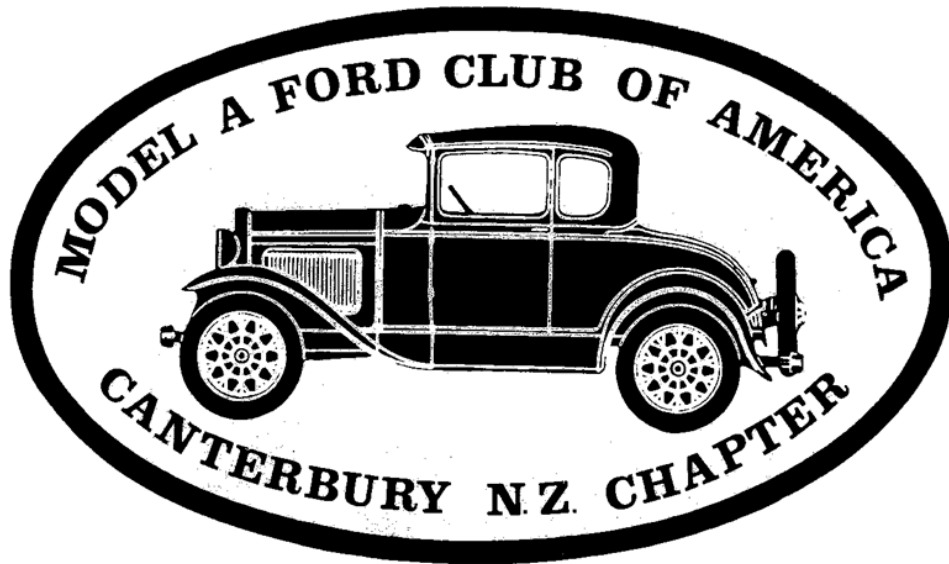




A Ford Script



Gorgeous West Coast day for a great
adventure with friends

October 2026

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Next Committee Meeting:

Tuesday 27th October at the Lake's

Script closing date: 25th September 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 September 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 September 2026

Hi to all. Another month has flown by.

International Model A Day in Greymouth was great, so many cars being used for what they were built for, being driven by motorists who enjoy Vintage motoring.

A well organised weekend and a special thanks to Roger and John and their wonderful helpers. It's our turn next so we will be looking for a venue for this.

What about the plucky little Model A cars at nearly 100 years old taking on the mountain passes without a problem, they deserve a special merit.

This month we are off to Waipara for a train trip, bring the family and remember to book the 2PM train, see you there,

Peter

CLUB CAR REPORT September 2026

Hi Everyone,

The club car has not been used again this month so on Monday I went to Early Ford with the idea of taking it for a short drive but there was another car behind it which was being worked on. George did offer to move it but I settled for just starting the club car and giving it a check over. It started easily and ran well.

While checking the tyres I found the right rear slightly low on 28psi so it will be important to check them again before it's next use.

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

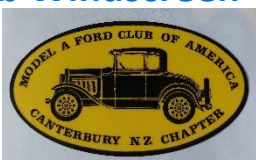


Membership List:

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
October 2026	Oct 9 th - 11 th	VCC Swap Meet	Cutler Park, McLeans Island	
	Oct 9 th - 11 th	Era Clothing Sale	Site 584, Cutler Park, McLeans Island	
	Oct 18 th (Sunday)	Waipara Run	Meet at The Peg Hotel, Belfast	10.00am
	Oct 29 th	Ladies Morning Tea	376 Ilam Rd	10.30
November 2026	Nov 1 st	Canterbury USA Day	Gladstone Park Woodend	10.00am – 2.30pm
	Nov 19 th - 22 nd	Southern Adventure	Meet in Mayfield	11.45am
December	Dec 2 nd (Wednesday)	Children's Christmas Party	Motorcycle Corner VCC grounds	5.00pm
Please note change of Date	Dec 6th (Sunday)	Christmas Dinner	Ashburton Aviation Museum	TBC

2026

October 9th—11th



VCC Swap Meet and Era Clothing Sale

This year the club will have a site at the Swap meet, **site number 584**, thank you Ollivers and Evans, where we will have Era Clothing for sale.

Recently the Committee has been gifted **Era Clothing** from some members.

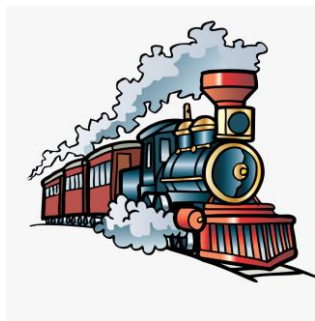
They would all like them to find a good home and for any proceeds to go to the Club. It has been decided by the committee that any proceeds will then go to St John's Ambulance

Donations of Era clothing and accessories you would like us to sell on your behalf or for the Club and subsequently to St Johns must be delivered, or the pick up arranged, prior to the Swap Meet, unless the clothing is labeled.

Please contact Gill Lake re Era Clothing (0273346031)

October 18th (Sunday)

9.45 for a 10am start



PLEASE NOTE:

Waipara Run with Optional Weka Pass Railway Trip

Meet at The Peg Hotel, Belfast.

This will be followed by a run to Waipara. A picnic lunch will be had at the Domain, where there is shelter from the weather (if needed) and toilets.

Then to the Waipara Station where there is Parking. The Train departs at 2pm for Waikari. Those who do not wish to ride the train can drive through Weka Pass To explore the Waikari Hawarden area.

Train costs: \$40 return adults
 \$20 return child
 \$105 return for a family of 4.

This could be an outing that some may wish to include grandchildren on.

You will have to BOOK YOUR OWN TRAIN TICKETS on the Weka Pass Railway Website: [Weka Pass Railway](http://www.weka-pass.co.nz)

Or phone them on : 0800935272

Organiser:

Numbers to **Peter Bayler (027 685 5780)** by **Thursday 15 October**

October 29th (Thurs)

Location:

Time:



Organiser:

Ladies Morning Tea @ Crisp Café in Ilam Rd, ChCh

Crisp Café, 376 Ilam Rd, Christchurch

10.30am

A table has been booked at **Crisp Cafe** 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!!

Gill Lake

0273346031



November 1st (Sunday) Day

Location:

Time:

Organiser:

Canterbury USA

Gladstone Park,
Woodend

10.00am to 2.30pm

American Classic Car
Club



The poster features a large American flag graphic with the text 'American Classic Car Club' and 'CANTERBURY USA Day'. It includes a 'Classic Workshop' logo with the phone number 03 370 4888 and 'MAJOR SPONSOR'. A 'NO DOGS ALLOWED' sign is shown. Two classic cars are displayed: a light blue 1967 Ford Mustang and a dark red 1965 Ford Mustang. The event details are: 'ALL AMERICAN ORIGIN VEHICLES WELCOME', 'SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2026 10am-2.30pm', 'GLADSTONE PARK - WOODEND'. It also mentions 'FOOD STALLS', 'TRADE STALLS', 'Prizes for the Top Five - Prize Giving 1.30pm', and 'ENTRY \$10 per person 15 AND UNDER FREE'. A QR code and the Facebook logo are at the bottom.

November 19th-22nd:

Thursday 19th Nov

11.45 am.

1.15 p.m.

3.00 p.m.

Friday 20th Nov

9.00 am.

11.30 a.m.

Saturday 21st Nov

8.30a.m.

9.45a.m.

12.30 approx

13.30

6.30 TBC

Sunday 22nd Nov

Accommodation:

Organiser:

December 2nd (Wed)

Location:

Time:



Southern Adventure

Arrive at **Mayfield**

Leave for a short run to a very interesting local water project

Travel to **Geraldine** for the night

Dinner venue **Village Inn Restaurant**

Approx 60m Run finishing at Temuka Domain

Leave for **Waimate for Lunch** (more info next month)

Leave in your own time for **Oamaru**, rest of the day is free

Possible catered dinner at VCC with parts shed open TBC next month

Leave Oamaru heading West

Short Stop for sightseeing and toilet

Continue to Danseys Pass then Naseby.
(This is our lunch and toilet stop)

Continue per instructions going over The Pig Route and Trotters Gorge
returning to Oamaru

Dinner at **Northstar Restaurant**

Meet for Breakfast before returning home, will confirm where during the weekend.

This needs to be booked ASAP as is selling Fast

Bellavista Oamaru (accommodation is tight in Oamaru this weekend)

- 7 Compact Queen Studios
- 6 Superior King Studios
- 3 Twin Share Studios (Queen + Single)
- 2 Family Studios (King bed in lounge + two single beds in separate bedroom, sleeps up to 4)

(Feel free to shop around but Oamaru Motels aren't the flashest) Asure is cheaper but overdue for a refurb.

Kevin Mercer 027 200 9474

Children's Christmas Party

Motorcycle Corner, VCC grounds, McLean's Island

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

Location:

Christmas Lunch at the Ashburton Aviation Museum

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE

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 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

(More details to come)

February 28th

Gymkhana

(More details to come)

March 13th-20th

Organisers

Location

18th National Model A Ford Rally

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

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

August 21st



Ladies Morning tea @ Urban Revival

Our wee group had another very pleasant morning tea when we visited Urban Revival in Silverstream again.

September 18th—20th

International Model A Ford Day, Greymouth

Once again this was a very successful and enjoyable weekend. Thank you to Roger and John.

For us the weekend started on Friday with a very pleasant time cruising over the Southern Alps in the company of the Marshalls and the Birnies. After a fuel up at the Sheffield Pie Shop we were set to head off when Murray noticed that his beautiful Town Sedan had been sideswiped whilst we were having our coffee. This was all the more distressing to Murray and Wendy as they had just got the car back from being repainted



After this wee hiccough we cruised over Arthur's Pass with another obligatory stop and to talk to some sneaky keas.

Friday night was meet and greet at the Union Hotel and to get our instructions for Saturday. Most of us stayed for a meal at the hotel.

On our way back to the Motel we did spot some dodgy characters trying to take a shortcut to the supermarket!



Saturday turned on a good West Coast day for us with rain and intrepid looking skies. But, hey, we were on the West Coast, which would not be half as beautiful as it is without all the rain.

We set off on an adventure through great countryside, back roads and to Lake Kaniere before ending up at the Treetop Walk and Zipline for lunch. Sadly, it was not a good day for either treetop walking or ziplining. Oh well, another time and I really was going to try ziplining..... maybe.



After lunch we made our own way back to Greymouth, many of us via Hokitika.

Saturday evening was a dinner at the Union Hotel which was excellent.



We had a very interesting talk by local Journalist Peter Ewen on both the Strongman and Pike Mine disasters. A few people were the lucky recipients of Peter's book "Pike".

Thank you again to Roger, John and team for a great weekend.

Gill Lake



Your Fifth Shock Absorber.

AUTHENTICALLY SPEAKING

But, I hear you say, I only have four shock absorbers.

But in fact you have five, and the fifth one is hardly ever given any thought and after some time can give you some serious grief and possible fuel leakage.

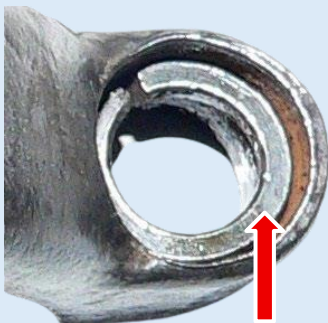
The steering column clamp shock absorbing rubber and anti-rattler.



This specially formed rubber strip is grooved to fit into the clamp so that rubber is exposed either side of the clamp when in position, as pictured above.

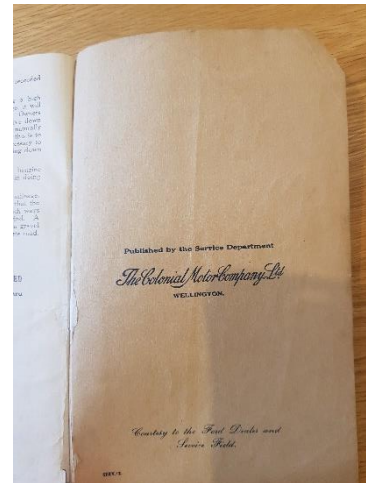
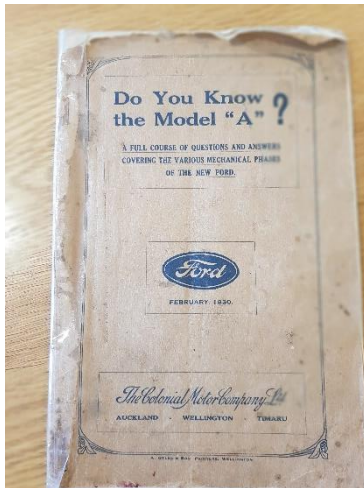
Your friendly parts supplier has these rubbers.

The clamp bracket has two small split washers which fit inside the lower clamp as arrowed below, with its own fastening screws.



If left for too long unattended, the rubber becomes hard and vibrations transferred from the steering column to the underside of the tank and weepage can occur from the areas arrowed in red. Try and poke a small screwdriver into your column rubber to test for hardness. Replacement is easy and only requires one small screwdriver to remove and install the two screws.

Member Contribution



ARTICLE 8.

Model "AAC" 30 Cwt. Truck.

Question 4. What speed will the truck attain?

Answer 4. The Model AAC truck will attain speeds of well over 50 miles an hour! Certain drivers have reported speeds as high as 58 and even 60 miles an hour! Such speeds are outrageous and should never be used in the ordinary driving of a truck.

Question 5. At what engine speed is the above truck speed obtained?

Answer 5. While the nominal speed of the new Model AAC engine is 2,200 revolutions per minute (at which speed it develops its maximum of 40 brake horse-power), yet the new FORD engine is capable of far higher speeds, as is proved by obtaining speeds of up to 70 and 75 miles per hour in FORD Roadsters under the most favourable conditions. With 30 x 4.5-inch tyres, and a 3.77-to-one rear axle gear ratio, the engine of a Model A makes 2,900 revolutions at 70 miles an hour. The same engine revolutions will drive a truck (with the larger diameter 32 x 6-inch wheels and 5.11-to-one gear ratio) at well over 50 miles an hour. An engine speed of only 3,230 revolutions is necessary to drive the truck at a full 60 miles an hour.

Question 6. How fast should a truck be driven?

Answer 6. The truck should never be driven at over a safe or economic speed. Passenger cars are built to take you somewhere, comfortably, quickly, and perhaps to give you a "thrill" with their speed. A truck is built with but one purpose-to earn money. High speeds not only increase the fuel expense and depreciation of the truck-but involve rapid wear of tyres. A high speed is never economical. As a general rule, 25 to 30 miles with load, or 30 to 35 miles unloaded, should never be exceeded.

Question 7. What is the rear axle gear ratio of the truck?

Answer 7. The rear axle gear ratio of the truck is 6.8 to 1.

A-Speed: Your Cell Phone Model A companion

by Bill Barnes from the Salt Creek Chapter Model A Ford Club of America

In this digital we find ourselves in today everyone and everything is asking for our hard-earned dollars. Bill has found a useful tool that is Free. www.a-speed.com

The A-Speed is a free piece of software that you can put on your cell phone. It will not only duplicate the speedometer on your Model A's dashboard, it will indicate an estimate of your engine's RPM with predictive shift points. You can see an honest MPG from your real fill-ups and trips on the road with various trip and driving statistics no matter which Model A you take out of the garage.



Best of all this software was developed by a real Model A owner. Brian McGuinness has owned and driven Model A's for over 30 years. He made it look like a vintage gauge so you can feel it truly is a part of your Model A. The application was designed to keep the Model A driving experience clean and distraction-free. He did it as a passion project, not to make money. A-Speed is absolutely free, with zero subscription nonsense, with your privacy in mind. He takes this tool seriously and if you have ideas for improvements (or complaints) you can feel free to email Brian. He says he reads every message sent to him at heybrian@a-speed.com

That is not to say that Brian wouldn't mind if users are happy to throw him a few dollars. His website does have a spot for leaving an optional tip via PayPal to help support developer fees, test devices, website hosting, documentation, and the next feature the community asks for. But Brian also knows that this is just for Model A owners so it is completely free to use, with no ads or subscriptions. He is not selling anyone's name or email address. Instead Brian is thinking what else could this tool have? Recently he rolled out a version for the Model T. But other ideas are for those folks who have custom gear ratios, and five-speed transmission setups; these are just some of the ideas that have been suggested to Brian.

So we suggest you navigate your cell phone to www.a-speed.com and check this out for yourself. You can choose from 15 authentic dashboard color themes inspired by the Model A era. Download the software and see how you can switch between large, readable views for RPM, settings, driving stats, and achievements. And if you find your Model A's fuel gauge is getting closer to the big O, use the A-Speed to quickly find any nearby gas stations.

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Les. Pearson 0272245045.



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Original 1930 Murray Fordor RHD woodwork for patterns. I am needing the lintel above the doors (my samples have rotted and broken), and the roof rails which hold the roof ribs, these are finger jointed. Also need a side sub-chassis rail with good detail for pattern. One side left or right hand is all I am looking for to make the jigs.

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