MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA
CANTERBURY N.Z. CHAPTER

A Ford Script



The local Police Officer had heard a rumour about someone speeding! 😉

November 2026

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Next Committee Meeting: **Tuesday 24th November at Peter Bayler's**

Script closing date: 25th November 2026

Help us make The Script a success. We would be grateful for any material you feel could be appropriate to include in our Club's newsletter.

CLOSING DATE for contribution to the next Script is **25th Nov 2026.** Please send to the Editor: afordscript@gmail.com.

The views expressed in this magazine are personal opinions of those who contribute and do not necessarily represent the views or methodology of the Canterbury Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America. Thanks goes to MAFC member magazines and web sites as well as other sources who supply material to our club which we reprint in the magazine.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT October 2026

Your club Captain has been a bit slack lately, but the committee has been doing great work planning coming events, please support them and attend if possible as a lot of work goes into the planning.

We're trying something different for Christmas dinner this year, see coming events,

This Museum is a must to visit, it was featured on TV 1 last month.

A special thanks to Gill Lake for her work in writing our wonderful Script it's the best!

Peter

CLUB CAR REPORT October 2026

Hi everyone, Well! The club car had **two** trips out this month. One to go on display at the VCC swap meet and one with Dean Yeoman at the wheel on the Waipara run organised by Peter Bayler.

Russell Gennet also would have liked to use it for the same run, but Dean asked first.

Dean tells me that the car went well and I've heard that the run was a great success.

I needed to have a catchup with family but did get a short run in my raceabout out to the VCC parts shed with my grandson.

It's great that the car is being used.

It was decided at the AGM that a clause should be added to the terms of use agreement which each member has to sign before using the car to make it clear that the person using the car is responsible for it's return.

Therefore, I have added the following clause;

Anyone using the car is responsible for ensuring the return of the car to Christchurch in the event of a breakdown or accident.

Our members are good-hearted and helpful people and I'm sure will help out, if at all possible, in such an event. But it may be an idea to contact your insurance company to arrange cover before taking the car out of town.

Happy motoring, Ken

Remember that the Club Phaeton is available for members to use. If your Model A is not mobile, give some thought to borrowing the Club car to join in one of our runs.
Guidelines for its use are printed inside the back of the membership list.

Ken James (ph. 0212225086) is the custodian of the car and looks forward to your call requesting the use of the car.

FACEBOOK PAGE

Are you aware that we have a Facebook page, diligently managed by Sandra Olliver?

Model A Ford Club Canterbury Chapter

If you have Facebook please go and have a look.

Follow this link: Model A Ford Club Canterbury Chapter | Facebook

Sandra tries to keep it up to date with photos and stories from recent events. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated.

NOTICES

It's Subscription Time Again!

These should have been received and emailed back to the club email address as this was due by the 30th of September 2026.

If you have not yet paid, please pay the $5 late fee as per the instructions.

Thank you, your Committee.

The Carbon Offset Scheme



This scheme allows club members to help offset the carbon produced by driving their Model As. The scheme is voluntary.

All donations are sent to Trees for Canterbury, which produce and plant native trees in the Canterbury area.

At present this is the most effective way for us to help offset vehicle emissions. Apart from offsetting emissions, trees provide many other benefits.

Trees for Canterbury is a recognized non-profit Charity.

We would like you to consider the future of the planet and your descendants living on it by entering an amount in the box on the accompanying subscription form.

Jen James has organized a new printed windscreen sticker to recognize that you have contributed.

Any questions, please contact:

Russell Genet 02102761588 or Ken James 0212225086

Membership List:

A new membership list is now available on the club website. **www.modelaford.co.nz**

File of Previous Club Runs

We are trying to collate a list of runs to help with ideas for the future. If you have any past run sheets that you are able to share could you please let anyone on the committee know and we will make a folder up.

Club Windscreen Transfer:

These have resurfaced if anyone is needing a replacement or never received one.

Please let Gerry know 02041123717

Coming Events

Summary of Coming Events for the next 3 Months

More details on this and following pages.

Month	Date/s	Event	Location	Time
November 2026	Nov 19th - 22nd	Southern Adventure	Meet in Mayfield	11.45am
	Nov 30th (Monday)	Ladies Lunch	The Old Vicarage	12.15pm
December 2026	Dec 2nd (Wednesday)	Children's Christmas Party	Motorcycle Corner VCC grounds	5.00pm
Please note change of Date	**Dec 6th (Sunday)**	**Christmas Dinner**	**Ashburton Aviation Museum**	**12 noon**
January 2027	Jan 31st	Era Picnic	Cust Domain	11.30am – 2.30pm

2026

November 19th-22nd: Southern Adventure

Thursday 19th Nov

11.45 a.m.	Arrive at **Mayfield.** 3 options BYO, Café or Pub
1.15 p.m.	Assemble in Pub carpark. Leave for a short run to a very interesting local water project
3.00 p.m.	Travel to **Geraldine** for the night
6.30 p.m.	Dinner venue **Village Inn Restaurant**

Friday 20th Nov

9.00 a.m.	Assemble opposite Camping Ground Hislop St Run finishing at **Temuka**
11.30 a.m.	Leave for Lunch at **Waimate Bakery** cnr High and Queen Sts, **Waimate**.
	Leave in your own time for **Oamaru**, rest of the day is free, own arrangements for dinner
	Possible VCC parts shed open **Will confirm on the day**

Saturday 21st Nov

8.30a.m.	Leave Oamaru heading West
9.45a.m.	Short Stop for sightseeing and toilet
10.30 approx	**Continue to Danseys Pass then Naseby.**
12.30	**Naseby (This is our lunch and toilet stop)**
13.30	Continue per instructions going over The Pig Route and Trotters Gorge returning to Oamaru
6.30	Dinner at **Northstar Restaurant**

Sunday 22nd Nov

	Meet for Breakfast before returning home, will confirm where during the weekend.
Accommodation:	**This needs to be booked ASAP as is selling Fast**
Organiser:	**Kevin Mercer 027 200 9474**

November 30th

Ladies Lunch

Location: The Old Vicarage, 335 Halswell Road, Hallswell

Time: 12.15pm

A table has been booked at **The Old Vicarage** for 10 people.

I will need to confirm numbers so please send me a text or phone me if you are keen to join us. All welcome!!



Organiser: Gill Lake **0273346031**

Idea! **Why don't we dress up?!!**

Let me know your thoughts

December 2nd (Wed)

Children's Christmas Party

Location: Motorcycle Corner, VCC grounds, McLean's Island

Time: 5.00pm



Bring your own tea.

Santa will be there with a gift for children 10 years and under.

Please email, phone or text Gill Lake the name/s, sex and age/s of any children attending by Nov 15th.

gillcakes95@gmail.com or 0273346031

Please note: (If you have a child attending who is over 10 years and whom you would like to receive a present from Santa, please supply this yourself, wrapped and with the child's name on it).

December 6th

Christmas Lunch at the Ashburton Aviation Museum

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE

Location: Ashburton Aviation Museum

387 Seafield road, Elgin, Ashburton





"Over 40 meticulously preserved aircraft, including some of the rarest gems in aviation history. Get up close and personal with cockpits, climb up the old control tower, touch a "space ball" that descended from the Soviet satellite Cosmos 482 during its breakup over the South Island in 1972 or try our Flight Simulator."

Time: 12.00pm with admission to the museum after lunch

Cost: $40.00 to be paid into the club Bank Account

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(Canterbury NZ Chapter MAFCA) by 15th November

Please state your **name** and put **Xmas** in the reference.

The club will be covering the admission to the museum.

Alternative route south: As a suggestion, to incorporate a run in the morning, an alternative drive could be through the inland route instead of down the main rd. Those interested could meet in Darfield.

Organisers: **Gerry and Gill Lake. Please phone or text Gerry 0204 112 3717 or Gill 0273346031 or email Gill at afordscript@gmail.com to let us know you are coming.**



Thanks to Wendy Marshall for facilitating this.

2027

January 31st — Era Picnic

Location: Cust Domain, 111A-111D Mill Road, Cust

Time: 11.30am – 2.30pm



We have hired the Pavillion for the 3 hours in case of inclement weather as has been our experience for the last 2 or 3 years.

Era Clothing and Era picnic are optional but encouraged and will be judged for the **"Rosalie Bayler Memorial Era Picnic Award"**

Gill Lake 0273346031 and Peter Bayler 027 685 5780

February 6th — Rangiora RSA Vintage Car & Tractor Run

(Waitangi Day)

Location: Rangiora RSA Car Park, Victoria Street, Rangiora

Time: 9.00am Tractors
10.00am Cars

Cost: $5.00 Tractors $10.00 all others

This event is open to all vehicles

Motorcycles, cars, trucks, tractors

ALL PROCEEDS ON THE DAY WILL GO TO RSA WELFARE

Contacts: Pam and David Dacombe 021 137 4253

February 28th — Gymkhana

(More details to come)

March 13th-20th

18th National Model A Ford Rally

Organisers Top of the South Model A Club (with assistance from West Coast As)

Location Blenheim 13th – 16th March

Nelson 17th – 20th March

Programme

Blenheim 13th – 16th March

· Saturday 13th Meet and Greet in Blenheim

· Sunday 14th Judging/Gymkhana /Display Day, Blenheim

· Monday 15th Local Marlborough Tours

· Tuesday 16th Local Marlborough Tours

Nelson 17th – 20th March

· Wednesday 17th Pack your bags to change your accommodation and for Rally Run to Nelson

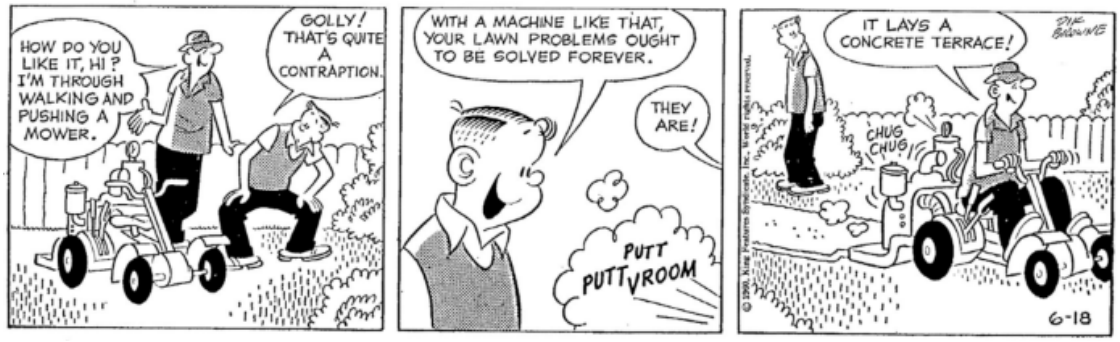
· Thursday 18th Local Nelson Tours

· Friday 19th Local Nelson Tours, Final Rally Dinner

· Saturday 20th Breakfast and Farewells

Rally Directors: **Ann Holmes 021 032 4605** **Chris Bird 027 247 1089**





Past Events

October 9th—11th VCC Swap Meet and Era Clothing Sale

Gerry and I had a good 2 days at the swap meet and we managed to raise about $500 for St Johns.

The reason that I don't have an accurate figure is that I will be listing some leftover items on Marketplace. The rest of the unsold items will be delivered to the St John's secondhand shop in Rolleston.

I also managed to sell a lot of grape hyacinth bulbs that I had no idea what to do with. I am hopeless about throwing plants or bulbs in the bin. I still have more if anyone wants some!!

Also thanks to those that bought their cars out for the club display. Gill Lake

October 18th Waipara Run

Sunday morning dawned a beautiful sunny spring day.

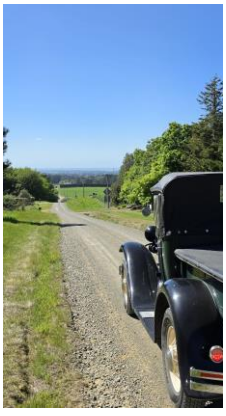
Eight Model A's and two moderns gathered at the Peg Hotel in Belfast for the day's run, this included Dean and Kayleen Yeoman in the Club car as their Ute has Motor issues.





Peter and Jan had organized a great run through some interesting back roads of North Canterbury including a couple of miles of shingle and a small Ford.







We arrived at the Waipara Domain, our destination for our Picnic lunch. We had just finished lunch when we received a visit from the friendly Policeman, he was out on maneuvers and just checking that everything was O.K.







It was soon time to depart, some went to the railway station for the trip through to Waikariri, some went to do the Waikari/Scargill Rd and some like us returned home.

A great day out in the lovely spring weather.

Many thanks to Peter and Jan for organising the run. Michelle and Russell Dowdle

3 cars travelled to Waikari via Scargill which was a lovely drive. We arrived in Waikari ahead of the train so were there to meet it.







From all accounts it seemed like a very pleasant train journey through the Weka Pass and back.

When it was time for the train to return to Waipara the 3 of us tootled on back home. Gill Lake

October 29th



Ladies Morning tea @ Crisp Cafe

We had a very nice morning tea at Crisp Café in Fendalton where we could escape from the nasty wind outside.

We have decided to finish the year with a lunch at the Old Vicarage in Hallswell at the end of November. See Future events.

For Sale

Restoration of original Houdaille Model ‘A’ shocks.

All the tools necessary plus a shock restoration book to restore these shocks.

Includes a 1 ½” long reach socket and bar, box of seals and materials and parts.

Please phone to discuss as there are other parts included and one, and it is huge.

Les. Pearson 0272245045.



ALIGNING FLYWHEEL & HOUSING.

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Proper alignment of the flywheel and housing is of extreme importance as miss alignment can be attributed to many vibrations and ongoing problems, especially with the clutch.

1. Mount flywheel housing to block with gasket and or thin bead of gasket sealer. Install four 7/16-14 x 1 1/16 cross-drilled hex bolts and safety wire. Note, if any flywheel housing bolt holes in the block are open into the crankcase it is suggested to use a **small** amount of thread sealer on threads of bolt. This will reduce oil leakage into the flywheel housing.

2. Place two .010 shims, under each of the two mounting lugs on top of the flywheel housing and install bolts and tighten.

3. Mount the indicator (pictured below) on the rear of the crankshaft and measure around the diameter of the flywheel housing. Adjust by adding or subtracting shims. Recheck measurement. Less than .010 is desired not always obtainable left to right.

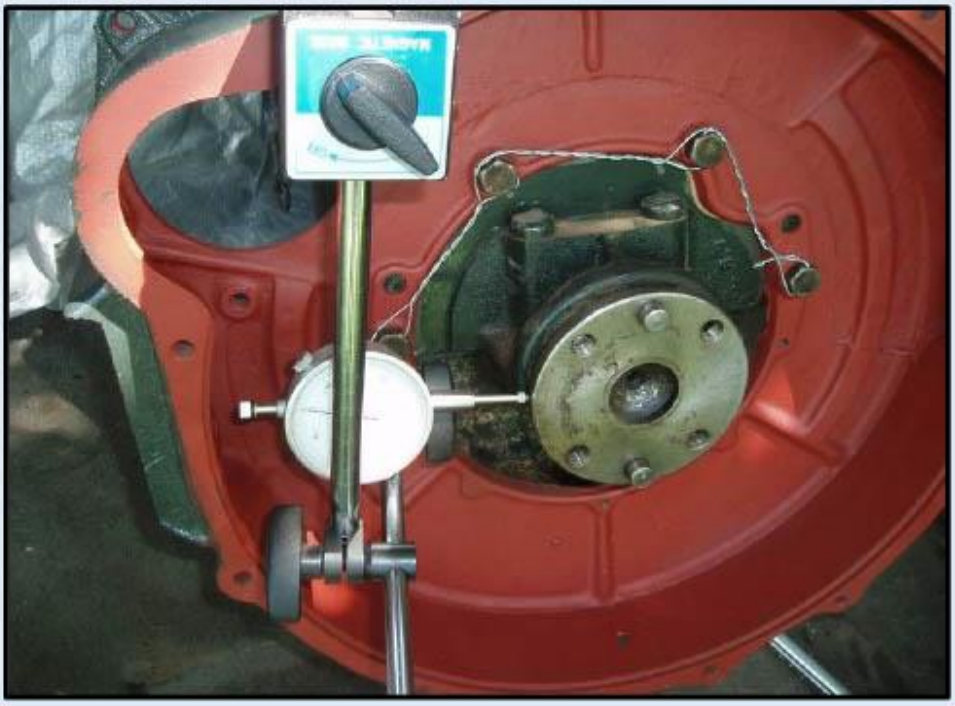
4. Mount flywheel to the crankshaft with four 7/16-20x 13/16 cross-drilled hex bolts and dowel pin retainer. **Using bolts too long, can cause severe engine damage.** Tighten bolts, do not install safety wire or pilot bearing yet.

5. Mount the indicator on the flywheel housing and measure run out near the outer edge of the clutch surface. Adjust by backing off the flywheel bolts and prying the flywheel from the crankshaft.

Install shim between crankshaft and flywheel where necessary. Tighten bolts and recheck measurements. This should be less than .005.

6. Install safety wire and pilot bearing.

7. Reference FORD Service bulletins on page 218.

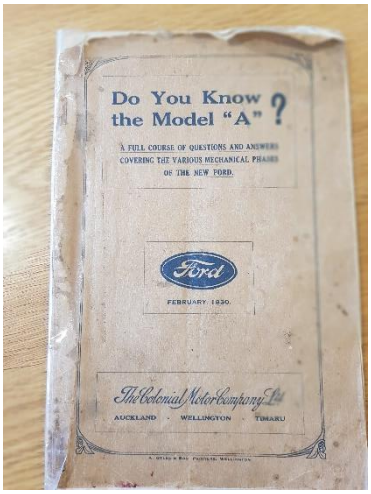


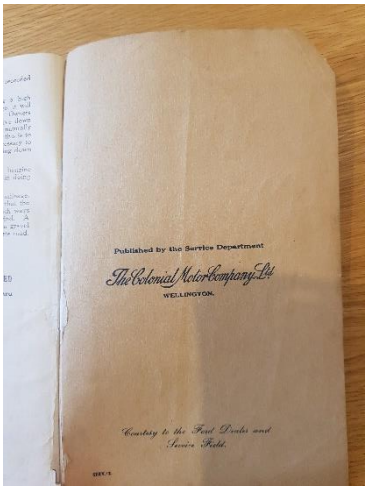
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Member Contribution





ARTICLE 8.

Model"AAC" 30 Cwt. Truck.

Question 8. What is the size of the tyres?

Answer 8. The standard size of the new FORD truck tyres is 30 x 5 inch Heavy Duty on the front wheels, and 32 x 6-inch on the rear wheels. Where dual wheels are fitted 30 x 5-inch Heavy Duty tyres are used throughout.

Question 9. What type of drive is used in the rear axle?

Answer 9. A semi-floating rear axle of the "AAC" truck is driven through helical bevel gears. The differential gear and driving pinion are carefully selected and matched for silence. The driving pinion assembly is supported on three roller gearings-two taper roller bearings facing in opposite directions on the front end of the pinion, and on one parallel roller bearing at the rear end of the pinion. The two axle shafts are supported on six taper roller bearings, Two are placed on the differential assembly (one on each side) and facing in opposite directions; two on each end of each axle and facing in opposite directions. Torque reaction is taken through a heavy torque rod, rigidly attached at one end to the left-hand side of the rear axle and connected at the other end to the chassis frame.

Question 10. Why does the truck rear axle gear ratio differ from that of the passenger car?

Answer 10. Owing to the greater load carried, and the need for less speed, the truck only needs a 6.8 to 1 gear ratio as compared with the 3.77-to-one gear ratio of the Model A passenger car.

Question 11. Compare front spring of truck with front spring of passenger car.

Answer 11. The front spring of the truck has 12 leaves, as compared with the 10-leaf front spring of the passenger car. Houdaille shock absorbers are attached to both sides of the front axle of the truck-similar to the construction on the car.

Which is the rarest Model A in the World? A stainless steel Model A?

As found in the September issue of “River Cities Running Board”, official newsletter of the RIVER CITIES MODEL “A” FORD CLUB

• Many in the hobby know that several Fords were made out of stainless steel. But did you know several Model “A”s were built also?

• Fred Carlton, former editor of “The Restorer” wrote an article in 1995 in the Restorer, about the stainless steel Model “A” Ford.

• Historians say that 3 stainless steel Model “A”s were made. The company that made them was Allegheny Ludium Steel.

• Ford kept one car and later cut it in half and made a display with it. The Allegheny Metal Company melted theirs down during World War II. But where is the third stainless Steel Model “A”?

• The stainless steel cars were built toraise awareness of the quality of the stainless steel metal.

• The Allegheny Company built six 1936 Ford Deluxe Tudor Sedans which they used for marketing purposes. Their top salesmen of the year would earn driving these Fords for one year. Only four are known to still exist.



• They also built two stainless steel thunderbird and three Lincoln Continental Convertibles. Because the metal did not rust there was no need to paint it. A set of these three cars are on permanent display at the Crawford Auto Museum in Cleveland, Ohio.

• In 1985 a person that worked for Allegheny Steel visited the lady that had the stainless steel Model “A” with the intention of purchasing it for the Company. Her husband purchased it in1954 but never drove it and it had not run since 1942. The Company did not agree to the asking price of $50,000.

• Fred Carlton was able to visit the lady in 1995. At that time the car sat in the exact spot the Allegheny Metal Company representative saw it. The body was made of Stainless Steel but the running gear was standard Model A and not made out of Stainless Steel.

• At that time a collector from the West Coast offered $500,000 but we do not know if the car was purchased for that amount.

• But the question is where this Model “A” now is and how much is it worth?

For Sale

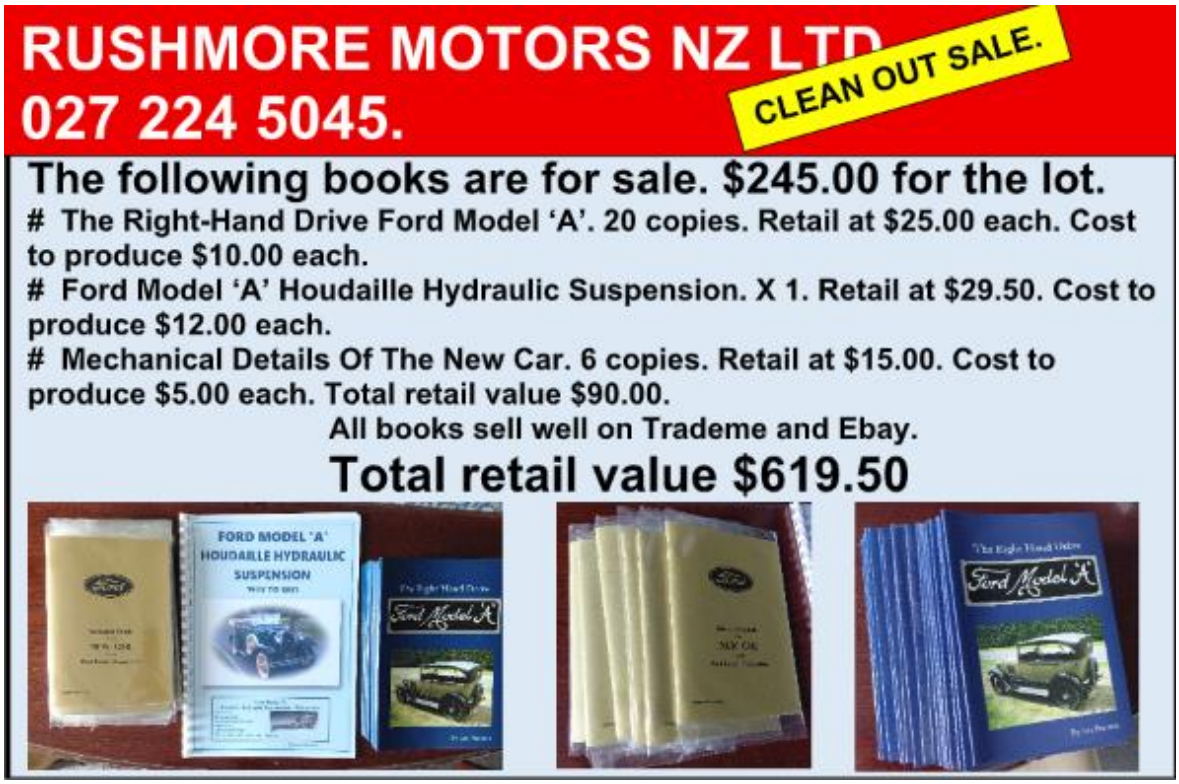
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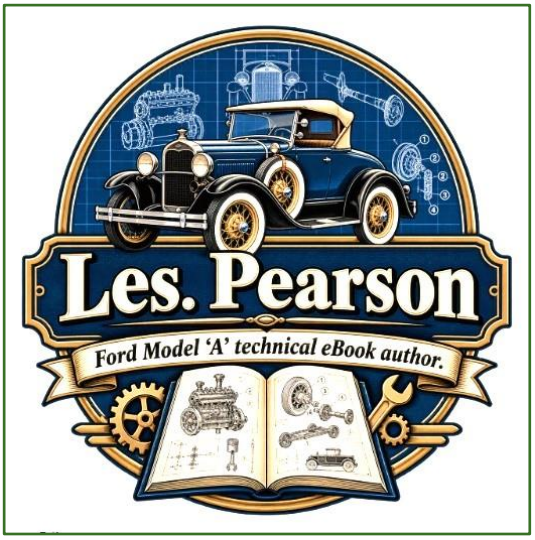
Rushmore's accountant can supply relevant data upon signing a Non Disclosure Agreement with Rushmore and provide a profit for sale and disclaimer report with accountant's guidance. The sale includes the company name, goodwill, large client database, current vehicle marketing listings, stock on hand and the associated records and systems, plus lead in time by email and phone if distance is a problem. A Mailchimp mass emailing and Facebook account is included showing all vehicles currently listed, giving good results which also includes the large NZ wide database of prospective customers. Good computer knowledge is very important.

To inquire, please call Les at 027 224 5045 or rushmoremotors@xtra.co.nz



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Articles have been written for the club over a 13-year period and published monthly in the Club's newsletter. *(Dec, Jan. being one issue.)* Many articles have been purposely reprinted with added information on request from some younger (and older) club members who wish to broaden their Model 'A' knowledge. There are 3 eBooks in the series, 100 Plus, 200 Plus, and 200 Plus Pictorial with an added 160 full-page photographs accompanying each article.
Along with other Model 'A' books, they are as detailed below.



Electronic Copies of the eBooks.

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Wanted to Borrow

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If you can help, please phone 3797 370 or email me george.earlyfordparts@xtra.co.nz or call and see me