

NORTH ISLAND MODEL A FORD CLUB INC. - NEW ZEALAND

Chapter Members of:



MODEL A TORQUE

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Hill climb on a private farm track, to Muriwai and the Gannet Colony, 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

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From the Vice

Hi folks,

Well with Hugh off overseas for a while, it's up to me to put something together to fill the Club Captain spot.

The most recent times has seen our club present at the Greenlane Concourse show. We were present at the inner circle for the first time ever for judging in the team's event, but circumstances conspired against us and one of our chosen vehicles due to weather was not able to be on site, however Stuart Jordon was persuaded to fill the gap with his 1930 Roadster and alongside Glenn Morris and his immaculate 1929 Phaeton where we were seen by the masses who braved some of the worst weather we had seen this year.

Elsewhere on site we had a club display of 6 other vehicles including Bruce Stratton's impeccably prepared running chassis complete with front fenders, valances, & running boards well done all.

Next and most recent we had a club run to a farm track run set by Jan & Jim Corbett into the back blocks of Kumeu and on to a farm track, well what a view 180 deg from top of the Bombay's to the Brynderwyns and everything in between. Then off to the Corbett ranch for a combined lunch. Well done the Corbett team.

Enough from me, so keep on A ing!

Cheers Errol McAlpine



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

Mike & Lee Coyle, **Pukekohe**

Adrian & Jackie Tulloch, **Dairy Flat, Albany**

Errol & Beverley McLintock, **Silverdale**

Hope to see you at a special event on Sunday 15 April, organised for new/newish Members to come along and meet other Model Aers in the club, to be held at Eden Gardens in Auckland.

Please come along and see what a friendly club we are. More details in the Upcoming Events section and Newsletter next month.

Treasurer's Report

Almost all subscriptions for the Club's current financial year have been received. Thanks everyone.

In the February newsletter I mentioned the intrepid Tom Brough was driving his Model A Roadster to Bluff to join "Tractor Trek", raising funds for the very worthy Hospice New Zealand. We can all be very proud of Tom ... not only did he drive the Roadster singlehandedly from Auckland south to Bluff, but then north to Cape Reinga *and* back to Auckland. Thus driving the length of NZ *twice*; 2600kms *each way*!

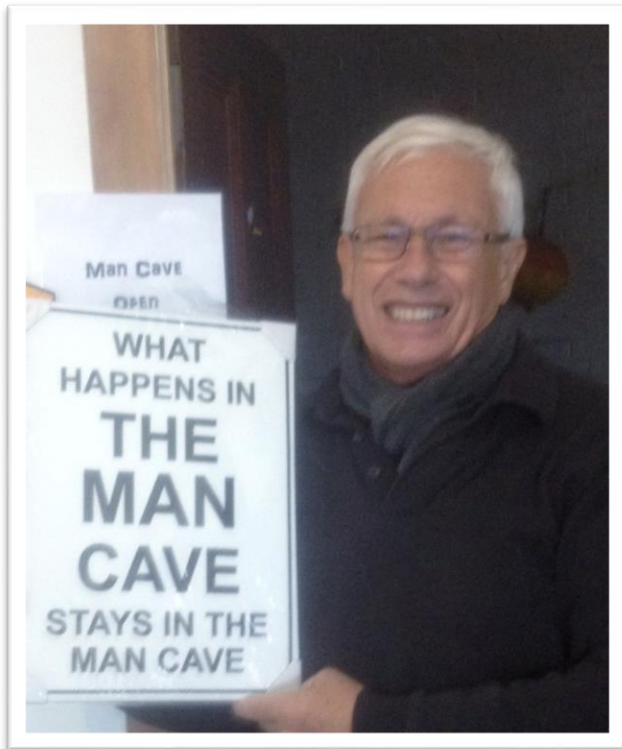
Tom says his Model A went extremely well, despite numerous river crossings and back road driving. On one occasion a WWII jeep 'died' in a river, but his Model A continued stoically on. Another time the car refused to start, following heavy rains in the South Island. Trek participants were about to board the Cook Strait ferry. Solution ... tow the Model A onto the ferry (plenty of towing vehicles on hand) and sort out the minor problem in Wellington. The pipe to his oil filter broke on another occasion, spraying oil everywhere; fortunately, a local garage mechanic made up a replacement in 30 minutes and refused to accept any payment. Early Fords Rule!

When we first bought our 1930 Phaeton, Terry Costello gave me a very simple, but useful, hint. When you take your petrol cap off, put it in your pocket. Thanks Terry, your advice has likely saved me driving off with the cap left on the running board. Probably too, on more than one occasion.

Thanks to advice from the very knowledgeable Justin Bicknell, I now have details of Model A's imported into NZ. In the next newsletter I'll compare this with Model A's still on the NZ Transport Agency Register. I think you'll find it interesting.

Best wishes all fellow Model A'ers. Hopefully Jenny and I will catch up with many of you at the Galaxy of Cars, Western Springs, Sunday 18 March.

Ralph Levinson



SUNSHINE REPORT

With another month gone by we now enter Autumn, a beautiful time of the year with cooler months and the amazing colours of falling leaves. I am pleased to say I have not been informed of any members who are unwell but if you are feeling blue – keep your chin up there is always a brighter day ahead.

Let's spare a thought for those members who I know suffered damage to their homes with the recent floods in the Thames/Coromandel area. I cannot comprehend what they must be going through. The thought of clearing out all that mud and water from your home and living in an upheaval must be so frustrating. We are thinking of you all at this time.

"Don't find fault find a remedy" **Henry Ford**

Karen Thomas
Secretary, NIMAFC

Happy St Patrick's Day



MINUTES FROM NIMAFc MEETING

06 March 2018 – 6.30pm

Apologies: Hugh Hulse

Meeting Chaired by: Errol McAlpine

Correspondence: Newsletter received from Chevrolet Club and MAFCA Restorer magazine. These are available for Club members to read.

Club trailer registration received from N.Z. Transport Agency.

Information received for Galaxy of Cars and Steel n Wheels Waiuku.

9 resignations received.

Outwards Correspondence: Nil

Treasurers Report: Cheque Account \$4,230.22; Savings Plus \$5006.03; Term Deposit \$18,823.76

New Members: Welcome to our new members Mile & Lee Coyle, Pukekohe; Adrian & Jackie Tulloch, Dairy Flat; Errol & Beverley McLintock, Silverdale.

Newsletter Report: We will be reverting to the old A4 format of newsletter for those who receive posted newsletters. The print of the new booklet format, tried last month, was found to be too small and hard to read. Kay Palmer, our Editor, thanks members for the good articles she has been receiving. Keep it up!

Club Events: A lot of time is given to discussing Club Events as the planning of these is so important. Unfortunately the Tech Night we were holding at **Bunce Motors** on 28 March has been **deferred** due to the non-arrival of cars for their showroom. These cars were arriving from Canada but because of the extreme weather conditions over there have not been despatched. However we have replaced the night with an evening at **Pioneer Aviation**, Ardmore. See club events page and keep an eye for the flyer for more details.

Visit to **Eden Gardens** in April discussed, Shaun Bellamy to organise this for month of April.

Galaxy of Cars, Western Springs 18 March. Stephen Upson will be in charge of the Gymkhana challenge with the Chevrolet Club. Assistance for the running of this will be required by members. Kay Palmer will organise the tea party / posh picnic theme. John Castle / Kay Palmer committee contacts for this event.

General Business:

Thank you to Jim and Jan Corbett for the successful run they put on out to Gannet Colony and the BBQ afterwards.

Website discussion was placed on hold until Hugh Hulse returns.

It was felt a committee person should be allocated the responsibility of running of an event. There is no point in holding an event if there are no committee members available on the day.

Now have a roster of dates when Committee personnel will be away.

Meeting Closed 9.00pm

Next Meeting: 03 April 2018

Karen Thomas
Secretary NIMAFc

Phone: (09) 443 5253 or 027 419 0191
Email: mosseykar@gmail.com

On behalf of your
Committee I wish you all a
Happy and safe Easter.



Happy Easter



NEXT EVENT: Sunday 18 March 2018

Galaxy of Cars/Swap Meet/Gymkhana/Gatsby style (Posh) Picnic – Western Springs Stadium, Auckland

Start time and Entry:

Entrance through the top gate on Old Mill Road, off the top of the Bullock Track. **Gates open at 8am** and all cars must be on site, **no later than 9.30am**. Gates will shut, to avoid car movement on site. Please do not be late arriving.

Show Car Pass:

On arrival at the top gate, collect your 'Pass' to display in your vehicle (look out for the NIMAFC member with the passes). **Our 'Club Site Entry' is C**. Show cars must stay on site until 3pm. Prize giving is at 2pm.

Tickets:

Model A driver is free, Passengers pay as follows, Adults \$12, Children (5 to 15 years) \$5, Swap Meet Sellers \$15, Note: All proceeds go to Piha Surf Life Saving Club.

Event Rules:

No glass on the grassed track area. No alcohol. No dogs.



Gymkhana:

NIMAFC is running a Gymkhana and challenging the Chev Club. Stephen Upson is in charge, aided by designated Marshalls, wearing Hi Viz vests. Please listen and adhere to their instructions at all times. Participants briefing to be held at 9.45am.



Gatsby style (posh picnic):

Please bring a plate of food for a shared picnic. Bring along props in vintage style (as suggested in the Feb Newsletter). Fine china, tablecloths, floral arrangements, whatever can fit easily into your 'A' to transport to the event. Let's set up a fantastic posh picnic!

Dress (for the Ladies and girls)

Era fashion preferred. Or add a string of pearls, or a hat with embellishments. Also, ladies we will have an exchange/buy/sell dress rack for our Club.

Dress (for the Men and boys)

We appreciate not all the men like to dress up in Era gear but maybe add some braces or a hat. Option to wear NIMAFC gear, or a Model A related shirt or cap.



Let's get into the spirit of the 1920's/30s era and the Model A!

The New Lynn Lions have selected the PIHA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB as the beneficiary of Galaxy of Cars. Piha Beach is located on the West Coast of NZ (about 45km from the city centre) and is one of the busiest surf lifesaving patrols in the country. Let's help to raise as much money as possible for this worthy club.

Contacts in the first instance: Kay Palmer 021 0731 542 or Stephen Upson 0274 887721

Assisted by (Committee Contact): John Castle Phone 021 957032

Give this some thought.....

The question has been asked how do we attract new members to our Club?

What has made us purchase a Model A Ford? There are many possible answers to this question.

You saw in the last few Newsletters a photo of an eight-year old boy sitting at the steering wheel of his father's Model A Ford. Was this the time that sparked his interest? Or was it when John Castle had his Model A on show? I do know that when I showed an interest in vintage vehicles, Dad (Graham) and I talked and you guessed it we purchased our first Model A (a 1929 Phaeton which we still own).

Galaxy of cars is an opportunity to show off your Model A and Club. Who knows that eight-year old boy and his father maybe viewing our cars and the activities we get up to. That Model A memory may result in a purchase of a Model A, when the time is right. The activities in the gymkhana are set, to show off your Club as well as having fun with one another.

So I hope to see you there Sunday 18 March, Galaxy of Cars!

Stephen Upson (Past Club Captain 2016/2017)



Graham Upson (Dad)

Upcoming Event Calendar



March 2018

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North Island Model A Ford Club Events – 2018

<p>Sunday 18 March Gates open from 8am!</p>	<p>Galaxy of Cars/Swap Meet/Gymkhana/Gatsby style (Posh) Picnic Western Springs Stadium, Auckland. Club site entry number is 'C'. Entrance Top Gate, Old Mill Road, off the top of the Bullock Track. Model As must enter and be parked inside the stadium and on site no later than 9.30am. (Please do not arrive late, as the entrance gates will close for car entry). More details, Page 5.</p>
<p>Wednesday 28 March Important Update</p>	<p>Club Tech Night 6.30pm – Pioneer Aviation Limited, 540 Corsair Lane, Ardmore Airfield, Papakura, Auckland. Come along and view aircraft restoration.</p>  <p>Club contact and enquiries to: Bruce Stratton, Phone 027 485 3634.</p> <p>Note: The original planned tech night at Bunce Motor Company has been postponed due to the shipping delay of vehicles. Watch this space for a revised date (it will still happen!).</p> 
<p>Sunday 15 April Special Event</p>	<p>Visit to Eden Gardens, 24 Omana Avenue, Epsom, Auckland, 1pm. A room has been hired for our Club. The invite is to all Members, but the emphasis of this event is to encourage New (& Newish) Members of the Club, to come along and meet fellow Club Members in a casual environment. Alan Minson (the NIMAFC first Club Captain) will give an interesting talk on the early beginnings of the Club. There is a Café available on site. More details, next Newsletter. We hope you support this special event.</p> <p>Club contact and enquiries to: Shaun Bellamy, Phone 021 272 2551</p>

Upcoming Event Calendar -- continued

<p>Sunday 29 April</p>	 <p>If you intend coming along to this event, please contact Karen, with 'Names of Members' attending and 'Make of Car'. (Note: all cars need to be documented and supplied to the organisers prior to attending).</p> <p>Karen's contact details (for registration or enquiries):</p> <p>Phone: 027 419 0191 or 443 5253 or email mossekar@gmail.com</p>
<p>Wednesday 2 May</p>	<p>Club Tech Night – further details to be advised</p>
<p>Saturday 21 July</p>	<p>Mid-Winter Christmas – Ryders Theatre, Avondale, Auckland</p>
<p>Saturday 25 August</p>	<p>Prize Giving Dinner – Auckland. An important event for the NIMAFc, mark the date in your diaries now!</p>

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

<p>Sunday 29 July (tentative date)</p>	<p>Henry Ford Memorial Day and Swap Meet, Hamilton (Claudelands Events Centre, Gate 3, Brooklyn Road. Details of the day to be confirmed.</p>
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MAFCA NATIONAL CONVENTION
RENO-SPARKS, NEVADA
JUNE 24 – 29 2018

Hosts: Northern California Regional Group

This is a wonderful opportunity to visit Model A enthusiasts at their best. Information galore – anything you wanted to know about a Model A this is where you will find the answer. For those already attending enjoy yourselves – for those contemplating the idea wait no longer contact Karen Thomas Club Secretary, and the information awaits you. Phone 027 419 0191



For more information – view

<http://ncrgmafca/2018MAFCAConvention/2018index.html>

EVENTS ON THE HORIZON

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

Swap Meets/Parts Sale

THE GREAT CONTAINER CONTENTS SALE

24th & 25th March 2018
Veteran & Vintage parts ltd

2 CONTAINERS FULL OF MIXED USED FORD MODEL A& T PARTS WILL BE OPENED AND PUT OUT ON THE DRIVE –
ALL PARTS WITHIN ARE TO BE SOLD

DOORS OPEN @ 8.30 AM EACH DAY

BBQ WILL BE GOING, TEA, COFFEE ALL-DAY

BOTH CONTAINERS HOLD MIXED MODEL T & A PARTS

SOME PANEL PARTS, LOTS OF MECHANICAL PARTS, CONDITION AS INSPECTED, ALL SALES ARE FINAL NO REFUNDS
EFTPOS AVAILABLE ON THE DAY

WHERE: AT THE PREMISES OF VETERAN & VINTAGE- MODEL A PARTS

AT 1127 SCENIC DRIVE NORTH, SWANSON, AUCKLAND PH 09-8329818 MOB 0274543983

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North Island Swap Meets - 2018

Date	Town/Region
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:

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**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 th April 2019	Venue Open from 4pm for Rally Packs, Official Opening and Welcome Dinner
Tuesday 16 th April 2019	"Lake to Lake" Rally to Walter Peak Lunch at Walter Peak Station Evening – Own arrangements
Wednesday 17 th April	Judging, Town Parade & Public Day Happy Hour, Hubley Derby and Dinner at Main Venue
Thursday 18 th 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 th 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.

Please be aware that Te Anau will be hosting the very popular Highland Festival over Easter 2019 (Good Friday is 19thApril) 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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Treasurer

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Transporting of Model As to South Island

Faced with a dilemma of time constraints and wanting to attend the Wanaka National Rally in 2015 we decided to have our car taken by road transporter to Wellington and returned the same way from Christchurch. There was an option of sea transport via a ship to Lyttleton, but I could not meet the deadline for this and it also required a driver and storage at Christchurch. Rail was another possibility but the car had to be in a container at considerable expense.

Economically the road transport option compares favourably with fuel and accommodation costs for the same journey.

After delivering the Tudor to a depot in Onehunga, Trish and I flew to Wellington a couple of days later. Lo and behold Henrietta was waiting at the Bluebridge terminal when we arrived. Also waiting was an alarming and unusual pool of oil under the car. This from a Model A that is normally well behaved in that department. Other than an oil change at Wanaka almost no oil was used on the trip. I can only assume the car sat on a steep angle for a long time.

After delivery to the Christchurch depot on a Monday afternoon the car was back at Onehunga on Thursday. On collection I found that the luggage rack had collapsed, leaving the trunk hanging by a padlock and stop the truck driver had added. Both back seat squabs were on the floor between the seats. Because the transport company asks that no loose items be stored in the car, things like a spare generator had been put in the trunk so perhaps it was overloaded.

The moral of the story is that if you are thinking of sending your Model A to the South Island via road transport, then accept that it will have a rough ride and possibly be parked at a steep angle for many hours. It also has to be started and driven by someone else on and off the ferry. Knowing the force needed to eject the back seat squabs, I am amazed that the journey could be that rough.

I doubt if I would use a car transporter to take our Model A long distance again. Perhaps if a group wants to use this option for Te Anau, then a deal could be arranged with guaranteed placement on trailers for a hopefully a safer journey.

Rob Brown
(NIMAFC Member)

Some interesting facts (sourced from the Official Visitor Guide 2017)

Lake Te Anau is the largest lake in the South Island and the attractive town of Te Anau lies nestled on the edge of this beautiful lake, with a spectacular backdrop of Mt Luxmore and the Murchison mountains.

Te Anau is the Gateway to Fiordland being the closest town to Milford Sound.

Adventures in the 'A' - Club Run on Sunday 4th March

Spectacular views - a winding farm track to the Muriwai Beach and visit to the Gannet Colony, finishing with a BBQ lunch at the Corbetts

Farmer Con (88 years old) and Barbi Attwood have owned the property for many years.

Thanks to Con, Jim and Jan Corbett for arranging the opportunity for the Model As to drive on the private road (farm track), experiencing breathtaking views of both coasts – the city of Auckland and the west coast. At one viewing point, the harbour bridge and Rangitoto Island were visible in the distance and rotating around you could see the west coast.

The Model As departed from the meeting point in Huapai, in convoy driving the private windy farm track (dodging cow pats), up to a point 600 feet above sea level.

I am told many years ago Kauri Trees would have been on the property.

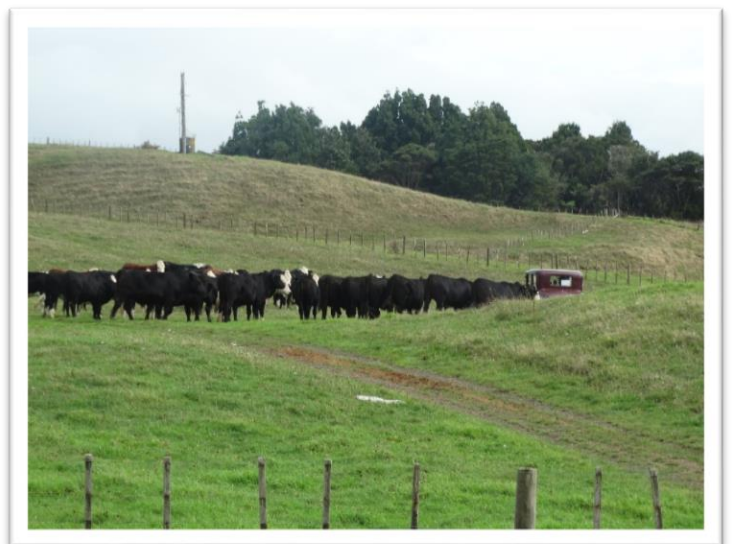
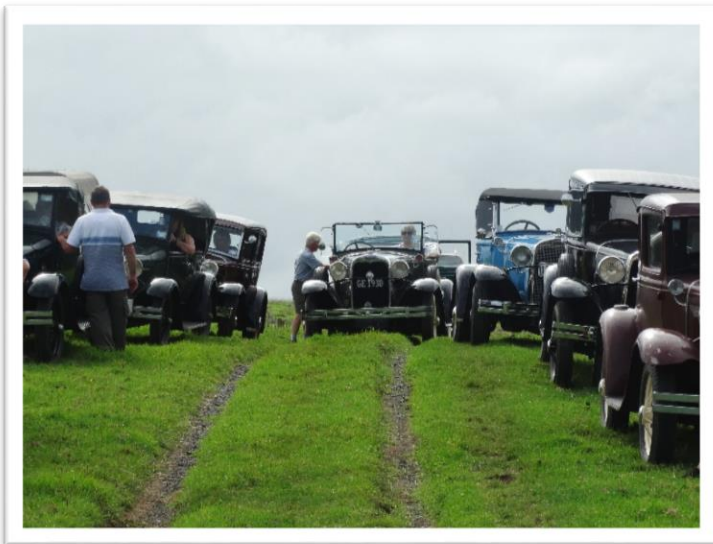
The drive took approximately 45-minutes over the farm track, with rest stops to take in the views on-route.

An amazing view, as we arrived into Muriwai overlooking the beautiful west coast beaches. A chance to take in the coastal views and watch the keen Surfers enjoying the summer day on the sea.

Then onto the Surf Club carpark - impressive line of up of A's parked. For those interested, a shuttle run to view the Gannet Colony. Time to spot the young fluffy feathered gannets.

Then onwards via the Riverhead Forest to Jan & Jim's country property for a BBQ lunch. A great run, spectacular scenery, a time to relax and socialise on a Sunday afternoon, with fellow Model Aers. Thanks Jan & Jim.

Report by NIMAFC Editor, Kay (with comments from Jim Corbett)



Spot the 'A' amongst the cattle!

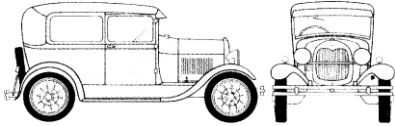
Photo Gallery – Club Run, Gannet Colony



The 1930's Huapai, Auckland



ELLERSLIE CLASSIC CAR SHOW
'Women and the Marque'
SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2018



One hundred years of iconic cars on show from around 70 Auckland car clubs; rare and valuable classic, historic, vintage and new vehicles were all on display but unfortunately gumboots and umbrellas were the order of the day. It was so unfortunate the weather was not in our favour but the spirit of the Club and its members were evident. This was the first year that the Club has displayed 2 Model A's in the ring; Glenn Morris (1929 Phaeton) and Stuart Jordan (1930 Roadster), and it was evident by the interest these cars received that people still appreciate their value and uniqueness.

While these cars and their owners kept dry the 5 remaining cars and their owners braved the wet weather mixing and mingling with the genuinely interested car enthusiasts. Bruce Stratton displayed his 1929 Tudor rolling chassis which he has so meticulously restored. This was on display under the Club gazebo and drew a lot of attention. People were very appreciative at being able to take a close look at the workings of these cars and to see Dads explaining to their son's how a car works when driving and what is connected to what. The Club entrants Errol McAlpine (1928 Pickup), Ralph Levinson (1930 Phaeton), Steve Driver (1929 Woody), Hugh Hulse (1930 Fordor) and David Mossman (1930 Tudor) rounded off the display by the North Island Model A Ford Club.

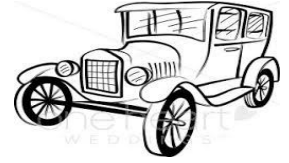


Thank you to all those Club Members who gave their time to this event and also for the assistance shown to many other clubs when their cars were stuck in mud and needed a push. One of the highlights of the day was watching David Mossman tow a 2½ ton Australian owned Packard, previously owned by Amelia Earhart, out of the mud with his Model A. No sweat to a Model A with the owner of the Packard (Ross Marshall) suggesting that no photos be taken of a Model A towing a Packard. His instructions of course were not obeyed. (see story over page)

This was a successful day, weather aside, with many people enquiring about the Club and lots agreeing that these cars were good basic cars where you were able to work on them yourself and did not have to ask a computer guru how to fix them. This was about getting our name out there and we were successful. Stick to the basics guys and you sure will have fun.

Karen Thomas
 Secretary, NIMAFC

Amelia Earhart's Packard – towed by Model A Tudor



New Zealanders had the chance to see the car that pilot Amelia Earhart never got to pick up.

The priceless Packard was custom-built for the aviation pioneer, but she left it at the airport in 1937 when she embarked on the around-the-world trip she never completed.

Its history took many twists from then on.

Ms Earhart mysteriously disappeared on the flight in 1937. The car too had disappeared, but its mystery has now been solved - both her initials, A and E, were marked on the bumper of the car.

Packard is the US' answer to Rolls Royce - two-and-a-half tonnes of luxury. One of just 12 of the model built in 1935 the Packard drives like a dream.

Ms Earhart garaged the car at the airport when she embarked on her ill-fated journey.

"Theoretically she got out of that car and into the aircraft, and this really was her last living asset in the world today," says owner Ross Marshall.

There are dozens of theories about what happened to Ms Earhart. Did she starve to death on a remote atoll, or did she spy on the Japanese military build-up, only to be taken prisoner? "Had she got this information back to the government, Pearl Harbour may never have happened," says Mr Marshall.

Ms Earhart's widower sold the Packard to a notorious gangster before a judge got hold of it. He tinkered with it for 50 years. Then Mr Marshall, an Australian, offered to swap it with a Buick, even before he learned its story.

"The car in its self is a treasure anyway, but to have such a history is just breath-taking," he says. Mr Marshall shipped the Packard back to Australia and took 10 years to restore it. "It was in a million pieces," he says. The car had originally been hand-built specifically to fit the aviator. I would now command a seven-figure price tag, but really it's priceless.

"You look up at the mirror and you say Amelia looked into that mirror, Amelia took up this steering wheel," says Mr Marshall. "It brings tears to your eyes."

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Amelia Earhart's Packard – towed by Model A Tudor

This car was on display at the Classic Car Show, a magnificent car for all to see. Unfortunately, we all know the weather was not in our favour and unfortunately the car got stuck in mud. Model A to the rescue – David Mossman showed everyone the power of a Model A Tudor by towing the Packard out of the mud onto more solid ground. Ross Marshall was mortified when people started taking photos – he could see various stories everywhere and did not want to take away from the grandeur that this car had commanded.

Karen Thomas, Secretary



A photo speaks a thousand words

Photo Gallery – Ellerslie Car Show



'Roadster Breakdown Challenge' – another entry this month

Ross Bolton (NIMAFC Member)



This is Buzzie getting a piggy back home after blowing his foo foo on his way to Art Deco two weeks ago.

I am happy to say he is all up and running as never before.

Just be very careful what type of head gasket you buy.

Rosco happy.

Editor's comment:

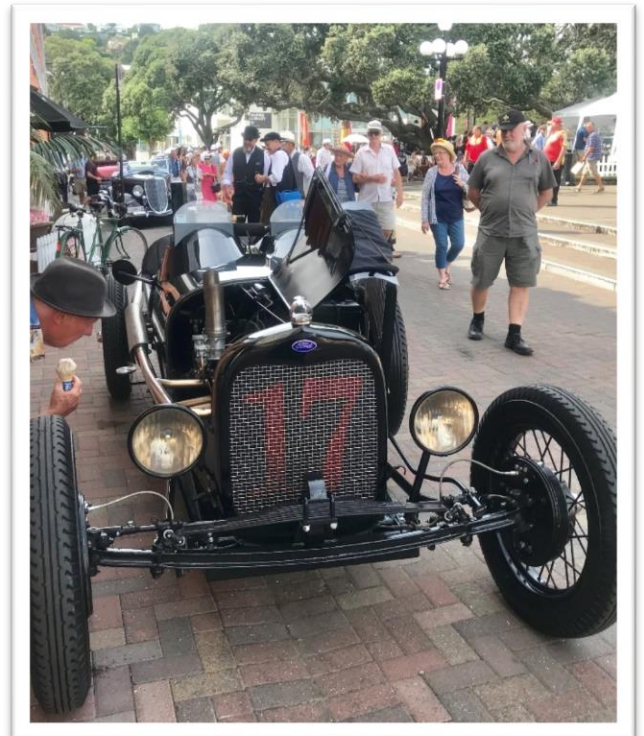
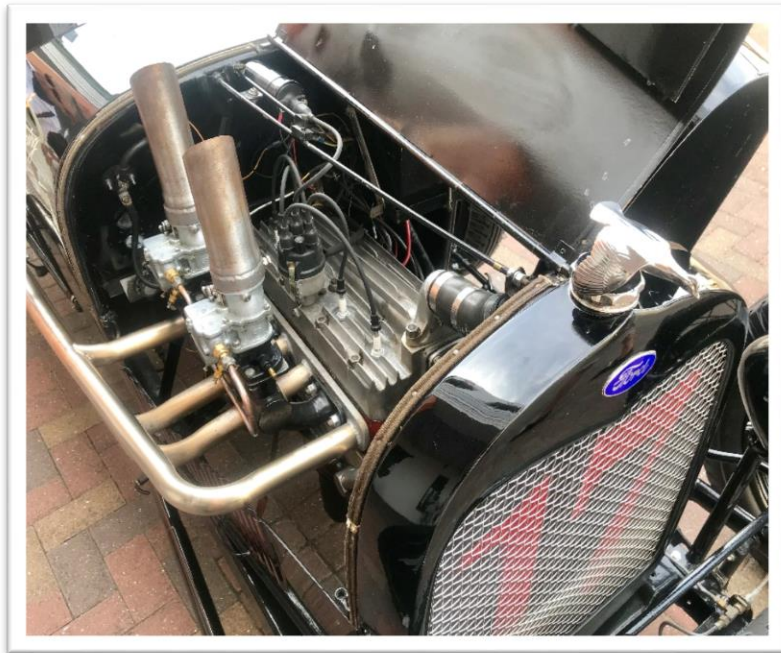
Pleased to see you made it safely to the Art Deco Festival in Napier, Ross.

Roadster Tow Number 2 in 2 weeks! Thanks to Whangaparaoa Towing – maybe they are the Model A towing specialists!

Photos: Art Deco Festival – Napier (14 to 18 February 2018)



Millie the Model A met her match with Roly the Roller, an illustrious Silver Ghost



The Art Deco Festival in Napier attracts more than 40,000 visitors to the seaside city and the surrounding regions.

The festival has a fantastic array of events.

Napier's town centre is recognised as one of the largest collections of Art Deco buildings, outside of Miami.

Photos: Art Deco Festival – Napier (14 to 18 February 2018)



Lunch at Mission Estate



Terry & Joss Costello outside the Masonic Hotel



**Picnic Lunch Stop on Friday 16th February,
Hawkes Bay VCC Rally. Matapiro Station, in
Crownthorpe.**

ERA FASHION: Art Deco Festival, Napier



The 1920s One Hour Dress for Beginners

A month before the Art Deco Festival in Napier, I decided to take on the challenge of making the 1920s one-hour dress. After searching a few websites I decided to try <http://theclosethistorian.blogspot.co.nz/2016/05/make-your-own-1920s-1-hour-dress-step-1.html> which was a modern take on the Mary Brooks Picken original version.

First step is to take measurements bust and the length of the total dress length, second the measurements for the overall dress length and third from the shoulder to the desired waistline and third the measurements from the hips and sleeves. The overall pattern is essentially a rectangle with extra extensions for the sleeves and hip fullness.

Next cutting out the pattern and this is where I went wrong. I was supposed to cut the front and back of the dress using the same pattern on the fold. But some reason I doubled the width of the front and back of the dress. So I carried on sewing the dress and when I showed it to my husband I realised the dress could fit both of us at the same time! So after re-cutting I was back on track to sewing up the dress to the right size for me. One dress down I decided to tackle a dress with a border print pattern. After 4 days of sewing I had two dresses ready for day wear at the Art Deco festival. So what did I learn from my on- hour dress experience, **check and double check your measurements.**

Make a mock-up of the pattern first and if possible a mock-up of the dress, Its essential to add a seam allowance.

And as for making the dress in one hour? well maybe the machine sewing could be completed in one hour but this didn't include any hand sewing of necklines, creating different necklines, sleeves, sashes or any embellishments.

Would I make the one-hour dress again, yes I would now I have the confidence to try different styles.

Editor's Comment:

Thanks for sharing your tips Christine. I know you enjoy being a passenger in the Fordor, you are welcome anytime.

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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 and look for yourself. If you wish to take up this free offer please contact me, you won't regret your decision.

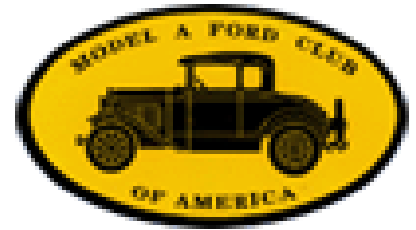
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Model A Quiz



Answers marked in yellow

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

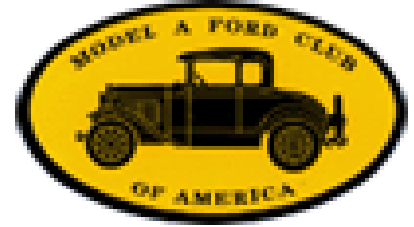
4. A leaking "intake manifold seal" will be evident by
 - a. Hard starting
 - b. Engine not idling
 - c. Slow acceleration
 - d. All of the above

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.

Answers marked in **yellow**

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

Spotted in 'The Restorer' Volume 12, Issue 2 (July-August 1967)

FOR SALE

One Ford car with a piston ring,
Two rear wheels, no front spring,
Has no fenders, seat made of plank,
Burns lots of oil and hard to crank.
Carburettor busted half way through.
Engine missing, hits on two.
Has lots of speed and runs like the deuce,
Burns either oil or tobacco juice.
If you want this car apply within
A helluva good Ford for the shape it's in

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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>Wanted</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>Wanted</p>	<p><u>Model A Engine</u> I am keen to recondition a Model A engine, so if someone has an engine that is excess to their requirements and wishes to sell it I would like to hear from you. Almost any condition would be of interest, but preferably one with as close to original piston sizes and with a good crankshaft and no cylinder cracks would be ideal. Many thanks, John Ross, Auckland Phone <u>021437267</u> or email: <u>jr@acrostic.co.nz</u></p>
<p>For Sale</p>	<p>Model A Parts (various) 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>

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From the NIMAFC Editor:

It's been a busy Model A month. I had a fabulous time at the Art Deco Festival in Napier, weather was superb. Great to see the NIMAFC was represented, with a few Model As making the trip to Napier from Auckland. I hear our Treasurer had a slow trip home in the Phaeton but all is well.

Then to the Prohibition Party, Museum of Transport and Technology (see photo). Thanks for your company Di and Keith (NIMAFC members).

My reporter pad has been busy taking notes, ably assisted by Stephen with the camera.

I must say it was a challenge taking a photo of the As following the Fordor, as we climbed the farm track on-route to the Gannet Colony, bumping up and down on the bench seat. All worthwhile, the views were incredible. Thanks for the opportunity Jan and Jim.

Hope to see you at the Galaxy of Cars, Western Springs!

Best Wishes, Kay Palmer (NIMAFC Newsletter Editor)

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