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# MODEL A TORQUE

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I wonder if I could convert one of my Model As to a race car?

## 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

Back from a wonderful holiday. While holidays can be too short or too long this one was certainly a Goldilocks time, with superb weather, great company and exciting adventures.

There is no dispute the Alaskan experience is a bucket list item for both sedate or adventurous adrenalin generating activity. The Norwest towns retain a special character and invite the imagination of the last frontier, having hosted special dignitaries like Wyatt Earp who left his guns there. The White Pass train alongside the Yukon Trail, glacier flights or dog sledging will all let the wind blow the hair. I chose to go salmon fishing and get close up to the eagles and whales. Vancouver and Victoria with the Bouchard Gardens are amazing places that make you feel like you could stay forever, but it is the schedule that calls.



Kona, Big Island in Hawaii is the real place for coffee for the connoisseurs. Perched on the side of the world’s largest volcano, at the right altitude with the best moisture and sunshine for coffee beans lovers. Albeit an expensive cup with the airfare included.

We stayed in a two-bedroom two-bathroom unit beside the Paniolo Golf course in the middle of the extensive lava fields on the western side of the island. The name Paniolo comes from the early Central American Spanish speaking cowboys introduced in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century. Today the Paniolo Ranch ships its cattle back to Texas in a luxurious 747. What a great way to travel! Better than “Cattle Class” for sure.

But it is back home to reality now and back to work. Prize giving is coming up as is the AGM again so it is time to put some thought back into the Club activities for the new year. We had a great run and turnout for the Run to Helensville last weekend and well done to John and Mary for putting it all together. Also, a very big thank you to all the folk who ensured the steady helm for the ship while I was away.

Motoring season is approaching fast especially with this fantastic run of terrific weather. Enjoy and Keep safe.

Hewy

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## Treasurer's Report

Suddenly it's August and the last month of our Club's financial year. We still need someone to step up to be the Club's future Treasurer – give me a call if you would like to discuss this, 021 1727 637, (09) 578 3000. Our Club is maintaining strong membership numbers – having some input into its running is both interesting and engenders a sense of belonging to the Model A family.

### YouTube, "Ford and the American Dream"

The following video is worth a look. The first 5 minutes covers the Model T, next 4 minutes the Model A, then on to the V8s from 1932. Finally, the muscle cars of the 1960s.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZrOikS5B2gs>

### Registration Numbers

I've had some calls from members of the public hoping to locate a Ford Model A from their past. It's often as simple as an elderly person wondering what happened to their past pride and joy. Typically, the caller can remember the Registration No. and quite reasonably thinks we will have our members' Model A registration numbers on record.

The Club's database includes the year of manufacture and body style of each member's Model A, or Model A's. I've started to enter Registration No's. but there are many we don't know. Could you help by letting me know your Registration No/s. please. [ralphlevinson1@gmail.com](mailto:ralphlevinson1@gmail.com), 021 1727 637, (09) 578 3000. Thanks!

### Ethan Jones update

Good news. As you know, our Club has fundraised to help send little Ethan Jones to the US for life-changing surgery to help him gain mobility. Ethan's parents, Club members Owen & Melissa Jones, say Ethan has been accepted by the St Louis Children's Hospital for the specialist surgery he needs. Currently the wait for surgery is 18 months, however Ethan is also on a waitlist in the event of a cancellation. If this comes through, the operation could happen at fairly short notice. All the best Ethan from all our Club members.

### Awards Dinner, Saturday 7 September

A popular night for a very reasonable \$28.00 per person. Includes an excellent buffet dinner, with entertainment by the talented saxophonist, Evan Reid. As the Remuera Club (former Commercial Travellers' Club) requires firm numbers for catering, please send payment in advance to our ASB account, 12 3068 0187485 00. Alternatively, a cheque in favour of NIM AFC to PO Box 99249, Newmarket, Auckland 1149. All payments will be acknowledged and tickets sent.

### And finally

Ashleigh Young, NZ Herald's Saturday *Canvas* magazine writer, suggested recently we be a bit more grateful for the day-to-day things in our life. Jenny and I have taken this on board and decided we're grateful for the side deflecting glass wings that work so well on our 1930 Phaeton, the fact that we've never been left stranded in our Model A, the waves we get from other motorists, the smiles from pedestrians and just being part of the Model A family. There are plenty of other things too (we're not so sure about Lime scooters), but you'll get the idea.

Yours gratefully

*Ralph Levinson*



## SECRETARYS REPORT

### NIMAFC Committee Meeting

*held*

**Tuesday 02 July, 2019 – 6.35pm**

**55 Victoria Street, Onehunga**

***Meeting chaired by: Errol McAlpine***

**Present:** Errol McAlpine; Karen Thomas; Ralph Levinson; Kay Palmer; Bruce Stratton; Andrew Costello; John Castle.

**Apologies:** Hugh Hulse; John Ross.

**Correspondence: Inwards** – Chevrolet Club Newsletter; Western Model A News; MARC Model A News; Ellerslie Classic Car Show; JLT Insurance; Fundraiser event – Ethan Jones; Murray West from John West Racing.

**Outwards:** Nil.

**Treasurers Report:** Cheque Account \$3,142.70; Savings Account \$ 131.88; Term Deposit (1) \$18,823.76 (2) \$5,000.00.

**Newsletter Editors Report:** Congratulations to Kay for winning the MAFCA Award for Best International Newsletter.

**Club Events:** Competitive Run – 21 July; Tech Night – motors – 07 August; 'First Scene' party and costume – 18 August; Club Awards Evening – 07 September, Swap Meet – 08 September at Bruce Stratton's workshop; International Model A Day – 22 September; AGM – 18 October; Christmas Party, Cosy Corner Tauranga – 29/30 Nov and 01 Dec; Cornwall Park Event 15 Dec. McLean's Island Swapmeet 11-13 October; Waikato Vintage Swapmeet (Karapiro) 18 November.

**General Business:** Club events were discussed and confirmed.

**Competitive Run – 21 July** Nor West to Helensville. Competitive run leaving from Westgate. Decision made to celebrate Henry Ford's birthday also on this day. John to organise.

**Tech Night – 07 August** – Errol to have engine on stand to be worked on, discussed etc .

**Awards Evening – 07 September** - Theme this year 'I Remember'. Tickets now on sale. \$28pp members \$38pp non-members. Evening is being worked on.

**Club Swap Meet** Bruce Stratton's workshop – 08 September – 4 Vernon St, Papakura.

**First Scene – 18 August** – NZ's largest costume and party hire company. Tour around 1.5 hours including refreshments, tour of departments and photo opportunity. Limited number of 25 persons. Notify Kay asap if wanting to attend.

**Ryders Cinema Evening** – it was noted six (6) persons who indicated they were attending did not show. The Club covered the cost of these absentees. Discussion on how to prevent this next year. Members to be made aware that they are responsible for payment if they do not show.

**Club Events planning** – Andrew Costello and Bruce Stratton to contact club members suggesting they organise an event. Trying to broaden the spectrum of events and encourage members to come forward.

**Awards** - discussed briefly but decided to hold over to next meeting. Need full committee.

Meeting closed 8.35 pm

Next Meeting Tuesday 06 August, 2019 at 6.30pm


Karen Thomas  
Secretary NIMAFC

## Upcoming Event Calendar

North Island Model A Ford Club Events – confirmed dates as follows.

The calendar will be updated as event details are finalised for publication.

Don't forget your attendance at the Club Events also counts towards the 'Attendance Cup' which is presented at our Annual Club Awards Dinner in September.

<p><b>Wednesday 7 August 2019</b></p> <p><b>Take note of the date!! Club Nights are great to attend! New to the Club? Please come along!</b></p>	<p><b>Club Tech Night – Discussion on Motors – Errol McAlpines Workshop, Veteran &amp; Vintage</b>, 1127 Scenic Drive, Swanson 7pm (BBQ will be fired up) <b>Contact:</b> Errol McAlpine 027 4543 983</p> <p>A casual gathering of Club Members – wrap up warm.</p>
<p><b>Sunday 18 August 2019</b></p>  <p><b>Spaces filling – please book NOW if you want to come to this informative session</b></p>	<p><b>Club Visit and Tour to 'First Scene', 334B Rosebank Road, Avondale, AUCKLAND (behind BOC Gas) – Meet at 11am</b></p> <p>First Scene is New Zealand's largest costume and party prop hire company with over 400,000 items in the Avondale premises. Product is supplied to international and local films, TV and theatre productions as well as corporate events, schools, community groups and general members of the public. Previously owned by TVNZ, First Scene has been the core supplier in their field for over 30 years.</p> <p>There is an amount of walking around the building. Tour is approx. 1.5 hours. Tour includes Costumes, Productions Wardrobe and Props Department.</p> <p><b>Tour numbers strictly limited to a group of 25 people – You must book to secure your place before the day – limited spaces – please register with Committee Member, Kay Palmer Phone: 021 0731 542 (text or phone).</b></p> <p>Morning Tea at 11am in the Retro Lounge and then the tour starts (allow for a finish time around 1.30pm). Tea/Coffee and Biscuits provided.</p> <p>Group Photo opportunity on conclusion of the tour – 1920/30's style.</p> <p>If want to learn about the history of this very interesting company, this is the event for you.</p> <p><b>Organiser:</b> Kay Palmer (NIMAFC Editor) and Era Fashion Supporter.</p> <p>Large carpark available at the back of the building, wear warm clothes.</p>
<p><b>Saturday 7 September 2019</b></p> <p><b>BOOK NOW</b></p> <p><b>Sunday 8 September 2019</b></p>	<p><b>North Island Model A Ford Club – Awards Dinner – CT Club, Greenlane, Auckland</b> Start booking your Tickets NOW – A must do event on the Club's Calendar – more details on Page 7</p> <p><b>North Island Model A Ford Club – Swap Meet</b> Held at Committee Member Bruce Stratton's premises, 4 Vernon Street, Papakura, Auckland, BBQ included More details to come</p> <p><b>Make it a weekend – Awards Dinner and Swap Meet</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday 22 September 2019</b></p>	<p><b>International Model A Ford Day</b> More details to come – Keep this date free A destination in the Waikato area is in planning – see next Newsletter.</p>

Friday 18 October 2019	<b>AGM – North Island Model A Ford Club</b> VCC Rooms in Penrose, Auckland
Wednesday 13 November 2019	<b>Club/Tech Night – in the planning stages – more details to be advised</b>
Fri 29 Nov/Sat 30 Nov/Sun 1 Dec	<b>Club Christmas Party weekend – Mount Maunganui, Bay of Plenty</b> Club Christmas Party BBQ will be held on the Saturday
Sunday 15 December	<b>Cornwall Park Christmas Picnic, Auckland</b> A relaxed, casual picnic in the lead up to the big day

## North Island Model A Ford Club – Annual Christmas Party – Tauranga

### Family Christmas Party Weekend



**When:** Friday 29 November/Saturday 30 November/Sunday 1 December 2019

**Where:** Cosy Corner Holiday Park, 40 Oceanbeach Road, Mount Maunganui

**Overview:** Details of the weekend are in the planning stages but will include Friday (optional dinner), Run on Saturday, Hubley Challenge, Saturday BBQ Christmas Dinner and Club Party at Cosy Corner Holiday Park.

This is a family event. Children & Grandkids welcome.

**Lead Organisers:** Tony and Pam Mannington (Members NIMAFC)

**Assisted by:** Kay Palmer (NIMAFC Committee Member)

**Cosy Corner Holiday Park Hosts:** Greg and Vicki (Members NIMAFC)

Checkout website: [www.cosycorner.co.nz](http://www.cosycorner.co.nz)

To book accommodation, please email [stay@cosycorner.co.nz](mailto:stay@cosycorner.co.nz) or phone direct 07 5755899. There are mainly Kitchen Cabins and Caravans available. The cabins are near the main amenities and bathrooms in the Park.

Other Motel options nearby: Blue Wave Motel or Blue Haven located in Tweed Street who will give a discount (mention Model A Christmas party), and Gateway Motor Inn on Maunganui Road. Or there are plenty of motels located in the Mount Manganui area.



*Kay, Tony & Pam*

### An update on planning progress - Highlights:

- Saturday Club Run to an Avocado Orchard, including a picnic lunch
- Touring around the 'Mount' area – cruise ship maybe docking
- More details to come – a fun Christmas event in planning

If you cannot make the full 3-day weekend, there are options – Come along and join on-route to Tauranga for Saturday picnic lunch or come along to the Saturday BBQ party. The choice is yours.

## AWARDS NIGHT



**SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**Remuera Club, Ohinerau Street, Remuera**

**Come on along and take a trip down memory lane.....**

Our Awards Night this year will have a theme I am sure you can all relate to

**'I Remember' .....**

You will need to put on your thinking caps and tell us what you remember. Was it your first boyfriend? Maybe when you brought your first car or maybe even your first job?

I am picking there will be some memorable remarks made .....prepare yourself for laughter when we find out some of our members most precious memories.

**TICKETS AVAILABLE Now**

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

You may deposit the amount into Club Bank Account No 123068 0187485 00 (reference your name), or send a cheque to PO Box 99-249, Newmarket, Auckland 1149 – attention Ralph Levinson.

Tickets will be supplied and must be brought along on the night. There will be a lucky door prize and a welcome glass of champagne on entry.

Attire – era costume – take yourself back in time.

Enjoy a tasty buffet meal with dessert. Cash bar entire evening.

**Don't miss out on this fun entertaining evening – While its party time let's celebrate.**

Enquiries to Karen Thomas 027 419 0191 or 443 5253 – email [mosseykar@gmail.com](mailto:mosseykar@gmail.com).

***SEE YOU ON THE NIGHT***



## Other events of interest



### Caffeine & Classics

Last Sunday of **every** month, monthly brunch meet – Next event Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August. Smales Farm (72 Taharoto Road, North Shore, near the motorway on/off ramps), Drive in the 'A', grab a coffee and view the classics on display or chat with like-minded car enthusiasts.



**Ford**  
25th Annual Henry Ford  
Memorial Day Display & Swap Meet

**"Calling all FORD owners"**  
**CLAUDELANDS EVENTS CENTRE**  
Gate 4 Brooklyn Road  
**SUNDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2019**  
Rain Date Sunday 22nd September  
**GATES OPEN FROM 8am** NO DOGS ALLOWED  
PEOPLES CHOICE - BEST - AUSTRALIAN, EUROPEAN, AMERICAN, COMMERCIAL, VINTAGE & FPV - COMPETITION, CLUB AND HOTROD  
Proceeds towards **WAIKATO AIR AMBULANCE**

\$10 per show car - Spectators / Adults \$10 - Children under 12 free with an adult  
Swappers (Auto Related Only) \$15 - Trade stands \$25 - *Childrens entertainment*

For further information contact: Paul 027 548 8145 - Bob 027 478 5912  
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On behalf of the Vintage Car Club of New Zealand and the Cancer Society,

Waitamata and Wellsford Warkworth Branches  
Wish to invite you to join our National rally.

25<sup>th</sup> August, assemble at 10.00am

At Caffeine and Classics,

Smales Farm, Takapuna

Have a look at all the vehicles, register.

Donation of \$10 per vehicle.

Then

Cars away at 11.15am

Your tour will take you on a scenic route on sealed roads north to the Wharf in Warkworth Town Centre for a display.

Prizes for "People's Choice", walks along the wharf to see the historic scow "Jane Gifford", and the historic town walk.

The new Warkworth Market, cafes and boutique shops.

All proceeds go to the Cancer Society.

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# Gordon McIsaac's Speedway Hall of Fame & Museum

Club visit, 3 July 2019 (26 persons)

What a memorable visit, if only to see how a dedicated Speedway enthusiast has turned his home into an interest-filled museum ... yet still manages to live within its walls.

Gordon McIsaac has lived in the same Grey Lynn home all his life. From the outside it looks like a conventional, typical suburban home, but on the inside ... it's extraordinary.

Gordon explained when he was 8 or 9 he and his older brother Doug decided to see what the nearby Western Springs Speedway was all about. They became hooked on Speedway and it turned into a family obsession. Gordon started collecting the lightweight gas goggles Speedway drivers used as tear-offs from their visors. His bedroom walls were soon covered with Speedway items. As a teenager he began crewing on Speedway teams and was given items to extend his growing collection. Drivers began visiting his museum and the donations continued.

These days - over 70 years later - every room in his house is crammed with Speedway-related memorabilia, although I didn't get to check the bathroom. Even his garage is full of surprises including one of the first American midget racing cars to come to NZ (1937). And the engine? Model A ... although much modified. It's no easy task to squeeze into one of these compact cars, as David Mossman, Terry Costello and Jim Corbett (others?) will testify.

Gordon has extended and re-extended his garage at least 5 times, which gives some idea of the collection size. Every wall is lined with memorabilia from the legends of the past and present. In one of the garage extensions I found a display dedicated to Club member, Jack Nazer. Jack raced midgets at Western Springs, 1980-1984 - he was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 1983 North Island Midget Championship (also 1<sup>st</sup> in both the 1976 and 1977 NZ Saloon Car Championship [Unlimited Class]).

The number of trophies on display is incredible - many no longer competed for and now in Gordon's famous museum.

Thank you Gordon for the privilege of visiting one of the most impressive collections of Speedway memorabilia imaginable. Every single item in your home-based museum is the real deal and every one of your walls has great stories to tell.

Ralph Levinson



Karen Thomas demonstrates broadsiding technique



Jack Nazer's signed crash helmet, racing jacket and photos of his racing career.



Jim Corbett, racing driver

## Out & About in the 'A' – Norwest Competitive Run – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July



Thankyou everyone for attending, 20 cars on the run and two that met us at the Café, and the first really fine day for a week or two made it a pleasant day for getting out in the A.

### **Here are the answers to the oral questions –**

The Model A Coupe travelled from Auckland to Wellington (1931) in 10 hours 49 minutes. It was worked out after the event the two drivers must have been speeding at every opportunity and they were booked by the Law!

The first shipment of Model A's arrived in NZ in August 1928 probably mostly AR models.

The most popular body style in NZ was the Phaeton or Tourer.

Henry Ford's mistress was Evangeline Dahlinger, google her name and you will find a lot of interesting info!

Capacity of the standard model A gas tank is 10 US gallons.

***John & Mary Castle***

## Henry Ford's Legacy is Everywhere -- What we discovered while travelling overseas

by Marty and Anne Perkinson

### Story number 1: Ireland

Recently, while travelling in the Irish Republic, Anne and I discovered a Memorial to Henry Ford in the tiny village of Ballinascathy in County Cork. Three generations of Fords were born in this village (Henry's father was born a short distance away), but they had emigrated to America as a result of the Potato Famine in the 1840s.

The first thing we discovered in the village was the Henry Ford Tavern, where the signwriting on the pub is in the same script as the Ford brand name.

Opposite the pub is a stainless steel replica of a Model T, as a memorial to Henry Ford.

Here is a lovely story about Henry Ford reported in the Irish Times in 2017:

According to Betty Hennessy of the Ballinascathy Festival Committee, Henry Ford made an effort to buy the land his grandfather farmed but the owners, three single brothers, wouldn't sell, aware he was a well-healed Yank. "The parish priests advised them to hold on because there was more in him" she says. They chose to barter with the wrong American. It seems you can put a price on sentiment and in this case it was one Henry Ford wasn't willing to pay. He walked away from the deal without making a second offer.

The Ford's descendants continue to make trips back to Ballinascathy. They were there in 2017 to commemorate the 100-year celebration of the opening of the Cork Ford plant, which opened on April 17<sup>th</sup> 1917.



### Story number 2: Poland

While in Gadansk in Poland we came across a Model A converted into a permanent food truck. I thought I might have a chance to obtain some spare parts from the car (since it obviously wasn't used on a regular basis). The inside was crammed with product and facilities to run the business but the front doors were permanently sealed. I checked the hubcaps, but someone had beaten me to them. The quail on the radiator cap had also been removed. The only thing left for me to take was the motor – but blow me down someone had taken that too!

Lucky for us as we had no room left in our suitcases!

## American Automobiles that were being manufactured when the Model A Ford was born

Auburn	Falcon	Oakland
* Buick	Flint	Packard
* Cadillac	* Ford	Paige
Chandler	Franklin	Peerless
* Chevrolet	Gardner	Pierce-Arrow
* Chrysler	Hudson	* Pontiac
Cunningham	Hupmobile	Reo
Davis	Jordan	Star
Diana-Moon	* Lincoln	Stearns-Knight
* Dodge	Locomobile	Studebaker
Dupont	McFarlan	Stutz
Elcar	Marmon	Velie
Erskine	Nash	Whippet
Essex	* Oldsmobile	Willys-Knight

*From: The Ford Dealers News, Dec. 31, 1927*

\* Still being made

*Submitted by Bill Berger, Santa Barbara Chapter MAFCA*

The following is an extract from "The National Used Car Market Report - Red Book" for October, November and December 1932. This book was utilized by used car salesmen to estimate the trade-in value of your car (the equivalent of today's Blue Book). Here are some quotations of interest to all Model A'ers:

	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FACTORY PRICE</u>	<u>TRADE-IN APPRAISAL</u>
1928	Roadster	\$385	\$17
	Roadster Dlx	420	22
	Phaeton	395	14
	Sport Coupe	550	32
	Tudor	495	32
1929	Roadster	\$435	\$32
	Phaeton	440	27
	Business Coupe	490	42
	Cabriolet	645	64
	Town Car	1200	47
	Town Sedan	670	89
1930	Roadster Dlx	\$460	\$84
	Phaeton	440	54
	Cabriolet	625	130
	Phaeton 2dr Dlx	625	105
	Victoria	625	120
1931	Roadster Dlx	\$475	\$165
	Phaeton	435	105
	Cabriolet	595	185
	Phaeton 2 dr Dlx	580	150
	Victoria	640	225
1932	Conv. Sedan (4 cyl)	\$600	\$345
	Conv. Sedan (8 cyl)	650	395

This was during the depth of the depression. 1927 Model T runabouts were \$6 each; anything earlier than '27 was usually marked "SALVAGE."

## Rain-X® Original Glass Water Repellent *THE INVISIBLE* WINDSHIELD WIPER®



Rain-X® Original Glass Water Repellent dramatically improves wet weather driving visibility. Simply apply the treatment to exterior glass and watch the raindrops fly off your windshield while driving. Rain-X helps improve visibility by repelling rain, sleet and snow. In tests conducted by a major university, better visibility improved driving response time up to a full second or more. At highway speeds, that's almost four car lengths of extra stopping distance!

### Product Features

- Improve all-weather visibility, safety and driving comfort
- Helps easily remove frost, ice, salt, mud and bugs
- Available in 16oz, 7oz, 3.5oz and a 10-count wipes, individually sealed for on-the-go convenience

### Product Usage Instructions

- Clean and dry surfaces before treating
- Apply in temperatures above 40 degrees F
- Apply Rain-X to a small, folded, dry cloth
- Wipe onto exterior glass using a firm, circular and overlapping motion
- Allow product to dry; a slight haze may appear
- Reapply Rain-X to ensure complete and uniform coverage
- Remove final haze with a dry cloth or by sprinkling water onto the haze and wiping with a paper towel

# Flowers as Fashion

By Sherry Winkinhofer, Northwest Missouri Model A Ford Club

In the modern world, we think of corsages and boutonnieres as fresh flowers worn for formal occasions such as weddings or proms. But in the Model A days, they were a much more common sight. Fresh floral arrangements were still the thing for those formal occasions, but artificial flowers were very visible in day-to-day life.

Read the full article on the MAFCA Website at [http://www.mafca.com/ef\\_articles.html](http://www.mafca.com/ef_articles.html) and learn how artificial flowers were used in daily fashion during the Model A years!



- The Chicago Mail Order Company Winter 1929-30



- The Robert Simpson Company. Catalog Fall and Winter 1928-29.



-The Robert Simpson Catalog Fall & Winter 1928-29



- Gorringe's Catalog Autumn 1928



-Chicago Mail Order Co. Winter 1929-30



- August 1928 Good Housekeeping ad for linens.



## 15<sup>th</sup> National Model A Rally

Gisborne – New Zealand

2021

Sunday 28 March – Sunday 4 April

Easter Weekend

(these dates may vary slightly)

### Become an Earlybird Member

Earlybird Registration Fee \$20

Earlybird indicates to the organisers that you have chosen to receive rally information as it comes to hand, or early. For any tours where there are limited numbers you will be considered first. Come along for the ride as we wind our way towards this national rally. You will be kept fully updated throughout our journey.

If you are interested in becoming an Earlybird Member registration forms are now available. These can be obtained by emailing the address below or phoning us. Your Earlybird Registration form can be forwarded to you by email or posted.

Please contact Karen Thomas, Secretary - 027 419 0191 or (09) 443 5253 or you can email us [gisbornemodelafordrally@gmail.com](mailto:gisbornemodelafordrally@gmail.com) for further information.

**The Organising Team: David Mossman 027 235 0444    Tony Bartlett    027 272 5648**

**Robert Brown    027 474 5726    Errol McAlpine    027 454 3983**

**Registration:    Kristina and Rangi Rarere 022 367 5776**

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### Sunshine Report



There is not much to report this month. From all accounts everyone has been hunkering down and keeping warm. We have now passed the shortest day therefore the days are

getting longer. This means summer is on its way, believe it or not. I know I am not ready to shed the jerseys just yet.

If there are any of our members out there who are unwell or recovering from a medical event, we wish you well and hope you are back on the road again soon.

*“Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow”*

*Karen Thomas, Secretary*



## 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.

### For Sale

Model A engine completely dismantled, block appears good but not suited to shell bearings, head and manifolds appear good. No flywheel.

Includes camshaft, valves and springs etc., two sets of pistons and rods plus all necessary nuts & bolts. Also four rear bumper brackets (all different) two rear bumpers (rusty),

rear cross tube and a few other bits. (engine number appears to have been over-stamped but as far as I can make out, itsCA89854 which makes it Feb/march 1929) \$100 ono. Contact: Keith (Phone 09 446 0916) or

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

### Wanted

Sorry I haven't been a very active member. If possible, please put a note in the next newsletter that I'm looking for a Model A Coupe body please. I'm happy to consider any condition as long as the price reflects work required to get it back on the road.

**Contact: Matt on Mobile 029 200 8153**

### Wanted

One of our club members is after a 1930/31 steering wheel with a key style hub. The condition of the rim is not so important, but good hub preferred.

If you can help, please contact Rob Scott (who is located in Canberra) as follows: tel (02) 6254 5144, (m) 0412696 970, email [svmact@effect.net.au](mailto:svmact@effect.net.au)

Many thanks,  
Jean McDonald,  
Secretary MARC(Aust)

### For Sale

I recently purchased a collection of mainly early 1928 and 1929 original parts and have aimed to offer these to club members where possible first so if you need an original part I may have it.

**Phone John Castle 021957032**



## Classified Advertisements

### For Sale

1930 Model A Pickup adapted from Phaeton done 800 miles on rebuilt motor re bored new pistons, shell bearings, over size valves, high comp head 5.5;1,cam to 100e spec fly wheel lightened balanced. v8 pressure and clutch plate. Hydraulic brakes, new lines master and wheel cylinders, tyres done same miles, new kingpins, rims acid dipped and powder coated, recon generator, plus other stuff. First NZ rego. was in the 1960s as far as we know. \$25,000

**Contact:** Brian Marshall, Papakura 027 2960047



### For Sale

I am putting my 1930 closed cab pickup up for sale for \$70,000:00. It has done barely 500miles since it was completed in 2014 & is running really sweet.

The modifications on the vehicle are a lightened fly wheel, high ratio crown wheel & pinion for quicker speed on the motorway (80 to 90Kms/hr comfortably) & flathead Ted brakes with new cast iron drums. All else is standard 1930 Ford.

It will also come with a chest full of spares (incidental bits & pieces), a spare running engine, a usable gearbox & a spare rear end & also a full width chromed bumper (front one) with the rear steel brackets to fit it to the rear of the vehicle. The rear tail-lights need to be moved onto the rear mudguards to fit.

The vehicle will be sold with a current WOF & registration but not with the personalized rego. plate.

Phone Ray, 0274 836 236, (09)4138 059 or (09)4139 705

[email.raymargaret@xtra.co.nz](mailto:email.raymargaret@xtra.co.nz)



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### For Sale

#### Classic Vintage Pedal Car

- Dexton pedal car shipped from the UK. An impulse buy for the grandkids but really too good for use outside,
- A sturdy metal body windshield, working headlights(battery). Powder coated lead free paint, weight 66lbs.
- Only used a few times in our driveway supervised.
- Our grandsons love it but they have not got the room at their home and grandad only has room for his big cars!!!!
- Ages 3 years and up to 66 lbs
- Dimensions 37-5 inches long ,22 inches wide, 23 inches high

Cost \$350 + shipping when I bought it.

Happy to **Sell for \$250.** in new condition a couple of marks but you have to look closely to find them. It's been kept inside our house.

**Details:** Carol Farr 09 2650431,021815582, Pick up only Auckland Botony area



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### For Sale

1931 Ford Model A Town Sedan Deluxe

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Phone 021 0425 866 Home 09 430 3790 Contact: Keith Martin, Whangarei [mistymoo@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mistymoo@xtra.co.nz)



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## From the NIMAFC Editor:

Memories of the days at Western Springs of the tussles between popular 'Springs' midget car rivals. I was a regular speedway fan hardly missing a Speedway meet at the Springs. A great club visit to view Speedway Memorabilia. It brought back some fun memories. Also, great to see the 'Sleepy Tripp' collection, a popular and very skilled American driver at the Springs.

Plenty of upcoming events in the next few months – Keep a close eye on Newsletters and Club communication coming your way. The Awards Dinner is in September, always a fabulous evening, so book a space now.

If you would like to join me on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August, for a special tour arranged to view NZ's largest costume and party prop hire company, then please register soon to secure a place. Many have registered already. A bit of fun promised to finish, with a group photo (1920/30's attire).

Wrap up in your winter woollies and enjoy reading this Edition. See you with plenty more club news next month.

*Best Wishes, Kay Palmer (NIMAFC Newsletter Editor and roving reporter)*

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**In Microsoft Word or directly into an email (Editor can format to publish in the Newsletter).**

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## On a final note:

**Spotted while watching the recent 'Tour de France' on TV – Model A parked roadside.**

