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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 through the use of the Model A Ford.

Membership is open to anyone with a sincere interest in the Model A Ford. Ownership is not a prerequisite.

Website: www.modelafordclub.co.nz



MAY

- Sat 2 ~~Social Evening at Remuera Club - Cancelled~~
- Wed 13 Tech Night
- Sat 16 ~~Mother's Day Run - Cancelled~~
- Sun 24 All Ford Day Ardmore Airport (deferred from 19 April). Page 4.

JUNE

- Wed 10 Tech Day Pioneer Aero Limited, Ardmore. Page 8.

JULY

- Sat 18 Ryders Dinner & Movie. Page 8.
- Sun 26 Henry Ford Model A Day

AUGUST

- Sun 6 Father's Day Run

SEPTEMBER

- Sat 19 Concourse Model A Day

OCTOBER

- Sat 3rd Cornwall Heritage Day
- Sun 4th AGM, VCC Rooms Penrose.

NOVEMBER

- Sun 29 Nov Club Christmas Party

NON-CLUB EVENTS – These may be of interest to some members

- 30 – 31st May *Irishman's Rally, Fairlie, Canterbury*
- 20 Sep *All Ford Day Claudelands*
- 26 Sep *Race For Life Hampton Downs*
- Dates for 2027*
- Sun 14 Feb *Ellerslie Car Show*
- 13-20 March *Top of the South National Rally, Nelson/Blenheim*

Print this page off for reminders and stick to your fridge!

Do not forget to visit the Club Website, click on the Events Calendar. If you are unable to use the website and have questions a committee member would be only too willing to assist. Give them a call!!!

Cover Picture: New Member Larry Hill

Committee Report



Hi Model A folk

Welcome back to Wade Alexander. Wade has returned to the committee in the role of Club Captain. He indicated to the committee that as the Club had not appointed a Club Captain as yet and as he was feeling a lot better following his recent health issues he would be interested in coming back onto the committee until the end of the year. We all agreed and look forward to having Wade join us again in his role as Club Captain. We also discussed the fuel crisis at our recent meeting. In light of the fact that other clubs were cancelling events and to do our bit to conserve fuel for the country we decided to cancel our upcoming events for April/May. We realise this probably will not meet some members approval however we welcome you to express your opinion as we are trusting the right decisions are being made for the Club. Any feedback to our decisions are discussed at our monthly meetings so let us know how you feel. We are also trying for the first time a 'technical session during the day'. This will be held on Wednesday 10 June. Details noted in newsletter.

Karen Thomas
NIMAFC Committee

Editor's Comment



Hello to all our Model A Friends

This month has been a little different for me, instead of organising events I have been cancelling organised events. For me personally it was very disappointing to see club events cancelled as I feel it is a members choice however with the Easter event cancelled I now have about 6 bags of easter eggs to eat – or will we create a run to celebrate a late Easter. Hopefully we can organise an outing in June where we can start those engines and get the momentum going again. Rob Brown and I were very fortunate to meet up with Jim Blum from Canada. Jim was one of the adventurers who featured in the story "Hippie Trail in Reverse" recently published. It was a great night out however I will leave Rob to tell the story. Watch out in an upcoming newsletter. Jim had come to New Zealand for a reunion in Waikanae joining the others who travelled with him on that trip. The reunion was completely coincidental to my publishing the story. I had researched this story and knew nothing of the National radio interview that Rob Brown had listened to or of the email that Martin Rees had received informing us of their reunion. A lot of acquaintances have now been made through that story and a lot of information shared. The power of communication it does bring rewards.

Karen Thomas, Editor

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CANCELLATION OF CLUB ACTIVITIES - MAY 2026

While New Zealand's fuel supply is stable the price of fuel continues to vary. Some of us are finding it difficult with an increase in the price of fuel and so much uncertainty around. The committee have therefore made the decision to cancel some of the club events that have already been organised for May. We will continue to monitor the situation on a month by month basis.

Our Technical night Wednesday 13 May will still go ahead at this stage.

Cancelled

- 1. Social Evening at Remuera Club – Saturday 2nd May.**
- 2. Mother's Day run – Saturday 16 May.**



The date for The All Ford Day was deferred to 24 May. We will no longer be participating in this event as a Club. You are still able to attend with your Model A as I am sure you will enjoy the day.



ALL FORD DAY ARDMORE AIRPORT – Sunday 24 May 2026 *(this event was deferred from 19 April)*

Ardmore Airport 500 Harvard Lane Ardmore Papakura

This is the annual ALL Ford Day car show for ALL Ford owners & Ford enthusiasts any Ford or Ford powered vehicle will do the trick. The organisers have booked more display car parking and public parking areas after last year's tremendous turnout. They certainly plan to repeat such an event and fill all areas with as many Fords as they can get! Proceeds will be donated toward helping support The Kiwi Kids Charity. Find out more about what they do HERE www.kiwikidscharity.org.nz.

Display Car and Driver - Free Entry **from 8am**

Under 13 year old – Free Entry

Display car passenger entry \$10 per person

Public Entry \$10 per person **from 9am**

Eftpos payment available on the day or Cash accepted

Entry to the event is via the Hamlin Road main Ardmore Aerodrome entry. If you are wishing to display your vehicle entry begins at 8am.



TECHNICAL NIGHT – Shane Hegh’s residence - Wednesday 15 April

This Tech-night was a great success attracting 23 Model A enthusiasts, several of whom are not in the NIMAFC. On display, there were 5 Model A Fords, a large 1926 Studebaker 6-cylinder Tourer, a 1957 Ford Thunderbird with only 21,000 miles on the ‘odo’ plus a 1918 French Gnome-Rhone motorbike with horizontally opposed twin cylinder engine, beautifully restored.



Shane bought a 1930 Fordor Model A last year to use as his Irishman’s Rally car and to do the Coast-to-Coast rally in the South Island. He is undertaking a full mechanical rebuild to make it into a reliable touring car that will also be warm for winter rallies. His beautiful blue 1930 Phaeton is for sale as it’s too cold for the Irishman’s Rally. (That’s exactly what Alayne and I found with our Phaeton on the Irishman’s two years ago, we got quite cold whilst it was snowing!)

Grant Barry had his ex-Roy London green Fordor (from Tinopai) on display. Roy owned the car for 55 years and was the 15th owner, Grant and Lee becoming the 16th ‘custodians’ of the car. His brother Grant had his blue 1930 Roadster Coupe on show.

Peter Atkinson had his spectacular unrestored 1930 hardtop Pick-up truck there, with a stock crate on the back that has been imported from Bakersfield in the USA, so it is LHD. It has sound bodywork and a strong motor, its main feature being amazing unrestored ‘patina’.... a real ‘eye-catcher’! Unusual for this country, it has an aftermarket Autolite heater accessory that fits over the exhaust manifold that receives ‘ram-air’ off the engine fan to blow hot air into the cabin. Shane provided a BBQ and lots of sausages and bread, onions, mustard and tomato sauce so we were all well fed. Tea and coffee were complimentary as well, many thanks to Shane and his wife Nicki for feeding us. He also entertained us with YouTube movies on his shed TV.



This movie was of his Coast-to-Coast capers with his associates Russell Sherwin and Bruce Washington from the South Island. There are 3 parts to the spectacular Coast-to Coast series of movies produced by 'vintagedriven.co.nz', available on YouTube. Model A members are 'moving with the times' by 'car-pooling' to save fuel. Terry Costello, Steve Driver, Bruce Urquhart and Martin travelled in TCs Ford Everest and John Castle, Bill Duffy, Rob Brown and Graeme Cox shared a car from the North Shore, well done! - **Martin Rees.**

PASSING LANE

Con Page



Sadly, we have been informed about the passing of another of our long term members, Con Page. Con passed away on Friday March 27, aged 71 years. He was a Builder and lived in the Palmerston North area. He would possibly be remembered more by some of our long term members. Con first joined the NIMAFc in September 1974 and received his 20, 30, 40 & 50 year memberships. When you consider the Club was founded in 1972, he was almost a founding member.

Ross Bolton



It with sadness that we inform members of the passing of Ross Bolton on Friday 17 April, aged 84 years. Ross deteriorated very quickly and was unable to fight the infection he was carrying. He was a very colourful and notable member who everyone knew. Ross first joined the NIMAFc in 2005 owning a 1930 Town Sedan, 1928 Roadster Pickup, 1930 Roadster and a 1930 Coupe throughout that time. He has also served on the committee for a period and was always willing to give a hand. Ross was active attending numerous club events and National Rallies in New Zealand and overseas as well as being one of the boys travelling regularly to McLeans Island. Thank you for the many laughs we have shared. You will be missed by many. We pass on our sympathy and support to his family, and in particular his daughter Julie who has remained by his side throughout his journey. Wishing you strength, comfort and peace at this time. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. Rest in peace.



John, Thora and Joy Trumbo with their unrestored original 1931 Model A roadster pickup – some may remember John and Thora from Washington, USA who came to New Zealand 2024. They thoroughly enjoyed their time spent with the club.

PIONEER AERO LIMITED – Technical DAY - Wednesday 10 June 2026 – 10.30am sharp
540 Corsair Lane, Ardmore Airfield, Ardmore, Auckland



Yes, you have read this right, the Club will be holding a Technical **Day** at Pioneer Aero Limited in Ardmore on Wednesday 10 June. The tour commences at 10.30am.

Come along and join other club members on a tour of the aircraft hangars. Learn about the history of some of our aircraft and watch projects as they unfold. Some of the projects that have been worked on include the Curtiss P-40E Kittyhawk pictured. What will await you as you enter this magnificent hangar. Any enquiries please contact Andrew Costello Ph 021 943 063.



ROAST DINNER AND MOVIE – RYDERS CINEMA – Saturday 18 July 6.30pm
177 Riversdale Road, Avondale

Clint is waiting with his old school stove to cook us a delicious roast dinner with traditional gravy so come along and join us. Sit back and relax in a warm inviting atmosphere – no cooking and no dishes. If you wish to enjoy a few nibbles while having a drink beforehand please bring these along with you. You are most welcome to bring friends along also.

Once dinner is completed we will all head into the old-time theatre along with an ice-cream and enjoy a movie. There is always an element of suspense as no-one knows what the movie will be about.

Be quick to put your name down as numbers are limited to 50 people. This is a good old favourite and we do not want anyone to miss out.



Cost: \$50 per person

**Bring: Your own drinks and glass/cup.
Nibbles if you wish.**

Off road parking available

Please be there by 6.30 pm at the latest.

To indicate you are coming please contact **Andrew Costello** by text on 021 943 063 or email him at nimafc.viccaptain@gmail.com

NORMAN GEARY CBE, 1938 – 2026 – written by Ralph Levinson

In the March 2026 Newsletter, Editor Karen advised of the sad passing of Club member Norman Geary. Norman was an exceptional person and I asked Karen if I could write a little more of his life.

I first met Norman when I rented a garage to house our 1930 Ford Model A Phaeton. Surprise – the garage owner said his neighbour had a similar car. I called in ... and met Norman in the midst of shed repairs.

Business background. In 1982 Norman left his UK expat position as a rising star at British Petroleum (BP) and returned to NZ as the new CEO of Air New Zealand. Air New Zealand was under severe stress - Norman told me he arrived to find the company had just sufficient capital to last two weeks. Morale was low following the aftermath of the Erebus crash. Remarkably, he restored both culture and business success during his six years at the helm. This included launching the Auckland - Los Angeles - London route, purchase of a fleet of Boeing 747s, elimination of unnecessary expenses and improved marketing. He became the first Chair of the NZ Tourism Board, President of the International Air Transport Association (IATA), Chairman of Mt Cook Airlines, TVNZ, Owens Group, Gough Gough & Hamer and held many directorships.

BP could not understand why he would leave a successful business and join a struggling airline at the bottom of the world. Daughter, Fiona.

Without a doubt one of the most extraordinary business leaders of his time. Every New Zealander should be grateful to Norman for turning around Air New Zealand. It would not have survived if he had not been made CEO in 1982. Sir Dryden Spring.

Norman joined our Club in 1995. He owned 4 Ford Model A's. I once asked him how he found time to fit restorations into his full business life. His answer was along the lines of needing a hobby to help switch off from the demands of frequently huge days. In more recent years Norman retained a 1930 Phaeton and a 1930 Light Commercial Truck. In a 2015 Club newsletter, he wrote in detail about the truck's provenance, purchased from the estate of his wife Marianne's family. These days the now Mosgiel-based truck is owned and driven by Norman's daughter, Andrea. The Phaeton, now Queenstown based, has been driven by grandson, Seb.

Dad owned around 100 cars in the course of his lifetime. He started driving as a 12-year-old. I remember passing tools to Dad at a young age. One time he took a trailer to Smash Palace and returned with an entire car in many boxes. Daughter, Andrea.

It seems the Phaeton originated from the Smash Palace parts. It was a gorgeous car, which I had the good fortune to drive on one occasion.

I'll forever miss my Granddad's patience in teaching me to drive. Grandson Sebastian.

Granddad was sunshine in a bottle.

He was humble and made people feel special. Granddaughter Alexandra.

I wrote down the above quotes during some of the outstanding eulogies at Norman's service, held at St Mary's-in-Holy Trinity, Parnell. I trust I've written them correctly. With the blessing of Norman's family our club positioned Model A's at the entrance to St Mary's.



Norman with grandson Seb, driving the Phaeton in Queenstown last year

18th National Model A Ford Rally – 13–20 March 2027 – Blenheim / Nelson
Hosted by Top of the South Model A Club with assistance from the West Coast A's.



Welcome to our first Earlybird for the 2027 National Model A Rally hosted by the Top of the South Model A Club with assistance from the West Coast A's. We are looking forward to hosting you in the beautiful Top of the South. We have been working away quietly in the background and are pleased to confirm the outline for the Rally as follows:

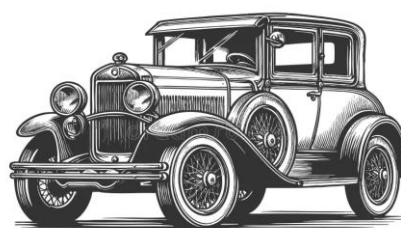
March 2027 Saturday 13th	Meet n Greet in Blenheim
Sunday 14th	Judging/Gymkhana /Display Day
Monday 15th	Local Marlborough Tours
Tuesday 16th	Local Marlborough Tours
Wednesday 17th	Pack your bags change your accommodation for Rally Run to Nelson
Thursday 18th	Local Nelson Tours
Friday 19th	Local Nelson Tours, Final Rally Dinner
Saturday 20 th	Breakfast and Farewells

We are taking a “back to basics” approach with the Rally to try and keep costs down. We are planning plenty of informal opportunities for socialising with Model A friends. Because we are shifting from Blenheim to Nelson mid-week we will be organising parking near Blenheim for Tow Wagons and Trailers.

If you wish to register as an Earlybird Entrant for the Top of the South National Rally in Nelson 13-20 March 2027 please contact Martin Rees, Secretary or Karen, Editor and we can forward you a Registration Form. There will be no more Earlybird Newsletters forwarded to Clubs, however if you wish to be kept up-to-date on rally information you will need to pay \$40 to register for this rally. This amount will be deducted off your final registration fee.

Ann Holmes

Top of the South Model A Club
2027 Rally Committee
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THE HIGHLAND FLING 2026 - Saturday 28th February - March 1st 2026

This is a non-competitive rally for pre-1932 cars only. Written by Don and Teresa Windley who took part in their 1930 Model A Ford Roadster Pickup.

This year's Highland fling was organised by the SOUTH WAIKATO VCC Branch members and despite the weather leading up to the days bringing flooding and slips to the region they did a very good job of it. ALL the proposed farm track and offroad routes had to be redone up to 5 hours before rally start time.



Don & Teresa Windley – 1930 Model A Roadster Pickup

On the first day an 8.00 am start 25 miles south from our Te Awamutu hotel meant an early get up. For the start of the rally 75 pre-1932 cars arrived at the school. Many entrants had camped the night on the school grounds with camper vans and trailed cars, however some had driven all the way to the school from all over New Zealand, as we had from Mangawhai, Northland.

We had all been to registration on the Friday night in the Te Awamutu Working Mans Club so maybe there were a few blurry heads that morning when we had a briefing. Away we went, 75 vintage cars and many vintage owners pouring out of the school gates to the sound of the lone piper playing his bag pipes.

This being the first Highland Fling event for us we didn't really know what to expect, however many of the other drivers had done all 4 previous highland flings so we were in good company. After a very short distance on the tarseal it was through a farm entrance and onto farm tracks of varying quality for the next five hours until lunch where we went uphill and down dale thru some of the most stunning scenery in central North Island including areas where Lord of the Rings was filmed.

This rally really tests the maintenance of your vintage car and the stamina of the driver and crew. Sometimes we were going up what seemed like vertical tracks to an amazing view at the top then down to first gear and crawling up and up to the top again behind other equally tested drivers. Then it was downhill on twisty metal tracks in first gear to take advantage of the engine braking power and distancing yourself from the vintage car in front so you didn't slide into them.

Lunch stop was stunning viewing from the top of a farm and then the afternoon was another 3 hours of repeat driving like the morning, On one downhill slope with steep drop off on one side we were on a grass covered track down to fist gear again and sliding sideways on the grass towards the drop off.

By careful application of foot brake and occasionally using the handbrake as well we made it to the bottom where there was a right turn thru a mud bog. Some cars got stuck in the mud others put chains on and made it thru, we trusted our mud grip rear tyres and took a route up a steep grass bank under full power back onto the track at the top.



This rally is not for the faint hearted it is a true test of the reliability of these cars and the driver's skills. The comradeship of the drivers was fantastic with all checking on each other if you stopped, had broken down or in some cases radiators boiling or low on petrol. There was always an offer of help.

For us personally we had no breakdowns and only had to stop twice on each day to refill the fuel tank from the 10 extra gallons we carried. There were no service stations to refuel at so carry enough fuel was essential.



Saturday night we again had drinks at the Workingman's Club and it was up to you to find your own favourite dinner place in Te Awamutu for tea. For us it was out to dinner with other friends from the North Island Model A Ford Club who had also come along on the rally. Sunday was another early morning start at the school with bright blue morning sky and the lone piper sounding like a strangled cat.



We all set out on what the organisers said would be an easier day. HA HA - more of the same was driven but even better scenery. We drove around the Whakamaru and Arapuni dams as well as driving on private roads around the Kinleith Pulp and Paper Mill. Many more miles were driven over private farm tracks.



Sunday night after returning to the Te Awamutu Workingman's Club there was a very nice formal dinner at a reasonable price and the highlight, traditional for the Highland fling, the piping in of the Haggis and the reading of Robbie Burns poem 'Address to the Haggis'. This appealed to my Scots ancestry and was toasted with a dram or two. There were prizes too for longest distance travelled to attend and hard luck prizes for the breakdowns.

Of the 75 cars on the rally 33 were Model A Fords which are ideally suited to the conditions and 5 were Chevrolets which all broke down! They were recovered by the tail end Charlie breakdown team. The rest were a mix of American and a few English makes all pre 1932. The shorter wheel base cars handled the rough farm tracks and gate manoeuvres better than the long wheel base cars.

Well done to the crew from South Waikato VCC. It was a pleasure to visit their club rooms on the Sunday for lunch and we look forward to the next Highland fling which will be organised by a different Branch of the VCC and cover a different part of Central New Zealand.

Put this on your calendar for February next year !!!



RECIPE OF THE MONTH – Feijoa & Apple Hazelnut Ginger Crumble



8 large Feijoas, halved and scooped
2 Braeburn apples, peeled and roughly chopped
1 cup Hazelnuts
½ cup Flour
1 tbsp Ground Ginger
50g Butter (or use vegetable oil for dairy-free)
¼ cup honey or coconut sugar
Cream, yoghurt or ice-cream to serve

1. Preheat oven to 180C. Grease a ceramic ovenproof dish.
2. Scoop out the feijoa flesh and place in the prepared dish. Simmer the apples with a splash of water in a covered saucepan until just soft. Add to the feijoas.
3. In a food processor, blend the nuts until finely ground. Add the flour, ginger and butter, then pulse until mixed. Mix in the honey. The crumb should be a clumpy consistency.
4. Spoon over the fruit and bake for 30 minutes until crunchy on top and cooked through.
5. Serve with cream, yoghurt or ice-cream.

I am sure you will enjoy this. It carries all the vitamins that one needs in one dish.



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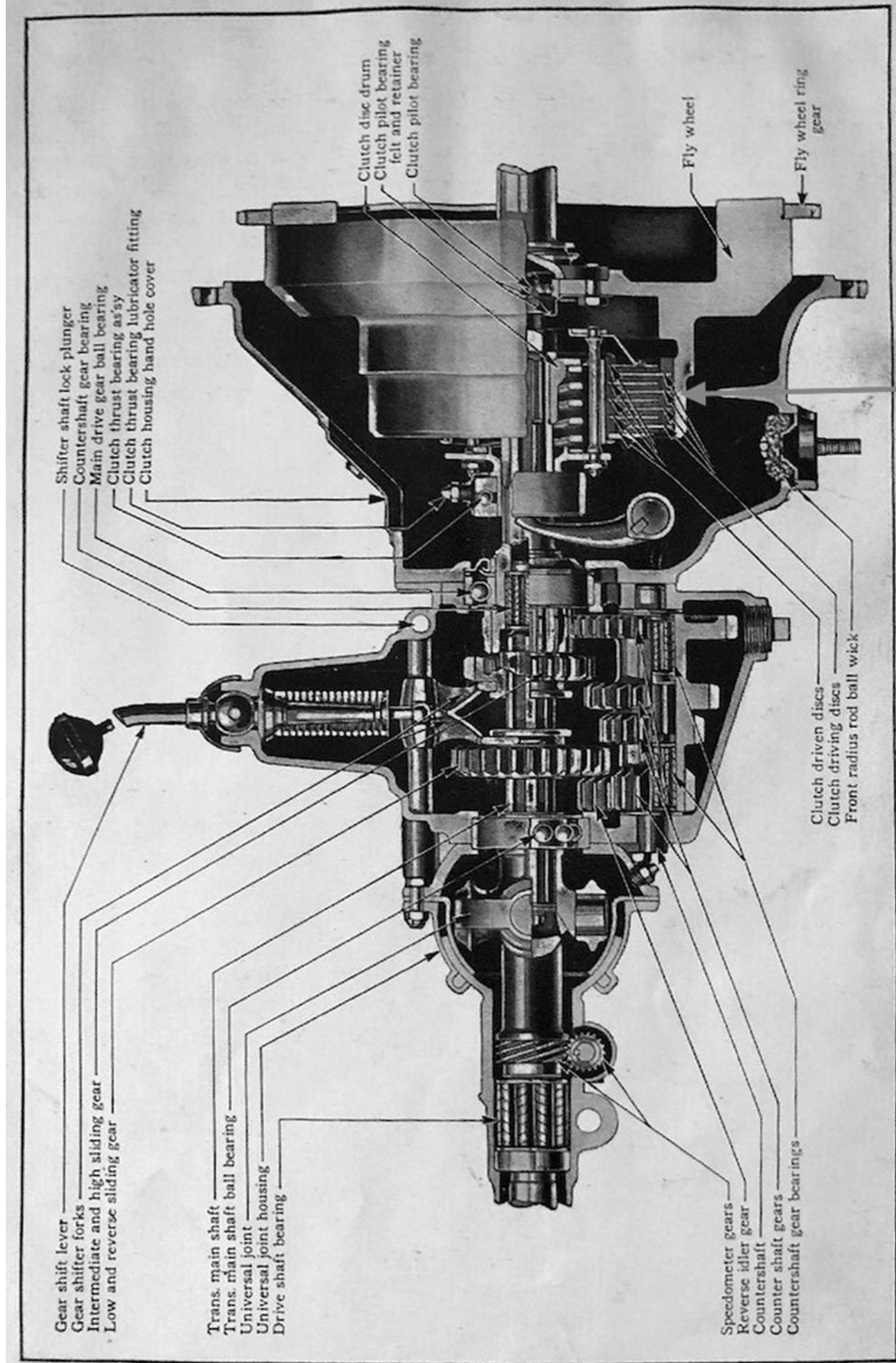
Locking Down Your Pressure Plate Adjustors

By Tim Diehn

Doing a clutch job on a Model A is a true "adventure"—and by adventure, I mean you're either pulling the engine or the rear end. Neither is a quick afternoon task. When you finally get that clutch replaced, you want the peace of mind that you won't have to see the inside of that bell housing again for a long, long time.

The Solution: Flex-Top expanding nuts. A critical step in any clutch job is adjusting the pressure plate fingers. The trick is ensuring each finger is exactly the same depth from the surface of the pressure plate collar. The specification is tight: no more than 0.002" difference. If they are uneven, the throw-out bearing will engage the fingers at different times, causing the clutch to engage unevenly against the flywheel. This results in dreaded clutch "shudder." We all want that silky-smooth engagement that makes the Model A pleasurable to drive. The problem with traditional lock nuts once you've dialled in that perfect adjustment, you need to ensure those nuts stay put. The original design used distorted-thread lock nuts. These work by having the threads punched in two places to create a friction fit. The downside - they are essentially one time use. Once you remove them, the threads reform, and they begin to behave like a regular nut—making them prone to backing off due to vibration. For my builds, I prefer Flex-Top locking nuts. These work on a similar principle to distorted threads, but with a clever engineering twist: the top of the nut is sectioned and tilted inward. This creates a spring-like grip on the bolt that doesn't damage the threads. Therefore, they are reusable*. I recommend the "thin" (low profile) version as the flex top sits lower on the screw, gripping securely below the screwdriver cutout where the screw itself is more rigid. You might be tempted to use Nylocks, but don't. Nylon inserts typically soften around 200°F. On a hot summer day after a long cruise, your clutch housing can approach those temperatures, risking a failure. While you may not find these at Menards, you can get them overnight from McMaster Carr. Part Number: 94830A525 (Bag of 10) Specs: 5/16"-24, Thin Profile it's a small investment for the "set and forget" confidence every Model A owner deserves! * - Even flex-top locknuts will need to be replaced after a few uses, but probably not within the ownership life of a typical Model A hobbyist.





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 Clutch driving discs
 Front radius rod ball wick

Fly wheel

Fly wheel ring gear

Figure 6
 Transmission and Clutch Multi Disk Clutch

1920s and 1930s



Men's Vests and Waistcoats were popular in the late 1920's

The Roaring 20s dress did not mandate waistcoats and vests. However, they were still rather prominent, but with a lower cut. Typically, they were buttoned up high and had notch lapels or, by the end of the decade, no lapels.

Most waistcoats and vests were slim-fitting. They also had long, pointed tips and a deeper front than to show off the shirt and tie beneath.

Vests had pockets in the front and were typically single breasted, though some sophisticated gentlemen still preferred double breasted ones.

Members of the working class couldn't always afford a three-piece suit, so they'd instead pair a nice vest with matching pants. These came in solid colors like black, blue, or gray and often colorful patterns. Some were tweed or knitted. Men who wanted a more casual or look would often wear a pullover knit vest over a shirt.



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Notification of AGM for NZ FOMC

If you are interested in attending the AGM please contact Martin Rees, Secretary and he can forward you further details.

"Any organisation's effectiveness depends upon the involvement of its members. We all have a strong interest in our individual clubs, however, real strength is in being united under the Federation's banner. This gives us a strong voice with government and its agencies. Your attendance at the AGM is central to this and is appreciated". Garry Jackson (President, FoMC)

The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Sunday 17 May 2026**, commencing at 10:30am at the [Sudima Hotel, Rotorua](#).

On **Saturday 16 May, in the morning**, a public display of delegates vehicles and many member clubs from the local regions will be held in the village green at the lakefront in the morning, then a **dinner at the Sudima Hotel** where delegates can socialise and network.

We are also planning a delegates **partners programme** on Sunday 17 May go to places of interest around the Rotorua Lakes and lunch at "The Landing", Lake Tarawera. **Accommodation:** Book at the Sudima Hotel ...

We especially encourage all member clubs in close proximity to attend both days. Registrations will open soon, once costs have been finalised. We will email you when registrations open.

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TO BLAME IT ON
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SHOWS
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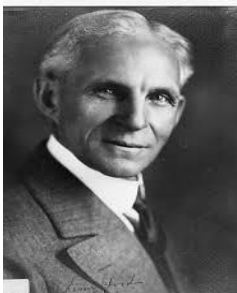
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Thank you to all contributors to this newsletter.



The last words are from the man himself.



*There is no failure
except failure to serve
one's purpose.*

Henry Ford



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