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# MODEL A TORQUE

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**Christmas Park in the Park 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021 Cornwall Park.**

**Merry Christmas Everyone**

## **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 using the Model A Ford.

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

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# North Island Model A Ford Club Upcoming Event Planner 2021/2022

All subject to Covid restrictions <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

Date	Day	Thoughts and upcoming Events		Status
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Thursday	Onehunga Beach BBQ	5pm onwards	Booked
23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2022	Sun	Glenbrook Car Run & BBQ		TBC
End Of February		NIMAFC AGM		TBC
2022		North Island Model A Ford Club 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary		In progress

*The committee are working on events for the upcoming year. Please keep a watch on the website [www.modelafordclub.co.nz](http://www.modelafordclub.co.nz) for any recent updates.*

**FYI below – Non-North Island Model A Ford Club Events 2021/2022**

*If you are aware of an event coming up, please let the editor know so we can share, thank you.*

Date	Day	Event
26 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2021	Sun	Caffeine & Classics
16 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> January 22	Sun - Thur	Vero International Festival of Historic Motoring
16 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Sun	Kumeu Show
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Wed - Sun	Art Deco - Napier
10 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Thur - Sun	Christchurch Escape Tour
13 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Sun	Ellerslie Car Show
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> March 22	Wed - Sun	Beach Hop Whangamata ( <b>Now Postponed Nov 2022</b> )
15 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> April 22	Fri - Sun	Warbirds Over Wanaka
14 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Sat - Sun	Performance & Auto Swap Meet Pukekohe
4 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2023		16 <sup>th</sup> National Model A Rally Methven Christchurch

**Print this page off for reminders and stick to your fridge!**  
**or keep an eye on the website for updates.**

## Captain's Comment - December 2021

To all our Members and Fellow Enthusiasts

When travelling sitting at traffic lights it is always a great time to revise the journey. Today however traffic lights have an additional and different meaning. Red that would hold us stationary forever, and monitoring orange before turning green. I have always regarded traffic lights to be green before changing amber and red. This is very like the chicken and egg story about what came first and is certainly debatable, while we now await the official green light at the far end of summer. Indeed, a long weight (waiting) especially after celebrating Freedom Day and bursting the home bubbles.

Clearly there is no release of the Auckland border likely over the summer but let's make the most of our small won freedoms and explore those hidden gems of our neighbourhoods. Summer is always a great time to meander in small groups to a local park, with picnics, beach hops and bar-b-ques held in the open air as the safest activities all round. To their credit your committee is continuing to work on an events list for members but with so many conflicting options and restrictions, notice periods could be short, numbers limited and with Covid status identification requirements in some circumstances.

Christmas is upon us once again and we can all look upon the period of Cheer as a welcomed variation to the continual lock down. A taste of shopping for some, a chance to play with machines for others or even gulp the fresh air while the opportunity lasts. Watch out for the longest day, it will be gone before Christmas and easily missed.

Reflecting back on the Covid period as a whole it has been a most frustrating period for the club with curtailed activities at every turn. We cannot be complacent yet as different covid varieties continue to emerge and no doubt further curtailments are on the pathway. We have made it to Christmas and that is a major milestone. May I say Well Done and Thank You to all the committee members who have held their posts with dedication and determination throughout this entire period.

**A reminder to those people still pondering the 50th Anniversary Celebrations in Taupo. The Sun Court Motel in Taupo is ready to take your October booking now, on our special Group booking ID 14805. Their phone number is +64 7 378 8265. The Sun Court is kindly holding some rooms for us free from public access until the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 allowing members a preference and decision period. May I suggest get it done quickly as this will assist greatly with the future event planning arrangements.**

Christmas is that time of giving and sharing with Family and loved ones, rewarding others for their contributions, companionship and tolerance over the difficult times of late. I wish you all a Very Merry and Happy Christmas with a Wonderful New Year. Enjoy, stay safe Love your family and friends.

Cheers

Ho Ho Ho

Hewy.

Thanks for sending the newsletter! I first started getting it after a couple of your members attended the Bonneville Speed Week here in the States. I'm a Model A performance guy but enjoy reading the NIMAFC newsletter.

Jim Brierley is in Temecula California and has sent another article below and has allowed us to share with you in our newsletter. Thank you, Jim , always of real interest to read what others are experiencing in motor sports around the world.

## **ANTIQUÉ NATIONALS**

49<sup>th</sup> running, 2021

By Jim B, SoCal correspondent for NorCal F.A.S.T.

October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, was the 49<sup>th</sup> running of the 4 ever 4 Club's Antique Nationals, held at Irwindale Raceway, an 1/8<sup>th</sup> mile track. 75 cars were running and about 750 spectators viewed the event. Not as many as hoped for, but enough to put the event in the black. 2020 was to be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Antique Nationals, however with 2019 being cancelled for a bad weather forecast, and 2020 being cancelled for Covid, 4E4 decided to go Indy style and name this event the 49<sup>th</sup> Running. Look to Spring 2022 for the 50<sup>th</sup> Running, and another great event. I don't have the exact number of 4-bangers running, but there were quite a few. Everything from daily drivers to the turbocharged rail brought out by Eddie Mancillas. Eddie got his enthusiasm for bangers from his dad and uncles, long time banger racers. Eddie's times were remarkable, 7.252 seconds e.t. at 98.58 mph! Eddie beat himself in his last round of eliminations by "breaking out", that means he went faster than his dial-in time. He was eliminated by the Hal powered car of H&H Antique. The FourEverFour.com website will have some links of videos of the race to see more of the action.



Eddie Mancillas, turbo-charged banger flathead dragster. Head is a billet aluminum designed by Eddie. Photo by Eddie.



Victor Garcia of Red's Headers brought out two cars. The roadster on the left is Cook powered, had clutch (?) problems and the sports coupe on the right is 4-port Riley powered. Both ran very well.

Turbo-charged engine in the Mancillas dragster. 7.252 seconds e.t. at 98.58 mph in the 1/8 mile! Not visible but the distributor is driven off the oil pump drive, on the left side of the engine. The dist. and drive were new this year and caused some minor problems, preventing Eddie from dialing in the correct e.t.



Art Moore, winner of the 4-banger street legal (overhead and flathead) bracket race. Art won 2 trophies as he also won the Overhead heads-up race against Tim driving Victor Garcia's Sport Coupe #88. Photo by Alan Zusman.



4-port Riley powered. H&H is producing new 4-port Riley's. Photo by Gordy



Max Herman IV winner of the Competition (non-street legal) 4 banger class with his HAL Dual Overhead cam conversion. They raced against Eddie Mancillas in a bracket style race, and Eddie broke out. Photo by Alan Zusman



John Martinez winner of the 4-Banger Heads Up race in the Flathead Class – Photo by Alan Zusman



Class Winner in Bracket 2 – 8.59 – 10.25 seconds in the 1/8<sup>th</sup> mile. – Photo by Alan Zusman



Top Eliminator Class winner 7.49 seconds and quicker. That is a very fast sedan delivery – Photo by Alan Zusman



Jim Reese in his Morris Minor Turbo Small Block Ford powered won Bracket 2 quicker than 8.59 seconds in the 1/8<sup>th</sup> mile. Jim is a long time racer at the Antique Nationals – Photo by Alan Zusman

**Waitawa Bay Club**  
**Run - Article & photo**  
**by David Heilbron**



A few of the A's at Waitawa Bay. The first outing in a long time was reasonably well attended considering Covid is always in the back of everyone's minds. Many thanks to Hugh for looking after the bbq and cooking of sausages and onions. We all met at the Clevedon hotel and drove through to Waitawa Bay. As a kid we often went passed the munitions depot

which of course was totally inaccessible. To see the other side of the fence and read about the history was an eye opener. The place was busy, but we managed to socially distance the model A club from the Holden club 😊. The beach there is a nice safe place for kids to swim and is obviously well used. Also, good amenities block though unfortunately there being no rubbish bins as this is a take in, take out area is a hard concept for some people to grasp. (NOT Model A club members). It was an enjoyable catchup and stress relief for the A's after all these months of being parked up. Looking forward to when some sort of new normality returns and allows the club to plan events with some certainty.

David Heilbron



**Picnic lunch at Waitawa Bay – Photo shared from Terry Costello**

These photos were taken last weekend, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021 at the VSCC Lakeland Trial in the UK. Somehow, they make Irishman's look a bit subdued! Photos forwarded to share from Keith Humphries. Thank you too, to the original people that took these photos to share with others.







## Things of interest

Thank you to Rob Brown who emailed in the identity of the two photos of question in the September/ October Newsletter.

The mystery photo on the front page was taken in downtown Mangaweka, and you were also right on the other one, with Molesworth Station on page 23. We stopped at this great morning tea spot and discovered there was only four cars instead of seven. No one wanted to go back and look for them due to the borderline petrol situation. An hour later they turned up after replacing a burnt out set of modern points.



Downtown  
Managaweka



Molesworth  
Station top of  
the South Island

### Try the link below.

Ralph Levinson forward the information below to share.

By 1997, at the urging of his wife, den Hartogh opened a 5,000-square-foot museum<<http://www.fordmuseum.nl/>> in Hillegom in the Netherlands to showcase his collection. At one point The Guinness Book of World Records certified the museum as the world's largest Ford museum with 200-plus vehicles. The family have now auctioned the exhibits - more info here : <https://www.hemmings.com/stories/2018/04/17/what-was-the-worlds-largest-private-ford-museum-heads-to-auction>

# Park in the Park

Cornwall Park, Sunday 12 December

*Ralph Levinson*

Sunday 12 December dawned after a week of summery weather ... to rain. Our wet weather Plan B was to delay a week, however by now we knew many Club members were not able to come the following Sunday. Some phone calls; the consensus was we should still go ahead. And we did. Despite some isolated "liquid sunshine", we had a most enjoyable event. 20 Model A's lined up in "our" parking area, opposite the cherry trees in Cornwall Park. Many sported Christmas finery.

Pre-event, there had been frequent communications with the Cornwall Park Trust, as the Park was closed to all vehicles during the long lockdown. As November came to an end, the Trust admin office assured us of a welcome on 12 December, provided we complied with a constraint on numbers. Plus, we needed to sight each attendee's vaccination certificate. We did ... and it was fine.

As for last year, Santa emerged from the back of David Heilbron's smart sleigh, well, Model A Commercial van. Bearing a gift for everyone, jolly Saint Nick also had a gift for Garry & Fiona Learmonth's well-behaved dog, Tessa.

Club stalwart, Alex Wilson (thanks Alex) judged the most Christmassy cars, awarding (drum roll here), 1<sup>st</sup> place to Carol Farr, 2<sup>nd</sup> to Anne-Marie Hulse and 3<sup>rd</sup>, to Marlene Costello. All well deserved. Special thanks to *everyone* who made an effort to include a festive look to their vehicles. Steve Driver awarded Christmas attire prizes to Daphne Wilson and Bruce Stratton. Thanks Steve.



Anne-Marie 2<sup>nd</sup> prize presented by Alex.

Carol 1<sup>st</sup> prize Xmas Vehicle decorations presented by Alex.



Marlene 3<sup>rd</sup> prize presented by Alex.

The NIMAFc 2021 Mastermind Quiz winners were Garry & Fiona Learmonth, with runners up, Martin & Alayne Rees and at 3<sup>rd</sup> equal, Diane Jordan and Brian Hosking.



**Garry receiving first prize, as Fiona was off playing with Tessa, ( dog )**

I'd been collecting interesting questions all year, so we had an eclectic mix for the day. Sufficient questions to fill a double-sided page, seems about the right number.

We packed and left Cornwall Park at 2.30pm, just as the "proper" rain started ... but by that time, it didn't matter. Special thanks to Saint Nick Santa Marty Perkinson, for taking a break in the busy season to hand out gifts to all. Also Jenny Elf for all her support, both in the lead up period and on the day.

In the spirit of Christmas sharing, iced banana cake, homemade fudge, Christmas cake, bubbles and other goodies were passed around.

Ahooga! Model A's Rule, yet again. And the best of Christmas wishes to all.

## **NIMAFc Cup & Trophy Awards**

Club cups and trophies were awarded by the Committee at the Christmas Park in the Park. These were given out to members present, and those not present, the committee will endeavour to get these to you. A list of recipients is below. Congratulation to all the recipients.



**Steve Driver getting everyone's attention to make the presentations. Garry Learmonth armed with the winner's names ready to deliver the results.**

## List of Cup & Trophy recipients

### Cup & Trophy

\*Royan Model Centre Cup

\*Ladies Cup

\*Elegance Cup

\*Pride of Ownership Trophy

\*Annual Concours Cup

\*Marteen Westerwoudt

Memorial Endeavour Trophy

\*Competitive Cup

\*Hawaiian Trophy

### Description

Most Attendance

Lady member for services during the year

Elegant on the day

Regardless of condition shows pride of ownership

Judged Best Overall

For Service to the Club

Most points accumulated over the year

Best Commercial Vehicle

### 2021 Recipients

Bill & Sherrill Hulse

Anne-Marie Hulse

Rob Brown

Jim & Jan Corbett

Justin & Tracey Bicknell

Tony & Pam Mannington

Shared by Ralph & Jenny

Levinson & Bill & Robyn Duffy

Errol McAlpine



Bill & Sherrill Hulse being presented with the Royan Model Centre Cup by the Elf himself, Andrew Costello.

**Anne-Marie Hulse being presented with the Ladies Cup by Andrew ( Elf ) Costello**



**Rob Brown being presented with the Elegance Trophy by Andrew Costello.**



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*“Merry Christmas everyone and Happy New Year from the committee – see you all next year. Stay well and safe.”*

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**“Remember if you haven’t paid your subs and still wanting to be a member of the club, this is a good reminder to get your subs paid”**



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## **Membership Subs are now due** **for the 2021/2022 year**

**To: All Club Members (except Youth and Life Members)**

**The amount now payable, to be a financial member, is \$45.00.**

**Your subs information is below:**

### **Annual Subscription, 1 September 2021 – 31 August 2022**

Individual / Family Membership

Paid by	15 November 2021	\$45.00
Paid after	15 November 2021	\$55.00

### **Payment – details below.**

1. Online Direct payment to the Club’s **ASB Account 12 3068 0187485 00.** Please include your name.  
Please remember we can no longer receive cheques.

**To keep our database current**, please let us know any changes to your email address, postal address, phone numbers or Model A’s you have bought/sold in the last 12 months.

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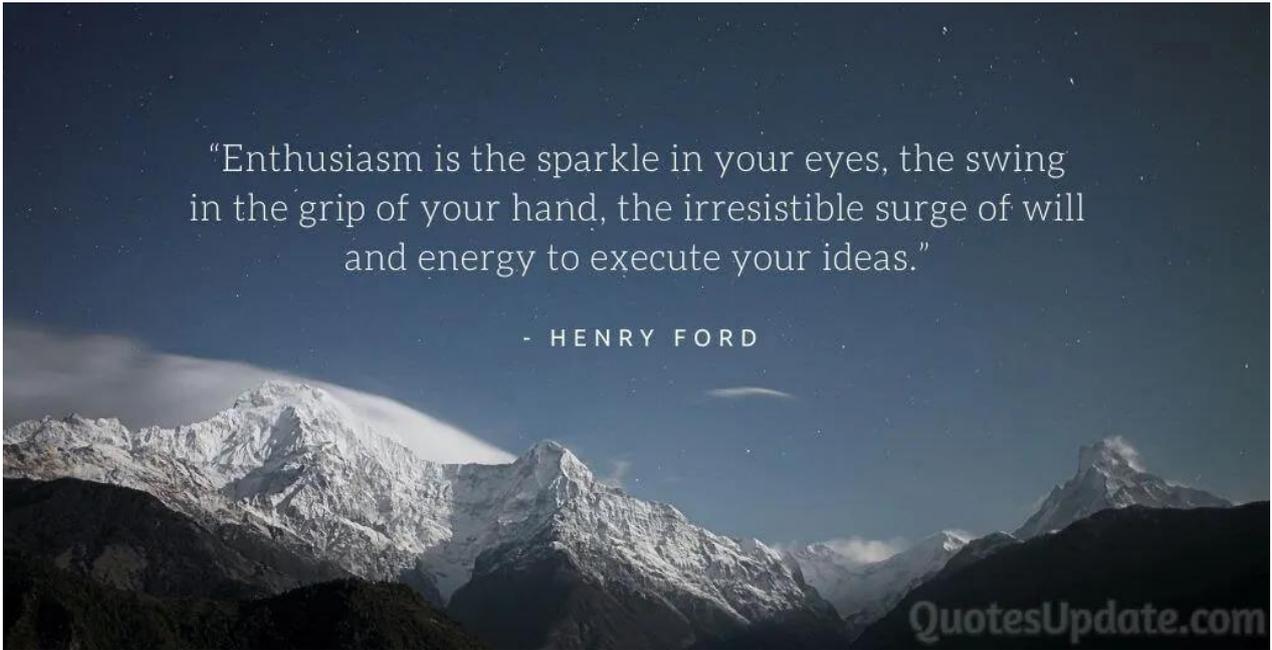
Thank you.

NIMAFc current committee

## Sharing Henry Ford – “Quotes.”

“Enthusiasm is the sparkle in your eyes, the swing in the grip of your hand, the irresistible surge of will and energy to execute your ideas.”

- HENRY FORD



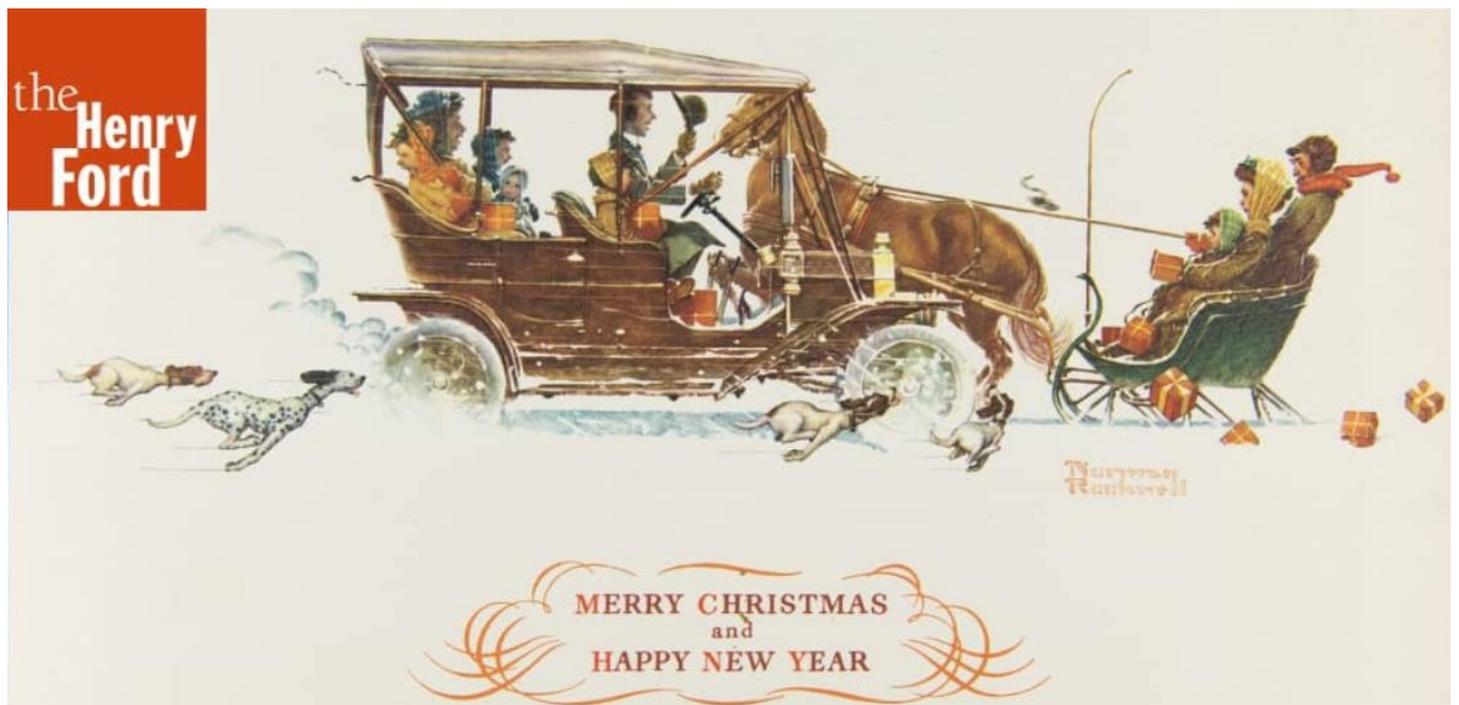
“Competition is the keen cutting edge of business, always shaving away at costs.”

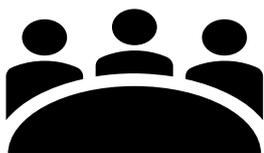
“An idealist is a person who helps other people to be prosperous.”

“Chop your own wood and it will warm you twice.”

“Don’t find fault find remedy, anybody can complain.”

“Givers have to set limits because takers rarely do.”





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## FROM YOUR COMMITTEE.

### Vaccination passes and masks.

A reminder to have your vaccination pass and your mask on hand when attending club events. We are required to check your passes at organised events to ensure everyone's wellbeing.

Regards

NIMAFC Committee.

### Newsletter Editor/Website Corner [www.modelaford.co.nz](http://www.modelaford.co.nz)

Remember when attending a club event take some photos and write an article for the newsletter. If you have something of interest to share with other members, please let the editor know by email. Details are below.

If you have something you would like to sell or buy to go in the newsletter or website, please provide a description of the item, photos, price and contact details so people interested can call you directly.

Thank you.

### Kind regards

Fiona Learmonth (NIMAFC Newsletter Editor/Website)

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

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