

Chapter Members of:



MODEL A TORQUE

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Walter Peak Station – Lakeside Wakatipu

Welcome to the North Island Model A Ford Club Inc.

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

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

Website: www.modelafordclub.co.nz

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“A” Captain’s Comment

Back to reality after the great hospitality of the South.

What a great Rally with the enduring cool but wonderful weather, the scenery and the friendly (mostly) atmosphere of the people. 2500 miles of driving with the highlight being undoubtedly the drive into Walter Peak Station or Mt Nicholas. The views back to Queenstown exquisite with the reflection of the SS Earnslaw sharp on the Wakatipu water. Clearly a bar has been set that appears to be raising the standard higher with every new rally held. Long may it continue as we have a number of notable events on the horizon.



Possibly there may be opportunities to improve communications and coordination between our separate Model A groups with future events as we endeavour to secure recreational motoring and club memberships into the future.

No doubt about it though – Great times always come to an end as does the summer this year. Let’s live it up at Waitawa Bay to celebrate!

Cheers,

Hewy -Your Club Captain.

A special Welcome to new Club Member:

Alistair Stevenson, Flat Bush, Auckland

Officers of the Club/Committee

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Treasurer's Report

We've just renewed the Club's 2019/20 subscription to the NZ Federation of Motoring Clubs Inc (NZFOMC). The annual subscription has a very reasonable base fee of \$20.00 per club, plus 50 cents per membership. The NZFOMC President is former MP and Minister for Transport Safety, Harry Duynhoven. The Vice President is NIMAFC member, Tony Bartlett.

The NZFOMC website, www.fomc.org.nz is well worth a look. Past issues of the Federation's newsletter, *Wheel Torque*, are on the website – the most recent is Feb/Mar 2019. The Federation represents over 120 motoring clubs in New Zealand and has been involved in preparing submissions on a wide range of issues to the NZ Transport Agency and Ministry of Transport.

Le Barron Bonney Company files for bankruptcy

Many Club members will be familiar with one of the auto industry's oldest manufacturers of interior soft trim kits for Ford Model A's and other vintage cars, the Le Barron Bonney Company. Late in March 2019, the Massachusetts-based company filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy. This is the strictest form of bankruptcy under the US Federal Bankruptcy Code. While other Chapters allow for some form of restructuring, Chapter 7 requires assets to be sold to repay debt. The news has come as a surprise to many – the now deactivated website previously said, *Many of our 35 employees have been with the company over 30 years*. It remains to be seen whether someone will acquire the firm's biggest assets – the original patterns and materials.

Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA)

Our Club is an International Chapter Member of MAFCA, the largest car club in the world dedicated to one make of automobile. The website is www.mafca.com I've just clicked on *Fun Stuff ...* includes *Members Stories* and *Model A Sounds*. Both are very entertaining.

Southern Lakes Te Anau 14th National Model A Rally

I'm writing this on 10 April, as Model A's from around the country are heading to Te Anau. I walked (well, puffed my way) across the 19.6km Tongariro Crossing last Friday. En route back to Auckland, I spotted a small group of Model A's parked near the railway station in Taumarunui ... on their way to Te Anau. It was great to stop for a brief chat.

By the time you read this, the 14th National Model A Rally, 15-19 April 2019, will be over. Things end, but memories last forever.

Model A's rule!
Ralph Levinson

Special Thank You

A big thank you to Dean and Jenni Roberts from Western Australia, who on the night of the farewell dinner at Te Anau made a generous cash donation to Ethan's Wish to Walk Fund. You may remember that they received news of the arrival of their second granddaughter that same night.

Dean and Jenni have attended the last three New Zealand National Rallies. It was great to see so many from Australia at Te Anau, let's see if we can get a few more Kiwis to enter next year's rally at Ballarat, Victoria.

Gavin and Helen Leckner (North Island Model A Ford Club Members)





SECRETARYS REPORT

NIMAFC Committee Meeting

held

Wednesday 27 March, 2019 – 6.20pm

55 Victoria Street, Onehunga

Meeting chaired by: Hugh Hulse/

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

Apologies: John Ross.

Correspondence: Inwards – Chevrolet Club Newsletter; MAFCA; NZ FOMC subscriptions renewal; Vintage Harvest Festival Glenbrook; Steel n Wheels Registration; AJAYS March newsletter; NZ Post; Computer Solutionz; Emails from Trevor Farr; Steve Driver; Australian Club; Dave Freeman, Conejo Valley Model A Ford Club USA offering support in light of Christchurch attacks; Henry van Vugt, Auckland Cams.

Outwards: Email to Pam and Tony Mannington; MAFCA re Renewal Application.

Treasurers Report: Cheque Account \$4,007.96; Savings Account \$ 113.98; Term Deposit \$18,823.76.
\$5,000 was invested on Term Deposit for 6 months.

Newsletter Editors Report: Kay has been busy working on two newsletters – that of April and May. She wishes to have May's newsletter near completed before going to Te Anau. Please send in all reports early.

Club Events: National Rally – 15-19 April; Waitawa Regional Park Run – 5 May; Steel n Wheels – 12 May; Topnotch Macadamia Nut Farm (midweek run) – 15 May; Mid-Winter Christmas; Ryders – 15 June, Tech Night – Gordon McIsaac's speedway memorabilia – 03 July; Competitive Run – 14 July; Tech Night – motors – 07 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.

Health & Safety: Andrew advised everyone to be safe when on the road particularly around schools where there are children coming and going from school.

General Business:

Christmas Party – this year we will be holding the Christmas Party in Tauranga at Cosy Corner. Tony and Pam Mannington to assist in the organisation of. Dates – 29, 30th November and 1st December.

About Us document updated with minor changes. Will be available shortly. This document is for the benefit of people wanting to know the workings of the Club.

Te Anau Travellers - Steve forwarded an of those travelling and their whereabouts on the journey to Te Anau. It was felt not to send this out as a flyer as it was adequate enough that it had been sent to those on the list already. Thank you Steve for your vision.

Meeting closed 8.55 pm

Karen Thomas
Secretary NIMAFC

Next Meeting Tuesday 14 May, 2019 at 6.30pm


**What's
Happening**

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>Sunday 12 May 2019</p>	<p>Waiuku Steel n Wheels See page 6 for full details – Please register your Model A NOW if you are attending. Club Contact: Karen Thomas</p>
<p>Wednesday 15 May 2019 Mid-week Club Run</p>	<p>Top Notch Macadamia Farm – Morrinsville, Waikato EVENT CANCELLED</p>
<p>Saturday 15 June 2019</p> 	<p>Ryders Mid-Winter Christmas Movie Night A fun popular club event repeated at a unique private theatre in West Auckland.</p> <p>6.30pm - Scrumptious dinner cooked on the coal range, followed by a movie in the adjacent theatre \$30 per person (dinner and movie).</p> <p>Definitely don't miss this - Secure the date in your calendar now.</p> <p>RSVP: to Andrew Costello by email gizmocat@slingshot.co.nz or Phone: 021 943 063 (Limited spaces for the venue, so SECURE YOUR PLACE NOW)</p>
<p>Wednesday 3 July 2019</p>	<p>Club Tech Night – Vintage Speedway – Richmond in Auckland An opportunity to view Vintage Speedway Memorabilia. This is a must see!</p> <p>Club Contact: Andrew Costello Phone: 021 943 063</p>

Other key dates – event planning in progress – more details to come:

- July – Competitive Club Run – 14th July – North West area of Auckland
- August – Club Tech Night and Club Run in planning
- September – 7th Sept Club Awards Evening/ 8th Sept Swap Meet and 22nd Sept International Model A Ford Day celebrations
- October/November/December - AGM in October, Club Christmas Party November/December



Sunshine Report

MAY

This has been a busy month for most of us with the trip down to Te Anau still foremost in our minds and reflecting on the good times we all shared. However we must spare a thought for those who were unable to travel due to reasons known only to them.

With the change of seasons it is important we keep up the Vitamin C and avoid those nasty flu like symptoms. If there are any other members who are unwell we hope you have turned that corner and are on the road to recovery.

Lastly to our Mothers

Happy Mother's Day MUM

You hold our hands for a short while but our hearts forever

Karen Thomas
Secretary NIMAFC



STEEL 'N' WHEELS

SUNDAY 12th MAY 2019

Waiuku Township

Meet 8.30am for 9.00am departure

**BP SERVICE CENTRE, PAPAURA
Autobahn Café - on Motorway**

Come along and display the Model A – this is a day where the public do get to see our cars for what they are worth. The general public have always had a general interest in the Model A Ford, the problem being they think they can't afford one. Our cars bring back memories of their grandparents and parents and allow them to convey the joy they had whilst enjoying a Model A in the family. These cars have always commanded a lot of interest at this event.

On display throughout the day will be four hours of adrenalin-pumping action, displays and entertainment to keep you revved up! This event has something for everyone.

Hotrods, Bikes, Vintage and Classic cars, Dragster fire-ups, Special exhibits, the NZ Freestyle FMX Motorbikes doing extreme stunts, World War II Re-enactment Display and Battle, Fire Service display, Car Crush, V8 Bottle-O chainsaw & Harley chainsaw racing, Cacklefest and more!

Live entertainment including one of the top Elvis impersonators with 'The NZ Elvis Band', local rock band 'Mind Over Matter', rock 'n' roll & country with 'Roger and the Ramjets', the 'Franklin Rockers' rock 'n' roll dancers and other performers, Kids carnival activities, a huge Food & Craft Market, and much more!

Bring the family for a fun filled day. This is a fantastic event for the whole family to enjoy. Remember your gold coins to ensure the continuation of this wonderful community event.

If you are attending please inform Karen Thomas as soon as possible, email: mosseykar@gmail.com or phone 027 419 0191. Your car will need to be registered with the organisers, according to Health & Safety Regulations.

*Karen Thomas
Secretary NIMAFCA*

Come along and join us on our first - MIDWEEK RUN

WEDNESDAY 15 May – drive to Patetonga (along State Highway 27)



**EVENT
CANCELLED**

MACADAMIA NUT FARM

Depart Caltex Service Station Bombay 9am

Topnotch is a macadamia orchard processor and manufacturer of macadamia nut products. The orchard sits on 27.5 acres and has 1400 macadamia trees. They have a processing plant that processes approximately 60 tonne of nuts a year for themselves and others. They also hand produce a range of products in their own commercial kitchen which is sold in cafes and local markets around New Zealand.

Come along and view the full cycle of the macadamia nut, from growing the nuts, drying, cracking and grading, and finally onto the end product in our on-site kitchen.

For just \$ 18.50 per head

you can enjoy a tour of the processing plant, orchard and kitchen together with morning or afternoon tea which includes a sample of their macadamia nut product range. Who doesn't love macadamia's – just mouth-watering and delicious.

This run will take approximately 1 - 1.5 hours

It is important that we observe safety protocols during this run.

For further information, contact

Karen Thomas 027 419 0191.

**EVENT
CANCELLED**





Rotorua Vintage & Veteran Car Club Inc



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Website: www.rotoruvintagecarclub.org.nz

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

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

A tip from the Club Health and Safety Officer:

Check and adjust brakes especially after the long trip home

Andrew Costello

Photo Gallery – 14th National Model A Rally – Southern Lakes, Te Anau



Lunch at Walter Peak Station (TSS Earnslaw Steamship on picturesque Lake Wakatipu below)



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What's new at the Museum



The museum has recently been gifted with a very early - A-1276 - Light Delivery Model A by the family of Ron Rude from Quincy, CA. This is a very unique vehicle.

The May-June 2012 issue of the Model A News featured the Rude Early Delivery as part of the coverage of the MARC National Meet in San Diego. The vehicle has very low mileage, has a number of very early features and will be a great addition for the Museum. Mr Rude's son has also forwarded all the files and information that his father accumulated so we will have a complete history of the restoration and other details.

Make every effort to attend this year's Model A Day on September 21st to see this and many other "Unique & Original" cars that will be featured. For more information on Model A Day, contact Jerry Morrissey: jertrudy@sbcglobal.net.

Marsha Quesnel, MAFFI Trustee
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Model A Ford Club of America

Over 20 Years on the Web - 1997-2019

"The Largest Car Club in the World Dedicated to One Type of Automobile"



March 31 - The Pasadena High School Model A Ford Club (PHSMAC) has begun its second academic year and membership in the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). "We've learned a lot and the first year restoration car is ready to be owned by a lucky family," says tenth grade club president Alex Ruiz.

[Watch the PHS Video on YouTube.](#)

PHSMAC's first year restoration project car is complete, a 1928 Model A Ford Phaeton, a car that will turn heads at every corner. The car's new coat of Duchess Blue and Niagara Dark Blue paint contrast beautifully against its ebony black fenders, and Tacoma Cream wheels. The car went to a lucky raffle winner in May 2018.



As one of the first high school Model A car clubs anywhere in the nation, Pasadena High School students in grades 9 - 12 have experienced hands-on restoration experience in preparation of some day owning their own Model A. "Before I joined the club, I had never used any type of tool," says club member Kiera Smith.

The club was started with the assistance of the **Santa Anita A's**, the local Model A Ford Club. The Pasadena area Santa Anita A's, Model A Ford Club comprises over 127 families, with over 100 Model A Ford cars. Several members of the Chapter visited MAFCA headquarters February 2 to attend the Board of Directors meeting and to announce their 2019 project - the restoration of a 1929 Roadster which will be raffled off in April.

Karen Thomas
Ambassador for MAFCA 2019

Some Technical Snippets gleaned from the Restorer

For general driving of the Model A you should get 18 -21 MPG on 91 or lower octane fuel.

Back in the Model A era there was no lead in the fuel, it was only added in the 1930's to increase the octane of the fuel to meet the demand of higher compression engines. Standard model Engines with low compression ratio do not need any additives in the fuel.

Distributor – the gap between the rotor and the distributor body terminals runs best at road speeds with a gap of between .025 and .030. The larger gap increases the coil output voltage. A very small gap should be avoided.

Exhaust Manifold bolts – these should not be torqued more than 35 ft lbs so as to allow heat expansion and thereby avoiding a cracked manifold. First torque to 25 ft lbs then finish at 35 ft lbs.


Starter 6 volt – sometimes even with a good battery and rebuilt starter they struggle to turn over readily and one main reason is a poor earth. Install an additional separate ground strap (+ Side) from the bolt at the existing chassis cross member and connect it to a bolt on the top of the gearbox.

Wheel/tyre balancing - this can be done on the car with the wheel jacked up, back off the brake adjustment and the heavy side should go to the bottom. By trial and error, you can attach weights to the inside of the rim use stick on weights from a tyre shop. As far as we are aware modern tyre shops cannot balance Model A wheels.


Model B engines - there is some good info on these (and Model A) at this site

<http://idisc.mac.com/forever4/public/index.htm> this website is called Ford Garage

Model A Engine weight – engine complete with fan, water pump, generator, carburettor, plugs, water outlets is 350 lbs or 159 kg approx. Starter is not mentioned in this calc.



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Apologies from MAFCA

To all those members of MAFCA who receive a hard copy of 'The Restorer' there has been a delay in sending out the March/April issue. It was mailed to International Members on 15 March, a little later than anticipated. The team at MAFCA pass on their sincere apologies.

If you do incur any problems in the future please contact me and I will endeavour to assist.

Karen Thomas
Ambassador for MAFCA 2019

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



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.

If you have Model A parts to sell or wanted, there is space available to advertise here. Send your details via email to nimafc@outlook.com



Vintage Fur coat, we think it is either mink or musquash, beautiful condition, knee length, shawl collar, size 14 - 16,

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From the NIMAFC Editor:

Just returned from the South and the National Rally in Te Anau. A few extra layers of clothing required down South, but a wonderful trip. A bit of fun, seen here at right in Invercargill.

The highlight for me was the daytrip into Walter Peak Station. A perfect location for an amazing lunch overlooking the lake. See a selection of photos of the Rally in the Gallery - a picture tells the story. Every photo was like a postcard shot. The scenery was incredible, and made even more special when viewed from a Model A.



Please send me stories and photos you would like to share with fellow Model Aers, of your Rally travels. I look forward to receiving your replies, even if only a few words. I aim to run a Rally Special over the next couple of Newsletters, so please email to nimafc@outlook.com

Best Wishes, Kay Palmer (NIMAFC Newsletter Editor)

Editor email: nimafc@outlook.com or editor@modelafordclub.co.nz

Please send articles/reports/photos to the Editor by 15th of the month (or earlier if you can).

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

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On a final note:

**Congratulations to the Winners of the Chassis Challenge – Te Anau
North Island Model A Ford Club Team – Well Done!**



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