

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

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## MODEL A TORQUE

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**Registration Documents for the 17<sup>th</sup> National Rally  
have been sent to all Early Birds**

**Entries are still open to those not registered as an  
early bird, until 10<sup>th</sup> November.**

**If you are interested or just thinking about it then  
email the newsletter editor for entry forms.**

**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.**

**Until we have a volunteer for updating the website, any or all coming  
events may not be listed there.**

## **Model A Ford Club Upcoming Event Planner 2024**

Date	Day	Event	Details
11 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Wednesday	Tech Night	Martin Rees Intake Manifolds
15 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Sunday	Club Run	Motat, Ralph and Jenny Levinson
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Saturday	AGM	Remuera Club
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Wednesday	Hubley practice	Bruce Stratton workshop
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Sunday	Swap Meet	Bruce Stratton Workshop
8-9-10 Nov.	Weekend	Hubley Racing	Taupo Cosmopolitan Club
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Wednesday	Tech Night	Details to come
23 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Saturday	Club Run North	Russel and Jocelyn McAlpine
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Sunday	Christmas in the park	Ralph and Jenny Levinson
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday	BBQ Picnic	Onehunga Beach

*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 2024***

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

Date	Day	Event
24 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday	Race 4 Life Hampton Downs
28 <sup>th</sup> September	Saturday	Cornwall Park Heritage Day
10-12 <sup>th</sup> October	Weekend	McLeans Island swapmeet
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Saturday	Birkenhead Art Deco
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Sunday	Cambridge swapmeet
15-21 <sup>st</sup> March 2026	week	Vero International Festival of Motoring

## **17<sup>th</sup> National Model A Ford Rally 23<sup>rd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

### **MASTERTON**

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

## **Model A Ford Club Tech night, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept,**

### ***New carburettor intake attachment for the Model A Zenith Carby***

**Where:** Terry Costello's Shed 7pm

6 Angle Street, Onehunga, 1061

#### **What to bring:**

1. Any questions about air intake attachments and carburettors.
2. Pictures of your special home-made air-filter attachments, there are many different ones!
3. Any carburettors you need help with. The experts will be in the crowd attending.
4. Food for a shared supper, as usual.

Martin Rees will talk about the development of his new carby inlet attachment that will be cast in Aluminium. A production 'run' will be set up by Wikus Du Preez of A & G Price Foundry Works in Thames. A kit of simple components will connect the air-filter to the new inlet attachment.

Downdraft Weber and Stromberg carbys available for inspection/discussion.



## **Cornwall Park Heritage Day Saturday 28 September.**

The management of Cornwall Park have asked if our Club would like to be involved with the Cornwall Park Heritage Day.

The plan is to fill the roadway between Huia Lodge (Visitor Centre) and the old Acacia Cottage, opposite the Visitor Centre. If the NIMAFc were interested, we would park our Model A's beyond this point by 10.00 am and would need to remain there until 2.30 pm. The organisers will provide our members with snacks, as a thanks for contributing to the event.

If you are interested in helping with this event, please let me know and I'll in turn let Charlotte at Cornwall Park know.

Cheers, Ralph Levinson

## Birkenhead Village Art Deco Spring Fling Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October

We have been asked to support the annual heritage day in Birkenhead again.

“This should be a fabulous day, Madelines trio, Society Jazz Men , swing dancer, free heritage farm for the children , and this year stilt walkers and vintage sewing bike, as well as carnival food. Art Deco Spring Fling celebrating our unique 1920-1950 heritage and the refurbishment finally of our unique globe lights originally inspired by our 1927 war memorial. 1950s New Zealand Road Services bus will be doing a free loop with heritage storytelling.”

The aim is to have up to eight Model A's outside the library as in previous years. Need to be on site from about 10am until mid-afternoon. Free entertainment and plenty of eating options nearby.

If you and your car are available, please contact Rob Brown [rtmgbrown@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rtmgbrown@xtra.co.nz).

## Model A Ford Club Swap Meet

*‘Bring your unwanted  
Model A parts, tools etc’*

**When:** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.

**Where:** Bruce Stratton's shed,

4 Vernon Street, Papakura, Akld 2110

**Time:** 1000 to approx. 1400 hours

**What to bring:**

1. Lots of those **Model A parts** left over from your last project!
2. Bring your own **lunch**. The Club BBQ on its trailer will be available to cook sausages etc.
3. Club is providing mugs, tea, coffee, sugar & milk.
4. A light folding chair
5. **Lots of Cash!!**
6. Hat, raincoat and umbrella if it is wet, *hopefully not!*



available to

**Bruce's Mobile:** 0274 485 3634

## **Club Captain's Report**

Hi all,

Well thunderstorms with lightning and rain. Well it was good to get a proper thunderstorm not like some of the warnings we have had in the recent past and we got a lil bit of grumble. Could do with a bit less rain though but warmer temperatures will soon dry that out. Hope everyone is well and getting ready for the summer months as they will be an important one with the 2025 Model A Ford Rally in Masterton. Probably by time you get this you will have received your registration application pack. When you do pay, referring back to last month's newsletter please make sure you pay money into the right account as I see our subscription invoices have been delivered and of course they go into the 12 3068 0187485-00 account and rally stuff into 12 3068 0187485-51.

I was hoping to have the Incorporated Societies Act (2022) changes we need to make to our rules to align ourselves with the Act to you all. Not a lot but also some tidy up of the rules as we go through this process. What you will receive is not gospel but an open document for discussion and final approval of what's decided at the AGM. The rules will be rewritten to take into account the agreed changes. At the moment you will get two documents. One, our rules, with the changes in red that need to be made/ added and comments in blue for reference as to why they should be in there. Also there will be another reference document that has corresponding numbers to a change in the rules for further info. This info will be further explained once the committee gives final approval this week and is sent out to you. I hope that everyone will take time to read them, discuss and ask questions before the AGM so this can be a well-informed process on the day.

The AGM is a critical part of any club's process. We have positions that need to be picked up, such as Gary and Fiona's position looking after our website. This I know notification has gone out asking for volunteers and to date I have not heard of anyone taking up the challenge, they placed their resignation to take place as of the 31st August 2024. It's easy to say well I have done my bit but we are not getting many young members so our demographic is older people. It could be said that it's good that you have good faith in your current committee and feel that we don't need to be challenged but to be challenged makes for a more proactive club and keeps your committee on their toes as well as new blood, new ideas.

To Gary and Fiona, thank you for all you've done for the club since I have taken a more active position and before. You have held several positions and been very active in your support of the club and committee as well as mentoring and going the extra mile. It's great to keep in touch and see your plans coming to fruition as well as knowing the amount of mahi you have on your hands. From the club a big thank you and all the best in your endeavours. I know you will still have an interest in the club and its events and we will see you when you can attend from time to time.

To the current committee, I take this opportunity to thank you for all your mahi and time. It's a task that you do with our club in your hearts. I will give a special thanks to Kirsten for stepping in and taking up the treasurer's role, a task that has been a learning curve for her that she has undertaken and does well. Our editor, Rob who also stepped into the editor's role and does a great job and it does take time. Martin say no more, as our secretary (he is secretary for the rally committee as well) he does an awesome job and gets on with the job, hard worker. Andrew as vice-captain is also our events co-ordinator and looks after this so that we just get told when things are happening and what we need to do. Hugh and Terry for all the



work they have done over the year as well as support and mentoring we get from them. To those outside the committee who have taken on tasks for the club whatever it may have been thank you.

You may wonder why I have written the above, well you never know I may be voted out as Club Captain at the AGM and this could be my last opportunity to put this in the newsletter.

I have been absent from club events this month, but did attend the Ryder's movie night. Again very enjoyable and as I have seen another older movie with North Shore VCC it is great how these movies for their years stack up against newer movies and what great entertainment they provide as well as fellowship with other members plus the ring-ins we had as well. Worth attending if you have not been to one before.

Remember if you are out of Auckland and your area has something like Ryder's let your event coordinator, Andrew, know as you don't know who might make the effort to attend.

Update on my oogah, it finally made its way onto a public road, scary as I have not driven it on such roads for ten years. I went for WOF, needless to say it failed on two things. Radius ball joint movement and steering play . So i was quite happy as I had done brakes myself and they were good as well as any other things i had done. Not saying I don't have other things to do on it but the main thing is to have a wof , then i can get my rego off hold and use it!

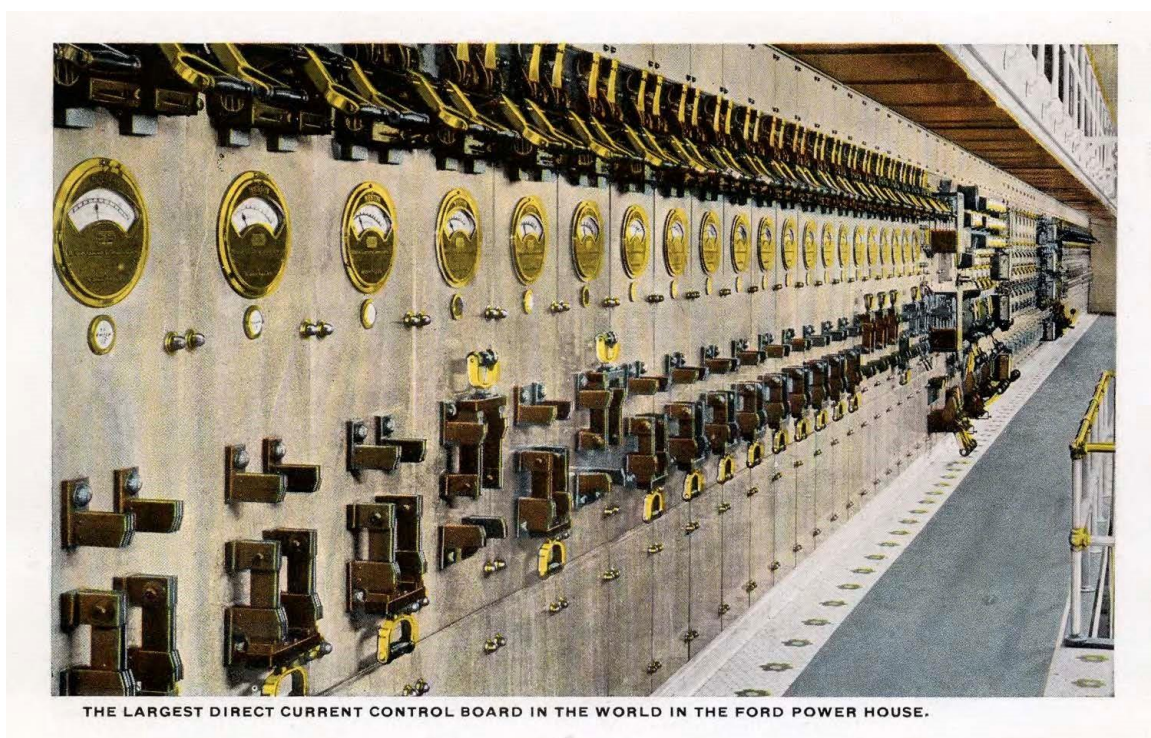
Q: What's a movie they could never make about a Lamborghini? A: Silence of the Lambos.

Kind regards

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## Club Run to Te Kauwhata

The morning of the Club Run the weather was as awful as predicted, wind & rain. The decision about what car to take was made and the modern was decided upon as Madam J may have found it a little tough going.

We met at the Jolly Farmer and set off at 10:00 am. following the instructions very carefully as suggested. It was lovely to be out in the country, with the new lambs and calves running around.

Several learned men decided that the cross road was a T intersection and needed to turn right and away they went, some decided that some things didn't look right so they turned around to try again so to cut a long story short we all arrived in Te Kauwhata. We stopped here and all was discussed, others went walking for something necessary.

At our destination it was very windy but very little in the way of rain.

What a lovely collection of beautifully kept vehicles, not a speck of dust. The bowers lit up and the walls covered with advertising and slogans many things to look at and examine, Quite a lot of time was spent while most of the men were standing just looking at the items in the collection. Lunch was had and after a very heavy shower of rain it was time to make tracks home but, there was still time to admire the beautiful scenery of the background hills and flat land.

It was a great run and thank-you to Errol and Linda for organizing it.

A big thank-you to Doug and Louis Brewer for opening up their collection of vehicles to members of the club.

Jan Corbett.





# 50 years ago in the Club

## (July - August- September 1974)

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

*At the 10 th July committee meeting, it was decided to postpone the Bay of Island Labour weekend trip and insert Hamilton with an invite to the Rotorua boys. Goodwright's to be asked to sort venue and accommodation etc. plan for a gymkana etc*

*Planning for the party on 27 July, Fancy dress-up, club to supply grog at 35c a bottle (quarts) and 30c a nip for spirits. Music from tape deck or record player. Next committee discussed with several standing down, but with some waiting in the wings to hep out manage the club.*

*A brief meeting 22 nd July to finalize party at VCC, with band etc sorted. A small charge to help pay for venue 50c per person.*

*Committee meeting 14thAugust, discussion on a 20's party.*

*The coming AGM agenda set, with mention of increase in subs.*

*The Hamilton run to be September 28/29 rather than Labour weekend.*

*AGM, August 26 th , a good turnout of 21 people. The evening started with the usual social chat. Then formal meeting business occurred, with Club Captain Roger Bale, elected, followed by Vice Captain Ray Williams, Newsletter Editor Don Gerard, Secretary Stan Ayling and Committee comprised of Mike Watkins, Arno Westerwoudt, Ian Watson and Ross Ward.*

*Concours cup was presented to Arno Westerwoudt for his 29 Tudor.*

*Discussion and subs raised to \$7 for the coming year. A membership card was to be sent out with receipt of subs paid.*

*A note of thanks to Alan Minson retiring Club Captain for his sterling work. He was then nominated as a Life member to the club and with unanimous acclamation was passed.*

*Quick meeting Sept 10 th , to change the venue for the party and members were to be phoned with notification.*

### ***From the Newsletter:- July 1974 Volume 2 issue 9***

*Members advise of cancellation of the Bay of Islands Run as it clashed with the major VCC event the Hunua 100.*

*Details of the Hamilton weekend, 28-29 September, meeting up and travelling down, the Gymkana planned for Saturday afternoon, with a run to a place of interest on Sunday.*

*Reminder of the upcoming AGM, and calling for nominations for committee positions.*

*Note was made in the "A" Torque section that the Manawatu VCC has no less than 14 Model A's on the road. A Model A was clocked at 53 mph of the southern*



*motorway in torrential rain!! One member was approached by a hot rodder to see if his car was for sale, it was envisaged a 2" top chop, V8 mill and 15" racing rubber – some have a great sense of humor!! A good source of Films for clubnights was acknowledged.*

*A technical article was shown on Rear Engine mounts, with the correct placement of the rubber pads. Also several pages on the technical aspects of the Fuel system restoration, including gauge removal.*

*August 1974 – Volume 2 issue 10*

*Mention made of the upcoming events, the AGM&lt; the 20's party and the Hamilton trip. Alan Minson reported on a new member who he chased down of the road and gave one of the Clubs cards, welcome Richard Hurst. He had owned the car 5 years and didn't know the club existed.*

*A notice from the Ford Club on their Labour weekend trip to Coromandel and welcomed any Model A's along.*

*A letter was received from NZ Customs Dept, informing the club that cars built before 1931 were considered Vintage, and as such were free from import duties and taxes, and that parts of motor vehicles were currently considered to require an import license and were due for payment of duty and taxes. No provision exists for Club's duty or tax to be waived as they are not considered suitable for any concession.*

*Restoring the flexible front engine mount was reported in a technical article, as was overhauling the distributor both from USA sources.*

*Paul Smith (Club Historian & Life Member)*



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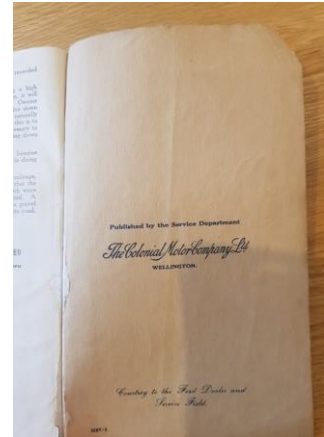
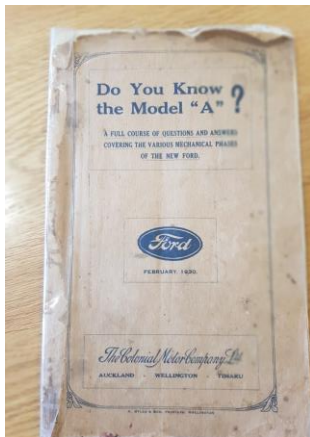
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1930's fashion by Junette Coutts, a talented amateur artist who had a short part time job with a large Australian department store in the late 1930's. Junette also happened to be Jenny Levinson's mother.

## From the Canterbury MAFCA chapter

André Kraenzlin has been diligently copying out pages from the following book for members enjoyment. There will be a few Q & As each month. Thank you for this André.



## DO YOU KNOW THE MODEL "A"?

A Course of Questions with Detailed Answers Covering Various Mechanical Phases of the NEW FORD.

### THE POWER PLANT.

**Question 5.** What is the firing order of the new FORD? Is this the same as the firing order of the Model T FORD?

**Answer 5.** The firing order of the new Model A FORD is "1, 2, 4, 3"-the same as that of the Model T FORD.

**Question 6.?** What is the bore and stroke of the new Model A FORD? What was the bore and stroke of the Model T FORD?

**Answer 6.** The bore of the new FORD engine  $3\frac{7}{8}$  inches, with a stroke of  $4\frac{1}{4}$  inches The bore of the Model T FORD. was  $3\frac{3}{4}$  inches, with a stroke of 4 inches.

**Question 7.** What is the piston displacement of the new FORD? What was the piston displacement of the Model T? How do they compare?

**Answer 7.** The piston displacement of the new FORD is 200.5 cubic inches. The piston displacement of the Model T FORD was 176.7 cubic inches. In other words, the new FORD has about one-eighth or 12.5 per cent. more piston displacement.

**Question 8.** What is the actual brake horse-power of the new Model A FORD? What was that of the Model T Ford? How does the increase in actual brake horse-power compare with the increase in engine size as represented by piston displacement?

**Answer 8.** The actual brake horse-power of the new FORD engine is 40 horse-power at 2.200 revolutions per minute. The actual brake horse-power of the Model T FORD engine was 18 or 19, at 1,600 revolutions per minute, which is to say that the horse-power has been increased by over 100 per cent.



## For Sale

### 1928 Model A phaeton

Advertising on behalf deceased estate. Contact Murray for more information and pictures. email [anneandmurrayashby@gmail.com](mailto:anneandmurrayashby@gmail.com)

Number plate EP 3156, engine number CAW 8224 (built between Nov 1929 and Feb 1930), no papers, no registration.

Seems to be complete body on chassis with all running gear on wheels but no tyres, engine is in place, carburettor in a box, too. Both front and rear seat frames are there, front has been repaired, rear is new: no seat springs, no upholstery. Two of: headlight bars, dash panels, bonnets (hoods).

All four mudguards (fenders) present, maybe repaired, running boards appear new, valences in very good order have "humps", the doors have external handles

Hood-bows present but appear incomplete, but old hood fabric is there. Looks like a reconditioned radiator, and there is another used one. New windscreen surround, but we did not see windscreen stanchions.

A lot of new bits including radiator surround, headlamps, bumpers, hubcaps, horn, with many new smaller items in plastic bags. Many spares; wheels, axles and housings with more in the pit under the car which we are yet to see.



### 1928 Roadster pickup

The vehicle has a new current WOF 12 Months rego for new buyer

Older restoration with some paint crazing. Good running order. \$28,000

Phone Trevor Green on 021 121 6500





### 1930 Town Sedan

Restored around 1980 by the current owner and the car is perfect body wise. Doors simply go click – click. The motor was rebuilt but the mains were not touched. Currently needs a little tune up to improve running but this is a great example of a restoration, love and dedication project.

Has a current WOF. Price \$34,000 No tyre kickers please.

Hugh Hulse is handling the sale of this car Ph 021 599981



### 1930 Roadster

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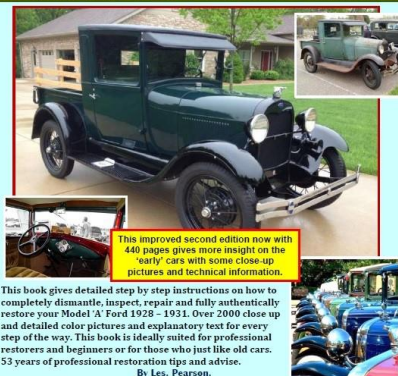
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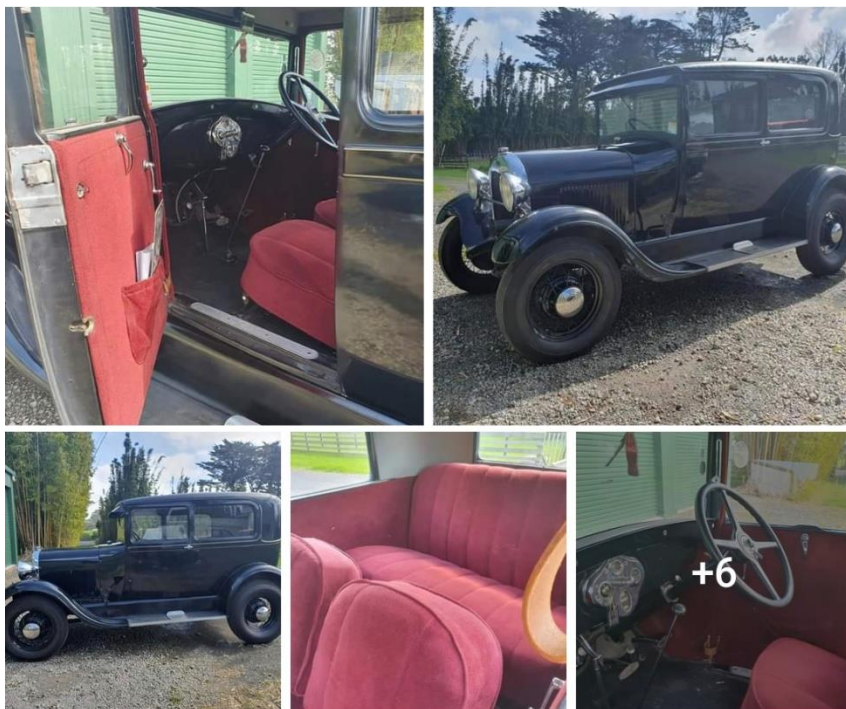
### 1928 Tudor.

New Tyres. 525-17 and 650-16. Excellent condition, new wof and rego. No bumpers or spare wheels. \$32500

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**\*\* When making payments for the 17<sup>th</sup> National Rally, please use the suffix 51 bank account.**

**\*\* For the Motat display on the 15<sup>th</sup> September, 15 cars are registered with one reserve, so this event is full.**

**\*\* The November Run is now on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

***Please send articles/reports/photos to the Editor by 20<sup>th</sup> of the month (or earlier if you can). In Microsoft Word or directly into an email (Editor can format to publish in the Newsletter).***

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# MODEL A FORD Rally

23-28 FEBRUARY 2025

Rally based at Copthorne Solway Hotel and Solway Showgrounds, Masterton, Wairarapa.

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