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

#### Chapter Members of:







**MODEL A TORQUE** 

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#### 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.

## Model A Ford Club Upcoming Event Planner 2024

Date	Day	Event	Details	
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Saturday	Speedway	Western Springs	
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday	BBQ Picnic Onehunga Beach		
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Weekend	Kumeu Car Show	Club Display	
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Week	National Rally Masterton		
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday	Tech Night	h Night Safety Belts with Steve Cropp	

The committee are working on events for the upcoming year. Please keep a watch on the website <u>www.modelafordclub.co.nz</u> 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	
9th February	Sunday	Ellerslie Concours	
13th February	week	Art Deco Napier	
15-21 <sup>st</sup> March 2026	week	Vero International Festival of Motoring	

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

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

### Come Along To a Fun Night of Racing Action

When: Saturday 14th December, 2024.

The Western Springs Speedway is finishing after this summer season and is combining with the Waikaraka Park Speedway, Onehunga next season 25-26.

Come along to see some great racing.

#### Where: Western Springs Speedway

Stadium Road, Western Springs, Auckland

Time: 5:30pm seated at North End of Track seating ready for 6.00pm Start.

#### What to bring:

- 1. Coffee and a snack
- 2. A light folding chair or a cushion.
- 3. Hat, Jacket and umbrella if it is wet, hopefully not!

#### Contact Terry Costello on 0274 920642 for more information



#### New Year Celebrations Traditional Club BBQ on the new waterfront reserve Taumanu Reserve / Onehunga Bay Wednesday 8th January 2025 Evening --- 3.00 pm onwards



Join us mid-week on a club picnic and BBQ evening to the beautiful Taumanu Reserve or Onehunga Bay Reserve foreshore, Auckland. Welcome in the new year and share your new year's resolutions and stories.

See and spot the differences from 1862/3 when one could sail their wind jammer up to the wharf. Enjoy the tranquil environment amid the city noise and bustle!!

Contemplate the ambitions of our ancestors and the realities of the modern world as the sea breeze ruffles your hair. See how over time our Auckland waterfront fringes have changed, and imagine a new Auckland Port blocking your view in the future!

Savour the sun sinking slowly below the Waitakere Ranges while we may.

- Enjoy.
  Meet: 4.30 pm onwards. 8th January 2025
  Where: Taumanu Reserve / Onehunga Bay Reserve Foreshore off Orpheus Drive beside the motorway.
  Facilities: Plentiful parking and facilities available.
- Bring: Picnic food, chairs etc for your comfort. Sausages / steak/chops etc. to cook on the club bbq. Refreshments.
- Queries: Ring Hewy on Mob 021 599981

#### **Kumeu Car Show**

Note, \* The club will only have a presence on the Saturday of this event.



## **Club Captains Report**

Dear Members,

I will start with the constitution recently addressed at the last AGM. In short it was turned down by the Company's office. I queried parts they quoted and how it was covered in our Constitution but appears we do not have enough detail and it appears the previous Constitution we had was not up to the old Act anyway but that is an issue for the Companies office and their staff accepting it when they should not have. Short story, with the Committees backing I have used the Companies Office Constitution Builders tool (was not operational when we started this process) and now about to embark on amalgamating where our current Constitution fits in with the act into the builders tool document. Once this document is done and agreed by committee it will have to go to the members for approval again. I am hoping that the company's Office will view the document and confirm it meets their standards to save mucking around. I apologize for this but we need to do what's right.

We will, in coming months be sending out the contact details as mentioned in last newsletters, as deadline to withdraw consent to have details disclosed as now expired on 30/11

On a better note as the festive season approaches, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your passion, dedication, and camaraderie throughout the year. Our shared love for the iconic Model A Ford has brought us together, creating lasting memories and friendships.

May this Christmas season bring joy, peace, and cherished moments with loved ones. Let's look forward to another year filled with exciting drives, events, and the thrill of preserving the legacy of our beloved Model A Fords especially the 2025 national Rally.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

on behalf of your committee

Warm regards,

Wade Alexander

Club Captain,

North Island Model A Ford Club Inc.

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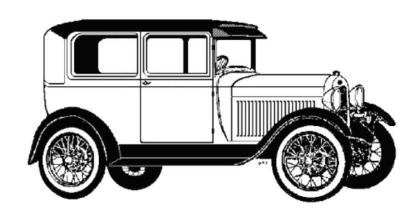
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## **GAVIN LECKNER**

It was sad to hear the passing of a good Model A Man, Gavin Leckner.

Helen & Gavin joined the Club in 2010. They owned a Roadster & Four Door Sedan. Gavin and I worked together on the committee for a number of years. Gavin contributed well for your club and the Model A movement. He brought energy and passion to your events.

I recall an event Gavin initiated and organised, a Club Christmas Party, taking this event out of town to Te Awamutu and enjoyed by all. Also, a reminder at this year's Christmas in Cornwall Park the Club Gazebo was put up. Gavin being the instigator of the Club Gazebo and together we visited a number of companies to select and pick the best deal & design.

For 2 years, whilst I served a term as Club Captain, Gavin was Vice Captain. I valued his comradeship, putting together events & runs and we spent many hours talking over club events and sharing ideas and



thoughts for the Club and Members. Gavin always made sure the ladies in the club were involved and his contribution and organisation of events was of a high standard and detailed. I will miss our conversation and friendship.

On a personal note, Gavin was honoured to be the Model A Fordor driver on my wedding day in April 2023 Napier, to chauffer the bride Kay. With good air force list checking, he spotted the fuel gauge was low, so with military precision he filled up and continued on-route to pick up the bride, bridesmaid and flower girl and made it on time for the bride's arrival to the Mission Estate Winery in Napier.

Gavin you will be sadly missed – rest in peace. Thoughts are with you Helen and may the memories you have shared together provide comfort.

Stephen & Kay Upson



## Second Hubley Challenge between the NI Model A Club and Hawkes Bay Model A Club held in Taupo 11th – 13th November 2024

Wow, what a great weekend we had partaking in our second Hubley challenge with our Auckland friends, the event being very competently organized once again by Tony and Pam Mannington. Hawkes Bay had 9

members, (Tony and Pam entered with our Club) and Auckland had 16 members. The weekend started with a noggin and natter at Finns Bar & amp; Bistro in Taupo and most people enjoyed the fish and chip meal which was enough to feed two. Everyone was happy chatting until a 5 piece band set up –can't have been anyone keen to dance as we all left for home.

Saturday morning the men met at the Taupo VCC Club Room and an entourage of Hot Rods arrived which made for interesting viewing. From there they walked over to Barry Hoffman's storage



shed to view his collection of amazing cars, all in pristine condition. Barry spoke on the history of his collection that he has accumulated over many years. From there it was out to a rural property to check out a fine collection of vehicles, mainly Cadillacs. The owner spoke on his collection and was happy to answer any questions about these beautiful cars. While the men were visiting the "Blokes Sheds" several of the ladies went into town for a bit of retail therapy – think a few shopping bags would have been an extra on the homeward journey.

We all met at the Cosmopolitan Club at 2.30pm and the titanium Hubley track was set up – this is a world class track with electronic timing. It is an amazing asset and our Clubs are very lucky to have the use of it.



Many thanks to Bruce Stratton from Auckland who made the track. The racing was a lot of fun with 22 Hubley Cars entered – 8 from Hawkes Bay and 14 from Auckland (come on Hawkes Bay, get those Hubley's built!!) Each car had three runs on a different track and racing was generally very close. There was certainly no disputes over placings as it was a very efficient timing system. (Suzanne McCool helped with the timing and I think she has a job helping Andrew Costello at the National Rally in February!!) After all the heats were finished the top 10 cars were chosen and raced against each other to find the overall winner. 1st Place went to Peter McCool from our Hawkes Bay Club. Well done Peter. Steve Driver from Auckland was 2nd , Rae Emus from Auckland 3rd and Pam Mannington from Hawkes Bay 4th . (I must add that Neil was 7th) Congratulations to you all. We then moved through to the dining area in the Club and after a few noggins with plenty of nattering enjoyed a very tasty buffet meal. There was great camaraderie between our Clubs and a rematch is already booked for 7th, 8th and 9th November 2025 so mark it on your calendar.



Tony and Pam very kindly offered to host us at their home on Sunday morning for a "buns and bacon/eggs" breakfast and this was a great finish to a fun weekend. A big thank you once again to them both for the organizing this special event and we are very grateful they are happy to organize another challenge again next year.

See you all in February at the 17th National Model A Ford Rally, Wairarapa 2025. **Pat Malcolm.** 



# <u>50 years ago in the Club</u> (October - November - December1974)

#### From the original Minutes Book:-

Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> November 1974, - The Ford Y have welcomed us to join with them, and visa-versa. A group invitation was to be sent to invite them to our runs. Organize complete membership list to be in next newsletter. Organizing party at Mark Fotheby's place for December, pool and BBQ for small cost. Noted February next run with the Tiger Moth planes club. Message for this interested Ray Vincent Trucks has stock of diff bearings. Continue to use VCC clubrooms for meetings.

#### From the Newsletter:-

#### October 1974 Volume 2 issue 12

Club Captain noted a difficult time, with delays in subs payments etc (no change there). Group of 5 Model A's wove their way on back roads to Orewa, and the Orewa Tavern for a relaxing rest. On the way a visit to John Bains Car Farm. John was the surviving member of Restoration Services, and capable of making everything from body panels to engines. It was noted John had a 30 Roadster for sale, but a little overpriced.

Noted that the supply of 19 & 21" tyres was dire, and we need to source others who used this size to encourage better stocks. Maybe a note for those restoring to order now.

Upcoming workshop afternoon to be held at Ross Ward's in Henderson. Also film night at the VCC Clubrooms, with "mad dogs and Irishmen" and Motoring in Style" both good Irish motoring films.

Snippets from the Orewa Run, old man in pub thought he had been transported back to the 1930's, with 5 A's parked outside. One A was found to have very little oil in the gearbox, need for regular maintenance needed...Wayne Watson off to Aussie with his Model A, and Ray Williams family were also off there but just holidaying.

Members asked to contribute to newsletters please.

In the for sales / wanted, Keith Humphries was looking for a good Model A Horn, and willing to swap Pistons, timing gears, Austin horn and taillight lens....Mike Watkins was looking for 30 Roadster hood bows and inside door handles.

Cooks Service Station in Welling has a good stock of Model A Parts, and a list was in the newsletter.

#### <u>November 1974 – Volume 3 issue 1</u>

Membership had grown to over 40, several members had cars out for runs and others were preparing for the summer months.

November 1<sup>st</sup> saw the club supply 4 cars for the John W Andrews 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Warwick Woollams, Don Gerard and Rene Dunn. The parade down Queen Street was probably the slowest the Model A's had driven down that street!! The public were certainly impressed with the turnout of cars.

The trading Post noted Generator, Carburetor radiator cap the lot for \$25, and a 1930 4 door sedan for sale for \$2500.

On the day of Ross Wards workshop, one member made a quick trip to Hamilton to purchase and nice 30 Tudor.

A nice technical article on the Care and Feeding of the Model A Horn, detailing the carious models, and how they should be looked after.

#### December 1974

Club Captain Roger Bale reported a surprising turnout for the film night with 30 members present, many of the blokes are finding these nights a useful chat with contacts and handy hints appearing. No clubnight for December.

Warwick Woollams who is an expert in rallies, has one planned for January and we expect a good turnout with now about a dozen mobile A's on the road.

Mike Watkins restoration on his Roadster is progressing to a very high standard.

*Further to last months note re tyres, we are told we will now have to import our own Tubes, so drop the club a line and we can do a bulk order.* 

Ray Williams reported on his visit to Australia, noting that very few Vintage vehicle out and about, He visited Giltrap Museum and called on Adrian Irwin. Also went to East Coast Auto parts – they have everything imaginable for Model A's, with prices competitive, and quality excellent.

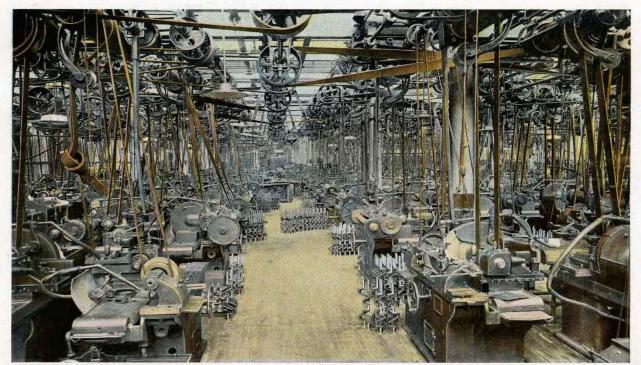
Six Model A turned up the Xmas party. Mike Hillar won the xmas cake prize. One member had just purchased an Austin 8, and just had to bring it along to the Xmas Party.

Recent engines checked over have found a number of hairline cracks in the blocks, hopefully not getting worse.

The membership list was included in this newsletter as promised, and listed all the vehicle owned by the 40 members, along with contact details. Members ranged for the Bay of Islands down to Feilding and Wanganui.

A very nice article appeared in the Hot Rod magazine, giving the clubs history. Members were invited to join in Rod Runs.

#### Paul Smith (Club Historian & Life Member)



CRANKSHAFT GRINDING DEPARTMENT. 50 MILES OF BELTING ARE USED TO DRIVE FORD MACHINERY.

# 'Race4Life' event Hampton Downs 24-9-24

The Race4Life event was well attended by many terminally ill patients and patients with long-term health disabilities, plus their caregivers. Exotic race-cars were provided by members of the Porsche, Ferrari, BMW, Holden and Ford car Clubs among others. The Morgan Classic sports cars Club provided 5 cars including a 3 wheeler and the Model A Ford Club provided four cars in which to take patients for rides around the vicinity of the race-track during the morning and on the race-track in the afternoon.

The Police provided rides in some very rapid patrol cars with sirens screaming, whilst the Fire engines were slower but equally noisy! The familiar 'chop-chop-chop' of the blades of the helicopter taking people for rides provided a base-note background to the screaming engines of the Porsches, Ferraris and BMWs chasing each other around the track. There was an air of electrifying excitement for about five hours!

One lady, Lynn, who has clearly been having chemotherapy, as her hair was typically very thin due to the treatment, wanted a ride in my green phaeton, 'Eleanor', as Lynn's father had owned a similar car and she wanted to re-kindle memories of her childhood. We were leaning heavily into the long righthand sweeping corner coming up to the main straight with all four tires squealing as they were on the point of losing adhesion when a very fast (for a Model A) maroon Fordor owned by an intrepid driver, Andrew Costello, came surging past on the inside with 'oogah' blaring, much to the delight of passengers on both cars. What fun at 40 mph!

There is a grainy blurry photo of Terry Costello's Jack Daniels pick-up truck chasing a red Ferrari, well it looks that way, but the Ferrari had just blown by TC at high speed! Steve Driver's runabout was very popular with the kids, doing many laps of the Hampton Downs precinct and race-track. A Donald Trump 'look-a-like' was also briefly seen in the Model A area!

A lot of fun and free food was had by the patients and drivers alike. It apparently cost about \$15K to stage the Hampton Downs Race4Life event that was so ably organised by CEO Viv James. She had the backing of many big motoring industry sponsors such as 'The Giltrap Group', Repco, Motor Insurance companies etc. It was a very rewarding experience to be able to contribute in a small way to providing many unfortunate people with fun, memories and experiences that allowed them forget their woes and see a brighter side to life. We should support the event again next year. We got a very nice email of 'thank you' from Viv James. A lot of credit must go to her for ensuring the day was a great success.

Martin Rees.

## Race4Life photo-gallery.













Hampton Downs Track Day 2024









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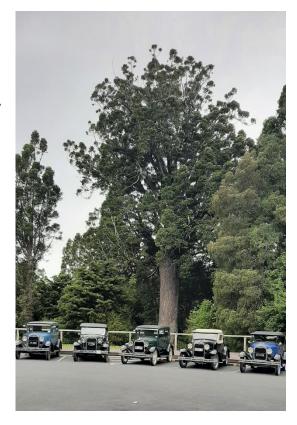
#### WARKWORTH VENTURE – NOVEMBER 2024



Due to our commitment to the Farmers Santa Parade it was decided to hold our event on a Saturday instead of the usual Sunday. 11 vehicles, 1 modern, due to wiper issues, met Russel at the Redhills Road carpark in Massey and set off on an 80km backroads journey to Warkworth. We have plotted many, many rallies for the Vintage Car Club but not for the Model A Club and having been on both knew there was a slightly different mind set. We concentrated on the route and made the instructions as straight forward as possible, however a couple of members struggled with the terminology but everyone made it to the finish with smiles. Many though were completely at a loss as to where they were, especially around the back of Makarau and traveled on a number of roads they had not been on before.

The finish for lunch was at the Warkworth Museum at Parry Kauri Park where we had under cover shelter (though the weather behaved quite well). The museum has been undergoing some renovations so we were only able to view of a couple of their rooms, plus that of the pictorial history of cement and lime works in the Warkworth area. We provided some history of this Park, plus that of Kowhai Park and the Cement Works themselves for members to visit at their leisure in the afternoon. Terry Costello nominated himself to retain the 'Handbrake Award' after reversing into a ditch doing a u-turn as they had gone the wrong way.

We are unable to make the Cornwall Park Christmas Picnic due to other family commitments but wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to catching up with you all in the New Year.



Russel and Jocelyn McAlpine



All clubs are aware of the detailed proposal that the Federation prepared mid-2024 requesting 12-month WoF's for all vehicles 40 years and older, and lifetime WoF for



all 1919 and older vehicles

These proposals were well researched, including extensive risk analysis using NZTA's own DSI (death and serious injury) data and WoF first inspection failure rates across all vehicle age sectors. (This proposal replaced an earlier version developed and submitted in 2021/22). The NZTA complimented us on the depth of analysis that was presented in last year's submission. We should also emphasise that WoF regulatory decisions are the sole mandate of the NZTA under government legislation, and the Minister of Transport or other politicians have no influence.

We have received the NZTA's Preliminary Decision, which has <u>rejected both proposals, but has indicated</u> <u>support for a 12-month WoF term for 1919 and older Veteran vehicles</u>. In our view, the rejections are based on highly conservative risk management analysis and protocols using what we consider are extreme/worst case viewpoint and scenarios.

We have responded with an interim reply, requesting further details of the NZTA's risk analysis data and the extremely conservative conclusions which have shaped their Preliminary Decision. We have also acknowledged their decision regarding 12-month WoF's for 1919 and older vehicles.

Whilst on one hand we await the NZTA response to our interim reply, we are now developing what we call our "Plan B" approach. Whilst it is too early to share any details, we emphasise to all member clubs that <u>we are not</u> giving up our pursuit of appropriate WoF terms that reflect the efforts and investment that our individual members make, and which distinguish our sector as demonstrated by the headline result of the NZ Historic and Classic Vehicle Market Survey, a \$16.5B economic footprint. Plan B may well also identify opportunities that clubs themselves may be asked to take in support of the Federation's efforts.

We will keep you informed through our regular Wheel Torque news bulletin, and direct communications such as this as applicable.

I am truly sorry that we are not communicating a more positive result, but our efforts are undaunted.... "*we still have our foot flat to the floor*"!

Sincerely,

Garry Jackson, President, NZ Federation of Motoring Clubs Inc. 1 December 2024



## **Christmas in the Park**









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Alex Wilson wins the gate prize at the Waiuku Car Show

### For Sale

#### Model A sedan Front Windscreen – Laminated – fresh cut Safety Glass, not framed \$240.00

#### Model A Coupe Hubley – still in the box – not assembled \$140.00

Call Steve 0274949905

**Restorer magazines.** I have a huge spare set of MAFCA Model A Restorer magazines for sale, they appear complete (I have not looked for every one) from the reprinted 1956 - 1958 including Volume 1 issue 1. Then they run from 1967 thru to 2020, generally with 6 issues per year. some are in folders some loose, all are boxed up. That's 56-57 years worth, but think of the membership fees paid to get them all. Some of the early issues are hard to get, when I was completing my own set I paid \$10US or more for some issues.....there is just so much information in them. Selling only as a complete lot, - obviously pickup preferred, but we can talk - estimate cheap value at \$20 a year , that's over \$1000 - make and offer for them please . smithfordnz@gmail.com Paul Smith

#### Barn find 1930 Model A Phaeton \$10,000

All panel work restored, lots of new parts including hood, a bargain phone Terry Costello for information 0274920642





#### Will Swap

I have a V8 clutch pressure plate I would swap for a Model A pressure plate in same good order.

Also a range of powerhouse generators and parts for sale. Contact Rob Brown at rtmgbrown@xtra.co.nz

## Model 'A' Ford Technical Manuals.

## 'The Complete Model 'A' Ford Restoration Manual by Les. Pearson.

# By far the best restoration manual on the market today on authentic restoration.

This comprehensive manual of 440 A/4 pages is your go-to guide for authentic restoration. It covers all aspects of service and repair, covering all years of production, including detailed instructions on how to disassemble, repair, finish (electroplate and paint) and assemble your vehicle. Left- and right-hand drive are fully covered with wiring diagrams included. The manual is written in clear and concise language, making it easy to follow even for those with no prior automotive experience. In addition to step-by-step instructions, the manual includes helpful diagrams, illustrations, and well over 2000 colour photographs to aid in your restoration. Whether you're a seasoned mechanic or a novice enthusiast, this manual is an essential tool for anyone looking to restore a Model 'A' Ford. Priced at \$169.00 (which includes shipping from the

USA (where printed) + \$9.00 post with free repro Model 'A' handbook.

#### 027 2245 045 or rushmoremotors@xtra.co.nz

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.
' Model 'A' Ford Houdaille Hydraulic Suspension'. \$35.00 + \$9.00 postage.
FOR SALE. Gemmer 2 tooth steering box. Unrestored condition.



Beware of a new online scam My husband ordered some expensive jewellery for me, but Ford Model A parts came instead. By happy co -incidence, they all seem to fit the car. What a relief!

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The Club Night at Keith Munro's collection was certainly interesting and he is obviously a keen Ford man. Apart from the cars, I was impressed by his quality garden ornaments. The entrance to the garage driveway is flanked by two mooring bollards ex Queens Wharf and the driveway to the house by restored stationary engines. Keith's car collection of 25 vehicles ranges from a Model T to 1940's pickups with many Model A's in between, all in immaculate condition.





The Warkworth run by Russel and Jocelyn McAlpine, was, as anticipated from these VCC rally experts a very good day in a Model A. Good instructions, a timed and staggered start, and above all some excellent roads. Strange but we did see more than one Model A heading toward us. We did know we were somewhere north of Auckland but not entirely lost. It was not nearly as stressful as the editor's last visit to Warkworth at 11pm on a Saturday night looking for an EV charger that we had the new "app" for. Relax, there are now four, twice as many as there was a year ago.



The next Newsletter will be in February so in the meantime Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and keep an eye on your inbox for reminders of club events.

## 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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