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MODEL A TORQUE

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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

Visit our website www.modelafordclub.co.nz for new events, articles & updates.

North Island Model A Ford Club Upcoming Event Planner 2023

Date	Day	Event	Details
16 th August	Wednesday	Tech night	7pm Greg Stokes workshop. More information by email flyer.
20 th August	Sunday	Club Run by Wade Alexander	Start 11am Silverdale Park and Ride Flyer to follow
13 th Sept.	Wednesday	Tech Night	
17 th Sept.	Sunday	Club Run	Arranged by Ralph and Jenny Levinson
1 st October	Sunday	Annual General Meeting	4pm at Remuera Club followed by meal at 6-6.30pm
11 th October	Wednesday	Hubley Practice	
15 th October	Sunday	Club Run by Andrew and Marlene Costello	See page five.
15 th November	Wednesday	Tech Night by Martin Rees	Air Cleaners and snorkels
18 th November	Saturday	Hubley racing at Taupo	See page three.
10 th December	Sunday	Christmas in the Park	Ralph and Jenny Levinson

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 2023

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

Date	Day	Event
10 th September	Sunday	All Ford Day Claudelands Event Centre
6 th -7 th October	Friday, Sat. Sun	Canterbury VCC McLeans Island Swapmeet
19 th November	Sunday	Cambridge Swapmeet

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



North Island Model A Ford Club and Hawkes Bay Model A Club are proposing a combined Run to Taupo to participate in an interclub Hubley Racing Derby.

Date: Saturday 18th November 2023.

Venue: Taupo Cosmopolitan Club. Tongariro Room

Proposed program:

Friday 17th: Travel to Taupo in either your Modern or Model A's

Arrive 5pm for mix and mingle at the Taupo Cosmopolitan Club .

If you wish to stay on for a meal, Please book with the Club direct (07) 3784048

Saturday 18th : Shopping for the Ladies.

Looking at Shed Tour for the men.

Saturday Afternoon, we set up the Hubley Track to be ready by 3.00 pm.

Practice sessions and Hubley Workshop on building and how to make them go faster!

Official Racing from 5.00pm to 6pm.

Dinner Venue yet to be decided.

Sunday 19th: Waikato VCC Swap Meet to visit on the way home for those wanting to leave early and travelling North.

Is this something you and your family would like to participate in?

Please lock this date in your calendar.

Next Months mag we hope to firm up details and may have some Accommodation specials for you.

Any Questions contact Tony Mannington.

tony.mannington@xtra.co.nz

Date and venue is confirmed for this event. There may be a cost toward venue hire

From Wikipedia,



From the base of a Hubley Real Toys 1958 [Ford Fairlane](#).

The **Hubley Manufacturing Company** was an American producer of a wide range of [cast-iron toys](#), [doorstops](#), and [bookends](#). Toys, particularly motor vehicles and [cap guns](#), were also produced in zinc alloy and plastic. The company is probably most well known for its detailed [scale metal kits](#) of Classic cars in about 1:20 scale. Starting in 1960, Hubley participated for a couple of years with Detroit automakers as a plastic promotional model maker. Many Hubley toys are now sought-after collectibles.



27th Annual All Ford Day Display & Swap Meet

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Miss Ford

All FORD day Competition - 12pm on stage.

Prize giving to follow Miss Ford Competition. Cash Prizes.

Registration on the day at the caravan from 10.45am. Limited to 40 entrants. All ages welcome.

For further information contact Bob 027 478 5912 - Paul 027 548 8145

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FAIRVIEW



Advance notice for October Run



Sunday 15th October 2023

Paeroa Run

Meet at BP Motorway Service Station Centre Papakura

9.30am for a prompt start at 10am Departure

We are travelling 58kms through to Te Kauwhata where we will stop at 10.45 for 10 mins to allow any Model A's from the south to join and then continuing on the inland scenic tour through to Paeroa, a further 62 kms to the One on One café for lunch or Picnic at the Karangahake Gorge.

You may want to walk through the Gorge.

There will be questions on the way for those who are inclined.

Contact Andrew Costello 021 943 063



Captains Comment

Hi all,

First of all over the last couple of months, we have lost a couple of members, to their families I wish to convey on behalf of the club our deepest condolences.

We have some members going through health scares and body part replacements, may better health come your way and you with new parts get those parts into gear.

We have now passed the shortest day of the year with a bit of warmth in the sunshine as proven on Sunday.

The tech night held at Terry's Shed this month went well with parts changing hands , wheeling and dealing done , good supper provided by members. Discussion with Ross Bolton showing his overdrive unit's, providing details how it all works. All I can say is if I had a bigger shed maybe more would have come home with me, however, perhaps as family has moved on and we have some spare rooms , some stuff from the shed could creep upstairs especially seeing what was in another member's lounge!

Sunday's run was such a lovely day with good weather, stunning as were the views. It certainly is surprising how much land is in our country with the ability to get off the main road. We met at the BP truckstop, Motorway for breakfast for some of us and coffee. Just before 10am Bruce handed off our trip sheets and we started making our way. We noted some people made wrong turns but then so did we , with four in our modern car and of course a map on the screen. However we all made our way to the Corner Stone Cafe for lunch .Good companionship over meals and coffee. Good to see some younger people there, we need to encourage them, hence Graham's grandson was encouraged to jump into the driver's seat and start the car as he had never done it. Guess he was a bit apprehensive as you know it's grandad's car (grand dad was probably as well) but yes he did start it and when we left he was still in the driver's seat. Maybe he did drive home though he is one of the modern drivers who only knows automatics, if he did I hope it was not nerve wracking for you Graham. Thanks to everyone for making the effort to join in, especially Graham & Svanta and Don and Ross who make the effort to travel some distance to join in club events having made the effort twice in the last month.

Bruce & Rae thankyou for a wonderful day, I know you ordered the good weather, I hope I can repeat it in August.

Handbrake award is still In Jim Corbett's hand, I am sure he will find someone to hand it over to at some stage.

Following the request for involvement for ideas for club events. We had a couple of people come forward and are working on these ideas but a little disappointing as this is your club and without your involvement , we do not exist . I am going to be honest and



say, I do hear grumbles that it's all Auckland based but if you are not prepared to step forward and make a suggestion, remember Aucklanders' love of getting out of the city. I for one love seeing our country and this is one way to do it. So no matter how small an idea, throw it at your committee, please don't hesitate.

Soon the date for the AGM & Awards night will be confirmed and notifications will be sent out. Think about nominations onto the club or any item you want to discuss at AGM. However remember your committee members will take any item to committee, if you let us know we can discuss at the next committee meeting with the next one being Tuesday First August by Zoom. This does allow others to join in, just ask me for the link.



An update for the 2025 Model A National rally should be making it to your mailboxes shortly. So yes things are happening.

I welcome Kirsten Courtney as our new Treasurer as she settles into this role she has kindly taken up the position. Thankyou Kirsten.

Special thanks to Fiona Learmonth for her time and efforts doing the treasurer 's role as it was a role that she was just filling and has had a lot on her plate with Garry and their move to the mainland. Thank You also to Garry.

Well I think that's it , I know I will get off this and think I should have said this or that (you might also say why did he not mention that), I always think that when I finish this I will start making notes for the next one.

On behalf of your committee, who I also thank for all their efforts,

Take care of yourselves and your A's

Wade Alexander

Club Captain

Two Cadillac drivers got in a fender-bender, got out of their cars, and then started yelling at each other.

Within a few seconds, they were in a fistfight. I guess you could say things Escaladed quickly.

Annual General Meeting

AGM will be held this year on the 1st of October, 4pm at the Remuera Club 27 Ohinerau St. Remuera.

Following the meeting, and subject to there being 30 diners, a meal will be available around 6 to 6.30pm. Cost per person is \$40.25 Please email Martin Rees at nimafc.secretary@gmail.com to confirm numbers for catering.

50 years ago in the Club

(June - July 1973)

From the Minutes Book:-

(JUNE) An informal meeting was held at DYC (Dominion Yeast Co) Social Clubrooms Tuesday June 19th.

3 new membership applications were received. Members of the Ford Club were present and welcomed, it was decided that newsletters would be exchanged and events combined. Kevin Marcroft was Club Captain and Dave Kirk Secretary. It was agreed that motoring events could bring large gatherings. Newsletters from Roger Bale were to be sent first week of each month, with copies to North Shore VCC and Auckland branch VCC.

Events planned Ford Club end of registration run to Parakai. Consideration was given to invites for the Herald and TV for event coverage.

Paul Hansen has invited all to a party at his place, which was accepted enthusiastically.

Arno Westerwoudt volunteered to create a notice board for events.

The Leopard Tavern in the city was mooted as a get together venue for member for a drink on Friday's.

(JULY) Committee meeting was held at DYC on July 17th. 50% turnout.

An invoice for advertising in the Herald was agreed to and paid.

Membership form was requested from Ken Bigley (Paihia). A request for information on woodwork in Model A was requested and information sent.

The second AGM was set down for August 28th at the VCC Fairfax Ave. Ian Watson would be asked to check the Club Books.

The Ford Club was planning a run to Rotorua for Easter 1974.

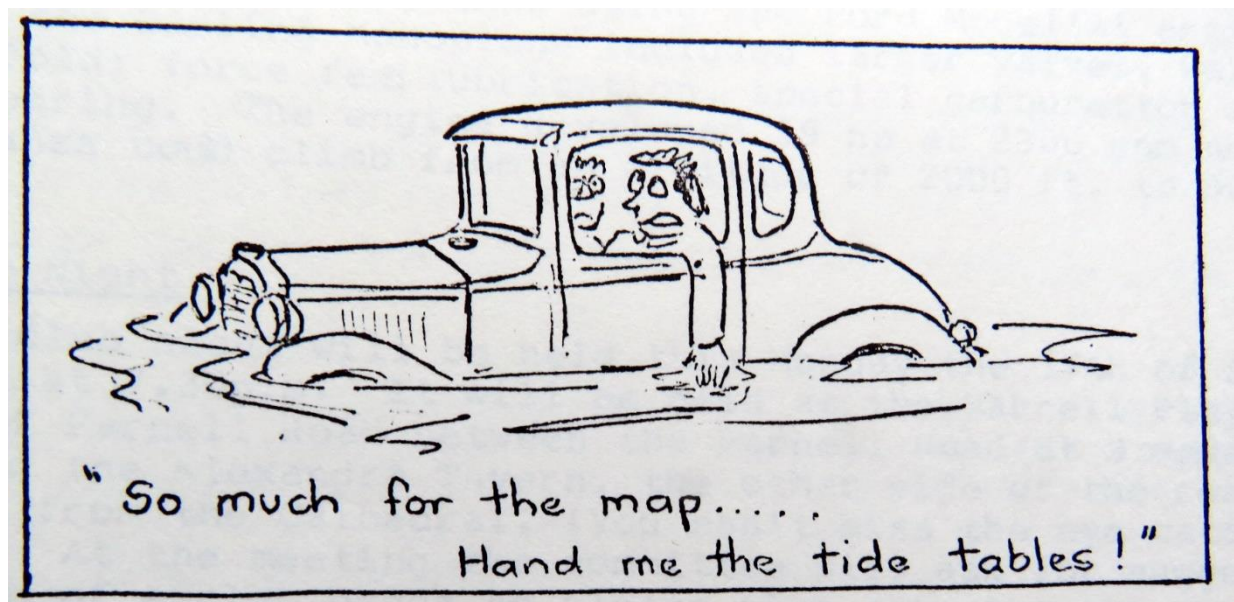
From Newsletter Volume 1 Number 10 & 11, June & July 1973.

June:-

A note was received from Bob Pipe who had moved to Australia, and Bob Comer has moved to Hamilton so resigned from committee, but agreed to continue with his bits for the newsletter, and is considering forming a club there?

Coming events noted, Ford Club run to Parakai starting at the Riverhead turnoff at 2pm Saturday June 30th.

Paul's party as agreed to by the committee meeting, set for July 14th 43 Parrish Rd Mt Albert. BYOG.



A MODEL "A" MAN

It occurs to me that a clear cut definition on just what is a Model "A" man is needed, because ours is a club for him.

Firstly (and simply) he is a man who is very interested in Model "A" vehicles.

He doesn't need to own one. After all I am interested in aeroplanes, yachts, horses, dollars, and except for the last I don't own one. For the record I must admit I own one or two dollars this week but next week? Who knows?

I'll tell you what a Model "A" man is not. He would rather own a Bugatti or a Ferrari, a Bently or a Rolls. He is a vintage car man, who, although he is most knowledgeable about our car or truck, would in his heart prefer something more expensive and prestige conveying.

I'll tell you what I am and believe, and, if you are with me, you are, in my opinion, one of us. I am dedicated to these conveyances. Not yours, not mine, the things themselves, and the rustier, clapped out, neglected and abused they are, but still staggering on, the more I feel for them. They have inbuilt integrity and guts, qualities I admire in anything; Animal, vegetable or mineral. You feel like that, and, in my humble opinion you are a Model "A" man.

JUNKIE

Notices

Sadly we have been advised by Shane Blackwell that his father Jim Blackwell passed away on the 16th of June this year. Jim had been a member of the North Island Model A Ford Club for many years, and lived in Palmerston North. His 1930 Roadster was a famous car, having played a leading role in the classic movie "Smash Palace".



Two auspicious occasions celebrated by long standing members of our club

Anne and Murray wish to express our appreciation
for making our celebration such a success,
much as the last 50 years have been, really.
We have had many positive comments on the venue,
our guest list and especially the menu.
The children were well behaved, so too were the adults.



Photo by: Eva Bradley Photography (www.evabradley.co.nz) – Napier

Kay & Stephen's wedding at the Mission Estate Winery in Napier, April 2023

Un mot de France A Note From France

Bonjour from Ralph and Jenny driving in northern France ... to date in the Alsace and Lorraine regions. Although we've seen the occasional Citroen 2 CV (1948–90) bouncing along rural roads, it's pretty unlikely we'll see a Ford Model A on this trip.



We collected our Drive Europe Peugeot at the airport in Basel. Exit the wrong door at this airport and you'll find yourself in Switzerland. We followed "France" signs and were fine. We'd anticipated some guidance with the Peugeot's GPS plus a brief orientation, considering a printed new car manual is now a thing of the past. However, the local agent seemed only interested in collecting our signatures and thrusting papers and the keys into our hands. C'est vie!

After a little experimentation, we drove north on the A35 autoroute (130kph) to Mulhouse, pronounced M'loose. Club members, Lionel & Mary Rogers had previously told us about the Musée National de l'Automobile, incorporating the Schlumpf brother's car collection. Fritz Schlumpf bought his first Bugatti in 1935 and in the 1950s, started collecting more old cars – in 1957 the brothers bought a former woollen mill where they installed the collection. The details are in fact a good deal more complicated - we'll save that for another time. Today around 450 European cars are on display, dating from the 1890s. These include the finest collection of Bugattis, other racing cars and luxury marques such as Hispano-Suiza, Rolls Royce, Mercedes-Benz, Alfa Romeo, Lancia, Maserati & Ferrari. It's an exceptional collection, beautifully presented. The Cité du train Museum, also in Mulhouse is one of the largest railway museums in the world. Well worth a visit too.



Four days later we drove north to the town of Gertwiller, in the Alsace region. Over the following week, we visited 15 villages/towns on the Alsace Wine Route - most heart-stopping and picture-perfect. Interestingly, we found some places were almost deserted – were the locals indoors preparing what is often the main meal of the day – le déjeuner (lunch)? Or were they away on holiday? Or had young families moved to the cities? Other towns were bustling, cafes doing fine trade, cameras snapping lovely old half-timbered buildings.

Despite the commonly held notion the French are arrogant towards foreigners, our experience is just the opposite. We walk into shops, saying “Bonjour”, are greeted warmly and always given good service. Move over to make room on a park bench and the recipient responds, “Monsieur, madam, merci”. It’s expected you leave a shop/cafe with “Au revoir, merci”, and the shop assistant responds likewise. Manners happily seem to be a given. Fortunately for we Kiwis, English is the international language and French children learn it from an early age - of course also the case for other European children. Ask most younger people a question and you get a good answer in English. But it’s still appreciated if you make at least some effort with the French language.

Apart from the obvious of driving a car while sitting on the LHS and driving on the RHS of the road, it pays to take care on roundabouts. Away from cities, the clever French seem not to have embraced intersections, but utilise the far more effective roundabout. As for the USA, enter turning to the right (anti-clockwise) checking left for traffic on the roundabout.

In some larger cities, a Crit’air, or clean air sticker needs to be displayed. It shows the level of emissions your vehicle produces. Older cars with higher emissions are thus banned from densely populated areas. Sensible. Under the terms of our Drive Europe car lease, we temporarily own the car while we’re in France. Which meant we had to apply for the sticker prior to departure from NZ, after we were given our registration number. The French authorities require the sticker be mailed to your registered address (for us, that's Auckland); no doubt we’ll receive it when we arrive home! As we didn’t have a sticker for Strasbourg, we used the train instead - it was fine.

A high viz vest (one per passenger), needs to be carried inside the passenger compartment of your car, in case of breakdown. Also a warning triangle, to be placed upstream of traffic. We’re told there could be a fine if we don't comply. We comply!

If Editor Rob is agreeable, we’ll send another Note from France, for the next newsletter. Meantime Model A friends, au revoir from our instant summer; it’s 31° as we write this. And still fairly light outside at 10.00 pm.

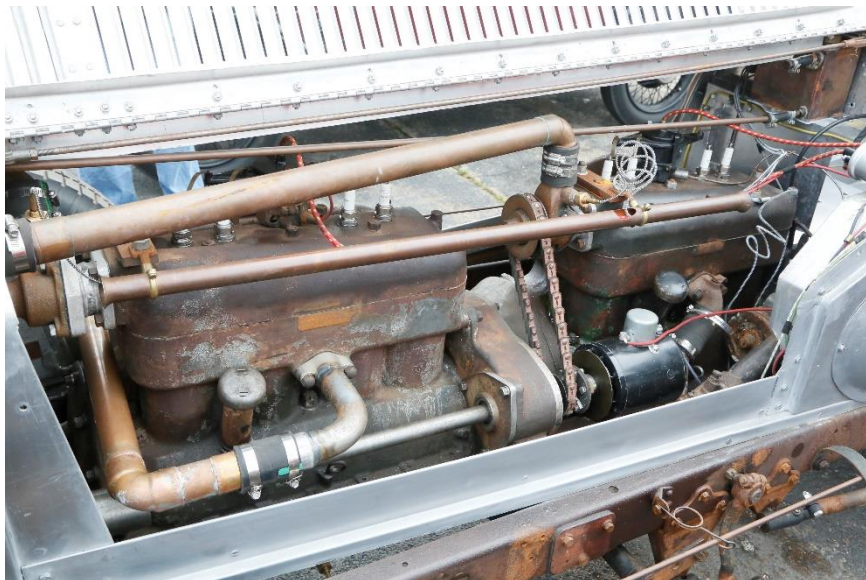
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Ralph & Jenny Levinson 8 July 2023

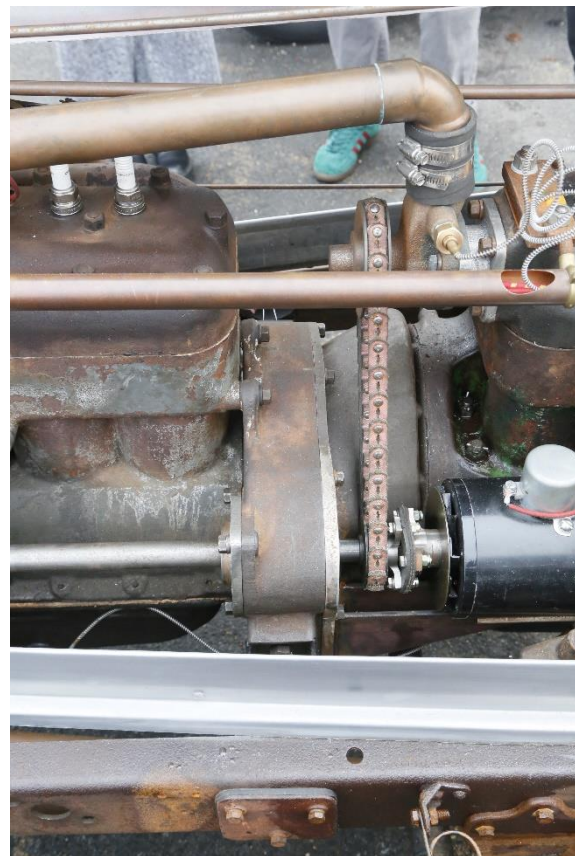


A British Model A Speedster

Being interested in things steam as well as Model A's, I often purchase an English magazine called "Old Glory" All about "Steam and Vintage Preservation". I have seen the odd Model A truck photographed among other machinery, but this one really caught my eye. Why mess about with up-draught or twin carbs? Just put another engine in. I have it on good authority that this machine of 7.2 litres runs.



Thanks to Peter Love of Old Glory magazine for permission to use these images.



Model A Ford Club of America

Will Langford, the Chapter Co-ordinator has sent membership application forms for the Model A Ford Club of America. Members receive 6 magazines a year with technical information, tempting advertisements and reports from the many chapters of this large club. The national meets are also open to overseas members.



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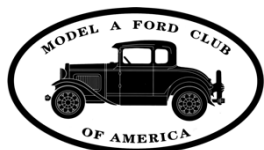
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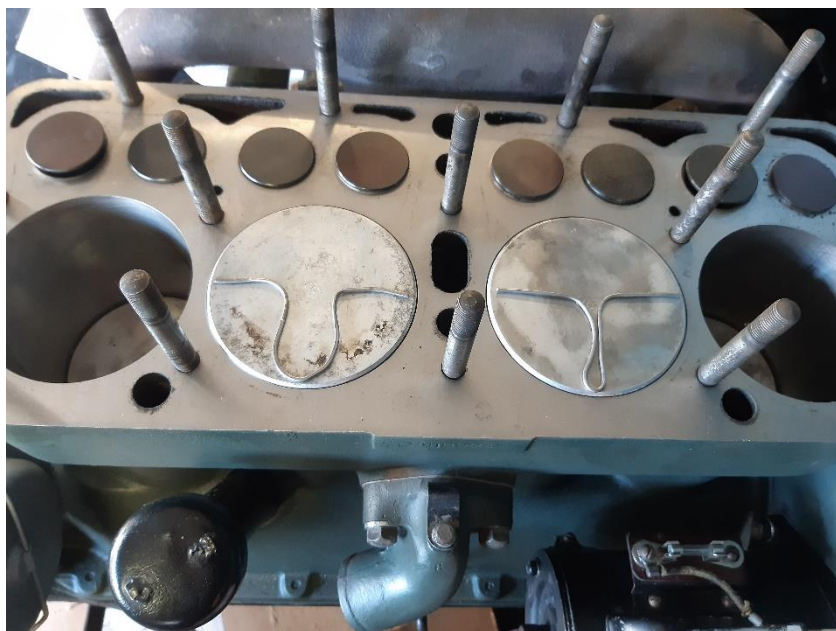
In a shed for the last 50 years, and ready to go to someone who will restore it back to original. There are a lot of spare parts new & old along with sedan bodies also.

Contact Sean Harris on 021 440 749





This fancy measuring is all very good, but when things are getting tight, the resin cored solder in the bore and head tightened down on gasket is the answer. The solder starts at about 80 thou and any less space between piston and head can be measured as the compression of the relatively soft solder when engine turned over. Some suggest play dough or modelling clay, but accurate measuring of this is not so easy.



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