

North Island Model A Ford Club Inc
25th ANNIVERSARY
LABOUR WEEKEND - 1997

Rally Weekend Program:-

Saturday October 25th 1997 -

- 2.00pm Rally HQ Opens (*Remuera Room*) *Ellerslie Convention Centre.*
- 2-5pm Registration - Check in
- 5-7pm Rally HQ closed for Cocktail set-up.
- 7-10.30pm Cocktail Nibbles Social (*Remuera Room*) (*cash bar open*)
(parking as per map - Security till 11.00pm)

Sunday October 26th 1997 -

- 10.00am Rally Start (*Top of Mt Roskill Mountain carpark*) (*see map*)
Vehicles depart at 1-minute intervals.
- 12-1.30pm Rally Lunch at Taupaki School. (*Ticket entry only*)
(see map and info) (*please park as directed for group photos*)
- 3-4.30pm Rally finish at Monterey Park Museum. (free entry)
- 6.30pm Pre-Dinner Drinks (*Gold Star Lounge*) (*cash bar open*)
(*Parking and Security till midnight as per map*)
- 7-12pm 25th Anniversary Dinner & Dance (*Gold Star Lounge*)

Monday October 27th 1997 -

- 9.00am Breakfast and Farewells (*Gold Star Room*)
(*Parking as directed for photos*)
- 10.30am Group Photo time. (if not taken at Taupaki)
- 12.00pm Rally HQ closes. - Farewell.

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The North Island Model A Ford Club (New Zealand) held its 25th anniversary celebrations over Labour Weekend (October 25-27) a public holiday weekend here in New Zealand.

60 members and 28 Model A Ford's of varying body styles and years took part in the weekend celebrations, some travelling up to 100 miles to take part in the Rally and an Anniversary Dinner. Members and families participated fully in the events.

The weekend started with a Nibble and Natter on the Saturday evening, at the Ellerslie racecourse convention centre. Sunday saw a full day Rally that started on top of one of central Auckland cities dormant volcanic cones, Mt Roskill. This was chosen, as it was only a few miles from the birthplace of the club, where the first meeting was held in August 1972 in what was then just a shed. The rally, plotted by Errol McAlpine, took in a scenic route through the Waitakere ranges to a lunch stop at the small rural school of Taupaki. There the locals put on a lunch for us and provided the anniversary cake, which was ceremonially cut by our past Club Captain Bob Hoy. Many of the town's people came out for a look at our cars and trucks, with the school benefiting from the day to the tune of \$1200.00 towards their Library fund. After lunch and some of the kids had been taken for rides, the rally progressed onto some backcountry gravel roads before finishing at Monterey Park, a local Car museum. Sunday evening saw the anniversary dinner and dance, with music provided by member Rex Benn's and his band. Another Anniversary cake was baked, and paraded out by Daggy Sperry on the bagpipes, assisted by sisters Elizabeth and Sarah Ashby. This cake was cut by our current Life Members, Murray and Anne Ashby. There was much reminiscing of the past, telling of jokes and general Model A chatter. Some members had even brought along photos of past events. During the dinner, Tom and Helen White and Brian and Jan Merrick were presented with their 5000-mile awards. Local businesses provided goods, which were distributed in the form of door prizes to each entrant. A thoroughly enjoyable weekend celebration was had by all who participated.

Report and Photos by,
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NEWS

Model A Club helps school



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Taupaki pupils Hannah Udall and Nicholas Wright present an anniversary cake to Model A Ford Club member Bob Hoy.

More than \$1000 was raised for Taupaki School when the North Island Model A Ford Club held its 25th anniversary celebrations there on Sunday.

Over 100 residents turned up to look at the 30 vintage vehicles and talk to the owners.

Taupaki school children coloured in pictures of the Model A, which were also displayed on the day. Parents raised funds for the school by selling refreshments and barbecue sausages.

Many Model A vehicles are purchased in a rusty condition, but the challenge for restorers is to bring them back to their original factory condition.

The cars are banned from travelling on the road overseas, but can still be driven here because of our lighter traffic flow.