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MODEL A TORQUE

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Sanders Reserve House 27th August 2022 Event

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 2022

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

Date	Day	Thoughts and upcoming Events		Status
19 th Oct	Wed	Tech Night Dyno Testing Demo	Details on Website	In progress
25 th -28 th Oct	Tue-Fri	North Island Model A Ford Club 50 th Anniversary	Details on Website	In progress
26 th Oct	Wed	NIMAFC AGM during 50 th at Taupo	Details on Website	In progress
13 th Nov	Sun	Car Run – Steve Driver		Details to come
? Dec	?	Christmas in the Park Auckland Domain	Ralph	Details to come
Jan 2023	?	Onehunga Beach BBQ		Details to come
Feb 2023	?	Proposed Car Run		Details to come
April 2023	?	Waiheke Run		Details to come

The committee are working on events for the upcoming year. Please keep a watch on the website www.modelafordclub.co.nz for any recent updates.

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

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

Date	Day	Event
20 th Nov	Sun	Waikato Swap Meet
23 rd – 27 th Nov	Wed – Sun	Beach Hop Whangamata
20 th , 21 st & 22 nd Jan 2023	Fri - Sun	Kumeu Hot Rod Show
28 th Jan 2023	Sat	Wing & Wheels Thames
4 th – 6 th Feb 2023	Sat – Mon	Leadfloor Festival Hahei Coromandel
12 th Feb 2023	Sun	Ellerslie Concourse
16 th – 19 th Feb 2023	Thur – Sun	Art Deco Festival Napier
4 th – 10 th March 2023	Sat - Fri	16 th 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 – October 2022

To all our Members and Fellow Enthusiasts,

The years have gone, the months and weeks have gone, and it is now just days before we celebrate our first fifty years as a club, in Taupo. Fast you may say, but not as fast as a Model A which has 96 years, compared to our 50, but we can continue to share them together. Model A milestones are indeed our milestones too, so yes, multiple things to celebrate at the SunCourt Hotel. I'm looking forward to it.

I trust that everyone is looking forward to it, the drive, the company, plus the anticipation of rejoicing with old friends and enjoyable Taupo.

The anniversary programme is included within this newsletter along with our AGM notification and a host of other activities. Anyone can bring new ideas to our forum for discussion should they wish. The next five decades will be more challenging than the past no doubt, but the thought of a robot servicing our electric Model A in the future, may be a stretch too far. It may not be fair to share the water, oil and grease with a humanoid mechanic!

Enjoy Taupo, come the end of the month. During the review of old photos, clearly everyone looks younger, so some people are hard to recognise. Unfortunately, many early members have passed, but we remember them still, their quirks and smiles. Memories, to hold, while we can celebrate time and the Anniversary.

Still to come is Christmas and Ralph is again organising our traditional assembly in Cornwall Park. Christmas itself, the new Year and summer offer a renewed rollout of events cumulating with our National Rally in Methven, early Autumn. More milestones, more enthusiasm and excitement as your new Club Committee negotiates the beginning of the next decade. Have you thought about how you can be a part of it?? Why not give the committee a go!

Remember always, stay safe, share, take care and wash your hands,

Cheers,

Hewy.

50th Anniversary Taupo Programme.

Tuesday 25th October 2022

- 9.00am Meet Drury Service Centre for tour to Te Awamutu / Or Meeting Tauranga for trip to Taupo via Rotorua
- 11.30 am Arrive at Central Café, Te Awamutu for lunch
- 1.30pm Depart for Taupo via western side of the Waikato River
- 4.00pm Arrive Taupo, SunCourt or other accommodation.
- 5.00pm Meet Taupo Cosmopolitan Club for evening get together and Hubley track launch

Wednesday 26th October 2022

- 9.00am Car and fashion show on the SunCourt lawn frontage
- 10.00am Start continuous morning tea, muffin, or scone until 12.00 noon
- 11.00am Hubley practice in the Tauhara Room, SunCourt
- 12.00pm Hubley Racing competition
- 2.30pm Annual General Meeting
- 5.30pm Social Hour Tauhara Room SunCourt
- 6.30pm 50th Anniversary Dinner
- 8.00pm Club Cake cutting: Presentations

Thursday 27th October 2022

Relaxing morning for individual activity, Breakfast out or other

- 1.00pm Real live Hubley, Acacia Bay
- 2.30pm Kinloch BBQ assisted by Kinloch Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Friday 28th October 2022

Breakfast at SunCourt to be confirmed



Tuesday 25th October 2022 5.00pm – 6.30pm.

Tongariro Room.

Taupo Cosmopolitan Club

Hubley Derby. (1/20 Scale Models of Ford Model A's)

Practise Event.

Spectators welcome. Any enquiries, Phone 0274942445



The Hubley Derby is a gravity race using the die cast 1/20 scale metal models made by Hubley, Gabriel, and Scale Model.

An event for "the big kids" - racing their toy Model A cars.

Today's practice is for our main event tomorrow at SunCourt in conjunction with the:

North Island Model A Ford Club 50th Anniversary.

30-year badge presentation 21/08/2022

2021 came and went, and unfortunately some members did not receive their badges for their long memberships with the NIMAFc.

Covid, lockdowns and for some of our members, it was just plain difficult to get to events for various reasons.

Whilst the club normally presents badges at events and functions, we had not been having these on a regular basis and the committee found themselves in a position that we just had to get the badges out to these deserving members before the pride or expectation of receiving them wore off.

Three of these members were Graham, Zoe, and Stephen Upson.

Kaye Palmer (Stephen's partner) organised a breakfast at Graham and Zoe's retirement village in Takapuna for a surprise presentation of these 30-year badges.

Committee member Garry attended and after the cooked breakfast and waffles were consumed (and very nice they were) a presentation of their 30-year badges was made.



30 years in any club or organisation is not to be sneezed at, and it was nice to see a great smile on their faces.

As with any long membership in a club or service, the badges go towards showing the clubs appreciation to members. Without members, we don't have a club, so a big thanks goes out to Graham, Zoe and Stephen Upson for being members for 30 years as of 2021 and putting up with the rest of us.

Thankyou Graham, Zoe, and Stephen, and organiser Kaye.

Garry Learmonth (Committee)

Club Run Saturday 27 August 2022 North to Sanders Reserve

By Stephen Upson

With weather of the past weeks in Auckland not been favourable to our Cars and Picnics, Saturday was looking to bring fine weather. We were looking forward to taking our newest purchase out on its first Club outing, so off to fuel up \$40 that doesn't seem much for Auckland prices, so checking that the fuel tank was full, yes, checking the Gauge, NO, it's empty. Another item on the long list of to do's, (Fuel gauge).

Heading **North** or was it **North/East** up the motorway to Albany, yes keeping up with traffic, well my new purchase goes well, oops we are in Auckland traffic 80km (motorway speed) well that is fast enough for an A.

Found our way to the North Shore Vintage Car Club **North/East** parked up by another new vehicle to the Club Terry's new Closed cab pickup (Jack Daniels) after a nice morning tea and a look through the Clubs sheds, Kay and I were first A away off looking for clues, what clues? well we don't know so how do we win this quiz? talking to each other, one bridge, one round-about, Mobile, Z Energy, Mitre 10, 80km, 60km Bridge number two and on it goes. Arriving at Sanders Reserve out came the quiz, 21 out of 23 correct answers gave us first place, so it pays to talk to each other, lol. Yes, we did listen to the run briefing.

Well, more brain teasers, compass work using the Sun and your watch we navigated our way round a small course using the sun to navigate gave us 2nd equal place teamed up with Rob & Trish Brown in the team challenge.

Trish & Rob Brown, Stephen Upson & Kay Palmer second equal in the navigation.



Stephen Upson & Kay Palmer 1st in the memory quiz.



After Captain Hugh cooked up our BBQ lunch, heading off with the sun at our backs (oops to the **South/West**) heading home thinking that our first outing in the new Yellow Pickup was a successful and enjoyable run for both Kay & myself.



With some more fine tuning and maybe some mods will see you on the next outing (maybe **South**) Thanks Garry & Fiona for a great **North/West** outing. I hope the members that were unable to attend understood this was about communication and navigations with some valuable orientation skills.



Warren & Marilyn Thorburn second in memory quiz.



Bill & Robyn Duffy & Warren & Marilyn Thorburn, First in the navigation.



Model A's and members at the North Shore Vintage Car Club.



Andrew & Marlene Costello and Josh & Terry Costello, Second equal in the navigation.



A lovely day for club members at Sanders Reserve working through the navigation exercise.

Swap Meet & Inaugural Hubley Run & BBQ at Bruce Stratton's

By Garry Learmonth

Having become a yearly ritual, minus one year due to a pesky 2019 bug going around, the swap meet at Bruce Stratton's workshop in Papakura was held once again on the 11th September 2022.

A beautiful day was on the cards and the weather God's did not let us down.

A bunch of us gathered our bits and pieces that we no longer use and displayed them for all to see. Prices were negotiated, haggling was done, and a few items went off to different homes.



The swap meet of course also has the added bonus of being a social event on the club calendar. The Club Captain took up the challenge once again to cook the perfect sausages. Add in the awesomely good home baking that was provided by our own Alison Holst and the stomachs were satisfied.

This club always amazes me in that a casual get together always seems to have the result of solving not only members Model A issues, but also the world's issues, or at least identify them.

As the swapping of bits and pieces and stories wound down, part two of the day came into play.

Bruce Stratton has set up his absolutely beautiful carbon Fibre Hubley track in his workshop. 14 meters long made up of 14 one-meter sections, starting gear with computer hook up, race timing with display and a runoff area with an ingenious braking system.



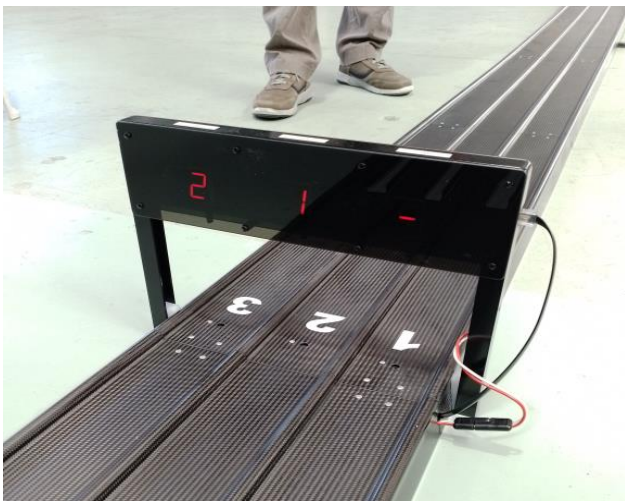
Bruce has created and paid for it, and we as club members are privileged to be able to race our cars on it.

Members tried out the track using their cars. Some fast, and some still being tuned up with the hope of being faster in the near future. The trials were deemed a success by all, and the time came where we all had to head home.

As a member of this club since 2014, I want to thank those that arrange these get-togethers, events for the rest of us to enjoy.

The club would like to pass on its thanks to Bruce for hosting the day, and everyone else that organized, cooked, prepared, and participated on this day.

Greatly appreciated by all that attended.



Visit to Jim & Jan Corbett's Kumeu Home Sunday, 18 September

By Ralph Levinson

Spring has sprung, the grass has rizz, I wonder where the mower is.

Our first Spring-time visit was to the Kumeu home of NIMAFC members and hosts extraordinaire, Jim & Jan Corbett. And no need for Jim to wonder where *his* ride-on mower is – it shares its own shed with a business-like quad bike and trailer.

14 spiffing Model A's lined up on the grass (perfectly mown of course), under trees adjacent to Jim's immaculate, everything-in-its-place, workshop – the envy of many. Lined up in another garage, in soldierly fashion, was the gleaming, very impressive, National Brass Blow Torch collection. (If it's not the National collection, it should be.)

Kay Palmer curated a Model A-era display of clothing, much enjoyed by our ladies, who were each given a headband with stylish feather. Special thanks to Kay.

It was a treat to then gather under Jim & Jan's gazebo, overlooking the expansive lawns and fruit trees. Delish food was set out – thanks to everyone who brought a plate, with Jan generously sharing her crockery, cutlery, etc. Gourmet sausages were cooked to perfection; our Club seems to excel at this, largely thanks to the barbeque skills of Club Captain, Hugh Hulse. Not to forget too, the sharing of an excellent 3-layer cake made for the occasion by our hosts' daughter. Lucky were we.

Thanks Jim & Jan for opening up your lovely home to Club members, for yet another memorable Model A day. Ahooga!



Ladies Day Club Run – Photos from the Era Fashion Fiesta & Garage

A special thanks to hosts & Club Members Jan & Jim





Agenda for

North Island Model A Ford Club Annual General Meeting Wednesday 26th October 2022

SunCourt Hotel, Taupo, NZ. @ 2.30pm

as a part of

50 Years of the North Island Model A Ford Club Inc at Taupo 2022

- 1 Present; (All attendees please sign the book)
- 2 Apologies:
- 3 Obituaries; (Minutes silence for club members who have passed away since the 2020 AGM)

Bob Pipe, & Paul Smith's father

- 4 Minutes of the last ANNUAL GENERAL Meeting 31 October 2020: Moved / Seconded

Matters Arising from 2020 AGM Minutes:

- 5 Club Captains' Report
- 6 Treasurer's Report: Moved / Seconded

Matters arising from the Treasurer's Report.

- 7 Election of Executive Officers

Club Captain	Treasurer	Secretary
Vice-Club Captain	Editor	Committee (2 – 4 persons)

Hugh Hulse, Andrew Costello, Garry Learmonth, and Wade Alexander have offered their services again for the new committee.

- 8 General Business

Thank you for your attendance and support of your Club and we look forward to seeing you at the Evening Dinner to follow at 6.30pm.

Wade Alexander
Secretary
North Island Model A Ford Club Inc.



Notice for

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26th September 2022

To all Members,

Time passes very quickly and the Annual General Meeting forum for 2022 is upon us. Despite a very interesting and pressured period Covid 19 wise, the Club has maintained its cohesive spirit and set in place opportunity to embrace the future, explore avenues and activities as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary in Taupo. We continue to support our colleagues.

Apart from hearing what the Club has achieved in the past year, it is also a forum for our membership to elect their representatives for the coming financial year and engage in the inner workings of their organisation. This meeting gives a chance for members to give back to the club by volunteering to participate within the management and enjoy challenges and rewards you never knew existed.

Come along and join us at our Annual General Meeting on:

Wednesday 26th October 2022, at the SunCourt Hotel, Taupo, NZ @ 2.30pm.

Please find attached the agenda for this meeting, a nomination form for prospective committee members and a copy of the 2020 AGM minutes.

Please note that at the time of issue of this notice we are still under abnormal conditions. Should because of further restrictions, this meeting is not able to be held as planned, it will be postponed, with full details to be advised as soon as possible.

In passing, Covid issues continue to hinder the smooth running of the club to a greater or lesser degree. Some difficulties are able to be managed via remote meetings, electronic transactions and communication. This situation is likely to continue for a period of time as new covid variants emerge. As a club it is necessary that we accept the situation that is dealt to us and move forward with building our comradery and well-being as best we can.

Some members, where possible, of your existing committee offer themselves back for re-election in an effort to promote cohesiveness and conformity during these variable events offering further stability to the Club as we move onward.

We look forward to your company,

Regards,

Hugh Hulse

Club Captain

North Island Model A Ford Club Inc.

Committee Nomination Form



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2022 Election of Officers to the Committee

Nominations are hereby called for the following committee positions at this year's Annual General Meeting.

- 1 Club Captain**
- 2 Vice- Captain**
- 3 Secretary**
- 4 Treasurer**
- 5 Editor**
- 6 Committee (2-4)**

Only financial members of the North Island model A Ford Club Inc are eligible to be elected Nominees should sign their acceptance of nomination.

Nominations should be with the Secretary Wade Alexander 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting. Send to email: wadeyboy@xtra.co.nz

I hereby accept nomination for the position of:

Nominee -----

Details

Nominated by -----

Seconded by -----

Date -----

Canterbury VCC Swap Meet, 7 – 9 October

Ralph Levinson

As if a gesture to 3 years of Covid-related cancellations, the Canterbury Branch Vintage Car Club (VCC) Swap Meet this month was a “doozy”. 9 NIMAFC members and 1 NSVCC member travelled to Christchurch for this annual (Covid excepting) event.

This is the biggest Swap Meet in the country. 600 sites, spread over 7 acres at Cutler Park on McLeans Island Road, a 10-minute drive from the central city. Canterbury VCC and the nearby Custom Car & Vintage Machinery Clubs, also the Steam Preservation Society, share their facilities for the event.



I had a chat with Colin Hey, Swap Meet Committee chair who oversees a committee of 12; he said this year the \$45.00 sites were fully booked, with a waitlist for 20 sites. It was estimated at least 5,000 people visited this year’s Swap Meet. But it felt like even *more* had turned up, during the crowded, mostly blue-skies weekend. Many stall holders stay overnight in an eclectic mix of tents, converted buses, caravans and mobile homes, spread across the grounds.

Entry is \$5.00/day, or \$10.00 for 3 days. Over 100

volunteers provide traffic control, parking, food, sites etc, support.

What’s for sale? Everything imaginable! Old tools carefully buffed for a new life, kitchen goods (ancient mincers were recurring items), car parts (including Model A Ford), more old tools, plants, rusted relics of cars ... in other words, the finest junk of all descriptions. I looked for rare books, but only found a constant theme of novels by popular authors, well-thumbed books about royalty and old car-related magazines. *Beaded Wheels* were popular. Expired body bags and WW1 folding trench spades were among the more unusual items. And a mobile Covid vaccination clinic was on-site.



The well-stocked Canterbury VCC parts sheds (there are several), were open for business, which appeared to be brisk. Our group “rescued” various parts from the Model A Ford section of the main shed, all at good prices.

Several car clubs had displays of their makes, including the Canterbury Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). A good selection of vintage and classic vehicles, most in need of

restoration, were lined up for sale.

Thanks to a contact of Garry Learmonth's, we had the privilege of viewing Daniel Smith's impressive collection of cars, helicopters, horse-drawn's, Queen's visit Rolls Royce, factory cut-away MGB and much more. This is a collection of size and substance, with plans to present it at a yet-to-be-built site on the outskirts of Christchurch.



What a fine-looking mob they are. The Christchurch tour group taking time out to pose for the camera during the visit to one of the three sheds of Daniel Smith's collection. Helicopters, cars and motorcycles from our childhoods. Dan is an all-round collector and just loves nice vehicles. **Many thanks go out to Daniel Smith for allowing us in to look at your collection. Absolutely Stunning. Thanks also go out to Jared (3rd from left) who showed us around. He is a fantastic ambassador / tour guide for the collection.**

NOTE: Whilst some of these events shown may not be totally Model A focused, it's also about the Model A club members getting out there and appreciating, not only Model A fords (the best car in the world), but also about appreciating other beautiful forms of transport, a lot of which we have grown up with. If it puts a smile on your face, then Just Do it.



At Early Ford Parts Ltd, Henry Street, Waltham, we were welcomed by George Spriggs and shown over his parts, repairs and restoration business. Here Model A's rule. Several A's were in various stages of professional restoration. It's helpful to know body blocks and wood kits can be bought here, made on-site from American Ash. **Thank you George.**

Another visit of note was Kelvin Findlay's car collection at Ohoka. Again, what a privilege to see such an extensive grouping of rare and unusual cars. A huge, rare, prototype **V12** American Austin (not related to the British cars of the same name) caught my eye.



One of kelvins pride and joys.



Paul in his element. Like the Turners Auctions ad says on TV, Cars, Cars, Cars.



Bruce Stratton admiring the Chrome BLING on the front of this Pierce-Arrow. Check out the radiator cap below.



Special thanks to Kelvin Findley for allowing us into his world of different vehicles you just don't see every day. Greatly appreciated.

John Castle for organising the visit, also Garry Learmonth who volunteered to drive the hired minibus. The fairly limited number of U-turn's were a testament to Garry's skills.

You can't keep the lads away from a good Woodie!





NORTH ISLAND MODEL A FORD CLUB INC

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Membership Subs for 2022/2023 due now!

If you have not paid your subs for the 2022/2023 year, now is the time to pay before the 15th of November when it will cost \$55.00.

Note:

However, please check your own accounts to see if you have already paid for the 2022/2023 year. There are a number of members who have paid more than once for this year's sub. All the merrier for the club bank account but makes accountability a larger task & less for your account 😊.

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 2022 – 31 August 2023

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.

Thank you.

NIMAFC current committee

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The NIMAFC no longer has a PO Box address. If you need to post something to the club that cannot be sent by email, please contact the club secretary.

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Hi there everyone. Well, this is my last edition of the newsletter for the NIMAFC. It has been challenging trying to piece together newsletters over the last couple of years, especially through Covid when events were few and far between. When we (Garry and I) took this on, we did this because no one else volunteered. I hope that in these tough times I have managed to keep you informed, even though due to lack of events we reduced the number of newsletters down to every two months. Maybe the new editor can reinstate the monthly newsletter as events start to happen on a more regular basis. Remember that to put a newsletter together takes information coming in. Even small stories from members about their own cars and history of them adds to the pool of stories we can use. Please don't underestimate your story as members are interested.

Website : Well the stats for the last year have been very interesting. For the year 1st September 2021 to the 31st August 2022 there has been a total of 10210 views to the website from all around the world. Of course the majority of these views are from NZ 8311, following on with the top 10 countries with the USA 808, Australia 445, China 114, UK 97, Norway 90, Canada 72, Switzerland 53, Indonesia 43 and Fiji 37 and more. A full report is at hand should anyone wish to see it.

Obviously it would be great to have some more of the club history added to the site, and the plan is to have this all added in due course.

At this point in time I will continue updating the website until a new website person volunteers. Thank you to all those who have contributed to allow me to put together what I have.

Adios Amigos.

Kind regards

Fiona Learmonth (NIMAFC Newsletter/Website)

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