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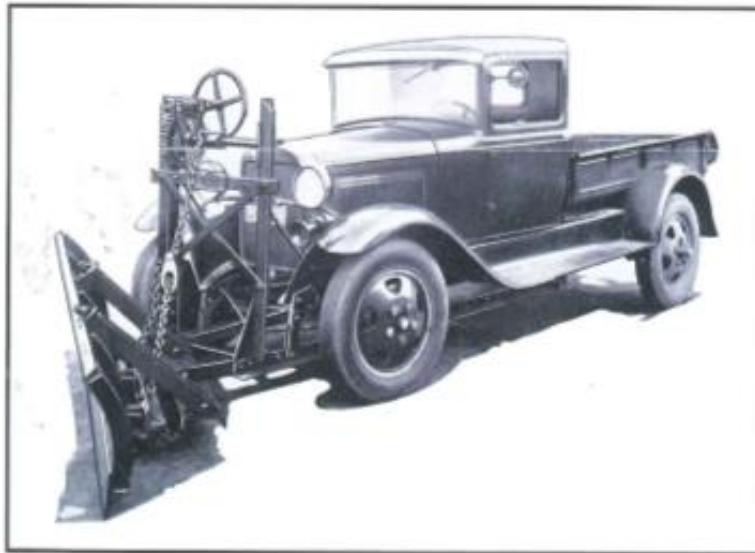


MODEL A TORQUE

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Winter is here – call in the Snow Plow and Snowmobile – Model A style!



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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The cut off for articles/reports to the Editor is 15th of the month. Or earlier if you can. Please email to

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'A' Captains Comment – Hugh Hulse

Your committee has been very active and a great list of events has been well received and attended by participating members. It has been a great year so far for the Club as we move again closer to the Annual Prize Giving and a new financial year, Ford Memorial Day, elections and Christmas.

We should all remember that as we take a step forward it is often helpful to also look in the rear-view mirror and check what is behind or that we have not passed something interesting and that a U-turn may/could be rewarding to us.

Recently I found at Super Cheap Auto a rear-view camera that if fitted to the Model A, I felt could assist with managing the traffic while driving. Unlike most rear-view gadgets which only work in reverse I figured that full time operation would allow it to duplicate as an interior rear-view mirror for both day and night driving and with the rear window blind down. Several hours later Wallah! A great image from the rear, a neat, tidy permanently wired and concealed installation with a clear upright image, only the camera ground lines were flying in the air. A hasty correction of the monitor however did not solve the issue and inversion of the camera was also necessary. Success! Or at least I thought. With a clear image of the rear I decided to back Harriet into the sunlight to obtain a better perspective on distance and locations etc. Start the engine and No! The monitor stops. Perplexed! I turned the engine off and the image came back. Am I seeing things?

Resigned, well, even if the camera does not work I enjoyed the challenge of fitting it. However, I am sure somewhere amongst the club membership a wee snippet of buried knowledge will provide the answer. Clearly a clash of technology verses simplicity, which could be rewarded, wine verses wisdom! Just goes to show great ideas still need to be worked through to get great results.

Keep those ideas for club activities rolling in so that the Club Committee can process and hopefully turn them into memorable moments for the next summer.

Safe motoring and yes! Model As do like to play in the wet.

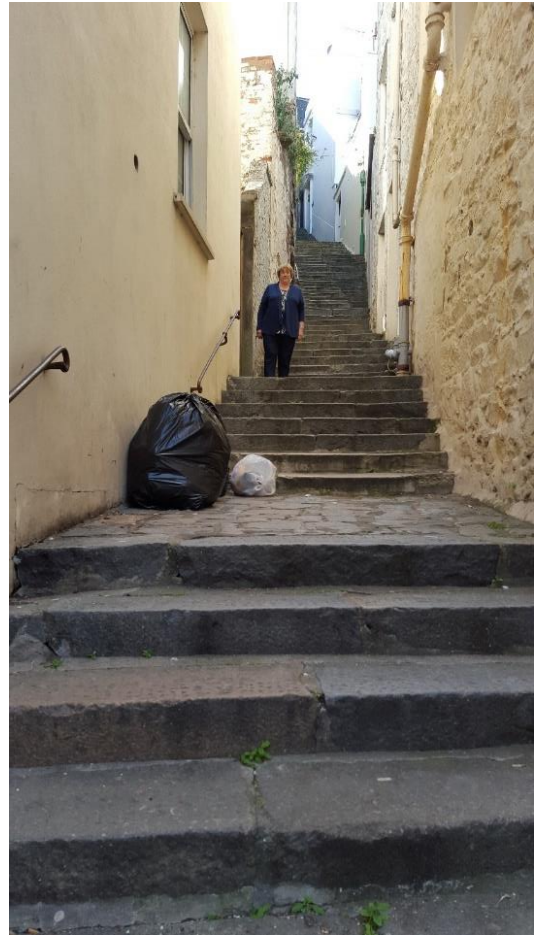
It's great to be back home.

When travelling, thoughts of a long flight quickly fade when a destination is reached. On arriving in London, we spent a few days exploring this magnificent city before heading to The English Riviera on the train. Cornwall is a special unique place with lots of heritage. After meeting friends, we did a tour of the Cornwall tin and copper mines, reliving the Poldark story and smelt the sea salt of St Ives before heading for Guernsey, the Channel Isle, where we found the Little Chapel. (See attached photos for the Levant Mine at Land's End and the house some people may recognise – Nampara. Also, the Little Chapel restored in Guernsey). Our hotel was lovely but the access was either down a flight of forty stairs or a one hundred and fifty step climb from the bottom. Carry your own bags in the dark after a day plagued with trains, taxis, cancelled air flights, more buses and taxis and stairs. Yes, we crashed into bed that night, but such are the joys of travel.



On to Barcelona, a fabulous city of old and new. We visited the Sagrada Familia Basilica, a must see for anyone, it is so unique, and we enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere around the Square with the Buskers, the food, yet so close to our hotel. Our cruise commenced in Barcelona, and headed for the Balearic Islands – Ibiza, Palmer and Mahon (Spain), before stopping in Bonifacio (France) and Elba (Italy) where we visited the grand house where Napoleon was exiled. Lucca, Rome and Sicily and Croatia were full of history, but Ravenna (the Ferrari factory) offered a welcomed break from history and culture. Then on to Venice. After a further few enjoyable days, including crossing the Bridge of Sighs to oblivion, we then headed for home.





A special 'Welcome' to new Club Members:

Peter Church, Albany

Bob Neville, Turangi

Matt Carnell, Stanmore Bay

Hope you join us at an event or club night soon!

Vice Captain's Ramble

Hi Team, yep I can confirm the older you get the faster time goes by, it seems like only a couple of days ago we were all gathered at Bunce Motors, then on to what I hear was a great social gathering at the Alex Bar & Grill for an evening of chatting and mingling - sorry I had been to the dentist and was not feeling like an outing.

The Rotorua Swap meet was probably the best attended in many years, great weather, no frost, no mud, no wind, and heaps of Sellers & Buyers. I suppose they have used up all their favours from the weather gods all at the same time.

Ryders Dinner & Film evening was full to the brim with 51 folk in attendance for their trade mark roast dinner followed by a couple of movies, the first being a 45 min film on our cars creator Mr Henry Ford showing some personal time and the factory, then we moved on to the main movie starring Adam Sandler in what I consider to be one of his best in (The Cobbler) with lots of humor with a little twist at the end. A great night out.

Your committee has been working to bring you a couple of events well worth your time next month, a visit to the McLaren Museum @ Hampton downs, our Annual Prize Giving evening with a Vegas theme in it, along with some live music, great ambience, and much more in the pipeline.

With the Te Anau rally some 9 months away you all need to be reading your cars for the return trip, like get on to that leaky troublesome exhaust manifold, even consider replacing that worn out warped one for the best seal, tyres don't leave it to the last minute because you may miss out as there is only limited stock held in NZ.

Well I did say vice captains rambling so.....

Cheers for now, see you about A, **Errol McAlpine**



Gold Field Supply Truck

This photo was submitted by Errol, and he says “this old truck not long in NZ did service taking gold into the Goldfields, and was retired in the mid 60’s. It has had a massive up-date on all mechanicals and runs like a dream”

Treasurer's Report

Hello fellow NIMAFC members!

It's Sunday morning, 22 July. Last night 50 Club members had a most enjoyable night at JC Ryder's Private Cinema, in Avondale. Everyone helped by bringing the correct payment ... thanks all, it made my job very easy.

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All accounts are up-to-date, including the renewal of our Public Liability cover and the NZ Federation of Motoring Clubs annual sub.

UK Travel

Jenny and I recently spent 6-weeks driving around England, parts of Wales and Scotland. It's a nation of roundabouts – some surprisingly large with up to 4 sets of traffic lights within the roundabout. But they do keep the traffic flowing. For anyone planning a similar trip, here are a few comments.

Drivers in the UK are (mostly) unfailingly polite. Good driver etiquette is the norm. We drove almost 3000 miles (4800kms) happily without incident, the only exception being a puncture near our AirBnB accommodation in the Welsh fishing village of Conwy. To our surprise we found the rental car didn't have a spare tyre, jack or wheel-brace. A phone call to Avis confirmed their cars no longer carry a spare tyre. *Don't worry*, they said, *we'll send a mobile workshop*. On this Sunday evening a van arrived after a 2-hour drive from Chester, equipped with a full-size tyre remover, wheel-balancer and 120 litre petrol-driven compressor. Plus, a replacement tyre. We were left thinking a spare tyre would have been so much more practical.

Diesel in the UK costs £1.28-1.37/litre (NZ\$2.46-2.65), actually more expensive than petrol (around £1.27, NZ\$2.45).

Signs show speed limits in miles per hour. The national speed limit is 70mph (112kph) on motorways/dual carriage ways, 60mph on single carriageways and generally 30mph (sometimes 20mph) in built up areas.

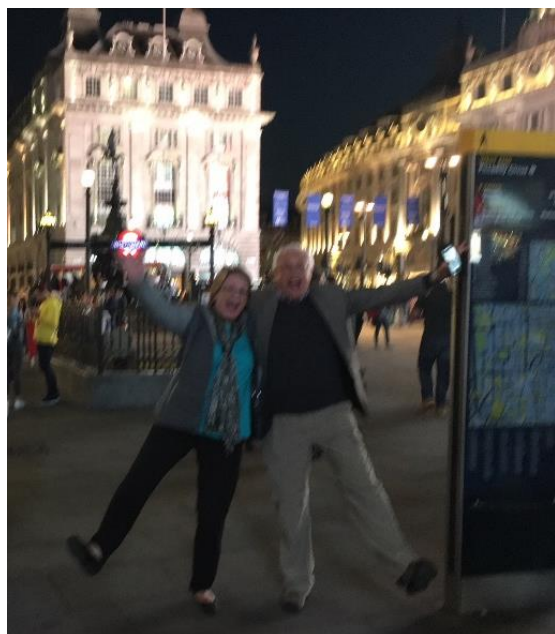
In the Scottish Highlands, we drove on narrow single track roads in remote areas, however there were frequent "Passing Places", where a car can pull over to await an approaching vehicle. It worked well.

The North Coast 500 (NC500) is Scotland's Route 66 and considered one of the world's best coastal road trips. 500 miles of stunning coastal scenery, often deserted white beaches, whiskey distilleries, lochs, wildlife, castles, welcoming cafes, mountains, heather and magical views around many corners. Allow 14 days to fully enjoy this route. Incidentally, we heard it's popular with vintage and classic car clubs.

Welsh Fishing Village of Conwy



Looking for the Loch Ness Monster



Piccadilly Circus

If you request a GPS, UK rental car companies typically charge around £13.00/day (NZ\$23.00). Instead, we purchased a good TomTom satnav in London for £105.00 (NZ\$203.00), with a screen/dashboard mount. Besides guiding us unerringly to our destinations, it had a handy speed camera warning. We're sure it more than paid for itself in the first week ... UK roads have generous numbers of speed cameras. A suggestion is to also take an AA Road Atlas of Britain, giving you many pages of ultra-clear detailed maps and an overall sense of direction.

While in the UK we made several attempts to contact the Secretary of the Model A Ford Club of Great Britain. It's since transpired that John Buckley (whom we were trying to contact), was away on a long touring holiday in France, with his wife, Rita. And they were driving ... their 1930 Tudor! Now, there's a really interesting idea for a Model A adventure. Safe travelling.

Cheers, Ralph Levinson



SECRETARYS REPORT
NIMAFC Committee Meeting
held
TUESDAY 17 July 2018 – 6.35pm
55 Victoria Street, Onehunga
Meeting Chaired by: Errol McAlpine

Present: Errol McAlpine; Karen Thomas; Ralph Levinson; Kay Palmer; Bruce Stratton; Shaun Bellamy; David Heilbron; John Castle.

Apologies: Hugh Hulse.

Correspondence: Inwards

Newsletters from various Clubs, FOMC Subscription, Insurance Renewal, New Memberships, Ellerslie Classic Car Show organisers, Givealittle – Ethan.

Outwards: New Membership Form.

Treasurers Report: Cheque Account \$3,494.91; Savings Account \$5,060.00.

Three new Club Members this month; Matt Carnell; Bob Neville; Peter Church.

Editors Report: Kay now has Newsletter back on track for distribution beginning of month. Reminder cut-off date 15th of month.

Club Events Report: Tech Night at Bunce Motors was a success and enjoyed by all.

Ryders Cinema Evening – 51 people attending. Doors open 6am, meal at 7pm. \$30pp exact monies to be paid on night.

Bruce McLaren Museum, Hampton Downs; Vegas and Annual Awards Night; Club Swap Meet; Warbirds; Tech Night – Electric Race Car Project; International Ford Day; Auckland Heritage Weekend; AGM.

Discussion on all these events which are either planned or still in planning stage. View newsletter for further details on Club Events.

General Business:

Trophies and Awards. Recipients were selected.

Givealittle for Ethan – Steve Driver will have parts, as well as pickled onions, for sale on the back of his truck at Swap Meet in Papakura. All proceeds going towards Ethan.

Meeting closed 8.45pm.


Next Meeting: Tuesday 07 August 2018.



August 2018

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North Island Model A Ford Club Organised Events

<p>Sunday 12 August</p> <p>A must see!</p> <p>Meet 11am Mercer</p> 	<p>Visit to Bruce McLaren Museum Bruce McLaren Heritage Centre, Industrial Unit 3, 20 Hampton Downs Rd, Hampton Downs Motorsport Park, RD 2 Te Kauwhata 3782</p> <p>Admission fee to Bruce McLaren Museum: minimum of a gold coin donation please.</p> <p>Meet 11am in the Mercer Carpark (next to the Mobil Service Station). Time for lunch at the 'Bacon Cafe' in Mercer, before departing to the Museum. Tea/Coffee available. Opportunity to refuel the 'A'. <i>Please take special note: the lunch stop is at the Café in Mercer (not Pokeno).</i></p> <p>Optional: drop into the Pokeno Markets before meeting for lunch further South at Mercer.</p> <p>We depart from the Mercer carpark, as a group approx. 12.30pm to drive south for Hampton Downs.</p> <p>Enquiries to Shaun Bellamy. Phone (09) 292 7707 or 021 272 2551</p> <p>History of the Museum (Thanks to club member Paul Hunter) The Bruce McLaren Trust was publicly launched at Wings & Wheels, Whenuapai, Auckland in March 1997. In July 1990 a small memorial trust had been formed to honour Bruce. Upon its closure in 1995, it was realised by the McLaren family and Ross Jensen that there was a need to form a permanent trust. The overall purpose of the Bruce McLaren Trust is to be a living working memorial to Bruce McLaren and the McLaren Team heritage. Bruce McLaren was born in Auckland, New Zealand in 1937 and was killed tragically whilst testing one of his cars at Goodwood circuit, England in June 1970.</p> <p>The Bruce McLaren Heritage Centre was formally opened on the 30th August 2017. The Centre has on display trophies, picture, memorabilia and cars that celebrates the history and heritage of New Zealand motorsport.</p> <p>See https://www.facebook.com/BruceMcLarenHeritageCentre/ and https://bruce-mclaren.com/ for more information</p>
<p>Saturday 25 August</p> <p>Please book NOW!</p>	<p>Annual Awards Dinner – Auckland. 'Vegas' Night. An important event for the NIMAFc. See Page 11 for more information. Please purchase your tickets NOW -- before 5th August</p> <p>Club Trophies and Awards will be presented on the night.</p>

Upcoming Event Calendar -- continued

Sunday 26 August



Swap Meet – Run by North Island Model A Ford Club, Auckland

(Make it a weekend if you choose - come along to the Awards Dinner and then the Swap Meet on the next day).

A great chance to trade Model A Parts!

Where: 4 Vernon Street, Papakura, Auckland

Vendors from 9.30am – Sales from 10am

Sausage Sizzle/Tea/Coffee

Enquiries to: Bruce Stratton. Phone Mobile 027 485 3634



A photo taken at last year's Swap Meet



Ladies Table –

Era fashion and accessories

Ladies if you wish to come along, a table and clothing rack is available to display items for sale (1920's/30's style Era).

Hubley Challenge at the Swap Meet

Trevor Farr can bring the Hubley Race Track, if there is sufficient interest to run a challenge.

Please contact Trevor, if you would like to participate in the Hubley Challenge.

Trevor Farr 09 265 0431 or email
Trevor rovertraff@hotmail.com



Upcoming Event Calendar -- continued

September 2018

October 2018



November 2018

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North Island Model A Ford Club Organised Events

<p>Sunday 9 September</p>	<p>Warbirds National Museum – Ardmore Situated at Harvard Lane (the main road in) just past the Café. Admission fee is \$15 per person (note updated price since last Newsletter) The museum is open from 10.30am to 3pm. Guides will be provided. Suggest we arrive at the Cafe at 11am and snack or lunch, then proceed to the museum at Middy. The Cafe remains open until 4pm.</p>
<p>Wednesday 19 September</p> <p>A fantastic opportunity!</p> <p>More details about the project, please see Website: www.fsae.co.nz</p> 	<p>Club Tech Night – Electric Race Car Project – 7.30pm start Newmarket Campus, 314 Khyber Pass, Newmarket, Auckland</p> <p>(Note: the 7.30pm start time, to allow peak Auckland traffic to ease)</p> <p>The University of Auckland Formula SAE Team is a group of 50 students who design, manufacture and then compete an electric vehicle in Australia annually. This engineering project is entirely extracurricular and allows the team members to gain real-world design and management experience.</p> <p>Come along, support the team and get an insight into innovation and an electric race car in progress. The visit will involve a 30-minute presentation and opportunity to look around the workshop.</p>  <p>Here's a photo of last year's competition car!</p> <p>To gauge interest and get an idea of the group size attending. Please drop Bruce a line on mobile (027 485 3634) if you are keen to attend.</p> <p>Enquiries to Kay Palmer, Mobile 021 0731 542 or Bruce Stratton Mobile 027 485 3634</p> <p>Special thanks to NIMAFC Editor Kay's nephew, part of this year's project team, who helped to make this visit possible.</p>

Upcoming Event Calendar – continued

North Island Model A Ford Club Organised Events

<p>Saturday 22 September (and possibly Sunday 23 September).</p>	<p>International Model A Ford Day</p> <p>'NZ - first in the world to celebrate!' An important date in the Calendar for Model Aers all around the globe!</p> <p>In the planning stage – more details to come as finalised. (Keep the Sunday 23 September free, as celebrations may involve the Sunday also).</p> <p>More information – Next Newsletter</p> 
<p>Friday 26 October</p>	<p>North Island Model A Ford Club – AGM – VCC Clubrooms (same venue as last year)</p> 
<p>Sunday 25 November</p>	 <p>North Island Model A Ford Club XMAS PARTY</p> <p>A fantastic Club Event - Secure the date in your diary.</p> <p>More details to come as finalised.</p> <p>Don't miss it! Sure to be a good day!</p>

SUNSHINE REPORT



This month we mourn the passing of a Club member, Mr Bruce Snowsill from Tokoroa. Bruce owned a 1930 AA Truck which he lovingly restored but only got to drive it twice. On behalf of the Club we pass on our condolences to his wife Karol and their families.

With the winter months upon us now I am sure some of you will be experiencing the winter blues with colds and flu like symptoms. Just hunker down, wrap up warm and buy a bottle of whiskey. It will be the hangover you will be thinking of and not the cold.

Make someone smile whenever you can, you never know how much of a difference you could be making in their life at that moment.

Karen Thomas
Secretary NIMAFC

VEGAS EVENING

plus

Awards Night

DINNER MUSIC DANCING

SATURDAY 25 AUGUST 2018

Remuera Club Greenlane – 6.00pm

REMINDER TO GET YOUR TICKETS NOW

Tickets must be purchased by 05 August to allow for catering purposes.

Don't miss out on this fun entertaining evening - It's party time and you could be a winner.



\$28 per person Members - \$38 per person Non-Members

Deposit amount into Club Bank Account No 123068 0187485 00 (reference your name), or send a cheque to PO Box 99-249, Newmarket – attention Ralph Levinson.

Tickets will be supplied and must be brought along on the night. You may have the lucky ticket(s)!!

Attire - you are off to Vegas – diamonds glitz and glamour.

There are lots of prizes to give away throughout the evening, dinner to savour, awards, music and dancing. Action packed with a lot of laughs. Enquiries to Karen Thomas 027 419 0191 or 443 5253 – email mossekar@gmail.com.

SEE YOU ON THE NIGHT



North Island Swap Meets - 2018

Date	Town/Region
4 August	Manfield – a combination of vintage and modern mechanical only
6 October	Manfield – all indoor vintage swap meet – very well set up

South Island Swap Meets - 2018

Date	Town/Region
1 September	Waimate
12 to 14 October	McLean's Island, Christchurch At the Christchurch Vintage Car Club Rooms

For more information, please drop Errol a line:

Email: errolmac@xtra.co.nz Or Mobile 027 4543 983

Out and About – Club Night on Wednesday 13th June

The commute through Auckland's midweek evening traffic did not deter 30+ keen Model A Club members attending the TECH night at Bunce Motor Co workshop in Glenfield.

We were able to see one of the late model Chevrolet vehicles part way through the conversion process and another GMC model fully converted. Our newest member of the NIMAFC, Peter Church along with Bunce Motor Co staff members Steve, Ed, Neil and Harry were there to answer our many technical questions.

Also on display was the RH drive fibreglass dashboard and many of the intricate 3D plastic moulding components to complete the product to be a mirror image of the original American parts. In one corner of the workshop there was another treat in store as the covers were removed to reveal Steve Hamlins ongoing restoration of a 59 Cadillac convertible. Wow it was long.!

The evening concluded with tea, coffee, pizzas and a tour through the USA and Chevrolet themed showroom that was displaying late model and classic cars along with many model cars in glass cabinets.

Many thanks to the team at Bunce Motor Co. It was a great night.

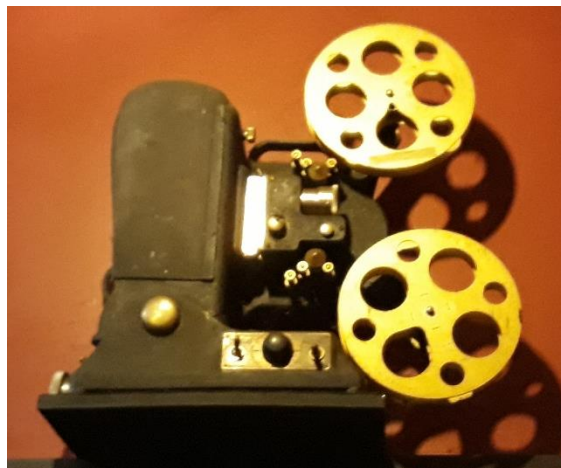
By Bruce Stratton



Out and About – Ryders Movie Night

Great, well attended club night was held at Ryders Theatre in Avondale. A sell out attendance of 51 members turned up for the coal range cooked roast dinner. Beef/chicken and roasties, accompanied with salads and a mini magnum each for dessert.

A couple of hours of socialising and then on to the theatre for 2 movies. First movie was about Henry Ford from childhood through to death and his wife and son. A really good informative movie from which I personally learned a lot about the man and his life.



Then on to the feature movie which was a light hearted comedy titled "The Cobbler" I think it was enjoyed by all and provided some good laughs along the way and even included a Cadillac at the end for those missing cars in the movie.

All of us were provided with a bag of Jaffas to enjoy during the movie. Most left about 10.15pm and great to see a few model A's in the car park.

By: David Heilbron

An epic evening. We arrived to the wafting smells of a traditional roast dinner and found that we would not be disappointed. The banter levels quickly rose to a crescendo as people gathered inside the old theatre and to the point when many people ceased to talk due to the difficulties of hearing as members endeavoured to catch up on gossip and interest. The food was quickly demolished before the two old features films. A timely reminder of the life and achievements of Henry Ford and the outlandish activities of the cobbler when he discovered the magic shoes. My impression is that many of our members will still be dancing to that tune.

By: Hugh Hulse



John Castle (to the right) handed out the Jaffas!

Welcome to the Nugget Hotel, Sparks Reno, Nevada



MAFCA 2018 NATIONAL CONVENTION – Sparks Reno

Organised by Northern Californian Regional Group

This is an account of our trip to the National Convention in Reno, where over 1,000 people attended along with approx. 500 Model A's (565 registrations). That is a lot of Model A's.

Landing in San Francisco on 20 June we set off on a leisurely drive over three days to Reno. After negotiating our way out of heavy traffic, we headed for Walnut Creek for our first night. This was a lovely town where we basically had a good meal and put our head down for a good night's sleep. Our next stop was Lodi, a ghost town of its former self, where David located the Lodi Ironworks and Foundry. Stuart Jordan and David were given an insight into the inhouse production of iron-castings, quality stainless steel, carbon steel, Meehanite, grey-iron and ductile iron castings. Feeling a little hungry we were directed to the Lodi Beer Company where we had a bite to eat and quenched our thirst. If you ever visit Lodi – this is the place to go – fantastic food and ambience.

Onwards to Placerville in El Dorado County, where Buffalo Bill along with others rode the "Pony Express" in 1860. This little place had so much history including earning the name of "Hangtown" because of the numerous hangings that occurred there in 1849.

Arriving in Reno, after driving around Lake Tahoe and Carson City to name a few we were glad to relax in our room which was to home for the next week at the fabulous Nugget Hotel. This magnificent 29-storey hotel and casino always had something going on.

Saturday 23 June – We departed on a pre-convention cruise aboard the MS Dixie II (a paddlewheeler) from Zephyr Cover on Lake Tahoe. Setting off towards Emerald Bay we enjoyed a 3-course meal while listening to the onboard narration of the formation of the bay.



Sunday 24 June – This was the official start day of the Convention where we all picked up our Registration packs and quickly acquainted ourselves to where and when we were expected for certain activities. That evening we re-connected with Model A friends at the Welcome Dinner and all you can eat Pasta Buffet organised by the Sonoma A's. A 'Wheel of Fortune' enabled us to try our skills at spinning the wheel for a prize. Our party were successful in winning 2 bottles of wine which was quickly devoured with our American friends over the week.

Monday 25 June – A quick look at the Repair Tent was first on the list. Dave MacArthur and his fellow Club members from Henry's A's were busy providing a facility for those who needed to make emergency repairs or tinker with their cars. This was a day for seminars. The seminar on Model A Wiring and Troubleshooting by Alex Janke drew over 250 attendees, Brakes and Pedals by Les Andrews, Restoring a Model A and buying parts by Tom Rut and Hubley racing.

Tuesday 26 June – The Swap Meet drew a lot of interest from the Model A fraternity. All the Model A's were parked on the 4th and 5th floors of the hotel garage/carpark and this allowed for easy viewing, photos etc and also for the vehicle judging. We also went on a daytime Tahoe cruise which was magnificent after previously seeing the lake by night. A good get-together of friends in hot sunny weather.

Wednesday 27 June – A fabulous day as we were one of the lucky ones who secured a seat on the bus tour to the Fallon Naval Air Station. This was a private tour of the facility for the movie 'Top Gun' including the control tower and air park, four bombing ranges, the electronic warfare range and all of its other excellent training facilities. Following the tour we were treated to lunch in the Officers Mess, where we were well catered for with a Mongolian BBQ, a salad bar or a 3-course meal. These were followed by an ice-cream, a choice of many flavours, as well as a selection of toppings e.g. nuts, sprinkles etc.



Thursday 28 June – The Grand Tour where members were able to drive at their own pace through Carson City, over the Spooner Summit, Lake Tahoe to Crystal Bay, over Mt Rose (7,835 ft) and to the Bowers Mansion for lunch. This was a beautiful drive through some stunning country with outstanding views. The hills were a challenge for the Model A's but the majority coped and there were no incidents to note. The Bower Mansion was a great place for lunch, sitting underneath the beautiful cedars and redwoods listening to a Country Bluegrass band.

360-degree panorama from the Summit of Mt Rose - the highest mountain in Washoe County



Friday 29 June – was the final day where we enjoyed a bus tour to Lake Tahoe and the Ehrman Mansion. We travelled a short distance to the historic town of Truckee, then towards Lake Tahoe to visit the Gatekeepers Museum and Fanny Bridge.

Shortly after we arrived at Sugar Pine Point State Park which was home to the Helman-Ehrman Mansion. Built in 1897 it is considered to be one of the finest mansions in this high Sierra with magnificent views of this alpine lake. That evening we attended the Awards Banquet which is always a highlight and a great get-together of all the friends you have made throughout the convention. The New Zealander's are always made a fuss of and very highly respected amongst the other Clubs.



David and I had an enjoyable time and thank everyone for the hospitality we received and the friendships that were made. We look forward to the next National Convention in Texas 2020.

Saturday 30 June – while everyone departed from the convention we decided to stay another day and visited the National Auto Museum which was one of the finest auto museums that you will ever visit. It is the descendent of the original collection owned by Bill Harrah. That night we enjoyed a live show at the Nugget.

Sunday 1 July – we decided to leave Reno and headed for Truckee, Donner Lake and then onto Auburn where we stayed the night. This was such a relaxing little town where we relaxed, drank wine, and enjoyed a nice Italian meal. The vintage shops in this little town were amazing – worth looking at girls. We enjoyed ourselves so much here that we stayed 2 nights and acquainted ourselves with the locals.

Tuesday 3 July – we headed for Elk Grove via Folsom, the town of Johnny Cash. This town was very well laid out, plenty of history and plenty of interesting shops. Visiting the restroom was an experience. After opening and locking the door you are treated to a rendition of *'I hear that train a comin, It's rolling round the bend, I not seen the sunshine since I don't know when'*. This inspired me to drag the others off to Folsom Prison to view this famed place. Here we were allowed to **'Walk the Line'**. Arriving in Elk Grove we headed to Karen and Joe Lopez for a BBQ. Karen is the President of the Capitol A's in Sacramento. What a great night drinking Margarita's and eating BBQ pork spare ribs. Scrumptious.

Wednesday 4 July – Independence Day we joined the Capitol A's for a parade in Clarksburg. After decorating the cars with ribbons, rosettes etc and two big bags of lollies David and Stuart each drove a Model A in the hometown parade. This was such a highlight for us being able to experience such an important day in American History by driving a Model A and seeing all the smiling faces of children their parents and grandparents. I likened it to the Andy Griffith Show driving around Mulberry. At the completion of the parade we enjoyed a BBQ with the Capitol A's at Peggy and Dave Gill's home. This was a magic day and one I will treasure forever. After eating the biggest steaks you have seen we went to a Fireworks Display in the local park with Karen and Joe. Sadly we said our goodbyes until next time. The next day we headed for San Francisco where we purchased another suitcase and headed home.

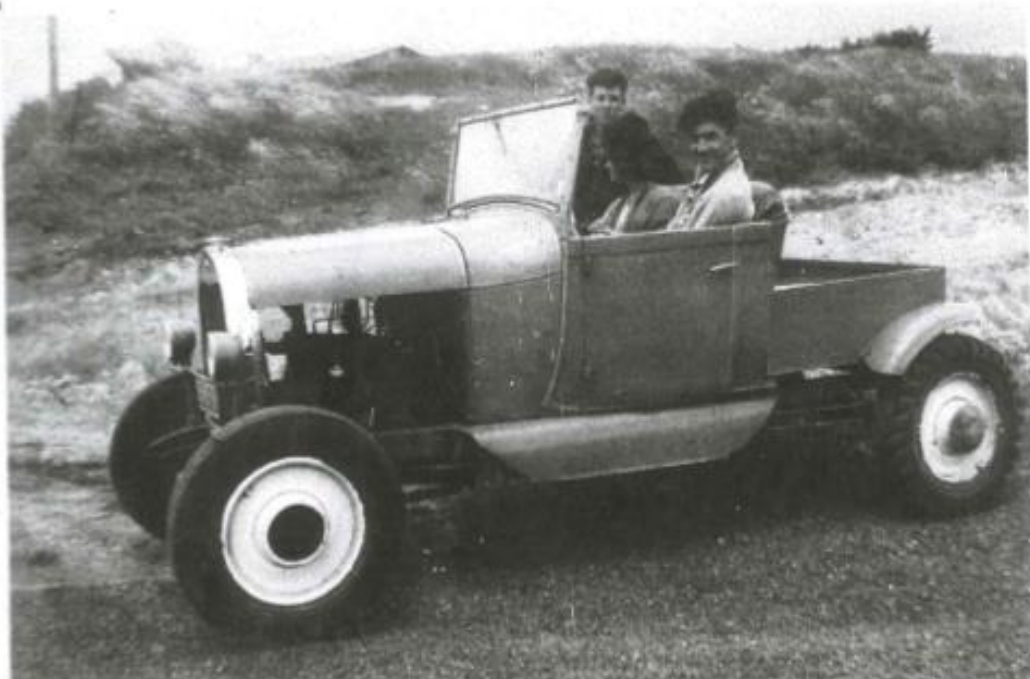
If anyone has not attended a convention I recommend you join MAFCA and consider it because they open up so many opportunities, you gain so much knowledge and you make many many friends. The End.

Karen Thomas & David Mossman

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W My next car was the finest of my youth. A 1929 Model A Ford ute. It had been a roadster but a previous owner had cut it down to be a hot-rod ute. Painted sky blue with bright red axles and diff etc., and white pin-striping, it had 16 inch wheels and had been slightly "warmed up" with a lightened flywheel, Ford Ten distributor and a sports coil. The rear wheels had mudgrip tyres and the front wheels had no mudguards. It was a thing of beauty to an 18-year-old. Model A Fords were an amazing vehicle and there was a folklore of sorts around them. Some of this lore had it that they would run on one cylinder, take off and climb hills in top gear and never get stuck. Over the years I tried most of these things.

Disaster of sorts happened after about a year of ownership when a garage



The Model A hot rod, Graham Bell far side of car.

proprietor refused to give me a warrant of fitness because no mudguards on the front was unsafe. He was a complete arsehole as far as I was concerned who only wanted to make money out of me. I asked Dad about it and he was of the same view. Anyway I was cornered so he got some proper mudguards and a bumper from a wrecker and bolted them on at considerable cost, to a kid, before he issued the WOF. While I had these unwanted appendages on my car Wayne and I decided it would give us an opportunity to test the one

Article of Interest – submitted by John Castle – continued

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cylinder legend.

We went out to the Te Rapa straight, Wayne crouched on the new mudguard and I set off in the car. When we got up to about 30mph Wayne started pulling the spark plug leads off the engine until only one was left on. Of course it started to slow down but it did indeed run on one cylinder with the engine firing about every twenty yards down the road. We pulled up and laughed for ages.

I had that car in all sorts of places and never did get it stuck. Another day we tried the top gear theory on Lake Road hill. Wayne and I again. Took off in top gear and went right to the top with no difficulty at all.

In another coincidence it turned out that the model A had previously been owned by a man named Peter Hawke who would later in life end up being my boss in the police. Peter was a detective sergeant on Housebreaks Squad in the early 70s when I was a trainee detective. He often used to say to me that he had owned the Model A but I didn't believe him as I thought he was mistaken about which car it was. We often had a good natured argument about it over a beer. It was only when I was nearing retirement that I found out that it was the same car and I haven't seen him for some years to apologise.

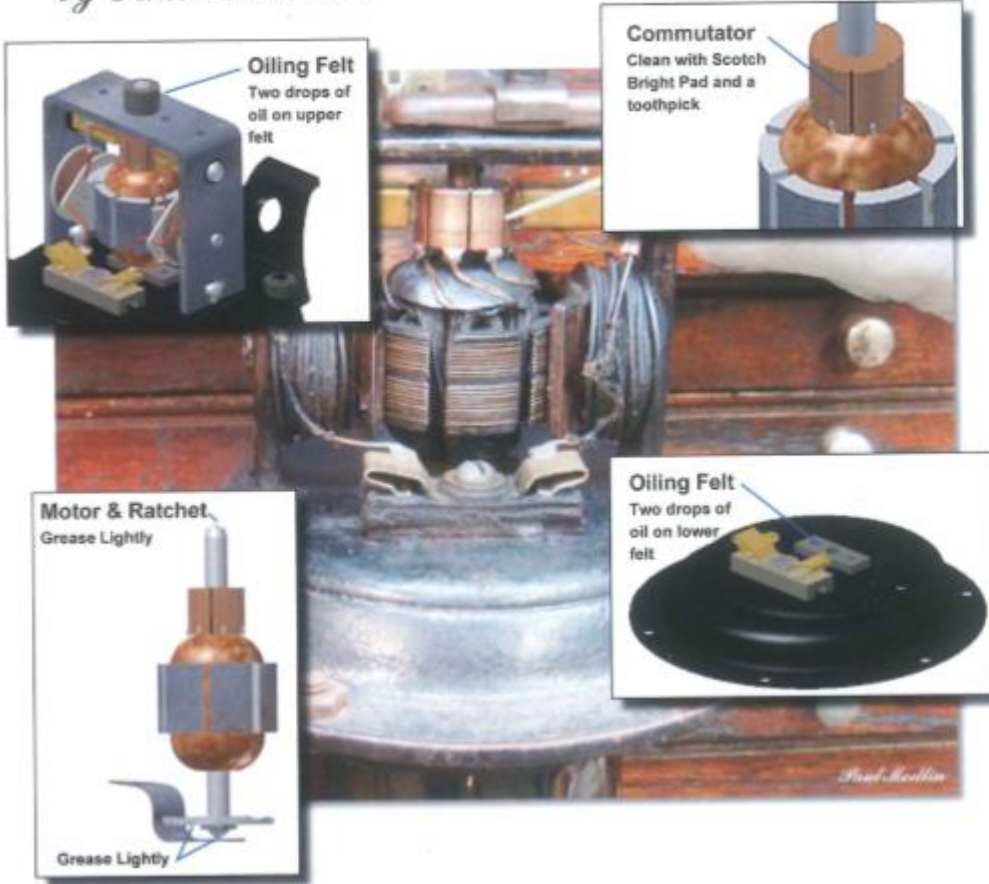
My years of playing with cars as a kid have stood me in good stead as to having a working knowledge of things mechanical. It is still handy today as I have an old tractor I use to launch my boat and a classic pick-up truck. //

From the Archives (*Model "A" News* – January/February 2014) – Advertising the Model A



Horn Basics

by Paul R. Modlin



Oiling

Tools and Supplies:

- Flat blade screw driver
- Scotch Bright Pad (or similar)
- Sewing Machine Oil
- Kerosene
- Toothpicks

Procedure:

1. Remove the dirt build up from the **Upper and Lower Oiling Felts**. Clean with kerosene and pad dry.
2. Polish the **Commutator** with a Scotch Bright Pad. Clean between the gaps with a toothpick.
3. Apply two drops of sewing machine oil to both the **Upper and Lower Oiling Felts**.
4. Lightly grease the upper and lower tips of the **Motor shaft**, as well as the bottom of the **Ratchet**.

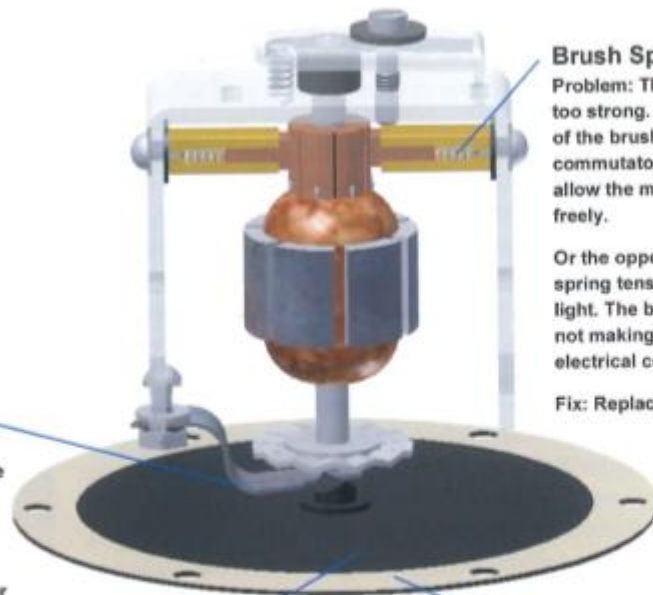
Problems and Solutions

Tuning Screw
Adjust with cover on.



Cover Screw
Problem: Reproduction screw allows cover to be over tightened.
Fix: Loosen screw or replace with original.

Tension Spring
Problem: The spring is too strong. The pressure of the spring will not allow the motor to turn freely.
Fix: Add an extra washer to drop the spring or slightly bend the spring to reduce the pressure.

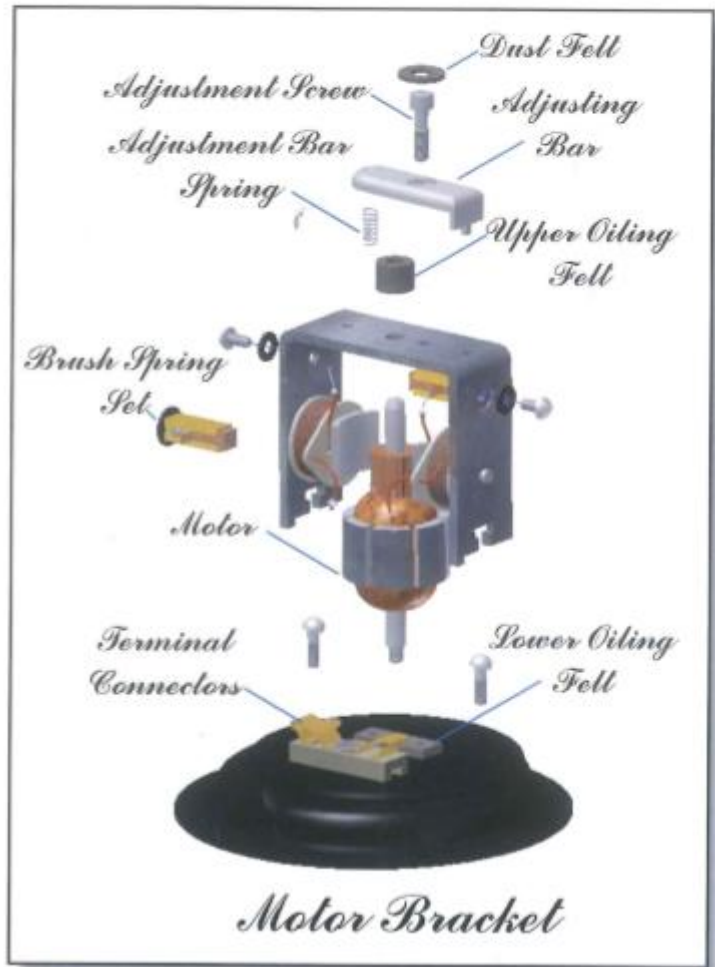
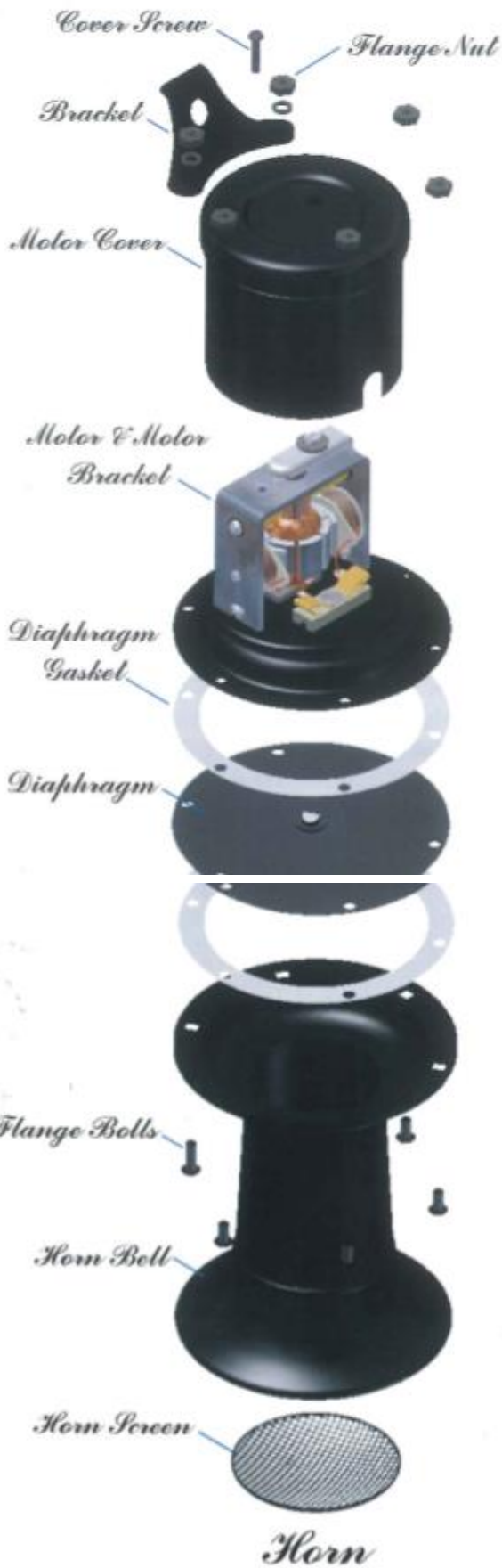


Brush Spring
Problem: The spring is too strong. The friction of the brush on the commutator will not allow the motor to turn freely.
Or the opposite: The spring tension is too light. The brushes are not making a good electrical contact.
Fix: Replace spring.

Diaphragm
Problem: Over restored. The paint is too thick, preventing proper resonance of horn.
Fix: Remove paint and repaint sparingly.

Gasket
Problem: The gaskets are missing. There should be one on each side of the diaphragm.
Fix: Replace gaskets.

Horn Assembly



Paul R. Modlin

Era Fashion – ‘Portraits of Fashion Photography’



A selection of photos and information sourced from ‘The Restorer July/August 2015’.

An extract from an article by Lynette Marione.

For fifteen years, Steichen photographed women, men and accessories of high fashion. His personal style is a portrait of shimmer, sparkle and sophistication done in different tones of black and white.

As the highest paid and foremost photographer of the Model A era, he photographed actors, statesmen, athletes, and a host of other dignitaries, in addition to his glorious images of fashions of the period using Art Deco styling as his backdrop.

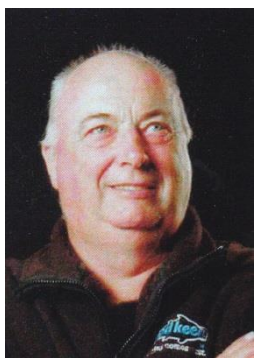


Editor comment:

Some lovely photos, I thought I would share with you. Maybe inspiration, if you are compiling an Era Outfit.

Bruce Snowsill

26 August 1947 – 10 June 2018



We were saddened to receive a call recently from Karol Snowsill in Tokoroa, to say her husband, Bruce, had passed away.

Bruce & Karol have been Club members since 2005. We asked Karol if she would send some details relating to Bruce's great interest in Ford Model A's and AA's.

Thank you Karol for sending the following, with a photo of Bruce.

Bruce became interested in Model A Fords when his father bought the first family vehicle. Bruce was 8. He was off school with a broken toe and his mother, who could barely drive, took him to visit some farming neighbours in the Model A. She managed to drive a distance before stalling it in a ford. She walked home in disgust, leaving young Bruce to sort it out. Sort it out he did, driving home standing on the floor, looking through the steering wheel. This was 1955, when the family lived on Ongaroto Road between Atiamuri and Whakamaru.

After that, Bruce spent every spare moment under and around the Model A, until he knew every inch of it. He bought his first Model A Pickup (a car conversion) just before he was 15. He got his licence and the rest of his teenage years were spent hunting and fishing, taking the Model A to the most impossible places around the central North Island.

He owned 4 Pickups, the last from 1969 to 1970. During that time we got married and used the Pickup as a wedding car. Bruce's sisters covered the newly painted vehicle with "Just Married" written in white shoe polish.

Another time an uncle, a motor dealer in Hamilton, arrived with a new Trekka he wanted to sell to Bruce. He met Bruce in the bush to demonstrate the qualities of the Skoda-powered Trekka. Bruce said he'd buy it, as long as the Trekka would go where the Model A would go. They were driving along and Bruce pointed to a slope, asking his uncle if the Trekka would go up there. His uncle looked a bit worried and said "No". So they decided to go back and pick up the Model A, in which Bruce proceeded to demonstrate it could handle hilly terrain with ease. Likely also helped by his intuitive driving skills.

About 2000, Bruce and his good mate Alan came home with big smiles. They had just bought a 1930 Model AA Truck. It was about to arrive on the back of a tow truck. It took Bruce and Alan 5 years to completely strip and rebuild it. They used it as a float in the Tokoroa Christmas Parade.

Failing health meant the truck was stored in the garage, just to be admired.

Bruce was a gentle, caring, helpful, humble man. He will be missed by all his friends and family.

Note:

Karol says there are other stories involving their family's Model A's and we've asked her to record these for a future newsletter.

MAFCA has served Model A Ford owner's since 1997 and provides members with good sound information. If you would like to become a member and receive a monthly newsletter from MAFCA, send an email to chapters@mafca.com with the subject "Sign me up".

Alternatively contact Karen Thomas, Secretary NIMAFC to discuss. I will be only too pleased to answer your questions.





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October 7-11, 2019

This will be a hub and spoke tour of the Redrock Canyonlands of Southern Utah and Northern Arizona. The Canyonlands is home to miles of river canyons, mesas, buttes, slot canyons and brilliant red rock faces and peaks. The tour will be through Bryce Canyon, which sits at the northernmost part of the Grand Staircase and stretches to the north rim of the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park, and the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Registration details early 2019.

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From the NIMAFC Editor:

Hope you have enjoyed reading the August Newsletter. Some excellent articles and reports this month. A big thank you to those who have written or submitted reports and articles and photos. You will see the names of the writer/contributor on the published article. Great to see many of the Club Committee returning back to NZ safely, after travels afar, and sharing your stories and photos with fellow club members.

I have enjoyed flicking through some of the older MAFCA Restorer Mags (part of the collection donated to the Club by Alan Minson). You will see some of my findings, published in this Newsletter.

The 'snow plow' made me chuckle so the image made it to the cover page – many uses for the Model A! No need for snow plows in my home town of Auckland, NZ, as snow doesn't reach us here. Looking forward to the cold snap passing soon, and outings during Spring and Summer in the Fordor with Stephen.

My planning is well underway for the Te Anau Meet next April 2019, and the Southern Scenic Route appeals, a beautiful part of NZ to explore.

Some great events coming up in August, so hope to see you at the Bruce McLaren Museum, Awards Dinner and Swap Meet!

Watch out next Newsletter - some of our Lady Club Members feature!

Cover page photos thank you to Model A Restorers Club (May/June 2014 Model "A" News)

Thanks and Best Wishes, Kay Palmer (NIMAFC Newsletter Editor).

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If interested in joining the NIMAFC – please contact Ralph Levinson, (or any of the above Committee).

From the Archive: Model A Quiz, MAFCA Restorer July-August 1967 Issue

The following questions are multiple choice.

The “Quail” ornamented radiator cap represents Quail in flight symbolising:

- a. Graceful styling
- b. Quick Getaway
- c. Light Weight
- d. Fast Traveller



The three different makes of horns used on Model A cars and trucks were:

- a. Sparten, Otwell and E.A.
- b. Ames, Sparton and Bendix
- c. E.A, Ames and Sparton
- d. Ford, E.A., and Sparton

For average driving during *cold weather* the recommended charging rate of the generator should be:

- a. 5 amperes at 1000 RPM
- b. 10 amperes at 1500 RPM
- c. 15 amperes at 1000 RPM
- d. 20 amperes at 1500 RPM

The following are TRUE or FALSE statements:

The camshaft is driven directly by the timing gear	TRUE/FALSE
The 1928 Standard Phaeton had outside door handles	TRUE/FALSE
Ford bought the Lincoln Motor Co. in 1921	TRUE/FALSE
The manifold should be painted green	TRUE/FALSE
The oil filter neck is painted black	TRUE/FALSE

Note: on testing, Stephen got 6 out of 8 correct – see how you go!!

AND FROM THE NEW ZEALAND ROAD CODE: What is a courtesy crossing?

On a final note:

Recommended reading - Check out the NZ Herald website www.nzherald.co.nz (Motoring Section) for an article posted on 31st July 2018.

Featuring: ‘The Model A that stayed the course’.