

NORTH ISLAND MODEL A FORD CLUB INC. - NEW ZEALAND

MODEL A TORQUE



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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.

Website: www.modelafordclub.co.nz

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NIMAFC Awards Night
– Tickets on sale NOW

Don't Delay Book
Today

SPECIAL WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

- Graham Jones (1928 Roadster Pickup)
- Greg Stokes

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, Account Payments, Club Equipment, and AGM planning.

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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Items for the Newsletter: Please email articles to editor@modelafordclub.co.nz

Your Committee would like to hear from you:

- Tell us about events happening in your towns or clubs? Are there places of interest to visit?
- We need ideas for Club Nights (usually held Wednesday evenings).
- 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 or evening meal get-together on Saturday 9th September in the Hamilton/Waikato area – please let one of the Committee know - Thanks**



CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Hi Fellow Members

Well there has been a lot of behind the scenes work done over the last couple of months by your Committee, I thank them for the good work being done. Some of this will be seen at the Awards Dinner. Please come along to participate in what we plan to be a great Evening. This year, we have an MC and saxophone player to entertain us. Along with a quiz (a different format), to test your knowledge of car matters and the like, so put your thinking caps on and join in the fun with fellow Model Aers and friends. If you are thinking about coming along, please book now, as we will be finalising numbers soon for the Caterers. The fun will flow over to the next day at the swap meet with Trevor's Hubley track, so lube those wheels and come act like kids again.

In my role as Club Captain, I have been developing a relationship with MOTAT which will see a repeat hosting of this year's **International Model A Ford Day** - see coming events for further



details. I was also invited (following my suggestion and our Club's involvement with a successful Gymkhana put on this year) to attend a recent New Lynn Lions 'Galaxy of Cars' Organising Committee. So watch this space for a **FORD** vs **CHEVROLET** challenge in Galaxy of Cars 2018. The Club Captain of the Chevrolet Club is keen on the proposal. So with this in mind, please come along and practice your Gymkhana skills at the Combined Car Clubs Gymkhana to be held in November this year. The aim is to work together and foster a relationship with other car enthusiasts. This may help to attract new members to our interest/Club.

We had a good day with weather for the July mid-winter run to TJs' Barn. Starting 'South of the Bombays' at Pokeno Markets there was a chance to purchase the week's fruit and vegetables. With a short drive, we descended on Terry's place looking over his collection of memorabilia and cars (see photo collection Page 9). A special Thanks to Terry & Sue.

Kay and I also took up the offer to join the Waikato VCC for their July run (see Harvey Brewer's Report). We arrived just in time to have a hot cuppa then off to spot the clues and silent checks through the Waikato countryside. Three other members from the Auckland area attended as well. Thank you Anne and Murray for passing on the invitation. If you are a Member of another Car Club and know of other events which Model A and Drivers/Members could attend, please forward details to your Committee.

Being involved with compiling the last few Newsletters, I realise the value from Members contributing articles and photos. This is your Newsletter, so please continue to keep them rolling in, and Thank You to those who have already done so.

Once the Awards evening is over the Committee will be in full swing for the AGM. This is the time of year when you can think about the future of the Club. I consider this the 'business end' of the Club, so please start thinking about constructive suggestions and ideas on how we can continue to keep a strong Club for all to enjoy.

Stephen Upson



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS....

AUGUST 2017 WEEKEND EVENT – AUCKLAND

Saturday 12th August NIMAFC Awards Dinner

Please see [Page 6](#) for details. A special Thank You to Helen White for making handcraft pieces to be auctioned during the Evening.

For out of Auckland folk, IBIS/Novotel Hotel located near the Venue, opposite Ohinerau Street (a short walk), an accommodation option.

Sunday 13th August NIMAFC Swap Meet see [Page 7](#)

Held in the same location as the 2016 Swap Meet. Thanks to Bruce Stratton who has offered his premises. Club will provide a Sausage Sizzle. Bring your Hubley – to challenge others on Trevor's Track. Please bring along Model A items to buy and sell -Era 1920/30s clothing and accessories and similar.

Sunday 27th August VCC Daffodil Run for Cancer

See details on [Page 18](#)

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.

For out of towners suggest book accommodation in Hamilton – Make it a weekend.

Ford
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 Retained 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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- If anyone can help to organise a Run or evening meal get-together on Saturday 9th September in the Hamilton/Waikato area – please let us know.

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 14

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 – PROPOSED VENUE: TE AWAMUTU

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

November

COMBINED CAR CLUB GYMKHANA – further details to come

Other Events of Interest

October 6th to 8th

McLeans Island Swap Meet, Christchurch

November 19th

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

2019

National Rally NZ – South Island – Te Anau

2021

National Rally NZ – North Island - Gisborne

NIMAFC Annual Awards Dinner & Prizegiving

Saturday 12 August 2017

From 6.00pm

Where

Remuera Club, 27-33 Ohinerau Street, Remuera, Auckland

(Motorway exit Greenlane, plenty of parking at the venue)

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From 6pm Pre-dinner drinks (cash bar)
Seated at 7pm for Buffet Dinner (incl. Dessert)

MC - Live Saxophone Tunes - Quiz

Auction - Prizes & Raffles - Best Dressed

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Dress

It's optional, but we're hoping you will get into the spirit of Model A era fashions.

Ladies, dress to the nines with grandma's fur ... or simply wear some pearls, gloves or a hat.

Gents, you can be a budding Beau Brummell ... or simply add braces or a waistcoat. It's up to you!

Please book early!

Cost

\$28.00 per person (Members) or \$38.00 per person (Non-members)

Book

Contact Club Treasurer, Ralph Levinson, to book your tickets – ralphlevinson1@gmail.com; 021 1727 637; (09) 578 3000

Payment

Direct to Club Account 123068 0187485 00 (Reference - your name)
Or cheque mailed to NIMAFC, c/o Ralph Levinson, 15A Hopkins Crescent, Kohimarama, Auckland 1071. All payments will be promptly acknowledged.

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NIMAFC Model A Swap Meet And Hubley Challenge

Sunday 13 August 2017

**Vendors from 9.30 am
Sales from 10.00 am**

Bruce Stratton has again kindly offered his business premises for this event.



Address: 4 Vernon Street, Papakura

Click on the following link for a map showing location.

<https://www.google.co.nz/maps/place/4+Vernon+St,+Papakura,+2110/@-37.0614673,174.9435344,17z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x6d72ad29f7f25815:0x81c30bb7caefe183!8m2!3d-37.060609!4d174.9454066>

- There will be a number of mobile tables available for Model A-related items. These can be moved quickly indoors in case of rain.
- There will also be tables for ladies to sell any items they wish. Anything from a pot of marmalade to an art deco hat.
- Sausage sizzle, tea and coffee provided.
- Open to all Model A Ford owners, sellers and buyers. Even if you're not buying or selling, come along and have coffee and a catch up with Model A friends.
- Bring your Hubley and challenge others on Trevor's Track (Special Thanks to Trevor Farr).

Any questions? Contact: Stephen Upson 027 488 7721 Bruce Stratton 027 485 3634

BEST SHED OR GARAGE IN THE NORTH ISLAND

ENTRIES TO BE JUDGED AT THE AWARDS EVENING on Saturday 12th August

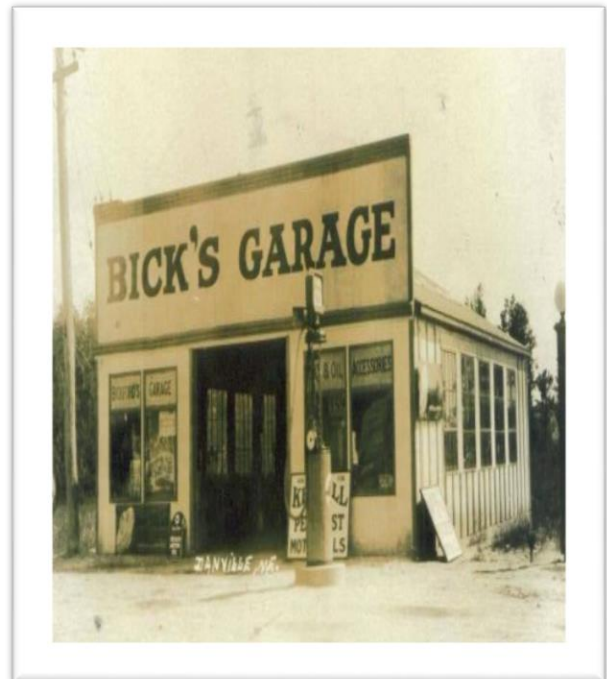
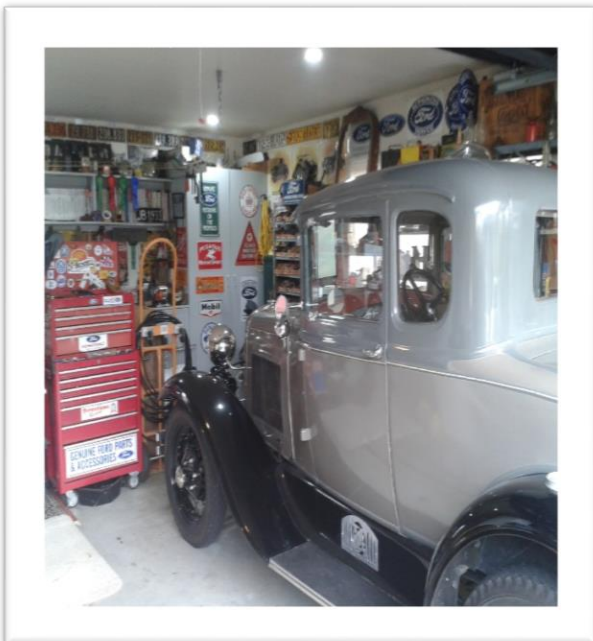
ENTRY: 1

Clyde's been waiting awhile for an oil change in Kev's garage



ENTRY: 2

This is my workshop / garage inspired by this photo of Bickfords Garage I came across.



'ADVENTURES IN THE A' – PHOTO GALLERY – TJ'S BARN TUAKAU



ADVENTURES IN THE 'A' – REPORTS OF PAST EVENTS

Pokeno and Tuakau Run

Ralph Levinson

It's Sunday 16 July. Auckland, like the rest of the country has had a wet, windy, cold week. But today the skies clear, the sun shines and we have a perfect day for the Pokeno and Tuakau Club Run, organised by Stephen Upson and Kay Palmer.

19 Model A's have gathered in the parking area opposite the Pokeno Sunday markets. This buzzing country market - around 70 stallholders - is held most Sundays in the heart of the village. Savvy stallholders operate under cover from fold-out tables.

Later we drive to TJ's private car and memorabilia collection in Tuakau. Cars include a Model A Phaeton, Model T truck and Austin Seven. All have an interesting provenance. Chairs are set out in the sun. Yes, sun!

Our hosts, Terry (TJ) and Sue Smith are more than welcoming. Barbecue sausages wrapped in buttered bread are passed around, home-cooked food is swapped and Model A matters well talked over. Despite best efforts to help demolish the barbecued sausages, we are left with a generous quantity. Happily, yet to be cooked, they are given to our hosts for their freezer.

New member, Neil Aston, is welcomed by Club Captain, Stephen. We hope to see you again soon Neil.

Trevor Farr's nephew's teenage son, Axel, has come with Trevor. Good to see you too Axel. We're hoping you will come to another event, perhaps with a friend.

Another good Model A day.

PS. As a small thanks for his hospitality, Terry has been sent a supply of new German-made needles for the wind-up gramophone in his collection.



ADVENTURES IN THE 'A' – REPORTS OF PAST EVENTS

WAIKATO VCC RUN - SUNDAY 23rd July 2017

I decided to attend this event to see their Club and the country down there, even in my Modern as my Austin 7 is still not VIN'd.

We were dead fortunate with the weather. After the last few days of horror around the country this day was fine and springy and flushed out around 30 pre-war, classic and modern vehicles, most carrying 2 people.

Model A's were a '28 Tudor, '30 Closed cab Pickup, '29 Roadster, 2 Town Sedans, one restored in bright red and black and one Barn Find, with original upholstery and patina'd outside as is the current fashion.

And a 1924 model T resplendent in Henry's favourite colour.

Other pre-war cars were '34 & '37 Plymouths, '37 Dodge, '39 Chev, Austin Nippy, then post war Zephyr 11, 2 HD Holdens, Chev Belair, sports cars, Jags, '50's Daimler, assorted other classics and moderns

I had seen none of these cars before. Our Club was represented by Club Captain Stephen Upson with Kay, (modern), ex Club Captain Gavin Walker with wife Linda and me.

We were given instruction sheets with prizes for identifying features on the way but with no navigator or 2nd pair of eyes to spot them I stayed with finding the route which was hard enough as other cars were off on different directions with some returning again before things settled down.

Beautiful NZ countryside on our way, taking in Scotsman Valley, a slice of Morrinsville then through the narrow winding hilly and scenic Quine Road. Old time motoring at its best with stunning views over a wide valley to the Kaimai Ranges.

By degrees we assembled at the Tahuna Tavern, a good old-time watering hole for lunch with plenty of parking, (how unusual!)

Thanks to the Waikato VCC for a good day out. It pays to hang out with these other Clubs. We're always welcome and we spread our wings further. **Harvey Brewer**



Harvey's dream car (Editor)

TECHNICAL TINKERING– FROM THE GARAGE



FEATURE ARTICLE: ENGINE AND GEARBOX OVERHAUL

Since purchasing the car in 2014, the only thing I have had done to the car is a valve grind. Some T.L.C. was long overdue.

I decided to pull the engine and gearbox out.

Then I looked at my poor baby and thought – oh no! What have I done?

With gearbox and flywheel, I headed off to Veteran & Vintage where we changed the second gear cluster and lightened the fly wheel.

Having to remove the radiator to get the engine out, it was in a far worse state than what I realised. That went off to get a new core in it.

With all the improvements and repairs completed, including a new clutch plate, and changing washers and bolts that weren't right, it was time for reassembly.

I went to put the engine back in and I needed help, so I said to Ngaire – “I need you on the back of the engine hoist”. After a bit of huffing, puffing and swearing (by Kevin), the engine eventually dropped back into place.

Go to start it and it won't start!

After a 'help' call to Errol for a house call, it was discovered that I had one washer round the wrong way when I put the wires back on the generator (you idiot Kevin)!

Really pleased with how the car is running now. The first true test was the Club Run to Jim and Jan's.

Many thanks to Errol McAlpine, I couldn't have done all this without his help.

I loved every minute of doing this work on the car.

Next job – kingpins. **Kevin Lambarth**

Four Kiwis in a Citroen

Ralph Levinson

In our 20s, Jenny and I worked for Contiki Travel in Europe, which led to us starting our own Auckland-based travel business. Over many years we sent groups of fellow Kiwis to various destinations, but our favourite was always Europe. Especially Italy. This in turn was our means of returning to explore the 'big three' of Rome, Florence and Venice; also some of the many memorable towns and villages in Italy (there are 445 starting with the letter A alone).



On to the point of this story. Early in May fellow Club members, Stuart and Diane Jordan, Jenny and I flew to Rome, via Dubai. Dubai ... traditional white and black robes, sand, 4WD driving over the top of dunes (wadi-bashing), dramatic architecture and more sand. It's well worth a 3 night (2 day) stopover.

In Rome we picked up our Citroen – we called it *Picasso*. Why *Picasso*? Simply it was the name on the back and has a nice European ring to it. It was a Eurolease car, meaning it can be booked in New Zealand (or Australia, USA and other countries outside the European Union), with only ex-factory odometer delivery kilometres at the pick-up point. Technically, the user owns the car and sells it back to Citroen (Peugeot and Renault also offer Eurolease options) at the end of the trip. Practically, the



amount you pay relates to the period of use and the difference between the purchase and the guaranteed buy-back values. There is no upper age limit and the package includes full insurance (no excess), also the pleasure of stepping into a brand new car. In our case the cost was around NZ\$21.00 per person per day, based 4 persons.

A couple of points about driving on the right, with

the driver's seat on the left –

1. Approaching a roundabout, you enter by turning right, having checked for roundabout traffic on your left.
2. Entering a motorway, the on-ramp is typically quite short. European motorways have significant numbers of trucks, often travelling in clusters of 6-10 at their maximum permitted speed of 90kph.

Four Kiwis in a Citroen

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On 2 or 3 lane motorways, trucks are obliged to keep to the outside (right) lane, unless overtaking (which they do incredibly slowly). Where there are 3 lanes, trucks are not permitted in the inside

lane – this is only for cars overtaking. So, you enter the motorway into the truck lane. Trucks are a lot bigger than you and can't easily swerve into the next lane, *especially* if in turn, they're being overtaken. Care is needed.

In Italy and France cars can drive on the *Autostrada* (Italy) and *Autoroute* (France) at 130kph. On the *Autovia* (Spain) it's 120kph. In Germany there is no speed limit on some *Autobahns*. Fortunately there's plenty of signage and European cars have a flashing dashboard icon if you're driving over the limit.

Toll roads. There are both open and closed toll roads. With the open toll system, a set fee (typically 2-5 Euros) is paid at the entry point. With closed toll roads, you collect a ticket on entry and on exit, place this in a slot at driver's eye level. A panel (or occasionally a person in a booth) indicates the amount due. Avoid toll lanes marked *Telepass* – these lanes have an electronic device which charges tolls to a pre-arranged account.

Examples of tolls. Italy: Perugia-Florence, E6.10. France: Menton-St Tropez, E15.00. Spain: Barcelona-French side of Pyrenees, E25.60 (total 5 tolls + Andorra tunnel).



We covered almost 5,000 kilometres in Italy, France and a little of Spain. European number plates have a letter representing the car's country of origin. While we had picked up our Eurolease Citroen in Italy, the car had originated in France, so had an 'F' on the number plate. The Italians and French seem to have a wary symbiotic relationship and we were warned in Rome that French cars are sometimes a burglary target in Italy. So, with the car parked outside our favourite family-owned hotel in Frascati (near Rome), *Picasso* morphed into an NZ car. I have to take responsibility for covering the 'F' for France with little Kiwi stickers and placing *New Zealand* and *NZ* flag stickers on the car. We hoped these distant stickers would help forgive indiscretions such

Four Kiwis in a Citroen

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speeding tickets, driving/parking inside “residents only” areas of small villages, wrong lane at toll booths (we made an illegal back-up more than once), etc. It did feel too, this resulted in a friendlier attitude from other drivers. And in Barcelona for example, where traffic congestion is legendary, a policeman went to some trouble to stop other traffic, so we could reverse out of a Taxi Only street.

Parking in crowded European cities and towns is an issue and looking for an available park is usually a time waster. Instead, use a Parking Building and wear the cost with the equanimity of the relaxed traveller – even if it’s up to 25 Euros (NZ\$39.00) for a day.

A GPS is invaluable and helps the driver enjoy the route and keep a focus on the road (remember those trucks). On this last trip with Stuart and Diane, we called our very-British GPS voice, *Patsy*. You’re more inclined to feel you have a friendly extra passenger, if you can talk to a name. For example, *Are you sure about that Patsy? There’s a sign pointing in another direction. Nope, we’re not taking your advice this time.* If your GPS version is a little out of date and doesn’t take into account a newly opened stretch of road, it can be confusing. In this case, we changed Patsy’s



name to *Lola* and berated *Lola* for her bad advice. When we were back on track and clearly receiving good advice, we reverted to *Patsy* and told her she was (mostly) forgiven.

From Menton in France, near the Italian border, we drove via Monaco to Villefranche, in the heart of the Cote d’Azur. It’s a gorgeous old town, a little northeast of Nice and cascades down to a sandy beach. This is one of the most beautiful bays I’ve ever seen. We were greeted warmly by fellow Club members, Lionel and Mary Rogers, who spend part of each year in this lovely setting. We were wowed by the sensational views the locals enjoy ... and if I’m honest, the aperitif and more-ish cake served by our hosts. *Absolument délicieux!* Thank you, Mary and Lionel.

We left the Citroen in Paris en route back from visiting Claude Monet’s stunning garden in Giverny. Did we tell you we also extracted *Picasso* from an underground carpark in Montmartre about 10.00pm one night and did our very own night tour of Paris? All the famous illuminations, ending with our parking in front of the Sacré Coeur Basilica overlooking the city, at midnight. Despite the hour, the place was humming with visitors. At midnight!

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We next trained, Paris – Amsterdam and joined a 15-day river cruise to Budapest on 3 iconic European rivers, the Rhine, Main and Danube. Unpack once, 18 cities and towns to explore, 65 locks, delicious meals, the friendliest crew. Well recommended it's like a floating hotel.

Best of all, joining the Jordans and ourselves aboard the cruise were fellow Club members Terry and Joss Costello, Steve and Letitia Driver, also friend of our Club, Lyn Maxwell (from Thames) and her friend Lee-Anne Fisher-Skipper.

There is much more to tell you, but its Sunday afternoon and I'm hurrying to meet the newsletter deadline. Did we see any older cars on the roads in Europe? Yes a few, mostly British sports cars like Triumphs, MG's, Jaguars, Austins and Morgans. Also a few interesting Citroens in France such as the Traction Avant (early front wheel drive car).

A Ford Model A would have had all four of us climbing out the windows. We didn't see one, but carried the A's in our hearts!



Editor's comment: Thanks for sharing your travels with us

MESSAGE FROM OVER THE DITCH... FROM THE VICE (& Helen)

Hello NIMAFC Members,

Since the last newsletter Helen and I have continued our northward journey through Queensland enjoying the dry warm winter they have here, and reading of the weather related dramas being experienced in NZ. We both plan on spending many more winters here. We have visited numerous lovely places, seen amazing sights, and experienced generous hospitality.

We have watched wild platypus frolic in a river at Eungella, inland from Mackay, seen turtles close to the beach at Clairview, observed the flood level marks high on the walls of beautiful sandstone buildings in Rockhampton, and been snorkelling and diving on Hardy Reef off the Whitsunday Islands, named by Cook as they were sighted on Whitsunday in 1770. The town of 1770 is so named as Cook landed there in that year. It is apparently the only town anywhere that has a number as its name. In a caravan park in Yeppon we caught up with expat Kiwis Laurie and Carol Kyte who we had met at the Busselton Rally. They were driving their immaculate ex NZ 1933 Ford V8 towing a caravan Laurie had built. In Proserpine we stayed with Greg and Dee O'Brien whose Model A Tudor was first registered at Rukahia. Dee introduced us to camp oven dinners which were very enjoyable.

We are heading south now and have about two weeks till we get back to our property at Glenwood where some jobs await us. We are taking an inland route as we have spent most of our travels on coastal roads.

We wish you well for a great Awards Dinner and Swap Meet. Following our return on 26 August we hope to see you at the early September events before we head off to Belgium for the 100th Commemoration of the Third battle of Passchendaele where my grandfather was killed.

Cheers Gavin and Helen

Editors comment - Haven't seen you for awhile but I can see you are still breathing



Vice working hard!



Model
A Club



VCC Daffodil Rally for Cancer

Sunday 27 August 2017

Join us for this new national annual event designed to benefit a nominated charity whilst sharing our love for our interesting and historical vehicles.

The event is not restricted to VCC vehicles - the more the merrier

Auckland Branch's event is a simple rally with great points of interest at the start and the finish (\$10 voluntary donation to go to the cause).

Start point is the Howick Historical Village, Lloyds Ellsmore Park, Pakuranga. **They have offered half price entry for all entrants.** Come for lunch at the café or bring your own and explore before setting off on a simple rally at 1.30pm.

Finishing at Ambury Farm Park, Mangere Bridge where a cuppa will be available and you can enjoy all that this farm park offers.

Russel and Jocelyn McAlpine
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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:

We really enjoy reading the comments/articles and photos sent in from Members. A huge Thank You, as this makes our job easier and gives the bulletin some variety. Lots of variety this Issue, from an engine and gearbox overhaul to interesting stories of adventures.

We appreciate the time you have taken putting pen to paper (or tapping on the keyboard).

Hope to see you at the Club Awards Night!

Also, if you know of anyone who may have missed receiving a Newsletter, please drop us a line or email. (Remember to check Your Junk Email Inbox – just in case it has found its way there).

A Newsletter helps to keep a Club together.

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

**On behalf of your Committee
Take a break from the Garage 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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