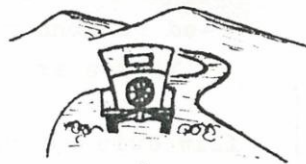


AUCKLAND MODEL A FORD CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

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OFFICERS

Club Captain: Alan Minson Ph.657107
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Secretary: Bob Pipe Ph.663690
Treasurer: Roger Bale Ph.51077

COMMITTEE

John Storey Ph.657890
Bob Comer Bus.Ph.544039
Stan Ayling (no phone)
Mark Henson Ph.546711

CLUB CAPTAIN'S NOTES:

Auckland's own Model A Club has become a reality. I would like to thank all those who attended the very successful inaugural meeting for their obvious enthusiasm and their assistance.

The main difficulties with the formation of any club arrive after the initial get-together and our small organisation will be no exception. Your committee consists of a willing group of good keen men but without the support of the individual club members their efforts will be in vain.

It is imperative that we have a good attendance at all our functions and if you have any quibbles or helpful suggestions concerning the running of events please drop us a note via the Club's P.O.box (above). While on the subject of events I will take this opportunity to publish the results of the opinion poll taken at the inaugural meeting. The types of events are listed in order of popularity and will be used as a guide by those preparing the monthly programmes:

1. Rallies
2. Socials
3. Workshop evenings
4. Swap meetings
5. Annual Concours

Note: "Restoring" was listed by most as their first preference but this cannot be regarded as an event in the true sense of the word.

Attached to this newsletter is our initial membership list. Any person desiring membership who did not attend the inaugural meeting should ^{contact} their nearest committee member who will obtain and issue the required application forms. In the absence of a constitution your committee has taken the initiative and set the the annual subscription at a basic \$3.50 with an additional \$1.50 entry fee for the first year of membership. Subs are now due and should be forwarded to the Treasurer at the Club's address.

A constitution is to be draughted in the near future and a Special General Meeting will be called for its ratification by the members. This will probably be a fairly tedious process but I would urge a good attendance because the Club will not run efficiently without a comprehensive set of by-laws.

Finally I would like to express my personal wish that our new club will enjoy a highly successful future and I hope to see you all at our first event - a noggin and natter on 21st September.

Alan Minson.

NEWS:

The decision to form a club of Model A owners and all interested in the restoration and preservation of these vehicles was made at a meeting held in the Auckland Vintage Car Club rooms on Monday 28 August 1972.

Club Captain, Vice Captain, Secretary, Treasurer and a committee of four were elected and their names are indicated on the first page of the Newsletter.

It was apparent from the enthusiasm shown at the meeting that the Club will not lack for support and at the first Committee Meeting on 5 Sept. the main concern was to get this first Newsletter out to members as soon as possible.

There is naturally not much in the way of news at this stage but contributions for the next issue would be extremely welcome and we would ask that these, together with notices re Swaps, Wanted and For Sale reach us by 27 September.

Information regarding restoration and maintenance can be dug up so if you have any headaches please pass them on and we will do our best to publish at least some replies in the next issue.

COMING EVENTS:

Noggin and Natter At "The Shed" 29 Belfast Rd (off Hillsborough Rd) Thursday 21 September. Our first chance to get together so please make a real effort to be there. 8pm.

FOR SALE:

Exhaust Pipe Clamps (new) , \$3.50 per pair , Warwick Woollams 662518.

WANTED:

1930 Coupe Rear Mudguards, Quarterlite Windows, and Frames
Mark Henson 546711.

1928 Radiator Surround also Windscreen Frame or information on availability of channelling for same, John Storey 657890.

1930 Phaeton Windwing Brackets, Alan Minson 657107.

SWAP:

1930 Hubcap for '28-'29 Hubcap, Stan Ayling 458709.

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MEMBERSHIP LIST 9/72

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	DETAILS OF CARS
S.R. Ayling	23 Achilles Cres., DEVONPORT.	458709	'28 Roadster
R.H. Bale	45 Wheturangi Rd, ONE TREE HILL.	51077	'28 Tudor
G.W. Batger	29 Lochiel Rd, AUCKLAND 5.	52485	'28 Roadster Pickup
R. Comer	c/- Box 9061, NEWMARKET.	Bus.544039	
J.F. Grey	60 Ocean View Rd, WEYMOUTH.	MAN63286	'30 Fordor Sedan '30 Roadster Pickup
P.V. Hausen	11 Kings Rd, MT ROSKILL.	699491	'30 Tudor Sedan
M. Henson	58 Wheturangi Rd, ONE TREE HILL.	546711	'30 Coupe, '30 Tudor 2/'30 Sports Coupes
A.A.C. Minson	47 Hendry Ave, HILLSBOROUGH.	657107	'30 Phaeton
P.J. Owen	2 Coates Cres., PANMURE.		'30 Fordor Sedan
R.E. Pipe	51 Alfred St, ONEHUNGA.	663690	'30 Roadster Pickup
E.F. Stockwell	41 Gt South Rd, MANUWERA.	MAN68227	'30 Tudor Sedan
J.C. Storey	2 Erson Ave, ROYAL OAK.	657890	'28 Phaeton
P.R. Webster	55 Greenmeadows Ave, MANUWERA.	MAN66792	'27 Phaeton, '30 Roadster '30 Fordor Sedan
W.I. Woollams	25 Campbell Rd, ROYAL OAK.	662518	'30 Coupe '30 Roadster

PROFILE, ALAN MINSON:

I am 26 years old and was born in Christchurch where I lived for my first 23 years. While I was still at secondary school the need for some form of transport arose. On the advice of a very wise cousin of mine I took my 45 pounds into town and bought myself a 1930 Town Sedan which seemed to run reasonably well. Eight years and six A's later I am still as keen as ever.

My present car is a partially restored 1930 Phaeton which has been in bits for five years now. Disgusting isn't it! My latest escapade was to dash down to Christchurch and spend three days assembling the car to a state where it could be towed. Now that it has been flown up here it is once more in many pieces. Do not despair though because work has started in earnest and all should be completed in a year's time.

Since before the A's came along, I have been actively interested in yachting in boats of all shapes and sizes. As well as giving me the thrill of competition, I find sailing very relaxing and have often launched my little 12 footer when there is no wind at all, just to enjoy drifting lazily around in the sun.

One of the things I miss most in the North Island is the mountains. While at University I spent nearly every weekend (other than those close to exams) climbing peaks in the Southern Alps. As you can probably imagine, my ice axe and crampons are getting a little rusty. I had better not say too much against the North Island because I did come up here out of choice and it certainly is warmer.

In 1970 I completed my Bachelor of Engineering degree at Canterbury University, then joined the Ministry of Works to obtain practical experience for my Registration in 1974. The first 18 months were spent at Rotorua where I saw a great deal of the Bay of Plenty during the course of travelling around looking after bridge contracts in the area.

While in Rotorua I met my wife Ruth who was working in the Public Relations Office. We were married in April 1971 at her parents home in Opotiki and then chugged off on a 1000 mile honeymoon in what was then our only form of transport, a 1930 Town Sedan. Incidentally, all that went wrong on that trip was a couple of flat tyres.

Auckland has been our home for the past 9 months and as most of you know we are living in Hillsborough. My job involves planning and supervision work in conjunction with the construction of the new Mangere Bridge across the the Manukau Harbour. If anyone is interested in having a look around the site I will be only too pleased to run a conducted tour.

Well, that covers all the main points and places me at a disadvantage to everybody else since I don't know very much about my fellow Committee members. Warwick will be the next to divulge his dark secrets and this will be in the February Newsletter.