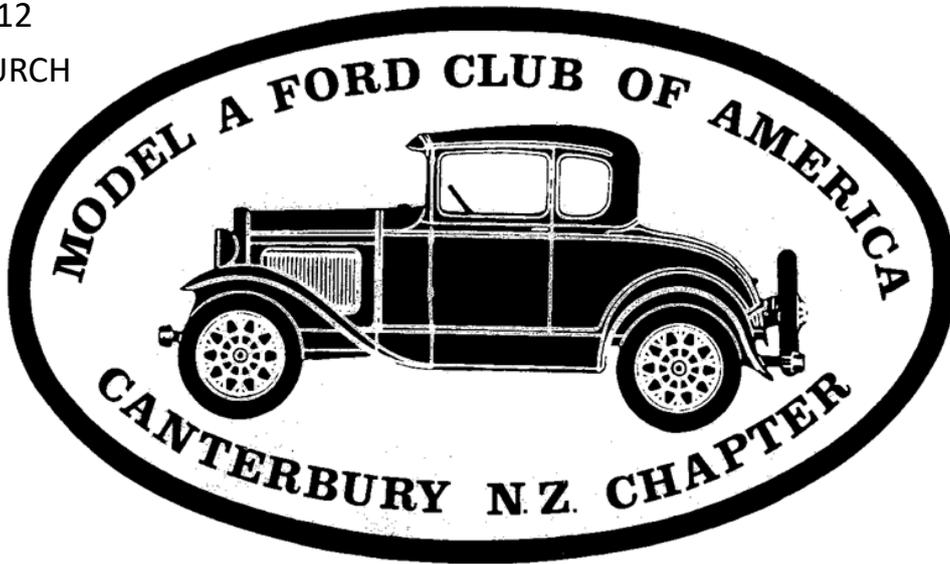


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WEBSITE

Did you know our club has its own Website, type 'Model A Ford club Canterbury' into google. There are a number of pages of interest including all the Scripts from 2014 (able to be downloaded and/or printed), notes on future events as well as market place where free adds for members can be posted. Any questions or suggestions please contact Graeme Scott (webmaster) at 'scotts.belfast@xtra.co.nz'

COVER . Ford A Badge & Grill

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The Club has had another positive month with two runs in our 'A's' where we could get out and enjoy the continuing fine weather.

The short run around town took us to Spencer Park for a picnic lunch and a chance to demonstrate (or otherwise) our skill at petanque. Spencer Park at this time of the year proved popular and that combined with the large 'lake' in the centre of the grounds due to the recent rain meant space was at a premium, however we found a suitable spot and our gaming activities even attracted participation from neighbouring picnickers.

The second event (just held) was our annual Gymkhana that is combined with a preceding rally, the points of each used to determine the winner for the 'Rex Chenery' Trophy that will be awarded at the July AGM.

Sixteen 'A's' lined up at Tower Junction for the start of the rally from where we commenced a very interesting run that not only tested our navigation skills, our ability to observe and answer questions enroute, but also required the ability to accurately count as well. Having finally arrived at the destination where we thought we should be able to relax we were confronted with a collection of 'A' parts that both had to be recognised and then memorised before being asked to recall each item.

After lunch and with our numbers increased by a few more members it was time to demonstrate (or otherwise) our skill at various 'tasks' presented to us. This proved not only challenging but also entertaining for all. I found it especially pleasing to see the participation of two younger (female) drivers who easily managed to show a number of the 'oldies' that age and experience is not always the best combination.

The day was organised by David and Pam Dacombe and the venue for the Gymkhana trials was kindly provided by Lindsay and Annette Painter, my thanks to you all for a wonderful fun day.

Looking forward our next run is an overnight trip to Fairlie to look at two separate collections, the Night Trial in May and a June mid-winter Ball, all of which are detailed elsewhere in the 'Script'.

We are also slowly progressing options for a permanent home for the Club Car and Club property.

Safe driving and enjoy your 'A's' while the weather remains fine and warm.

Graeme Scott

Acting Club Captain

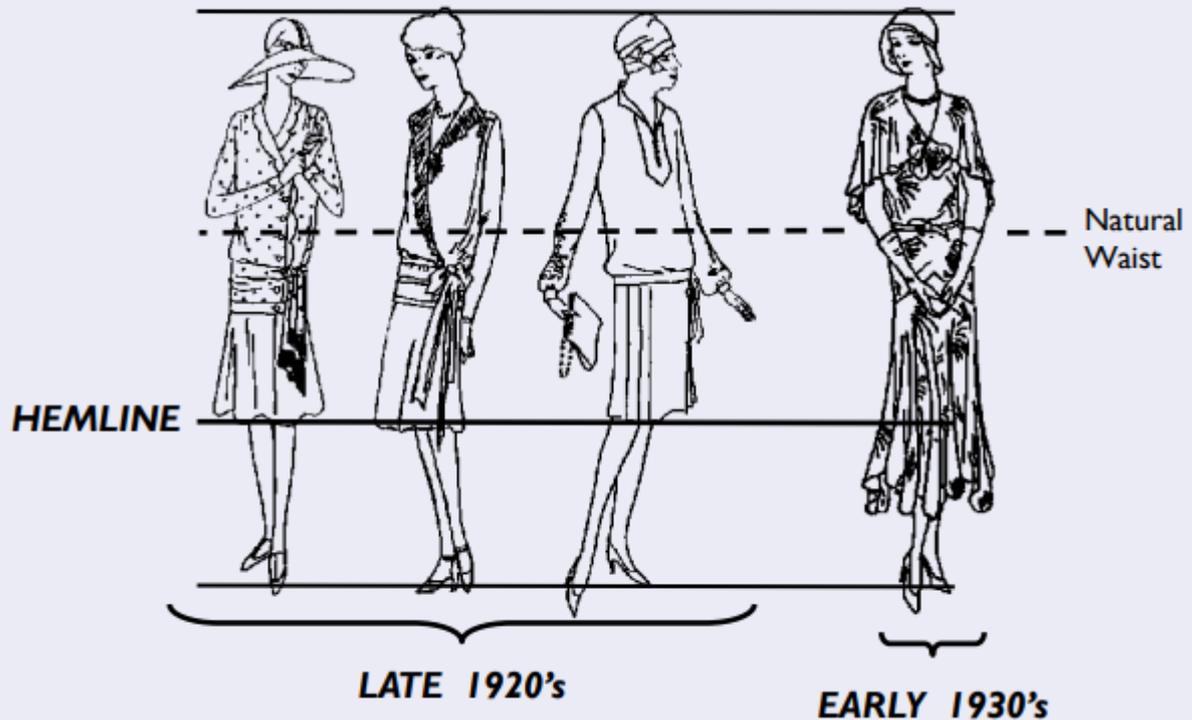


FASHION TIPS

The following Fashion Tip was found in the Aiken Model A's January 2016 Newsletter

Quick Visual Guide to Late 1920's and Early 1930's Day Dresses

by Dotti Shogren



CLUB CAR

Another month with no motoring for the club car

EDITORS NOTE

I would like to remind members that this is your magazine, and articles, photos and members profiles are most welcome.

Send info to email afordscript@gmail.com

Please consider providing the script with your input, any suggestions on anything relating to Model A's.

Regards Graham

PAST EVENTS

Sunday February 25th — DRIVE TO SPENCER PARK

Eleven Model A cars lined up at the Bishopdale Shopping Centre carpark where we were given our direction sheet for the morning drive. Graeme Scott, the day's organiser mentioned that there was to be an easy run, which it almost was. Everyone headed off after 10am and had an enjoyable run around the vast cleared areas of the eastside, older and new housing areas and countryside before arriving at Spencer Park.

A nice picnic spot was found where everyone was happy to enjoy the good company, warm temperatures and their picnic lunch.

Some more members arrived to join in with the group at the Park. It was especially nice to see Janice and Ian White attend too.

The day was completed after a fun game of petanque , no outstanding competitors. Even a neighbouring lady from a birthday party group joined in for a game or two.

Thanks to Graeme Scott for organising a pleasant local day out.

Mary & Gary Smith



Gymkhana Day 18th March 2018.

The coolish wind was no deterrent to the 16 A's and one modern that gathered at Tower Junction to start the run to the gymkhana site. We wove through the back streets of Wigram and Aidanfield before heading out Shands Road way, back through Rolleston and on to Annette and Lindsay's field. The run sheet questions kept most of us on the straight and narrow.

Once at the paddock, the cars lined up, the picnic chairs circled and lunch was unpacked and eaten. The weather warmed up and the wind dropped making for very pleasant conditions.

Now for the gymkhana part of the day. David used his usual subtle whistle to bring all to attention and instructions for the events were given. After some confused chair and table shuffling David managed to have the first activity under way; the passenger balancing a gold tray of five full champagne glasses while the driver negotiated a bumpy tight circle.

Onlookers took notes, compared techniques and felt sure they could do better. The next task, lining up and getting the front wheels on the v shaped rope was not as easy as it looked. The youngest competitor was the most accurate. Then came estimating wheel revolution length. Is it $\pi \times d$ or $\pi \times r$ or may be just π . (What's π ?)

Ask Garth if you are not sure?

Ever tried to park bang on top of a paint tin lid? Thought not. Might pay to practise this before next year's event.

Finally, the blind slalom. The driver wore the blindfold and the navigator gave instructions. How are you supposed to know where straight ahead is if you have a blindfold on? Many navigators seemed to think that being blind also meant being deaf. (Russell, there was no need to shout just cos I couldn't see.)

Perhaps it is a good time to note that if you ever want any advice, head to a Model A Club Gymkhana. There was advice by the gallon, unsolicited, free and all very well intended.

It was lovely to see the Junior cup being keenly competed for, well done those young women. To cap the day off we were shown the huge number of Monarch butterfly caterpillars Annette has on her swan plants. Hundreds of them.

The porta loo provided was by far the very best porta loo I have ever been acquainted with. Thanks for that.

The whole event was great, enjoyed by participants and onlookers. Thanks to Annette and Lindsay for your paddock and hospitality and thanks to Pam and David for a great run and a superb gymkhana.

(How many railway lines did we cross?)

Wendy.



COMING EVENTS

Monday April 16th— Ladies Lunch 12 noon @ The Option Bistro & Wines 158 Hussey Rd,
Please phone Pam 03 313 7341 or Annette 03 342 5247

Saturday April 28th & Sunday April 29th - High Country Weekend at Fairlie

Drive down Friday night, overnight In Fairlie stay Friday & Saturday night.

Organised run and garage visits Saturday am/pm (bring picnic lunch)

meet outside Gladstone Hotel 9:30am

with meal at Hotel Saturday night

Motel accommodation to be individually booked.

Some options include - Aorangi Motel Ph 03 6858340

Pinewood Motel Ph 03 6858599

Please advise Graham if coming., Ph 3515919

Saturday May 26th - Night Trial Barrie to organise

Saturday June 30th - Mid Winter Dance, VCC Barn

Sunday July 29th - AGM. Two Fat Possums, West Melton Village, Weedons Ross Rd

11am meeting with lunch at 12

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Next committee meeting is 7.30pm, **Tuesday 10th April, 2018,**

at Bruce Miles, 17a Studholme St

If you have any matters you would like raised, please contact a committee member before this date.

Technical Tip

Check out these handy MAFCA Model A Technical Tips Q&A's.
http://www.mafca.com/tqa_member_tips.html

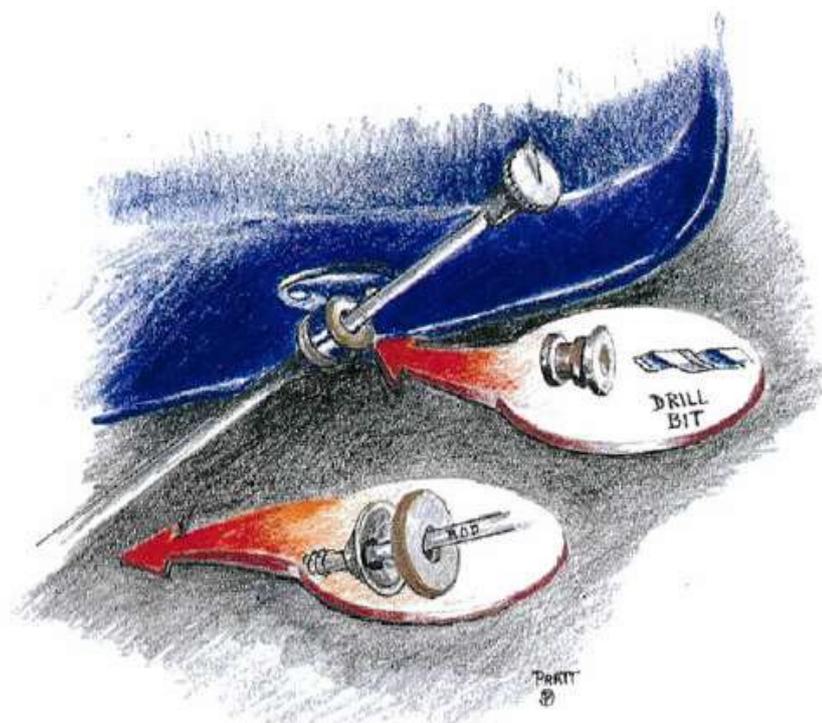
The following tip is taken from "The Restorer May/June 2017

Does your choke rod tend to hang up when you pull it out? It was designed to snap back into place when released. There are several reasons why this inconvenience occurs and each can be corrected quite easily.

Some of the reproduction grommets for the gas tank bracket are made of a rather soft rubber with a hole that is too small. The hole can be drilled larger and with a little talc lubricant, this problem is easily solved.

Most choke rod kits include a grommet for the hole in the firewall. If you have one, remove it and discard it. There should be a leather washer on the engine side with a floorboard screw washer as back-up. An old leather belt should suffice in making the round leather washer.

Making these two changes should make your choke rod operate more smoothly, and MAFCA judges will like it much better.



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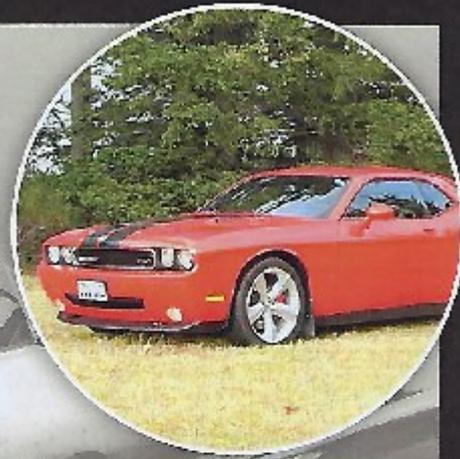


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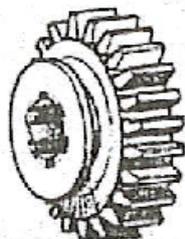
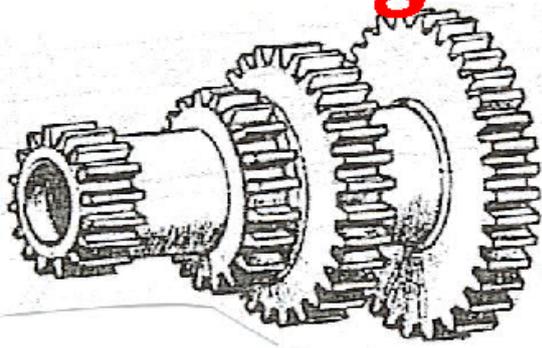
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CLOSING DATE for copy for the next Script is 20 April 2018. Please send to the Editor, Graham Evans afordscript@gmail.com. The views expressed in this magazine are personal opinions of those who contribute and do not necessarily represent the views 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.

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.

CANCELLATIONS : In the event of unsuitable or doubtful weather, cancellations or postponements will be emailed to you. We will be printing the run organiser in the coming events, please feel free to contact them or any of the Club committee members.

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