

NORTH ISLAND MODEL A FORD CLUB INC. - NEW ZEALAND

MODEL A TORQUE



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Website: www.modelafordclub.co.nz

Always wondered what was under the Bonnet! I think it's the fan!



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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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 Nights, August Swap Meet, Awards Dinner and the Club Christmas Party.

Other matters in progress, Insurance and Health and Safety for the Club, Trophy Awards and Club Equipment Register.

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

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Hello fellow members, hope you enjoyed reading the Vice's Report last month. Thanks Gavin - who is now away in Aussie and most likely dodging kangaroos in his travels.

Well it's two months since the Napier Rally but seems only yesterday, as I still have not done some repairs to both vehicles that went to Napier. It was not the A that let us down but the tow vehicle

Watch out for the Awards Dinner – it will be jazzed up this year. Planning for a great night is in progress! Not to be missed. Mark the date in your Calendar. Sunday Swap Meet to follow. Book the weekend.

with overheating problems. Lucky I am part of a worldwide organisation and with a detour via the Hamilton office on business, en-route to the Napier Rally, I swapped to a Hertz Rental to take us onto Napier, rather than doing damage to the Mazda Bounty engine. It would have cost me more than 'five pound ten' to repair. It was my intention to drop my tow vehicle in Taupo and drive in the A to Napier but with a cyclone chasing our tail, the A stayed on the tow trailer for the whole journey.

We enjoyed the Napier National Rally and met many new faces. Kay and I made sure we sat with someone different at dinner each night. It just

happened that every night we joined overseas visitors from across the ditch. Was this a hint for us to attend an Australian event? It's certainly on our list to consider.

With the Napier Rally over, we look forward to the Te Anau National Rally (South Island), I wish you all the best, see you down South in two years' time. Also, 2021 has chosen Gisborne Region to hold the next National Rally (North Island), with two of our Club members successful in taking up the challenge. So plenty of future events to look forward to. If you have any stories you would like to share from Napier, please forward them to your Committee.

Also, check out the variety of upcoming events for the NIMAFC, please see Page 4 and 5 for further details, and I encourage you all to come along. (Note: some dates have changed due to circumstances beyond our control).

For those of you who would like a brake check, come along to the Club Night at Veteran & Vintage on Wednesday 5th July.

The annual Awards Dinner has become the feature of the Clubs activities, so start now and get your period outfits ready for this prestige event on the 12th of August. *Please remember to clean and return your trophies now to any committee member.* Don't forget the following day we are having our 2nd Model A Ford swap meet at Bruce Stratton's Business Premises.

Thanks to the Ladies that went to Whangarei, helping out with the repair to Bruce Stratton's Tudor, showing off the problem and posing for the front cover (ha ha). Rae and Bruce won the prestige award, the hand brake.

I would like to thank Kay Palmer for assisting me in putting this June Issue together at short notice.

See you all at Jan & Jim Corbett's on 18th June, wrap up warm, if in your Model A. I hope the blow lamps will keep us warm.

Stephen Upson

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS....

JUNE 2017 – CLUB RUN: BBQ Lunch with Jan and Jim Corbett

Come and view Jim's collection of approximately 200 Blow Lamps (some start from the 1890's)!

Location: Auckland Jan and Jim Corbett's home Sunday 18th June (10am to 3pm)	Meet in the Huapai Tavern Carpark (Highway 16) just north of Kumeu, Main Street at 10am . Jim will meet us there with some maps. Please bring, meat to BBQ, salad or similar to share, and your own plates and cups. Tea, coffee and cutlery provided. <i>Refer May Newsletter and Flyer previously emailed, for details.</i>
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JULY 2017

Wednesday 5th July **Club Night – Brake Servicing and Repairs – Veteran & Vintage Spares and Repairs Limited**
From 7pm, 1127 Scenic Drive, Swanson, Waitakere, AUCKLAND
Wear safety footwear, eyewear and overalls, if you want to work on an A.
If you want your brakes looked at during the evening – please book prior with Errol.

Sunday 16th July
(Tentative date) **Club Event** to be confirmed – Watch out for a Flyer for further details.

AUGUST 2017

WEEKEND EVENT

Saturday 12th August **NIMAFC Awards Dinner**
In the planning stage – mark the date – more details to come.
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. More information to come, closer to the Event.


CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS – continued

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.



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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Saturday 16th
September

INTERNATIONAL MODEL A FORD DAY - AUCKLAND

Join us at MOTAT (Museum of Transport and Technology) to celebrate the car we all love, by showing it to the public, while the 30's music and songs are presented by live musicians. Club Attendees are encouraged to dress in Era Fashion.

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.

NOVEMBER 2017

Saturday 25th
November

NIMAFC Christmas Party

See Page 7 for Gavin Leckner's Report

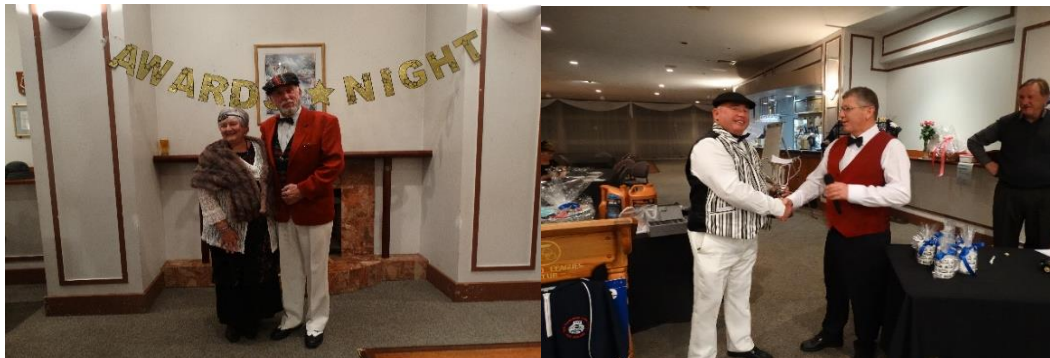
OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST:

July 9th Rotorua VCC Swap Meet, Paradise Valley, Hours 7am to 3pm
October 6th to 8th McLeans Island Swap Meet, Christchurch
November 19th Waikato Vintage Swap Meet, Lake Karapiro (7am start)

EVENTS ON THE HORIZON.....

NIMAC Awards Evening and Swap Meet Weekend - AUGUST

(Keep the weekend free – now in the planning stage) – Live Music.... And plenty more.....More details to come



A couple of photos of last year's event

Saturday 12th August – Awards Evening and presentation of Club Trophies.

Sunday 13th August – Swap Meet. An opportunity to part with unused items and buy more.

Book a weekend break away in Auckland!

TROPHY NOMINATION – Cups to be presented at Awards Evening Saturday 12 August

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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EVENTS ON THE HORIZON..... (ADVANCE NOTIFICATION)

2017 CHRISTMAS FUNCTION – 25/26 NOVEMBER

Although the 2017 Christmas function will be the responsibility of the next Committee, I have made arrangements early in order to secure an appropriate venue and advise Members of details so that long range planning can be completed.

If you have not heard, the venue is Te Awamutu, a lovely rural town in the heart of the Waikato only 156km from Auckland. On a visit while travelling to the Napier Rally I was impressed with the affluence of the town and its amenities.

The Te Awamutu Visitors Centre will block book accommodation for us, if required, at competitive rates as well as provide their lounge for our use while we hold a gymkhana after lunch on 25 November on the adjacent grassed area. The rose gardens are located across the road and the lavender gardens are not far away. Both will be in bloom during November.

On 25 November we will have dinner at the RSA where children are welcome and your Committee will subsidise the buffet meal. The area the RSA are providing is bigger than that which we had at the Botanic gardens and has a dance floor.

The Sunday 26 Nov programme could include visits to House of Deco, Space Centre, Lavender garden, and car museums.

Please note the following from the Visitors Centre regarding motel bookings should you use their service;

How many nights' accommodation will you need - Friday night and Saturday night 24th and 25th?

We will hold all the rooms at the motel and those coming from the Ford Club would ring or email us

The i-SITE team will book, send out cost and confirmation and take payment one month out from the date of the event

The Visitor Centre can be contacted on 07 871 3259 or at www.teawamutuinfo.co.nz

Please contact the undersigned if you have questions. More information will be provided in due course.

Gavin Leckner



BEST SHED OR GARAGE IN THE NORTH ISLAND

Entries close 31 July

Winner to receive a prize

Get your camera out and start snapping.

Your Committee is looking for a Club Member's Best Shed or Garage in the North Island.

Rules of entry:

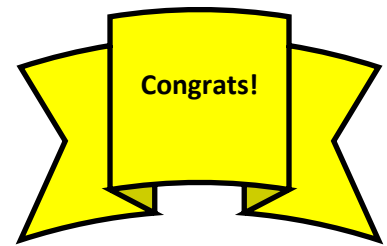
- Must be a current Club Member to enter
- Ideally the photo should include a Model A or Model A parts in the photo
- Photo must be of a Club Member's own shed or garage
- **Add a caption to your photo** (humour, creativity, originality is encouraged)
- Please scan the photo (with caption) and email to secretary@nimafc.co.nz or post photo with caption direct to (North Island Model A Ford Club Inc., PO Box 57017, Owairaka, Auckland 1340).
- Great Prize – Winner to be announced at the NIMAFC Awards Evening in August.
- Note: Photos and captions could be published in the Newsletter or viewed at the Awards Evening

HERE'S AN EXAMPLE:

Hands off! I've got the Model A Horn!



MAFCA AWARD --- for the third time.....



Just received notification from MAFCA – Model A Ford Club of America.....

‘Best International Chapter Newsletter’

**The certificate was awarded to Editor, Paul Hunter – in recognition of exceptional effort.
2016 Editor of the North Island Model A Ford Club Newsletter.**

Congratulations to Paul and a thank you to all Members who contribute articles and reports that help make the Club Newsletter interesting reading.

This is the third Award for NIMAFC; first being won in 2013, 2015 and now 2016.

Paul is the current holder of the Aubrey Bateman Trophy, (seen in middle of the photo below) receiving this prestigious award from Stephen Upson (Club Captain) & Gavin Leckner (Vice Captain) following last year’s Awards Night.



'ADVENTURES IN THE A' – REPORTS OF PAST EVENTS

THE WEEKEND RUN NORTH

On Saturday the 13th several Model A's met at the new Z station just North of Warkworth. When Trish and I arrived, we found the focus of activity around one car which had decided earlier that only one blade was needed on the fan. Luckily the departing blade had not exited via the bonnet or radiator but had gone downward and further destroyed itself against the front of the engine block. Very soon after our scheduled departure time a complete new fan had been produced from the depths of another car and we were all on our way. It is rumoured that the next fan on this car will be made near an airfield and of space age materials.

Our destination was the Matakoho Kauri Museum and there we met other Aucklanders who had spent the night at a new B+B at Mangawhai. The Hawkes joined us at Wellsford and locals the London's and Sterling's were waiting at the museum. As my great grandparents bedroom suite and other furniture is in the museum, it is somewhat a pilgrimage for me. Darcy Sterling's father was one of the founders of this now world famous museum and his original tram collection formed the beginnings of Motat in Auckland.

After lunch we were invited to Darcy and Trish Sterling's new shed and home on the shores of the Kaipara harbour just down the road. The shed is of a size to be dreamed of and is home to Model Ts, Model A,s early V8's and a vintage speedboat. Parts for the cars are stored in a rack of tram conductor's money boxes. Thankyou Trish and Darcy for your hospitality.

Our route to Whangarei was the Paparoa to Oakleigh road and is to be recommended. A well placed motel with bar and restaurant had been chosen for Saturday night. Sunday morning we met some local Model A owners and their cars by the town basin and travelled to a private car collection at Glenbervie on the road to Ngunguru. I continue to be amazed at the extent of private car collections we have seen on our Model A trips.

Trish and I needed to return home earlier, but I understand there was visit to a pottery and then the Whangarei Vintage Car Club for lunch and a raid on their parts shed. Thanks to Gavin and Ross for organizing a great weekend.

Rob Brown



Trish & Rob Brown in Era attire

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

PHOTO GALLERY – NORTHLAND RUN 13/14 MAY 17



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

WEEKEND CLUB RUN TO MATAKOHE/WHANGAREI – May

By Stephen Upson and Kay Palmer

The Fordor nearly needed a crank handle but thankfully with an overnight battery charge, the spark fired and the A was away and headed North on the Motorway, thankfully with a time buffer.

In the distance near the Silverdale off ramp, what looked like an A on the motorway shoulder proved to be true. A left hand signal was thrown out the window by the Navigator, and Captain pulled up behind the Tudor (Bruce Stratton with the bonnet up). Conclusion - Fan problem.

A decision was made to continue driving to Warkworth (Fordor following the Tudor), where we met with the group (impressive lineup of As at the Z Station). Whilst ladies enjoyed a coffee, a group effort of mechanical know-how repaired the fan. Bruce and Rae were worthy winners of the 'Hand Brake', awarded later in the evening (see photo below).

On Sunday, our travels included a visit to a car collection and a Pottery Studio. An interesting pottery demo was provided, and techniques explained including a visit to the kiln.

A big thank you to Marion and her team, at the VCC in Whangarei for a fantastic lunch on Sunday (dessert included too).

After lunch it was time to say our goodbyes and head homeward (luckily no crank required for the Fordor) and Rae and Bruce made it home safely.



TECHNICAL TINKERING– FROM THE GARAGE

Retrieved from the Archives:



SUMMARY OF ENGINE TROUBLES AND THEIR CAUSES – (1966)

If the starter turns engine over freely but engine will not run, check the following:

1. Ignition switch
2. Fuel tank is empty or supply is shut off
3. If engine is cold, mixture may not be rich enough – choke rod not pulled back
4. Warm engine – over-choking
5. Breaker points too close. The correct adjustment is .015 to .018 inches.
6. Spark plugs gaps too wide. Correct gap is .035 inches.
7. Water in sediment bowl or carburetor.

Starter fails to turn engine over

1. Battery run down. A quick way to check this is to turn on the lights, and depress the starter switch. If the battery is weak, the lights will go out or grow quite dim. If the battery is run down, have it recharged.
2. Loose or dirty battery connections – see that both the negative and positive battery terminals are clean and tight. These connections should be checked regularly.

Engine Overheats

1. Lack of water – radiator should be kept well-filled.
2. Lack of oil – check oil level.
3. Fan belt loose or slipping.
4. Carbon deposit on piston heads and in combustion chamber. This can be corrected by taking off the cylinder head and removing the carbon.
5. Incorrect spark timing.
6. Gas mixture too rich.
7. Water circulation retarded by sediment in radiator.

‘The Model A is one of the most practical and long-lived pieces of transportation ever built’

The above was extracted from:

*‘Model A Ford Restoration Handbook’ By Gordon E. Hopper
Printed in the USA, First Printing May, 1966*

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.

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

As the cooler weather arrives - '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. Here's a favourite – Highly Recommended.

PUMPKIN SOUP



Ingredients:

1 kilo pumpkin
3 cups vegetable or chicken stock
1 brown onion
Good pinch of Nutmeg
Good pinch of Ground Ginger
Salt or Pepper
Butter
Milk and Cornflour as required to thicken

Instructions:

Saute the onion in butter
Cut pumpkin into small pieces
Simmer until tender in stock
Add the onion, nutmeg and ginger
When soft, strain liquid off but retain a small amount
Mash (or blitz in a food processor)
Add 1 Tbs Butter, add a little milk
Taste to season; salt, more nutmeg or ginger
Thicken with a little milk or cornflour as required
Serve with a dash of cream, and crusty bread

ENJOY!

If you have a favourite or tasty soup recipe to share – please send us the recipe for publication in our 'Winter soup series' feature.



FROM THE ERA FASHION FIELD.....

HEADBANDS

Worn around the forehead, keeps the 1920 style hairdo in check - so they say.

Lovely accessory to compliment an evening outfit. Ideal to wear at the NIMAFc Award Evening.

My tip: Make your own, with ribbon, elastic and few embellishments such as flowers and brooches. Be as creative as you like.

Or look around the accessory shops such as 'Lovisa' (in the Shopping Malls) or 'Look Sharp' stores for a selection of ready-made headbands.

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There is no charge for members selling their own items. Items will be advertised 3 times unless renewed or cancelled. Business size commercial ads are \$25 per year.

For business ads contact Ralph Levinson (09) 578 3000.

CLOSING EDITORIAL MESSAGE:

Since being introduced to the NIMAFC and the joys of a 1930 Fordor, I continue to experience a wonderful time being involved in the many events, often helping out behind the scenes and supporting Stephen, our current Club Captain. Era Fashion is my passion (especially hats), and I am the current holder of the NIMAFC Ladies Cup.

Day to day, you will normally see me behind a desk in the central city of Auckland, as a Chartered Accountant. Both Stephen and I stepped into a relief editorial role to produce the June Newsletter, working together to distribute this Issue to Members. The aim of this June Issue is to inform, have a bit of fun (best shed/garage), provide advance notice of events, including some interesting articles and technical know-how.

All correspondence including submission of articles, photos, mechanical tips, era fashion, recipes, items for our youth should now be emailed/posted to our Secretary or Club Captain.

A Newsletter helps to keep our club together.

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

On behalf of your Committee

We hope you enjoyed reading!

Recommended Websites of interest to visit:

- MAFCA - www.mafca.com

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