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# MODEL A TORQUE

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## Rainy Day – Model A in the Garage – Let's head to First Scene!

### 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

How quickly a year goes. With the Awards Night upon us come the 7<sup>th</sup> September it is a great time to rejoice, relax and laugh at the exciting moments of the past season. Fitting also to that, the theme for the evening has been set at “I remember” so defining a wonderful opportunity to share some of those special moments.

To follow shortly after is the Annual General Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019. I know that the very mention of an AGM can sometimes send a shudder down one’s spine as it is that time when committee members retire and new ones are elected. It is a time when the books are opened to everyone so that members may see how their club has run for the past year; An opportunity to have your say on the way our club has responded to the past and what we may or can do for the future. The magic of the great events that we enjoy cannot be found in a book with Harry Potter or his comrades, but must be resourced from within our own club. Like our reliable and trusted FORD Model As, many capable minds are ensconced within the club. The AGM is a great time to set them free and for people to enjoy the challenge of contributing to their future. Why, not talk with an existing committee person and explore how your talents may make that significant contribution and keep the rewards coming.

Recently some members paid a visit to the costume hire venue “First Scene”. While not a typical club outing activity and the day being wet outside, there was nothing dry about the subject when inside. The collection of various attire, objects and memorabilia was impressive to say the least, not forgetting the hidden skill sets that shone throughout the visit as we ventured down memory lane and then: the ability to dress it up as something else in the end. Thank you, Kay for such an enjoyable wet day.



As all ways the club survives on the member participation through thick and thin, crisis and pleasure, toil and trouble, call it what you want. With a guiding hand trepid minds may confront the fear of committee participation. Give it a go and register your interest if you think that you are clever enough.

*Enjoy and stay warm, Cheers, Hewy -- Your Club Captain*

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## A warm welcome to the Club’s most recent Members:

- John and Wendy Bullock, Wanganui – 1928 Roadster Pickup
- Grahame (Coxie) & Janette Cox, Auckland – 1930 AA Truck



## Treasurer's Report

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The bills are paid and accounts up to date. Our Club's financial year ended on 31 August and the year's accounting records will soon be delivered to Marty Perkinson for the annual audit. Thanks in advance Marty for completing this annual task ... it's much appreciated.

### World's largest collection of British cars

Those with a soft spot for cars from Old Blighty may have visited Ian Hope's British Car Museum in Te Awanga (near Napier). Sadly Ian passed away in June.

Ian set up his agglomeration of over 500 vehicles in a huge former kiwifruit packing plant. He described his collection as the largest stockpile of vintage British motor cars in the world – the next biggest is the British Motor Museum in Gaydon, Warwickshire (c.300 vehicles).

Ian's private museum has closed until further notice, with no mention on the fate of its vehicles. I visited the museum last year and was stunned by Ian's collection of around 70 Morris Minors. He told me many of the Morris Minors contained the name of one of his many nephews and nieces – he planned to leave each nephew and niece one of these iconic cars; (but that would only account for a few of the 500 vehicles).

### Road safety clip from early 1950's New Zealand

This is a clip from Archives New Zealand, originally made for the New Zealand Transport Department by the New Zealand National Film Unit.

The safety message, *Overtaking*, starts in a serious tone, "In the country or in city traffic, driving is a responsible job and has to be done well". Viewing the clip, you're left wondering whether drivers in the 1950's really needed such basic guidance on overtaking. However, if our family was anything to go by, many NZ families bought their first car in the 1950's and driving skills were probably still being honed. So the fairly pedantic school teacher approach, was probably not out of order. Click on [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tN\\_yypS8q9s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tN_yypS8q9s) if you'd like to view this almost 70-year-old archival clip.

### Be savvy about scams

Like many others, Jenny and I continue to receive scam phone calls. The most recent was a caller who said he was from Spark in Auckland (we've had similar calls, supposedly from Microsoft). The caller says something like there's a problem with your phone, internet or computer. Once the scammer has your attention, they'll often ask you to log into your computer and download an application (app). For example, 'Team Viewer'. This lets them access your computer.

And your problems begin ...

This week we also received a very authentic-sounding recorded phone message, without a hint of foreign accent. We were informed our internet would be disconnected within 24 hours and told to 'Push 1' for more details. We hung up immediately!

BNZ has a good Scam Savvy website, <https://www.getscamsavvy.co.nz/scam-savvy-intro/> It's well worth looking at this. Always remember, if you don't know the caller, it's OK to hang up. It's OK to delete an email you think may be dodgy. It's OK not to reply.

### Next Club Treasurer

Despite past requests in this column, we haven't been overwhelmed with offers to be the next Treasurer. In fact, no one has been in touch. Give it some thought ... if you have a computer and some basic database and bookkeeping knowledge, you would be a great future Club Treasurer.

### And finally

In case you're wondering, the photo above was taken 20 years ago, prior to my present "Arctic blond" look. Like the John Major glasses?

Best wishes,



## SECRETARYS REPORT

### NIMAFC Committee Meeting

*held*

**Tuesday 07 August 2019 – 6.45pm**

**55 Victoria Street, Onehunga**

***Meeting chaired by: Hugh Hulse***

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

**Apologies:** Andrew Costello; John Ross.

**Correspondence: Inwards** – The Bow Tie, Chevrolet Club August Newsletter; MAFFI Liaison Letter; MAFFI Newsletter Minute, August; Eilerslie Classic Car Show Inter concourse payment; Doug Linden, MAFCA; Model A Day Daffodil Rally for Cancer 25 August – Waitemata & Wellsford Warkworth branches VCC; FOMC – Wheel Torque; Woodlands, Gordonton re International Model A Day.

**Outwards:** Doug Linden, MAFCA.

**Treasurers Report:** Cheque Account \$4,614.24 (\$1421.90 belongs to Ethan Jones fund); Savings Account \$ 130.89; Term Deposit (1) \$18,823.76 (2) \$5,040.96.

A decision was made to compound the interest on our Term Deposit which expires 21 August. All in agreement. Roll over for another twelve months.

**Newsletter Editors Report:** Please get reports in as early as possible. Advertising for AGM must go into next newsletter.

**Club**

**Events:** 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; 13 November – Tech Night; 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.

**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

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

**Club Swap Meet – 08 September** - Bruce Stratton's workshop – 4 Vernon St, Papakura. Woman's table and clothes rack. If there are any ladies who have items to sell please get to Bruce Stratton or bring along on day.

**International Model A Ford Day** – 22 September – This will be held at Woodlands Gordonton. Gymkhana to be organised for day. Depart 9.30am Caltex Bombay.

**Christmas Party, Cosy Corner** – planning is well underway. Tony Mannington has many ideas for this weekend, including a run to avocado orchard, idea being to have a picnic lunch. Keep an eye out in newsletter.

**Club Awards** for 2019 decided. These to be presented at Awards Night.

**AGM** – there are 4 committee members standing down this year, Errol McAlpine; Ralph Levinson; Kay Palmer; Karen Thomas. Karen to have all correspondence out one month prior to AGM.

Meeting closed 8.50 pm

Next Meeting Tuesday 03 September, 2019 at 6.30pm

*Karen Thomas*  
*Secretary NIMAFC*



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# AGM

Annual General Meeting

**Where: V.C.C. Clubrooms  
Fairfax Ave, Penrose**

**Date: Friday 18 October 2019**

**Time: 7.00pm**

This is a reminder to all our club members of our upcoming Annual General Meeting on Friday 18 October at the VCC Clubrooms, Fairfax Avenue, Penrose.

All of us share a passion for the Model A, the car that made automobile history in an early era rich in development, expansion and adventure. Come along and help the club sustain the present membership by showing an interest in the running of the club, become involved and bring along fresh ideas. Be a part of your Club's legacy by charting a new pathway for the Club and make a difference.

This year we have 4 committee members not standing for re-election therefore we will be looking for members to come forward and make themselves available for the 2020 year. The task is not arduous and becomes what you want to make of it.

AGM's are an important function in the running of any club so do not ignore this date – come along and join us. Share your views, ask the questions and receive the answers.

Note the date down in your diary now!

Further information and correspondence will be forwarded to club members one month prior to the AGM for your perusal.

If you have any enquiries please contact Karen Thomas, Secretary NIMAFC, PO Box 99 249, Newmarket Auckland 1149 or email [mosseykar@gmail.com](mailto:mosseykar@gmail.com). Alternatively, if you wish to chat give me a call 027 419 0191.

*Please join us*



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.

<p><b>Saturday 7 September 2019</b></p> <p><b>Sunday 8 September 2019</b></p>	<p><b>North Island Model A Ford Club – Awards Dinner – ‘I Remember’ Remuera Club, Ohinerau Street, Remuera, Auckland</b>          Approximately 60+ booked for the dinner. Please remember to bring along your tickets. Wear your club name badge. Refer details prior Newsletters and Flyer.</p> <p><b>North Island Model A Ford Club – Swap Meet – Rain or Shine</b>          Held at Committee Member Bruce Stratton’s premises, 4 Vernon Street, Papakura, Auckland, BBQ/Tea &amp; Coffee provided. From 9am. If it rains, there is shelter inside the building.</p> <p><b>Includes:</b> Table for the Ladies to sell items (era fashion/accessories and the like). Bring &amp; Buy, spare parts and more.....</p>
<p><b>Sunday 22 September 2019</b></p>	<p><b>International Model A Ford Day – Woodlands Estate, 42 Whitikahu Road Gordonton (see Page 7 for more information)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Picnic Lunch or eat at the on site Café</li> <li>• Gymkhana – weather permitting</li> </ul> <p>If travelling from Auckland or North – meet 9.30am at the Caltex, Bombay, to depart as a group.</p> <p>If meeting at Woodlands Estate – arrive from 11am.</p> <p><b>A day to celebrate the Model A!</b></p>
<p><b>Friday 18 October 2019</b></p>	<p><b>AGM – North Island Model A Ford Club</b></p> <p><b>VCC Club Rooms, 39 Fairfax Avenue, Penrose, Auckland</b></p> <p><b>See Full Notice of AGM – Page 5</b></p> <p><b>Please bring a plate for supper/Tea &amp; Coffee provided</b></p> <p><b>An important date on the NIMAFC calendar!</b></p>
<p><b>November 2019 (date to be confirmed)</b></p>	<p><b>Club/Tech Night – in the planning stages – more details to be advised</b></p>
<p><b>Fri 29 Nov/Sat 30 Nov/Sun 1 Dec</b></p>	<p><b>Club Christmas Party weekend – Mount Maunganui, Bay of Plenty</b></p> <p>Club Christmas Party BBQ will be held on the Saturday</p> <p>See Page 8 for more details and information</p>
<p><b>Sunday 15 December</b></p>	<p><b>Cornwall Park Christmas Picnic, Auckland</b></p> <p>A relaxed, casual picnic in the lead up to the big day. BYO picnic from 10am.</p>

# INTERNATIONAL MODEL A FORD DAY

SUNDAY 22 September 2019

*WOODLANDS ESTATE - GORDONTON*

*42 Whitikahu Road, Gordonton*



Woodlands is a unique and very beautiful Historic New Zealand and Garden Estate.

In 1872 a 98,000-acre estate was purchased from the Crown by The Piako Swamp Company for the sum of 2/6 (25 cents) an acre. The 15 acres you see today of the Woodland Estate was planted over 135 years ago and is surrounded by extensive reclaimed agricultural land.

The lovely Historic Homestead which has been meticulously restored to its former glory, was originally built in 1872. It is largely made of kauri and still features some of the original weatherboards and iron on the roof. It sits proudly in the centre of acres of stunning gardens and fertile farmland, providing the perfect setting to celebrate International Model A Ford Day.

Awarded a 5-star Garden of National Significance rating these gardens offer a perfect photo shoot.

The Woodlands café is also on site and open for those wishing to have lunch. This is situated on the edge of the cricket oval beneath huge old trees planted in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.



*Join us on this significant day and help celebrate the Model A*

**Depart:** 9.30am – Sunday 22 September.

**Where:** Caltex Service Station Bombay.

**Bring:** Chairs, blanket to sit on, lunch (if not eating at café) coffee and refreshments.

**Enquiries:** Bruce Stratton 027 485 3634; Andrew Costello 021 943 063; Errol

McAlpine 027 454 3983 or Karen Thomas 027 419 0191.

We look forward to seeing you all there and having a magnificent day with our Model A and friends. This will be our last Club run before a new Club year begins.

Karen Thomas, Secretary

# 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



This is a family event. Children & Grandkids welcome.

**Highlights:** **Friday** optional buffet evening meal, **Saturday** includes a Run to an organic Avocado Orchard for a picnic lunch, NIMAFC Hubley Champs, Happy Hour, then an evening Christmas BBQ Party **Sunday** is a Day of Leisure (walk the beach, shopping, grab a group and take a Trike Tour, go to the Hot Pools – so many choices)

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

**Assisted by:** Kay Palmer (NIMAFC Committee Member), Linda, Doug and Chris

**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.

The cabins are near the main amenities and bathrooms in the Park.

There are plenty of motels located in the Mount Manganui area.

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



*The Team of Organisers for the Event*

For some of us, our culinary skills will be put to the test in the inaugural 'North Island Model A Ford Club Masterchef Challenge' with a Mexican twist. For those participating, their creations will be revealed at Saturday's 'Happy Hour'. Sound intriguing – more details to come next Club Newsletter.

The weekend is sure to be a mix of fun, Christmas festivities, socialising and best of all showcasing our Model As. At a popular beachside town – Mount Maunganui. Don't miss it!

### What do you need to do?

- Book your accommodation if intending to stayover
- 'Save the Date' or Dates
- Encourage Club Members to come along to this fantastic weekend
- Perhaps organise to drive on-route with a group – support & safety in numbers

### What's to come?

- Watch the Club Newsletter and Club Communication for activity registration requirements, and requests to confirm attendance for catering purposes
- The Organising Team will keep you informed as arrangements are finalised (Watch this space!)
- The 'Man in the Red Suit' is planning his route to the party to make a grand entrance



# Our Life Members

Ralph Levinson, with assistance from our Life Members, also Owen Jones, grandson of the late Len & Stella Hoyland.

## Alan Minson

Alan was one of the founder members of the North Island Model A Ford Club Inc. In 1972 Alan, a member of the Auckland Veteran and Vintage Car Club, asked at an AVVCC meeting for expressions of interest in forming an Auckland Model A Ford Club. After the meeting, several interested Model A Ford owners approached him.



The Auckland Model A Ford Club was formed – interest blossomed from around the North Island and the Club was renamed the North Island Model A Ford Club (NIMAFC). Alan, previously a founder member of the Canterbury Model A Ford Club, became the first Club Captain.

He was nominated as a Life Member in 1973. Alan attended the 1993 Hamilton and 2009 National Model A Rallies, also the Club's 21<sup>st</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. He has since sold his resplendent black, with red wheels, 1930 Phaeton, but is still fluent in "Model A", having been an enthusiast since his teenage years.

At a 'Meet the New Members' event in 2018, Alan was a popular speaker, explaining the origins of the NIMAFC to more recent Club members.

## Murray & Anne Ashby

Murray was nominated as a Life Member in 1995. He is widely known for his friendly help when it comes to anything Model A Ford. At that time, he had been on the committee for 19 years, as Newsletter Editor. Murray was also on the organising committee for the 1993 Hamilton National Rally and has been Chief Judge at several other National events, the most recent at Te Anau in 2019.



Driving one of his Model A's is what Murray likes best, having driven the length and breadth of New Zealand on numerous occasions. Following his nomination, it was decided that Anne, who had always participated in Model A activities, should join Murray as a Life Member.

Both their children, Elizabeth and Sarah learnt to drive in Model A's. All of their cars were given a make-over for Elizabeth's wedding in March 2013.

Murray's garage door is always open to show off the cars and offer advice on all aspects of the hobby. Recently he applied his knowledge as proof reader for a UK publication, "The Essential Buyer's Guide - Ford Model A".

Murray & Anne have many Model A's and are regular participants in either their 1928 Phaeton (restored in 1980) or their yellow 1930 Roadster (owned since 1975), and more recently their red 1928 Closed Cab Pickup, or a black 1931 Slant Window Town Sedan, imported from Ohio in December 2018.

They have been Club Members since 1975.

# Our Life Members - continued

## Paul Smith

Paul joined the NIMAFC in 1976 and was made a Life Member in 2006. Over the many years of his membership, Paul has been our Club Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor and Website administrator. He was on the 1993 Hamilton Rally organising committee, instrumental in attracting over 200 entrants for the event. Paul has regularly attended Model A events throughout NZ, in Australia and the USA. There he has met and made many friends from his various car hobbies.



Having rebuilt a 1930 Town Sedan as an 18-year-old, Paul followed with a 1930 AA Truck and a 1930 Roadster. He had always wanted a genuine 1930 Roadster Pickup and in 2011, purchased one from Bill Quelch (restored by Len Hoyland). In 2018 Paul imported a rare 1930 Deluxe Delivery from North Carolina, USA. Between them, his Model A's have travelled the length and breadth of NZ many times.

Paul is the Club's Historian, holding and updating Club records. Now also interested in antique tractors and historic rallying, Paul and Vicki live in Waiuku, with generous-sized buildings to house Paul's vehicles, museum and Vicki's unique elephantarium.

## Len and Stella Hoyland

Len and Stella Hoyland were made Life Members in 2009. They joined the NIMAFC in 1977 and were very active within the Club for many years, travelling the world with their Model A hobby.



Len & Stella took their Model A Roadster to Australia for the Bi-Centennial Rally in 1989, as well as many NZ long-distance rallies. Len was a member of many committees and also helped organise the 1993 Hamilton Rally.

Len restored Model A's and other vehicles over the years, including 2 Willys Jeeps, a Morris Minor, Chevrolet Deluxe Coupe, 2 Allis Chambers tractors and an Austin 7. The family believe Len restored approximately 17 Model A's in his lifetime. Many of his Model A's and other vehicles are still in the family or were purchased by Club members.

Len and Stella's hobby spread through the family to sons Dugald and David and on to grandson, Owen Jones, who is now the proud owner of Len's last pride and joy, his smart red 1930 Deluxe Roadster.

Sadly, Stella passed away in 2009 and Len in 2014. Their Model A legacy lives on within their family.

## John Castle

John was made a Life Member in 2015. His interest in Model A's began in 1965 when he purchased an original 1928 Tudor and over the years he has owned 9 Model A's of various body styles, of which 4 he fully restored.

In 1974 John joined the North Island Model A Ford Club and at the same time purchased and began the restoration of a 1930 Fordor sedan which became a favourite family wagon for attending Club and National events. He was reacquainted with the Fordor (IA1930) while at the recent National Rally in Te Anau .

Since joining the Club, John has served on the committee and all of the executive positions of the Club. He was involved as one of the team that organised the National Rally in Taupo in 2009 and has also participated as a Judge at most National Rallies.

John and wife Mary have attended most of the National Meets beginning with Blenheim in 1989 and many Club events to date and have met some wonderful people, many who have remained good friends to this day.



## The Aubrey Bateman Memorial Award

The award is a prestigious award for the members of the North Island Model A Club only, for outstanding service and achievements to the Club and not necessary to be awarded every year.

Aubrey was a most respected and outstanding member of our Club owning a Model A Phaeton virtually all his life up until he passed away, after trading his Dodge in his younger days for the Model A.

An outdoor man hence the style of the Trophy to recognise his life.

*He was the only man known to drive a Model A on Three Wheels and get a speeding ticket on his way to a National Rally. A collection was taken on his behalf to settle the fine.*

Colleen and I were pleased to donate this trophy to the Club in remembrance of Aubrey

**Regards,            Bruce & Colleen Smith (Club Members – Thames)**

### Past Winners of this award are acknowledged as follows:

- Anne & Murray Ashby
- Robert Brown
- 100% Club (Opito Bay Group)
- David Mossman
- Tom White
- Paul Hunter
- Stephen Upson (current holder)

This Trophy along with many other Cups and Awards will be presented during the Awards Dinner on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September.



## Club Member Profile – Stephen Upson

Stephen Upson is the current holder of the 'Aubrey Bateman Memorial Award'. Joining the club in 1991, Stephen served on Committee for approximately 15 years, including 2 years as Club Captain.

I would like to thank the Club for this Award, the support from members and your many positive comments over the past years. I am generally a person that sits in the background as a support person, with the help of the NIMAFC I gained confidence as a public speaker, to get behind a microphone, yes 4 times as MC at the Awards Dinner!

**Stephen**

### Q How did you get involved in the Club and the Model A?

I have been an automotive engineer for the past 42 years, self-employed for 29 years. My father Graham (also a Club Member) and I started looking at older vehicles as a hobby. We looked at a few different makes then came across the Ashby's and of course the Model A Ford, then the rest is history. We purchased a 1929 Phaeton which we still own.



Dad (seen above) was involved as an 8-year-old in his father's Phaeton. With my automotive skills and of course Dad's money we purchased a project and restored the 1930 Fordor. You will see Kay and myself out and about in this car. Together we share a passion for the Model A. We have had many trips around the country, the most memorable was the trip to Wanaka and the South Island of NZ.

### Q What is your family life?

I raised 4 teenage sons, as well as running my automotive business. My 4 sons helped restore the Fordor or sat in on the project. They all enjoyed the many trips in the two cars as they grew up. My sons have varied interests and jobs now including, heavy diesel mechanic, learning to fly helicopters, selling Holdens!, Jet ski racer and Workshop Manager, road safety campaigner. My third son, seen at right, at his recent Wedding (with his 3 brothers), and of course Model As transported his bride and attendants. Thanks to Drivers, Ralph & Garry



### Q What positions have you held in the Club?

I am proud of the achievements, activities, challenge and development of my skills and discovering skills I did not know I had or the confidence to do. I have been Treasurer for the Taupo National Rally, Treasurer for the Club and recently Club Captain. I enjoyed working with the Galaxy of Cars Team and MOTAT. I would like to say a big thank you to Kay for bouncing ideas off and her help with organising events. Thank you Kay (our current Newsletter Editor).

## Club Member Profile – Stephen Upson -- continued

### Q What are your future plans?

I have many more ideas to help the Club. I hope to be involved with the Clubs 50<sup>th</sup> if they will have me. I hope to give up the tools soon. I have been involved with Hertz Rentals for the last 3 years, as Branch Manager on the North Shore, yes still cars! Kay and I continue to have a great time with this Club, which has opened many more doors for me, given me the courage to step outside my comfort zone, enjoying a passion with the Model A Ford.

As the club comes to yet another AGM, think of what you could learn from being involved on the Committee, running our wonderful Club.

So the moral of the story is - share your talents or find them, get involved and put your hand up.

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## Other events of interest



### Caffeine & Classics

Last Sunday of **every** month, monthly brunch meet – Next event Sunday 29 September. 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. Arrive from 10am.

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## Vintage & Classic Car Show – Saturday 14 September 2019

We'd like to extend a warm invitation to your club to attend our upcoming Vintage & Classic Car Show, Saturday 14 September 2019 from 10am.

We've got a great weekend planned which includes:

Friday 13th: Silent Movies featuring the original 1925 Phantom of the Opera at the Paeroa Little Theatre

Saturday 14th: Vintage & Classic Car Show

- 11am: Street Parade – please be lined up down Taylor Ave by 10.30am to participate
- Historical Military Re-enactment Society fire power demonstration
- Live music all day
- Best vintage, classic, best-in-show & people's choice judging
- 1.30pm: Mystery car Ramble
- 3pm: D-Day presentation
- Evening entertainment at both the RSA and Ohinemuri Club

Sunday 15th: Cruise to Coromandel leaving Paeroa at 10am

We're looking forward to seeing both you and your beautiful cars!

For more information please don't hesitate to contact either Positive Paeroa on 07 862 6999 or Arkwrights Antiques on 07 862 6898.

# The Very Vintage Day Out

Saturday, 19 October 2019

The organisers of this event have approached our Club offering free driver entry for members happy to display their car. Passengers (minimum of 1) pay the standard entry of \$26.00 per person.

**Where** Hall 2, ASB Showgrounds, Greenlane. Undercover parking of display vehicles in Hall 1.

**Time** Arrive by 9.00am, depart after 4.00pm. Event open, 10.00am – 5.00pm.

More details on [www.veryvintage.co.nz](http://www.veryvintage.co.nz)

10 display parks are held for Club members. While this is not a Club event, if you would like to attend in your Model A, please call Hugh Hulse, 09 267 0850, 021 599 981.

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## Club visit to First Scene – Sunday 18 August

Once upon a time, there was a group of Model A fanatics that needed something to do on a wet Sunday morning.



Well thanks to Kay Palmer, the fanatics had something to do. Kay had organised a trip to First Scene Costume and party hire in Avondale.

This was their chance to see a huge array of costumes, an opportunity to imagine how good they would all look dressed up in any costume you could imagine, a moment to pretend to be someone else. Not that we are saying that they need to be anyone else, as we like them just the way they are.



Arrival time, 11am sharp. As we walked in the door, it was no surprise to see the group had already found the biscuits. We would expect nothing less. As we looked around, we were thinking OMG ('Oh my Gosh') for those who don't like acronyms. We were surrounded by rows and rows of costumes, props and contemporary styled furniture.

We were greeted by Jo Pilkington. The very enthusiastic owner of First scene. Her passion for her business showed through from the first moment she spoke. We were treated to the history of first scene, and the ongoing role that First scene has in the ever expanding movie industry in New Zealand.

With Jo and Alwyn as our guides, we were treated to a personalised tour of the warehouse. Memories of 1930 swim suits, Rabbit fur jackets, a Marie Antoinette wig fashioned by Rae. Kaye having her dream to be a model come true, was chosen by Jo to fashion a 1920's, 1930's ensemble in the very impressive laundry room. Next time Kaye, we will arrange the runway at the Ritz for you.

Rows and rows of Bakelite telephones, bringing back memories of 4 and 5-digit telephone numbers. Statues of waiters in black being arranged for the next Model A function. Very Posh!!! Elvis and Marilyn standing in the back ground. Tempting those into being immortalised into those ever shared selfies. Come on guys, Elvis was made of polystyrene, and in reality he was only 5 foot 8 inches tall.



With the tour finished, it was our turn to peruse the aisles in search of our dream outfit. We have to be seriously worried about some people's tastes, however the chosen outfits were a talking point. Thank you Errol for modelling your alter ego, drag queen outfit.

Jo finished of the tour with a photo opportunity in the retro lounge. What a stunning group we are. I am sure the Upson has the perfect photo for the magazine. This was an enjoyable outing. Memories, smiles, great company and of course the cookies and biscuits.

Thank you Kay for arranging this day. A great alternative to a rainy day and sharing it with friends.

Until the next outing.

Go the Elvis.

***Garry and Fiona.***

# Fashionably Speaking

By Fern Davis

## Beaded Dresses

Probably nothing in our era fashion wardrobe is prized more than a beaded dress. Something magical happens when you put on a beaded dress. You feel like you are really in that time of joyous parties and escapist abandon!

Beaded gowns have been around, literally, for centuries. No matter what the style of the time, for royalty and the upper classes, there has always been that one special dress that was sewn with pearls and/or precious stones. Look at some of the portraits of the old masters and you will find many such gowns worn by past generations.

The beaded dresses from 1918 through the early 1920's were floor length, many with very fancy designs. In 1926, the dress hems rose to the knee and so did the evening gowns. In 1927 and 1928, the short beaded dress was very popular for parties and evening wear. They were still worn in 1929 and 1930, but not as frequently as the earlier years. The change in fashions in 1931 made them give way to the floor length, backless, satin and lamé evening gowns.

Those of our era were beaded with seed pearls, beads of jet, crystals, rhinestones, every color of glass bead, pewter, steel and even small sequins. "Pasties" were also used. These are artificial gems made of brilliant glass and a high lead content. "Pasement" was also widely used. This is an ornamental braid or decorative trimming resembling lace and made of gold or silver thread. The beads were often sewed onto a net backing or made into fringe, or sewed onto the fabric itself in intricate designs. Most of the beads were individually applied with a tambour hook. Some of the gowns weighed up to nine pounds.

Our illustrations show a gown with the beads sewn on a net backing and beaded fringe (standing). This is a model from the 1928 *La Gazette du Bon Ton* collection. The other illustration is from an advertisement, showing a lovely intricate design. There is a picture in the May 1928 *Ladies Home Journal* showing a gown embroidered with silver and black paillettes (small shiny objects such as sequins, beads, jewels, applied in small loosely designed clusters). The model on the facing page is from the July 15, 1931 issue of *Vogue* magazine.



Do you remember a few years ago at the Academy Awards when many of the stars showed up in beaded dresses? Whether they were original or reproduction, I don't know, but they were lovely. So you see, they can still be worn today as that special party dress they were intended to be.

You do have to be careful when sitting down (the beaded panels are frequently over a matching slip, so that the beaded part can be lifted up before sitting). However, they were made for dancing, not sitting anyway.

Just remember, NEVER put them on a hanger, even a well-padded one, as the weight of the bead will pull the shoulder material apart. Store it, inside-out, wrapped in acid-free tissue paper, in a wooden chest or cardboard box. Do not put it in plastic, as this causes heat which will weaken the fibers.

So, go and find "your" beaded dress. Wear it for fun or competition, and enjoy!

*This article was first published in the January/February 1993 issue of The Restorer magazine.*



# The voice of experience

by Bill Furness

*submitted by Eric Lynd*

*Bill Furness is the president of the Metro Toronto Model A Club and has written many articles for the Metro Toronto club newsletter. Many of these technical tips were written by Bill in the sixties but are still applicable today.*

## **SHACKLE BUSHINGS**

A very effective tool for installing shackle bushings can be made by removing the grease fitting from an old stock type shackle.

Slide the new bushing on the old shackle and insert the threaded portion of the shackle inside the old bushing as a guide.

The old bushing should be split with a hacksaw blade first and driven out with a hammer. Follow up with the new bushing.

## **HEAD LIGHT RETAINER SPRINGS**

Head light retainer springs that are beyond using can be made new from piano wire. Use wire as close to the original and bend into shape with needle nose pliers.

## **600W OIL**

Heavy duty oil can be used in the Model A transmission for quieter operation, but not for colder weather driving.

## **SLOW IDLE**

Try this. Use a fine swiss file and open the idle port above the butterfly in the cast body of the carb to 1/32". This will help in most cases.

## **NEW ENGINE**

When filling the pan for the first time in a rebuilt engine, put the oil through the distributor hole in the head to be sure the main bearings receive oil at once.

## **STEERING WHEEL PULLER**

A puller for the Model A steering wheel can be made from a 5/8 x 3 SAE capscrew and two 5/8 SAE nuts, one used as a lock nut. Keep puller tight on end of steering post. A few sharp blows will loosen it off.

## **RADIATOR EMBLEM**

When replating, painting or buffing a radiator shell, the emblem can be removed as follows: Obtain a piece of broom handle that will fit inside rear portion of the emblem. A light tap on the broom handle will force the emblem out the front without damage.

The 1928-29 emblem can be nickle plated without damage to the blue or black enamel if handled carefully by a good plater.

Radiator shell metal parts on the 1930-31 cars are made of stainless steel known as Allegheny metal. This metal will polish to a high lustre and plating should not be necessary. Caution should be taken to use the proper wheel compound.

## **JUNCTION BOX INSULATORS**

A 2" section of heater hose will make an excellent insulator to replace those hard to find rubber insulators inside the junction box.

## **GEARSHIFT LEVER REPLACEMENT**

When replacing the gearshift lever after replating, a problem arises in compressing the spring to install the keeper. This may be done by carefully compressing the spring in a vise and tying it with safety wire at two or three places. The compressed spring may then be installed, the keeper slipped into place and the wire cut and removed. This

is a proven trick - it worked for me.

## **TIMING GEAR LOOSENESS**

Here is a quick way to check for a loose timing gear: With the engine running slowly, screw out the timing pin and insert the pin end into the opening. Care must be used not to let your hand come in contact with the fan. Press firmly on the pin. If the knock stops, the trouble is undoubtedly due to the gear being loose on the camshaft.

To lessen the possibility of the gear becoming loose on the shaft, the thread limits on the camshaft and camshaft nut were reduced some time ago. Also a special lock washer was used in partial production.

If an instance is brought to your attention of a cam gear loosening on the shaft, install washer and tighten the camshaft nut. This will hold the gear securely in place.

## **REAR AXLE SEALS**

1947-48 Mercury rear axle inner seals are the same as the Model A.

## **FAN BELTS**

1937-48 Chevrolet, Gates, Vulco No. 700 are all the same as the Model A.

## **RING GEAR AND THROW-OUT BEARINGS**

1928-1948 Ford interchangeable.

## **DISTRIBUTOR SHAFT BUSHINGS**

Can be made from Chevrolet starter bushings.

## **CAMSHAFT THRUST PLUNGER SPRING**

Replacement for this spring is Dodge oil relief spring, part #119996.

## Tip from the Club Health & Safety Officer – Andrew Costello

### Check tyres for:

- 1) Correct tyre pressure
- 2) Tyre wear depth
- 3) Cracks in the side wall
- 4) Check tubes for cracks
- 5) Wheel stud threads
- 6) Wheel nut tight
- 7) Don't forget the spare tyre also



MAFCA award-winning magazine

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The Model A Ford Club of America Inc (**MAFCA**) is dedicated to the restoration, preservation and enjoyment of the Ford Model A and AA cars and trucks, as manufactured from 1928 through 1931. They are an active, and family friendly organisation whose members share a passion for these historic vehicles, plus other aspects of life in that era, such as fashions.

**MAFCA** is a not-for-profit corporation with members and local affiliated Chapters all over the globe. This makes **MAFCA** the largest car club in the world dedicated to one make of automobile.

If you would like to become a member of this great car club you can either log onto [mafca.com](http://mafca.com) take a look for yourself and join through their website or contact Karen Thomas your Club Secretary to discuss undertaking the option of joining for one-year free.

**MAFCA** announced their new Student Membership in 2019 as they recognise the need to grow the Model A hobby with more involvement by young people. The new class of membership is only \$5 and available to all secondary schools and technical colleges. Students must be aged from 13 – 22.

Speaking from experience the **MAFCA** club members are great people so think about attending one of the National events – you won't be disappointed.

*Karen Thomas, NIMAFCA Secretary*

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

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#### SUNSHINE REPORT

*Yay, what a pleasure it is to see the daffodils out in bloom. We now know that spring is in the air and it won't be long before we experience some warmer weather.*

*Unfortunately, this month we have had two of our Club Members experience some sadness. David Mossman's father passed away as did the son of Marlene and Andrew Costello. The Club sends its condolences to these Club Members and may it help to know that others do care and share your sorrow. If any of our Club Members are unwell we wish you a speedy recovery. A reminder to keep up the Vitamin C to hold those flu like symptoms at bay - we have a lot of motoring ahead and want to see you stay on the road.*

**Remember: Laughter is the shock absorber that softens the bumps in life.**

Karen Thomas  
NIMAFCA 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

Extra-long Trailer, ideal for big loads. Length 3.4m. Width 1.8m.

Contact Tom White: Phone 06 875 8055 or Mobile 027 2323225



### 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

[modelaspeedster@gmail.com](mailto:modelaspeedster@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**

## Classified Advertisements

### 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**

### 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



## Classified Advertisements

### 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)



### Wanted

My wanted add. Is, 1930 Model A Ford original front bumpers (63" wide)

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## From the NIMAFC Editor:

Thanks for your comments and contributions once again. It helps me greatly. Once again I am burning the midnight oil, generating this Newsletter but all worth the effort. As we near the AGM, it's time to handover to a new Editor. I encourage you to give it a go!

As you read this Issue, you will see many words of encouragement from those who have served on Committee.

Thanks to Ralph for sourcing the information about our Life Members in the Club. It is important to recognise our Life Members and their contribution to the Club.

Hope to see you at the Annual Club Awards Evening! Time to put my Era Outfit together. Looking forward to seeing you there!



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

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## On a final note:

### THEY'RE LEAVING!!

**Yes, the News is correct, the Leckner's are leaving Auckland, bound for Gisborne! To celebrate this Terry and Joss Costello have kindly offered to Host a Farewell Party on 27 October at their Mt Eden residence. All NIMAFC Members are welcome.**

**Date:** Sunday 27 October

**Time:** from 1100 hrs

**Where:** 12 Oaklands Road, Mt Eden, Auckland

**Bring:** A salad or a dessert, and your drinks

Sausages and pizza will be provided

Questions may be directed to Terry 027 492 0642 or Gavin 021 040 6116

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