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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: Children's Christmas Picnic

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Welcome to the new year and all of the excitement that your Model A will bring.

For our first meeting for the year it would be great to see you in the spirit of this event on Sunday 12 February, and get dressed in era clothing - as well as to bring out an era picnic. Judging will take place for the Rosalie Bayler Memorial Trophy plus the best dressed car plus couple. See further details over the page.

This, of course, will be an excellent practice for your era dress for the 2023 National Rally in Methven 4 – 10 March. The numbers are looking really great with Model A's from all over our country. There are also members attending from Australia, Great Britain and Canada. The entries will be closed by the time you receive The Script, so hopefully we have a really good number from our Canterbury membership. You will not get it closer for at least another 4 years.

Further activities for the year have not been decided as many of your committee are involved on The Rally committee and we made the decision not to pursue further club activities until after The Rally is completed. I'm sure that you will have something to interest all of you for the rest of the year. However, if there is anyone who has a good idea of some place that they have always wished to visit, then please contact me and we shall make the arrangements.

Kind regards.

Lyn

COMING EVENTS

2023

February 12th

ERA PICNIC AND DRESS

Starting Location:

9:30 at Classic Workshop, 1014 Ferry Road, Ferrymead.
10.45 Leave for Waitahuna, Governor's Bay, to Gavin Bain's car collection and beautiful gardens, where we will picnic.

Bring:

Era picnic lunch and wear Era clothing

Attendance:

Please advise Lyn Miles mileslyn6@gmail.com or 027 228 6292
by Wednesday 8th February.

It would be great to see you get into the spirit of this event, and get dressed in era clothing and bring out an era picnic too. Judging will take place and the Rosalie Bayler Cup to be awarded.

Further events for the year will be decided at our committee meeting in February. If anyone would like to add any interesting ideas that they would like to see us offer to our members for this year, please contact Lyn or Brent

COMING EVENTS

ALL FORD DAY

SUNDAY, 19th February 2023

Open to the public from 10AM – 2.30PM

AIR FORCE MUSEUM OF NZ GROUNDS, WIGRAM

Refreshments available on the day include a Selection of
Food & Drink, Ice cream & Barista Coffee

- Raffles
- Flying Display
- Inter-Club Challenge
- Prize Giving
- Trade Displays



Admission:

Exhibitors: \$5.00 per car

Spectators: \$5.00 per Person or \$10.00 a carload

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SATURDAY, 18th February 2023
organized car run, meeting at 4pm
for 4.15pm departure from the
Museum car park.

PAST EVENTS - Children's Christmas Picnic

Children's Christmas Picnic at the VCC Grounds

A fun night was had by all at the VCC grounds. Many thanks to Peter Bayler for his little ride on car that always delights all the children.

Thanks also to Anne Evans for purchasing Santa's presents and acting as his fairy helper.

Dave Dacombe was a wonderful Father Christmas.

Thanks to Graham Evans for his car to transport the man in red.

It was a real family occasion enjoyed by the young and older club members.



John & Sandra Olliver



PAST EVENTS - Christmas Lunch

Christmas dinner get together 15th December.

The Papanui Working Men's Club was a great venue to hold the end of year Club gathering.

Twenty nine members attended, I didn't notice any A's in the carpark but it was large and full so may have missed them.

There was the usual catch up, familiar faces and nice to see more recent members. People found a spot at one of the two big tables and then made their way to the extensive buffet, the shrimp cocktails as entree were very popular.

After a main course and dessert Lyn gave us a brief update on Nationals enrolments then handed round the bag of lucky dip gifts.

Some people were fortunate to be able to model their new very fetching reindeer antler head gear.

Time for more chat then with Christmas wishes being extended all round people made their way home.

Thanks to Sandra for a cracker evening

Russel & Wendy Genet



AUTHENTICALLY SPEAKING

Tyres. 21" and 19" Cross-ply.

Some important facts.

You are not going to get the same mileage as your modern car tyres. The composition is different and they are manufactured for low mileage vehicles, *That's the manufacturers excuse anyway.* To give added life to your valuable tyres there are three important things you must adhere to.

Tyre pressure, wheel alignment and rotation.

Tyre Pressure.

Keep your pressures up. Some people have their own ideas on pressure but the general aim is to have plenty of air in the tyre.

Fronts 32lb and rear 34lb, but this depends on your vehicle. Lighter for say a Roadster, but as the above for a Sedan. If carrying a load of passengers inflate more. People are heavy. *If you rattle the fillings out of your teeth, your tyres are too hard.*

Wheel Alignment.

Not a lot you can do apart from toe in and out. The camber and caster are set with no adjustment. Toe in at 1/8" to 3/16". Keep a regular check. Just a small amount of too much or too less toe in can make a big difference to steering and tyre wear. Run the surface of your hand across the tread to feel for any ridges or sharp edges. If you feel any it is not a good sign.

Tyre Rotation.

Some people rotate, some don't bother. I have rotated all my life (that's the tyres, that is) and I'm sure I get better mileage. Some folks go front to rear and keep the rotation of the wheel the same way. Others rotate around the car. I have tried both through



the years with no apparent difference between the two. Keep unused tyres out of the sun in a cool place to avoid cracking. Not in a hot loft.



When installing a tyre on a rim, there is a line around the tyre bead to keep parallel to the rim edge. (Arrowed) This is very important. It must be

even all the way around. Tuck the tube in evenly adding a small amount of pressure to slightly inflate the tube. It will even its self out. Talcum powder is a good idea to avoid chaffing.

Old tyres are not worth keeping. If cracked or perished, dispose of them. The picture at right showing a blowout that happened on a driveway in the heat and luckily not on the road. The end result could have been really serious.

Happy Christmas and safe motoring.

Headnut.



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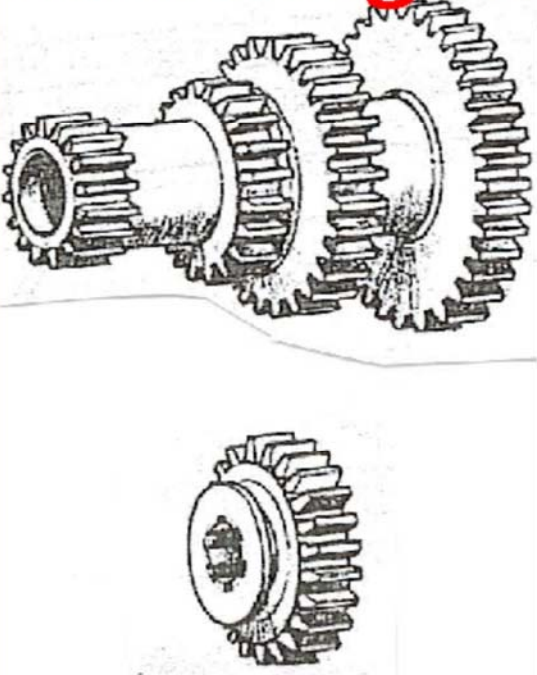
SCRIPT CLOSING DATE

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 February 2022**. Please send to the Editor, Andre Kraenzlin 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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