## NORTH ISLAND MODEL A FORD CLUB INC. - NEW ZEALAND

#### **Chapter Members of:**









# **MODEL A TORQUE**

Month: October 2017 Issue Number: 2017/10

International Model A Ford Day – Auckland NZ – Museum of Transport & Technology





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



Club Historian: Paul Smith

#### **Hello Members**

Congratulations to the new and returning Committee members. I thank you for your commitment and enthusiasm in supporting the Club as we strive towards another great year of enjoyable motoring. I also thank the club members for their confidence in me to guide the new committee in their Club Management role.

This year will undoubtedly be a very busy one as we endeavour to meet the challenges of a progressive club and ensure a warm and exciting activity programme. With a large agenda of administrative matters to consider and events to organise it is "all shoulders to the wheel" and any members with skills and time availability may be harnessed accordingly.

The festive season and bright summer days to enjoy are fast approaching. It will be great to see our Model As dazzle the people and reflect the sunlight or just simply collect the dust from the rural roads so that we will clean them. Either way it will, I am sure, be great motoring.

Enjoy

**Hugh Hulse** 

#### 2017/2018 Officers of the Club/Committee

Club Captain	Hugh Hulse
Vice Captain	Errol McAlpine
Treasurer	Ralph Levinson
Secretary	Karen Thomas
Newsletter Editor	Kay Palmer
General Committee	David Heilbron
	Shaun Bellamy
	Bruce Stratton
	John Castle

The Club extends a warm welcome to the following new members -

Rodger & Ann Benton, Hamilton – 1929 Roadster



#### REPORT FROM CLUB SECRETARY

Welcome back to another year of motoring with the A's. Your newly elected enthusiastic committee met for the first time on Tuesday 3 October and have committed to a 5 year plan for the club. This will take us through to our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary where the club will celebrate these past years.

Now for the present. Club activities are the mainstay of any club and we want to get this right so we will gradually work our way through the months and try to establish a 12-month calendar of events. **Bruce Stratton** and **Shaun Bellamy** will be responsible for **Club Events** so get your thinking caps on and make contact with them, I am sure they will be pleased to hear from you. Bruce Stratton will also be responsible for **Tech Nights**, if you know of some interesting venues let him know about them.

**Kay Palmer** is our Newsletter Editor and will create a lively newsletter for the enjoyment of members and friends. The newsletter is our only way of communicating to you all but you have a part to play also – you need to support the newsletter by contributing articles.

Ralph Levinson is our Club Treasurer and will take care of any financial matters within the Club.

John Castle has taken on the responsibility of maintaining our club records and assets.

**David Heilbron** along with the assistance of **Shaun Bellamy** will be taking care of **Health & Safety** which is a new area for the Club. The Health & Safety document presented at the AGM is a live document and can be altered at any time. David and Shaun will be responsible for the workings of this document.

**Karen Thomas** our **Secretary** will perform the general duties of a Secretary and will be pleased and willing to assist members with their queries or point you in the right direction.

**Hugh Hulse** and **Errol McAlpine**, our **Captain** and **Vice-Captain** will not only keep us in line but ensure the smoothing running of the Club and guide us through a successful year.

We hope you enjoy your year with us and looking forward to meeting with you and your 'A'.

Karen Thomas, Secretary

# A note from your Treasurer



Our Newsletter Editor is sending out copies of the Treasurer's Report and the annual accounts for the past financial year, with other AGM papers. Please let me know if you have any gueries related to the accounts.

Annual subscription fees are now due for the Club's financial year, 1 September 2017 – 31 August 2018. Payment by 15 November would be appreciated and saves you the late payment fee of \$10.00 (see payment details below).

Cheers, Ralph Levinson

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#### NORTH ISLAND MODEL A FORD CLUB INC

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# **INVOICE**

October 2017

# To: All Club Members (except Youth and Life Members)

#### Annual Subscription, 1 September 2017 – 31 August 2018

Individual / Family Membership

Paid by 15 November 2017 \$45.00 Paid after 15 November 2017 \$55.00

#### **Payment**

1. By bank transfer to the Club's ASB Account 12 3068 0187485 00. Please include your name to ensure the payment is correctly allocated.

Or

2. Cheque made out to North Island Model A Ford Club Inc. See Club's address above.

An acknowledgement of payment will be sent.

To keep our database current, please let us know any changes to your email address, postal address, phone numbers or Model A's you have bought/sold.

#### **AUCKLAND HERITAGE FESTIVAL - Location: BIRKENHEAD, AUCKLAND** Festival theme is 'From Waterways to Motorways'

Meet 10.00am, carpark, Zion Hill Methodist Church, 237 Onewa Road, Birkenhead. Drive together through Birkenhead's main street, to our display location.

Cars on display 11.00am - 2.00pm.

The 2017 Auckland Heritage Festival is a community event, 30 September – 15 October. Birkenhead is one of many places where Festival events are held. Dixieland jazz, free horse rides for children, Op Shop Hop, children meet heritage farm animals (Highbury Corner), perhaps coffee and cake in a local café. It's hoped up to 8 Model A's can be displayed in Birkenhead at the above times, on 14 October. Era dress is encouraged - however your choice. Bring friends and

Please contact Stephen Upson if you are interested in displaying your vehicle, sunnybrae.auto@outlook.com, Phone 027 488 7721.









Beautiful Birkenhead: Horses, Heritage and all that jazz! - Horse Rides

Join us in historic Birkenhead Village for free horse rides for the children. Enjoy the sounds of Dixieland Jazz as you take in the sights.

Sat 14 Oct, 11am-3pm 1

Rawene Road Taxi Stand, 1 Rawene Rd. Birkenhead Village birkenhead.net.nz

First in first served Spaces are limited

Children only on these rides Brought to you by Birkenhead Town Centre Association Inc & Kaipātiki Local Board

Beautiful Birkenhead: Horses, Heritage and all that Jazz! Vintage Car & Jazz Music

Celebrate the handover in 1927 from horse to horsepower with a vintage car & jazz music display in Birkenhead Village.

Sat 14 Oct, 11am-2pm

Nell Fisher Reserve, Cnr Rawene Rd & Hinemoa St, Birkenhead Village birkenhead.net.nz

Child friendly Brought to you by Birkenhead Town Centre Association, Birkenhead Heritage Society, North Island Model A Ford Clubes, Kaipātiki Local Board

Beautiful Birkenhead: Horses, Heritage and all that Jazz! - Op Shop Hop

Discover collectables galore in Highbury's selection of op shops. Be serenaded by vintage azz as you shop between 11am-2pm.

Fri 13 Oct, 10am-4.30pm Sat 14 Oct, 10am-4pm Village Wide, Hinemoa, Mokoia St & Birkenhead Ave, Birkenhead Village birkenhead.net.nz Brought to you by Birkenhead Town Centre Association Inc and

Birkenhead Heritage Society

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#### **NIMAFC EVENTS**

Date	Details
Sunday 12 November	COMBINED CAR CLUB GYMKHANA 48 Carter Road, Oratia - 10am The Chevrolet Enthusiast Club has invited NIMAFC (and friends) to the Annual Combined Clubs Gymkhana. Bring your own picnic lunch and refreshments. Look for the Chevrolet Sign at the gate. Come along for great day challenging other Classic Cars.
Wednesday 15 November	CLUB NIGHT - UPHOLSTERY on Vintage Cars – Stu's Trim Shop, Manukau, Auckland – 6.45pm Cnr Wiri Station Road and Hobill Avenue.
Saturday 25 November & Sunday 26 November	NIMAFC CHRISTMAS PARTY – TE AWAMUTU – PLEASE REGISTER AND BOOK by 18 October. Further details Page 7.

#### **OTHER EVENTS**

Sunday 12 November	Henry Ford Memorial Day Display and Swap Meet – Claudelands Event Centre, Hamilton, Brooklyn Road. (Note: Re-scheduled from August)
CANCELLED	Weekend away - WAIHI BEACH -Hosted by the Hawkes Bay Model A Ford Club

#### NIMAFC Events in Progress/Proposed/Planning stage – further details to be advised as confirmed:

- December 2017 Picnic
- January 2018 Club Run
- February 2018 Concours d'Elegance, Ellerslie Car Show

#### Other Events on the Horizon

Art Deco Festival - Napier	14 February to 18 February
1920's Party – MOTAT Auckland	24 February 2018 – Saturday evening
Galaxy of Cars (Western Springs Auckland)	March 2018
2019	National Rally NZ – South Island – Te Anau
2021	National Rally NZ – North Island – Gisborne
2022	NIMAFC 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## 2017 NIMAFC Christmas Function

#### Saturday/Sunday 25-26 November

This year's Christmas function is in the lovely rural town of Te Awamutu – the heart of the Waikato – just 156 kms from Auckland. And it's even closer if you are coming from the Bay of Plenty or Coromandel!

# PLEASE BOOK BY 18 OCTOBER

#### Saturday 25 November

The large reception lounge in the Visitor Centre is available for our use with tea, coffee and toilet facilities provided. Adjacent are the famous Rose Garden (2500 rose bushes, 50 varieties, flowering in November) and Selwyn Park. Public display of cars here 1.00 – 2.30pm, followed by a Gymkhana, 2.30 – 4.30pm.

Time to freshen up at your motel, followed by a Club subsidised dinner at the RSA – just \$15.00 per person. **Children are welcome at the RSA**.

RSA courtesy vehicle available for those not wishing to drive.

The Te Awamutu Visitor Centre will assist with accommodation at competitive rates. Call them, 07 871 3259 for assistance. The motels they recommend are –

Rosetown Motel

Albert Park Motor Lodge

Matariki Motor Lodge

#### **Sunday 26 November**

Visits are still being planned and could include the House of Deco, Space Centre, Lavender Garden and car collection/restoration facilities.

We've always had a great turn out to our Club's Christmas function and look forward to seeing you in Te Awamutu to celebrate another Model A year.

Date: Saturday 25 November 2017 Christmas Dinner/ Sunday 26 November

Location: Te Awamutu

**Dinner:** RSA, Te Awamutu

Cost: \$15 per person (Club is subsidising your meal)

The Committee requires confirmation of numbers attending, for minimum catering requirements

Book Contact Club Treasurer, Ralph Levinson, to book for Christmas Dinner

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.

# Model A Ford Day at MOTAT - Saturday 16 September 2017

Club Captain, Stephen Upson, organised this day to celebrate the International Model A Ford Day. Due to the dateline, NZ is the first country in the world to celebrate this day. Stephen has built a good relationship with Motat, and this is of considerable benefit to our club.

We arrived at the entrance quite early to find five keen members were already waiting near the gate. After driving in and parking for the display, we quickly erected the club gazebo. Just in time as squally showers kept arriving as we sheltered underneath.

18 Model A vehicles turned up for the day, and 41 people, including grandchildren brought by Terry & Joss Costello & Colin Freland. The grandchildren were looking very smart in their 1930s outfits. Of note there were new members, John Ross, and Graeme & Mary Jones. John brought his beautiful blue 1929 Roadster which he has just finished 15 years restoring, and this was the cars first official outing. Graeme is busy restoring his 1929 Roaster Pick Up.

Visitors on the day included Russell & Gillian Boyle, from Victoria. Owners of two Model A s. Of further interest, Trevor & Noel Shaw, from the Shaw Brothers car Sanctuary, arrived in Model A s, one being the 1928 AR Roadster formerly owned by club member Tom White. Good to see it still going strong.

The weather improved, and the three-piece band, along with a very good singer, set up in their gazebo. They were very talented and entertained with lovely 1930s music, to complement a group of nicely dressed, and stylish dancers, who also gave dancing lessons to several from our group.

While most stayed around their cars, and talked Model As, I set off around the museum. I found a very good display about heart health, operations, and progress over the years. There were hands on items you could try including a defibrillator and stethoscope to listen to your own heart. Caught the tram to the Air Park and noted they have now moved a restored Sunderland into the display building. Also watched the film of the life and exploits of Jean Batten, very interesting.

Then it was back to the Model A, pull down the Gazebo, and prepare for the journey home. Club stalwarts Don Connew, Otaika, near Whangarei, and Ross Bolton, Mangawhai would have a long drive home. Great that they made the effort to attend.

All in all another great event, with plenty of opportunity to socialise with fellow Model A friends.

Thanks to Ralph Levinson for providing me with info on new members etc.

Brian Hosking

# **International Model A Ford Day - Photo Gallery**



















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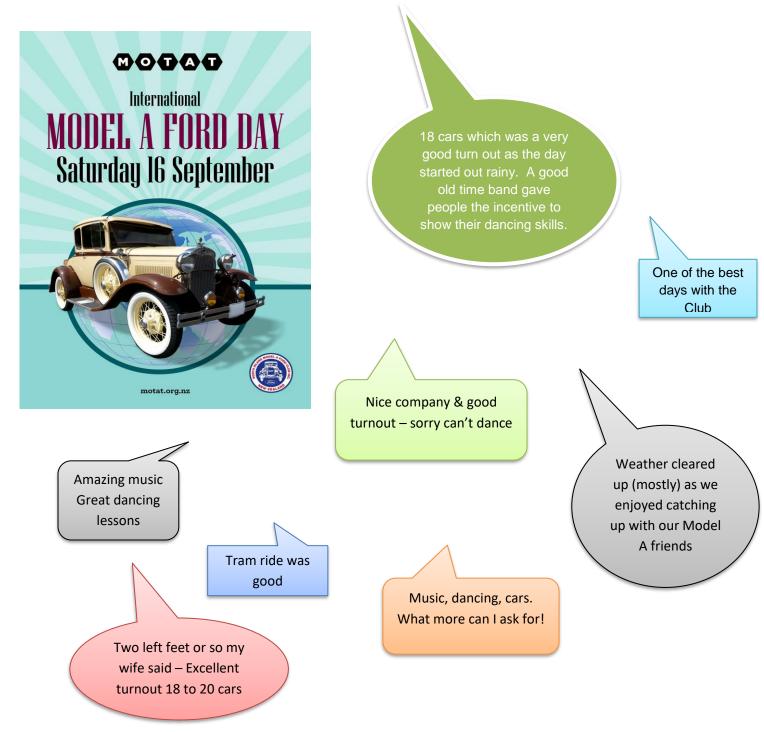






#### INTERNATIONAL MODEL A FORD DAY

# Comments from Club Members on the day....



#### And from our Australian visitors....

Thanks for making Russell and I so welcome. We've enjoyed your company immensely and a great venue.

#### Gillian & Russell (Model A Ford Club of Victoria)

#### **Editor's comment:**

A special thank you to Gillian on behalf of the NIMAFC, for sharing photos taken on the day. Many of the photos feature in this Issue.

# INTERNATIONAL MODEL A FORD DAY – MAFFI (The Model A Ford Foundation, Inc.) 120 MODEL A'S



It will be a challenge to top this year's Model A Day! With over 120 Model A's attending we were grateful to be able to view a number of very rare and unique Model A's brought to our museum by hobbyists from many parts of the country. You know you are in special company when you are looking at "1 of only 2 existing in the world". But that's what Model A Day brings to our hobby...an opportunity to meet and exchange information with other hobbyists and to explore rare items and exhibits associated with the Model A.

Model A Day also offered us the opportunity to welcome Larry Wallace, Ross Milne and Tom Mack as new trustees carrying on our tradition of bringing in new talent each year to help us make MAFFI and our museum the best experience for our hobby. We also welcome Olle Bergstrom as our newly installed International Liaison who will help promote MAFFI in Europe as well as provide information about the European Model A and operations.

To all in attendance this year's Model A Day, we're glad you came and hope you really enjoyed this special weekend! If you weren't able to attend this year, join us in 2018. Yes, it will be a challenge to top 2017, but we're working on something great for next year.

John Begg

MAFFI President

#### A SWAP MEET BECKONS.....

Pam and I have always enjoyed doing things together as a team with family in tow, whether it be water skiing or later in life following our dream of travelling in NZ in our Model A. But that changed briefly when I was invited to join a group of members from the NIMAF Club to attend the Christchurch Swap Meet. On mentioning this to one of our Taupo VCC members his answer was "please can I come too." Due to two usual participants not being able make it, Bruce Jefferies joined the team to come down.



All present and accounted for, we arrived at Christchurch airport to the waiting 10 seater van picked up earlier by Murray.

With the van all packed up including swap meet parts to sell, it was off to the motel to drop off bags.

Heading off to the Ferrymead Heritage Village for an afternoon of everything Heritage, but wait, somebody spotted a car yard full off classic American cars. With quick lunch stop and turned around to check out what was on offer, but no purchase here. The Guys allowing us to wander around checking out restoration in progress.

Most of us not having been to Ferrymead before it was a very large village site housing everything Heritage with early 1900 housing, shops and large buildings housing cars, trucks, fire engines and early farm machines.

What took our eyes were the airplane building where a gentleman was working on an aircraft and somebody questioned him about a Mosquito Aircraft getting restored for display only. This kind gentleman packed up his tools and took us over to another storage shed to show us this aircraft being restored and also explained the history of this aircraft.

Yes another American importers car yard spotted on our way back to our motel, again no purchase here, prices on windows were above my budget.

After dinner it was an early night for all, as Murray will be leaving at 6.45am sharp, so be on-board.

Friday morning dawned clear and fine for a great start to my first Christchurch Swap Meet and as usual the boys had pre-booked site to sell our wares from. Having a site to park the van on and setup a small table to sell a few items from makes life easier.

Some of us made our way to the Canterbury VCC Club Room for breakfast while others opted for Bacon and egg sandwich. Next on the list was to check the 100's of sites, but of course we wandered past many that looked like granddad's house had just been cleaned out. Sorry but lots of junk. But wait it gets better with lots of great sites that had a good selection of parts, whether good or bad and of course great people to talk to about all things Model A or whatever. We met up with fellow Model A's that I had meet at National Meets. Great to see Errol and Linda setup at the swap meet and selling their wares

As usual boys get tired and it was time to get packed for the day and head off, (to the pub I thought) but no, John had a plan to visit another well-known Christchurch Model A workshop of Andrew and George Spriggs. Thanks to the team at Early Ford Parts for allowing us to visit.

#### "Absolutely Wonderful"

Now it was time for beer and Terry's recommendations of the local Thai Restaurant for dinner.

Unfortunately Saturday dawned very wet and windy, but again pack the van and head back to the Swap Meet until lunch time. Back to the Motel to pick up Mobile phones left behind and some to change into dry clothes. As most us were flying back to Auckland, it was off to the Yadhurst Pub for quick lunch and head to the airport.

Myself (1st timer) and Bruce (Taupo) must extend our thanks to John C (Chief Organiser) and Murray A. (Bus Driver) Also we must not forget our team, Terry C, Ross B, Paul H, Steve D, Bruce S and Paul (Johns friend).

This trip has been a great learning curve for me, learning more about our great Model A's

Thanks Team "Let's do it again"

Cheers, Tony Mannington

# **Seeking information on Model A Ford Phaeton**

Greetings from Canberra,

An ex-member of our club is seeking the following information, and any leads gratefully appreciated:

**SEEKING INFORMATION ON MY OLD MODEL A FORD.** I sold my 1928 Model A Phaeton many years ago (late seventies/early eighties). It was painted Arabian Sand with black guards. It had what I think was a Calormeter Brand motormeter, with pivotal pointer.

Engine Number was CA17527. It had whitewall tyres back then. I would love to know where it is now, and that it is still going strong. Please call Albert Neuss on 0417.176225 or Ian Irwin on 0413. 582687 or email eleanor.11@bigpond.com

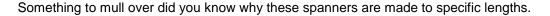


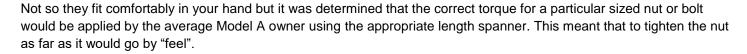
Photo of car taken in 1978 is attached.

Many thanks, Jean McDonald, Secretary MARC(Aust)

#### FROM THE GARAGE: TECHNICAL TINKERING

#### TORQUING OF OPEN ENDED AND RING SPANNERS





As some of you old timers will know this is sufficient for the Model A and similar vintage vehicles but not necessarily for modern alloy engines & parts.

# Car quote of the Month

A Pedestrian is someone who thought there were a couple of gallons left in the tank

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# **SAFETY driving on New Zealand roads**

Road Signs (source www.nzta.govt.nz). This is not a complete list, a few examples as a Refresher.

Compulsory signs tell you what you MUST or MUST NOT do.



**Keep Left** 



You must not make a U-turn



You must Keep Left unless passing

Warning signs alert you to a particular hazard on the road ahead. Permanent warning signs are yellow or black, such as:



**Slippery Surface** 

Temporary warning signs are orange and black. An example:



Left lane closed

#### FROM THE ERA FASHION FILES.....

For Sale	Fur coat, full length. Fur Boa. Cloche Hat. Also, some	
	men's clothing. All very good condition.	
	Contact, Dave and Jeanette Collins 021 259 3690	

#### **FASHION TIP:**

Have you heard how to make 'the 1-hour dress'?

View the website: 1920-30.com or amazon.com



Also, if you are in Auckland on Labour Weekend 28-29 October 2017, you may like to visit — The Very Vintage Day Out 2017 (a festival where lovers of all things vintage come together to celebrate a by-gone era) **Shed 10, Queens Wharf, Auckland** 

# 'Pack the Picnic' - Spring has arrived

Time to start packing picnic food into Hampers for Model A outings, during the Spring and Summer seasons.

# **Date Loaf (with a caramel flavour)**

#### Ingredients:

1 cup chopped dates
25g butter
1 cup boiling water
2 tablespoons golden syrup
½ cup soft brown sugar
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon vanilla essence
2 cups whole meal flour



#### **Instructions:**

Place dates in a bowl large enough to mix all the ingredients. Add butter. Pour boiling water over and mix in the golden syrup, stirring until butter melts. Add brown sugar, baking soda, vanilla essence and flour. Mix until combined. Pour mixture into a baking paper-lined 22cm loaf tin.

Bake at 180 deg C for 45-50 minutes or until the loaf springs back when lightly touched. Leave in the tin for 5 minutes before turning onto a cooling rack.

ENJOY – with a cup of hot tea!

**NEXT MONTH: Watch out for Steve's pickled onions** 

#### **CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS**

Wanted	Wanted 16" V8 Wheels Ford V8 16 inch Wheels in good condition.
	Phone 07 5441941 or
	email <u>scott.jj1966@gmail.com</u> (Joe Scott)
For Sale	For Sale. 1930 Model Ford Phaeton. Current owners for 20 years. Current Rego, WOF, garaged, runs well, tidy condition.
	Phone Dave 021 2593690 (Dave Collins)
Wanted	Ford 1930 4 door sedan front doors and hinges that bolt onto front pillar door handles rear bumperettes, Complete oval speedo dash assembly wanted. Phone 07 8848551 Thanks Jeff

1930 Phaeton. Only 3 owners - present owner, 21 years. Always garaged. Full history, original registration papers, 12 volts, Klaus engine professionally reconditioned (only 1500 miles since), 98,000 miles since new.

Side curtains as new, original leather/look upholstery, repainted 1970 and still like new. Top of range trunk, twin stop lights, halogen headlights, alternator, solenoid fuel tap.

This car won the trophy for best 1930 or before car at a past Henry Ford Memorial Day in Hamilton.

\$40,000.00. Phone Brian Wilcock,

07 855 8063, brifran@actrix.co.nz



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**Courier Delivery address** 251 Don Buck Road Massey, Auckland

#### Competition/Race/Rally/Performance Camshafts

For Sale





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:**



Thank you for your contributions. Content will vary each month, so please keep articles, photos and stories rolling in. If only a few sentences, that's fine.

The aim being to deliver a Newsletter you look forward to receiving, variety, including humour, educational material, event details, tips, and adventures in your 'A'. With my interest in 1920/30's Era Fashion, this will be a regular section.

**Note:** A separate 2017 AGM Newsletter will be sent to all Members including the Club's Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2017. Look out for this soon, in your email Inbox.

A Newsletter helps to keep a Club together. Hope you enjoyed reading. See you next Issue.

Best Wishes, Kay Palmer (Newsletter Editor) nimafc@outlook.com

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#### On a final note.....

QUESTION: The Model A was the first car to have.....in the windshield?

ANSWER: See next month's Newsletter

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