

Third Newsletter for the 17th National Model A Ford Rally, Masterton/ Wairarapa. 23-28th February, 2025



Dear Model 'A'

Enthusiast,

June 2024

We now have 100 cars pre-registered as 'Early-bird' registrants.

If you have not booked accommodation in the Masterton area there is booking information on the NIMAFC website, just look for the 'box' labelled 17th National Rally that will take you to lots of information. www.modelafordclub.co.nz. The Solway Cophorne Hotel has only seven rooms left at this stage. There is a list of Motels below to assist you with bookings if you are unable to get a room at the Cophorne Solway Hotel.

The program is close to being finalized. There have been a few subtle changes since the last newsletter.

Sunday 23-2-2025

Registration/Check-in desk will be open from 1200 -1900 hours in the Cophorne Solway Hotel, 246 High Street, Masterton 5810. (It will also be open from 0700 to 0900 and 1600 to 1800 each day)

1700 hours 'Noggin 'n' Natter', self-pay drinks at the Solway Hotel Bar. Catch up with your 'old' friends and make some new ones!

1800 hours (onwards) you have a choice of dining at the Solway Hotel Restaurant or going to a local restaurant in Masterton with a group of friends. A list of restaurants will be in your Rally Booklet.

At Check-in, guests will be allocated to four groups, colour-coded Red, Yellow, Green and Blue. There will be one quarter of you in each group. You can elect to be in a particular group with your friends. Each day for Tuesday to Friday there will be four different 'runs' in progress to four different destinations. There are two 'long runs' and two 'short runs'. If you do a long run one day, you will be doing a short run the next day. By the end of the week everyone will have been to each of the four destinations (unless your car breaks down!).

Please read your Rally Booklet on Sunday night to see what is happening on Monday! (and the rest of the week)

Route instructions for each of the four 'runs' will be printed in your **Rally Booklet**, so you will need to **bring it with you each day**, Tuesday-Friday.

Probable program

Monday 24-2-2025

0800 Concours Judging, Trade Hall, Solway Showgrounds.

0830 All other cars assemble for **Public Display** for the 'Open Day' at the Solway Showgrounds

0900 -1400 Grass Gymkhana, Solway Showgrounds

1000-1600 Open Day for Public to view our assembled cars

0800-1600 Eddies Coffee truck and Corky's Food truck available at the Showgrounds.

1600 Our assembled cars depart back to Hotel / Motels

1630 Scrutineering / practice for **Hubley Racing**, Solway Hotel

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1800-1830 Pre-dinner drinks, Solway Hotel Bar. (Self-pay!)

1830-2230 Informal Dinner, Solway Hotel (Paid for in Registration Fee) Guest Speaker.

Tuesday 25-2-2025

All groups assemble in the Solway Showgrounds Tuesday to Friday at shown times.

0800 Red Group goes to Castlepoint. This is a 'long run'. Lunch at Whakataki Hotel, Castlepoint.

0800 Green Group goes to Cape Palliser. This is a 'long run'. Lunch at Luna Estate Vineyard.

0830 Yellow Group goes to Pukaha Wildlife Sanctuary. This is a 'short run'. Lunch at Le Gra Winery.

0830 Blue Group goes to Wharekauhau / Ocean Beach. This is a 'short run'. Lunch at Cobblestones Museum, Greytown.

1800 Pre-dinner drinks, Solway Hotel Bar. (Self-pay).

1830 onwards. "Free night". It is 'your choice' where you dine tonight with a group of friends at a local restaurant in Masterton, Carterton, Greytown, Martinborough or Featherston. There will be a list of restaurants in your Rally Booklet.

Wednesday 26-2-2025 (Lunches Wed-Fri same as for Tues for each destination).

0830 Red Group goes to Wharekauhau / Ocean beach.

0800 Yellow Group goes to Castlepoint.

0830 Green group goes to Pukaha Wildlife Sanctuary.

0800 Blue Group goes to Cape Palliser.

1800 Pre Diner drinks Solway Hotel Bar. (Self-pay).

1830-2230 Rally Dinner Solway Hotel. (Paid for in Registration Fee) Quiz night and a Guest Speaker.

Thursday 27-2-2025

0800 Red Group goes to Cape Palliser.

0830 Yellow Group goes to Wharekauhau / Ocean beach.

0800 Green Group goes to Castlepoint.

0830 Blue Group goes to Pukaha Wildlife Sanctuary.

1800 Pre-dinner drinks, Solway Hotel Bar. (Self-pay).

1830 onwards. "Free night". It is 'your choice' where you dine tonight with a group of friends at a local Masterton, Carterton, Greytown, Martinborough or Featherston restaurant. There will be a list of restaurants in your Rally Booklet.

Friday 28-2-2025

0830 Red Group goes to Pukaha Wildlife Sanctuary.

0800 Yellow Group goes to Cape Palliser.

0830 Green Group goes to Wharekauhau / Ocean Beach.

0800 Blue Group goes to Castlepoint.

1800 Pre-dinner drinks, Solway Hotel Bar. (Self-pay).

1830-2230 Gala Dinner, Solway Hotel. (Paid for in Registration Fee) Era dress code. Dress in 'Period costume'. Prize for best dressed man and woman. Prize-giving evening. Guest Speaker.

Saturday 21-3-2025

0800-1000 Farewell breakfast Solway Hotel Restaurant. (Self-pay).

We have three interesting Guest Speakers who shall remain secret until you get your Rally Booklets on Sunday 23-2-2025.

Before the Rally make sure your car's Insurance, Registration and WOF and servicing are up-to-date.

Due to the hot summers in the Wairarapa there will be a high fire risk in the countryside so you must bring a fire extinguisher. A tow rope, jumper cables and a suitable set of tools and simple spare parts (like a fan belt and ignition points) are recommended. It is unlikely that chains will be needed. You should make sure your car's fuel tank (38 litres/10 US gallons) is full by the start of each day's travelling. Please bring two carpet squares to put under your car at night to absorb the inevitable oil drips that most Model As have. (Be tidy Kiwis, keep the hotel/motel carparks clean!)

We will have a flat-bed trailer for recovery on the Castlepoint 'run'. Fagan Ford Dealership will have a flatbed trailer towed by a Ford Ranger for recoveries for the other 'runs' on a 'call if required' basis. You could also activate an AA call-out if you have AA membership.

We also suggest you bring a light-weight chair each and a 'Thermos' and supply your own tea/coffee/biscuits/sandwiches for morning and afternoon tea/coffee stops. It will say on the route notes each day if you can buy a.m. and p.m. tea/coffee or have to bring your own.

We have not yet been able to finalize the Registration Costs. We are still working on Apparel for the Rally. Rally logo badges in metal/enamel form have been ordered. Full information about costs and clothing will be in the next (and final) newsletter at the end of July.

The formal Registration Document will be available at the end of August. Registrations will close at the end of November, to give us plenty of time for printing etc to be done before the 'Christmas/January holiday 'shut-down' that NZ experiences each year!

An 'Ad' about the 17th Rally will appear in the VCC 'Beaded Wheels' magazine until the end of this year.

We are looking for innovative suggestions for the driving skills/Grass Gymkhana, so please send us your ideas to help make the Gymkhana a fun event.

Booking details for the **Copthorne Solway Hotel**, (246 High St, Masterton) if they have any rooms left!

17th National Rally, NIMAFC booking reference/**Invoice #71830**

For reservations email vikki@solway.com

Phone: 06 370 0500, or 06 367 3302, or 0800 463 3846.

Motels near the Solway Hotel. (Solway is the southern suburb of Masterton)

1. U-Studios, 119 Cornwall St, Masterton 5810 Ph: 06 378 2939 E: ust5810@uhotelgroup.com
For a 15% discount as a Rally Special use/mention booking code: MODELACLUB25
2. BK's Chardonnay Motel, 274 High St, Mn 5810 Ph 06 377 7485 E: info@bkschardonnay.co.nz
3. Masterton Motor lodge, 250 High St, Mn 5810. Ph 06 378 2585
E: enquires@masterton-motorlodge.co.nz
4. Gateway Motor Inn, 290 High St, Mn 5810. Ph 027 212 6242 E: stay.gateway@outlook.co.nz
5. Acorn Estate Motel, 6 Manchester St, Solway, Mn 5810. Ph 06 377 0155
E: enquiries@acornestate.co.nz

6. South Park Motel, 55 High St, Solway 5810. Ph 08000 900 009 E: info@southparkmotel.co.nz
7. Discovery Motor Lodge, 210 Chapel St, Kuripuni, Mn 5810. Ph 06 378 7745 E: info@discovery.co.nz
8. Chanel Court Motel, 14 Herbert St, Mn 5810. Ph 06 378 2877 E: chanelcourtmotel@xtra.co.nz
9. History at Renall, 91 Renall St, Mn 5810 Ph 021 325 171 E: lbjvermeulen@gmail.com
10. Amble Inn Motel, 124 Chapel St, Mn 5810 Ph 0508 262 534 E: info@ambleinn.co.nz

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Don't forget to tell your friends who have a Model A but may not be in a Model A Club, they are also welcome!

