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Official Newsletter of THE MODEL "A" FORD CLUB OF AMERICA

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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.

COVER: Have a look at this and other amazing cars at <https://balsamanufaktur.blogspot.com>

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Hello to all,

My name is Gerry Lake and I have taken over as the new club captain following the AGM. I first joined the club in the nineties, but my work took me away to Auckland for a few years, returning in 2006 and re-joining the club. I am recently retired having worked in the automotive field all my working life except for a year as a castle caretaker on St Michael's Mount in England.

Along with a change at the helm there has been a change of some committee members. It's fair to say that we now have a larger committee than we have had for a while, but as I see it, it is a good thing that a number of people want to volunteer their time and get on board.

We are needing a new Treasurer as this position has not yet been filled. Brent Miles has kindly agreed to continue in this role while we find a replacement. See the notice on page 4 and see if this might be something you could do.

I would like to personally thank those who have stepped down for their long serving dedication to making our club what it is today. This is no small thing as many in our club have put years of service in various roles and I think that is why our club is as strong as it is.

This year's subs are confirmed as being held at last year's level. of \$35.00, additional \$2.00 for joint membership and an extra \$1 if your family is joining us.

The next event on our club calendar will be on the 20th of August and this will be a combined run with the VCC Daffodil Day event.

September 22-24 is the International Model A Day, this time being held in Richmond Nelson. There are a number from our club that have indicated already that they are planning to go, so it should be a good trip.

Next year's event will be hosted by our club here in Canterbury and preliminary ideas have already been put forward at the first meeting of the new committee.

October 6,7 & 8th is the annual VCC swap meet. This is where we normally have a club car display to advertise our particular brand and model to those who may be interested to find out more. And this year will be no exception with a number of our members displaying their pride and joy. You may also recall that last year our club won a trophy and prize money for the best club display.

October, 15th - a picnic lunch and Gymkhana, something for all to come along and enjoy and have a bit of fun. On behalf of the new committee I welcome ideas, thoughts and suggestions.

Feel free to contact me or any of the committee members

Cheers Gerry

Note from the Editor

Greetings,

I would like to introduce myself as the new Editor. My name is Gill Lake. For those that don't know me , I am Gerry Lake's wife. I have been a member of the Model A club since meeting Gerry in 2010.

The people who receive the printed version of the newsletter will have noticed that the format has changed. There are only 17 newsletters sent out by post each month and the cost of getting these printed into a booklet was climbing steadily. After discussion with a few of the recipients of the booklet it was decided to try the A4 format. Hopefully the A4 version should be easier to read.

I would like to thank Andre for making the transition painless and being there as a back up for me.

NOTICES

Call for a new treasurer: The committee is seeking someone to fill the position of treasurer. Brent Miles has kindly agreed to do this for up to 3 months therefore there will be ample time to train a new treasurer.
If you feel that you could be interested and wish to discuss the position in more detail please phone **Gerry on 0204 112 3717**. There will be ample support in getting to know this position.

Welcome to new members:

- Sam McArthur
- Andrew Olliver

Event Cancellations: In the event of unsuitable or doubtful weather, cancellations or postponements will be emailed to you.

2023/24 Subscriptions: You should have received your annual subscription payment form and information by now.

Please note that you must put your **First and Last Name in the reference when paying online**. It is very difficult for the treasurer to work out where the payment has come from if this is not filled in. It may be that your payment will be considered a donation if this is the case.

Era Clothing Patterns: Would anyone have any patterns that they would be willing to share with other members?
What are people's thoughts regarding keeping a register of patterns that are around?
If anyone has some thoughts about this please contact Gill Lake on 0273346031 or gillcakes95@gmail.com

CLUB CAR REPORT

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 new custodian of the car and looks forward to your call requesting the use of the car.

COMING EVENTS

2023

August 20th

Breakfast Run combined with VCC Daffodil Day Run

Location:

Meet **9am @ Robert Harris Rolleston** for a cuppa and a chat. If you want breakfast you will need to pre-order this. Robert Harris ph: 03 3479000

10am @ Rolleston Park and Ride, beside Selwyn Council Office to depart on THE DAFFODIL DAY RUN.

Suggested donation to the Cancer Society of \$10.

Sept 22nd – 24th

International Model A Day

Location:

Richmond, Nelson: Entry form on **page 6**.

Get a group together and travel to Nelson for a fun weekend away.

Organisers:

Top of the South Model A Ford Club.

Canterbury is to organise this event in 2024 and Kermit has taken the lead role or organising this.

October 6th – 8th

VCC Swap Meet

Club cars for display from 10 to 4pm

Graham Evans, John Olliver, Peter Bayler, Dave Dacombe, Kevin Straw, Brent-Miles, Gerry Lake plus Club car taken by Ken James.

October 15th

Gymkhana and picnic lunch

Location:

875 Waterholes Road, West Melton.

Organiser/s:

Kermit Armstrong 0274370406 and Vaughan Morrison 021660762

November 19th

Christmas Lunch

Run followed by a catered lunch. Venue to be advised.

Organisers:

Annette and Lindsay Painter 027 644 7892

December 6th

Children's Christmas Party

Bring your own tea. Santa will be there with a gift for children 10 years and under.

Location:

To be advised.

2024 January 28th

Era Picnic

Location:

Murray and Wendy Marshall's farm.

INTERNATIONAL MODEL A DAY 2023

TOP OF THE SOUTH MODEL A CLUB INC.

INTERNATIONAL MODEL A DAY 2023

RALLY REGISTRATION FORM

LIMITED TO FIRST 50 CARS

EVENT DATES : Friday 22nd September : Registration and noggin n' natter.
 Saturday 23rd September : Rally event and dinner
 Sunday 24th September : Breakfast, local attractions & farewell
Note : Final close off date for your entry is Friday 8th September 2023

DRIVER :		
Phone :	Email:	Mobile :
Address :		
Suburb :	City :	Post Code :
PASSENGER INFORMATION.		
Navigators name :		
<u>Passenger name(s).</u>		
VEHICLE INFORMATION		
Vehicle Body Type :	Year :	
Registration Number :		
Membership of which Model A Club (if applicable) :		

ENTRY FEES.

Vehicle and Driver	Includes vehicle entry (\$20) & drivers rally dinner	\$ 55	
Navigator	Rally dinner	\$ 35	
Passengers / Supporters	Rally dinner per each	\$ 35	

Your total entry costs are \$ _____.

Please note that no meal refunds will be available if cancelled after 8th September

Sunday breakfast -venue to be confirmed.	Indicative numbers only, for catering =
<u>Note</u> : this event will be pay as you go.	

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Internet banking number : 03 0751 0018885 000	Reference is your Name and Phone Number.
Completed entry form may be Emailed to : john.herd@actrix.co.nz	
Or Post to : 111 Wakefield - Kohatu Highway. RD 1. Wakefield 7095	

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**WE LOOK FORWARD TO HOSTING YOU FOR THIS LOW KEY FUN WEEKEND
 CELEBRATING THE MODEL A FORD**

INTERNATIONAL MODEL A DAY 2023

INTERNATIONAL MODEL A DAY 2023.

Hosted by The Top of the South Model A Ford Club (Inc.)

This event is to be based in Richmond, Tasman District.

Weekend plan.

Friday 22nd September.

From 5.00 pm

Registration meet & greet at the Nelson VCC Clubrooms which are located within the grounds of the Nelson Speedway Association, on the corner of Lower Queen Street and Lansdowne Road, Richmond. Light snacks will be available. Refreshments will be BYO. There are numerous dining facilities available within Richmond should you wish to dine out following registration.

Saturday 23rd.

Assembly time here from 9.00 am

The Rally event will be centred around the Tasman District. The departure point will be the Nelson VCC Clubrooms with a 10 am departure.

Provide own lunch for the day, however our designated lunch stop will have a café facility on site providing tea/coffee and light snacks. Our designated route will take us past a popular local bakery located just prior to our lunch stop. Toilets are available at our lunch stop.

The evening Rally dinner will be held at the Waimea Club, Lower Queen Street, Richmond. Assemble at venue from 6.00pm.

Sunday 24th.

For those who may wish to partake, we are looking to hold a farewell breakfast. Venue details to be confirmed. This would be a pay as you go event.

Please arrange your own accommodation. Some suggestions within the Richmond area are:

Richmond Motel and Holiday Park. 29 Gladstone Road, Richmond

Gladstone Motel. Richmond.

Oxford Court Motel. 73 Oxford Street, Richmond.

Saxton Lodge. 103 Saxton Road East, Stoke.

You will be advised in due course of final details and / or possible changes to the planned events for this weekend should they arise.

PAST EVENTS

AGM:

The AGM was held on the 16th July at The Elmwood Trading Co. It was well attended and many enjoyed a meal afterwards.

The election of officers and committee resulted in a few changes with Gerry Lake taking over from Lyn Miles as Club Captain and John Olliver taking over from Gerry Lake as Vice Captain.

Russell Genet will remain in the secretary role.

Brent Miles has kindly agreed to remain in the role of Treasurer for up to three months until this role has been filled.

Sandra Olliver will remain as Facebook Page Co-ordinator and Kevin Straw as Webmaster

Gill Lake has taken over the Script Editor position from Andre.

The following prizes were awarded:

- Lynton Withell Cup for Attendance: Peter Bayler
- Avon City Ford Trophy (Night Trial): Kayleen and Dean Yeoman
- Rex Chennery Trophy for Gymkhana: Peter Bayler
- Brian Dixon Cup for Ladies Gymkhana: Wendy Marshall
- Rosalie Bayler Memorial Era Picnic: Frances and Robin Schulz
- Mark and Debbie Smith Club Captains Award: Andre Kraenzlin
- MAFCA Ladies Fashion: Sandra Olliver
- MAFCA Men's Fashion: John Olliver
- MAFCA Concours Cup: Garth Moore
- Best Vehicle and Fashion: Anne and Graeme Evans



Lynn Miles with :
Peter Bayler



Wendy Marshall



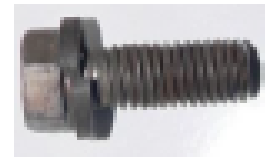
Anne and Graham Evans

It's all nuts, bolts and screws.

Your Model 'A' is literally held together with nuts, bolts and screws of differing thread types and lengths.

Authentically Speaking

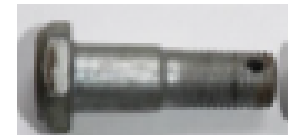
The coarse threads (UNC) are found mostly in castings, such as exterior engine components and fastening bolt examples are - tappet cover, (pictured) bellhousing, sump, cylinder head studs into the block etc.



UNC stands for 'Unified Coarse' and is the most commonly used thread type in the USA. UNC fixings are often used within the motor industry because of their strong coarse threads.

The thread is deeper and more generic than that of a fine thread and allows for easy removal, whilst they also have a higher tolerance for manufacturing and plating.

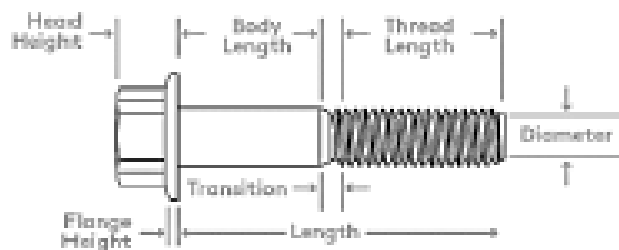
The fine threads (UNF) are found mostly in steel or cast steel components and fastening examples are cylinder head stud top threads, rear radius rod bolts (pictured), body block mounting bolts, shock absorber arm mounting etc.



UNF stands for 'Unified Fine', which is also a popular thread in the USA.

UNF fixings are often used in the automotive industry because of the requirement for tight, fine threads. UNF fasteners are typically made from steel or stainless steel. Features include better torque locking and load carrying ability than UNC, with a more specific fit and tighter tolerance.

How a bolt size, length and thread are displayed.



Open car door hinge to door.

Screws also are found with coarse and fine threads, (UNF and UNC) where each thread type has a specific usage and, in some cases, a specific head shape and drive type are used. For example, your Model 'A' will have Robertson UNF screws holding the dash panel in place. Other examples of Robertson screws are found randomly throughout the vehicle with not all Model 'A's having them in the same position. An example of this is open car door hinge screws (above right). Some were Robertson square drive head and some were slotted drive. Pictured.



Dash to tank.



Open car door hinge to body.



Top.

Bottom.

All thread types coarse and fine are counted by the number of threads per inch. (Sorry, no metric stuff here). Coarse threads will obviously have less threads per inch and vice versa. Threads are



measured with a thread gauge as pictured, where the bolt, nut or screw thread is compared to one of the threads on the gauge. When an exact match is found the gauge literally falls into the thread for an exact fit and the gauge will indicate the number of threads per inch or tpi. Nuts. Some well machined nuts will have a top and bottom to the nut as the cylinder head stud nuts pictured at top right. Nuts come in various types and are usually hexagonal. Some are square and some castellated all with differing thread types depending on their usage.

L.P.

Tidbits and Quizz

if anyone has some before and after photos of their restorations I'm sure others in the club would love to see them. Here are a couple from the US for inspiration

1928 Special Coupe owned by Jim and Christine Morris, Newfield, NY



1978



2005



Before/After - James Karris - 1930 Deluxe Roadster

Model A Ford Quizz (Part 1)

1. What date was the Model A first produced (other than the previous model that had used the name in 1903 -04)?
2. However, it was not introduced until what date?
3. This new Model A was designated a 1928 model and was available in how many standard colours and what were they?
4. By February 4, 1929 how many Model As had been sold?
5. And by July 24, how many?

Answers on page 15

EDSEL BRYANT FORD BIOGRAPHY

A brief look at the life of Edsel Bryant Ford, highlighting his lifetime love of design and innovation.

Edsel Bryant Ford was born on November 6, 1893 in [Detroit](#), Michigan, as the only child of Clara (Bryant) and Henry Ford. He was just six weeks old when his father tested the first Ford engine in their kitchen at 58 Bagley Avenue, and only 2 ½ when he rode in his father's first successful car – the Quadricycle.

As a young boy, Edsel was interested in the styling and making of automobiles. It is no accident that his first design sketches were created in 1903, the year Ford Motor Company was founded. During his years at the Detroit University School, Edsel wrote essays on automobiles and automobile manufacturing. After hours, he visited Ford's Highland Park assembly plant where he helped in the main office, the mailroom, and learned how cars were made.

At the age of 12, Edsel had his own Model N runabout. His imagination and styling ability were not satisfied with the design of these early cars. He started out to civilize automobiles with his ideal of comfort, grace, and beauty, which he expressed in a series of personally designed cars. One of these became the famous Model T torpedo runabout. After completing his studies at Detroit University School in 1912, Edsel joined Ford Motor Company, where he could learn more about automobile manufacture as an apprentice. In 1915, he was elected secretary of the Company, and in 1917, vice president. From the beginning, he assumed responsibility for the business side of the Company – sales, purchasing, advertising, and the numerous details of the daily routine.

In 1916, Edsel married Eleanor Lowthian Clay, whom he met at a dance years before. Together they had four children: Henry II (1917), Benson (1919), Josephine Clay (1923), and William Clay (1925). The couple first lived in the Indian Village neighborhood of Detroit, and later settled in their Albert Kahn-designed estate at Gaukler Point in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Henry Ford resigned as president of Ford Motor Company in 1918, amid a clash with the other stockholders over global expansion. Edsel was elected president in January of 1919, and he began negotiations for the purchase of all shares of minority stock in the Company. By July of the same year, the Ford family were sole owners of Ford Motor Company and plans for the rapid global expansion moved forward.

In 1922, the Fords purchased the Lincoln Motor Company, which Edsel would use to build cars that were as stylish as they were useful. Henry Ford had made the most popular car in the world, but Edsel wanted to make the best car in the world. The first Lincoln Continental, which he designed with E.T. Gregorie, is still widely regarded as one of the most elegant automobiles ever made. Architect Frank Lloyd Wright considered “the most beautiful car in the world” and bought two.



Edsel and Eleanor Ford with a Lincoln car.

EDSEL BRYANT FORD BIOGRAPHY

Edsel's product influence did not end with Lincoln. Changes in later Model Ts included curved surfaces, smoother lines, and the availability of colors other than black. The Model A, introduced in 1927, was Edsel's in color, style, and trim. He is credited with the installation of hydraulic brakes on Ford cars, and later, with interesting his father in building a six-cylinder engine to sell alongside the V-8. He also brought about the development of safety glass in 1926, which became a feature of the Model A in 1927. His recognition that the medium-priced market was largely untapped by Ford Motor Company led to the creation of the Mercury Division in 1938.

Edsel was also interested in aircraft travel. He purchased the Stout Metal Aircraft Company to produce the Ford Tri-Motor airplane, and directed the creation of a conveyor system for mass-production of bombers for WWII. He also gave financial support to Admiral Richard Byrd's pioneering flights over the North Pole in 1926 and the South Pole in 1929.

A supporter of the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA), and member of its Board of Trustees, Edsel commissioned artist Diego Rivera to create murals for the courtyard of the museum. Though originally mired in controversy, the resulting Detroit Industry fresco panels are thought to be the best work of the artist's career. Edsel and Eleanor Ford also donated many priceless works of art from around the world to the DIA, as well as supported the museum through financial donations.

Edsel Ford died of stomach cancer at the age of 49, in May of 1943, at Gaukler Point, with his wife Eleanor by his side. Henry Ford ordered all of Ford Motor Company to shut down and observe a moment of respectful silence the day his only child was laid to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit.



Henry and Edsel Ford in 1943.

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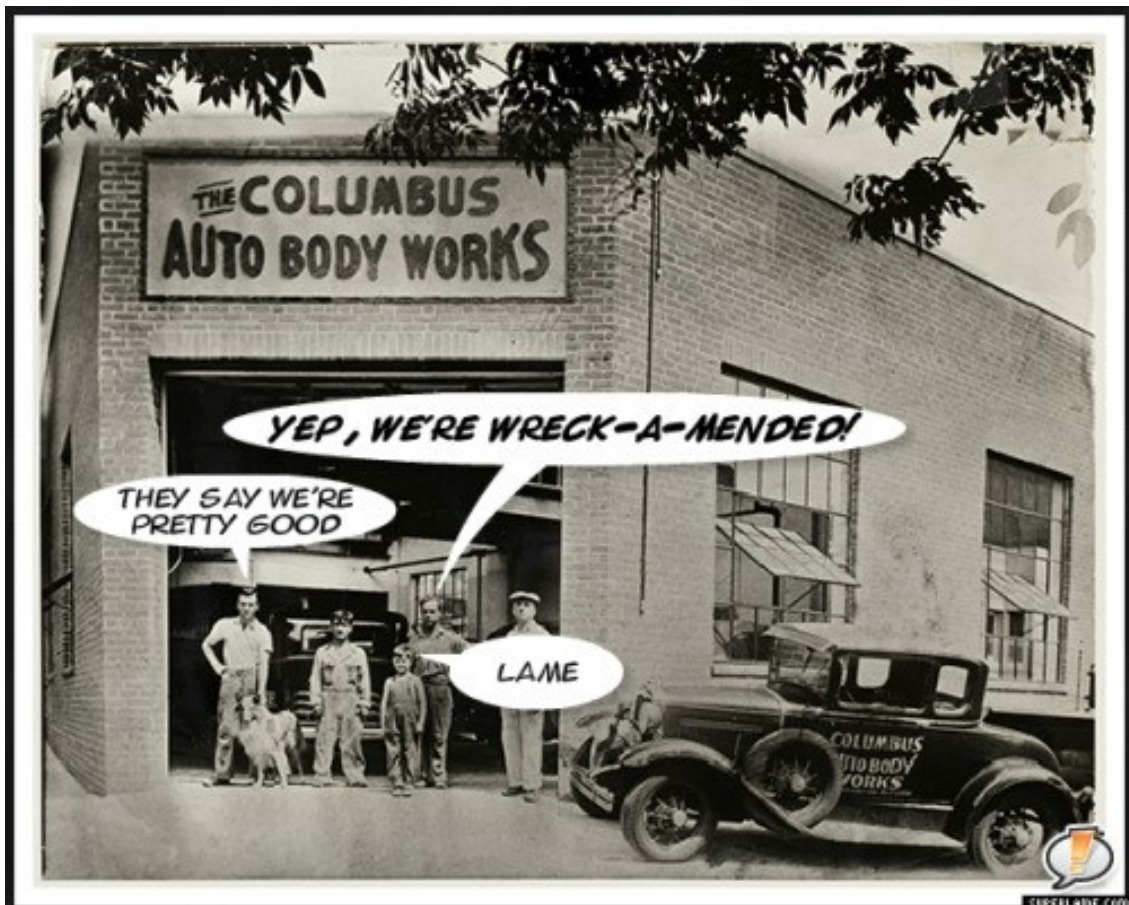
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Contact Graham Evans 351 5919 or 027 320 7948



SCRIPT CLOSING DATE

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 August 2023**. Please send to the Editor:
afordscript@gmail.com.

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Quiz Answers:

1. October 20th, 1927.
2. December 2nd, 1927.
3. Four. Andalusite Blue, Balsam Green, Bonnie Gray and black.
4. 1 Million.
5. 2 Million



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