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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 ads for members can be posted. Any questions or suggestions please contact Graeme Scott (webmaster) at 'scotts.belfast@xtra.co.nz'

COVER. Peter Bayler & Collene Rillstone at the Era Picnic

CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

Club Captains Report Script Jan/Feb 2020

Another decade has been and gone and we can now look forward to what hopefully will be a safe and enjoyable year of motoring and friendship within our Club.

The year started well with a very good turn out to our annual Concours Era Dress Picnic held at the Tai Tapu Domain. As we had no entries for the Concours events, these trophies will not be awarded at this year's AGM, however our 'Era picnic setting' and 'Concours vehicle and fashion' were judged. With the weather gods being kind to us and the domain itself proving to be an excellent setting it was pleasing not only to have such a good turnout but also that we were joined by some new faces as well as some who are not able to join us on a regular basis.

Next months activity is our annual gymkhana. This event is always a lot of fun with a rally leading to the venue where we hold a series of events as much to entertain as to test the skill of the participants. The overall winner being awarded the Rex Chenery Memorial Trophy at the AGM.

During March we have a trip away for a weekend in Geraldine (details and entry forms in this and previous Scripts). My thanks to Russell and Wendy Genet who have put a considerable amount of time into organising this for us.

As can be seen a variety of activities available for each of you to be part of (particularly while the weather is warm and fine), and enjoy not only driving your A's but the company and friendship of other Cub members, which after all determines the Club's success and sustainability.

Safe and enjoyable motoring.

Graeme Scott

Club Captain

Model A Club Concours & Era Picnic 26th January 2020

40 individuals turned up to Rhodes Domain, Tai Tapu, for a beautiful Sunday Picnic, along with 16 Model A's and 2 moderns.

It was pleasing to see several new Model A'ers joining us for the first fixture of 2020.

On the good will of Rhodes in 1921 this domain was gifted to the people and now sits with a new Community Centre (at the cost of \$8 million). Tennis Courts, Bowls and the most popular 9 hole Golf Course in New Zealand.

The early Model Aers picked a lovely sheltered spot, under the shade of trees, this area turned out to be very popular, as we were joined by the Wolsey Car Club and some VCC Veterans, which made an attractive setting.



It was great to see Graeme Tucker and family, also Max Duncan & Tom Stevens and their wives joining us.

After a picnic lunch and a catch up, we all relaxed under the shade of the sheltering trees.

Backfiring Conditions:

Backfiring under load (throttle wide open at relatively low rpms) often indicates a problem in electrical/ignition/timing.

Culprits include:

Insufficient point gap (should be set at .018 to .020)
Timing
Bad condenser
Bad distributor body
Frayed wire between upper plate and lower plate on the distributor
Intermittent connection of the ignition switch

Backfiring with no-load (example: shifting between gears and coasting downhill). Often indicates too little fuel in combustion chamber for proper ignition. (During the exhaust stroke, raw gas is expelled into the muffler where it ignites)

Culprits include:

GAV adjusted to lean
Intake vacuum leak
Low carburetor float

Backfiring around 45 mph indicates insufficient fuel to supply the carburetor
Clog in shut off valve
Gas line inserted too far into carburetor (adjust ferrule 3/32 of an inch or less)

Tip:

A quick and easy method to clear debris from the carburetor jets is to race the engine with the throttle rod, while simultaneously using your hand to pop the carburetor by covering the intake throat, keep removing your hand before it dies. This action creates a suction that usually dislodges debris from the carburetor jets.

STIFF STEERING.

If grease in the steering box is not causing the problem, another common cause of stiff steering is improperly shimmed spindle bearings. The replacement bearings are too thin and must be shimmed to the axle. If they are not, the weight of the car bears on the edges of the seal cups below the king pin, not the spindle bearing on top. To test it, see if you can rotate the bearing with the wheels on the ground.

Properly set up, the bearings should rotate when the car is on stands with the wheels free, and not with the wheels on the ground. If the bearings turn by hand with weight on them, they need to be shimmed.

Worn spindle balls also contribute to hard steering. If they are rough they create friction against the cups, and if they are egg shaped more than about .020, they will compress the tie rod and drag link end springs as you steer, adding to the effort required.

Yet another is the novice who tries to tighten the slop in the worm/sector gears by tightening the forward and back lash in the worm gear. The obvious locknut and bolt atop the box adjusts the fore and aft lash. It should be just to the point of no slop, not tight. But not knowing that, many people in the past have tightened it so far that the bearing races crack, creating drag on the worm gear. You can feel bad races as a crunching or grinding feel in the steering as you turn the wheel back and forth. Not much you can do about that but rebuild the box. A slight loosening of that bolt should create back and forth movement if you grab the steering wheel and push/pull it. If it takes a lot of loosening to get play in it, then someone tightened it too far once. It should be set just at the point where the play stops, and no further.

Less common is too little caster. On a stock Ford with original radius ball cups this is unusual, but I have been told of some mighty weird radius ball hangers. One had the ball stuffed up inside the hole in the flywheel housing with the upper cap inverted and tightened hard against the bottom of the ball with no springs or spacers. That would have eliminated the caster.

Headnut.



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CLUB CAR REPORT

The car was used to transport a Granddaughter to her High School Formal.

If you have your car unserviceable for a run, you can book the car by calling

Graham on 3515919 or 0273207948

Geraldine Weekend 13th 14th 15th March 2020

Programme

Friday 13th March evening.

Meet and Greet from 6.00 pm at Village Inn Hotel 41 Talbot Street, Geraldine (Range of mid price meals available, snacks, tea coffee) Order and pay there.

Menu link <http://www.villageinn.co.nz/images/documents/VILLAGE-Inn-Dinner-Menu-190627.pdf>

Saturday 14th.

9.00 am start, short run to Peel Forest. Meeting Mr John Acland for talk on Peel Forest history at the Green Man Café, range of coffee and cabinet food available.

Followed by run up Mesopotamia Valley. Lunch stop on the way. BYO lunch.

Saturday evening. From 6.00pm. Evening meal at Geraldine bowling Club. 45 Wright Street, cost \$35pp, which is walking distance from most places in Geraldine. Set menu, bar available.

There will probably be bowling club members there initially to chat to or help you with a “roll up” if you are interested. (This catering is a small profit fund raiser for the club)

Sunday.

9.15 start. Visit to Lillia’s Lace Museum. (In the town). Cost \$5.00 pp to be paid to Russell before visit please.

This is close by the car museum if anyone prefers that option.

Followed by a run to a shed visit. Lunch at the shed, BYO lunch then make your own way home.

There are a number of cafes in Geraldine to purchase lunch and supermarket hours are Saturday 7.00am -8.00 Sunday 7.00am-8.00pm

This includes the Saturday evening meal and donation to Mr Acland for upkeep etc of Mt Peel Church. (Bar available at evening meal)

For anyone interested in patchwork, the Geraldine Group is holding an at home camp in the St Johns Hall. Anyone welcome, from popping in to staying all day. Approx hours 9.00 am to 9.00pm.

If you are interested in joining them for an extended visit, contact me and I will give you the lady’s contact.

Please ring Russell or committee member with questions.

Russell Genet Ph 3299065 trip organiser.

CANTERBURY MODEL A CLUB INC

Geraldine Weekend

13th – 15th March 2020

REGISTRATION FORM

Driver:		
Passengers:		
Address:		
E-mail address:		
Phone number:	Mobile:	
Vehicle Body type	Registration No:	Year:

Saturday Day visit to Peel Forest	\$5.00 per person	\$ _____
Saturday Dinner	\$35.00 per person	\$ _____
Sunday Lace Visit optional \$5.00 to pay on the day		
		TOTAL \$ _____

PLEASE ADVISE ANY DIETARY NEEDS

Method of payment

Internet Banking number: 06-0805-0018320-000 Reference: Surname & Rego Number

E-mail form to: rwgenet@gmail.com

Cheque: Post to: Canterbury Model A Club, PO Box 4212, Christchurch 8140

Rally Director: Russell Genet – Phone: 03 3299065 or 027 6068550

COMING EVENTS

2020

February 16th Gymkhana. Meet at Bishopdale carpark 9:30am

March 13-14-15th Weekend in Geraldine (Refer details page 7 & 8)

April 19th Local Run

May 23rd Breakfast Run

June 20th Mid-Winter Dance

July 26th AGM

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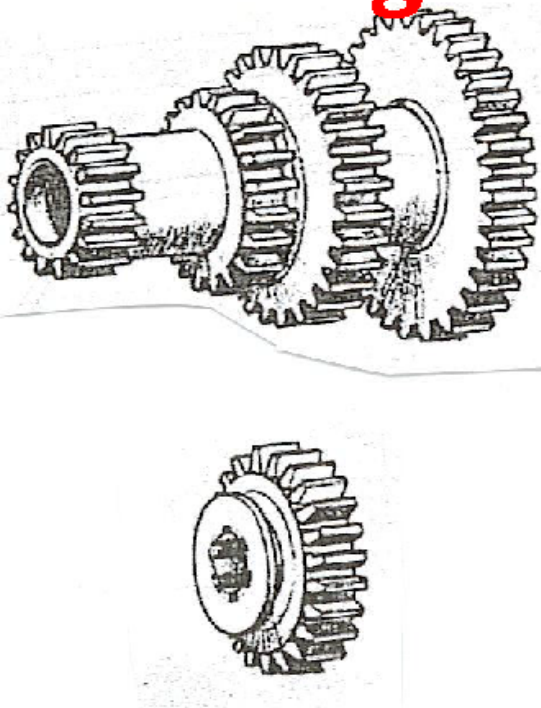
1930 Model A a straight chassis

Phone Vaughan Morrison Ph 021660762

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.

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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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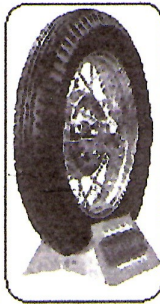
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