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Club Captains Report 2015/2016

2015

September11-12th 50th Celebration Weekend A great weekend of celebration, organised by Garth & Pauline Moore, Alan & Shirley Wills, and Ralph Briggs. What a wonderful response with 68 cars attending from all over the South Island and included a visit from a past club captain, down from Hamilton

October 4th Run to Oxford. Having heard that the Spring Fair was cancelled due to high winds, didn't stop several one make clubs attending. A calm morning weather wise, but the wind did get up for our journey home.

November 1st Ladies High Tea held at the Casino. Well attended with an enjoyable time had by all.

November 8th Visit to Car and Music Museum with BBQ lunch. Our hosts Ray & Nancy Dury opened up their great collection of cars and musical pianos and organs with a special display of playing by Richard Hall.

<u>December 9th</u> <u>Children's Christmas Party</u> at the Groynes. Well attended with a beautiful evening.

<u>December 3rd</u> <u>Christmas Parade</u> - supported by Bruce, Graham and John & Sandra Olliver.

<u>December 12th</u> <u>Christmas Meal</u> – Capones Resaurant Rangiora, Organised by Barbara Hill,

A good gathering, with a welcome visit from the Michelle's of Mosgiel, a time to reflect on the year.

2016

January 31st Picnic at Prebbleton Nature Reserve Organised by Russell & Wendy Genet. This event had good numbers with a catch up on the members activities over the Christmas break.

March 1st High Country Run. Organised by Russell & Wendy Genet, A visit to Mount White Station, a very enjoyable outing.

<u>April 3rd</u> <u>Banks Peninsula Run</u> Organised by Rod & Anne Corbett, An exciting run with some interesting views and roads.

<u>April 26th</u> <u>Sculpture Park</u> & <u>Gymkhana & Rex Chenery Trophy Run</u> – Organised by Graeme & Marlene Scott Very well supported with a well-chosen interesting visit.

May 21st Night Trail run by Bruce with a well-planned and great run, with a pleasant meal at Sticks & Stones, Northwood.

June 25th Mid-Winter Christmas hosted by Annette & Lindsay. An update will follow in next month's Script.

Graham Evans

CLUB CAR REPORT

The Club Car is underutilised and needs members to use it.

The car travelled 231 miles this year.

Driven on the 50th Model A Celebration weekend.

It was used for the Model A display at the VCC Swop Meet along with the Christmas Parade, and Children's Christmas Picnic.

It was driven in the VCC 60th Anniversary Garden Party Run.

It has undergone a windscreen replacement due to delamination.

The club has an event most months, so please consider using the club car.



NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Next committee meeting is at Peter Bayler's home, 16 Ayers street, Rangiora. 7.30 pm Wednesday August 17th. If you have any matters you would like raised, please contact a committee member before this date.

AGM

Sunday 24th July 2016

11:30 start Lunch at 12:30

At Elmwood, 1 Normans Road

Sunday 17 July starting at 1:30pm

Visit to Upper Classics NZ
Auto Restoration Services
Address 2 Halls Place, off Birmingham Drive

Dave Bell will give members approx. 2 hour tour Followed by a social trip to Bill's Bar.

1 Halswell Road. (The end of Lincoln Road)

August 14th Sunday 9.00am

Breakfast at Artisans in Rangiora. \$20.00 a head. Pay downstairs on the day. If we have 20 we will get a Private room. Please ring Rosalie or Peter Bayler 03 3137067 to confirm your attendance.

September 9th 10th and 11th. International Model A Day.

Hosted by Top of the South, Nelson. Full information for this event was in the June Script. If you want more info, contact Ross Sice, Rally Secretary 03 5470994 rossice@xtra.co.nz

October 2nd.

High Country run, At Andy Fox's property in Scargill. The Veteran car Club will also be at Andy's place that day.

2016 Night Trial

By 5pm on the day of the 2016 Night Trial the weather had become quite grey and wet, however that did not dim the enthusiasm of the 32 members and extras who arrived at the Bishopdale Shopping centre car park to take part in the trial. Seven Model A's and several moderns set out as night sky darkened. We appreciated our torches as we searched, in the dark and the rain, for answers to the questions on buildings, street signs and headstones in the cemetery. Our instructions took us on an interesting route around the Bishopdale area, then across town to the east side of the city, through part of Belfast, winding round to the Northwood Shopping centre where Styx and Stones Restaurant was our final destination. It was a warm and inviting venue. There was plenty of opportunity for catching up with the other members for a chat before enjoying delicious meals together.

Thank you to Bruce Miles and Ken James for working out the enjoyable rally, as well as to Annette and Lindsay Painter for arranging the meal venue. We enjoyed our evening out.

Hill Family.



Mid Winter Dinner, Vintage Car Club Barn

Mid Winter Dinner, 25th June.

The venue was set at the Vintage Car Club Barn for a great mid winter/Christmas dinner. The log fire was blazing in the hearth, the Christmas tree was glowing and delicious smells were coming from the kitchen. The tables were set for the feast. The guests were arriving, armed with food, most resplendent in era clothing. Co-respondent shoes were there a plenty!



They are said to be called Co-respondent shoes because they were often left outside hotel rooms, ostensibly to be cleaned, as an easily identifiable signal that hanky-panky should be assumed to be taking place within. This was because the only cause for divorce at the time was adul-



tery by one partner. For a couple to arrange a divorce in an amicable way, one member — it was commonly the man — had to be caught in flagrante with another woman. A minor industry grew up in which housemaids in hotels augmented their meagre wages by giving evidence of having found the supposedly adulterous couple in bed together. (worsite.blogspot.com/2008/03/co-respondent-shoes.html)



Judging for the cups was an undercover affair. Plenty of prizes were won in the raffles and Ken gave a demo of his self made fire arm. We left happy and well fed. Anne, Annette and Lindsay and their band of willing helpers had created a wonderful evening.

P.S. Rumour has it, next year the men are cooking, and not just a barby. Watch this space

P.P.S. I checked on the way out, there were no pairs of shoes out-

side the door!

More photos and information next month!





Club Member Profile: Garth Moore



I bought my first car in 1964. It was a 1930 Fordor with about 85,000 miles on the clock. In those days Model A's were still common on the roads and easy to buy. Each Saturday, our evening paper the Star-Sun would have four or five A's listed by private sellers, mostly Tudors and Fordors. I paid eighty pounds (\$160) for it which was 8 week's pay for a young office boy. Over the next few years that Fordor took me and several mates around the South Island and to Auckland. Three of us went through the Haast Pass the weekend after it was opened in 1965, taking three days for the round trip including a detour to Dunedin.



That Fordor is now owned by Russell Genet.

In 1965 I was approached in the street by Peter Keir and invited to join a club he was forming, the Canterbury Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America. In 1967 I sold the Fordor and bought a 1930 Standard Roadster which was my daily driver until 1969. The Roadster got a backyard repaint and a new hood and was used on club runs until the early eighties. It was put in storage and brought out of retirement for the Ruapuna speed event at the 2007 National Meet. It is now eight years into a full restoration which I hope to finish before I become incapable.





With the family coming along in the seventies it was apparent that the Roadster would become crowded so I started looking for another Fordor. Another club member had wrecked several, operating out of his grandmother's garage in Harewood Road. He was under pressure to move out, so we did a deal and I was soon the proud owner of garage full of A parts including a partly wrecked Fordor and a vague promise that there should be a full set of parts there. I did the panelwork over several years at Polytech night classes

and did the painting in the drive at home. Pauline's sewing skills were put to the test on the upholstery. It all worked out and in 1979 our 1930 Fordor had its first outing on a club tour to Blenheim.





The following year the four of us spent several weeks in the North Island including the VCC International Rally in Rotorua. The Fordor has since taken us all over New Zealand including four National Meets in the North Island.



A mid-life crisis caused me to import a 1931 Victoria from New York City in 2013. Like many imports, it looked good in the photos. Now, after some panel and paint and a reconditioned engine, it looks and sounds pretty good in real life too! I like that it looks so different to the earlier A's with its slant windshield, vinyl top and bustle. We are now looking forward to motoring it.

Through Model A's Pauline and I have made a lot of friends and have seen just about every corner of New Zealand. We have especially enjoyed the National Meets. I was on the committee for the Blenheim Meet in 1989 which was attended by over 200 enthusiasts from all over NZ and really established a format for a regular gathering of Model A owners. Pauline and I were also on the committee for the 2007 Meet in Christchurch and we have now attended eleven NZ National Meets.

In 1990 a group of club members attended the USA National Meet in San Diego and then took our children to Disneyland, Las Vegas and points between. There were nearly thirty in the party and we had a ball. A smaller number went to the Tacoma Meet near Seattle four years later. These trips showed us that travelling in the States is easy (at least when the exchange rate is good) and we have since had several USA road trips. At the San Diego Meet we were guests of the Palomar A's and they subsequently toured NZ a number of times and attended a number of our Meets. Last year we attended a Palomar A meeting, catching up with friends we first met 25 years earlier.

As for the future, there is the Roadster to finish and numerous swap meets and club events to look forward to.

INVENTIONS



Can you match the items with the inventor? The year of the invention is given. Answers on next page

Inventor	Year	Invention Number See picture sheet
Josephine Garis Cochran	1886	
Johan Vaaler	1899	
Edwin R. Davis	1890	
Alexander Graham Bell	1876	
Carl Magee	1932	
Henry Seeley	1882	
Baron Karl von Sauerbronn	1817	
Craven Walker	1963	
Charles Babbage	1822	
Christopher Cockerell	1956	

Steering Wheel Silencer.

By Bevan Sharp.

Did you know there were TWO "silencers" on your Model A Yes, one gives your vehicle that distinctive song, the other is YOUR STEERING WHEEL SILENCER. No, we are being serious here... read on.

If your Model A experiences a rattling sound from the tip of your steering column, this will also be of interest to you.

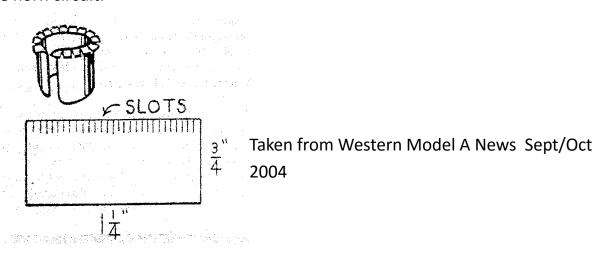
Before inserting the light switch tube into the steering column during the reassembly procedure, there should be a small brass sleeve or silencer to fit on the light switch tube just below the light switch handle to fit into the upper end of the steering shaft, serving as as anti rattler. Somehow this silencer seems to disappear or is overlooked. The steering shaft is bored out a few thousandths larger than the light switch to turn freely inside the steering shaft.

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If the silencer is not in place, an annoying buzz is heard from the switch lever. If you find that holding the light switch handle stops the buzz, the silencer is worn or missing.

A silencer is easily made from a piece of brass shim stock approximately 1 1/4 " by 3/4". Cut a series of notches with a pair of scissors 1/16" deep at 1/16" intervals along the 1 1/4" edge of the shim stock. Roll the piece of shim stock around a 23/64" drill bit or the light switch tube to start the cylindrical shape. Insert the piece into the end of the steering shaft or into a 25/64" hole with the light switch tube or the 23/64" to hold the shape. A screw-driver can be used to flatten the notched end to form a flared end, preventing the new silencer from dropping down inside the hollow steering shaft.

The upper end of the steering shaft and the nut must be clean and free of rust to offer a low resistance electrical path for the button circuit. The four tabs of the light switch handle can be straightened carefully to remove the light switch handle for polishing and the horn button ring for plating. The plastic horn button may be buffed for a smooth finish, the spring stretched for more tension and the inner metal cup cleaned for a smooth finish, the spring stretched for more tension and the inner metal cap cleaned for a better electrical contact for the horn circuit.



Answers to inventions quiz.

- 1 Paper Clip Johan Valer
- 2 Telephone A G Bell
- 3 Parking Meter Carl Magee
- 4 Computer Charles Babbage
- 5 Dishwasher Josephine G Cochran

- 6 Bike Baron Karl von Sauerbronn
- 7 Hovercraft Christopher Cockerell
- 8 Electric iron Henry Seeley
- 9 Lava Lamp Craven Walker
- 10 Electric chair Edwin R Davis





THE ORIGINAL	DOG	\$13.50
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American frankfurter, fried onions rings, melted mozzarella cheese, tomato ketchup & american mustard

CHILI DOG.....\$14.00

Spicy chorizo sausage, tomato & jalapeño salsa, mozzarella cheese with sour cream & mustard

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Pork & herb sausage, apple & cabbage slaw, sage & onion marmalade, american mustard

BREAKFAST DOG.....\$16.00

Kransky sausage, streaky bacon, melted mozzarella cheese, sage & onion marmalade, fried egg & fried onion rings

PANCAKES.....\$18.00

Pancakes served with grilled banana & streaky bacon with maple syrup & cream

CHILI BURGER.....\$19.00

180grm beef pattie, chili salsa, cheese, jalapeño, lettuce & tomato, french fries & aioli

CARBONARA.....\$19.00

Fettucini bound in a white wine bacon creamy sauce with spring onions, mushrooms, egg yolk & grated parmesan (Add chicken \$4)

THAI BEEF SALAD\$19.00

Tender marinated beef strips with an Asian slaw, toasted peanuts, crispy fried shallots & sweet & sour spicy Thai dressing

CAESAR SALAD.....\$19.50

Crispy torn cos lettuce leaf, streaky bacon, herb butter toasted croutons, anchovies, boiled egg, Elmwood caesar dressing, parmesan (Add pop com chicken \$3)

FISH & CHIPS\$21.00

Emerson's beer battered F.O.D., lemon, french fries, cabbage slaw & tartar sauce

KIWI BURGER.....\$21.50

180grm beef pattie, streaky bacon, fried egg, melted cheese, beetroot, lettuce, tomato, BBQ sauce, sage & onion marmalade in a toasted bun served with beer battered fries

HAWAIIAN CHICKEN BURGER ... \$21.50

Buttermilk soaked, spiced crispy fried chicken thigh with grilled pineapple rings, streaky bacon, melted cheese, BBQ sauce & aioli in a toasted bun with beer battered fries

STEAK & FRIES\$21.50

180grm rump steak with garlic butter, Elmwood house salad with french fries and tomato sauce

ALL DAY BREAKFAST\$21.50

Streaky bacon, hash browns, grilled tomato, pork sausage, ciabatta toast, 2 eggs cooked your way (scrambled, fried or poached) with sage & onion marmalade

BEEF & GUINESS PIE\$22.50

Diced beef, mushrooms & bacon in a rich Guiness gravy, topped with puff pastry & served with creamy potato mash 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 July, 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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