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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. Any questions or suggestions please contact Graeme Scott (webmaster) at 'scotts.belfast.nz@gmail.com'

COVER. Brent & Lyn Miles - January Era Picnic

CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

Hi Folks

I trust everyone had a lovely Christmas and you are all looking forward to getting out in your Model A's for a bit of motoring and hopefully the weather will be kind to us.

We have had our first event for the year, our Era Picnic which was held at Selwyn Huts. It was pleasing to see eleven Model A's plus others in modern vehicles. There were some lovely Era Picnic settings. Thank you Graham & Anne Evans for organising some fun events, that got everyone involved.

The Club has been invited to see Daniel Smith's vehicle collection on Friday 12th February. He is hosting the Model T rally the same day, so we are all welcome. Please contact me if you haven't already done so are intending to come, as we need an idea of numbers.

Sunday 14th February is our run for the Gymkhana, starting at the Peg Hotel at Belfast at 9.30am. We are going to Andy Fox's. He has an interesting collection of vehicles and memorabilia.

Hopefully all those heading to Gisborne for the National Meet are getting their Model A's ready.

Looking forward to catching up with everyone.

Happy Motoring

David

2021

COMING EVENTS

February 12th **Visit to Daniel Smiths (see note further down this page)**

February 14th **Run and Gymkhana for Rex Chenery Trophy .**

Venue Andy Fox's Farm

Meet at the Belfast Peg Hotel 9:30am

March 7th **Hubley Race Practice**

March 28th—April 8th **National Meet in Gisborne**

For those who are going to the National, the committee is gathering the names and dates, to help with contacts for when commuting, please contact Graham 0273207948 with your travel details

April 18th **High Country Run**

May **Night Trial**

June **Mid Winter Function**

Visit to Daniel Smiths Vehicle Collection

Friday 12th February 2021 – 10am

Directions for travelling out from Christchurch

After crossing the Waimakarari Motorway bridge, take 3rd exit onto Lineside Road towards Rangiora

Left at McDonalds corner into Flaxton Road (which is one way south only at present due to road works)

Right into Kingsford Smith Drive and park at end of road.

Please phone David to advise if you are going, if you haven't already done so.

03 3137341 or 021 1374253

Past Events— January 31st— Era Picnic 2020 Run

This event saw some motorists gather for a coffee in Lincoln prior to travelling to the picnic, while others made their way directly to the Selwyn Huts Domain.

We gathered at the north end of the domain sheltered from the North easterly behind the shelter of a macarcarpa hedge.

11 Model As and 3 moderns joined the group and set up for lunch.

Following lunch we enjoyed the completion of a few games, every one appeared to enjoy this activity.

We remained as a group in the domain until around 4pm.





Upper Selwyn Huts History

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Trout were released into the Selwyn River in 1871. In 1888 a “fishing box” was built near the mouth, several others followed suit. On 14 June 1889, W. H. Spackman, a barrister and solicitor and chairman of the Canterbury Angling Society, wrote to the Commissioner of Crown Lands seeking the lease of 20 acres of Reserve 959, along the bank of the Selwyn, as a camping ground for anglers. Fishermen were also in need of a fenced area in which to tether their horses. The Commissioner advised that area sought was under lease until 28 February 1890.

By 1890, there were eight small huts on the reserve. Between 1891 and 1895, there was ongoing discussions between the commissioner and the society on the need to permanently secure a reserve for the use of anglers. This paid off when , on 22 March 1895. Reserve 3048 was gazetted as a public recreation ground, to be known as the “Lake Ellesmere Recreation Ground” . Five acres were set aside as fishing settlement, with a balance of fifteen acres becoming public domain.

The Selwyn Hut settlement now consists of 96 batches of which nearly 100 residents call this their permanent home.



Hut 47 Bruce Ave Selwyn Huts



THE CONDENSER? WHAT DOES IT DO?

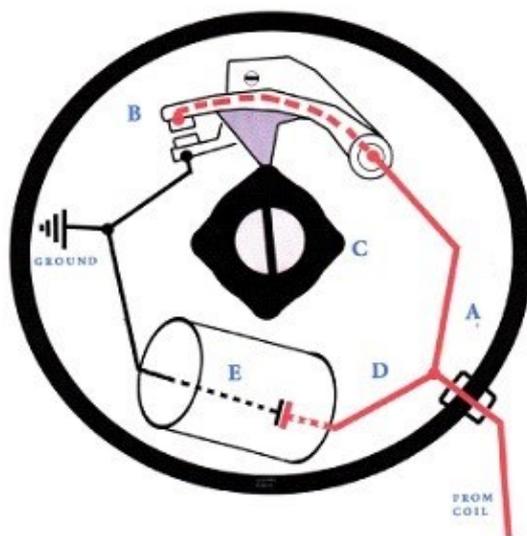
(Always have a spare, it really is that important) So many Model A ignition problems seem to involve that little “condenser” thing in the distributor. Ever wondered just what it actually does. You may have heard tales about this item but what does it really do? They say it protects the points, but how does it do that. That is the question! Henry placed it in the bottom of the distributor but a later replacement from the 1970's Ford V8 is mounted on the upper plate of the distributor. The function is the same. Where ever it is mounted that small cylindrical little aluminium tube thing still does its job the same way. Here is a drawing that illustrates exactly how the condenser works. This drawing actually shows the condenser mounted on the upper plate of the distributor.

When the distributor cam (C) rotates with the engine, the points (B) are switched open, breaking that current flow. The voltage across the points as they are opening is sufficient to cause arcing which damages/burns the points. Only after the points are fully open is this not an issue. As the cam (C) is opening the points the resistance for the current increases sharply. The current now takes the easier path (D), to the condenser (E). The condenser is designed to store a voltage charge.

Thus, it accepts the current, storing the charge, preventing arcing at the points. Now as the cycle is complete for one cylinder and the cam rotation (C) continues, the points (B) close again, the condenser (E), being fully charged from the previous cycle, is ready to complement the next cycle of the cam (C). This whole process occurs in rapid succession as the engine turns and the distributor rotates, providing the high voltage from the coil to the spark plugs.

The condenser (E) is connected across the points (B). When the points are closed (shown open in drawing) the current from the coil enters at (A/D) through the points (B) to ground, thus activating the coil. The condenser is such a small little part but so very important for the life of the points and the health of the ignition system. Always use quality ignition parts. The condenser is just a small electronic shock absorber that takes a charge and holds it.

Headnut.



Gisborne Rally 2021 Registration Form (late penalty fee applies)

Registration Forms, along with a Merchandise Order Form, Indemnity Form and Judging Form. Have been sent out.

These do need to be completed in their entirety and returned before January 31 2021. There will be a late entry fee of \$100 after this date. FUNCTIONS: We will be having three main evening functions. Mr Graham Williams will be our MC for all evening functions and we thank him for coming onboard and jollying the nights along. WELCOME EVENING - Monday 29 March. The Rally will be officially opened by Gisborne's Mayor Rehette Stoltz followed by a Waiata and Kapa Haka Performance by one of the local schools. A three-course buffet meal will commence after this performance along with a cash bar.

Attire for this evening is smart casual. HOE DOWN - Wednesday 31 March. With Gisborne being known for its laidback country lifestyle, it seemed appropriate to include a Hoe Down. This will be a fun packed evening with variety and entertainment. We ask that you wear your country outfits and help create a fun down to earth atmosphere. There will be a three-course buffet meal and cash bar. There may also be a few surprises!! FAREWELL & AWARDS NIGHT - Saturday 03 April. A night where we can all join to celebrate a week of full-on activity and another National Rally under our belts. Celebrate the winners and encourage those that did not quite make it this time. A three-course buffet meal will be served, a cash bar available and entertainment also. Era costume would be preferred but not essential.

The cut-off date is January 31st 2021, after this date there will be a late fee charged of \$100. If you do pay your monies and we end up having to cancel the event due to COVID-19 all your monies will be refunded. If anyone has questions please do not hesitate to contact one of the team and we will be sure to assist.

MERCHANDISE: All our merchandise is being supplied by Robert Embroideries from Palmerston North. Nicky Robert has been amazing to deal with and we thank her for all the work she has done in bringing this selection to you. They have also embroidered our Rally badges which are on sale for \$20. The folding bamboo table was added as a bonus as these small tables are ideal for carrying around in the car, easy to fold away and pack into the pouch. The table will have the Rally logo etched onto the top as a reminder of this great wine loving district.

ACCOMMODATION: This is a reminder that if you are attending the rally please do not delay booking your accommodation. This is your responsibility and we wouldn't want you to miss out because you couldn't find a bed. If any participants do encounter issues please contact us so we can try to assist.

For official form please contact:

Karen Thomas Secretary 15th National Model A Ford Rally Gisborne 2021 Organising Committee – David Mossman, 0272 350 444; Rob Brown, 027 474 5726; Errol McAlpine, 027 454 3983; Tony Bartlett, 027 272 5648; Karen Thomas, 027 419 0191; Kristina Rarere 022 367 5776 or email gisbornemodelafordrally@gmail.com

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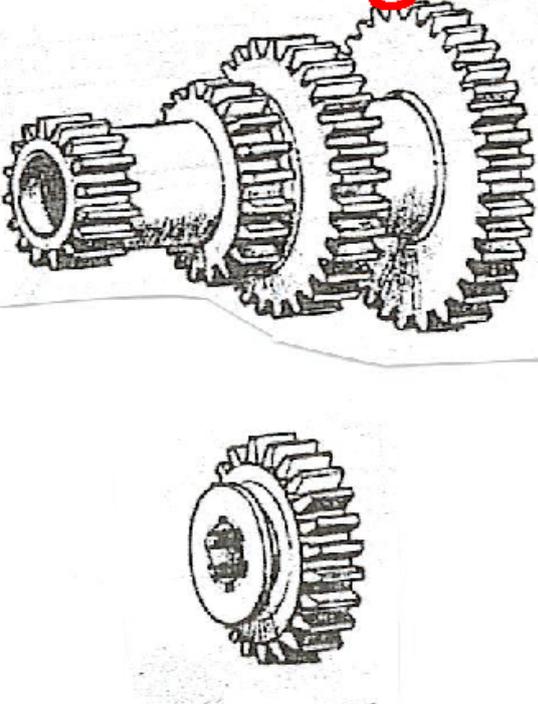
If you have your car unserviceable for a run, you can book the car by calling

Graham on 3515919 or 0273207948

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 20 November 2020. 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.

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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 have printed the annual run organiser for the coming events in this script.

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