

NORTH ISLAND MODEL A FORD CLUB INC. - NEW ZEALAND

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NIMAFC – Christmas Function, Te Awamutu, NZ



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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“A” Captain’s Comment

Hello Members,

Well by all accounts fantastic days at Te Awamutu were enjoyed by all and what a great start to the Club’s festive season celebrations. It is a deserving and very special thankyou to all members involved with the organisation of this remote event and helping make it such a great success. Yes, very well done. This is also indicative of the talent and resources hidden amongst our membership and a simple expression of greater things to come. Well done to all club members also as everyone stepped up to the plate and took on board new Health and Safety measures aimed at ensuring the smooth running of the event and the safety and welfare of everybody present on site.

Your committee members are endeavouring to improve everyone’s individual experiences of motoring and enjoyment with the club. With this in mind the concept of a five-year plan formulated to enable effective management of a busy period leading towards our 50th Anniversary and beyond has been adopted. This is now your opportunity as a participating member to offer your ideas on how that Five-Year Plan may develop including the size and type of membership for the future. Some thoughts and constructive comments to your committee please?

The summer season ahead of us is already well booked with several events on the calendar. We will be looking for helpers at a few of these days especially the Ellerslie Car show which could be considered as a club fundraiser. Those able to spare a hand, well it will be much appreciated.

And well with Christmas now just around the corner what else could I say but Cheers and HO HO HO enjoy and be merry.

PS - For the Christmas Picnic. Please remember to treat and dress your “A”, otherwise Santa may not find you amongst the Cornwall Park trees

Cheers,
Merry Christmas to All.

Hugh
Club Captain



A note from your Bean Counter (aka Treasurer)

Firstly, the money stuff. Thanks everyone for sending membership fees covering the Club year, 1 September 2017 – 31 August 2018. If I haven't acknowledged your payment, you'll be hearing from me shortly. If you haven't yet sent your membership fee, a cheque or on-line payment would be appreciated. Details in October and November newsletters.

Next. I'm sure there will be mention of the Te Awamutu Christmas function in this newsletter, but what a great weekend we had. Gavin & Helen Leckner first suggested Te Awamutu earlier in the year ... despite some of us feeling it was a bit distant for many Club members, it was in fact a perfect choice. Just proves we shouldn't doubt ourselves ... and the Club has two new members originating from the weekend.

We've been selling Club clothing at recent events. We still have Club caps (\$5 blue, \$15 cream), a few S, M, 2XL, 3XL polo shirts (\$10 for S, otherwise \$25), hat badges (\$5), bumper badges (\$15), sew-on fabric badges (\$9), Club logo bumper flags (\$12). All at good Christmas prices. We'll bring these items to the 17 December Club event at Cornwall Park.

A hi-vis vest with small Club logo on the front has been suggested. Handy to have in your Model A in the event of a roadside *stoppage* (note the careful avoidance of the word *breakdown!*). Cost is expected to be around \$15 for a light-weight, hi-vis orange, sleeveless vest, with Velcro fastening and sewn-on reflector tape. Before we consider an order, could we have an indication of interest please – ralphlevinson1@gmail.com, (09) 578 3000, 021 1727 637.

Email addresses. Thank you to everyone who has sent a replacement for their former Vodafone email address. However, we still have some members yet to send replacements for @clear or @ihug addresses. Award yourself a chocolate fish if you send the update before Christmas!

Finally, a little poem -

For all the good times we'll never forget,

And future memories we haven't had yet.

It's December and another year ends,

*Merry Christmas to all our
Model A friends!*



Best wishes from Jenny and me,
Ralph Levinson





So.... if I give him a
Model A and give
her the parts they
should have a
Happy Christmas!!



SECRETARYS REPORT

Your committee met on Tuesday 28 November with the aim of cementing ideas for club events throughout the coming year. This was a very encouraging meeting with many ideas floated around and discussed.

We do have a low key get together organised for **17 December** in Cornwall Park which will enable members to relax prior to the Christmas rush. In January we will be organising a New Year BBQ at Onehunga Beach on **10 January** which will be a good lead in to a Competitive Run ending in Wenderholm on Sunday **21 January**, organised by John Castle and Rob Brown. On **February 11** we will be entering 2 Model A's into the show ring along with 6 Model A's on display at the Ellerslie Intermarque Concours and Classic Car Show. These coming events were all confirmed at this meeting so please look for more details in the Club newsletter.

Also discussed was the Club website which the Committee would like to see running in a more user friendly manner. This has been an on-going topic which we are hoping to resolve within reasonable time. In the meantime please bear with us.

The success of the annual Christmas get-together in Te Awamutu was discussed with many members expressing their gratitude over the entire organisation of all planned activities. Thank you to the previous Committee for coming up with the idea and to Ralph Levinson for his outstanding organisational skills in ensuring this event went without a hitch.

John Castle, who is responsible for gathering and keeping a log of Club assets has been busy collecting these together and trying to ensure they are kept in one central location. We now have back issues of 'The Restorer' magazine on hand thanks to the kind donation from Alan Minson, who formed the Club in 1972 and is now a Life Member. If any member wishes to read these they are now part of our library stock and available for viewing.

Kay Palmer will continue with the idea of producing a newsletter in January to ensure that our members are kept fully informed with up-to-date information. This edition is intended to look back over the past Club year.

On behalf of the Committee I wish all our Club Members a happy festive season and we look forward to another successful year. Safe motoring.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Karen Thomas, Secretary

NEXT CLUB EVENT

DECEMBER 2017

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Pre-Christmas Cornwall Park Get-Together

10.00am-3.00pm, Sunday 17 December. Arrive/depart as you wish. We try to block off some parking space in the Pohutukawa Drive carpark, to make parking easy.

Bring ... lunch, drinks, seats, umbrella if damp, smile. If very wet on the day, the event is automatically cancelled. If isolated drizzle, still come (when were Model A's deterred by a little liquid sunshine?).

It's easy to find! If coming from north or south via the Southern Motorway, exit at *Greenlane* into Greenlane East (*Z Energy* on left, *McDonalds* ahead on right). Cross straight over Great South Road, into Greenlane West. Entry to Cornwall Park after you pass Maungakiekie Road on left – turn left at traffic lights (opposite Puriri Drive), through Park gates. Drive along Pohutukawa Drive to 1st roundabout. Right into parking area.

Picnic under shady trees. Café nearby, ice creams at Cornwall Park Creamery (try *Salted Caramel*), Ha Ha wall, Huia Lodge, Acacia Cottage (1841), great walks, free informative video at Visitor Centre, children/grandchildren *very* welcome. Prizes for the most Christmassy looking Model A's. Walking quiz ... more prizes!



Hope to see you there ... our final Club event for 2017.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS – JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH

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FEBRUARY 2018


MARCH 2018

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NIMAFC EVENTS – JANUARY

<p>Wednesday 10 January (Evening Event)</p> <p>Watch out for an Event Flyer!</p>	<p>EVENING PICNIC/GET-TOGETHER – Foreshore, Onehunga Beach, Auckland</p>  <p>Enjoy the daylight saving hours. BYO dinner picnic. Light rain or shine, a popular club event repeated. A chance to socialise with fellow Model Aers, friends and family.</p>
<p>Sunday 21 January</p> <p>Meet by 10am</p>	<p>RUN TO WENDERHOLM REGIONAL PARK (Competitive Fun Run)</p> <p>Meet at the BP service centre (Northern Carpark) on the Northern Motorway by 10.00am. This location is also the Northern Gateway toll road payments point however we will not be using the tunnels! There are options here for food, coffee and toilets, and to fuel up. The run will take us through rural areas and on route there will be silent checks and questions to test you. We will end up at Wenderholm for a picnic lunch. Bring your own meat, BBQ available, local walks and a visit to the Couldrey House and some other fun activities.</p> <p>NIMAFC Contact: John Castle Ph 479 4135 or Rob Brown Ph 483 5793</p>

NIMAFC EVENTS – FEBRUARY

<p>Sunday 11 February</p>	<p>INTERMARQUE CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE – Greenlane, Auckland</p> <p>A celebration of classic and marque cars, with competitions based on presentation, appearance, originality and excellence. More details of the day and NIMAFC entrants to come, as finalised.</p> <p>NIMAFC Contact: Errol McAlpine, Ph 027 4543 983 or (09) 832 9818</p>
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NIMAFC EVENTS – MARCH

<p>Sunday 18 March</p>	<p>GALAXY OF CARS/SWAP MEET – Western Springs, AUCKLAND</p> <p>The New Lynn Lions have selected the PIHA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB as the beneficiary of Galaxy of Cars. This is a well deserving and needing club so please help us raise as much money as possible to give them valuable support.</p> <p>Entry: Show Car and Driver are free Adults \$12, children 5 to 15 years \$5 Swap Meet Sites \$15</p> <p>More details to come as finalised.</p>
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OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

<p>Saturday 27 January Thames Wings and Wheels 10am to 4pm (Thames airfield) \$5 pp/\$10 family</p>	<p>Wednesday 14 February to Sunday 18 February Art Deco Festival - Napier</p>	<p>Saturday 24 February (Evening) 1920's Party – MOTAT (Museum of Transport and Technology), Auckland</p>
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EVENTS ON THE HORIZON

NIMAFC Events

Mid-Winter Christmas – Ryders Theatre, Avondale, Auckland	21 July 2018
2022	NIMAFC 50 th Anniversary

Other Events of Interest

2019	National Rally NZ – South Island – Te Anau
2021	National Rally NZ – North Island – Gisborne

From the NIMAFC Library

You may be interested in some Holiday Reading.....

Here is a list of the books and magazines that are available –

- How To Restore your Model A (volumes 1 – 5) these cover technical /restoration articles from the Restorer
- Restoring The Model A Pickup - useful book especially if you have a 1929 Pickup .
- Restoring The Open A - covers Roadsters & Phaetons
- Henrys Fabulous Model A
- Ford Model A as Henry built it
- Model A Passenger car & Model AA Truck
- Model A Service bulletins (complete)
- Model AA Ford Truck Owner
- Model A Carburettors
- Model A Restoration Hand book
- Model A Ford Restorer Construction Repair
- Matchless Model A
- Ford Automotive hardware & trimming supplies
- Ford – the Men and the Machine by Robert Lacey - excellent book about Henry Ford.

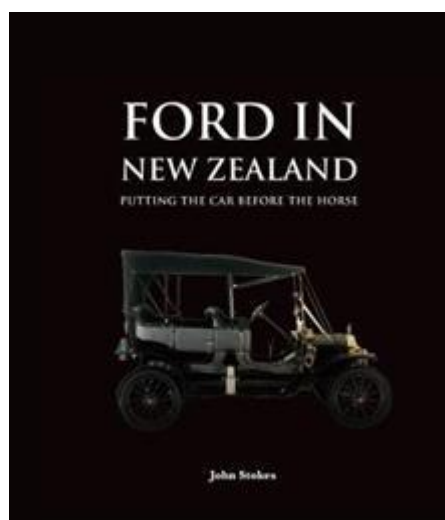
These books plus a few other related automotive books are held at our Onehunga meeting room, contact John Castle if you wish to borrow.

We also have a new addition - **Restorer Magazines from MAFCA**, a collection kindly donated to the Club by Allan Minson (Foundation and Life Member).

These cover the years from 1967 through to 2013 and if you are unfamiliar with them they are an **excellent read and are available to borrow in packs** covering one year which is 6 issues.

Contact: John Castle

Phone: 09 4794135 or Mobile: 021957032



Reminder: New book for release soon on the bookshelves.....

The book details the evolution in New Zealand, from the late 19th century to the 'horseless carriage' of 1904, when the first Ford came to New Zealand, including never seen before photography of New Zealand's first 'Ford' owner - Robert Thompson and his 'Ford mobile'.

Source: www.wheelers.co.nz

CLUB TECH NIGHT AT STU'S TRIM & SOUND – Wednesday 15 November

The visit to Stuart Warman & Ross McCready's auto and upholstery workshop in Manurewa was thanks to club member Trevor Farr.

A good turnout of approx. 25 Model A owner's/club members and classic car restorers had an informative evening learning about sound insulation that can be installed to our vintage and classic cars prior to upholstery.

The other interesting topic was about how modern types of foam padding can be used to enhance the support and comfort of our Model A Tudor front seats.

On display in the workshop was a mid 60s mustang undergoing a full ground up restoration with sound insulation installed and many modern upgrades.

Model A club member Lionel Rodgers, a customer of Stu's Trim & Sound kindly presented his 72 Ferrari Daytona to show us the intricate leather upholstery job done by Stuart & Ross.

This very interesting and informative evening ended with many questions answered with tea/coffee and generous amounts of chocolate cookies.

*By Bruce Stratton
(NIMAFC
Member/Committee)*



Also,

Stu explained they use Dynamat sound suppression to reduce body panel vibration, that can create a drone while driving. It works in interesting ways. Firstly, to increase the mass of whatever it's sticking to, giving components more solidity and preventing general vibration. Secondly as a damper. The butyl layer absorbs vibrations rather than reflecting them. Finally, irregular layers of Dynamat also work by modifying the mass, thus interrupting the noise or vibrations. And as an added bonus, it insulates against heat and cold.

Ralph Levinson

NIMAFC Christmas Party Weekend – Te Awamutu

Overview of festivities - Saturday 25 November 2017

By NIMAFC Newsletter Editor: Kay Palmer

A few of the Auckland and North based NIMAFC Members gathered at Bombay to head South together.

After refueling and a friendly chat, it was onwards to Te Awamutu. On arrival in Te Awamutu at the Reserve it was time to park up with other Model As from around the North Island, for the public to view. The Pavilion opened, with Rae, myself and Helen setting up the tea room, where tea/coffee and biscuits on plates decorated with Christmas Holly was available throughout the morning. Plenty of time to chat amongst friends, share stories over lunch in the Pavilion or out on the Reserve.

Health and Safety matters were taken well care of at the Reserve with David Heilbron in charge and aided by a good team of Club Marshalls. Promptly at 2pm the first Model A was away to test skill and ability around the Gymkhana course. A group of spectators watched, as gloves exploded and attempts were made to get a bulls-eye. The Gymkhana continued until 4pm, where score sheets were handed in for marking.

Model As, drivers and navigators departed to various accommodation places nearby, time to get ready in Era style fashion, for the Christmas Dinner.

On arrival at the dinner venue, all were greeted with Christmas decorative tables, a Christmas dinner with the trimmings and a fun filled evening, with crackers popping - faces indicated it was enjoyed by all. Santa arrived later in the evening with a bulging sack of gifts, lots of laughter as Santa handed out gifts to all. Items to wear proved popular.



Speeches and Thank You messages flowed to the many who contributed and worked together to make it a fantastic day. Gymkhana winners were announced - Congratulations to lady driver Di Humphreys taking out the top prize (with Navigator Keith), 2nd place (Ralph & Jenny Levinson), 3rd place (Garry & Fiona Learmonth). New member, Paul Strawbridge taking out 4th place in the Gymkhana, well done (see page 13 for Paul's comments).

After a fun night, it was time to head back to the Motels ready for the next day's activities. Please see Member Reports to follow, for the Sunday. A Report is in progress, so watch out for this, on the popular visit to David Nordell's.





HOUSE OF DECO (28 MANIAPOTO STREET, OTOROHANGA)

With an early morning start by courtesy bus provided by Jan Carter of House of Deco Otorohanga about 25 lovely ladies enjoyed a leisurely ride through rolling pastures to be greeted by Jan beautifully dressed in era clothing at her very well organised shop presenting an excellent display of fine wares.

We were all soon gathering items to purchase and having a wonderful time trying things on and guessing sizes for our partners, an amazing experience in one of the best vintage costume stores to be seen. Thank you Jan for an experience not to be forgotten.

*by Joss Costello
(NIMAFC Member)*



Editor's comment:

I spotted Joss recently wearing the full Era Ensemble from 'House of Deco' – looked lovely.

NIMAFC Christmas Party Weekend – Te Awamutu

Sunday 26TH November 2017 – By Garry Learmonth (NIMAFC Member)



Following a great night at the RSA with fellow club members enjoying the food, company, prize giving and our MC's Ralph and Gavin, and I must not forget Terry Ho! Ho! Ho! Costello, we were treated to several property visits on the Sunday morning.

This article is about the second of these property visits on the Sunday which I believed someone had to write about. Property visit number two, 26 November 2017. A visit to the beautiful property of Chris and Helen near Te Awamutu to enjoy his collection of English beauties.

Imagine, or if you were there, remember, being in the beautiful Waikato countryside pulling in to a tree lined driveway in our gorgeous Model A Fords. Meandering up this driveway to be greeted by beautiful ancient species of trees forming large umbrellas of shade over a beautifully maintained lawn.

Once you had thought WOW, as all our cars parked in this serene atmosphere, people's minds, and I am sure all our minds were thinking, "SHEDS", where's the doors, how do we get in there? Like kids in a candy store. Hold your horses, we will get in there.

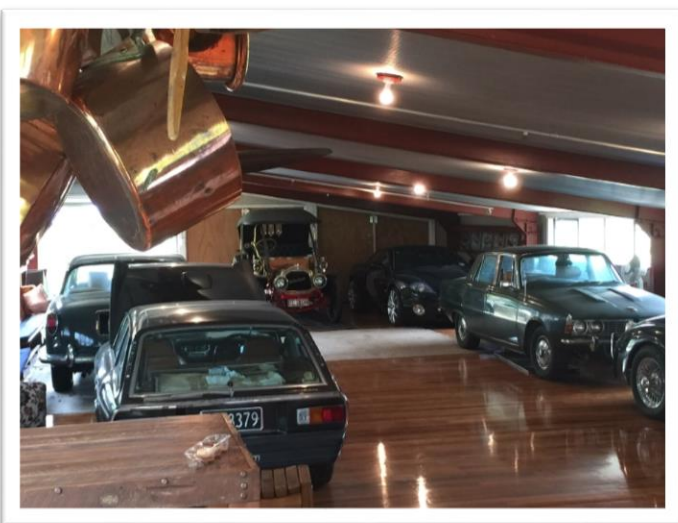
Our fantastic host for this visit Chris, from the moment we decamped from our Model A's, made us feel welcome without having to say anything. A humble decent bloke with a passion. A person with a passion. We need more of you on this planet. Obviously this bloke was backed up by a beautiful woman, Helen, Chris's lovely partner.



Chris welcomed us to his property and basically said go forth and explore his sheds. There was a moment of hesitation before any one moved, then we were gone. The sheds were ours to explore.

The first shed, where Chris started to make and distribute his finely brewed cups of tea out to the explorers was just fantastic. A collection of English vehicles awaiting the ignition key to be turned, from the Dion, the Jensen, the Rovers, the Jag and as Chris said, the space filling Aston Martin all floating on a beautifully lacquer finished Tawa floor.

Apparently this shed was transported down from Auckland in one piece from its former life as a café / lunch room in the early 90's. Now that is dedication to the highest degree.



I would be happy if my shed had a concrete floor.

And I cannot forget, Helen calmly walking amongst the club members, handing out her home made jam and cream scones and mince tarts. Helen, the way to a Model A man's heart is through his stomach.

NIMAFC Christmas Party Weekend – Te Awamutu -- continued

What is required in a man shed? We ask.

Cars, a huge TV, a bar, an oven, a fridge and of course air conditioning, which in this case came from the great heights off an aeroplane. A huge wooden propeller spinning above our heads taking us back to the days of old as we flew around the skies in our Tiger moths.

Most people open the window to circulate the air, others have air conditioners, however with imagination abound Chris has created a fantastic talking point. Spinning at the speed of sound above our heads, ok, maybe 60 revs per minute and who really cared if it worked as an air conditioner. Creatively at its best. AWESOME.

Chris has created the next step in the evolution of man sheds.

As we stepped outside Chris was putting the life in to his Bentley which sat proudly beside two lovely examples of English workmanship. A Triumph and a BMC classic. At this moment a few of us may have been thinking, maybe my abundant amounts of horse power under my Model A bonnet won't beat this Bentley as it hummed away under the watchful eye of our members under the beautiful blue sky.

Yes, the sky was blue. Summer is here.

I realise we are Ford owners and nothing beats a Model A, however the pride and passion in owning any historic vehicle or item in today's world of throw away imported Rice Rockets is something I admire. To collect and maintain any historic item is something we should raise our cups of tea too.

On to the next shed. As we walked in to the small front door into Doctor Who's TARTIS, maybe Chris should paint this door like the Blue telephone box owned by the Doctor?

We were in awe of what was in this shed. Tucked away under the mezzanine floor were MG's and Rovers and a Jensen surrounded in the rest of the shed by a Stunning collection of vehicles including a Red SS100 Jaguar, white Bentleys, and the token Range Rover. The White outline of a drop top Bentley with a background wall of Matchbox and other Toys under a barn roof. A marvellous affliction with the cars of the Commonwealth. All this behind a small door.

I still want a concrete floor in my shed.

If in the very unlikely event that the collection of beautiful classic cars did not rock your boat, the mezzanine floor with its collection of magazines, a type writer (no iPads to be seen) and historic items abound, with Carol Pratt on the piano gently playing out the tunes as you looked down over this collection of beautiful vehicles, would surely have made you think about that old saying, "this is so cool.". Four words that say a lot.

Once the members had finished exploring the "TARTIS", we headed back outside to enjoy the blue sky and views over the surrounding country side whilst devouring a well-earned picnic lunch under the meandering branches and leaves in Chris and Helens gorgeous back yard.

Some may be thinking, What's this "**well-earned**" term.? I tell you now, exploring sheds is hard work. The focus whilst exploring has to be absolute as we seek out new frontiers and hidden gems.

Heaven forbid if we miss an item in a shed. We would have to go back.

Looking around at the members as we enjoyed the atmosphere of Chris and Helen's home, there was a sense of calmness. This calmness only comes from a feeling of completeness. Knowing that what we have just experienced has satisfied our wants for our daily high.

To Chris and Helen.

We raise up our cups of tea, jam and cream scones and mince tarts to you both and from our hearts, thank you for allowing us into your lives to explore your passion. It was greatly appreciated by all.

Extract – Te Awamutu Courier – Thank you for your article

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Te Awamutu Courier Thursday, November 16, 2017

Model As here for Christmas Rally

Up to 30 vintage Fords will descend on Te Awamutu later this month as the North Island Model A Ford Club comes to town for its annual Christmas Rally.

Members and their cars will start to assemble in the town on Friday, November 24 for a number of events over three days.

Best chance for the public to see the iconic model up close will be at the Public Display and Gymkhana from midday on Saturday, November 25.

The purpose of the North Island Model A Ford 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.

Almost five million of these popular cars were manufactured between late 1927 and early 1932 and it is estimated about 5 per cent (250,000) remain in various parts of the world. There are more than



NORTH Island Model A Ford Club vehicles showing three of the distinct body styles: from left — 1930 Coupe, 1930 Town Sedan, 1928 Station Wagon.

1200 Model As in New Zealand. The first Model As were built in October 1927, but not sold until December 2 that year — so officially the oldest cars will turn 90 in a month.

The North Island Model A Ford Club started life as the Auckland Model A Ford Club in 1972. Interest blossomed from around the North Island and the club was renamed to reflect the geography of members — who are spread from Kerikeri in the north

and as far south as Nelson. Owning a Model A Ford is not a pre-requisite of joining the club and visiting members will be more than happy to discuss the benefits of the club with any prospective members during their visit.

Christmas Function – Te Awamutu – Thank You

Thank you for setting up a great weekend, it was ideal for me to meet other Model A owners, however this did illustrate my lack of knowledge while in the presence of existing members. On this note everyone was warm and welcoming while also very happy to offer support and expertise which I thoroughly enjoyed.

Thanks to Terry Costello's navigator skills, I was happy to be placed 4th in the Gymkhana on my first attempt, what great fun.

Please find the below link for a few pictures that will be able to be uploaded allowing those who may be interested to view.

<https://1drv.ms/f/s!AqA6U15CgwNWiUVmttwj-YLaaUfs>

I am looking forward to the next get together.

Thank you
Best regards
Paul Strawbridge

Editors Comment: Thank you Paul for the cover page photo.

Have you heard the saying? MEN ARE FROM MARS – WOMEN ARE FROM VENUS! - (Perhaps this is Model A style?)

Is it the carburettor fault or a spark plug miss.....Also, I'm interested in some of the Model A parts Alan Minson is selling, I've got my eye on the Flywheel Housing Plates. What do you think about the muffler clamps for the manifold?



Ladies shopping at 'House of Deco' (Sunday 26/11/17)



I like my money right where I can see it, hanging in the closet.

Carrie Bradshaw

(source: www.stylecaster.com)

Editors comment: Hope you see the funny side, all in good fun. 'Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus', is a Book (1992) written by American author (John Gray) – the book sold more than 50 million copies – **source Wikipedia**

Back in time: Popular Toys in the 1930's:

- Pedal cars
- Marbles
- Balsa Wood Kits
- Wind up Train Set
- Dolls House



Source – Image, Bing.com

Back in time: A high-performance Model A head available in the 1930's

The Indianapolis Model A Head

Submitted by: Ralph Levinson

I've been looking through Victor W Page's book, "MODEL A FORD ▪ Construction ▪ Operation ▪ Repair, for the Restorer". This book first appeared in 1931 and revised in 1973. To the rear of my *Commemorative Edition* is a selection of advertising reproductions featuring speed and power equipment, intended to add brawn to the Model A engine.

An example is the Indianapolis Head, designed and manufactured by Morton & Brett. As a latecomer to the Model A fraternity, I never thought of the Model A as being a dirt track and road racer. But I read this sport snowballed in popularity in the early 1930's and a variety of businesses produced speed equipment for the popular new Ford Model A.

For US\$125.00 including carburetor, you could purchase an overhead 8-valve Indianapolis Head. Fitted as a replacement to the standard side-valve cylinder head, the Model A enthusiast could anticipate 80mph – or more – with "masterful, smooth acceleration, power for hill climbing and for speed if you need it – more than you ever anticipated".

After a little delving, I found Morton & Brett first built an overhead valve cylinder head for the Ford Model T, around 1925. It was a cast iron head with four exhaust ports and one intake port on the right side. The intake and exhaust manifold were cast integral with the head.

Until 1934 Morton & Brett published their "Blue Book". This catalogue, over 30 pages, was filled with everything required to build a competitive Ford-based race car.

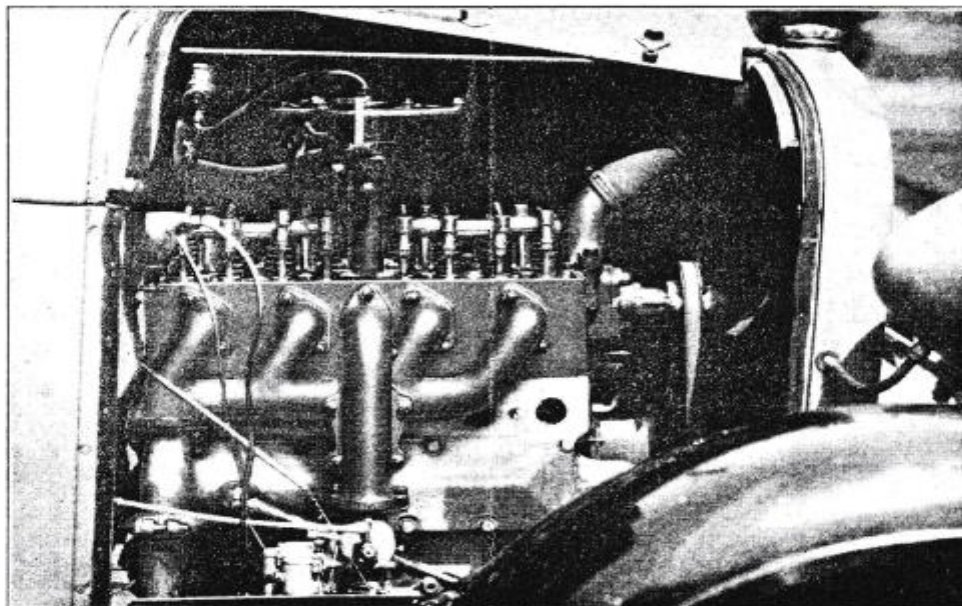
Following is the Indianapolis Head advertisement. It's a facsimile of the original and not the easiest to read. However it's worth the effort – an impressive option for a Ford Model A engine, around 90 years ago!

On the following page is the advertisement for 'The Indianapolis Model A Head'

THE INDIANAPOLIS HEAD FOR MODEL A FORDS

DESIGNED, MANUFACTURED AND ENGINEERED BY MORTON & BRETT, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

THE
MASTER
OF
THE
ROAD.



FLYING
SPEED
WITH
ENORMOUS
PICK-UP
AT
ONCE.

With the positive knowledge that every part of the Model A Ford is of a quality second to none one naturally asks why this 200 cubic inch motor is not as fast as another car. The natural reason is that it is made for the masses and Morton & Brett will redesign it for those who need the greater speeds and power—and in so doing we are confident that even more added power than produced by our Indianapolis Head could easily be withstood by the balance of the chassis.

So, we produced an overhead valve system to suit our customers of speed and to produce smooth, powerful acceleration and a lasting product with all parts equal in strength and quality to those we use in racing cars. The Boyle racing valve, Liberty type keepers to lock the alloy springs. Balanced Rocker Arms bushed with bronze, operating on hardened and ground shafts and a design of manifolding which will fuelize any grade of gas.

The Indianapolis Head is new in construction, revolutionary in design, with its internal-ram's-horn-compound-velocity-pressure-chamber manifold, the vapor ready to explode is stored above the valve orifice and a constant pressure is maintained for its supply by a high velocity intake manifold following the internal exhaust tubes, creating high thermal efficiency and injecting real dry vapor gas into the combustion chamber and then totally exploding without leaving unburned gasoline and oil to be exhausted without benefit. The result of these features is a cleaner motor, absence of carbon and less gasoline in the crankcase to lessen the lubricating qualities of the oil—result, less oil consumption, less gas consumption and greater general efficiency.

Any grade of gasoline will operate successfully with the MORTON & BRETT INDIANAPOLIS HEAD. The absence of the gas knock is obtained by the construction described which allows perfect acceleration. The smoothness of operation is also one of the features, due to the construction of the CYLINDER HEAD with its overhead valves using racing quality valve mechanism. All the force of the explosion is directly over the piston and all of its power thus produced is transferred to the wheels for masterful, smooth acceleration, power for hill climbing and for speed if you need it—more than you ever anticipated. With the race track as a stepping stone our MORTON & BRETT products are tested and proven before you get them—you take no chance—we take no risk of displeasing you. Customers report more than 80 m. p. h. with no other added equipment. This same Indianapolis Head is also made for the Model T Ford.

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

Number of valves—8; intake larger than exhaust. Size of lift of valves— $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch. Valve guides removable for replacement. Boyle Valves all steel, NOT cast iron. Valve keepers—all machined steel Liberty type with wedge keys. Valve Springs—heat treated alloy steel, double springs. Cylinder Head—semi-steel casting, steel studs. Exhaust Ports—4. Intake Ports—1. Compound velocity type. Cylinder Head Bolts—nickel steel. Cylinder Head Gasket—copper and asbestos. Rocker Arm Shaft— $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch ground hardened steel. Rocker Arms—drop-forged steel, bushed with bronze. Push Rods—all hardened at end and adjusted from top. Compression—65 pounds standard. Higher for speedster or racing. All valve seats and spark plugs surrounded by water. Head made in two degrees of compression—Passenger, Semi-Racing Speedster. Full instructions and all parts necessary for installation.

RETAIL PRICE \$125.00 With all equipment, including carburetor. PRICE LIST NO. 700

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SPEED EQUIPMENT



An Invitation to Join Model A Ford Club of America

Membership Benefits

The Restorer magazine (6 issues per year) –
 Technical Support – Jim Cannon will email you the answer to any question you may have.
 MAFCA Chartered Chapters, National Meets, National Banquets and National Tours.

MAFCA also produces publications for sale including:-

- Restoration Guidelines & Judging Standards
- Paint and Finish Guide
- Hardware Standards
- How to Restore Your Model A (a series of)
- Era Fashion Guidelines
- Other publications related to the Model A Ford and its era

Go to mafca.com and click on Membership Renewal or New Membership and complete the form.
 International Membership is **\$US70** (*The Restorer* posted to you);
 International Membership with only online edition of *The Restorer* **\$US50**.

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Note from the Editor:

In addition to email, Jim Cannon advises he can help Members by using WhatsApp and other similar programs (Skype, etc.).



Sunshine Report

SMILE – it is nearly Christmas, a time where we create fun filled days with lasting memories. Remember though there are some of us who are unwell and not at the top of our game. If you know of anyone please tell them we care and to “put on their comfy jammies, find a cosy bed and a big soft pillow for their head. Worry not, the world can wait while they take time to recuperate“. We hope you get better soon because you are too special to be sick.

If you know of any club members who are unwell and would appreciate some cheering up, please do let me know. I would be only too happy to put some Christmas cheer into their life.

Karen Thomas, Secretary

Phone 021 419 0191 – (09) 443 5253 or Email: mosseykar@gmail.com



WHO AM I?

Who is the happy young lad in the photo?

Today he is the proud owner of a 1929 Phaeton.

CLUES:

- My birthday is in November.
- I was 8 years old when the photo was taken.
- I enjoy Christmas Day with my large family.
- My early days were spent in a South Auckland township.

Please email your answer (along with your name) to the Newsletter Editor:

nimafc@outlook.com

(More clues next month if no correct answer)

Thanks for your guesses – keep them coming!

FROM THE ERA FASHION FILES.....

Jewellery styles in the 1920s/30s:

- Drop earrings
- Cuff bracelets
- Costume jewellery was popular
- Art Deco influenced designs

Panama hats



Perfect for the summer season – some examples – pop into a Farmers store and buy for around \$30.



‘Pack the Picnic’ Recipe Steve’s (Driver) Pickled Onions – Still developing flavour –

Watch this space, recipe soon to be released!!!

HAM GLAZE:

Apricot and Mustard Glaze

Ingredients

- 1 ½ cup apricot jam
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 2 Tbsp Dijon mustard

Method to prepare the ham

Preheat oven to 180 deg C

Carefully remove rind from the ham. Score fat into a diamond pattern.

Add 1 cup of water to a roasting dish and place the ham in the pan.

Combine the glaze ingredients, brush onto ham and bake for 50 minutes until golden.



CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

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.

<p>For Sale 1930 Model A Ford Phaeton</p>	<p>Current owners for 20 years. Current Rego, WOF, garaged, runs well, tidy condition. Phone Dave 021 2593690 (Dave Collins)</p>
<p>Wanted</p>	<p>1930 fordor exterior door handles, interior handles, rear bumperettes, original horn. Phone 07 8848551, Thanks Jeff</p>
<p>Wanted</p>	<p><u>Model A Engine</u> I am keen to recondition a Model A engine, so if someone has an engine that is excess to their requirements and wishes to sell it I would like to hear from you. Almost any condition would be of interest, but preferably one with as close to original piston sizes and with a good crankshaft and no cylinder cracks would be ideal. Many thanks, John Ross, Auckland Phone <u>021437267</u> or email: <u>jr@acrostic.co.nz</u></p>

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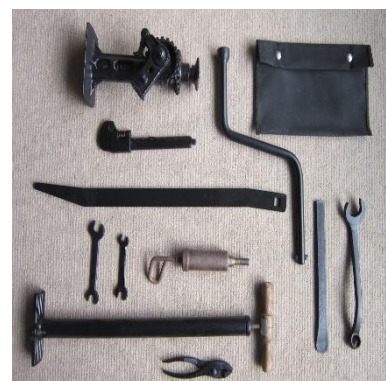
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FROM ALAN MINSON: MODEL A PARTS - For Sale

Our first Club Captain and Life Member, Alan Minson, has the following items for sale.

The tool kit (see photo) has several Authentic Model A items (the crank handle has been sold).

Alan is happy to discuss price and says he wants to sell all the items. Contact details, alan@minson.co.nz, Phone 09 521 5111, Mobile 021 327 119.



MODEL A PARTS

Part Name	Description	Quantity
Accelerator footrest		1
Axles – front	Set of 2. Kingpins (4) Spring Shackles (2)	Set
Battery Carrier	Frame that bolts on to chassis	1
Bearings	Used, various, for front wheels & gearbox	Several
Body Blocks set	For Phaeton. Some with rubbers	1
Body/Chassis Bolts	Possibly a full set	15
Bonnet Catches		Several
Bonnet Guides		5
Brake anti-rattlers	1 flat type & 1 coil type	2
Brake drums	Front	Set of 2
Brake parts	Rollers, cams, arms	Several
Brake pins & rod ends		Several
Brake rods	assorted	6
Bumper parts	Arm bracket	1
Bumper parts	Clamps for rear face	2
Bumper parts	Bolts for bumper ends	3
Bumper parts – clamps	Smooth front face. Restored set of 5	1
Bumpers	Rear bumperettes	Set of 4
Dashlight bases	For dash to early '30	2
Distributor points base		1
Door handle	Exterior	1
Door handles	Exterior for Phaeton/Roadster	3
Door handles – internal	Unfinished bronze castings	2
Engine dipstick		1
Engine front mounting	Bracket (1) & plates (2)	Set
Engine gasket set		Set
Engine mount bolts	For rear mount	Several
Engine part	Rear main oil seal, new	1
Fan 2-blade	Needs new sheave	1
Floorboard bolt washers	New	2
Floor mat rubber sheet	3mm, 1020 x 600	1
Flywheel housing plates	For underside	2
Fuel gauge tools	Set of 2	1 set
Fuel tank filter		1
Gaskets	New, Mostly for 32mm	Several
Gearbox rear casting	To driveshaft universal	1
Handbrake shoe springs		4
Headlight bulb holders		3
Headlight lens	Fluted type. No script	1
Headlight shells	St/s twolite. 1 with rim & 2 bulb reflector	3
Hubcaps, 30-31, st/st	Sets of 5. 1 new & 1 reconditioned	2

FROM ALAN MINSON: MODEL A PARTS - For Sale

Part Name	Description	Quantity
Light switch base		1
Light switch parts		Several
Mudguard bracket '30 front	Forged type	1
Mudguard bracket '30 rear	255 mm wide	1
Mudguard bracket – rear bolts	Outer bolts for rim of guard	3
Muffler clamps	For manifold	2 sets
Panel above dash – bolts	Set of 5 csk bolts	5
Radiator shells	St/st '30. All need some repair	4
Shock Absorber linkage	With 2 springs and 4 cups	1
Space Wheel side mount bracket	Needs welding	1
Sparkplugs		3
Spring clamp tool (rear)		1
Springs, small	Misc	several

Part Name	Description	Quantity
Steering box (7 tooth)	Tube needs welding. With throttle/distributor clamp	
Steering Wheel	Thinner black type. Crack in 1 spoke	1
Stoplight switch		1
Tail-light bracket & bolts '30	RHS New	1
Terminal Box covers		2
Throttle/spark linkages	1 short & 1 long	2
Tyre inner tubes	19"	2
Tyre valve stems	Brass type, 1 short & 1 long	2
Water pump packing	New, coil	1
Wheel studs	2 for hubs & 1 for spare bracket	3
Windscreen frame	Top part only	
Windscreen wiper motors	Vacuum type	Several
Windshield bracket	For open car cowl LHS	1
Windwing Bracket parts	4 bases, 1 clamp, rubber	
Wiring clips	Sprung type, for chassis	2
Antique Ford Repaint Manual	Ditzler 1962, with colour chart	1
How to Restore the Model A	Book by Clymer 1961	1
How to Restore Your Model A	Books by MAFCA Vol 1 & Vol 2	1 of each
Model A Ford Judging Standards	By MAFCA 1974	2
Newsletters MAFCA Canty	Set from 1967 to circa 1990	1 set
Oiling Chart A2 size	Fig 9 from Instruction Book	4
Tools	Jack AA-17080 with handle	1
	Bag	1
	Tyre Lever	1
	Adjustable spanner	1
	Open-ended spanners	1
	Grease gun	1
	Tyre pump	1
	Instruction Book RHD	1



CLOSING EDITORIAL MESSAGE:



Thank you to all contributors to the Newsletter this month. Good stories and photos too. A few more pages to read this month.

If you hear of anyone who has not received a Newsletter by 15th of the month – please let us know – a Newsletter is regularly prepared and distributed to all Members each month. It may have found its way into a junk mail inbox or computer virus software may have blocked an incoming Newsletter.

Look out for a January Newsletter Issue in the New Year – with up to date event information.

Have a wonderful Christmas with family and friends, wherever you may be!

If you have a story to share of your travels over the festive season, please drop me a line.

After time with family during Christmas, a needed rest period beckons, so I'm heading to a favourite holiday spot Rotorua & Lake Taupo, with Stephen for a few days R&R.

Merry Christmas, Kay Palmer (Newsletter Editor)
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On a final note.....

What popular board game was invented in the 1930's?

ANSWER:

Next month



From your 2017-18 Committee:



Wishing all our

**North Island Model A Club family a
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Enjoy the happiest of holidays!!**



Karen Thomas, Secretary