

# NORTH ISLAND MODEL A FORD CLUB INC. - NEW ZEALAND

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**Going to the Top but don't look down**

**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](http://www.modelafordclub.co.nz) for new events, articles & updates.**

## North Island Model A Club Event Planner 2024

Date	Day	Event	Details
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday	Tech Night	Macs speed shop
16-17 <sup>th</sup> March	Sat-Sunday	Te Awamutu Run	By Trevor Appleby
14 <sup>th</sup> April	Sunday	Waiuku Steel n Wheels	Flyer to follow
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday	Tech Night	
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Sunday	Glenbrook Railway	By David and Sonia Heilbron
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Wednesday	Tech Night	
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Sunday	Run	By Keith and Margaret Watson
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Wednesday	Tech Night	
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Saturday	Ryders	Dinner and Movie
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Sunday	Run	By Marty and Anne Perkinson

*The committee are working on events for the upcoming year. Please keep a watch on the website [www.modelafordclub.co.nz](http://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
11-12 May	Sat-Sunday	Pukekohe Swapmeet
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Sunday	All Ford Day Ardmore Airport
14 <sup>th</sup> April	Sunday	Waiuku Steel n Wheels

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

### **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Meet at Wharepapa South School 9am Saturday. Toilets and possible camping site here.14 Wharepapa South Road. This is 28km to the south east of Te Awamutu.

Local farmer and NIMAFc member Trevor Appleby has arranged an interesting weekend in this area. Saturday visit the Ngaroma area stopping at “Rusty’s Roost” where Trevor will boil the billy and provide tea, coffee and milk. BYO food. Sunday morning spent around Trevor’s farm area where some of the last Lord of the Rings movie was filmed. BBQ lunch could be arranged here and back to Auckland by mid- afternoon.

Some accommodation is available with Trevor, please contact him for this.

Trevor Appleby [trevappleby@gmail.com](mailto:trevappleby@gmail.com)

Otherwise check the local Motels available.

Saturday evening dinner is at the RSA Te Awamutu. 381 Alexander Street.

View menu on their website.

**Please reply to Andrew Costello to work out numbers for dinner. 021 943 063**

## Tech Night Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

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Enquiries Terry Costello 0274920642

## Glenbrook and Awhitu run Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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**

## Waiuku Steel n Wheels



## Captain's Report

Well here we are. Another month gone by into the year.

My report will be small this month as apart from a meeting i have not attended any club events such as the Hubley tech night in Bruce's shed and the Coromandel run. Having just spent 10 days at Cook's beach with wonderful fine days but little fish i can vouch for the weather on the Saturday of the club run as seen in Facebook page for the club but i don't know about the Sunday.

We are now just under a year out from the 2025 national Model A rally to be held in Masterton so if you have not thought about it you need to put your thinking caps on and register your interest , make sure you and car is ready for it, book accommodation etc. On accommodation it may be another option for some people besides Solway that Joe & Jill Scott have a daughter whose business is **U Studios Masterton**, set in a quiet park like setting .Queen studios, Queen + single studios, 2-bedroom studios and a bedroom villa. All units are self-contained. Swimming pool and BBQ area. Parking in front of each unit.

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News on the home front I finally have my "Oogah" running though the last three weeks it has been not running again while i attended to a stripped bolt hole in the valve cover where my air breather is attached, figured out why my choke was not completely opening up when released and realigning my exhaust with the manifold. So in the last week since getting home I have done this so now need to give a full service, clean and get a WOF for it. Finally, and as I say no one knows your car better than you but all advice received with gratitude as it makes you think more about known problems. .

Don't forget to look at the newsletter for upcoming tech night out at Whitford , should be interesting especially for those building up their cars. Happy to carpool from shore if anyone else interested in going. Then we have the Te Awamutu Farm club run which Trevor Appleby has arranged. Please register your interest with Andrew Costello +64 21 943 063 or [gizmocat@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:gizmocat@slingshot.co.nz)

I leave you with this thought- "When I wrecked my last car, I solved the mystery of whether or not a Mercedes bends."

Wade [nimafc.captain@gmail.com](mailto:nimafc.captain@gmail.com)

Model A Ford Foundation School Bus project.



## Coromandel Trip Weekend 24-25 February 2024

It was a fabulous weekend organised by Christine and David Wight along with their team of beavers from the 100% club and beyond.

Many of us left home early on the Friday morning only to coincidentally meet up at the Corner Café Tea rooms on the way. People came from all places and surprisingly, without being organised. The enthusiasm showed as the NIMAFC dominated the Café.

The weekend really started Friday night, with a welcome visit from Christine, a mix and mingle, eat at the Coro pub conveniently situated across the road from the Top Ten where a large number of the attendees stayed. The Top Ten and surrounds provided a super setting for our 52 attendees and 24 Model As. A great comfortable venue catering for the variety of individual tastes.



On Saturday we all ventured north to the peninsular tip and Fletchers Bay. We enjoyed a short section of sealed road as far as Colville, but the balance of the journey was predominantly a dusty, windy road in places, with steep drop offs and corrugations galore to add good measure to the ride. Stopping along the way, taking in the stunning scenery, morning tea at the Paritu stone wharf (with its unique large rectangular cut rocks) and closing one's eyes when looking down the large drops as we slowly progressed our way northward around the numerous blind corners and partook greetings with some "locals".



On to the DOC lands and Fletchers Bay. A beautiful safe sandy beach with old mature trees suitable to park under and enjoy the shade. At last, relief from the relentless road and hot sun and to be able to attack our tasty prepacked lunches carefully prepared by the 100% team. The old rule, half an hour's rest after lunch did not stop the brave from venturing into the water, it was so enticing and the environment so tranquil, the sun so hot. Daggy parked his old trusty in the old beach boat house while he undertook some tinkering out of the public eye. He was later observed on the side of the road pumping air into his third tyre for the day. Someone kept borrowing his air he said.

Traversing the corrugated road twice in a day is not for all, and a few ventured home via Kennedy Bay hoping the leg may have been a little easier, but the climb and descent back across the peninsular was a great lesson to learn. Don't be too confident. The arrival back at the Top Ten saw many head for a short rest and shower, before attending the fabulous BBQ organised by Christine and her Team. Sausages, steak or chicken mixed with salads plus a wine or beer certainly allowed for everyone to catch up with each other. The night did pass quickly and was enjoyed by us all.

Sunday saw the rain in contrast to the brilliant day before, so Water Wheels was cancelled and the Model As slowly filtered away home in the wet getting a well-deserved wash as they went. What an ending for such a great weekend event. Perhaps, make it 200% with a repeat next year. Cheers.

Anne-Marie



More brilliant Coromandel images

# 50 years ago in the Club

## (March 1974)

### **From the original Minutes Book:-**

*At the March committee meeting it was noted that the Special General Meeting would be held at the VCC Clubrooms Fairfax Ave Penrose.*

*A system of sending postcards out should an event be cancelled in advance !*

*Planning for the Gymkhana in Mangere at a block of land behind the shopping centre. Events to be decided but suggestions, Slalem in reverse, Drag the bottle, garaging, Le Mans slow start, braking test etc.*

*Meeting to remind members that deadline for Newsletter is the last week of each month in readiness for printing early the following month.*

### **From the Newsletter:-**

*Special General Meeting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March was scheduled to select new committee member to replace Adrian Irwin who has returned to Australia. Also for discussion was planning for the years calendar, and to form monthly meetings and sort a venue.*

*Coming events noted were a Club Car Gymkhana for 7<sup>th</sup> April, Parakai Hot Pools run May 6<sup>th</sup>, and a Night Trial in June.*

*A letter was received from South African Mr D.G.Myer who was seeking assistance with the restoration of his 1930 Roadster. He was searching for a set of shock absorbers and a Radiator shell.*

*Another letter from member F.G.Noffke from Rotorua, letting us know he has bought another Model A, a 1930 Fordor, and was wanting assistance with quite a long list of parts. The club is the go-to place for restorers and repairers.*

*Roger Bale was seeking a right front mudguard to replace one damaged in an accident. Several pages of technical information on Steering and its adjustment were included.*

*Paul Smith (Club Historian & Life Member)*





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February 20, 2024

**MAFFI Minute**

The Trustees are already planning Model A Days 2024! So far it looks like a candidate has been located. And, the report from the Gilmore Auto Museum is that one of the EV Model A visitors.

Other news is that Model A's donated to the museum to be sold for the Model A Museum to sell. Our hardworking team of volunteers devotes Thursday evening to getting them ready.

1. One Model A Tudor (1929) is on the sales floor already.
2. Another 1928 Tudor has had Trustees and friends repairing brakes, gas gauges, and other parts.
3. A 1929 Fordor Blindback is also in the queue for roadworthiness work.
4. And there are two 1928 Phaetons that we anticipate will be available to sell in the near future.

Please contact Jerry Dennany, [jerrydennany@gmail.com](mailto:jerrydennany@gmail.com) or John Begg, [jwbegg@gmail.com](mailto:jwbegg@gmail.com) if you have a Model A you would like to sell for our expansion fundraising program.

Many of you have been following our Save the Bus project (school bus) and although it's still in progress, the sides are up and all 4 fenders have been installed as well as the bumpers. Things are getting exciting at Save the Bus Headquarters!

As always, we appreciate your support as we move forward with fundraising. It's a great journey!

Cindy Ellenbecker,

Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. Trustee/Secretary

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**Submit your caption suggestions to the editor.**

(Suspects, Rees, Mannington, Costello and Driver)

## Generator Fields

This shows the frame of a powerhouse generator with field windings connected to a battery. The iron filings aligned with the magnetic lines of force are on sheet of glass (left) or paper (right) sitting on the generator frame.



The iron pole pieces that the field coils are wound on will be alternately North and South, and which is which is determined by the direction of current flow in the field coil. The generator will act as a motor if connected to a battery due to the current in the armature via the brushes causing it to move relative to the surrounding magnetism. The direction of rotation is determined by the direction of current flow in both field and armature windings. The only way to reverse the rotation, is to reverse the connection of either the armature or field coils, but not both.

On a generator, the brushes carry the full charging current leading to complications. Also, at engine idle speeds, the generator does not produce enough voltage to overcome that of the battery. Hence the need for a cut out to disconnect the two at low speeds.

An alternator as its name suggests produces alternating current which is actually a 3 phase supply rectified by modern semiconductor diodes. The brushes carry only the small current needed to magnetise the rotating part, and the charging current comes from the field winding. With this configuration, sufficient voltage is produced at low speed to overcome battery voltage.

For me the generator is part of the challenge of a Model A so I stick with the original powerhouse.

Rob Brown



Master BBQer Dugald Hoyland in action at Coromandel



Time Capsule?

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**Do you have** skills in Wordpress software. If so please contact a committee member.

### **Handbrake Award**

The handbrake award was picked up by Terry from our previous recipient Warren and Marilyn and taken to the Coromandel run to award to a suitable candidate.

It wasn't hard to find a suitable participant as Daggy Sperry arrived in his Model A Truck which was suffering with a slow leak in his tyre which was being annoying for Daggy and Owen all day. So the first recipient was Daggy although on the return trip an oil janitor was found on the road soon out of Fletcher Bay and this was paraded at the dinner at the Top Ten that evening and Murray and Anne Ashby were happy to have this returned to their possession. Therefore the latest recipient of the trusty handbrake award is currently with Murray Ashby.

Keep your eyes open for the next ownership adventure.

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

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