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MODEL A TORQUE

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Eden Garden Visit, Epsom, Auckland

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

As the current possessor of the Handbrake Trophy I acknowledge I may be at risk of an award by still retaining it but I really think Alex has earned it with his demonstration of” You cannot start your Model T without turning the ignition on” at Steel and Wheels. Yes, it takes the cake or should I simply say; Alex - The Handbrake Award is coming your way. Well Done! Cheers!

A surprise email and subsequent phone call led to a cheerful meeting with some American Model A colleagues from Michigan USA. Jan and John Haskin were overwhelmed to be met at the hotel and experience a Model A tour of the city sights cumulating in a night at a restaurant reminiscing about Ford and motoring. Thanks also to the club members Diane and Stuart, Karen and Dave who made time to participate at short notice and relive their previous US tour experiences.

Great turnout at the Overdrive Tech night and thank you to the organisers, and Steve and Ross. Don’t forget the Triple Combined Run, this coming Sunday meeting at the North Shore VCC Club Rooms, Albany at 10.00 am.

Cheers,

Happy Motoring

Hugh Hulse



The Club extends a warm Welcome to the following New Members:

Giles Jordan - Auckland
Pete Donaldson - Auckland

2019 Te Anau Rally

For anyone interested in shipping their Model A, Auckland – Lyttelton (ex Fergusson Container Wharf), I've had quotes from Pacifica Shipping and Cubic Transport. A 40-foot container (2 cars) would be around \$2200.00 inclusive GST (one-way). The container is loaded off-site and trucked to the wharf (extra cost). Tie-downs within the container keep the cars secure. Another option is a Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Roll-on/Roll-off (Ro Ro) ship. Some of us used this cost-effective service for the 2015 Wanaka Rally, however you are not able to drive your car on/off the ship. You have to be prepared to trust wharf staff in Auckland and Lyttelton to do this. Kiwi Rail is another option, however more expensive than shipping (over \$4000.00, one-way for a 40-foot container).

Name badges

If your Club name badge has the pin-type clasp at the back and you would prefer a magnetic clasp, let me know and I'll send you the latter. They're self-adhesive, so easy to change.

London T-Charge

This is a bit beyond range, however the new London T (Toxicity) Charge requires cars and other vehicles to meet minimum exhaust emission charges, or pay £10.00 daily (in addition to the London Congestion Charge of £11.50 – £14.00/day). Exempt are cars 40 years and older, so here's the tongue-in-cheek bit – if you're planning to ship your Model A to the UK for some sightseeing, relax about the new London T-Charge.

Finally

All Club bills, subs, name badges, are up-to-date. Jenny and I are now away for a few weeks ... some UK driving (in a modern) and narrow-boating are on the agenda. Jenny is threatening to buy me *Boatmaster & Lockmaster for Beginners*. Fingers crossed we don't need to make a 20-point turn on a skinny canal, in our hired 60-foot narrowboat. Imagine!

Model A's Rule!

Ralph Levinson



Ownership Update

Club members currently own 217 Model A & AA Fords.

Following are some ownership changes in recent times.

Murray & Jan Burt, Katikati, have sold their 1930 AA Truck to Doug Brown, also in Katikati.



Lloyd Davies, Matakana, has sold his 1928 Phaeton to Nigel Hawkes, Wellsford.

Derek Thomason, Nelson, has sold his 1931 Slant Screen Sedan to Barry Hoffman, Taupo. Derek has also imported the 1931 Coupe, *Lickety Split*, from the US and is currently preparing the car for a further land speed attempt. In 2010, Olympic ice skater, Tonya Harding, set a land speed record (97.1mph) on Bonneville Salt Flats, driving the very same *Lickety Split* in the Vintage Gas Coupe Class. *Lickety Split* has since broken the Class record several times, most recently in 2016 (120.1mph). The Coupe has a stock body – not chopped – fully fendered, Model A gearbox and a Kiwi Quick-change rear end produced by Derek at Antique Ford Parts, Nelson. We're hoping Derek will shortly give us a write-up on this project. All the best Derek!

Jeff Broekhals, Te Aroha, has sold his ex Aubrey Bateman Phaeton to Donald White, Albury (near Fairlie). Jeff is currently restoring a 1930 Deluxe Fordor, also a Pickup from a very rusted Sedan.

Dave & Jeanette Collins, Hamilton, have sold their 1930 Phaeton to a new owner in Otago.

Brian & Frances Wilcock, Hamilton, have sold their 1930 Phaeton to a new owner in Ashburton.

New member, Mike Coyle, Auckland, has imported a 1930 Coupe from Fresno, California.

Morton Jordan, Auckland, is close to finishing the restoration of his 1928 Phaeton, he's owned for 60 years. He's been helped by his son, Giles and friend Pete Donaldson – both have recently joined the Club.

New members, Greg Stokes and Tania Foster, Auckland, have imported a 1930 Closed Cab Pickup from California.

Ralph Levinson





SECRETARYS REPORT

NIMAFC Committee Meeting

held

TUESDAY 01 May 2018 – 6.30pm

55 Victoria Street, Onehunga

Meeting Chaired by: Hugh Hulse

Correspondence: Inwards

Newsletters from various car clubs; Restorer magazine – MAFCA; Acknowledgement from Bruce Snowsill for get well card; Leone Ward, Southern Lakes National Model A Convention re updating our website to advertise the rally in 2019; Margaret Fischer re closing of entries for National Model A Meet in Adelaide.

Outwards: Thank you card sent to Liz Somerville.

Treasurers Report:

Cheque Account: \$3711.30; Savings Plus \$5032.80; Term Deposit \$18,823.76.

We welcome two new members – Pete Donaldson and Giles Jordan.

All subscriptions have now been paid for this Club year 2017/18. We have 170 Memberships (270 people).

Editors Report: Positive feedback, including international followers re newsletter. Kay attended Galaxy of Cars function where monies raised on this day were handed over to the Piha Surf Lifesaving. A big well done to all involved.

Club Events Report:

- **Eden Gardens** visit was very well attended and well received. Great to meet new members and get to know them. Acknowledgement also to Club Member Liz Somerville who talked of her childhood days playing around the quarry as it was then.
- **Steel n Wheels** - this was an excellent display with 19 vehicles on show. Well done members.
- **Events** for remainder of year discussed in depth – decisions made and some left to next meeting.
- **Ryders Cinema Evening** 21 July – RSVP to Shaun Bellamy by 13 July.

General Business:

- Discussion on a Membership Booklet being published. Decided not to go ahead with booklet but would continue to send details of Club Membership by email to Members.
- Awards Evening and Prize-giving – theme will be 'Vegas'. The Club will subsidise the evening for Members as before. Something for everyone.
- Trophies – we need to consider gathering these in soon.

Meeting closed 8.15pm

Next Meeting: 05 June 2018

Karen Thomas

Secretary NIMAFC

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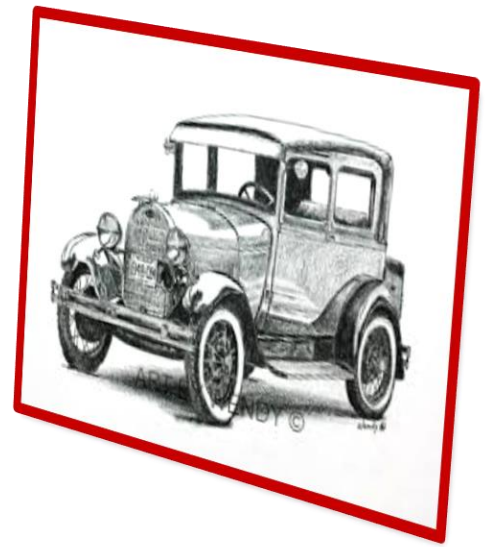


TAKE A LOOK AT THIS ONE!!

Join us for a

TRIPLE COMBINED RUN

- North Shore Vintage Car Club
- Hibiscus Coast Vintage Car Enthusiasts Club
- North Island Model A Ford Club



Sunday 20 MAY – 10.00am

On Sunday 20 May we will meet at the North Shore VCC Club Rooms on Masons Road, Oteha Valley, Albany at 10.00am. There will be a briefing with the first car away at 10.30am.

The first section is plotted by North Shore with Hibiscus Coast plotting the second.

After lunch, the third leg organised by the Wellsford / Warkworth Club runs to the finish at the Club Rooms on Satellite Station Road. We expect the first cars to arrive at the finish by 2.30pm and a cup of tea will be served there.

Lunch is a BYO affair, generally at a community hall somewhere along the way. Both sealed and gravel roads are used. The run is “lightly” competitive and designed in the hope that one will get lost.

Although there is no entry fee and normally no entry form, the VCC insurers require us to ask all invited non-VCC members to complete an entry form. Through this, everyone is covered in terms of public liability during the event.

If anyone is interested in attending this event please inform Bruce Stratton, Club Events – email brucestratton@xtra.co.nz or phone 027 485 3634.

Karen Thomas
Secretary NIMAFc



Upcoming Event Calendar



May 2018

June 2018 (it's Winter Wednesday month!)

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North Island Model A Ford Club Events

<p>Sunday 20 May</p>	<p>Triple Combined Run North Shore Vintage Car Club, Hibiscus Coast Vintage Car Enthusiasts Club, North Island Model A Ford Club. Meet 10am, North Shore VCC Club Rooms on Masons Road, Albany.</p> <p>Refer details on Page 6. If you intend participating and are yet to register, please contact Bruce Stratton NOW.</p> <p>Enquiries to: Bruce Stratton, Club Events – email brucestratton@xtra.co.nz or phone 027 485 3634.</p>
<p>Wednesday 13 June</p> <p>IT'S ON!</p> <p>THE CHEVS HAVE ARRIVED!</p>	<p>Club Tech Night – Bunce Motor Company – Chev Truck Conversions</p>  <p>Time: 7pm Details: Bunce Motor Co. import North American Chev. trucks to convert from left hand to right hand drive.</p> <p>Address: 139 Wairau Rd, Glenfield, Auckland (Near Tristram Ave Northern Motorway Off Ramps, Next to Mobil)</p> <p>Please wear covered shoes (no open toed footwear). Club Nights are always well attended. Pizza for supper/Tea & Coffee.</p> <p>Enquiries to: Bruce Stratton, Club Events – email brucestratton@xtra.co.nz or phone 027 485 3634.</p>
<p>Wednesday 27 June</p> 	<p>Club Social Get-Together – Mid week (Wednesday evening)</p> <p>Where: Alex Bar and Eatery, Alexandra Park Raceway, Greenlane, Auckland Time: 7pm Details: A casual gathering over dinner with fellow Model Aers! Grab a drink. Choose the buffet meal option (\$22 per person for a carvery buffet + dessert) or order direct from the Menu.</p> <p>(Entrance Gate B). Green Lane West Road. Your choice (Model A/Modern or Taxi), - parking available in a general carpark. Please wear your club name badge. Note: Horses are in the Stables (No gee gees racing that night).</p> <p>This is a popular venue for car clubs to dine and socialise together.</p> <p>Please register interest to Kay Palmer (021 0731 542) or Stephen Upson (0274 887721) by Monday 25 June for catering purposes or email nimafc@outlook.com</p>

Upcoming Event Calendar


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North Island Model A Ford Club Events

Saturday 21 July 	Mid-Winter Christmas – Ryders Theatre, Avondale, Auckland Meal and movie night! More details to come soon. A popular event! Mark the date in your diary NOW
Sunday 12 August	Visit to Bruce McLaren Museum – details pending – watch this space.
Saturday 25 August	Annual Prize Giving Dinner – Auckland. 'Vegas' Night. An important event for the NIMAFC, please mark the date in your diaries NOW! See Page 9 for more information.
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 Prize giving and then the Swap Meet on the next day)

On the horizon

Saturday 22 September	International Model A Ford Day (more details to come) – 'NZ - first in the world to celebrate!' An important date in the Calendar for Model Aers all around the globe!	
Friday 26 October	North Island Model A Ford Club – AGM – VCC Clubrooms	
Sunday 25 November	 North Island Model A Ford Club XMAS PARTY A fantastic Club Event - Secure the date in your diary.	

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Sunday 29 July	Henry Ford Memorial Day and Swap Meet, Hamilton (Claudelands Events Centre, Gate 3, Brooklyn Road. Details of the day to come.
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VEGAS NIGHT

Plus



ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING DINNER, MUSIC and DANCING SPOT PRIZES GALORE - you have to be in to WIN **Saturday 25 August 2018**

REMUERA CLUB - GREENLANE (the old CT Club)

27 – 33 Ohinerau Street, Remuera

Watch out for more details. This will be a night not to miss. Put a ring around the date.



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

This evening is a get-together for us all where we can relax and have some fun. Prize-giving is always something to look forward to. Enjoy the night – book now!

- A buffet dinner will be served
- Pre-Dinner drinks (cash bar) 6pm
- Prize-giving
- Entertainment
- Dancing
- Fun activities (no gambling)
- Raffles

This is the first notice in a lead up to the big night. Details are still being worked on. If you have any questions please contact Karen Thomas, Secretary 027 419 0191 (09) 443 5253 or email: mosseykar@gmail.com



Rotorua Vintage & Veteran Car Club Inc



THE THIRTY EIGHTH CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND **SWAP MEET** & CAR SHOW SPECTACULAR

**STOCK CAR RACEWAY PARADISE VALLEY
ON SUNDAY JULY 8th 2018**



FEATURING VINTAGE, VETERAN, CLASSIC CARS AND HOTRODS

This event will be of interest to all collectors of Vintage, Veteran, Classic and Collectable Cars, Motorcycles, Hot Rods, Memorabilia, Old Car Books, Old Toys, Model Cars & Trains, and anything of a Collectable or Antique Nature.

Opens from 7am till 2pm with hot food and refreshments available

FOR SITE ENQUIRIES

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Car Show Enquiries Ph: Bob Mackay ph 07 332 3849 Email: bob.mackay@clear.net.co.nz

Website: www.rotoruvintagecarclub.org.nz

Admission —
Seller's vehicle and driver
\$10.00 per site

ALL others —
\$5.00 per person
(Accompanied children FREE)

North Island Swap Meets - 2018

Date	Town/Region
8 July	Rotorua
6 October	Fielding

South Island Swap Meets - 2018

Date	Town/Region
1 September	Waimate
12 to 14 October	Christchurch

For more information, please drop Errol a line:

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



Club Visit to Eden Garden

Sir Frank and Lady Mappin were most generous benefactors of Auckland. Eden Garden, a disused quarry, was part of their estate. Club member Liz Somerville, their granddaughter, attended with her husband Graham and spoke at our meeting. (Their lovely yellow A and the Levinson's A graced the sealed area inside the garden)

The fascinating story of Sir Frank Mappin is well worth Googling. Briefly, in 1969 the Mappins, who were dedicated garden lovers and employed three gardeners on their extensive parklike Epsom property, gifted their outstanding home and gardens to the Crown as a residence for the Governor General. Today it is known as Government House.



Liz spoke to the Club of her childhood in the 1950's. Roaming around her Grandparent's estate with her cousins, playing in the gardens and lava caves. Interestingly, during World War 11 the caves were used to hide the Auckland War Memorial artefacts and valuables when invasion was a possibility.

Horticulturalist Jack Clark, in 1964, took on the task of leading the conversion of the quarry into a garden. With the help of many volunteers, also Periodic Detention workers - paths, rock walls and gardens were established. Today Eden Garden is listed as a New Zealand garden of national significance. Certainly, well worth a return visit.

Alan Minson, Club Founder and Life Member

Alan spoke about how our club was formed. He grew up in Christchurch and wanted to buy a car when he left school. Fortunately, a wise cousin steered him away from buying a Fiat 500 and recommended a Model A. A battered 1930 Town Sedan was acquired for 47 Pounds and in 1965 he joined the Canterbury Model A Club. Later a Phaeton was purchased for 17 Pounds and 10 shillings. Interestingly the Canterbury club was the first in the world outside the United States to be an affiliated chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America.

By 1972 Alan was living in Auckland and had joined the Auckland VCC. Many VCC members at that time were disdainful of Model A's. For this reason, he decided to form a local Model A Club. Alan advised the next Auckland VCC meeting of his intention and invited any A owners present to join him. At the end of the meeting 9 other A owners asked to join. Later I asked him why the words North Island were included rather than, say, Northern or Auckland? Because it was known that there were pockets of A ownership in the North Island, and as there was no other N.I. club, they did not want these people discouraged from joining. Early club members mentioned included Warrick Woollams, Rene Dunn, Bob Pipe. The club had regular events and sourcing, exchanging, parts helped expedite restorations. Later, Alan presented new members with their club badges. Alan Minson is a name mentioned fondly over the years and it was a pleasure to hear him address the club.

John Castle, Life Member

John mentioned the early days of the club using late 1970's newsletters to illustrate his points. Members were younger then and things were simpler with for example away events involving camping rather than motels. Club meetings were held at MOTAT until internal MOTAT bickering made it better to leave. John mentioned an article in 1979 from Auckland VCC where regret was shown for the growth of one make car clubs... Too late!

Alan's and John's talks evoked memories of humorous Model A incidents from the large audience. Trish and Robert Brown, Terry Costello, David Mossman shared stories and minor breakdown moments now happy in retrospect. The aim of the meeting was to visit a beautiful garden, mix with newish members and learn about club early days.

Another good day for our club.

Shaun Bellamy (NIMAFC Committee Member)

Photo Gallery – Out and about at Club Events



Model A Visit: Steel and Wheels, Waiuku – Sunday 29 April



The weather for the weekend of April 28th – 29th looked like it was going to be a washout, and in fact the Saturday was just that.

However, on Sunday morning, with the bad weather heading south, we arrived to a splendid display of Ford Model As neatly parked at the Bombay Caltex service station. After the usual catch up we set off via Pukekohe and Puni, to Waiuku, and our display area for the Steel & Wheels event.

We had a total of 16 Model As on display, as well as Tom Brough's 1938 Buick Roadster, Harry Sherborne's 1935 Ford V8 Roadster, and Alex Wilson's lovely 1913 Ford Model T. Everyone was very impressed with the workmanship Alex has achieved with building this car.

With the weather improving to a fine day there was the usual large crowd, and plenty of vehicles on display. I counted a row of 15 Chev Corvettes.

Quite a few electric vehicles displayed, Nissan Leafs and Teslas. The Tesla is a beautiful car, but very expensive of course.

The Police had a very good display of equipment and were there to explain everything. Also they put on a police dog action display, catching the criminal. A good public relations exercise.

For the children there were clowns, and a ferris wheel.

Also there were stunt motorcycles, leaping of one ramp, to land on another, from a great height. They must be crazy!

Four bands were playing great music, and the highlight for me were the Hot Diggity Bluegrass Band. This band consisted of five ladies, playing Fiddle, Bass, Mandolin, Guitar, and Banjo. Very good musicians and singers drawing a huge crowd. Kay and I listened to them for hours. And of course there were plenty of food stalls, and the whitebait fritters were great.

The Steel & Wheels event is always well worth attending, and it was pleasing to see the weather did not spoil the event, after all the effort that goes in to it.

To finish off the day we headed off to Sean O Sullivans home, where Sean provided a very nice barbecue meal for everyone to enjoy, while we chatted over drinks. This was followed by a walk on tracks Sean has established, around a pond, with lots of native tree planting

A great way to finish off a fun day, thank you Sean.



Brian Hosking (NIMAFC Member)

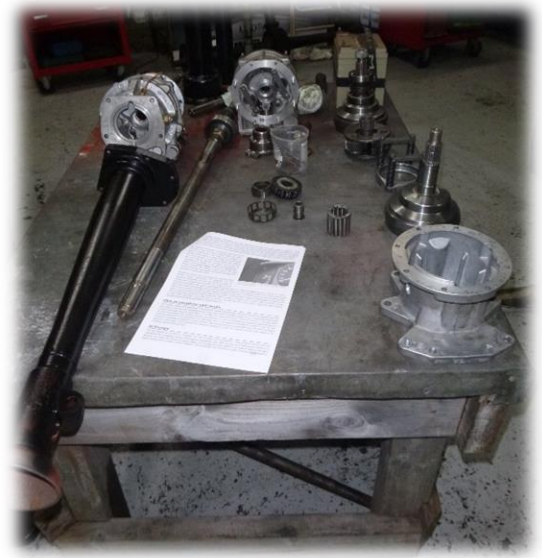
Club Night

Tech Night Overdrive Units

On Wednesday the 2nd of May we attended an interesting evening at Sunnybrae Auto Services which was held by Ross Bolton and Steve Driver explaining and demonstrating the operation and benefits of overdrive units.

Ross explained how the drive shafts were altered so that the overdrives were fitted into them. Also, the advantages of the overdrives, resulting in lower engine revs giving better fuel economy and more power.

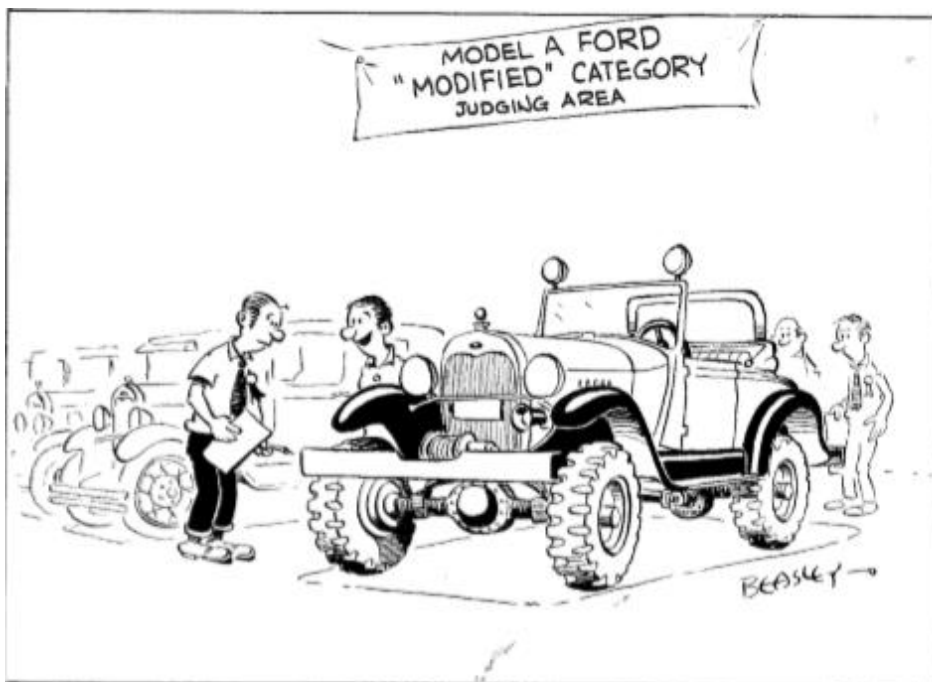
There was a good attendance of members and everyone enjoyed the pizzas, tea and coffee supplied.
Thanks to Steve and Kay



By: Bill Hulse – NIMAFC Member

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I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF THE LOCAL OFF-ROAD VEHICLE CLUB

Letter to the Editor

From (the West Island).....

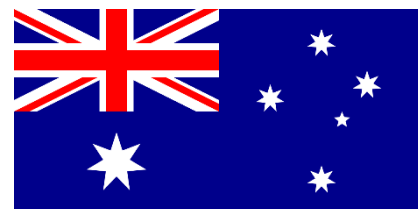
Good evening over there on the North Island, Model A Ford Club,

After having read your article in the magazine about Solving an Intermittent Ignition Problem by Woody Hardman I recognised that we had had exactly the same problem on our Model A, it resolved itself to be the fuse holder that you have pictured on page 22 not usually on Australian cars of the day but a US idea. The sheet metal clips at each end of the fuse did not always make good clean contact with the fuse and would often show up as miss firing when going up a hill but good on the flat.

The answer was to connect the ignition lead direct to the terminal on the starter motor and hurl the fuse and fuse holder onto the scrap heap. Problem solved!

Regards,

Ron Cox in Sydney on the West Island.



Editor's Comment: Thanks for sharing Ron, much appreciated

Handbrake Award?

For the benefit of any new members to the Club – you may hear of the handbrake award (or be one of the privileged to win it).

What is it?

The Model A Handbrake mounted on a stand is brought along to Club Events and gatherings by the present incumbent. It is awarded for 'Bloopers' and the like. All in good fun. It has been in the Club for a while now.

The present incumbent will hand over the trophy when an opportunity arises. It may happen immediately or it often takes a few events before handover, waiting for a 'Blooper' to occur. The current holder often has delight in telling a story, as the trophy is passed on.

For example, I remember both Stephen Upson and myself being awarded this proud trophy on a Club Run to the Thames area. We overshot the meeting point at Drury (not the fault of the Navigator) and mistakenly headed onto Bombay (a regular starting point for Runs heading South). So Stephen decided to pull over near Bombay, got his camera out of the 'A', posing on the road side as Club Photographer instead, implying this was a planned stop. Club Members latched onto his ploy, and later that evening in Thames during dinner, the Handbrake Award was his. I was actually quite proud to receive the trophy too, and we drove down the Main Street of Thames in the Fordor, showing off our Trophy, that night. So all in good fun. Watch out for those 'A' Bloopers! The brake might be yours one day soon.

My explanation of the Handbrake Award - By Kay Palmer, NIMAFC Newsletter Editor

WHEN PURCHASING PARTS FOR RESTORATION

Don't Be Fooled!

By GORDON E. HOPPER

During the process of restoring a Model A Ford every restorer will eventually have to purchase some parts for the car either new, used, or of the replacement type. Some of these parts may be original parts, however, the majority of them will be of the replacement type handled by dealers. Restorers not having a complete and thorough knowledge of the construction of their car and not having another identical car to guide themselves with, will run into difficulties of identifying certain parts to be used in their restoration project.

It is important to be very careful when buying parts because, in some cases, it is very easy to end up with parts that won't fit, or with parts on the car which are not the correct ones for the year of the car being restored. In some cases, authenticity can be retained by rebuilding certain parts using a rebuilding kit instead of trying to locate a certain part which could turn out to be the wrong one or one that is not authentic. This applies to tail lights, water pumps, oil pumps, and carburetors.

Here is a list of some of the things to be considered when purchasing parts:

- 1—The clutch assembly, including housing, disc, pressure plate, and release bearing on early 1928 models are entirely different than those used on late 1928 to 1931.
- 2—The speedometer cable and housing assembly for '28/29 differs from the '30/31. The '28/29 has a keyed end while the '30/31 has a square end where the cable joins the drive.
- 3—The steering sector gear on early 1928 models has seven teeth as opposed to two teeth on the later models. Also, the bushings and gasket sets are different.
- 4—The main drive gear A7017AR is used only on the early 1928 multiple disc clutch.
- 5—The radiator emblem on the 1931 differs from the
- 6—The radiator on the '28/29 differs from the '30/31.
- 7—The line from the gas tank to sediment bulb on the '28/29 differs from the '30/31. The line between the shut-off valve and the carburetor sediment bulb on the late 1931 is shaped different than any other year.
- 8—Cowl light lenses on '28/29 differ from '30/31.
- 9—Most replacement dash light assemblies are not necessarily authentic. The available replacements are for use on the heart shaped dash found on most '28/29 and early 1930 models.
- 10—The 1928 Powerhouse generator requires different brushes and bearings than those used on 1929 to 1931 generators.
- 11—The '28/29 head light focus spring and screw are different than the '30/31 types.
- 12—The stop light switch on '28/29 models is mounted on the transmission and is different than the '30/31.
- 13—The body mounted tail light found on many '28/29 cars (beer can) differs from the later models, and though interchangeable, the original lenses are different than those used on later tail lights.
- 14—Bumper center clamp differs between '28/29 and '30/31.
- 15—The welting around the gas tank is of smaller diameter bead than the welting used around the fenders.
- 16—Cowl lacing kits of '28/29 differ from those used on '30/31.
- 17—Door handles used on closed body style '28/29 models differ from the '30/31 models.
- 18—1928/29 gas caps and radiator caps differ from '30/31 and the gas cap must have a vent.
- 19—Hood clamps on '28/29 are a three-hole type, '30/31 is a two-hole type.
- 20—Hub caps differ from '28/29 to '30/31.
- 21—Running board matting and trim of the '28/29 models differs from the '30/31 models.
- 22—Hand brake lever pawls and lever sectors are not all alike for all years.
- 23—Radius rod socket sets were originally all steel, the newer replacement sets using a rubber ball make an easier installation.
- 24—Steering wheels and horn rods on '28/29 models differ from the '30/31 models.
- 25—Sedans, pickups, and commercial cars used a 12-leaf front spring, others used a 10-leaf spring.
- 26—Some replacement crankshaft ratchets require the use of a larger wrench than the original.
- 27—Chrome plated oil filler caps are not authentic.
- 28—Carburetor sediment bulbs on the late 1931 are not like the '28/29/30/early-31 and flat firewall models.
- 29—Tillotson carburetors are not authentic, but they are a good replacement.
- 30—Zenith carburetor gaskets are available as a kit or individually and are included in all carburetor rebuilding kits. All individual components such as shafts, screws, etc., are readily available.
- 31—Starter motors in early 1928 require a different Bendix spring and bolt set than the later ones.
- 32—Powerhouse generator pulleys are a different size than those used later.
- 33—1928/29 choke rods differ from the '30/31 type.
- 34—The battery cable grommet is the same as the ignition
- 35—1928/29 head light bars and radiator shells are different than those used in '30/31.
- 36—Speedometer decal sets are currently available for the '30/31 round face type only.
- 37—1928/29 winding clamps for open cars differ from the '30/31 style.
- 38—Windshield wiper motors are not all alike.
- 39—1928/29 front shield stud sets are different than '30/31.
- 40—1928/29 open car windshield frame rubber differs from '30/31.
- 41—Door bottom weather strip for open cars currently available is for '30/31.
- 42—The 8-inch door sill plates are used on coupes.
- 43—1928/29 battery cover plates differ from '30/31.
- 44—Trim screw sets differ from model to model and from '28/29 to '30/31.
- 45—Touring cars, coupes, sedans, and pickups used an 8-leaf rear spring. Roadsters used a 7-leaf rear spring.

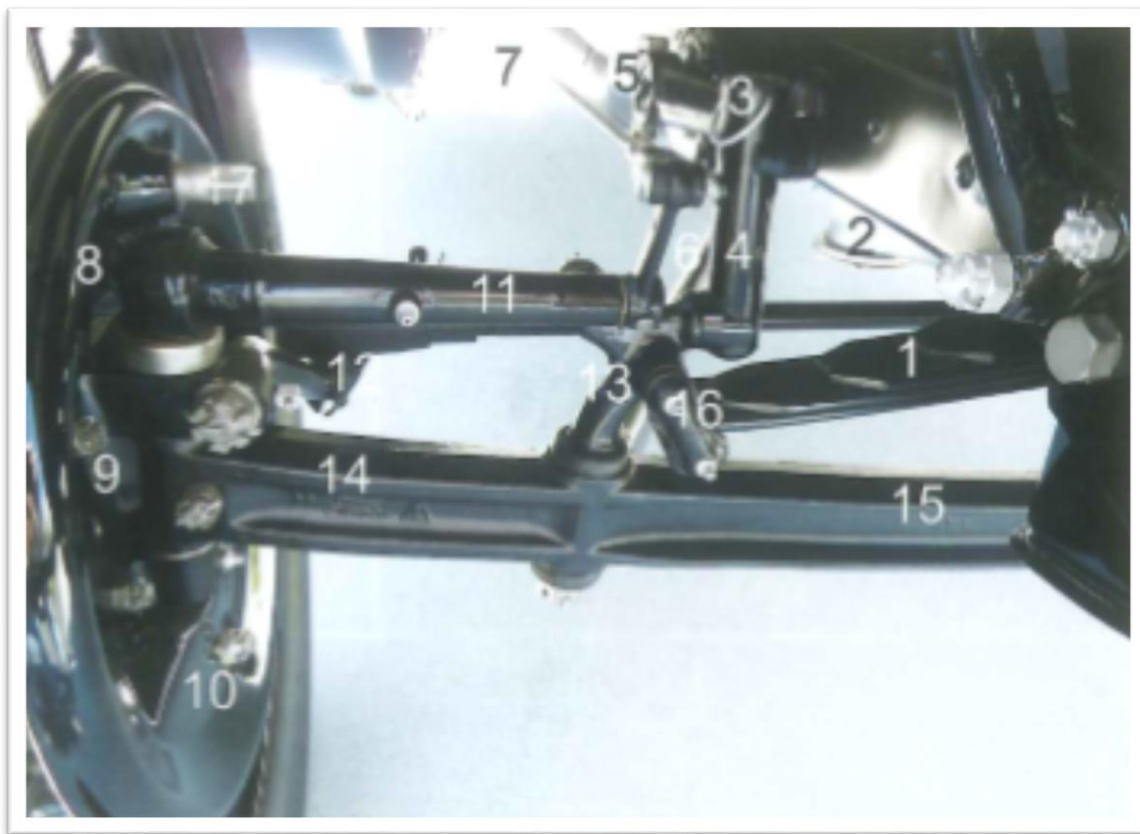
The above listing of differences is not a complete list, but it should suffice to make a restorer wary that there are differences and that he should proceed carefully throughout the restoration process ●

Source: *The Restorer (The Magazine for Model A Enthusiasts) Jan/Feb 1967*



Official Publication of the Model "A" Restorers Club

ANSWERS



List at least 17 features seen in this photo that are unique to early 1928 Model A Fords.....

1. Ford script on leaf spring (hard to see in photo)
2. Cadmium plated oil pan
3. D-ring on shock link
4. Early shock link grease fitting faces the wheel
5. Numbered shock arm
6. Early wishbone weld on top
7. No flat brake return springs
8. Smooth braking plate
9. Round spindle flange
10. Recessed nut for operating wedge
11. Early brake shaft assembly
12. Grease retaining leather boot
13. Arched spring perch
14. Large Ford script on axle
15. Top flange of axle is thin
16. Ford script spring shackle
17. Early brake adjustment wedge



Editor comment:



Transporting of Model A's to National Convention April 2019, Te Anau South Island



Hello to all Model A Ford Club Members.

With regards to methods of getting a car to Te Anau when one has limited time available I used a Japanese Car Carrier to ship two cars from Auckland to Christchurch prior to the Wanaka Rally in 2015. It worked for me with regards to costs and time and the fact I could not drive two cars at the same time! Ralph Levinson and John Castle also used the system and I believe it was good for them too – the shipping company and contact is contained on the next page.

Please note this is a one-way service only as the ships sail from Lyttleton back to Japan direct. I do have the ship schedule for this year if you wish to enquire.

We arranged for Model A'ers to collect the cars at Lyttleton wharf directly from memory (rather than as per the instructions from the shipping company) and take to their homes/garages/sheds etc for our arrival from Auckland. I think a few drinks were charged for this service.

The only negative I ran into was that the gearbox in my Sports Coupe had a horror failure within 40 miles of arriving in Christchurch. This car did have a harsh clutch and a lot 'slack' in the drive train with a Borg Warner overdrive and perhaps a person with limited skill took it onto / off the ship and ??? We were able to get the car back on the road within 6 hours with generous assistance from Canterbury Model A community so it did not stop a lot of our activities or disrupt our schedule – it did growl a fair bit !!

It is not my intent to use this service this time around so if anyone is keen to I suggest they put their hands up and contact the shipping company, along with any other Model A folk who may wish to join them.

Trust this helps and is off assistance to you all.

Steve Driver
NIMAFC Member



For more information take a look at the website for timetables etc. www.molcarcarrier.com

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Te Anau Rally (April 2019) – Transport Information -- continued

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This is a copy of the email received by Steve Driver from the car carrier company:

Hi Steve,

Sorry for the delay on this.

Ex AKL to LYT

<20m3- NZD300.00 + GST per unit



You mentioned that these were classics so would need starting instructions prior to receipt so our stevedores can load them. Rate is based on ramp to ramp terms.

We can offer an escort service onto Ports of Auckland for NZD30.00 + GST per unit but we do not have this service in Lyttelton. Lyttelton would require a transporter to uplift vehicles from the terminal. Receipt is approx. 3 days prior to vessel arrival.

We just need the make, model along with either rego or vin number to make a booking.

Please kindly see below conditions:

- *Vehicle must be able to operate under their own power & have working steering & brakes (for self-mobile units).*
- *No leaking fluids, oils.*
- *No loose / hanging parts on exterior of vehicle.*
- *No broken glass in the interior.*
- *Cargo must be free of any contamination/soil as per Biosecurity standards.*
- *Subject to MOL standard terms and conditions.*
- *Subject to space at the time of booking.*

Any vehicles that do not meet these conditions will be shut out at shippers account.

Attached is our current schedule to get an idea of when vessels sail. With delays out of Japan at present these do change a bit and can pass on a new schedule closer to sailing dates if needed.

Let me know if there is anything else that I can assist with.

Kind Regards,

Malcolm Jackson

PCC Manager

Mitsui O.S.K. Lines NZ Ltd

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2018 MAFCA NATIONAL CONVENTION

SPARKS - RENO, NEVADA 24-29 JUNE

There has been a great response to members attending the National Model A Ford Convention in Reno this year. We have ten members travelling over and I am sure they will enjoy themselves.

MAFCA is dedicated to the restoration, preservation and enjoyment of the Ford Model A and AA cars and trucks, as manufactured from 1928 through 1931.

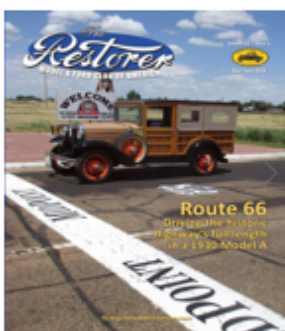
MAFCA is a not-for-profit corporation with members and local affiliated chapters all over the globe. This makes them the largest car club in the world dedicated to one make of automobile.

During 2018 **MAFCA** is offering a **Free Membership** to anyone who has never had a membership with them before. The membership includes the Restorer Magazine at no additional charge. Current members all know how useful that publication is with information on restoring your Model A.

If anyone is interested in joining MAFCA or would like further information please contact me:

Karen Thomas
Secretary NIMAFC

Email: mosseykar@gmail.com Phone: 027 419 0191



North Island Model A Ford Club is a registered Chapter Member of the **Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA)**.



Urgent but not life-threatening road incidents:

For less urgent matters such as a driving incident, a breakdown or to report an issue with the road, please call *555 from a mobile phone. Calls are free.

Poor driving:

Use Roadwatch to report non-urgent incidents of poor driving where you do not wish the offender to be prosecuted. If you can provide a registration plate number, Police will write to the driver. Your identity will not be disclosed. Search 'roadwatch' on www.police.govt.nz

For emergencies

CALL 111

You're right to call 111 if you see driving that poses an immediate risk to other road users, such as a suspected drunk-driver or someone driving dangerously.



Jim's Technical Tip

Winter Tyre Pressures

If you drive your Model A in the winter, and I hope you can, remember to check the tyre pressure when the mercury drops. Cold temperatures make the air pressure in the tyres go down. Low tyre pressure makes steering harder, and lowers your gas mileage. You may notice a little bit of a vibration, due to flat spot on the tyres, when you first start driving. These should go away as the tyres roll and the rubber warms up.

Reprinted from Model A Ford Club America – November

Karen Thomas, Secretary NIMAFC

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.

NIMAFC member, Lindsay Mackereth from Matamata, has decided to sell his very smart 1930 5 Window Coupe.

1930 five window coupe. Registered in NZ. Beautifully restored. Ground up restoration. Expressions of interest and further information, please contact Lindsay Mackereth, Ph 0276 024420



For Sale

1929 Model A Modified Pick Up Truck.



Synchro Gear Box
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Extended Cab
Excellent Condition
Number Plate: A PICUP Negotiable
Many Extras
Price \$35,000 Neg:
Phone Craig Stevens 0274-801-917



For Sale – 2 items

Fur coat, mink, full length, excellent condition. \$ 180.00.
Fur boa. As new. \$ 50.00 Phone 07 8550323 (Dave Collins)

For Sale

Brand new, short steering box arms, for right-hand drive Model A's. A shorter Pitman arm makes the steering lighter, while still keeping good contact with the road. Brand new, not a modified, cut and welded, second-hand arm. \$75.00, contact Derek at Antique Ford, antiqueford@xtra.co.nz, tel. 03 544 7826.

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The Evening Wrap

The evening wrap is an interesting fashion accent. Usually shown in velvet, it may be any colour. Black silk velvet has proven to be the most popular. The length is important. A bow at the back of the neck and soft fullness at the shoulders are flattering. The evening wrap completes an elegant ensemble and gives the over-all creation a finished look as being functional on a chilly evening.

Source: an extract from Running Board Vogue, by Edie Jones. The Restorer November-December 1978.

From the NIMAFC Editor:

Thanks to many of you for contributing this month. Interesting stories. Great to see lots of reports coming in (and from Sydney, Australia too). Different writing styles make interesting reading. It's pleasing to put together an Edition bursting with content.

A special Hello to our international readers. Thanks for your comments and pleased you enjoy reading and finding out what a great club we have here in NZ. Hope you can come and visit us one day. Go the A!

Make sure you read the Upcoming Events - Plenty of events on the go, so hope to see you at one soon. I'll be at the Triple Combined Run on the 20th. During the month of June, hope you can join us for 'Winter Wednesday's' – check out the dates.

Time to get packing my suitcase, to jet off to Hawaii for 9 days of holiday bliss, towards the end of the month.

Continue to email photos, stories, articles and whatever has a Model A flair.

Watch out for a Feature article coming soon – **Restoration of a Model T.**

Best Wishes, Kay Palmer (NIMAFC Newsletter Editor). *The views and articles expressed in this Newsletter are the views of the authors and may be reprinted provided acknowledgement is given. Where articles have been reprinted, the NIMAFC recognises those authors and thanks them for allowing their article to be used in our Club Newsletter*



Quote of the month:

The cars we drive say a lot about us *Alexandra Paul*

Source: brainyquote.com

In Honour of Mothers' Day

In my next life I want to be a bear.

*If you're a bear, you get to hibernate.
You do nothing but sleep for six months.*

I could deal with that.

*Before you hibernate, you're supposed to
eat yourself stupid.*

I could deal with that, too.

*If you're a bear, you birth your children
(who are the size of walnuts) while you're
sleeping and wake partially grown, cute
cuddly cubs.*

I could definitely deal with that.

*If you're a mama bear, everyone knows
You mean business. You swat anyone who
bothers your cubs. If your cubs get out of line,
you swat them too.*

I could deal with that.

*If you're a bear, your mate EXPECTS you to
wake up growling. He EXPECTS that you
will have hairy legs and excess body fat.
He KNOWS not to get between you and the
food.*

Yup Gonna be a bear.

*From the Meadowlark Model A Ford Club
Omaha, Nebraska*

Karen Thomas, Secretary



Sunshine Report

I am pleased to report I have not been informed of any Club Members who are unwell. Just in case there is somebody out there we hope you -

"Bounce back from being sick so you can continue to light up people's lives".

Happy days!!

*Karen Thomas
Secretary NIMAFC*



FILL THE FLASK – just in time for Winter

(Take into the workshop, or on an outing in the 'A' for an easy yummy lunch)

Broccoli and Potato Soup

(recipe from Countdown)

Ingredients

- 40g butter
- 1 onion, sliced
- 3 potatoes, peeled, chopped
- 1.5L vegetable stock
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 broccoli head, roughly chopped
- 1½ cups frozen peas
- Salt and pepper, to season
- 2 Tbsp cream
- 2 Tbsp roasted almonds, chopped
- Chopped Italian parsley to serve
- Crusty bread, to serve

Method

- 1 Heat a large saucepan on medium and melt the butter. Add onions and saute for 4-5 minutes, until tender.
- 2 Add potatoes, stock and bay leaf. Bring to a boil on high. Boil for 5 minutes.
- 3 Reduce heat to medium. Add broccoli and simmer, covered, for 2 minutes. Stir in peas and simmer for another minute.
- 4 Transfer to a large heatproof bowl and discard the bay leaf. Using a blender, purée ingredients until smooth. Season to taste.
- 5 Drizzle soup with cream, then top with almonds and parsley. Serve with crusty bread.


Tip: You can make it dairy free by replacing butter with olive oil and omitting the cream.



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



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

CHANGE OF CLUB POSTAL ADDRESS

As of Monday 12 March 2018 the Post Office Boxes at Owairaka are no longer active. New Zealand Post are restructuring their Post Box service in the Auckland area and a number of them have closed or are being transferred to the larger more prominent Post Offices.

Please note the new PO Box number for the North Island Model A Club will be:

**North Island Model A Ford Club Inc.
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Newmarket
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Karen Thomas
Secretary NIM AFC



1931 MODEL A SPORT COUPE

Do you need a little inspiration? These are the "before" and "after" photographs of the Sport Coupe Paul Harless found and restored while on a tour of duty at Minot Air Force Base, in North Dakota. Paul now lives at Edwards A.F.B., in California, where the car is receiving considerate attention after being pampered with all sorts of goodies such as winter-front, oil gauge, clock mirror, ash receptacle, bud vases, and the like. Hike on out to the garage and take another look at that heap!