

NORTH ISLAND MODEL A FORD CLUB INC. - NEW ZEALAND

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Model A's take over the Onehunga Beach carpark again

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 |
|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 23-25 February | Fri. Sat. Sunday | Trip to Coromandel | See emailed Flyer |
| 13 th March | Wednesday | Tech Night | |
| 16-17 th March | Sat-Sunday | Te Awamutu Run | By Trevor Appleby |
| 17 th April | Wednesday | Tech Night | |
| 21 st April | Sunday | Glenbrook Railway | David and Sonia Heilbron |
| 15 th May | Wednesday | Tech Night | |
| 19 th May | Sunday | Run | By Keith and Margaret Watson |

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 |
|--|--------------|----------------------------------|
| 15 th 18 th February | Thurs-Sunday | Napier Art Deco |
| 24 th February | Saturday | Wellsford Warkworth VCC Swapmeet |
| 11-12 May | Sat-Sunday | Pukekohe Swapmeet |

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



Kumeu Car Show

CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

Well the year has started off with a hiss and a bang.

1. What do you call a Ford Fiesta that ran out of gas?

We hosted John, Thora, Joy and Grace Trumbo(though no one else met Grace in club as she was only here for one night before flying back to states for work). They are from Kennewick, Washington.

We picked them up from the cruise ship in Auckland , they accompanied us after a visit to Bay Of islands to the Onehunga BBQ and from there it was organised they would go with Andrew on The run Hugh Hulse organised for them.

I believed they enjoyed both events and went home with a wonderful impression of our club. So as members give yourself a clap on the back .From me to you all Thankyou especially Hugh for organising the Onehunga BBQ,plus the run and Andrew for giving our tourist a lift in a model A on it. The Trumbo's have a write up in this newsletter.

The committee has had its first meeting this year dealing mainly with catching up over xmas and new year business plus planning events for the year.Do not hesitate to assist in this in particularly running a club run or organising a tech night.As previously said if you don't live in Auckland to not let this hinder you we are open to suggestions.

Do not forget to look at website and keep an eye on your emails for events and happenings to keep up to date and plan ahead.

If you are going through a particularly hard time, do not forget the club is here to support you and those that have lost family members our condolences are offered.

For those who will ask yes, we had a wonderful time on our cruise from sydney to nz and back. Good company, food and grog. Down point covid but that was when we got home and now over. Not having fresh fruit in house was my biggest b----- as far as Covid went.

Your Clayton's captain does not have his car running yet (though I have said this before) I believe that I now just need to go down and turn the key and press the starter and she will go ... Do I dear jinx myself,.

Answer to question at top - a Ford **Siesta**.

That's it for this month

Club Captain

Wade Alexander

Model A-ing in New Zealand:

A Picture-Perfect Adventure

By John Trumbo

New Zealand has plenty to offer. Actually, the land of the kiwi bird, Maoris and spectacular scenery has about everything anyone could want, including plenty of beautiful Model A Fords. Our visit to the North Island in January was extra special because of the



hospitality, generosity, and extraordinary efforts of members of the North Island Model A Club. Thanks to club captain Wade Alexander and his wife Tricia, and to club tour director Hugh Hulse, we were treated as guests by owners of more than a dozen lovely Model A's to a late afternoon picnic barbecue at Onehunga Beach several kilometers south of Auckland.

Model A'ers in America are known for being friendly and helpful, from coast to coast. But New Zealand's antique autoists – especially Model A folk – deserve highest praise.

My wife, Thora, our adult disabled adult daughter Joy, and I were overwhelmed by the warm greetings and gifts we received. It made our 3-week visit to the islands-wonderland all the more memorable.

Four days after that picnic, we were invited to join a dozen Model A's on a day-long tour over rural roads that wandered up, down, and around lush greenery on our way to popular Hunua Falls. While the picnic to Onehunga had been scheduled as a summer club outing, the drive to Hunua Falls and then onward to the beautiful Pohutukawa Coast was arranged specifically for our enjoyment. Special thanks to Andrew Costello for being our chauffeur in his 1930 sedan. He also provided great running commentary as our guide through the countryside, and he found a local ice cream stop along the way. Yum-yum.

More than 20 people participated. We were impressed. The destination at Omana Regional Park boasted luxurious lawns, trees to make any gardener envious, a view with a flawless blue borrowed from a sunny, cloud-splotched sky, and a beach that beckoned bathers.

We shared stories, learned more about our hosts, swapped some Model A tales, and took lots of pictures. A good time was had all around. And the special part was being invited to return in February 2025 for the North Island Model A Club's annual national meet in the Land of the Long, White Cloud.

Our experiences with new Model A friends in New Zealand was well worth the trip. We couldn't have had it better. Fun, friends, and old Fords. Thank you all, especially Wade, Tricia, and Hugh, and, of course, Andrew. Please come see us in America. We'd love to be your hosts. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

JOHN, THORA & JOY TRUMBO

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50 years ago in the Club (January - February 1974)

From the original Minutes Book:-

The Committee meeting 30/1/74 it was decided to attempt to set out the years events. Also a Special General Meeting was in planning for March. A workshop evening and a gymkana were to be planned with dates to be advised.

There was no committee meeting recorded for February 1974.

From the Newsletter:-

As with today, there was no newsletter in January.

From February 1974, noted several events were in planning, however due to the Petrol Crisis, outings involving a lot of motoring will have to be kept to a minimum. As responsible members of a Car Club you should all be doing your best to conserve petrol by voiding unnecessary trips and keeping a light touch on the accelerator.

Attached to the newsletter was a membership list containing names of 33 members. Names not listed were recognized as not having paid their subs. (\$3.50)

It was noted re the planned special general meeting to be held in March, that a good attendance was encouraged so that stimulating discussion around events and a possible new name for the club. (was still the Auckland Model A Ford Club) – the suggested new name to be the North Island Model A Ford Club.

Help getting Stan Ayling's car on the road was mentioned with anyone offering to help round at Stans 23 February from 2pm.

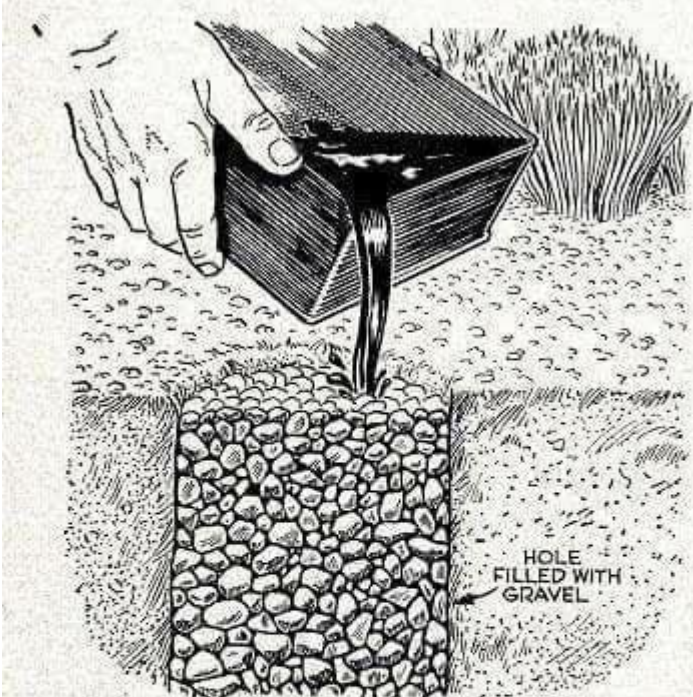
February Clubnight on the 18th was held at the Parnell Play Centre with a film to be shown with beers supplied for a small charge.

The Club badge was produced as a sticker for windscreens at a cost of 50c each. Several other designs were offered and it was decided to hold fire until the possible new name was confirmed.



Paul Smith (Club Historian & Life Member)

Some advertisements that may not pass the editor today



Disposing of used engine oil can be a problem. Solution: Dig a hole in the ground with a posthole digger and fill it with fine gravel. Then pour in the oil. It will be absorbed into the ground before your next change. Cover the spot with soil.

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USE CAR'S EXHAUST TO CLEAN CUSHIONS

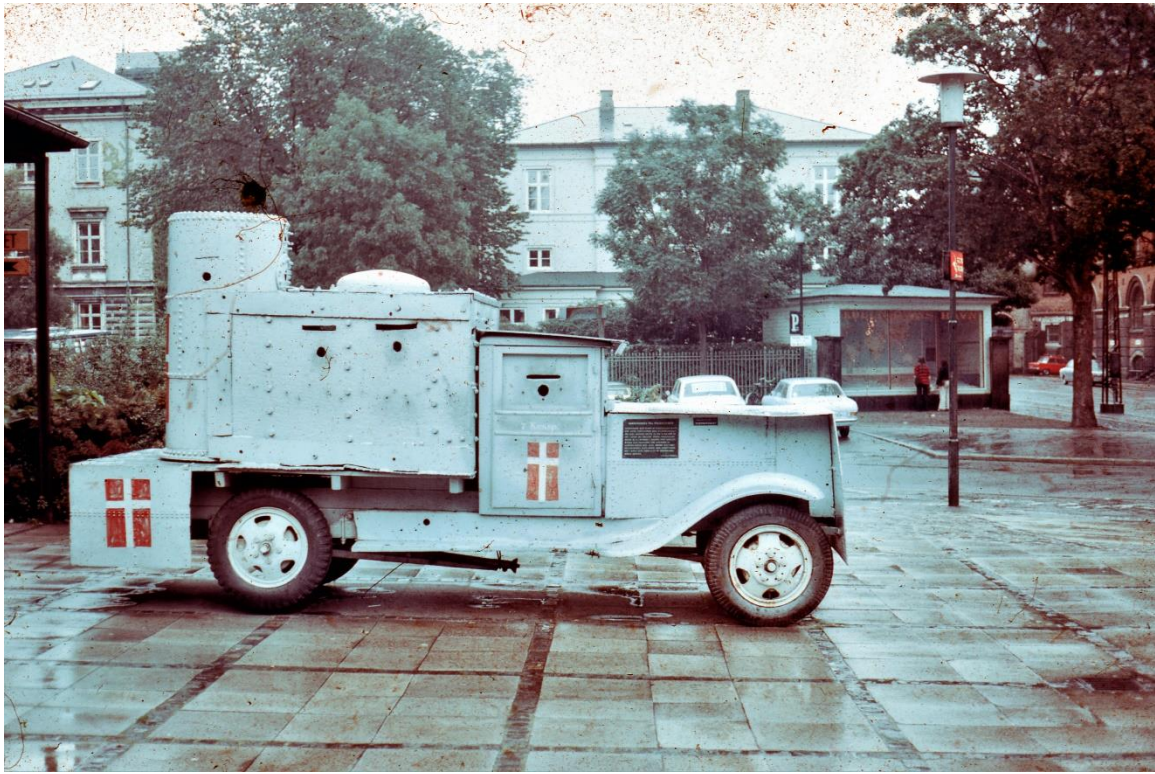


Using the exhaust gas of the automobile to clean the upholstery is the accomplishment of a recently invented device. An aluminum attachment is fastened to the exhaust pipe and the engine is allowed to idle. As the exhaust gas passes through this device suction is created at the inlet hole. Collected by a nozzle, the dust and dirt are drawn through the hose and expelled into the air at the rear of the car. It is made in three models, for cars of different size.

With the car's engine idling, gas from the exhaust creates a vacuum that cleans the cushions

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.



Justin Bicknell received this update from Brad Minners in the U.S. whom he share newsletters.

Thanks for forwarding that Newsletter.

I enjoyed reading the short blurb on the Danish Resistance armored Ford AA truck. I know that truck quite well having visited it many times while visiting with my wife's family in Copenhagen. The article, however, is quite outdated. The museum where it was displayed burned down (many artifacts were lost and damaged) and was subsequently closed for many years.

During the construction of the new museum, the original armored AA was put in storage in a barn outside of Copenhagen where it has been ever since. The last time I visited the museum (last spring) I spoke with the museum docent, and they said that the truck would not be put on display at the museum any time soon.....that it would first undergo a total restoration. (it had lots of rust holes and no engine or transmission, and many other parts and interior, etc were missing). Also, the museum was hoping to have some space inside to house the Ford AA to better protect it from the elements (the museum is located close to the port/sea) and vandals and souvenir seekers, etc.

In the meantime, a Danish Resistance enthusiasts group has sourced another Ford AA chassis and has re-created that armored truck, but with the armored plating being substituted with wood panels instead to make it easier to drive and safer for visitors. They use it in parades and re-enactments, etc around Denmark. That preservation group used to have a web page that described their recreation project (I can't find it anymore) and to generate funds to finance the recreation, they also published a small booklet on that armored AA.

NIMAFC at Kumeu

A HUGE thanks for such a great support of our Club display on Saturday at the 30th Kumeu Classic Car & Hot Rod Show.

Also a huge thanks to Dave Mossman, Steve Driver, Ralph Levenson and Martin Rees for securing our site earlier last week, roping it off and assisting me in setting up the Club Gazebo on Wednesday evening in readiness for the show, and for those that helped pack it all away at the end of the day.



This was the first time our club has been represented at the Kumeu event in 20 years where huge crowds enjoyed the show and loved the display of our beautiful Model A Fords.

We had the Woollams 1930 Coupe on display for sale and attracted a number of offers resulting in a successful sale.



Fletch and Donna from the Classic Restos TV show recorded an interview, this will be shown on their TV program and youtube in about 3 weeks.

Thanks also for the donated sausages, we had a great day.

Terry Costello

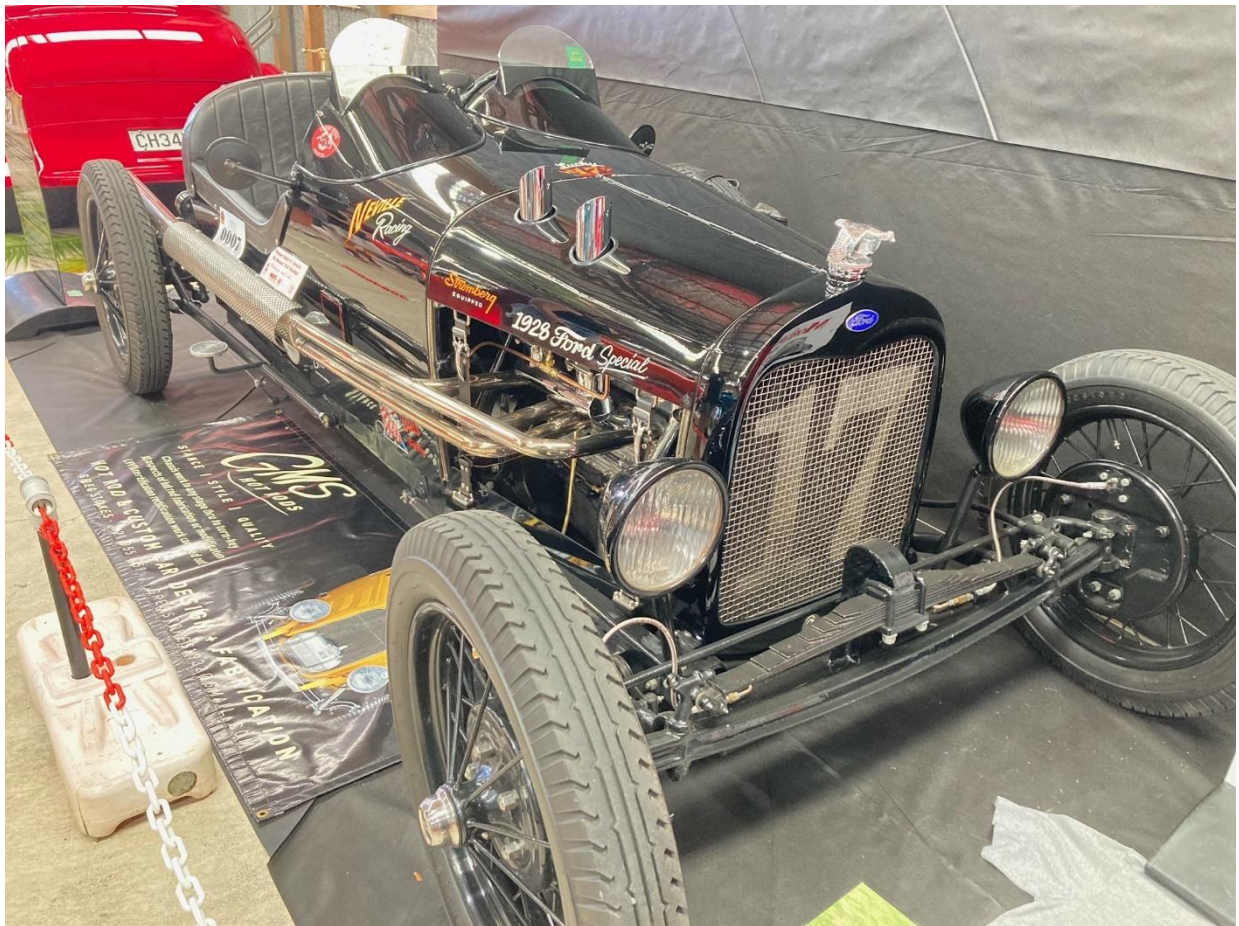


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If the steering wheel was on the right, this could be the editors dream Model A



“Lucky 17”

Seen at the Kumeu Show

1928 MODEL A FORD BOAT TAIL R

CHASSIS/SUSPENSION:
CHASSIS - 1928 Model A Ford, suicide perch on the front, kick up and custom cross member.
SUSPENSION - Front, 1928 Model A Ford with split radius rods mounted to the chassis rails. Rear, 1928 Model A Ford spring with split early Ford V8 radius rods mounted to the chassis rails.

STEERING/BRAKES/WHEELS:
STEERING - 1928 Model A Ford exiting through the cowl.
BRAKES - 1940 Ford hydraulic drum brakes all round.
WHEELS - 1928 Model A Ford 21" wire wheels with 4.50 and 4.75 by 21 Firestone tyres.

ENGINE/GEARBOX:
ENGINE - 1932 Model B Ford four cylinder flathead rebuilt by Drury Engine Reconditioning. Counterbalanced crank, full insert bearings, racing con rods, racing cam, adjustable lifters, late intake valves, heavy duty springs, pressurised oiling, Thomas 7:1 High compression head, Powerdynamo alternator, FS electronic ignition and Dual Chrome Stromberg 97's on a custom chrome intake manifold with a polished stainless exhaust.
GEARBOX - Ford 5-speed overdrive.

BODY/INTERIOR:
BODY - 1928 Model A Ford, grille, engine hood and cowl with hand crafted tube frame and hand formed boat tail. Paint maintenance by Alpine Panelbeaters, hand signage by Ron Van Dam.
INTERIOR - 1928 Model A Ford steering wheel, Custom Auburn style dash and Model A themed instrument panel by GMS Vintage Speed. Wiring by Trev Saran. Leather seat, panelling and edging by Richard Howe Upholstery Howick.

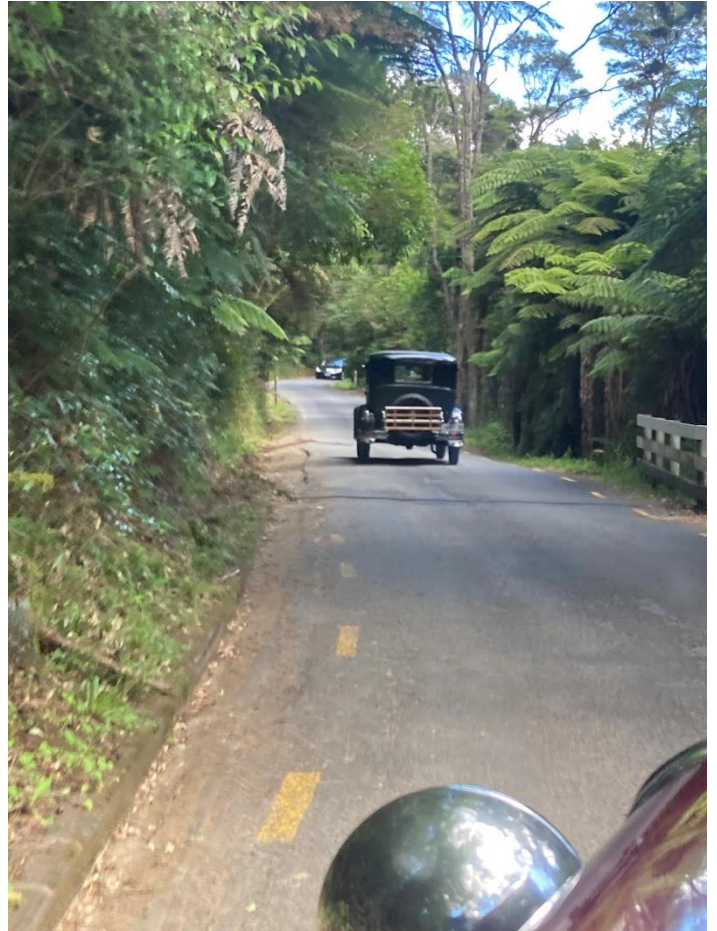
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SPECIAL THANKS:
 We would like to thank mechanic, engineer and craftsman Greg Stokes of GMS Vintage Speed for bringing Lucky 17 back to life. His work on upgrading the suspension and steering geometry along with his project managing of the rewire, engine rebuild and detailing has been nothing short of outstanding.

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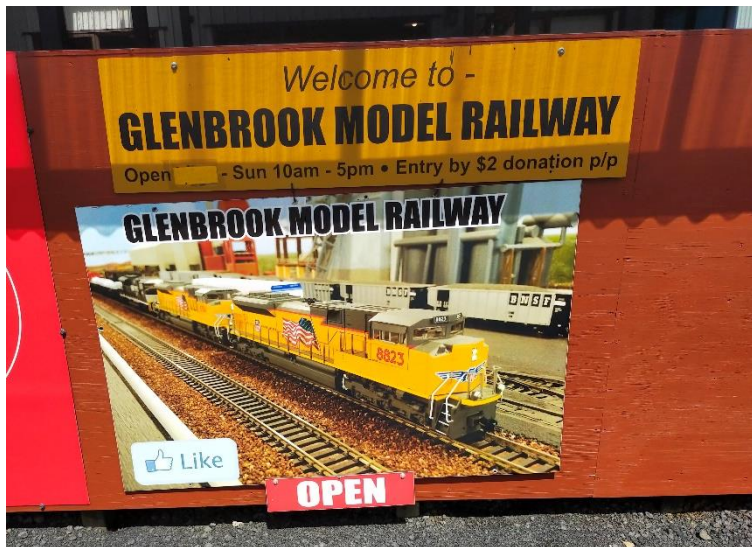
**A selection from John and Thora Trumbo,
our visitors from USA**



Glenbrook and Awhitu run Sunday 21st April

Meet 9.30am at Glenbrook Vintage Railway 135 Glenbrook Station Road Waiuku.

The first train leaves at 10am so arrive in time to purchase tickets at \$25 per person return.



After the train ride we will travel about 5 minutes to another railway. Instructions for this route on the day.

Entry is a \$2 per person to this private model railway and \$2 for a ride. Alternatively, \$12 for entry, ride, and lunch of a filled roll with tea or coffee with cake. Numbers need to be known in advance for catering lunch, so please advise David Heilbron by email.

heilbrondavid@gmail.com

After lunch and this visit, travel the Awhitu peninsula and return to David and Sonja's home in Waiuku for afternoon Tea.

Arranged by David and Sonja Heilbron ph 0272 966 266

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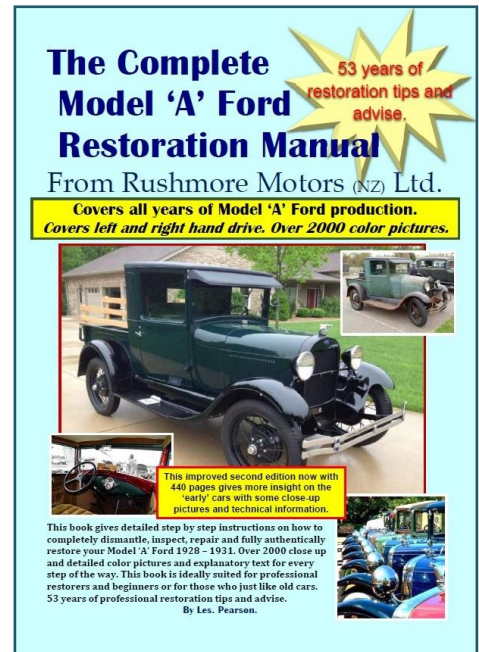
Also available on eBay. Just search the title.

Other manuals available.

'The Beginner's Guide To The Model 'A' Ford. \$55.00 + \$9.00 postage.

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



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<https://modelafordclub.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Des-Addison-trip.pdf>

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

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In Microsoft Word or directly into an email (Editor can format to publish in the Newsletter).

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Thank you to regular contributors to this newsletter

Just out of interest

Note the wear on these parts of a 28 3 piece brake cross shaft. This on an under 60,000 mile car. Added to this was the off centre mounting of the stop bracket and one cross shaft being 5mm shorter than the other. Then there is the non-adjustable brake rods. The joys of trying to keep a Model A "as built."





A selection of three Fords are available. Guy got the 1930 Phaeton.

A Model A through Motown

Guy Loveridge rediscovers Detroit from the best seat in the house

Lisa Stolarski's The Antique Touring Company offers tours of Detroit seven days a week. Working with her husband, she secured three well prepared and restored Model A Fords to use as tour vehicles – as she says: 'It's Detroit – we had to use Fords, right?'. There's an open tourer (Phaeton) that seats five, a saloon that will deal with the same number, plus a seven-seater Woodie-wagon. The weather and the size of your party dictate which machine you are lucky enough to ride in. For my tour it was the gorgeous 1930 Phaeton, which they've named Jupiter.

Lisa's tour takes in every significant automotive site you

could wish to see, including the original Cadillac building (now being turned into flats but still bearing the badges of its time as a GM parts store in the Fifties). You also get to see the General Motors

waves and honks of horns from all who see you pass in the Model A, and Lisa is ready with information and is happy to chat.

That this tour is in Detroit is completely apt and fitting. Many amazing Art Deco sights remain for the enthusiastic traveller to see and experience.

Lisa has a dedicated team of seven staff including a mechanic and the cars are maintained to the highest possible standards. The vehicles are based within the museum complex at Ford's Piquette plant which also houses the so-called 'Alphabet Collection' – Models from A, B and C, through T, etc – well worthwhile visit.

Lisa collected and dropped me off at my hotel in downtown Detroit, The Elements by Marriot, and was a charming companion for three hours on a drive through the most amazing history.

You can contact Lisa and team at antiquetouring.com/ visitdetroit.com and michigan.org.

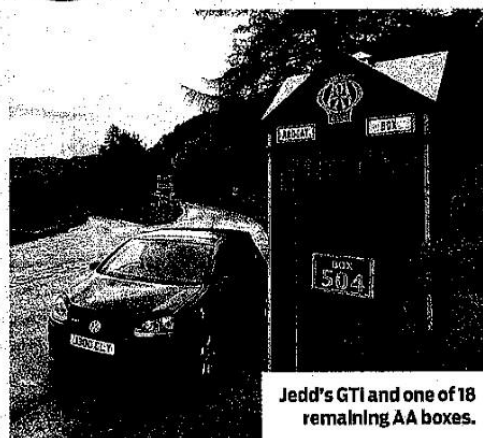


headquarters (still in use by other businesses) and the old factories, which are now dilapidated beyond recovery after Detroit's downfall. The tour attracts positive



THE CLAY WAY

Paul Clay's son decided to visit AA phone boxes – all of them



Jedd's GTI and one of 18 remaining AA boxes.

My son Jedd's 19-year-old Golf GTI has had an oil change every 5000 miles and now has nearly 200k on the clock. He saw a photo of my Triumph Stag posed next to the old AA telephone box near where we live on the A3052, and this started a conversation about how many boxes are left in Britain. It turns out there are 18, spread widely across England, Scotland and Wales, so he took that as inspiration for a good series of road trips. He then went and photographed his GTI parked beside every single one of them.

When visiting his cousin in Manchester he drove from his home in Exeter via Brancaster in Norfolk, just for a quick photo of the box on the A149 there. When he

emailed the AA to tell him what he'd done, they thanked him and gave him a model box. They also told him of another box that isn't strictly roadside, but more of a museum piece on Eastbourne seafront. This clearly bothered him as he was gone at four o'clock one morning to see it!

As if this wasn't enough excitement, when he was in Scotland getting the furthest boxes on his list, he spent the night in Inverness with a friend to share the driving and got up at 2am to drive two hours and 120 miles to John o'Groats to see the sunrise – then drove to Land's End to see it set. He got there with about an hour to spare and then drove another 120 miles back to Exeter, covering over 1100 miles in one day.

TECH SPEC

Car 1930 Ford Model A Phaeton

Engine 3287cc/4-cyl/SV

Power 40bhp@2200rpm

Torque 114lb ft@1200rpm

Gearbox 3-speed manual

0-50mph 18.3sec

Top speed 62mph

Fuel economy Unknown

TECH SPEC

Car 2005 Volkswagen Golf GTI

Engine 1984cc/4-cyl/DOHC

Power 197bhp@5100-6000rpm

Torque 207lb ft@1700-5000rpm

Fuel economy 30mpg

Gearbox 6-speed manual

0-60mph 7.2sec

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