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MODEL A TORQUE

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50th Anniversary celebrated in Taupo

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
11th Dec	Sunday	Christmas in the Park Auckland Domain	Ralph	See Flyer
12 th Jan 2023	Thursday	Onehunga Beach BBQ		Details to come
15-16 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 , 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

Well, you have a new Club Captain, a position that at AGM was left for committee to sort out. I pulled the short straw, probably not without the same apprehension I took on with the Secretary's job I have accepted this position, however I survived that so can this, with the help of the many.

First of all I would like to thank Hugh Hulse for his reign as Club Captain, what he has done for the club and the period he has had to lead the club through with Covid and trying to organize the 50th anniversary of the club and of course there is always a right hand man (woman) Anne- Marie who has been supportive of Hugh and has helped a lot with organizing things for the club. Hugh will remain as a member on the committee so his experience will be used to support the committee. Also offer my thanks to Kay Palmer for her time in the treasurer's role. She has maintained a professionalism in the way she carried out her Duties.

Thanks to Bruce Stratton for being the stalwart on the committee, doing his best for the club. Carrying the production of the "Bruce Stratton Hubley Track" from idea to completion. Many hours of hard work. I welcome Martin Rees as new Secretary, Warren Thorburn as new treasurer, Rob Brown as new Newsletter Editor. Please understand that they are new to their jobs for the Club and require time to settle into portfolios. Sure, with assistance of others they will easily adapt. Some members waiting for assistance from committee we will solve asap. Thanks to all other existing committee members for their vote of thanks and commitment to the club.

Thanks to all who were involved, whatever the involvement, in the successful running of the 50th at Taupo, especially the committee. To me really a first involvement of a club event of that scale. An event that I believe everybody enjoyed that appeared to go well. A few cars needed the odd push to kick the life back into them, like some of us in the mornings. One of the best things for me was able to meet fellow members and put names to faces and make more friends. It certainly was getting to meet and find out who the "Baker" was. I guess this is what it's all about making friends with people that have a common interest.

Thanks to Steve Driver for a successful run to Buckland's from the Botanical gardens. Well attended so soon after the 50th. Good fellowship with good food afterwards before all went their way home or onto other things. One little boy enjoyed himself.

Don't forget Ralph and Jenny Levinson's Xmas in the Park on the 11th December at Cornwall Park, may the Weather Gods be good to us again. Those of you from out of town who would like to attend but accommodation is a problem, I would extend an invite to stay with us. First in first serve and sure other members would open their doors if necessary to any out of towners requiring a bed. Well, that's me for this one. Of course, it could of been made shorter with just three words, "thanks to all", Whatever your Xmas celebrations are, all the best for it and the New Year

Merry Xmas Club Captain Wade Alexander

Hewy's Horn Blow

What a super time in Taupo. A great turnout and celebration for the club with the club cohesive spirit to the fore. Everyone enjoyed themselves and their Model A, the weather behaved and Wade's Cake had the icing. Indeed, a very special appreciation to all those sponsors, committee, organisers, supporters and outside organisations, who contributed to make it happen and happen it did. Thank you.

Cheers, until the next one in another 50 years.

Others have said "It was the best." "What a wonderful event." "The car display was amazing." Comments have been everywhere.

Tony and Pam Mannington wrote:

As Club Members Pam and I have enjoyed working together as a team and many thanks to you and Annmarie for all that you have done over the last 5 years for the NIMAFC. The 50th anniversary went off very well and the weather gods played their part, especially our final event at Kinloch. A great finale to finish off with. We all know it hasn't been easy with the pandemic, especially in Auckland with lockdowns, etc, keeping members motivated with some outdoor activities.

Thanks too to Wade for accepting the role of Club Captain, a new challenge for Wade.

Pam and I are now looking forward to heading off down to Methven, taking the caravan this time and enjoying what the South Island has to offer.

Looking forward to catching up with everyone at the Christmas in the Park in December.

Cheers,

Also deserving a special mention was the Club AGM. Record attendance and participation, due partly to relaxation of the covid rules and the willingness to move life forward again. Thank you to everyone for the record attendance and demonstration of Model A spirit to go where the road takes you.

Perhaps, with Literary Licence:

Hewy's last words as Club Captain are to recognise the support and assistance from all members of the Club over the past 5 years that I have been Club Captain. For me it has been a very enjoyable time, but not without its moments. However, it is time to pass the baton, the enjoyment and prestige of this position over to Wade Alexander, a person who I know will continue and commit his best to the future. Thank you Wade for accepting this position as I step back to a role on the committee. I know that you will give your utmost to the Club as demonstrated while you have fulfilled the role of Secretary. Congratulations and thank you.

Cheers,

Hewy



BAKERS REPORT 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Thought it might be filling to report on a few happenings.

Firstly, the bloke who carried on about receiving the Hand Brake Award and he wanted to know who pimped on him. Well let me tell you it's an honour to receive that award as many people don't get that opportunity.

Also, it's that person's responsibility to look after the award and not leaving it lying about on a picnic area.

The Baker in his younger days would have confiscated it and kept in the Bakery and the recipient would have had to pay a large fine to have it released.

The other entertainment was watching the lads take down the gazebo, most of the lads were on the outside of it taken it down bar one bloke who was on the inside and was being compressed and was last seen scrambling out underneath the gazebo losing his glasses. Word of advice from the Baker consider standing on the outside next time. If the bloke with the hand brake award gives the Baker a call, he could help him get rid of it.

Receiving the plaque could not a come at the right time as we are now providing a laxative Viagra muffin to the Retirement Village at the Matrons request as the old fellows are starting to fall out of bed and having laxative included keeps the men occupied in their unit and stops them annoying the women in the Village.

Finally, we are restricted under the Health and Safety Act to supply people over 65 years our Viagra muffins. So Remember you heard first from the Baker. Have a safe Christmas and drive safely.

Regards,
The Baker

And from our club historian



50 years ago in the club (August – November 1972)

The inaugural AGM was held in Vintage Car Clubrooms on Monday 28th August 1972, with this meeting to decide on a name for the Club.

Being Auckland based that name was to be the Auckland Model A Ford Club.

Club Captain = Alan Minson (life member)

Vice Captain = Warwick Wollams (current member)

Secretary = Bob Pipe (deceased 2022)

Treasurer = Roger Bale, Committee members = John Storey, Mark Hanson, Stan Ayling and Bob Comer.

At the Committee meeting 5th September 1972, it was agreed that the club financial year be set to 1 September. Meetings were to be held on the second Tuesday each month. Much discussion on Newsletter to include Buy sell swap, handy hints, coming events, and Captains report. A membership form and fees were attached to the first Newsletter.

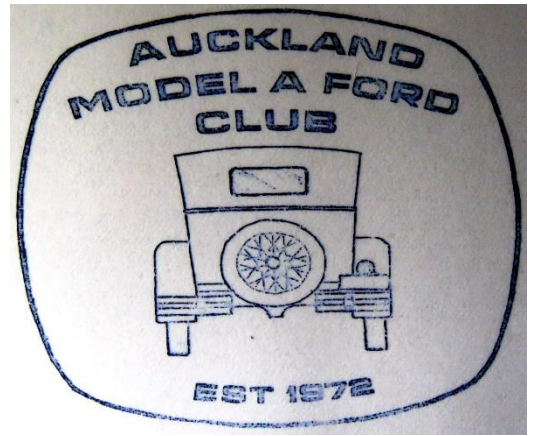
The first event was set as a workshop at "The Shed" 29 Belfast St, Hillsborough.

A Club Constitution was drafted, using as the base the one used by the Canterbury Model A Ford Club, with it to be presented for approval at an upcoming Special General Meeting.

At Committee meeting 10th October 1972, a bill was presented for the first newsletter, which was twice the price quoted and it was decided not to pay!. (not sure how that went?) Warwick Wollams agreed to organize membership of the Club to the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). The Special General Meeting was set down for 7th November 1972 at "The Shed".

Special General Meeting Tuesday 7th November 1972, were presented and as there were no objections A membership application from Rene Dunn was accepted.

New versions of the club logo were presented.



the Club Rules were passed. presented and

Paul Smith (Club Historian & Life Member)

50th Anniversary - Taupo NZ

'From the Bay to the Lake'

Our tour to Taupo started in Tauranga meeting 5 other Model A Fords at Papamoa Plaza -



6 Model A Fords with a quick briefing and introduction, we headed off on our journey. The first leg of our trip was quicker than expected to Rotorua, even though Doug wanted to test his travel buddies, getting a puncture and not getting his hands dirty to change the wheel. (I wonder if I am up for the hand brake award!) Thanks to a search and rescue travel companion, a quick tyre change and soon on-tour again south, south west to Rotorua.

Our first stop at Kiwi Metal Polishers, Rotorua was an educational experience, learning pit falls with restorations if not researched correctly for my next project. It looks like I may need to revisit with my fuel tank in the future.



After Stephen's home-made berry muffins, a quick look around the adjacent Morris Minor shop we were onwards to our next stop, the Giant Red Woods with a high-level walk, monkeying around tasting the fresh air in this peaceful forest - plenty of group encouragement, helping one another negotiate the swing bridges. Look mum I'm climbing those trees again lol. Then time for lunch at the Eastwood Café for woodfired pizza.



Tauranga adventurous contingent Kay, Stephen, Jane, Keith, Margaret, Bob, Linda (& Doug where are you! Are you looking for the handbrake?)



'From the Bay to the Lake' - continued

Picnic at Kinloch



Doug Brown from Tauranga won the hand brake award for getting a puncture coming into Rotorua. Doug with his beady eye (a little help from others) handed over this prestige fun Club award to Marty Perkinson from Auckland for losing his side wind shield. Marty was marching up & down the road looking for it, only to find it had fallen onto the running board - in one piece!

The Handbrake Award moves on along - to Tauranga and back to Auckland

In this Club it's the people and their friendly sense of humour that makes our events the fun it is. Thanks Doug & Marty for your entertainment on receiving and presenting this long running humour award, The Hand Brake.



The party isn't over until the banjo is played - Daggy from the far north and Margaret from Tauranga in a sing along. Great to see club members joining in together.

Next time we may see the bagpipes!



So, it's goodbye from her and good bye from him - hope you enjoyed this brief report and photos from the 'Bay to Lake' - if you have a story to tell, please forward to your Club Editor, Rob

If you lost an important electrical part from your vehicle, I may know where it's gone CAPTURED



Report by: Stephen & Kay

Taupo 50th by Tony and Pam Mannington

Thank you to all our NIMAFc members that made the effort to attend the 50th Anniversary Celebration in Taupo. Also, a big thankyou to the Committee on choosing Taupo as the venue, and for us Taupo members we certainly enjoyed having you all here celebrating the first 50 years of our Ford Model A Club. Members travelled from the Far North and from as far south as Stratford and places between, including a big Auckland presence.

After everyone settled into their accommodation for the next 3 days it was time to set up the Hubley Track at the Taupo Cossie Club for our first practice session, but unfortunately not a lot of Hubley cars turned up. Were we there for Hubley practice or social time and we think social time won out. Members just wanted to catch up and due to many Covid-19 restrictions, over the last couple years, we haven't been able to catch up much.

We did discuss with the Cossie Club that there would be members staying for a evening meal. Unfortunately, due to an administration error on their part, kitchen staff were unaware of the numbers. So, a big shout out to the Cossie Club kitchen staff which dished up about 65 meals before saying, enough is enough. I think we cleaned them out. Some of us missed out, but along with our guests we headed home for dinner.

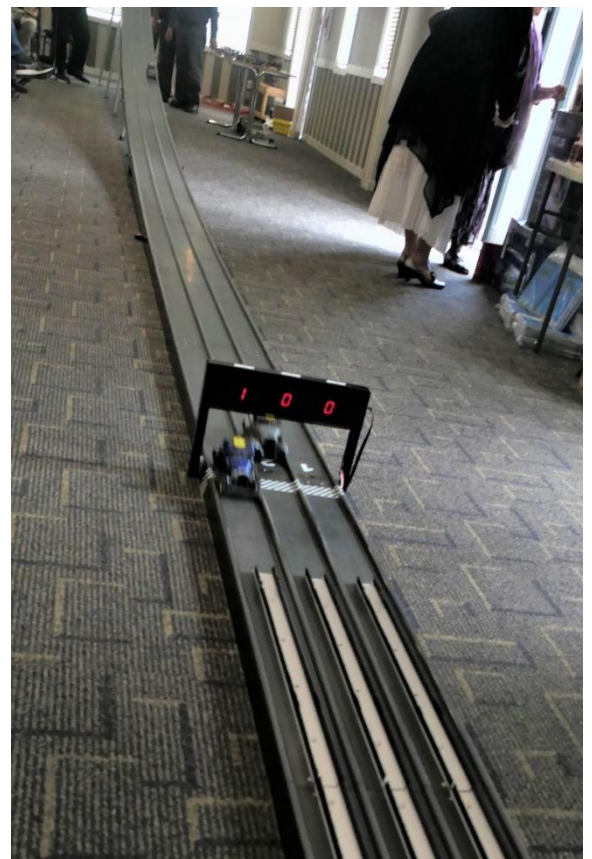
Pam and I headed back into the Cossie Club the next day to thank them for their efforts. They did an amazing job when they served probably twice the number that would normally be dining in.

Wednesday morning dawned with cloudy skies and a hint of rain. Steve Driver dressed in the Driver's Tartan kilt, was ready and willing to be our display parking warden and like a military operation, Steve had all our cars parked in orderly fashion in front of the SunCourt Hotel. But as always some decided to park across the road on Council Land. (The bills in the mail, boys) Thank you Steve you did a wonderful job, and I am sure that there are lots of photos out there that need to go on the Website. With morning tea under way and the Hubley Track was set up again and it didn't take long for 20 Hubley Cars to be presented to the starter. Before Racing started, Hugh officially declared our new track open. Special thanks to Bruce who built the track for our Hubley Racing and with the help of other people's knowledge we soon got the electronic timing working. With racing under way all 20 cars were raced on the track 3 times each in different lanes (20 heats) and with the electronic timing sorting out the winners.

The first 10 cars and race times

1,	Car number 203	3.695,
2,	Car number 205	3.6652,
3,	Car number 206	3.7067,
4,	Car number 221	3.7156,
5,	Car number 204	3.7443,
6,	Car number 207	3.8351,
7,	Car number 220	3.8826,
8,	Car number 208	3.9241,
9,	Car number 211	3.9605,
10,	Car number 210	3.9676,

So, very little difference in times.



Thanks to everyone that had cars in the Hubley Racing, fast or slow, we had a great time watching, helping running the track. Andrew and Pam on computer timing, Tony and David on start and John the runner, returning car to start and don't forget Bruce our track builder keeping a close eye on progress. When the track comes out next time, we hopefully have more members committed to Hubley Racing. Get your cars sorted out for our next Racing date.

Racing over and next our long-awaited AGM finally happened after lockdowns and Covid restrictions. Fully reported when the minutes were sent out recently.

Many thanks to Hugh and Annmarie and the team, setting the SunCourt dining room with lots of memorabilia around the room for us to take in, which I did. Table decorations and a lovely surprise to receive 50th Anniversary key rings and fridge magnets. Special Awards and congratulations to Fiona for taking away The Audrey Bateman trophy.

Thursday our last day of celebration gave our members an opportunity to explore Taupo shops or whatever before lining up for the live Hubley Car Show with real life-sized cars. With all our Model A's lined up at the end of Wakeman Rd waiting for our starting and recordings crew. Unfortunately, they took the wrong turn along the way. We forgive you Garry.

Sorry for jumping to the front of the queue, but we had to get out to Kinloch to help set up the Gazebo that Wade kindly brought down from Auckland. Gazebo setup with raffle prizes and items to be auctioned. Merv did a great job parking our Model A's, parking us in around the Kinloch Fire Station and the beach carpark.

With the raffles drawn and auctions done it was time to enjoy the hospitality of the Kinloch Fire Station, Volunteer Firefighters, Pulled Pork, Chicken Buns, and BBQ sausages. It was the decision of NIMAFc to involve community groups like Volunteer Firefighters to help with their funding. Talking to Brian (Fire Chief) they need funds for training their Firefighters away from Kinloch. Last time they travelled to New Plymouth for training, and this is a cost to the local Station. Every dollar helps out.

Our decision to go out to Kinloch, out of the hustle and bustle of Taupo was the right decision, a beautiful Lakeside Community and the weather gods played their part, but we did have a "plan B" Kinloch Community Hall, if the rain had really come down. Fortunately, the rain stayed away. I think we had a lot of first-time visitors to Kinloch, and we hope you enjoyed yourselves in our part of paradise.

Pam and I enjoyed our 3 days of celebration and to have Steve and Letitia, Garry and Fiona, Greg and Vicki (Wednesday night) staying with us we certainly didn't feel left out, managing to sample some of JD's finest. 3 beautiful Model A's parked up in our 3 car garaging and I am sure that Steve and Garry enjoyed having their cars under cover.

Looking forward to reading what others thoughts are on our 50th Anniversary.

Tony and Pam,

Taupo

NIMAFC 50th Anniversary run, Taupo, October 2022.

Full size Hubley results.

No.	Rego	Surname	Names	Times	Place
15	OPITO	Costello	Terry & Joss	32.84	1 st
27	RUBY 31	Jordan	Stuart & Diane	32.97	2 nd
12	FI1930	Connew	Don & Eunice	33.15	3rd
19	A 1928	Farr	Trevor & Carol	33.8	4th
28	BQN505	Learmonth	Garry & Fiona	34.07	5th
31	FMH545	Mannington	Tony & Pam	34.13	6th
30	GL3180	London	Roy & Gay	34.25	7th
44	1930MA	Thorburn	Warren & Marilyn	34.78	8th
33	HP9260	MCGARVA	BOB & Margaret	34.83	9th
25	JMB38	Humphreys	Keith & Di	34.85	10th
38	AA7438	Spick	Raymond & Raewyn	35.18	11th
18	WOODYA	Driver	Steve & Letitia	35.19	12th
21	1930	Hosking	Brian & Kay	35.26	13th
42	UW9730	Thompson	Graham & Ollie	35.3	14th
9	IF4301	Brown	Robert & Trish	35.49	15th
17	ECOAVO	Downey	Linda & Doug Brown	35.63	16th
1	KGP274	Adams	Mervyn & Leone	36.01	17th
20	BN2881	Heilbron	David & Sonja	36.43	18th
41	KP1710	Stratton	Bruce & Rae Emus	36.88	19th
26	JAC672	Jefferies	Bruce & Trish	37.02	20th
24	DCL672	Hulse	Hugh & Anne-Marie	37.59	21st
14	1FORDA	Costello	Andrew & Marlene	38.1	22nd
23	SC7294	Hulse	Bill & Sherrill	38.42	23rd
13	MADAMJ	Corbett	Jim & Jan	38.7	24th
5	JA9880	Beard	Bill & Carmela	38.96	25th
37	AC5940	Smith	Paul	39.66	26th
50	MODAL.A	Woollams	Warwick & Penny	39.74	27th
45	KB1930	Upson	Stephen & Kay	39.79	28th
11	TN492	Cheale	John & Ngaire	40.34	29th
36	30A35B	Rees	Martin & Alayne	42.06	30th
35	GE1930	Perkinson	Marty & Anne	45.41	31st
4	LZQ354	Ashby	Murray & Anne	50.55	32nd
49	KO8457	Windley	Don & Teresa	1.05.74	33rd



The 50th Anniversary run of the NIMAFC saw us run another event which I hope may become a regular event at future runs. Not only does it involve oversize Hubley's (our real cars), it involves driving skills and vehicle mechanical knowledge. Plus throw in a quiet piece of road on a hill / incline, a one-minute time frame per vehicle to complete its times run, and you have our own Model A time trials event.

We managed to get through all the cars in about 45 minutes using "Tony Mannington Boulevard" as our downhill track. Thank you, Tony for naming the street after you.

All drivers were briefed at the start line on the rules and regulations, safety precautions by Andrew Costello and Tony Mannington. Fiona and myself were the finish line time recorders at the 150-metre mark.

As you can see by the results, the times varied by approximately 32 seconds from fastest to the car at the other end.

On analysis of the results and characteristics of the first ten placed cars, timed several observations were recorded. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th places were vehicles running 16inch radial tyres. 4th, 5th, 8th and 9th were running standard 19- or 21- inch tyres. 10th was running 19inch radials. 4 Phaetons were in the top ten. Maybe lighter than others. Having extra people (weight) in the car did not appear to make them go any faster.

The top place getter (Terry Costello) Lightweight pickup informed me that he had checked his tyre pressures and gave his pickup a once over prior to the run (checked bearings, brakes etc). I was in my 28 Phaeton and managed 5th place. I



made sure my brakes were not binding. A simple task. Stop on a flat piece of road, get out and push your car forwards with one hand. It should roll easily. If not release your brake adjustment off a click.

A couple of the cars in the higher times bracket, did not roll off the line by themselves and needed an Andrew to push / persuade them to start moving. (Binding brakes).

I have tried to make sense out of the results and have asked several people what special

preparations they did for the time trials. My conclusion is that it did not really matter what type of model A body style you were driving, it just had to roll without any brake resistance and have good tyre pressures. Having four people stacked in a Tudor made no difference at all except flatten the tyres more.

I believe that if we run a few more of these trials, then we will slowly build up a bigger picture of what works and what does not. Whether you came first or at the other end, it was a bit of fun to be had by all. Until next time.

Garry Learmonth

NIMAFC Committee.

The 50th cake by Wade Alexander

I am not in competition with the “Baker”

Cake recipe was good old Australian Women’s Weekly Cookbook, wedding cake.

I was lucky enough to receive a set of moulds (made by a fairly new member, Andreas Tairych) who does not have a car, but would love to be involved. Made on his 3D printer after he told me that his wife was making him shortbread in the shape of models A.

So, once I received the moulds, I used them to cut out Royal white icing and adapted them to get the different models that were on cake. From there I coloured them with edible paints, the club logos were hand done. One thing I learnt, do not use the white edible paint for this as it does not dry and will run. Learn something every day.

The flying Quail on top of the three-tiered cake, top two being Carrot cake, I purchased with a hidden agenda. Not to be seen again until my car is on the road, all going well Christmas party in the park.

Steve Driver Run to Pine Harbour – Sunday 13 November

With all gathered in bright sunshine at the Manurewa Gardens it wasn't long before the rain came.

Head for the trees and get your instructions from Steve Driver was the command. Armed with instructions it was off to our cars and I do not think I have ever witnessed so many cars leave in such haste one after the other. Maybe they knew something I didn't. We drove through the built-up area of Manurewa, Totara Park, Ormiston, Flat Bush, Totara Park to name a few whilst twisting and weaving around many construction and high rise residential sites. Having to adjust brakes and clutches I soon realised it was quicker to take a short cut than to get lost in the built-up zones of unfamiliar territory.

Whilst rising up through the steep grades towards Whitford, Maraetai and onto Clevedon there were many plush homes set amongst acres of farmland and the views were stunning.

Once able to drive without traffic lights along the long road from Clevedon out towards Beachlands and Maraetai I felt more relaxed and for once knew where I was heading. On reaching the end of this road before turning towards Beachlands I came across Marlene and Andrew heading back the other way. Thoughts ran through my mind that I may have missed lunch at the other end. Driving through Beachlands and turning left on so many occasions I pulled over to gather my bearings only to see Andrew and Marlene driving towards me – they were lost too. They too must have been lost when I initially saw them and not on their way home.

Marlene suffering from indigestion through eating her sandwiches too quickly and Andrew still finishing his sandwiches we colluded and finally made sense of where we were actually heading. Back into our cars and off we went to Pine Harbour Marina where everyone else was seated having already ordered their lunch and waiting to eat.

A great day was had by all and a lovely meal enjoyed by all who attended. The rain eased and it turned out to be a nice day. This was a well-attended run and thanks goes to Steve and Leticia for their efforts. Well done.

David Mossman

In Memory of James (Jim) BOAG - 23/10/44 – 29/9/22

One of our long-time club members Jim Boag passed away on 29 September 2022, he was 78. He is survived by his 3 daughters. His funeral was well attended by the many Model A club members who knew him. Jim was also a member of several other motoring clubs and enjoyed attending the various events in his vehicles.



He lived in Mangere his entire life and never travelled overseas but did travel extensively within New Zealand driving his beloved cars. Some of the many cars he owned included a '30 Roadster, Ford Mercury, Jaguars, Chevrolets, Mercedes to name a few.

Jim previously a Panelbeater at Gangleigh and Richardson in Papatoetoe had a very good eye for well presented cars of high standard. He also had the knack of buying and selling prestige cars and was known to sell his daughter's cars without their knowledge. Jim was jovial, friendly, helpful and very knowledgeable on ownerships of vehicles throughout the country.

Rest in peace Jim. Your memory will live on. Thank you for the good times.

Our model A.s story, a long life well used and still working today.

By Don and Teresa Windley

I was looking for a Model A pickup to restore around 17 years ago when money was needed for our business and there was not much to spare when we met Roy and Gay London, members of the North Island Model A ford club . Having been Flathead ford V8 fans for many years a model A would be a new experience for us, Roy had at that time a lifetime collection of both V8 and model A's and offered to show me around his property and collection. I was interested in one of his pickup trucks which had been converted to flathead V8 power but was engineless.

Roy didn't at that stage want to part with any of his collection so he steered me in the direction of his friend Darcy Sterling, member of NIMAFC who lived on his sheep farm nearby, telling me that Darcy had a 1930 roadster pickup he might sell me. I had been to Darcy and Trish's family sheep farm before and seen through Darcy's collection in the old tramways barn on the farm. I told Roy I don't recall seeing a roadster pickup in the barn. Roy then assured me he had one on the farm.

I went to visit Darcy and Trish and enquired about the roadster pickup, Darcy took me around the back of a shed and there it sat resting after a very long working life on the Sterling family farm. The pickup had been well used as a



truck to recover sheep and lambs and had Mervyn Sterling's farm made wooden pickup bed on the chassis and a farm made solid cab over the tub, no driver's door so it was easier to jump out and attend to the sheep. Darcy found the missing door and a rough original steel pickup bed and assured me it would run with a full charged 6 volt battery which it did, roughly on 3 cylinders. I was struck on trying to purchase this treasure of local history and we had a deal.

We were able to borrow a low loader trailer and drove the A onto it for the tow home to our farm where it was put back into service collecting tree trimmings and prunings from our

600 olive trees, still running on three cylinders and with a worn out 2nd gear. To appease Teresa as money was still tight the A became her car and she fell in love with it driving it around the farm still in its rough used state.

Over the next couple of years I first of all met another delightful model A gentleman Rod Welch from Mangere Auckland who many people knew from buying model A parts from his vast collection of new and used spares. During many cups of tea with Rod he showed me a 1930 model A tub with cowl and doors which had been extended by adding 6 inches in the middle of the doors and extending the tub back by the same amount. Rod was doing this one for his own use as he was a tall man and need more leg room. I bought some spares for my A and thought how could I afford to pay a panel beater to do the same for my A as I am over 6 foot and the leg room would make it easier to get in and out.

I started on the Model A rebuild and as money was still tight I decided to do all the restoration myself. The first attention was to the engine which had a blown head gasket. This received a full rebuild including rebore with 40 thou over new pistons crank regrind and new white metal bearings, a hot cam from Franklin engine reconditioners, lightened flywheel and new ford V8 clutch, new valves and adjustable lifters, aluminium timing gear, skimmed head and a full balance from Auckland balancing.

The gearbox was also rebuilt with new 2nd gear and bearings. A high speed diff was obtained from Rod Welch. The chassis and running gear all overhauled and painted with cast iron drum brakes and float a motor mounts all from Rod



Welch. It was during this part of the restoration that I sadly observed Rod lose his health and consequently his son decided to end the long life of the Mangere model A business and sell off all the parts new and used. I was offered the 1930 model a roadster tub Rod had been building for himself. This was a great solution to my restoration and at that time limited metal work skills. With Teresa's blessing money was found (sympathetic bank Manager) and the deal was done. Local friend and NIMAFC member Ross Bolton came down from Mangawhai to Mangere with me and working with Rods son Gavin we were able to load up the model a tub and many spares onto the low-loader trailer.

As everything was being sold part of my deal was to be able to go through all the new and used parts and take all I needed for the restoration. Ross was able to buy many parts as well. I told a local friend of the 1928 original doctors coupe for sale from Rods collection and he bought it.

Now I had all to complete the pickup and used as much of the original truck as was practical. We retained the wooden tray that Mervyn sterling had built because with an extended tub the original steel trays swaging no longer lined up with the centre of the rear axle and mudguards were also off centre, this all looked odd so the wooden tray went on and is so much larger and far more use to us for carting around the farm.

After painting the tub cowl and doors and tray the decision was to use the farm built hard top or go to a convertible soft top. I had obtained from Rod Welsh the front part of the hood bows for a tourer. I asked Teresa if she thought she could sew up a rag top ,,, we will give it a go!! We borrowed an industrial sewing machine and purchased materials needed to make a cover for the hood bows. Buying an already made top was not an option as the tub is six inches longer than standard A. Fortunately we found a video on U TUBE (good old interspatt) good for some things! This video was from Barron Le Bonney in the USA and showed all the stages of building and fitting a model A roadster top. There are 14 separate pieces to making the hood and then all the fittings needed. Using cut up sheets as a pattern we embarked on making the top, narrowly avoiding divorce we finally succeeded in making the top and side curtains.

We could now complete our 1930 roadster pickup and register it. Thanks to Darcy Sterling who had kept the registration live this was an easy process and we have now passed 17 years of WOF checks without being failed. We have really enjoyed many happy miles driving around the north of the north Island and our local village mostly with the top down. The pickup is still used regularly for tasks around the farm which is what it was originally designed for.

Thankyou to all the encouragement from NIMAFC members and A owners we have met and thanks to Henry Ford for a practical tough motor vehicle that has withstood the test of time.

Don and Teresa Windley

NIMAFC members.







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Things Mechanical (or electrical)

Recently, arriving at a workshop, I was asked “where does this wire go” It goes on the generator output terminal along with those other two, was my answer. I had taken it off some months earlier so was naturally expected to know the answer. Job done, we stood back and drank the owner’s coffee only to see the newly painted horn begin to go up in smoke. Knowing that all electronic things have smoke built in at the factory, and when it comes out you know the item is kaput, this was not a good look. Did that wire go in the right place? Over the weekend one of the windings was rewound and horn tested OK. On reinstallation in the car it would not go. Took cover off to look and horn worked. Cover back on, horn won’t work. Took cover off, rewound winding getting hot. On close inspection and some interrogation of owner it was discovered that a new screw had been fitted to hold the cover on. This screw, being slightly longer than the original was very neatly earthing one of the brushes and so shorting out one horn winding.



Beware of the long screw on the horn cover.

More to come later on extra fuses for the Model A

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There has been no shortage of information to fill this, my first newsletter. Thanks to all who contributed, and if your article has not appeared in this issue, then it will be used in a later edition. Bear with me while I learn or re-activate the skills needed and thanks for the assistance from Fiona, Gary and Kay who have carried on the standard set by Paul Hunter.

Kind regards

Rob Brown

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