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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
10 th January	Wednesday	Onehunga Beach BBQ	Details in this newsletter
20 th January	Saturday	Kumeu Car Show	Club has space reserved see flyer in this newsletter
27 th January	Saturday	Wings and Wheels Thames	wingsandwheelsthames.com
23-25 February	Fri. Sat. Sunday	Trip to Coromandel	See emailed Flyer

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
11 th February	Sunday	Ellerslie Concours d'Elegance
15 th 18 th February	Thurs-Sunday	Napier Art Deco
24 th February	Saturday	Wellsford Warkworth VCC Swapmeet

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

Polite Reminder

There are still membership subs outstanding

If you have paid and not had a receipt, please contact the treasurer



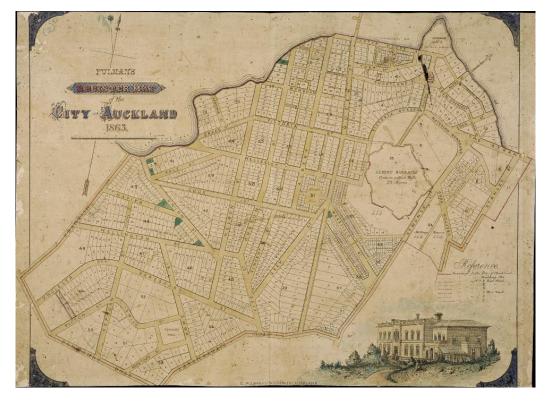


Club Gazebo will be up on Saturday. Ask where club site is on entry, or just look for gazebo,

New Year Celebrations

Traditional Club BBQ on the new waterfront reserve Taumanu Reserve / Onehunga Bay

Wednesday 10th January 2024 Evening --- 4.30 pm onwards



Join us mid-week on a club picnic and BBQ evening to the beautiful Taumanu Reserve or Onehunga Bay Reserve foreshore, Auckland. Welcome in the new year and share your new year's resolutions and stories.

See and spot the differences from 1862/3 when one could sail their wind jammer up to the wharf. Enjoy the tranquil environment amid the city noise and bustle!!

Contemplate the ambitions of our ancestors and the realities of the modern world as the sea breeze ruffles your hair. See how over time our Auckland waterfront fringes have changed, and imagine a new Auckland Port blocking your view in the future!

Savour the sun sinking slowly below the Waitakere Ranges while we may.

Enjoy.

Meet: 4.30 pm onwards. - 10th January 2024

Where: Taumanu Reserve / Onehunga Bay Reserve Foreshore off Orpheus Drive

beside the motorway.

Facilities: Plentiful parking and facilities available.

Bring: Picnic food, chairs etc for your comfort. Sausages / steak/chops etc. to cook

on the club bbg. Refreshments.

Queries: Ring Hewy on Mob 021 599981

This is the beach on the Hillsborough Bay side of the Motorway, not the one near Beachcroft Ave at the end of Chuch St.

Captain's Report

Hello all.

Well covid hit my family in Dunedin as a result Tricia and I cancelled our flights down. So there are some sweet things in life, we had intentions of attending The Xmas event in Cornwall park' However another daughter was sick in the family and Tricia stayed home to look after them and the little Wade. Dont worry not Covid on this daughter's part ,self inflicted good old fashioned hangover after attending a Hen's party.

It was great to see such 10 January a good turn out. As I said at the event, Ralph and Jenny organised it all with assistance from some others but it would have been disappointing for them if the turn out had not been as good as it was. So thank you all for making the effort.

Jan Corbett spoke to me about some fashion gear she wanted to move on as no longer required and she will bring them to the Onehunga BBQ on 10 January. So if you interested in seeing some or have some fashion clothing you wish to move as well make sure you come.

Just an off the record reminder as its was on web site but clashed with the big Kumeu event, but if you are not

attending Kumeu show you may be interested in "PETALS TO METAL" – in conjunction with the Franklin Fuchsia Group Silver Jubilee "Show, Display and Sale" in Waiuku, Friday, January 19th and Saturday, 20th, 2024, car enthusiasts are welcome to join in the celebration with a Classic Car Show & Shine. The 25th Anniversary includes raffles, balloons, door prizes plus fuchsia sales.\$2 Fuchsia Entry | Kids FREE | 10am-5pm Friday | 9am-3pm Saturday

For more details call Kirk Dickson - 0210 854 9089

Have a Merry Xmas and I wish you all the best for the New Year on behalf of your committee

Kind regards

Wade

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Christmas in the Park

The Club's annual "Christmas in the Park" was another well-oiled production from the team of Ralph and Jenny Levinson. The 23 Model A's present were enjoyed by a constant stream of admiring visitors to the busy Cornwall Park, and we were even audited by Santa Claus carrying a recyclable sack. The editor can't have been listening, but it looked as though some younger folk were turning their grandparents into snowmen. modelafordclub.co.RZ North Island Model AF









Daphne and Alex Wilson cut the Christmas cake made by Wade Alexander. And very nice it was to.

Trey Sharples at centre below, comes from a long line of Model A enthusiasts being the grandson of Dugald and great grandson of Len Hoyland.





Bruce Jefferies: Obituary

Ralph Levinson

Some things just happen by chance with a good result – I think it's called happenstance. Jenny and I found ourselves in a Picton 2-bedroomed motel unit for a night, en route home from this year's Model A Rally in Methven. At the same time, Bruce and Trish Jefferies travelling back to Taupo, had their Picton-Wellington ferry booking cancelled at short notice. Picton accommodation was fully booked; happily our paths crossed and we were able to share our unit. We enjoyed Bruce and Trish's company so much, we touched base again in Taupo a few days later, where Bruce introduced us to his shed-of-sheds, a light aircraft hangar on the periphery of Taupo Airport. Full of treasures and beautifully restored cars.

So, it was with real sorrow that we heard of Bruce's passing on 24 October, aged 83. We were unable to attend the celebration of Bruce's life held in Taupo on 30 October, however have since been able to watch it online. www.taupofuneral.co.nz/livestream Click



Watch Later On-Demand Funerals A frequently mentioned comment relating to Bruce's well-lived life was his integrity, gentlemanly-ness, the care he lavished on his cars and perfectionist approach to everything he did, his patient affable nature and giving-everything-his-best attitude.

As a boy, Bruce had a love of cars. His son Cameron said Bruce would wash his father's car, simply so he could drive it out of and back into the garage. Bruce became a farmer, with a natural aptitude for fixing stuff, including cars. He was known for having the straightest fence posts in the district and painted farm gates. To his enduring credit, he was a man who liked things to look and work right.

During the 1970s – 1990s Bruce competed at the NZ Silver Ploughing Championships, with good results. He was also a blue-blooded Ford man and amongst other cars, had a real passion for his 1947 Jailbar, 1946 Super Deluxe Convertible, 1953 Mercury Monterey and 1930 Model A Roadster.

Eric Foley, Chairman of the Taupo VCC said Bruce contributed to all aspects of the Club – organising rallies, monthly runs, Club night activities, a committee member, running the spares department (the only spares department in the NZ Vintage Car movement with a carpeted floor!), designated VIC officer and being a friend and giver-of-helpful-advice to all. Many years ago, after selling his Model T, Bruce bought a Model A and spent many hours stripping and rebuilding it. He subsequently sold it to Barry Hoffman. He then spotted another Model A in Cambridge and bought that car, described as drop-dead gorgeous ... but within a short time, out came the tools, it was taken apart and received a respray and mechanical overhaul. Bruce had high standards.

Bruces's grandsons said their Grandy acted like he was 25 all his life and was an in-the-middle-of-it-all guy, never just watching from the sidelines. They shared special memories at his service. NIMAFC member in Taupo, Tony Mannington, said he will miss a great friend, coffees and chats in the hangar.

At the funeral, oval Ford stickers were given to people to place on Bruce's coffin as a final farewell. Bruce was buried in the Stanway Church cemetery, near Feilding, overlooking his beloved farm. Our Club sends condolences to Trish and family. You were a special bloke Bruce and will be missed by many.

Air Filter Tech Night Ralph Levinson

On 29 November, Martin Rees hosted an informative evening looking at various options for RHD air intake filter systems. As we're all too aware, the combination of steering column, choke and carburetor linkages, fuel line, possible oil filter, etc on a RHD Model A, translates into a real challenge to fit an air filter. Martin had put much effort into an on-screen presentation, featuring various photos he had taken of often ingenious filter connections.

Of course, an air filter *below* an updraft carb is the most straightforward to fit. However, it has the twin drawbacks of becoming (1) a fire risk in the event of a fuel leakage in tandem with a backfire, and (2) puts the engine at risk from water being sucked into the carburetor, when a Ford fords a ford (the ford or river not always being fordable!).

David Heilbron has successfully mounted an air filter near the top of the firewall in his 1928 Commercial Van. This includes an accordion-style rubber hose, with neatly fitting connections at both carb and filter ends. Martin has taken this concept to yet another stage. Using moulding material, he hand-formed a bespoke single unit, to sit between the air intake and the vertical rubber hose. Then, with the help of a

contact with computer assisted design (CAD) skills, Martin's Marvellous Mould was scanned and 3-D printed in plastic. The red prototype in the photo will give you a clearer idea. On the tech-night, Martin said he felt the prototype needed some further "tweaking" before being handed to a foundry in Thames to set up a production run, with the part cast in aluminium.

Martin's idea is to have a run of the units made, in sufficient numbers for Model A owners to purchase one if they wish.



I'm definitely in that queue, as currently our 1930 Phaeton, "Millie" has no air filter. (I acknowledge this is not good practice if you want to keep invisible particles of abrasive dust out of your expensive-to-repair cylinders).

David Mossman pointed out on the night, the significant quantity of air sucked into a carburetor, means a large filter is preferable. For example, a K & N RU3560 (both washable & reusable).

Some more of David's words -

The side effects of an inadequate (too small or blocked) air filter = higher engine temps = loss of power. An average, say 60h.p. engine, consumes at least 40 cubic feet/minute (CFM) of air. Filtered air = clean



oxygen = better power & economy. And we've all experienced night-time driving when the cool air is denser, containing more oxygen than warm air, with the result the engine seems to run sweeter.

Our Ahooga thanks to Martin for a most interesting night, opening his (very) well-equipped workshop (3 sheds) and a growing fleet of spiffing vintage and classic cars. The tea/coffee provided and sausage rolls made by Alayne were much appreciated.

Did you know that in 1884 the first production standard electric car in the world capable of being reproduced and sold to the public was revealed?

Did you know that by early 1900 1/3 of all vehicles on the road were electric?
They started to disappear rapidly around 1920 with the introduction of gasoline by Henry Ford. Ferdinand Porsche, the founder of the eponymous sports car, produced an electric vehicle named the 'P' in 1898, before creating the world's first hybrid offering, which was powered by both electricity and an internal combustion engine.

So whats new that all the present generation of EV fanbois are harping about when some companies could make them way back in 1884. However, gasoline fired engines killed EVs from the face of America then!

Mercedes-Benz also offered an electric model called the Mercedes Mixte, in 1906.

This car was adopted as a taxi in the cities and even became a race car in 1907.

Therefore, there's nothing so novel in EV.



From Ralph Levinson

#EVStoriesWorldwide

Can I enter this for judging? (Editor)



50 years ago in the Club (November - December 1973)

From the original Minutes Book:-

There were no committee meetings in December noted, however at the previous one in November, (9th at Warwick Wollams' residence) attended by only ½ the committee members, the social committee proposed the Christmas party with details to be in the newsletter. The layout and distribution were discussed and some assistance in compiling and posting was sought.

From the Newsletter:-

Club Captain Alan Minson reported the club has had a good year with growing membership, though attendance at events did not justify the amount of planning.

Coming event, the Christmas Party was being held at Rene Dunn's beach property at 19 Montrose Terrace, Mairangi Bay on the 1^{st} December. It was an evening affair starting at 7:30pm, and was BYO food and drink.

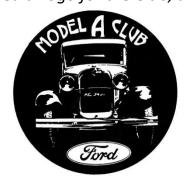
A further event, a leisurely car run on 9th December, starting at J.W. Andrews Ford at Royal Oak, Mt Albert. The run had written instructions and travelled out to the Cascades Park in the Waitakere's where the finish was a BBQ again with BYO supplies.

Both events being touted as great opportunities to get out and drive the Model A, as well as meeting like minded members.

A List of Model A Ford Colour equivalents was reproduced from the USA with Munsell, Duco and Dulux codes listed. (remembering NZ Model A's were painted here and likely very different colours....)

There was also a list of New Parts available from East Coast Auto Parts in Australia, where you could get a king-pin set for \$11, or a muffler for \$22.50, or new tyres for around \$29 each. Members were advised this was a better option than sourcing parts from the USA.

Next Club night on Monday December 17th incorporated a parts swap night. Member Peter Harvey devised a Logo for the Club, and opinions were sought.



Paul Smith (Club Historian & Life Member)

Some past club outings



Pirongia 2005

Glenfield College Automotive Class 2009 (spot the mature student)





A damp Sunday in 2004 Mainline Steam and Northcote Tavern run.



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MAFFI Minute

Holiday Greetings! We're fast approaching Thanksgiving and then roll right into our holiday celebrations shortly thereafter. MAFFI Trustees Jerry Dennany and Jerry Morrissey, along with their Grape Country Model A Club crew, have been out at the museum maintaining and fixing the museum's Model A's. They just finished removing and repairing an engine and a transmission in a 1929 Tudor. Next up for work is a 1928 Tudor.

Meanwhile, Executive Director, John Marshall, and his crew have just finished holiday decorating at the museum. The outdoor lighting display is magical and the indoor museum exhibits make for nostalgic memories. If you haven't visited the museum during the holiday season, it's worth putting on your bucket list! There are displays all across the 90 acre campus with a variety of family activities.

Fundraising for the Model A Museum expansion continues with the Grand Opening planned for 2025. As you and your club plan for holiday giving, consider donating to the Model A Museum, one of the best in the country --- and a cause that keeps our cherished hobby growing and in the spotlight.

All contributors in a selected category will be recognized prominently in the new wing of our museum. Donations can be club chapters or individuals. In addition, clubs can give recurring donations by filling out a pledge card found at maffi.org (click on donations). For more information on donating, please contact: John Begg at 803-727-4392-<u>President@maffi.org</u> or Jerry Morrissey at 269-615-3719 – <u>jertrudy@sbcglobal.net</u>

Supporter = \$500

Patron = \$1,000 Bronze = \$5,000 Donations should be mailed directly to

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Silver = \$10,000 P.O. Box 28

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Platinum = \$50,000

Happy Holiday Season,

Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Board of Trustees, Secretary

MAFFI is a 50l C3 organization. All Donations are deductible to the limit of the law.

Gearbox removal by John Anderson

Gearbox removal can be a difficult job if one doesn't have a keen young apprentice to help like some of us used to have. After some research I came up with this idea.



the gearbox.

I fabricated two bits of 4 x 2 and laid one down either side of the chassis, chiselled out slots for the body mounting bolts. Then a length from side to side and drilled a hole in the centre for the 10mm threaded rod. Drilled a piece of angle to bolt to the front top cover holes and a hole

through the centre for the threaded rod. Double nuts on the angle end of the rod. A third nut for lowering





One shot you can see my rear heavy duty rubber engine mounts also, actually off a big helicopter, I added two lateral composite blocks to stop the engine moving laterally to reduce steering wander. If anyone's interested I can show closer detail and have two of the mounts spare.



Unbolt the bell-housing, slide the cross piece of 4x2 back and lower slowly to the floor. Refitting the same way using a couple of bell housing spigots made out of two long bolts with the heads chopped

John Anderson

Armoured Ford AA Truck

This photo was taken in Copenhagen in 1974. Research confirms that the vehicle was based on a Ford Model AA truck, and is still in existence. I wonder if they have put the gearbox back in.



This v3 Danish armoured car has been on temporary display in Frederiksvaeerk, the town in which it was originally built, but has now been returned to the Danish Museum of Resistance (Frihedsmuseet) in Copenhagen, where it is in storage ready for the museum's reopening later this year.

This vehicle has an interesting history. The Danish story of World War Two is often overlooked; the Germans successfully occupied the country in 1940 but thereafter there was a brave and determined resistance movement and it was one such group who built this truck. The Holger Danske group was formed in 1942 and conducted several sabotage attacks causing disruption to the Germans occupying forces and their Danish collaborators. Towards the end of the war, this group's audacity grew still further when they determined to escalate fighting and use heavy armour. Despite activities being under the watchful eye of the Germans the group managed to get a Ford FAA truck in spring 1945. They then acquired 5mm armoured plates from the local Frederiksvaerk steel factory – presumably stolen, or gifted by resistors working within the factory.

Building the car was slow due to the need to keep it hidden, but it was quite simple. The plates were welded on covering the driver's cabin and crew compartment and the turret was equipped with a Bren machine gun. Additional weight overloaded the suspension affecting drive performance, but just before the end of the war it was ready. It only took part in one engagement and that was the scaring off of a pocket of Danish Nazi collaborators. The vehicle was named the V3 to mock the German term 'weapon of vengeance' (Vergeltungswaffe) used on the V1 and V2 rockets. On the front, a large Frit Danmark (Free Denmark) was written in red.

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For Sale

1928 Model A Ford Sports Coupe
A LH Drive car - imported to NZ mid 2013 from
California. A fairly rare version
Subjected to NZ compliance on import and passed
WOF etc with no major issues
Standard Mod A engine – 12 v electrics - fitted with a
BorgWarner (US) overdrive
Earlier restoration in the USA - some mechanical
history in NZ
Beavertail rear guards - soft top but not a convertible
Offered only due to health issues
Car currently in Hahei - rego on hold and will be sold
with current WOF/Rego
Priced at \$30.000

Inquiries to Rob Allen 021965493







Model 'A' Ford Technical Manuals.

'The Complete Model 'A' Ford Restoration Manual by Les. Pearson.

By far the best restoration manual on the market today on authentic restoration.

This comprehensive manual of 440 A/4 pages is your go-to guide for authentic restoration. It covers all aspects of service and repair, covering all years of production, including detailed instructions on how to disassemble, repair, finish (electroplate and paint) and assemble your vehicle. Left- and right-hand drive are fully covered with wiring diagrams included. The manual is written in clear and concise language, making it easy to follow even for those with no prior automotive experience. In addition to step-by-step instructions, the manual includes helpful diagrams, illustrations, and well over 2000 colour photographs to aid in your restoration. Whether you're a seasoned mechanic or a novice enthusiast, this manual is an essential tool for anyone looking to restore a Model 'A' Ford. Priced at \$169.00 (which includes shipping from the USA (where printed) + \$9.00 post with free repro Model 'A' handbook.

027 2245 045 or rushmoremotors@xtra.co.nz

Also available on eBay. Just search the title.

Other manuals available.

- **'The Beginner's Guide To The Model 'A' Ford.** \$55.00 + \$9.00 postage.
- 'Model 'A' Ford Houdaille Hydraulic Suspension'. \$35.00 + \$9.00 postage.

FOR SALE. Gemmer 2 tooth steering box. Unrestored condition.



For Sale in Australia

Hi There Fellow Members,

Recently I was asked by Trevor Davis if I would be willing to assist and act on his behalf to exclusively handle the sale of his Model A Town Sedan.

He has laid down a small range of conditions for parties interested in seriously considering the purchase of this Extraordinary Original Rare car.

Interested parties are asked to respect the family's wishes and channel all enquiries to my Mobile 0431 764 103.

Regards, Mal Bradley

Trevor's Advertisement reads as follows:

For Sale:

Very rare 1930 Model A Ford Slant Window Deluxe Four Door Town Sedan with a 12 volt system.

It is in original condition and was club registered.

Members who first joined the club in 1970 were the first to see this original car.

The engine is original and has engine number CAU 8075.

From Model A National Judging Standards the engine was fitted to the vehicle between June 12th and August 7th 1930.

Town sedans have special upholstery as follows:

- There are arm rests either side of the rear seat
- A folding centre arm rest in the rear swab, robe rail on the rear of the front seat and the front seat can be adjusted forward and aft.
- There are rear and quarter window adjustable curtains.
- Also the front seat swab can be lowered rearward to provide a flat sleeping area.
- There is also a dome light and exterior cowl lights.

A full description of upholstery materials in this car are available in the Model A National Judging Standards.

Photographs and maintenance records are available.

To encourage the preservation of this car, it has been decided that the sale price will be negotiated.

Contact club member Mal Bradley on 0431 764 103.

Kind Regards,

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Model A for sale from the estate of the late John Ward. Solid NZ authentic restoration.

1929 Roadster pickup, First rego after ground up restoration in 1987. Had very little use since. Have rego papers from 1987 but rego lapsed early 1990's and shed stored ever since. Started occasionally, runs sweet. Some bubbling of paint from sitting around too long and other minor work required, 6 volt, sold as is where is. \$25,000.

Contact Max Ward 0211198871







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At Cornwall Park I caught up with Colin Freeland and his very straight 29 Tudor. The car is back on the road after having worn axle king pin eyes sorted. Colin bought this car in 1958 and it was his daily driver for 6 years, followed by a 10 year restoration.



For updates on Model A events in the USA, go to www.mafca.com or www.model-a-ford.org

Some NIMAFC frequently participate in national meets of the Model A Ford Club of America and the Model A Restorers Club

These old-timers battling it out on the racetrack is a good

watch. https://youtu.be/x0JSkF6TFvs?si=WXKXjfJVX8JwthC5

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