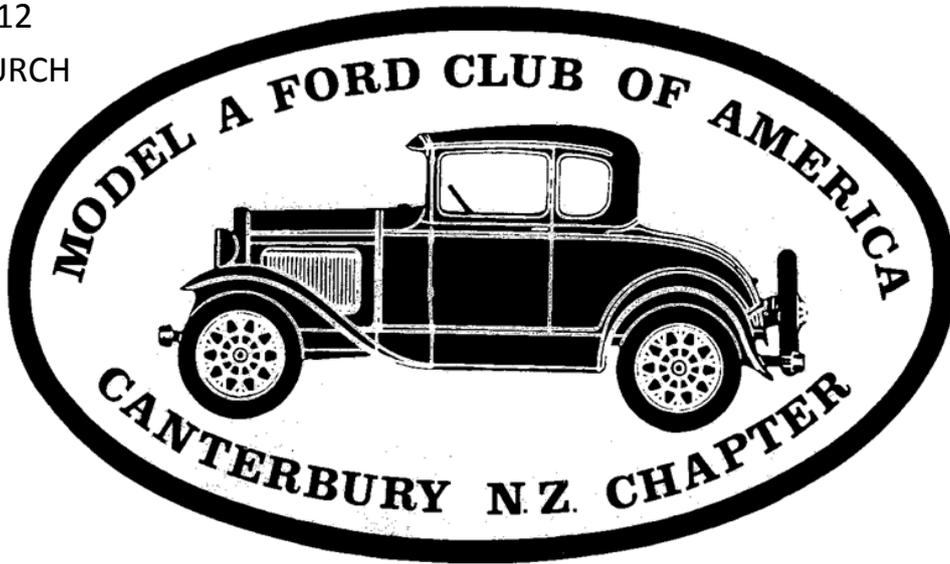


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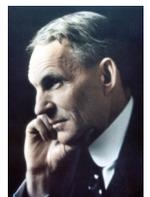
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COVER PICTURE:- Christmas Santa Parade December 2015. Thanks to Ralph Biggs for the photo.

HENRY FORD QUOTE:-

Politics in the true sense, have to do with the prosperity, peace and security of the people



CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Happy New Year.

I hope you have all enjoyed the break. Anne and I were lucky to have all our family present at the New Year's Gala at the Selwyn Huts, an event that I remember from my childhood, along with a present two weeks with our son, daughter in-law and their son visiting from Australia.

To those members that attended the VCC Rally in Dunedin, I hope you all had an enjoyable week.

CLUB CAR REPORT

Santa Parade.

This year the club car was used to transport the Diabetes "Busy Bees", thanks also to Bruce Miles for car and William for driving along with John and Sandra Olliver for their participation in this well attended annual event.

Children's Christmas Party – used to transport Father Christmas to and from the Groynes.

Graham Evans

Club Captain



NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Wednesday 17th February, 2016 7.30pm, at David Dacombe's home, 2 Green Street, Rangiora. If you have any matters you would like raised, please contact a committee member before this date.

COMING EVENTS

January 31st.

Picnic outing. Gather at Prebbleton Nature Reserve, on Springs Road, between Hamptons Road and Sterling Drive from mid-day.

Bring your own picnic, era picnic accessories encouraged, in fact it is a **competition**, so go all out with the fancy milk jugs , tablecloths etc. As it is going to be sunny and hot, a sun brolly might be a good idea.



February 28th

Hi country run.

West Melton Hall Carpark (just past the hotel)

Meet 8.45 am for a 9.00 am departure. Motor up the Old West Coast Road to Springfield. Meet Nth Canty members at Springfield. (toilet and coffee stop) **Leave Springfield 10.30** and head over Porters Pass and turn off over Mt White Bridge. Lunch stop on the Hawdon Flats , DOC toilet, **no water**. After lunch head down the Mt White Road to Lake Letitia.

Return same route. For those who would like to have a meal at the Sheffield Pub on the way home, please let Pam Dacombe know (03 3137341) by Friday 26th. (bar and restaurant menu)

This is quite a long day with no shops or fuel after Springfield.

Pack your water needs, lunch, sunhat, insect repellent, camera and warm clothes.

A cancellation will be emailed by the latest 7.30 am on Sunday morning. If you are not on email, please leave a message on Russell Genet's ansaph, 03 3299065 if you plan to attend so we can ring you .



Christmas Dinner Saturday 12th December 2015

What do you do when you want to escape the pre Christmas frenzy? Well.. The thirty Model Aers who gathered at Capones Restaurant in Rangiora on a balmy summer evening had a very enjoyable time and a delicious meal.

Al Capone gained notoriety mainly through bootlegging in Chicago in the 20s and 30s and spent some time in Alcatraz for his troubles.

Capones Restaurant has snippets about his life and plenty of photos on the wall but I doubt if the food they served was anything like what was served at Alcatraz. The three course meal was beautiful and the wait staff very attentive.

As usual there was a hush when the food was served but the rest of the time was filled with talk of Christmas plans, holidays to come and Model A trips. A lovely time all round and a bonus for us, the trip to the country meant we “acquired” a very nice Christmas tree. The date is not set yet, but mark your calendars anyway for the 2016 Christmas do.

First time, but hopefully not the last, Capones diner.

Children’s Christmas Party/Picnic at the Groynes, 9th December.

WOW what a turn out. Great to see over 50 attend this annual event.

Thanks to Barbara for organising the presents for the children.

The weather for the evening was nice and warm and turned into a wonderful gathering for all that attended.

Circling around the warmth of the sun we all enjoyed the crayfish kindly supplied by Ian White

The venue is still an enjoyable spot, and we were welcomed by the local hen and her cheeky chicks. Graham E.



Father Christmas enjoyed the evening and watching the children received their presents.



Car upside down in the
Buller Gorge Sth Is. N.Z.
Good Friday 1952

Car being taken out of
the Buller Gorge Sth Is.
Good Friday 1952



Thanks to Ian smith for lending these photos, complete with description on the back that he found in a deceased estate.

CANTERBURY ALL FORD CELEBRATION WEEKEND

SAT FEB 20 AND SUN FEB 21, 2016.

As hosts of the traditional All Ford Day, the Canterbury Mustang Owners Club is pleased to announce that the 2016 event will be expanded to become the All Ford Celebration Weekend.

The weekend will comprise two separate events.

- A New format Henry Ford Memorial Run late afternoon/early evening on Saturday Feb 20
- The All Ford Day display and showcase of Ford's finest at the Wigram Airforce Museum



Car in the Santa Parade
in December 2015.

Picture from R. Biggs.

You might not know this...but a lot of non-living objects are actually either male or female.....Here are some examples:

FREEZER BAGS:

They are male, because they hold everything in...but you can see right through them.

HOT AIR BALLOONS:

Also a male object... Because to get them to go anywhere.....you have to light a fire under their rear end.

PHOTOCOPIERS:

These are female, because once turned off....it takes a while to warm them up again. They can be an effective reproductive device if the right buttons are pushed...but can also wreak havoc if you push the wrong buttons.

TYRES:

Tyres are male, because they go bald easily and are often over inflated

WEB PAGES:

Female...because they're constantly being looked at and frequently getting hit on.

TRAINS:

Definitely male... Because they always use the same old lines for picking up people..

HAMMERS: Male..... Because in the last 5000 years.....they've hardly changed at all...and are occasionally handy to have around.

THE REMOTE CONTROL:

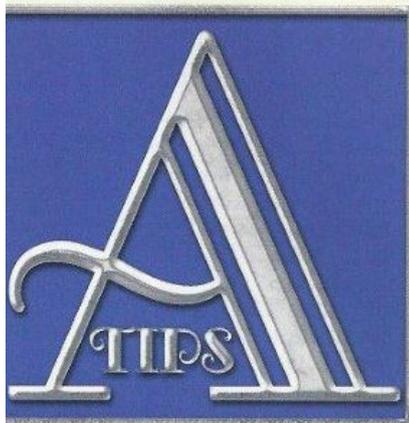
Female. Ha! You probably thought it would be male...but consider this: It easily gives a man pleasure, he'd be lost without it...and while he doesn't always know which buttons to push...he just keeps trying



1931 Ford Montana Mail Carrier
This 1931 Ford 68B convertible is said to be one of two modified in 1941 for deep snow mail delivery duty in Montana. It has modified fenders, tractor tires, and a truck differential. If they had built it from a pick-up, this would have pre-dated Bigfoot by 36 years. Find it [here at Desert Classics](#) in Butte, Montana for \$58k.

The car is in a private collection in Ohio but in the 30's delivered mail in Nebraska. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=asvEdoUdEEk> by steamer 123

Thanks to Ron Cox who has been surfing and sent this picture and youtube link.



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How to Determine If a Bearing is Good or Bad



This Tech Tip is another one of those "I can't remember when or who" gave me the idea but it is one I use all the time and so I thought I would pass it on. Ever wonder when you disassemble something like a transmission, or any caged ball bearing, what the condition of that bearing is that has been in service for who knows how many years. There is a simple test you can perform on the bearing that will tell you its condition.

Gently clamp the bearing in a vise and rotate. Do not do this with a dry bearing. If you feel **ANY** roughness the bearing is no good. If the bearing is good the movement will feel perfectly smooth.



Reminder: That very American event, Valentines Day, 14th February.



Tiny Tips From MAFCA Members

From the late Jack Crawford, Seattle, Washington
Illustrated by John Pratt, Urbana, Illinois

Painting Model A Wheels.

The next time you paint your Model A wheels, remember to remove the paint from the space where the lug nuts seat when the wheels are mounted to the brake drum. If you don't, the paint will eventually wear away and the 1-2 thousandths of an inch space left between the lug nut and the wheel will be sufficient to start "play action" that can eventually cause the lug nuts to back off as the wheel turns. Voila! There goes a wheel making a nice dent in the fender, a squared off backing plate and brake drum, plus other damage to the occupants of your car and any other object it may hit. A good choice is to block the lug nut holes with old lug nuts set in place while painting. This protects the holes and makes for a better tighter holding hole.



TIP OF THE MONTH

To ensure efficient and smooth operation of the ignition system, three gap settings need to be checked. Whilst the contact breaker points and spark plug gaps are normally checked, the third gap i.e. rotor gap is often overlooked.

This gap is measured between the tip of the rotor blade terminal and each of the four prongs inside the distributor body. For optimum ignition performance it is recommended that this gap be between 0.025 inch (0.63 mm) and 0.030 inch (0.76 mm). Before making any adjustments, check that the distributor shaft is not loose in the distributor bushes causing lateral movement of the shaft and hence inconsistent readings. The rotor should also be firm on the distributor cam.

After checking and if adjustment is necessary, start at the prong with the widest gap. Carefully bend the rotor blade to position in the centre and set the gap accordingly. The remaining prongs can then be filed with a fine points file to achieve the correct clearance gap.

John Moorehead in Western Model A News – Jan 2013

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 copy for the next Script is 20th February 2016. Please send to the Editor, Wendy Genet 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 site as well as other sources who supply material to our club which we reprint in the magazine.

CLUB CAR : 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.

Graham Evans (ph. 03 351 5919) is the custodian of the car and looks forward to your call requesting the use of the car.

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