

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

Chapter Members of:



## 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.**

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

Date	Day	Event	Details
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Wednesday	Hubley practice	Bruce Stratton workshop
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Saturday	Swap Meet	Bruce Stratton Workshop
8-9-10 Nov.	Weekend	Hubley Racing	Taupo Cosmopolitan Club
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Wednesday	Tech Night	Keith Munro Collection Massey
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
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Saturday	Kumeu Car Show	Club Display
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Week	National Rally	Masterton
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday	Tech Night	Safety Belts with Steve Cropp

*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
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
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Sunday	Ellerslie Concours
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.**

**The Club Swapmeet is now on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of October not the Sunday**

## Hubley Practice Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup>

Bruce Stratton's workshop, 4 Vernon St Papakura. 7pm  
Bring something to share for supper.

## Model A Ford Club Swap Meet Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October

*'Bring your unwanted  
Model A parts, tools etc'*

**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!**

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



## 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).

## Tech night Nov 13th

7PM at Keith Munro's collection 32 Red Hills Rd  
Massey Bring a plate and a chair Terry Costello  
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## The 2024 Inter Club Hubley Challenge Taupo

### Friday November 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>

The NIMAFc Club extend an invitation to all Club members and visiting Model A Clubs to take part in our annual Hubley Racing Challenge at Taupo Cossie Club on Saturday the 9th of November from 2.30pm.

#### A brief outline of our program,

Arrive Friday the 8th of November and check into your preferred accommodation. Please note this is your responsibility, plenty of variety of accommodation available in and around Taupo. Some members have already booked into the Chevron Motel.

"Watch this space" Get together on Friday night for a happy hour and stay on for dinner, if you wish. After much debate and sampling, Pam and I have decided that we should give the Finns Bistro and Beer Garden a go. 10 Tuwharetoa Street, Taupo. Just around the corner from Cobb & Co.

There's plenty of room for everybody and if it a nice evening we can sit out in the Covered Beer garden. Happy Hour from 5.30 to 6.30 and then order a meal. Friday night's meal special when we went was Fish & Chips for \$20, good value.

Saturday 9th November. Ladies "Enjoy" Taupo Cafes and shopping. Us men folk might be able to visit a couple of car collectors. Those that wish to check out Car Collections possibly 2, meet at Taupo VCC Club Room, opposite AC Baths, AC Baths Ave at 10.00am

Meet up for a picnic lunch or have a sandwich in your motel room.

Meet up at the Taupo Cossie Club at 2.30 pm to set up Hubley Track and all going to plan, Racing should be under way by 3.30pm.

Happy Hour from 5.30pm.

Smorgasbord Dinner from 6.30pm. These time may differ when we finalise arrangements with the Cossie Club.

We welcome all Club members to participate in this weekend whether you bring a racer or not.

It is going to be a fun weekend. Don't forget to pack your "Hubley". Remember this will be our last trial run, to tune up your cars before heading to Masterson for the National Rally.

This is an official NIMAFc event. Travel in your Model A or just bring the modern.

We need numbers to make this weekend happen so those who register early will be in the draw for a chocolate fish.

Please register your interest with Tony and Pam Mannington,

[tony.mannington@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tony.mannington@xtra.co.nz) or 0274942445

## Club Captain's Annual Report - North Island Model A Ford Club AGM

5th October 2024

Good afternoon everyone,

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to the Annual General Meeting of the North Island Model A Ford Club. As we gather here today, I am reminded of the incredible journey we have shared over the past year, filled with memorable events, successful restorations, and the strengthening of our community bonds.

Firstly, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every member for your unwavering dedication and passion for preserving the legacy of the Model A Ford. Your enthusiasm and commitment have been the driving force behind our Club's continued success. This year, we have achieved several milestones. Our monthly events have seen good participation, and it has been wonderful to see new faces joining our ranks. We have 19 new members this year. The camaraderie and fellowship that we foster through these gatherings are truly the essence of our club.

One of the highlights of the year was our participation in the various rallies and shows across the region. Our members showcased their beautifully restored Model A Fords, earning admiration and accolades from enthusiasts and the public alike. These events not only celebrate our beloved vehicles but also promote the spirit of vintage motoring and vintage car preservation.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting calendar of events planned for the coming year, including the much-anticipated 17th National Model A Rally in the Wairarapa, based at the Solway Copthorne Hotel and Solway Showgrounds in Masterton. I encourage all members to participate and contribute to making this event a grand success.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our committee members for their hard work and dedication. Your efforts behind the scenes ensure the smooth functioning of our Club, and for that, we are all deeply grateful.

We will now proceed with the business of the AGM as well as the proposals for changing our Rules to align the North Island Model A Ford Club with the requirements of the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and IRD requirements. We need to amend our Club Rules to become a 'Constitution' which will include updated governance and financial reporting standards. We are now required to have a clear dispute resolution process. Our committee structure has to meet the new legal standards. It is not compulsory, but we are strongly advised to maintain accurate financial records in compliance with the new Act. Additionally, we must ensure our new Constitution reflects the membership requirements and includes provisions for regular financial audits and transparent reporting to the IRD. Our new Constitution has to be registered with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies. These changes will help us maintain our status as a compliant and well-governed incorporated society.

In closing, I am proud of what we have accomplished together, and excited for the future of our Model A Club. Let us continue to cherish and preserve the legacy of the Model A Ford, fostering a spirit of fellowship and family participation.

Thank you, and enjoy the rest of the evening.

Wade Alexander.



## Cornwall Park Heritage Day, Saturday 28 September

Our Club was invited to take part in the Cornwall Park Heritage Day 2024, part of Auckland's Heritage Festival. 11 smart-looking old-timers turned up – 10 Model A's and a Morris 8 driven by Tom Brough. Don Connew drove his 1930 Coupe the considerable distance from his home near Whangarei and Alex & Daphne Wilson brought their 1930 Cabriolet from Glenbrook. I believe they're our oldest members. Also good to see Shirley and Charlotte Bovis in their 1928 Phaeton and ever-enthusiastic members, Brian & Kay Hosking, in their 1930 Coupe.



Blue skies above, the Auckland Big Band belting out great music, what felt like 1000s of Aucklanders soaking up the vibe (including much attention to our vintage cars), plus many other happenings like maypole dancing and the Auckland Art Deco Society in full era kit ... a top day in the Park.

Thanks too to other participants; Andrew & Marlene Costello, Mark Corbett, Steve & Letitia Driver, Martin & Alayne Rees, Hugh & Anne-Marie Hulse. We all belong to a very special Club.

Finally, I can't resist mentioning Alex told me he and Daphne had their wedding reception over 70 years ago, at the Cornwall Park Tea Rooms, now called Cornwall Park Bistro; adjacent to our Model A's. (And the "Morrie A"). Daphne still has the docket showing her father paid 10 shillings & sixpence per guest ... slightly over \$1.00. What a great memory.

Ahooga!

Ralph & Jenny Levinson







**From:** Events | Cornwall Park <[Events@cornwallpark.co.nz](mailto:Events@cornwallpark.co.nz)>  
**Date:** 29 September 2024 at 4:10:02 PM NZDT  
**To:** Ralph Levinson <[ralphlevinson1@gmail.com](mailto:ralphlevinson1@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Thank You!

Kia ora Ralph

Thank you so much for supporting Heritage Day: Recreation and making the event an amazing success yesterday.

The cars looked stunning and added so much to the vintage atmosphere. Please pass on our thanks to all of the club members it was such a delight to have them here. Thank you for sharing the beautiful photos too.

If you have any feedback about the event we would love to hear your thoughts.

I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

Ngā mihi,

Charlotte Taylor

**cornwallpark**





# Air filter attachments & a display at MOTAT

**Ralph Levinson**

It's 16 September. Already our Club has seen 2 events of note this month. A tech night at Terry Costello's Model A Headquarters, handily located in Onehunga. And a display of 14 spiffy Model A's at the Museum of Transport & Technology (MOTAT), Western Springs.

## Tech night, Wednesday 11

**September** Martin Rees provided a well-attended update on the development of his Zenith carburettor inlet attachment. Plus the necessary kit of simple components to connect the attachment with an air filter. He also shared photos of alternative attachments he'd collected.

Andrew Costello covered downdraft Weber and Stromberg carbys – I notice gaining in popularity on Club cars. One of the benefits of course is they come with an air filter/s as part of the kit. Samples of both downdraft options were displayed, with discussion on the night.

David Mossman too, talked about air filter capacity – size matters as an original Zenith carburettor needs around 100 cubic feet of air, per minute (CFM).

Calculating CFM (from Ford Barn) –

1. Standard (non-bored) Model A engine displacement = 200.5 cu. inches.
2. Divide cu. inch displacement by 1728 (cu. inches in a cu. foot) = 0.116.
3. Divide rpm by 2 (2 revs per intake stroke). Say upper range of 2400 rpm ÷ 2 = 1200.
4. Volumetric efficiency, esp. with air filter = around 75%.
5.  $0.116 \times 1200 \times 75\% = 104 \text{ CFM}$ .

This ties nicely to the B-14 Zenith Service Manual –

2400 rpm + 200 cu. inch displacement (stock bore) = 104 CFM, per the Manual.

Sausages sizzled on the Club barbecue and a selection of shared supper items, completed a good evening. I was fortunate to score the last piece of Margaret Watson's delish ginger crunch!





## MOTAT, 9.00am – 4.00pm, Sunday 15 September

Big thanks to the crew who turned up on Sunday, with beautifully presented A's. Looking at the line-up of 14 Model A's, I felt pretty proud of our cars, pick-ups & 1 very smart speedster. The weather smiled upon us too.

Commiserations to Graham Thompson who left Hamilton early in the morning with his son-in-law, only to suffer a main bearing failure as he neared Auckland. Fortunately, AA Plus came to the rescue.



Leyton Chan of the Motat Tram Section gave us an informative tour of the restoration workshops. The extent of rebuilding and standard of workmanship is something to behold.



Members of our club can almost be identified in the paint finish on this ex Wanganui trailer for the steam tram.



## Presentations at Annual Prizegiving



Royan Attendance Cup  
Graham Thompson



Amateur Restorer  
Noel Wordsworth



Ladies Cup  
Alayne Rees



Marteen Westerwoudt  
Endeavour Trophy-Steve Driver  
For the creation of another  
"Woody"





Hawaiian Trophy - Best Commercial  
Stephen Upson



Pride of Ownership Trophy  
Bruce Stratton



Aubrey Bateman Trophy  
For Services to the Club  
Kaye Upson



Ron Griffen Hubley Trophy  
Tony and Pam Mannington  
For making it happen.

The Elegance Award, presented to the owner of the Model A "Most Elegant on the Day" this year is presented to Peter Crowley and his Model A pickup.



**20 year membership badges** were presented to Terry and Joss Costello along with Steve and Letitia Driver



### **30 year badge Recipients**

Tony and Lynsey Bartlett

Darcy and Trish Sterling

### **50 year badge recipient**

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**The Handbrake Award** has been applied to two people recently for being the perpetrators in the following story.

**Never start your vintage or classic** in the garage, in a carpark, or anywhere for that matter whilst you are standing beside it, reaching in to turn the ignition on....you have no control!!! AND it might be in gear.

Recently we were at a Model A car club event where I asked a Model A owner if he'd mind lifting his bonnet so I could listen to his motor with the stethoscope we had borrowed from Mike Courtney.

Why you ask?? I wanted to listen to another Model A motor and compare it with our motor because we thought we had a noise at revs in our Model A motor that should not be there.

Said owner was only too happy to serve and he started the car by opening the door, reaching in to switch on the ignition without checking the gear lever position. The car was in reverse, the motor started, the car moved back. The modern car parked beside got it's driver wing mirror swiped off by the A's open door and the door stay of the A was broken.

I felt responsible although I know it wasn't my fault that he left his A in gear.....the motor sounded no different to ours and we later found that our exhaust had a gasket between the manifold and the downpipes that had come a fraction loose and at higher revs that was making the sound that we were hearing!!!

**NOW....We have a tandem** garage with a level floor where our Daimler SP250 and Model A live and a few weeks after the above incident, we were about to go out in the Daimler which was the rear car in the garage, in other words, the car closest to the open garage door. I was at the front of the garage storing the ladder against the work bench when Keith started the Daimler, without getting in, to warm it up, and it was in gear. Leaving it in gear is something that neither of us would normally do when parking the car at home, at rest.

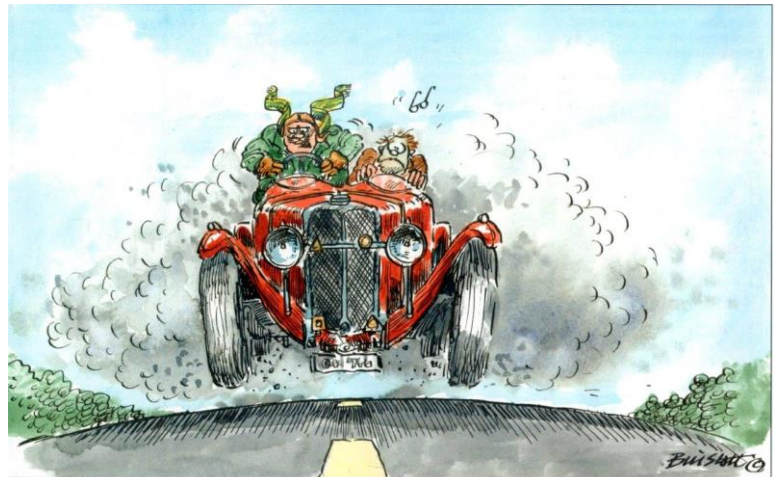
All hell broke loose.

The Daimler shot forward, wedged itself under the back bar on the Model A and the Model A shot forward (it was out of gear and no handbrake on as is normal for both cars) and squeezed me against the ladder against the work bench.

OMG, screaming 'get the bloody thing off me' Keith had to get into the Daimler put it into reverse to pull it out from

being wedged under the back bar of the Model A, move it back, get out, pull the Model A off me then I had to check my legs for damage. Arnica cream is a must in every household.

I immediately dropped trou, fur hat and jacket still on, rubbed arnica cream everywhere it was hurting on my legs and so with a mangled nose on the Daimler and still in shock, we headed off on the club event.



"Brake? Brake? Why on earth should I do that? Didn't you notice how long it took to get to this speed?"

Automobile June 2012

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To cut a long story short, I ended the day hobbling into Shore Care, paid for a few foot X-Rays and came away a few hours later in a moon boot and attempting to master crutches as my right foot was badly injured which I didn't realise at the accident scene.

I have put the fear of death into Keith!! He is NEVER to start any old car 'to warm it up' without sitting in the driver seat EVER AGAIN !!!! and being in total control of the cockpit starting procedure.

GRRRRRRRRR☹

I later heard that only last year a man on the North Shore had accidentally killed his wife by doing exactly this same starting procedure in his garage. Please don't be complacent.....get into the cockpit and adjust and check everything BEFORE you start the engine!!!!

Four weeks have passed since the accident, my legs and foot are still showing bruising and the foot is still slightly swollen.

A (still) Grumpy Mrs Humphreys

**NORTH ISLAND MODEL A FORD CLUB (INC)**

**17th NATIONAL RALLY 2025**

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**



**for the year ended 31 August 2024**

<b><u>2023</u></b>			
	<b><u>Balance, 1 September 2023</u></b>		
0.00	17th National Rally 2025 Account	3,411.75	
0.00			
	<b><u>Plus Receipts</u></b>		
0.00	Donation Peter Thompson	5,000.00	
2,940.00	Early Bird Receipts	1,560.00	
3,000.00	16th National Rally 2021 Advance	0.00	
47.75	Interest Income	125.66	
5,987.75			6,685.66
	<b><u>Less Payments</u></b>		
1.00	Bank Fees	0.00	
2,000.00	Copthorne Deposit	0.00	
575.00	Logo	0.00	
0.00	Advertising	1,264.20	
0.00	Badges	3,292.73	
0.00	Office Expenses	701.04	
0.00	Printing & Stationery	997.40	
2,576.00			6,255.37
	<b><u>Balance, 31 August 2024</u></b>		
3,411.75	17th National Rally 2025 Account	3,842.04	
\$3,411.75			\$3,842.04



**NORTH ISLAND MODEL A FORD CLUB (INC)**

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

**for the year ended 31 August 2024**

<b><u>2023</u></b>			<b><u>2024</u></b>
	<b><u>Income</u></b>		
7,225.00	Membership Fees	6,820.00	
675.46	Interest Received	937.83	
416.31	Sundry Income	278.84	
<u>8,316.77</u>			8,036.67
	<b><u>Less Expenditure</u></b>		
0.00	Administration Expenses - Zoom	229.90	
253.16	Badges	533.98	
60.00	Bank Fees	0.00	
806.43	Club Functions	315.26	
542.14	Computer Expenses - Xero	799.26	
189.20	Depreciation (Note 1)	151.80	
270.00	Engraving & Trophies	169.50	
336.26	Insurance	381.78	
180.50	Postage	260.70	
131.39	Printing & Stationery	339.16	
300.00	Subscriptions	614.40	
10,008.76	Taupo 50th Anniversary	0.00	
0.00	Trailer Expenses	198.79	
565.50	Website	522.10	
<u>13,643.34</u>			4,516.63
<u>-\$5,326.57</u>	<b><u>Excess of Income/Expenditure</u></b>		<u>\$3,520.04</u>



# NORTH ISLAND MODEL A FORD CLUB (INC)

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 31 August 2024



<u>2023</u>			<u>2024</u>
	<u>Accumulated Funds</u>		
26,664.47	Balance, 1 September 2023		21,337.90
-5,326.57	Plus Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year		3,520.04
<u>\$21,337.90</u>	Balance, 31 August 2024		<u>\$24,857.94</u>
	<u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>		
	<u>Current Assets</u>		
3,080.99	Club Account 00	5,932.05	
4,731.25	Accelerator Account 50	4,973.51	
12,362.61	Term Deposit 72	13,058.18	
3,411.75	17th National Rally 2025 Account	3,842.04	
90.00	Membership Fees in Arrears	0.00	
316.25	Prepaid Insurance	327.20	
<u>23,992.85</u>			28,132.98
	<u>Non-Current Assets</u>		
756.80	Plant & Equipment (Note 1)		605.00
<u>24,749.65</u>	<u>Total Assets</u>		<u>28,737.98</u>
	<u>Less Current Liabilities</u>		
3,411.75	17th National Rally 2025 Fund	3,842.04	
0.00	Accounts Payable	38.00	
<u>3,411.75</u>			3,880.04
<u>\$21,337.90</u>	<u>Total Net Assets</u>		<u>\$24,857.94</u>

### Note 1: Plant & Equipment

<u>Item</u>	<u>Opening Val</u>	<u>Depn</u>	<u>Closing Value</u>
Tables, Chairs, Cups	0.00	0.00	0.00
Spring Spreader	0.00	0.00	0.00
Signs	0.00	0.00	0.00
A Frame	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sectioned Engine	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gazebo (20% DV)	406.40	81.40	325.00
Trailer	Donated	0.00	0.00
Laptop	0.00	0.00	0.00
BBQ (20% DV)	350.40	70.40	280.00
	<u>\$756.80</u>	<u>\$151.80</u>	<u>\$605.00</u>

**AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NORTH ISLAND  
MODEL A FORD CLUB (INC)**

I have audited the Statement of Receipts and Payments, Statement of Financial Performance and Statement of Financial Position. The financial statements provide information about the past financial activities and financial position of the Club as at 31 August 2024.

**Auditor's Responsibilities**

It is my responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial statements presented by the Committee and report my opinion to you.

**Basis of Opinion**

An audit includes examining evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes assessing:

- the significant estimates and judgments made by the Committee in the preparation of the financial statements; and
- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Club, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand. I planned and performed my audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which I considered necessary in order to provide me with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatements.

In forming my opinion, I also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

I am a financial member of the Club.

**Qualified Opinion**

I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required. In common with other organisations of a similar nature, control over the income prior to its being recorded is limited and there are no practical audit procedures to determine the effect of this limited control.

In my opinion:

- proper accounting records have been kept by the Club as far as appears from my examination of those records; and
- subject to the possible effect of the limited control over income referred to in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements:
  - comply with generally accepted accounting practice; and
  - give a true and fair view of the position of the Club as at 31 August 2024 and the financial results of its activities for the year ended on that date.

My audit was completed on 20 September 2024 and my qualified opinion is expressed as at that date.



Martin Perkinson  
JP, M.Com (Hons), Dip Tchg



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## The Beatles remove a Gearbox

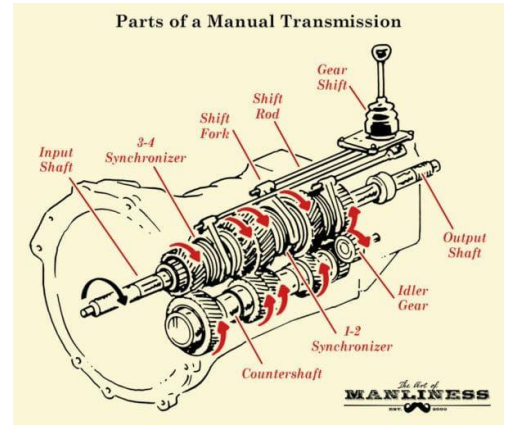
Imagine (***Its easy if you try***) three club members, let's call them John, Paul and George with their imaginary friend Ringo. Early one morning John, Paul and George started to remove the gearbox from an imaginary car (Let's call it a Sunbeam).

Whilst waiting for the legendary laggard John, Paul and George started loosening the prop shaft. The four fiddly nuts came off the rear flange and with a swift push, pull and wiggle Paul had the prop shaft in his hands and laid it gently down. Just then the imaginary Ringo appeared and said, (in a broad scouse accent) *"You should have marked those flanges, you might screw up the balancing when you re-install: **Peace and Love**".* George mumbled something about using jubilee clips to balance prop shafts.

John arrived (***Please don't spoil my day, I'm miles away, I'm only sleeping***) and soon took control. "Bell housing bolts lets get to it!" He grabbed a spanner and swiftly removed all the bolts. Imaginary Ringo appeared: *"Don't be daft lads this is a British car, you'll have to pull up the carpets around the prop tunnel, remove the inspection cover and feed a half in socket on a long shaft through to the top bell housing bolt".* "Cum ed" says Paul, "now we just pull the gearbox backwards".

Ringo magically appeared: "Not so fast lads, the rear engine mounts are fitted to the gear box and that cross member". "I'm onto it" said John as he whipped out a ratchet wrench and undid every bolt in Christendom. Ringo appeared, "See you now have a problem cuz the exhaust is trapping the cross member. That's a big lift did you all have Weetabix this morning? (Note, that in Liverpool, kids are fed Weetabix; Weetbix is unheard of).

After much grunting the cross member and rear mounts were removed as the rear of engine dropped alarmingly. "We need ropes, piles of rags and a plank" said John. (*"You don't realise how much I need you"*). When these arrived John jury rigged a cradle of rope to hold up the back of the engine. Now everything was loosened the fab three were under the 4-post and started to pull the gear box off the engine. Ringo appeared again, "That exhaust bracket is stopping you move the bell house backwards". "Just bend" it said Paul, "I



need a hammer said George". In a flash "*Bang, Bang Maxwell's Silver Hammer*" had solved the problem.

"One more try", said John, but to no avail the gearbox still would not move. Ringo appeared, "Gear Lever, remove it, you wazzocks!" he ordered. "Yes" said Paul, "But *Help I need somebody, not just anybody*, but someone with a flat screwdriver". The screwdriver appeared, four screws removed and with gentle persuasion the gear lever was out. "Let's try again", said John. "Nothing doing" said Paul, "it still won't come".

Ringo appeared, "***Fools on a hill!***" "The clutch slave cylinder is still bolted through the bell housing onto the engine. Remove it!" by now John was just doing as he was told, he loosened the slave cylinder and started to pull the gearbox backwards. But still it wouldn't move. Ringo appeared. "It would have been easier if you had removed the starter motor. Peace and love", he mumbled behind his beard. "***You say we need a revolution***" whispered 'darling'



George. "We need to rotate the gearbox a bit to move the bendix cover a bit said Paul. "Two on this end and one on the bell housing" said John, "and all we have to do is ***Twist and Shout***". Ringo appeared, "Wait he said, you haven't got enough hands, you need someone to pull that plank out". Paul spotted George Martin (who would later become a librarian) walking past. Mr Martin was of course always the 5<sup>th</sup> Beatle. John, Paul and George lifted, George Martin pulled the plank and Yea, Yea, Yea, the gearbox was free.

Ringo went back to tend his ***Octopus's Garden***, "***All you need is Love***" said George.

This article appeared in the North Shore Vintage Car Club magazine after some Model A owners came to grips with a British car belonging to one of them. Apparently the re-installation sequel will star another famous group called the "Stumbling Bones"

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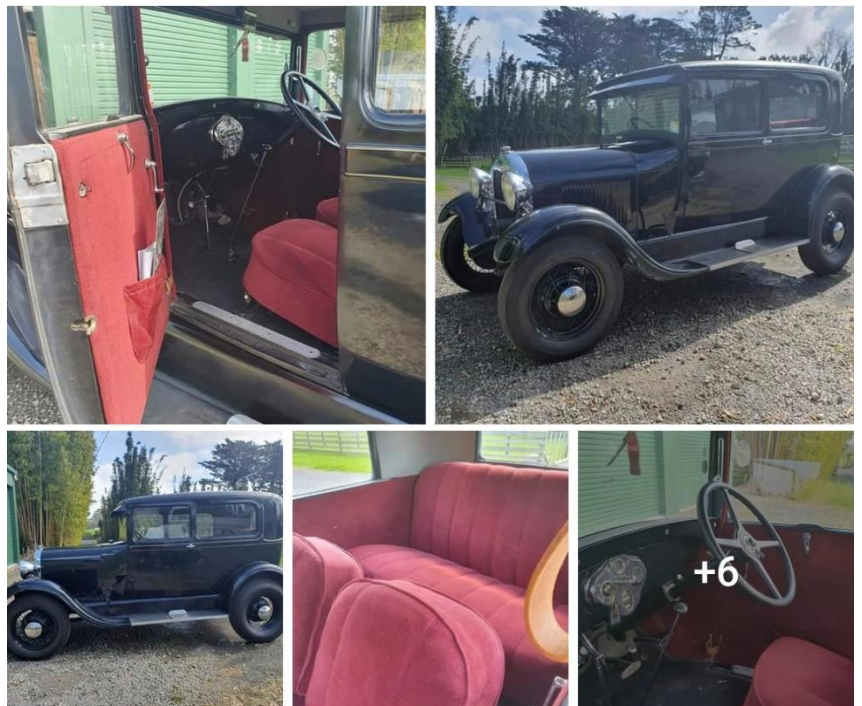
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Becoming aware of this, and after the 2009 Taupo National Rally which our club held, the NIMAFC passed \$2500 to the "Top of the South" 2011 Rally. This was to be "seeding money" and to be passed on to the 2013 national and all following. A "gentleman's agreement" with no paperwork that has worked well ever since.

A direct contribution has also been made to previous National Rallies organised by members of the NIMAFC. This was discussed at the recent AGM, especially with difficulties in gaining sponsorship in the current economic climate. The final amount of this is yet to be determined but upwards of \$2000 was agreed to at the AGM.

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

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