

Chapter Members of:



# MODEL A TORQUE

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Auckland Heritage Festival, Birkenhead, Auckland, New Zealand



## 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' Captains Comment

A very warm welcome to the new Club Committee for 2019. Enthusiastic, energetic and enterprising is possibly the easy way to describe our entrepreneurs. Always a challenging but rewarding role plotting the Club's course over the next motoring season and beyond. Christmas is fast approaching and Easter in the Southern regions is an event of great expectations. With a Labour Day week of brilliant weather like we have just had there are signs of a great summer to come. Times to be merry and motoring. Enjoy



**Cheers, Hugh**

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**Details of the newly elected General Committee to be published next Newsletter**



## Treasurer's Report

Accounts for the Club's financial year ending 31 August 2018 have now been audited by Club Auditor, Marty Perkinson. Many thanks again to Marty for all his help – it's much appreciated.

A full set of accounts for the year-ending 31 August 2018 and Treasurer's Annual Report will be handed to members attending the 26 October AGM and included in the next newsletter.

A reminder if you haven't paid your current subscription for the Club's financial year commencing 1 September 2018, payment would be appreciated. The September and October newsletters have details, also an invoice was emailed (or posted to members without email addresses) on 25 September.

Best Model A wishes,  
**Ralph Levinson**



**SECRETARYS REPORT**  
**NIMAFC Committee Meeting**  
*held*

**MONDAY 01 OCTOBER 2018 – 6.30pm**  
**55 Victoria Street, Onehunga**

**Meeting Chaired by: Hugh Hulse**

**Present:** Hugh Hulse; Karen Thomas; Ralph Levinson; Kay Palmer; Bruce Stratton, Shaun Bellamy; John Castle, David Heilbron.

**Apologies:** Errol McAlpine.

**Correspondence: Inwards**

'The Bow Tie' - newsletter from the Chevrolet Club; newsletter from the Engineering Department, University of Auckland.

Joyce & Bob Birdsall – Coromandel Charity Cruise.

Sharon Johnson, California – re sale of cars.

**Outwards:**

Thank you letter to Drury Meats.

**Treasurers Report:** Cheque Account \$6,484.62; Savings Account \$5,088.69.

**Note:** \$5,000 was transferred to Ethan Jones personal fundraising account in month of September. Thank you email received from Owen Jones (Ethan's father) acknowledging this amount and thanking the Club for their support. Total amount donated \$8,023.00.

**Editors Report:** October newsletter will be a big one as a lot of content has been supplied.

**Club Events Report:** International Model A Ford Day was a great success at the Howick Historical Village. Approximately 16 cars present.

Discussion on planned upcoming events e.g. AGM; Heritage Festival, Birkenhead, Christmas Function, Cornwall Park Picnic, Thames Wings and Wheels and National Rally in Te Anau.

Christmas function is confirmed at Jim and Jan Corbett's property in Kumeu. Members with surname A-L bring salads and M-Z bring dessert. Various activities will be planned, start time 11am.

**General Business:** Annual General Meeting 26 October – This was discussed in full. Karen to organise mailout of Agenda etc. Shaun Bellamy and David Heilbron not standing. A suggestion was made re having a smaller committee while entertaining the idea of a sub-committee. This may encourage more members to participate in club organisation whilst not having to attend meetings. Would have to have clear definite lines of communication for this to be successful. Rules of the Club were looked at with no changes required.

Bumper Badges and embroidery badges – cost to be reduced; lapel badges available.

Kay will be away end of month but will produce newsletter a little earlier before she leaves.

Meeting closed 09.15pm

Next Meeting – Monday 30 October 2018

*Karen Thomas, Secretary NIMAFC*



North Island Model A Ford Club Inc.

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY



### 'Christmas at the Corbetts'



**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November – from 11.00am**

**Country property – 32A Koraha Rd, Kumeu, Auckland**

Jim and Jan Corbett have kindly invited Club Members to their property to celebrate the 2018 annual Christmas Party. The Club will be providing ham, chicken, BBQ sausages etc.

Members with surname beginning A-L bring salads and M-Z bring desserts.

Please bring your picnic blanket, chairs and small tables. BYO refreshments.

For those bringing children along, please bring an individually named gift (under \$20 value) for the santa sack.

This will be a fun-filled day with plenty of activities organised by your committee. A prize will be given for the best **female** Christmas **hat** and a prize for the best **male** decorated Christmas **boot(s)** so start decorating. The boot(s) must be worn.

Put a ring around the date and come along to join in the fun-filled cracker of a Christmas.

Enquiries: Bruce Stratton 0274 853 634 or Kay Palmer 0210 731 542.

All committee members will be able to assist you with any questions.



## Upcoming Event Calendar – Christmas Celebrations

And the final club event for 2018 ..... Christmas 'Park in the Park'



**Date:** Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**Where:** Cornwall Park, Greenlane, Auckland

**Bring:** BYO picnic, chairs, picnic blankets, sun umbrellas (and some laughter and sunshine!).

**Time:** Flexible anytime from 10am until 3pm, arrive and depart as you wish.

**Parking:** Near the picnic site, Pohutukawa Drive carpark

**Site Location:** Look out for the picnic spot/club gazebo and 'A's looking dazzling in tinsel

**At the venue:** Café nearby including yummy icecreams

**Details of the day:** An opportunity to escape the christmas rush and shopping malls, sit back and relax amongst friends before the big day. Dress your 'A' Christmas style if you choose (see a few pics of last year above). The competition is on! Prize for best dressed car. A popular club event repeated. Please come along!

**Enquiries:** Jenny or Ralph Levinson Phone 021 1727 637 or 09 578 3000

**Register NOW – see form below**

[southernlakesmodela@gmail.com](mailto:southernlakesmodela@gmail.com)



## Southern Lakes Te Anau 14<sup>th</sup> Model A National Meet

**15<sup>TH</sup> – 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019**



Our planning is now well advanced and we confirm the programme as follows, which will operate from Real Journey's Fiordland Community Events Centre, located at 20-22 Luxmore Drive, Te Anau.

<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019</b>	Venue Open from 4pm for Rally Packs, Official Opening and Welcome Dinner
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019</b>	"Lake to Lake" Rally to Walter Peak Lunch at Walter Peak Station Evening – Own arrangements
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Judging, Town Parade & Public Day Happy Hour, Hubley Derby and Dinner at Main Venue
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	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)
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Evening – Final Dinner & Prize giving Farewell Breakfast



# EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FORM

SOUTHERN LAKES TE ANAU 14<sup>TH</sup> MODEL A NATIONAL MEET  
15<sup>TH</sup> – 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PH: \_\_\_\_\_

VEHICLE INFO: \_\_\_\_\_

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FEE - \$20.00

DATE PAID

To receive early bird information and event details, please transfer \$20 to our ASB Account – 12-3154-0140093-00 with your name as Ref. Receipts will be forwarded.

Please email completed form to [southernlakesmodela@gmail.com](mailto:southernlakesmodela@gmail.com), or post as below.

Or attach your cheque for NZ\$20.00 (made out to Model A National Meet 2019) and post to: 14<sup>th</sup> National Model A Meet 2019 Registration, C/- PO Box 14, Arrowtown, 9351.

Queries to John Tremaine (0274 320 197) or email [southernlakesmodela@gmail.com](mailto:southernlakesmodela@gmail.com).

Save Time by Working Smarter

## Jim's Tech Tip

by Jim Cannon, MAFCA Technical Director

### While My Oil Gently Drains

Every time you drain the engine oil to change it, while you are waiting for all the dripping to stop, may I suggest you add the following simple items to your oil change routine?

- Check the ignition point gap with a 0.020" feeler gauge. Adjust if required. Look at the points to make sure they still look good (not pitted or burnt).
- Wipe off the ignition cam with a rag. Now put a small dab of fresh cam grease on 2 of the lobes of the ignition cam.
- Put a drop or two of light oil in the little oiler on the side of the distributor. If you have the cam screw with the hole drilled in it, put a drop or two in there, too.
- Put a couple of drops of engine oil in each hole on top of the throttle assembly that is bolted to the back of the engine.
- Check the fan belt for tension.

That's it! In the time it takes for the oil to all drain out, you have taken care of several little routine maintenance items on you're "A" that will help keep it running well and avoid a problem on the road.

Have a Model A Day!

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# Auckland Heritage Festival – by the NIMAFC Editor

13<sup>th</sup> October 2018

A contingent of 4 Model A Fords attended the recent Auckland Heritage Festival in Birkenhead, Auckland, for a public display outside the community library.

A drive down the main street AHOOGA! Then time to park outside the library for the public to enjoy.

The morning showers cleared and the sun appeared.

An opportunity to buy some items at the 'Church Fair', or participate in the 'Op Shop Hop'.

A relaxing day, listening to the jazz band and time to watch some Lindy Hop Dancers.

**Thank You Birkenhead for sharing our passion for the Model A!**



**Photo Gallery - Auckland Heritage Festival, Birkenhead**



## 25<sup>th</sup> Australian National Meet – Rally by the River (1 – 7 October 2018)

### Murray Bridge, South Australia

Well it's all over and 400 plus entrants along with 186 Model A Fords of nearly all body styles are heading home from an extremely successful Rally by the River at Murray Bridge in South Australia. The meticulous planning, organisation and execution of the Meet is a huge credit to Gary and Marg Fischer and their Team. I have not been to a better event.



From the Meet and Greet to the Mandatory Run and Farewell Dinner everything went like clockwork. The timing of the Meet to enable entrants to participate in the Bay to Birdwood spectacular that saw about 850 veteran and vintage cars drive from Adelaide to the National Motor Museum was a stroke of genius that added to the overall effect of the Meet.

The rural city of Murray Bridge was an ideal location for the meet being small enough that it did not suffer from large city traffic congestion while being close enough to Adelaide for other South Australian Model A Club members to support the Meet. The outstanding entertainment duo were from Adelaide and along with the excellent dinner contributed to an event that will never be forgotten.

My 82-year-old neighbour from Glenwood, Queensland, drove his 1930 Roadster towing a teardrop caravan the 2700 km by himself, and has set off on his return trip after we replaced the head gasket. I am very pleased he made it as he had mechanical problems that prevented him getting to Darwin for the last Meet. I wish I can still drive a Model A when I am that old!

Helen and I were pleased to have fellow NIMAFc Members Mervyn and Leonie Adams with us for company. The NZ Contingent of 24 was the largest ever to attend an Australian Meet we were told.

The 26th Australian Meet will be held in Ballarat, Victoria, in September 2020. We have lodged our Early Bird registrations as it promises to be another excellent event.

***Cheers, Gavin Leckner***





**2018 Model A Day (extract from the MAFFI minute – October 2018)**

We had over **200 Model A's** attend and our swap meet area had to be extended behind the Cadillac Museum to accommodate the number of vendors. With the weather perfect for the entire weekend, attendance set a new record.



***SUNSHINE REPORT***

Welcome to daylight saving, an extra hour of daylight and sunshine. I am pleased to report that everyone is well in the Club, as far as I know. Leticia Driver is waiting for a knee replacement and hopes to have this undertaken before Christmas. We wish her well in her recovery. Just a reminder with the sunny days ahead do not forget to use sunscreen and wear your hats. The sun, while enjoyable can cause skin cancers so SLAP on that sunscreen and stay protected.

***A thought for the month:***

*'The happiest people don't have everything they just make the best of everything'*

Karen Thomas  
Secretary, NIMAFC

## Club Merchandise and Library – please contact John Castle for orders

### Club Badges Promotion

As we have good stocks we are offering Club members the following items at a reduced price:

Car Bumper metal badge **now \$6 each**

Jacket badge embroidered **now \$5 each**

### Club Library

Don't forget we have a range of restoration manuals available, so don't hesitate to give me a call.

I will also have Restorer magazine packs available at the AGM and Xmas Party, so see me to get your Xmas reading.

**John Castle**

## 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) 578 300.

### Is your Model A steering feeling heavy?

Getting older and finding it's harder to turn the steering wheel in your A?

We have brand new, right-hand-drive, Pitman Arms for lighter steering.

\$85.00 including GST and postage.

Full range of new Model A parts and lots of original parts.

### Antique Ford Parts

492 Main Road

Hope, RD 1, Richmond

Nelson

antiqueford@xtra.co.nz

Tel 03 544 7826

**WANTED:** Please contact: John Castle. Ph 021957032

For my newly constructed engine test stand to a MAFCA design, welded by Rob Brown together with radiator provided by Paul Smith I am now looking for a usable lower steel water pipe and a set of rubber hoses, used ok.

This test unit will be available on loan for club members when it is completed.

### For Sale

16" radial tyres – Bridgestone 205 R 16 16" \*PR Radial tyres with new vehicle delivery mileage only are available at an unbelievable price of \$175.00 for 5 wheels/tyres – contact Steve Driver 0274-949905

FYI at this price there is \$50.00 for every set of 5 sold which I would like to go to the Ethan appeal

## AUCKLAND CAMS

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## From the NIMAFC Editor:

An early Newsletter this month - quickly compiled before I jet off to Australia for a holiday in the sunshine. More to come next month, including the AGM.

Once again a big thanks to club members for your reports, articles and photos. From the feedback I am receiving, the Newsletter is interesting reading. If you have a story or photos you would like to share with others, please email me NOW.



Please take particular note of the dates for the Christmas Celebrations, always great club events to look forward to. See you at the Club Christmas Festivities coming up very soon – Don't forget Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup>!!!

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**Please send articles/reports/photos to the Editor by 15 of the month (or earlier if you can). In Microsoft Word or directly into an email (Editor can format to publish in the Newsletter).**

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

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**On a final note: Summer is just around the corner.....**



*Photo supplied by Brian Hosking (recent trip to Honolulu, Hawaii). And from the Editor, I spotted the same 'Woody' with surfboard on roof, during a holiday in May. **Model A – Island Style!***