

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

Chapter Members of:



## MODEL A TORQUE

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Wenderholm Regional Park, Auckland, NZ



Welcome to the North Island Model A Ford Club Inc.

The purpose of our club is to enjoy, restore, preserve and protect the Model A Ford automobile and to foster a spirit of good fellowship and family participation through the use of the Model A Ford.

Membership is open to anyone with a sincere interest in the Model A Ford. Ownership is not a prerequisite.

Website: [www.modelafordclub.co.nz](http://www.modelafordclub.co.nz)

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## “A” Captain’s Comment

Best wishes to all our members as we embrace the new year and the action to come. So far, we have enjoyed exotic weather and activities at Onehunga Bay and Wenderholm. Experiences that will be remembered by all participants for a variety of reasons good and not so good. These events are the accumulation of many hours of rigorous work by your committee and I thank them for their passion and perseverance as they endeavour to put together a great itinerary for the impending period. Next Sunday it is the Ellerslie Concourse display. Move over for Henry’s “A”.

Thoughts, over the new year period as to how the Club may progress towards our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, has opened many volumes and ideas of how we may assist our members achieve more. These need to be discussed. This is a serious issue as we and our “As” grow older and our circumstances possibly change. It is not that we don’t enjoy what we are doing but how we may do it better for ourselves and potentially those behind us. Please give some time to considering the future club direction and discussion with committee members is always open to you. An open forum later in the year will be held along with a simple session on catching up with the new technology in our lives.

Yes! we may have to Double-D- Clutch to change gear and ensure the engine speed is aligned with the road speed as life changes but few of us in reality object to a ride in a Modern.

Cheers, Hugh



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

Barry Hoffman, **Taupo**

Peter and Lynnette Ingram, **New Plymouth**

Shane and Claire Blackwell, **Auckland**

We hope you enjoy the Club and join us at a Club Event soon.

## A Note from your Treasurer

**A friendly reminder.** There are still a substantial number of outstanding annual subscriptions for the Club's financial year, 1 September 2017 – 31 August 2018. Payment details are in the October newsletter (emailed 12 October) and November newsletter (emailed 8 November). If you can't locate, let me know and I'll resend.

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### Tom Brough

This late item is being written on Saturday 3 February as Club member Tom Brough departs Auckland for Invercargill, in his 1931 Roadster. Tom plans to arrive in time to check over his car, before he joins *The Great NZ Fundraising Tractor Trek*, 12 February – 9 March.

A cavalcade of vintage tractors, jeeps, trucks and Tom's lone Model A will trek 2600kms from Bluff to Cape Reinga over 26 days. The Trek is in aid of NZ Hospice, supporting over 16,000 people with life-limiting conditions, completely without charge. Each Trek entrant hopes to raise at least \$5000 sponsorship. Every dollar donated supports the work of local hospices throughout NZ – no fees are deducted.

Tractor Trek is a NZ registered charity. Donations are eligible for tax credit. If you wish, you can support Tom with a donation.

Details      [tractortrek.org.nz/](http://tractortrek.org.nz/)

To donate      <https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/the-great-nz-tractor-trek-2018>

All the best from the Club Tom!

Cheers

**Ralph Levinson**





### MINUTES FROM NIMAFc MEETING

30 January 2018 – 6.45pm

**Apologies:** Nil

**Meeting Chaired by:** Hugh Hulse

With the last meeting being held on 28 November 2017 and the staging of three Club events being held there was always going to be a lot to catch up on.

**Correspondence:** Newsletters received from various outside Clubs which are available for member viewing at any time.

Cancellation of the Coromandel Charity Cruise 17-18 March due to storm damaged roads. (This is not a Club Event but was advertised therefore some members may have registered).

**Treasurers Report:** Cheque Account \$2,723.99; Savings Plus Account \$5,004.01; Term Deposit \$18,823.76.

**New Members:** Welcome to our new members Barry Hoffman, Taupo; Peter & Lynette Ingram, New Plymouth; Shane & Claire Blackwell, Auckland.

**Newsletter Report:** Kay indicated all is going well with newsletter. She would still like members to supply her with content for this. A new Swap Meet section will be an added addition as well as including up-to-date information on Club Events.

**Club Events:** This always takes a lot of time and careful planning. While the Committee can organise Club Events it is IMPORTANT that we receive assistance from Club Members when running these events. If you receive a phone call from our Event Organisers asking for your assistance please help us by saying 'YES'. The more people the less work for everyone. This is your Club.

**Ellerslie Concours & Classic Car Show – 11 February.** This is the first time in the history of the Club that we are able to place 2 cars in the ring. We will also have 6 other cars on display as well as Bruce Stratton's running gear displayed in the gazebo.

**Galaxy of Cars – Western Springs 18 March –** for the first time there will be a gymkhana run by the Model A Club and a theme of 'Posh Picnic' organised by Kay Palmer.

There were many other events and tech nights discussed. As dates allocated have not been confirmed I will leave these until next months report. I can assure you though that the calendar is looking full.

Wenderholm Competitive Run organised by John Castle was a good day enjoyed by all. Plenty of sunshine, swimming, BBQ food and a great selection of 'Mystery Challenges' provided. Well done John.

**General Business:** Discussion on the 2019 Southern Lakes Te Anau National Model A Meet 15-19 April. Bookings are essential if attending. Need to promote. Discussion re transporting of cars to the South Island for those not wanting to drive the distance.

Website: Discussion is still ongoing. Nothing affirmative to report.

Meeting closed: 9.30pm.

Karen Thomas  
Secretary NIMAFc

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## **EVENT OF INTEREST: Sunday 11 February 2018**

### **Intermarque Concours D'Elegance and Classic Car Show, Greenlane, Auckland**

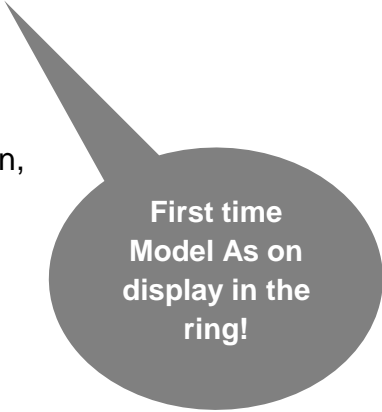
Held at Ellerslie Racecourse, just East of the Greenlane exit of Auckland's Southern Motorway.

A celebration of classic and marque cars, with competitions based on presentation, appearance, originality and excellence.

**Come along and view the NIMAFC Model A entries, as well as other classic cars.**

There will be judged competitions to find the best classic cars in the country.

**Open to the Public 10am to 4pm – Entry \$15 and free for under 12s – Rain or Shine!  
Results of Judging announced approx. 3.30pm**



First time  
Model As on  
display in the  
ring!

## **MARCH Club Events:**

### **March 2018**

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	<b>18</b>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	<b>28</b>	29	30	31	

### **Summary - Important dates:**

- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Club Run and BBQ
- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Galaxy of Cars (Swap Meet, Car Display, Gymkhana, Picnic)
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Club Tech Night

**Mark the dates in your diaries NOW,**

**Please read the following pages for further details.**

## **UPCOMING CLUB EVENT: Sunday 4 March 2018**

### **Club Run to Gannet Colony in Muriwai (Auckland) and onto the Corbett's in Kumeu, Auckland for a BBQ lunch**

**MEET: 10 am** The Huapai Pub/Garden Centre on Highway 16

**CLUB RUN:** Travel over a private road with outstanding views, on our way to the Gannet Colony at Muriwai.

Note: the private road is dependent on local conditions on the day. (Amendments to the route will be given on the day if required).



Source: Wikipedia.org and newzealand.com

The views from the colony are very impressive. A short walking track leads to a viewing platform right above the main colony area. You can watch comings and goings of a busy gannet colony. It's hugely entertaining.

**BBQ LUNCH:** At the Corbett's (Club Members, Jim and Jan's home) in Kumeu - directions and instructions to be given on the day.

**PLEASE BRING:** Your own drink, meat to BBQ and a salad or similar to share.

**PROVIDED:** Coffee, tea and juice will be provided.

**CONTACT:** If you have any questions, please contact Jim Corbett, 027 417 8359

**OUTSTANDING VIEWS AND SCENERY – NOT TO BE MISSED!**

## UPCOMING CLUB EVENT: Sunday 18 March 2018

### Galaxy of Cars/Swap Meet/Gymkhana/Posh Picnic – Western Springs, Auckland

The New Lynn Lions have selected the PIHA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB as the beneficiary of Galaxy of Cars.

This is a well deserving and needing club so please help raise as much money as possible to give them valuable support.

**Entry:** Show Car and Driver are free  
Adults \$12, children 5 to 15 years \$5  
Swap Meet Sites \$15

**North Island Model A Ford Club is running a Gymkhana** (and challenging the Chevrolet Car Club)

**North Island Model A Ford Club will set up a Gatsby style 'Posh' Picnic** – please bring along parasols, picnic baskets, vintage magazines, vintage cameras, vintage china, flower arrangements, vintage table cloths, 1920/30 music or whatever you choose to create an authentic ambiance.

**Committee Contacts:** Kay Palmer (Posh Picnic) and John Castle

**Gymkhana:** Stephen Upson

**MORE DETAILS - NEXT NEWSLETTER**

[Source gatsbysummerafternoon.com](http://Source.gatsbysummerafternoon.com)

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## FROM THE ERA FASHION FILES:

### Fashion at a GATSBY STYLE PICNIC

#### For the Ladies:

- Cloche or a Cloche Brimmed Hat
- Louis style shoes or shoes with small straps
- Fabric in soft colours and pastels
- Dress hems below the knees

#### For the Gentlemen:

- Panama, fedora or boater style hats
- Ties in stripes, dots or paisley
- Vests
- Braces
- Shoes in two tone or brown



## UPCOMING CLUB TECH NIGHT:

Wednesday 28 March 2018

### Bunce Motor Company

Bunce Motor Co. import North American Chev. trucks to convert from left hand to right hand drive.

**Time to Meet:** 6pm to 6.30pm

**Address:** 139 Wairau Rd, Glenfield, Auckland

**Contact:** Bruce Stratton Mobile 027 485 3634 Email: [brucestratton@xtra.co.nz](mailto:brucestratton@xtra.co.nz)





## UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR:

### North Island Model A Ford Club Events – 2018

Sunday 4 March	Club Run
Sunday 18 March	Galaxy of Cars/Swap Meet/Gymkhana/Posh Picnic
Wednesday 28 March	Club Tech Night
Saturday 21 July	Mid-Winter Christmas – Ryders Theatre, Avondale, Auckland
Saturday 25 August	Prize giving - Auckland

The above are confirmed dates – further Events are being planned. More information in the Next Newsletter.

### OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST



**Wednesday 14  
February to Sunday 18  
February 2018**

#### **Art Deco Festival - Napier**

*A popular event  
supported by many of  
our Club Members.*

**Saturday 24 February 2018 (Evening)  
7pm to 11pm**

**1920's Prohibition Party** – MOTAT (Museum of Transport and Technology), Auckland. \$20 per Adult. The party brings the popular 1920 period back to life. See [www.motat.org.nz](http://www.motat.org.nz) to purchase tickets online, up until the start of the Event. See photos of last year's event on the website. A chance to dress up Era style.

### EVENTS ON THE HORIZON

<b>15 to 19 April 2019</b>	National Rally NZ – Te Anau
<b>2021</b>	National Rally NZ - Gisborne
<b>2022</b>	NIMAFC 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## SWAP MEETS

The Chevrolet Enthusiasts Club of New Zealand presents

# PUKEKOHE SWAP MEET 2018

- ✓ All day car show
- ✓ Food stalls
- ✓ Something for everyone!
- ✓ General Admission \$5 per Day
- ✓ Stall Holder's Sites \$40 all Weekend
- ✓ Sunday Stall Holder's Sites \$10

After 43 Years, The Pukekohe Swap Meet is on the move to the Pukekohe Indian Community Centre 59 Ward St, Pukekohe

**MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> 2018**  
**GATES OPEN 7AM SATURDAY, 8AM SUNDAY**



For further information and site bookings, contact Rob: (027) 495-5567  
*Gates open 2pm Friday for Stall Holders*

**Note: The change of venue – see details above (Now at 59 Ward St, PUKEKOHE)**

### North Island Swap Meets - 2018

Date	Town/Region
24 February	Wellsford
17 March	Levin
22 April	Whangarei
8 July	Rotorua
6 October	Fielding

### South Island Swap Meets - 2018

Date	Town/Region
18 March	Gore
5 May	Ashburton
1 September	Waimate
12 to 14 October	Christchurch

**For more information, please drop Errol a line:**

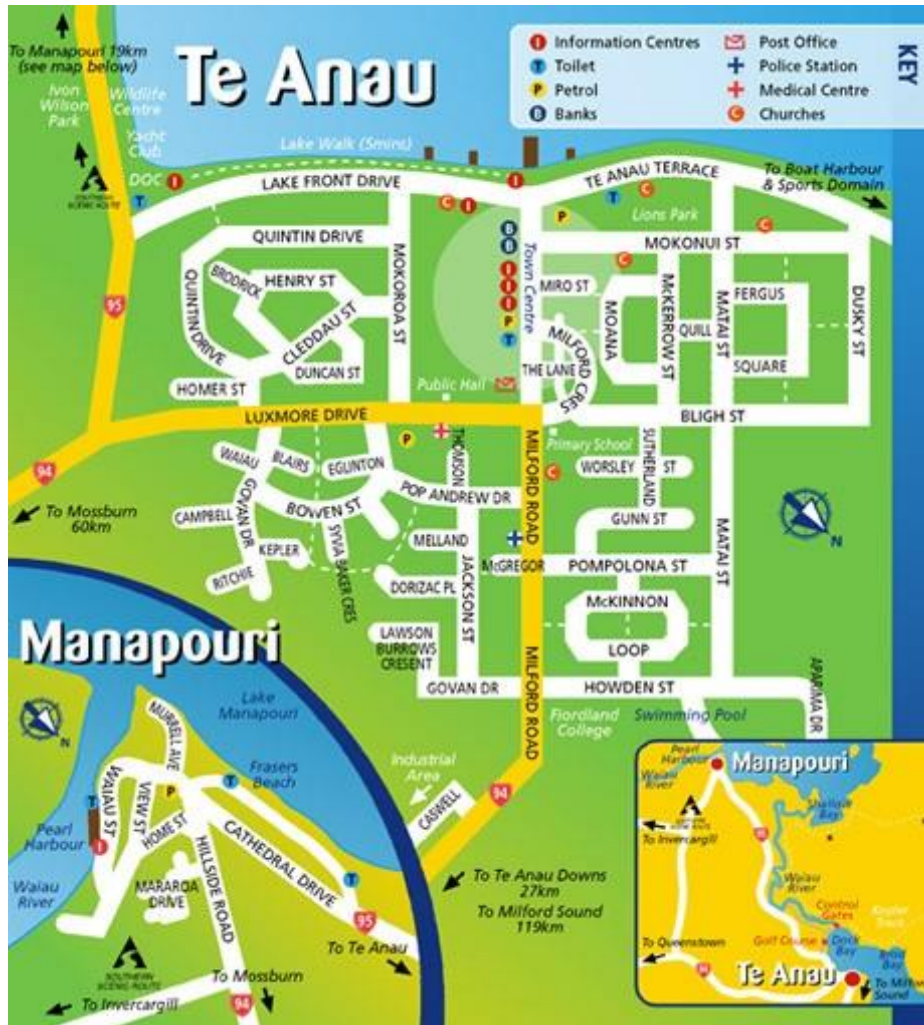
Email: [errolmac@xtra.co.nz](mailto:errolmac@xtra.co.nz)

Or Mobile 027 4543 983

## Model A Ford Rally News

# SOUTHERN LAKES TE ANAU MODEL A NATIONAL MEET 15 – 19 APRIL 2019

**Location Map:** The venue is the 'Public Hall' identified on Luxmore Drive.



- If you are interested in attending the Rally, it is recommended you Register Now.
- Please read the Early bird Newsletter on the following page, with dates and events.
- Booking accommodation in advance, is highly recommended.

### Expressions of Interest:

- North Island Model A Ford Members, wishing to travel South to the Rally together (or transport vehicles)
- North Island Model A Ford Members interested to drive or tour in a coach to Milford Sound

Please contact Hugh Hulse (NIMAFC Club Captain) or a Committee Member.

### START PLANNING NOW!



**SOUTHERN LAKES TE ANAU MODEL A NATIONAL MEET  
15 – 19 APRIL 2019  
EARLYBIRD NEWSLETTER NO. 1 – SEPTEMBER 2017**

Thank you for your Earlybird Registration to our Southern Lakes Te Anau Model A National Meet in April 2019.

Our main venue for the week is the Real Journey's Fiordland Community Events Centre, located at 20-22 Luxmore Drive, Te Anau. We are well underway with the planning programme and are able to confirm the following dates and events:

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Venue Open from 4pm for Rally Packs, Official Opening and Welcome Dinner
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	"Lake to Lake" Rally to Walter Peak Lunch at Walter Peak Station Evening – Own arrangements
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Judging, Town Parade & Public Day Happy Hour, Hubley Derby and Dinner at Main Venue
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Couple of rally options – tar-sealed route to coastal Southland, or challenging Run to Borland Saddle & South Arm (will be weather and road condition dependent) Evening – Final Dinner & Prizegiving
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Farewell Breakfast

As Te Anau is a busy little township, we recommend booking your accommodation as soon as possible. There are plenty of accommodation options – from holiday homes, motels, camping grounds etc. Most will be within walking distance of the venue – a Te Anau town map is attached for your info. The Destination Fiordland website offers an extensive range of accommodation options and online booking service – <https://www.fiordland.org.nz/where-to-stay/>. If you do need any further assistance with accommodation, please phone the Fiordland I-Site on 03 249 8900 or email them at [fiordlandi-site@realjourneys.co.nz](mailto:fiordlandi-site@realjourneys.co.nz).

Please be aware that Te Anau will be hosting the very popular Highland Festival over Easter 2019 (Good Friday is 19<sup>th</sup> April) so pressure will be on accommodation over that Easter period.

Also we strongly recommend that if you wish to travel into Milford Sound, you book with a commercial coach operator, as the road is always busy with foreign tourists and can be a nightmare!

We look forward to seeing you and your Model A's in the Deep South in 2019.

Regards  
Leone Ward  
Secretary

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**Other Key Contacts:**

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Treasurer	Sue MacPherson	<a href="mailto:ewansue4@gmail.com">ewansue4@gmail.com</a>	



## **Adventures in the 'A'**

### **Wenderholm Club Run and Picnic**

On Sunday January 21st 2018 we met up with many Model A's at the BP Service Centre on the Northern Motorway for a tour through beautiful rural back blocks, ending up at Wenderholm for a BBQ. There were approx.14 cars that participated in the touring part.

Unfortunately, Marty and Anne's car had other ideas and began overheating so they went the easy way.

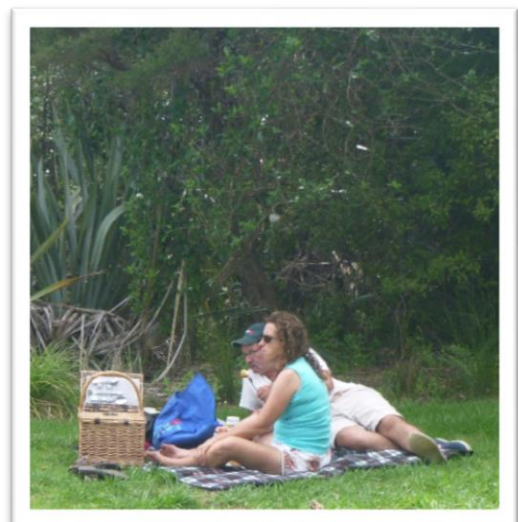
The run was notable for the beautiful scenery and for us missing most of the silent checks (The Jordans). By lunchtime there were 15 Model A's and several moderns ready to enjoy lunch, cooked steak and mushrooms (ugh I hate Mushrooms-Diane).

The weather was perfect and "find the treasure" was won by Anne Marie Hulse. There was a memory test-memorise a large board for 20 seconds then write down as many objects on it as possible. Bit of a challenge!!!

A great day - thank you Mary and John Castle.

**À bientôt**

**Diane and Stuart (NIMAFC Members)**



**Photo Gallery – Wenderholm Regional Park**



**The Stayers!**

# One for the LADS

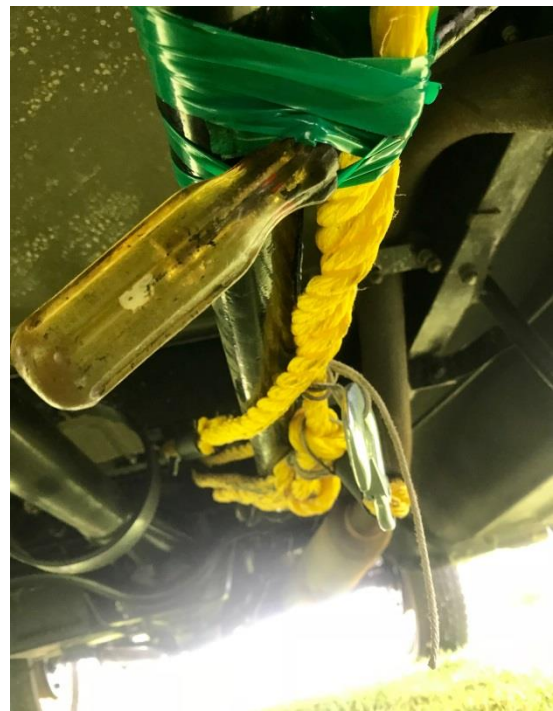
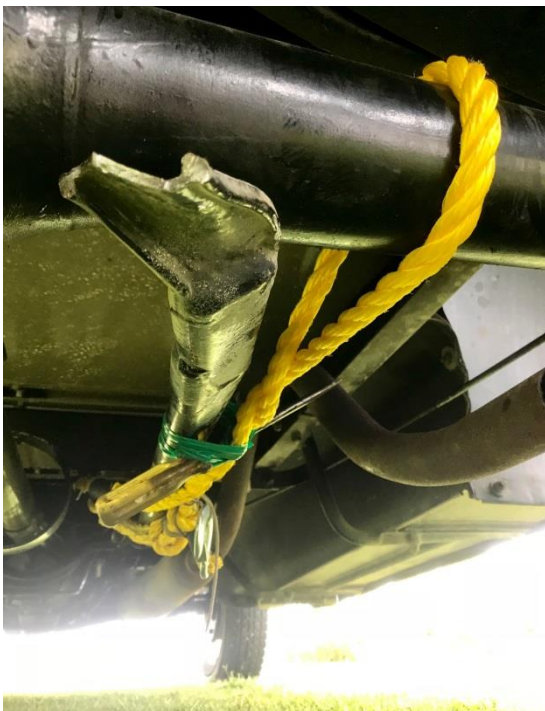
Ralph Levinson

En route to Wenderholm during the recent Competitive Run organised by John Castle and Rob Brown, Jenny and I came across Steve Driver and Gavin Leckner at the side of the road. Unfortunately, Gavin's smart 1928 AR Roadster had snapped a radius arm near the right rear backing plate.

Steve was eyeing up some No. 8 fencing wire to support the broken radius arm, but happily we were able to substitute with a towrope. What followed was a very effective Leckner and Driver System (LADS) repair. The floating radius arm needed strapping to the exhaust system to get Gavin back on the road. This was achieved with the towrope, tape, a screwdriver and vice grips – left in place to tension the rope.

The Roadster continued to Wenderholm at a steady pace. Gavin felt he could have limped home later, but made use of his AA Plus membership for a ride home by truck. Another reminder of the excellent \$49.00 value to upgrade an AA membership to AA Plus.

Well done to two resourceful LADS.



**It's moments like these you need Minties.....**

**'Roadster Breakdown Challenge' – Wenderholm Club Run**

**Marty Perkinson (NIMAFC Auditor)**



**VS**

**Gavin Leckner (NIMAFC Past Vice Captain)**



**Editor's comment:**

*The photos show the camaraderie of our Club and willingness to help.*

*I didn't realise the club's handbrake award was so highly contested!*



# Visit to David Nordell's Vintage & Veteran Restorations

The 2017 Christmas Function weekend in Te Awamutu, included a Sunday morning visit to a very talented vintage and veteran car restorer, David Nordell.

David's business is based in Flat Road, near Kihikihi, 6kms from Te Awamutu. He had obligingly parked his 1938 Riley Adelphi near the road as a marker and our convoy of around 25 Model A's filled the surrounding field in soldierly lines.

Gavin Leckner introduced David Nordell, who in turn explained he had been involved full-time with vintage and veteran car restoration and maintenance since 1998. Rare automobiles he had worked on included Bugatti, Mercedes, Isotta Fraschini, Sunbeam, Darracq, Delage, Packard, Wills Sainte Claire, Riley ... and others.

David trained as an engineer, fitter & turner and toolmaker. He had a 6-year grounding in the car restoration business working for Wallace McNair's Straight Eight Restorations in Hamilton, where he cut his teeth on high quality restorations before starting his own business.

It was quickly apparent David was nothing short of meticulous about every single component of his restorations. If necessary, he fabricates in-house a complete chassis, manufactures missing/damaged gearbox, differential, half-shafts, hubs, etc parts and produces or repairs high quality coach built bodies.

From memory, David had 3 Bugattis under restoration in his workshop, including a 1937 Type 57. While our much loved Ford Model A's were valued for their simplicity and roadside 'fixability', Bugattis were refined expressions of engineering. For people like myself who had never peered into the open heart of a Bugatti, it was a revelation.

It was difficult to prise around 45 North Island Model A Ford Club members away from this very interesting visit, with a host who clearly strives for perfection. Many thanks David for welcoming us to your business and generously sharing your knowledge and skills. What a privilege!

**Ralph Levinson**

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## Fond Memories Cornwall Park.....

On December the 17th 2017 the annual end of year picnic was held in Cornwall park.



A great turn out, which enabled Maxine and I to catch up with many folk and chat about all sorts under the shade of the magnificent trees that grow in this park. Weather was great, and all appeared to be having a good time.

Cornwall park is of significance to me. I lived for almost three years at 192 Greenlane Road (on the corner of Wheturangi road), in a large house, when flatting there in my misspent early 20s. Cornwall park was just up the road. As was Greenlane Hospital, which lead to a constant stream of nurses living in the house. No complaints from me!

So when Maxine and I finally tied the knot in March 2010, after many years of getting to know each other, it was done on the stone steps just below the kiosk in Cornwall park. Lovely venue, fond memories, and may it never change (much). **Robert Steele (NIMAFC Member)**

## Technical Data

### **INSTRUMENT PANEL LIGHT TOO BRIGHT?**

**By Jim Cannon, 2017 MAFCA Technical Director**

I have always found the instrument panel light on my Model A to be too bright (and too hot – ouch!). I would turn mine on for a few seconds, and then turn it right back off. Here is a simple fix: put a 12-volt, 3 candle power tail light bulb in your 6-volt Model A instrument panel. That would be a Number 76 bulb, available at any auto parts store. Instead of being so bright, it will glow a nice, soft orange colour because it is operating at half the voltage it was designed for. Once your eyes get used to the dark, it gives all the light you need to see the instruments. You will gladly leave it on for the entire night's drive.

PS The bulb number to do this on a car that has been converted to 12-volt is a Number 263 bulb. Harder to find, usually a special order.





## INVITATION TO JOIN



### Model A Ford Club of America

MAFCA has announced the continuation of their Free New Membership Programme for 2018. Jay McCord, MAFCA Membership Director is urging you to enlist people who have a Model A or a keen interest in the hobby.

With this program it is their plan to strengthen the Chapters by adding many new members to the Club. You have no limit on the number of free members. We just ask that you offer this deal to people who have a high probability of being with us for years to come.

#### Membership Benefits

The *Restorer* magazine (6 issues per year)

Technical Support (free via mail or email) MAFCA also produces publications for sale including: Restoration Guidelines & Judging Standards; Paint and Finish Guide;

Hardware Standards; A series of publications on How to Restore Your Model A;

Era Fashion Guidelines and a number of other publications related to the Model A Ford and its era.

View the MAFCA website [www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com) and look for yourself. If you wish to take up this free offer please contact me, you won't regret your decision.

Karen Thomas, Secretary

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**Model A Quiz**



The questions are multiple choice. Please choose one of the four selections.

1. **If the distributor rotor does not turn when cranking the engine, the most probable cause is a**
  - a. Broken camshaft
  - b. Sheared oil pump shaft
  - c. Broken timing gear
  - d. Broken fan belt
  
2. **“End-play” of the camshaft is prevented by a**
  - a. Snap-ring retainer
  - b. Coil spring pressed against timing gear
  - c. Set of retainer bearings
  - d. Gear on the oil pump drive shaft
  
3. **What prevents battery current from flowing back through the generator when the engine is not in motion**
  - a. Battery ground cable
  - b. Cut-out
  - c. Condenser
  - d. Ignition switch
  
4. **A leaking “intake manifold seal” will be evident by**
  - a. Hard starting
  - b. Engine not idling
  - c. Slow acceleration
  - d. All of the above
  
5. **An overheating engine while driving is usually first noticeable by the**
  - a. Sound of the engine
  - b. Jerking of the car
  - c. Engine back-firing
  - d. Loss of speed
  
6. **In the event both headlights and tail light bulbs all burn out, it is most probable the**
  - a. Bulbs were all bad
  - b. Cut-out would not open
  - c. Horn button shorted the light switch
  - d. Battery cables are loose
  
7. **If the horn motor works properly and adjustment screw has no effect, the**
  - a. Knob on the diaphragm is worn off
  - b. Lock nut on the rotor wheel is loose
  - c. Bug screen is clogged
  - d. Electrical wires are reversed

## Model A Quiz – continued



The questions are multiple choice. Please choose one of the four selections.

8. If the gas gauge stays in only one position, it is usually caused by the
- Gauge rod lodged against the filler neck screen
  - Float not rotating on the gauge rod
  - Gauge indicator pressing against the glass
  - Pivot point binding
9. Pliers and baling wire will be the most help in
- Changing and repairing a flat
  - Adjusting emergency brakes
  - Timing engine
  - Choking carburetor when cranking
10. The easiest way to detect a hole burned through a piston is to
- Press a screw driver firmly against the engine block
  - Check for blow-by through the crankcase breather
  - Retard spark and see if engine stops
  - See if engine backfires at high RPM

**Answers – Next Newsletter**

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## Restorer Magazines available to borrow– please contact John Castle

Restorer Magazines from MAFCA, a collection kindly donated to the Club by Allan Minson (Foundation and Life Member).

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

Please contact: John Castle if you wish to borrow  
Phone: 09 4794135 or Mobile: 021957032



## THE BIG REVEAL.....

### Who am I?



When I was a young boy, our family owned a 1929 Ford Phaeton. We were about the only car owners in the street (at Otahuhu). No one had a phone or a refrigerator.

I can recall sitting in the driver's seat, while my Dad operated the crank handle in front. I was adjusting the Advance and Retard stalks as instructed.

Turning was interesting with an arm to be stuck out through the gap in the buttoned down window.

Passengers usually had a rug around their knees.

When Dad went overseas in the War, he put the vehicle on blocks. I used to play in the vehicle in his absence. As far as I can recall, I did no damage.

**Graham Upson, Club member since 1991, and part owner of a 1929 Ford Phaeton (not the same one as above!).**

#### *Editors comment:*

Thank you for sharing your childhood memories Graham.

Graham recently celebrated his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. He regularly attends the annual NIMAFC Prize Giving Dinner with his wife Zoe.

## A Ride in a 1930 Roadster.....

### Rajend & Rajiv Chaudhary

Rajend Chaudhary in Fiji, is our only off-shore Club member. As a schoolboy, his son Rajiv helped his Dad rebuild their 1930 Roadster from its rusted and forlorn condition, to a very smart car. Rajiv, his wife and son have now moved to Auckland and by happy coincidence, were in Cornwall Park on the day of our pre-Christmas Club get-together. Rajiv saw the Model A's and by a chance remark to Club member, Ralph Levinson, the connection between Rajiv's father, Rajend, and our Club was established.

An obliging Lionel Rogers took a very excited Rajiv and son Jaiden, for a ride in his 1930 Roadster.

Rajend has since visited Auckland – he too was thrilled to ride in Lionel's Roadster. Currently the family are considering the future of their Roadster, not driven for many years. It's the only Model A in Fiji – traffic stopped when it drove through Suva.





## SUNSHINE REPORT

by  
Karen Thomas  
*Club Secretary*

It was a pleasure visiting some of our past and present members over the Christmas period. I am very pleased to report that generally everyone is well. It is really therapeutic relaxing and chatting about the good ol' times with our older members. These members are no longer able to come along and join us in our adventures but some still enjoy reading the newsletter and following the Model A fraternity.

Hugh Stephens was well and is now resident in the Fairview Retirement Village, North Shore following a fall. At first he did not recognise me but he sure remembered the Model A truck and his fun times.

Maggie Mitchell, wife of Andy Mitchell who passed away suddenly a few months ago is doing well and has purchased a campervan so she can holiday with little Stu. We wish them well on their travels. She wishes to thank those who assisted her in her time of need.

Many people prefer not to be named in this report but they know who they are and I will respect their wish.

On behalf of Club Members, I wish them well and say 'Keep Smiling' then people do not know what you are up to.



## Looking for a gift idea (or treat yourself)?

From Club Member, Anne Perkinson.....

I thought Model A'ers may be interested in the following. Martin got this iPhone cover for Christmas.

There were several options available, very unique and reasonably priced.

The website is [www.photobox.com.au](http://www.photobox.com.au)



### Editor's comment:

*Thank you Anne for sharing this idea. Go the Model A!  
Look out for a Club Member holding 'A' stylish looking iPhone.*

## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

There is no charge for members selling their own items. Items will be advertised 3 times unless renewed or cancelled. Business size commercial ads are \$25 per year.

For business ads contact Ralph Levinson (09) 578 3000.

<p><b>For Sale 1930 Model A Ford Phaeton</b></p>	<p>Current owners for 20 years. Current Rego, WOF, garaged, runs well, tidy condition. Phone Dave 021 2593690 (Dave Collins)</p>
<p><b>Wanted</b></p>	<p>1930 Model A Murray 4 door front door glass. To buy or borrow as a pattern Ph 07 8848551 Thanks Jeff</p>
<p><b>Wanted</b></p>	<p><u>Model A Engine</u> I am keen to recondition a Model A engine, so if someone has an engine that is excess to their requirements and wishes to sell it I would like to hear from you. Almost any condition would be of interest, but preferably one with as close to original piston sizes and with a good crankshaft and no cylinder cracks would be ideal. Many thanks, John Ross, Auckland Phone <u>021437267</u> or email: <u>jr@acrostic.co.nz</u></p>
<p><b>For Sale</b></p>	<p><b>Model A Parts (various)</b> Please refer to the list published in previous Newsletters.  Alan is happy to discuss price and says he wants to sell all the items. Contact details, <u>alan@minson.co.nz</u>, Phone 09 521 5111, Mobile 021 327 119.</p>

## AUCKLAND CAMS

[www.aucklandcams.co.nz](http://www.aucklandcams.co.nz)

Camshaft Machine Shop

Unit 1, 32 Moselle Ave

Henderson, Auckland

Henry van Vugt

Mobile 0274 -860400

[aucklandcams@xtra.co.nz](mailto:aucklandcams@xtra.co.nz)

Courier Delivery address

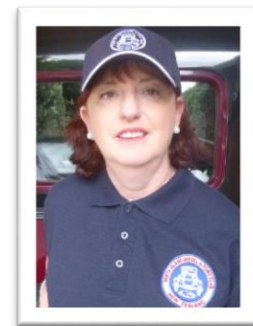
251 Don Buck Road, Massey, Auckland

Competition/Race/Rally/Performance Camshafts

## From the NIMAFC Editor:

A Bumper Newsletter this month, so plenty to read. Please pay particular attention to the important information, on Upcoming Events. Also, forward planning for the Te Anau Rally in April 2019.

Thank you to all the Club Members who have contributed articles, reports and photos. Keep them coming! It's your Club, and a Newsletter helps to keep a Club together. Communication is very important, to keep all informed.



With the Newsletter now complete, time to start packing my Era Outfits for the Art Deco Festival in Napier. Looking forward to the Festival, and I hope to see some of you there too.

See you next month, with the March Issue!

**Best Wishes, Kay Palmer (NIMAFC Newsletter Editor)**

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

## Miscellaneous Ramblings

### Old black and silver Registration Plates

If you have an un-registered Ford Model A (or any other old car) with the old black and silver plates, it may be possible to re-register your car using these plates.

In certain circumstances NZTA will allow the re-registration of a vehicle, using its older-style black and silver plates. The following conditions apply –

- The number on the plates must still be available and not in use as a personalised plate.
- The plates must be in good condition.
- You must prove they were the plates issued to the vehicle, when the registration was cancelled. The best evidence is the Certificate of Registration, old insurance documents, a WoF check-sheet, repair certifications, photos of the plates in their current state.

This provision only applies if you are re-registering your vehicle. For example, if your vehicle is currently registered with modern plates, but previously had the older-style black and silver plates, the black and silver plates cannot be re-issued. More details on [www.reuseofplates@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:www.reuseofplates@nzta.govt.nz)

### Rear view mirror

From the December 1993 newsletter, the following highlights, reprinted from the 1973 Christmas Edition newsletter-

#### **20 Years ago - Xmas Edition 1973.**

Peter Harvey devised a club badge - eventually it was agreed to and is basically the same today.

There was a page showing Dulux - Duco paint equivalents for Model A's.

East Coast Ford, Australia - prices for A parts - Mufflers \$22.50, Tyres \$29.00, Kingpin sets \$19.50, Red Steering Wheels \$45.00, Gasket Sets \$13.50, and Hub caps \$3.50 were just some of the prices!!

The club's Xmas party was to be held at Rene Dunn's batch at Mairangi Bay beach.

In Dec a run to the Waitakeres with a visit to the Cascade waterfalls.

A Profile on member Adrian Irwin with his 1930 Roadster appeared also. (since moved to Aussie)

### Restore your overalls

Overalls almost black with oil and grease? Soak them in Sard Degreaser - available from your supermarket. Add 2 lidsful to 7 litres of warm water in a bucket or tub. Ensure the powder is fully dissolved, then submerge the overalls overnight. Squeeze out the (very black) water the next day and wash separately in your washing machine. Important. Use **Sard Degreaser**, not Sard Stain Remover (a different product).

### Mike Lloyd

Mike Lloyd is now the guardian of his late father, John Lloyd's, 1932 Roadster. As a teenager, Mike helped his dad rebuild the car, so is very pleased it's remained in the family.