to anyone with a sincere interest in the Model A Ford. Ownership is not a prerequisite.

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Inside this Issue:

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- Photo Gallery Club Run to Jan and Jim Corbett's home
- NIMAFC Awards Dinner (see Page 7)

**NIMAFC Awards
Dinner – Tickets on
sale NOW, please
book early**

SPECIAL WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

No new members joined this month. When out and about, we encourage you all to talk about our Club and the benefits of joining. Printed business style cards are available to hand out with club details, if you would like some cards, please contact our Secretary.

COMMITTEE CHATTER – brief overview of topics on the table

Current topics include event planning and discussion for Club Runs and Club Nights.

Other matters in progress, Insurance and Health and Safety for the Club, Trophy Awards, Awards Evening and Swap Meet, Club Equipment Register, AGM and Christmas Party.

The Committee meets monthly. If you have any club matters you would like raised or discussed at a Meeting, please contact the Club Captain or Secretary (contact details below).

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Club Communication: Please direct correspondence to the Secretary, for re-direction as appropriate to Committee Members.



Your Committee would like to hear from you:

- Tell us about events happening in your towns or clubs?
- We need ideas for Club Nights (usually held Wednesday evenings).
- Are there places of interest other club members would like to visit?
- Please submit your ideas and make contact (phone or email) via the Club Secretary or Club Captain. Committee is willing to assist with organisation of any event if required. Advance notice helps Committee to plan ahead so Members can place in their diaries.

If anyone can help to organise a Run on **Saturday 9th September** in the Hamilton/Waikato area – please let us know.



Help!

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Hello everyone, hope you are all wrapping up warm in your winter woollies. Quite a few of our Members have been away Overseas travelling in warmer climates. You may hear from them, in reports submitted for our Newsletter, so watch this space.

A few of our Committee have been out of the country recently but they have remained in regular contact using latest technology, mainly email (and Facebook). This has got me thinking. This Club consists of many members



spread over the North Island of our beautiful country. Our Committee is currently based in the Auckland area. I would like to see a club member from an area outside of Auckland be involved in running the club, if possible, and on Committee using email communication, assist where he or she can, put new ideas forward or just help with an idea that has come out of Committee. Give this some thought and drop me an email or a phone call, if you are interested or have thoughts on how this may work. We have to explore the options available to us, on running the Club and ensuring our wider membership is involved. The AGM is not far away, so time to think about whether a Committee position would suit you, and working as part of a team to run the Club.

Next month will see our Awards evening, please see Flyer in this Issue for more details. Please book early, so we can plan and finalise attendance with our caterers. If you are new to the Club and don't know many members, there will be a 'New Members' table to join if you choose, along with a committee member. A great night out to socialise amongst fellow 'Model A'ers' and recognise achievement. The following day on Sunday we will have our Club Swap Meet, so worthwhile booking the weekend if you are from out of Auckland. An addition to the Swap Meet, for the first time this year on public display will be Trevor's Hubley Track, so fine tune your vehicle and participate for some fun and take up the challenge. I hear Hawkes Bay also have a track, so maybe a North Island challenge can be arranged sometime in the future.

I continue to foster our club involvement and relationship with MOTAT (Museum of Transport and Technology) in Auckland. Planning is in progress with their Event team for the 'International Model A Ford Day' in September, so watch out for details— we would like to see a good turnout of Model As if we can – I hope to see an impressive display of vehicles.

Kay and I would like to thank you for your kind comments and feedback after compiling and issuing our first newsletter, they were very moving. Thank you. We continue in a relief editorial role, and have worked together to issue the July Newsletter to you. We aim to keep our Members in touch with happenings and club events, so you all have an opportunity to plan ahead and get out in your 'A'.

And on a final note, I read in the Canterbury Model A Club Newsletter that Bruce Miles had a fall which broke his leg. From up north we wish you a speedy recovery, Bruce – 'Maybe you should have been driving an A rather than climbing Mt Herbert'.

Wrap up warm, and I hope to see you in Tuakau on Sunday 16th July, rain or shine, for our next Club outing.

As we go to Press, I received notification of an invite to a VCC Run on Sunday 23rd July, Thanks to Anne & Murray Ashby, please check out Upcoming Events page for more information.

Stephen Upson

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS....

- DATE:** **Sunday 16th July**
- CLUB RUN:** **Visit to a Private Car Collection – Tuakau – an amazing collection!**
- TIME TO MEET:** 9.30am Pokeno Township, Z Truck Stop, Great South Road, Pokeno (carpark at rear, opposite the Markets).
- DETAILS:** **From 9.30am to 10.30am explore the Country Market** in the heart of Pokeno Village. Free Admission. Stalls include fruit & veges, cakes & sweets, wood ware, bacon & ham products, giftware, jewellery, pickles & preserves and much more. Or have a coffee at a Café in town.
- At 10.45am a short drive** from Pokeno Township, **to view a private car collection in Tuakau.** An amazing collection of 14 cars at 'TJs Barn' including Model A, Model T and Austin and some interesting Memorabilia. **Lunch will follow** and an opportunity to socialise with fellow members. (Note: the venue is sheltered should it rain).
- PLEASE BRING:** Your own packed lunch. A dessert or home baked goodies, to share. Your own chair.
- PROVIDED:** Club will fire up the BBQ and cook sausages. Tea and Coffee provided
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JULY 2017

Sunday
23rd July

SUNDAY RUN – WAIKATO – INVITE FROM VCC

Our club has been invited to join the VCC on Sunday 23 July.
A gentle run through country roads, ideal for Vintage Cars.
Members of the Model A and Model T clubs have been invited.
Small competitive aspect to the Run, the winner may be the proud receiver of a chocolate fish. Run starts at the Clubrooms, VCC, opening at 9am for a cuppa, first car away at 10am. The Run is approximately 2 – 2 1/2 hours depending on how much lead in your gumboot and finishes at the Tahuna Tavern, where you can purchase lunch. See you there. Organised by Tony Brierley. Please RSVP to Tony (thebrierleys@xtra.co.nz) as numbers are needed for catering.

Thank you to Anne & Murray Ashby for forwarding this invite to NIMAFC.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS....

AUGUST 2017 WEEKEND EVENT – AUCKLAND

Saturday 12th August NIMAFC Awards Dinner

Please see Page 7 for more information

The Annual Awards Dinner has become a feature of the Club's activities.

For out of Auckland folk, make it a weekend – a Swap Meet is being held the following day.

Sunday 13th August NIMAFC Swap Meet

Held in the same location as the 2016 Swap Meet. Thanks to Bruce Stratton who has offered his premises. Bring along Model A parts to sell. Club will provide a Sausage Sizzle. More details in next Issue.

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday
10th September

HENRY FORD MEMORIAL DAY DISPLAY & SWAP MEET – HAMILTON

Hosted by the Waikato Mustang Owners Club, Claudelands Event Centre, Hamilton, Brooklyn Road, Gates Open at 8am. See further details below.

On Saturday 9th September, a Club Run has been requested for a Waikato person to organise. Will keep you posted, as details are finalised. For out of towners suggest book accommodation in Hamilton – Make it a weekend!



**23rd Annual Henry Ford
Memorial Day Display & Swap Meet**

"Calling all FORD owners"
CLAUDELANDS EVENTS CENTRE
Gate 4 Brooklyn Road
SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2017
GATES OPEN FROM 8am **NO DOGS ALLOWED**

PEOPLES CHOICE - BEST - AUSTRALIAN, EUROPEAN, AMERICAN, COMMERCIAL,
VINTAGE & FPV, COMPETITION, CLUB AND HOTROD
Proceeds towards **WAIKATO AIR AMBULANCE**

\$5 per show car with 1 person - \$10 per show car 2 or more people - Spectators / Adults \$5 - Family \$10
Children under 12 free with an adult - Swappers (Auto Related Only) \$15 - Trade stands \$25

Miss Retro all Ford Day Competition 12pm on stage
Prize giving to follow Retro Competition. Cash Prizes.
On the day at the caravan from 10.45am. Limited to 40 entrants. All ages welcome



For further information contact: Bob 07 828 7867 Colin 07 824 2030
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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS....

SEPTEMBER 2017 – continued

Saturday

16th

September

INTERNATIONAL MODEL A FORD DAY – MOTAT - AUCKLAND

Join us at MOTAT (Museum of Transport and Technology) to celebrate the car we all love, by showing it to the public. Live music and picnic theme. Club Attendees are encouraged to dress in Era Daywear. This will be one of the first events in the world to celebrate 'International Model A Ford Day'. *Look out for more details as the Event is finalised.*



Friday

29th September

(Evening)

NIMAFC – AGM (Annual General Meeting)

Same venue as last year.

VCC Club Rooms, 39 Fairfax Avenue, Penrose, 7.30pm.

All Club Members encouraged to attend. Please bring a plate for Supper.

OCTOBER 2017

Saturday

14th October

AUCKLAND FESTIVAL – Location: BIRKENHEAD, AUCKLAND

Festival theme is 'From Waterways to Motorways' Auckland Festival

A repeat of last year's event. Our club has been invited to attend in Model As. Era dress up is encouraged. Calling all Auckland based Members to express interest in displaying your Model A in the festival, between 11am and 2pm. A Vintage Jazz band is planned and a Vintage Market. More details to come as advised.

NOVEMBER 2017

Saturday

25th November

NIMAFC CHRISTMAS PARTY – TE AWAMUTU

More details advised closer to the date (Refer to the Report from Vice Captain, Gavin Leckner in the June Newsletter).

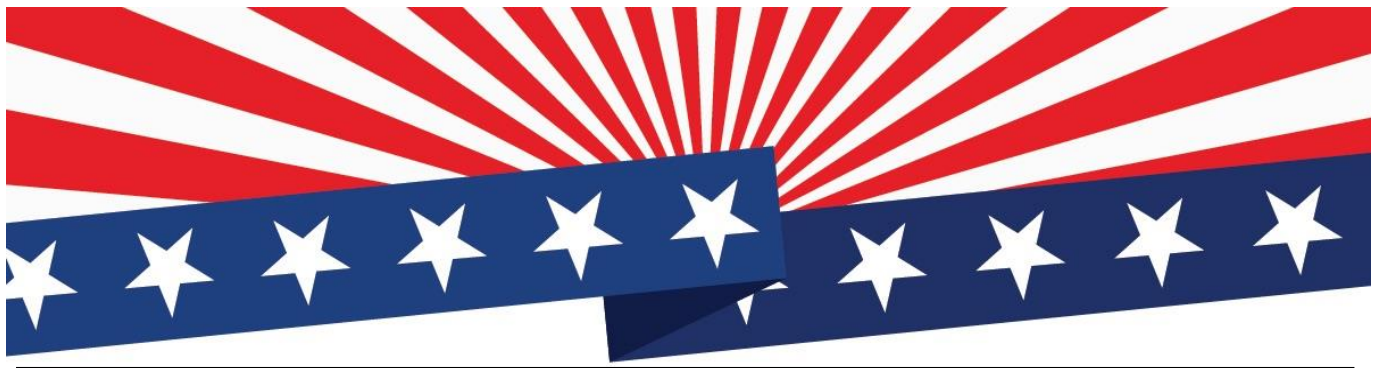
OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST:

October 6th to 8th

McLeans Island Swap Meet, Christchurch

November 19th

Waikato Vintage Swap Meet, Lake Karapiro (7am start)



NORTH ISLAND MODEL A FORD CLUB INC. INVITES YOU TO ATTEND:

Annual Awards Dinner - Auckland

DATE: Saturday 12th August 2017

TIME: 6pm until late

WHERE: Remuera Club (formally CT Club), 27-33 Ohinerau Street, Remuera, AUCKLAND

LOCATED: Near the motorway, Greenlane Interchange. Plenty of parking at the venue.

DRESS: Era Eveningwear (or Evening attire)

TICKET PRICE: \$28 per person (Club Member) or \$38 per person (Non-Club Member). Includes buffet dinner and entertainment. A cash bar for pre-dinner drinks.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: Please email Ralph Levinson, Treasurer (ralphlevinson1@gmail.com) to book a ticket and pay by direct credit to North Island Model A Ford Club Bank Account 12-3068-0187485-00 (please note your name as a Reference).

A great night is planned – Live music (saxophone tunes), MC, prizes, raffles, best dressed Era Fashion and much more. If you are new to the Club, please come along and join our 'New Member's' table. Club Trophies will be presented during the night.

A wonderful evening – PLEASE BOOK NOW!

(Note: The Club Swap Meet is held the following day – Sunday – make it a weekend!)





TROPHY NOMINATIONS

Calling for Member Nominations, for the following trophies:

- **Endeavour Trophy:** for services to the Club
- **Ladies Trophy:** awarded to a lady member for services during the year
- **Pride of Ownership:** shows pride in ownership and enjoys using it
- **Aubrey Bateman Memorial Trophy:** for outstanding services to the Club

Please email or post your Nomination to the Club Captain (refer details on Page 2).

Name of Trophy:.....

Name of Nominee:.....

Nominator (Club Member):.....

Reason for Nomination:.....

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BEST SHED OR GARAGE IN THE NORTH ISLAND

Hurry - Entries close soon 31st July – Prize for the Winner – announced at the Awards Dinner!

- Must be a current Club Member to enter and their own shed or garage.
- Ideally the photo should include a Model A or Model A parts in the photo.
- **Add a caption to your photo** (humour, creativity, originality is encouraged)
- Please scan the photo (with caption) and email to Club Captain sunnybrae.auto@vodafone.co.nz or post photo with caption direct to (North Island Model A Ford Club Inc., PO Box 57017, Owairaka, Auckland 1340).
- Note: Photos and captions could be published in the Newsletter or viewed at the Awards Evening

HERE'S AN EXAMPLE:

Immaculate! Garage to dream of! – What brand vacuum cleaner do you recommend Jan & Jim!



'ADVENTURES IN THE A' – REPORTS OF PAST EVENTS

18th June 2017 - Club Run to Jimz and Janz Corbett Home.

We started our journey off on a very foggy Sunday morning to meet fellow members at the Huapai Tavern. We were greeted by other Model A enthusiasts, who were having coffees and a good old chat, so a good time to grab a nice warm coffee and yes, a muffin.

It was onward for a short drive out of Huapai to Jimz and Janz place. We all gathered in Jimz garage, mingled and chatted, and Jim explained about his fabulous collection of Gas Blow Lamps and other memorabilia. Then over to his very large and tidy shed which housed his Model A and various other items including a tandem trailer which Jim was in the middle of building. Outside the potatoes for lunch were bubbling away in an outside cooker overseen by Jim's son Mark. Mark also had his model toy top dressing plane there awaiting take off, however Jim's lawn was a little too short. Mark did however give a demo of starting and running the plane, which was great.

Inside the house, Jan has a fantastic collection of cookie jars, which every child & adult would enjoy to see. Also a very cute collection of the Lilliput houses and dolls on display. We finally relinquished the shed to a covered BBQ area, sitting down to a relaxing BBQ lunch and salads, hot cups of tea and coffee. After a lot of yummy food and Janz lovely chocolate cake made with Guinness Beer, it was time to jump back in the Model A for the leisurely drive home, which we made just in time before the rain started.

Whether it's a Model A, Ford 52, Model Planes, Blow Lamps, Cookie Jars, Lilliput Houses and Dolls, it is always a pleasure to be introduced to someone's passion for collecting items. We are privileged.

Thank you Jim and Jan for your hospitality, and sharing your home and collections with us all.

Kind regards, Fiona & Garry Learmonth



Fiona & Garry and Phaeton

ADVENTURES IN THE 'A' – REPORTS OF PAST EVENTS ...continued

PHOTO GALLERY – Club Run to Jan and Jim Corbett's



ADVENTURES IN THE 'A' – REPORTS OF PAST EVENTS ...continued

Club Run to Jim and Jan Corbett's estate in Huapai

There was a good turnout of 7 Model A's and 2 moderns that departed from the Huapai Tavern on a short run to the Corbett's. Quite a number of Auckland members are away in Europe or the USA at present. Included among the A's was Ross Bolton's newly acquired very nice 1930 Coupe ex Wanaka Museum. Most of the morning was spent rummaging through Jim's vast collection of mostly brass blowlamps of every type you could possibly find all with specific applications plus assorted tools and other memorabilia. We then moved to view some projects Jim is working on in his immaculate and substantial work shop which was the envy of many of us chaps. Jim's son Mark who is an aircraft engineer based at RNZAF Whenuapai showed us some examples of jet engine turbine blades that had failed for one reason or another i.e. bird strike and were hugely expensive to replace. Mark also "fired Up" a rather large petrol engine model aircraft which was secured to the ground with special tethers - they were certainly needed to hold it!

Jan and Jim provided an excellent BBQ and very comfortable entertainment area for a winters day and we all enjoyed a very pleasant lunch after which we headed home.

Thanks Jim and Jan for making available your home and your generous hospitality.

John Castle



TECHNICAL TINKERING– FROM THE GARAGE



Technical Tip (from Life Member, John Castle).....

Recently I attended a call out to one of ex members Andrew Foote whose 1930 Tudor had refused to start, again at the WOF station locally (it had just passed!)

The problem was soon traced to an electrical short in the accessory fuse fitting attached to the starter motor. This is the common type supplied by most A parts suppliers. Basically the small screw taking the power wire to the terminal box was moving in its holder underneath, intermittently touching the main metal unit and shorting out. The unit on Andrew's car was quite a few years old and maybe the current ones are more robust. It was a failure in the design/manufacture and I read somewhere this fault is not unknown and you might wish to check yours or be aware if fitted.

IF YOU HAVE ANY TIPS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH OTHER MEMBERS, DROP US A LINE SO WE CAN PUBLISH IN THE NEWSLETTER. ANYTHING TO HELP KEEP THE 'A' IN WORKING ORDER.

Terry Tinkering – (from the Archives)

Breakdown National Park NZ - Valve Grind



That hammer is too big to adjust the points, Terry!

Brief Update: CLUB NIGHT AT VETERAN AND VINTAGE

BRAKE SERVICING AND REPAIRS – Wednesday 5th July 2017



On a cool evening, a group of approximately 15 keen club members attended the Club Night, gathering in Errol's shed 'Veteran and Vintage'. Method of adjusting brakes was discussed and after-market modification kits were shown. The BBQ was fired up for a sausage sizzle. A couple of ladies joined Linda in the warm lounge with the wood fire burning, for a glass of wine.

A special Thanks to Errol and Linda – *Stephen Upson*

MESSAGE FROM OVER THE DITCH... FROM THE VICE

Hello to all our friends in New Zealand from Queensland where Helen and I have been for a month now, having to endure no rain and daily temperatures in the mid 20's. It's so dry we are watering the trees and shrubs we are trying to establish on our property at Glenwood, 40 km north of Gympie, the town that saved Queensland from economic ruin when gold was discovered in the 1890's. The wallabies are numerous here and we worry they will develop a taste for the new growth on the Norfolk Island pohutakawa trees we have planted. These hopping critters are on our lawn morning and evening eating the new grass leaves.



We have spent the last week entertaining our 8-year-old granddaughter at Hervey Bay and surrounding area. Took her back to Brisbane via Steve Irwin's Australia Zoo which is fantastic. Allow a full day to see it all should you visit. We have had an air conditioning unit and a security cum insect screen door fitted to our motorhome in anticipation of our trip north. Not sure how far we will get but there's always next year after the Murray Bridge (Adelaide) Model A Rally.

Cheers, Gavin & Helen

SHIP AHOY in the Hawkes Bay.....

Well we were asked by the Model A Ford Club of Hawkes Bay to see if any club members would be interested in going to the wharf, to take their cars down on certain days to meet the cruise ships that are coming in, to let the passengers have a look at a few cars.

Meet the cruise ships

Well I took the Model A down and the next day the Model T. There was more interest in the T than the A, as on board the boats were a lot of Americans. They came up and talked about how many there were in certain parts off their country. Some took photos and others just looked and carried on.

We were there every day for a week and the line-up off cars were sometimes up to 9 and more, quite impressive. The weather was kind for a few days and a couple of showers were forecast but nothing became of it, that's Hawkes Bay for you I suppose.

***My
muffler
blew off***

One thing that did happen to me was on the third morning going along the wharf to park up my Model T, my muffler blew off and ended up over the wharf and into the water. Unable to retrieve I went home like the sound of a tractor without a muffler but all in all parking the cars up for show was quite a thrill.

Will I do it again yes but will have to wait till next year.

Tom White – NIMAFc Member, Hastings NZ



Editors Comment: (Tom you should stick to the A, as I hear Mufflers don't blow off)

'FILL YOUR FLASK' – Winter Soup Series – share your favourite soup recipe

As the cooler weather continues - 'Fill your Flask' with a warm soup. Easy to pour into a cup whilst working in the garage or to enjoy while out travelling in the A. A Member's favourite – tasty and nutritious.

TASTY VEGETABLE SOUP

Ingredients:

Lamb Shank
Barley and Split Peas (about 2 tablespoons)
Grated Onion
Grated Potatoes
Grated Kumara
Grated Carrots
Celery cut into small pieces
Capsicum
Lentils (about 2 tablespoons)
Herb Salt and Pepper



Instructions:

Boil the lamb shank for about an hour (best to cool down overnight and remove the remains of fat)
Add Barley and Split Peas and boil for about half an hour.
Add grated onion, potatoes, kumara, carrots, and small pieces of celery and capsicum
Add Lentils, Herb Salt and Pepper
Add chopped up pieces of Lamb Shank
Simmer for a couple of hours
Serve with crusty bread

ENJOY!

FROM THE ERA FASHION FILESEVENINGWEAR

By Kay Palmer



Ladies and Gentleman.....

Time to start putting together your Era Eveningwear.

- For the ladies, a fur (faux fur is fine) to wrap around and keep warm
- A fur was usually worn to display beauty
- Fur was often used as a trim for a collar
- Fabrics for dresses were often in chiffon, or silk
- Gentleman could dress in style in vests or waistcoats, a silk or wool tie and a fedora hat

Note:

The Art Deco style tie seen in this picture was recently discovered in a vintage second hand shop in Coolangatta on the Gold Coast (a great find), the tie was made in the UK. So check out the second hand shops – you never know what you might find.

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Business size commercial ads are \$25 per year. For business ads please contact Ralph Levinson (09) 578 3000.

CLOSING EDITORIAL MESSAGE:

Thank you for taking the time to give us your feedback on our first Newsletter Issue. It is much appreciated. We aim to keep you all informed of Club happenings and events.

It's pleasing to see so many contributing to our Newsletter this month and sharing with fellow members. Please keep articles and reports coming. A short article or story is fine, even if only a few comments or sentences. We like photos too, so if you have any pictures of recent events or from the Archive, we would love to see them.

Next Issue, features Kevin & Ngaire Lambarth's Model A engine & gearbox overhaul.

A Newsletter helps to keep our Club together.

Best Wishes, Kay Palmer & Stephen Upson (Club Captain).

(editor@modelafordclub.co.nz)



On behalf of your Committee

Grab a warm drink and enjoy reading!

Recommended Websites of interest to visit:

- MAFCA - www.mafca.com
- MOTAT (Museum of Transport and Technology) in Auckland – www.motat.org.nz

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