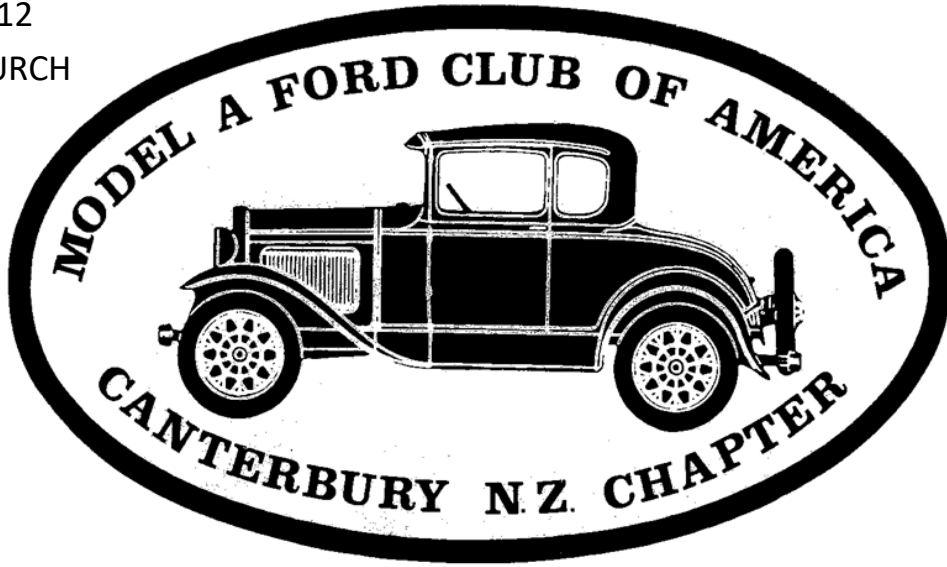


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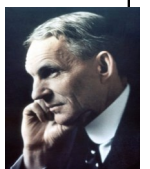
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COVER .From Script A News Michigan

HENRY FORD QUOTE. People are never so likely to be wrong as when they are organized. And they never have so little freedom. Perhaps that is why the people at large keep their freedom. People can be manipulated only when they are organized.



CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Irishmans Rally (Queens Birthday Weekend)

I was fortunate to be invited to join Rod Thrower, in his 1928 AR Tudor, and along with Rod's next door neighbour Sam, we left Christchurch on Friday morning on route to Twizel for a Saturday morning 8am departure. The brief informed us that the 63rd event included 143 pre-1932 cars with a mere 80 Model A's.

Saturday's run included driving up and down the canals, arriving back at the Twizel Golf Club for lunch. The afternoon's run travelling along the river side and climbing the Mackenzie Pass and ended in Fairlie.

Sundays run included driving west of Fairlie, sliding through two farms and crossing two fords before returning to Fairlie for the prize giving and after run functions.

Returning home on Monday, a little heavier, due to mud packs.



CLUB CAR REPORT

I did some minor work on the club car following its return from Napier. The following items still need attention:

Speedo not operating and Gearbox slipping out of 3rd Gear, to be addressed at a Club Car Workshop in August / September.

Graham Evans

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday July 30th Meeting at 11.30 am
Followed by Sunday Lunch at the Elmwood Trading Co.
1 Normans Rd, Strowan.

COMING EVENTS

August 13th Sunday. 10.00 am

Meet at Speights Alehouse carpark at Tower junction at 10.am.
Bring a picnic lunch which we will have at John Winchester's shed .
Following this visit, for those interested we will meet for an early meal at Hornby Workingmans Club Trip. You can decide on the day.
David Dacombe is organising this run.

September 15th and 16th September Weekend.

International Model A Day weekend in Hokitika.

Organised by the Coasters.
Details and entry forms should be available next month.
If you are planning on attending, suggested motels are Fitzherbert Court and Heritage Highway.



The Eds are off to warmer places at the end of July. The Script should be out early , please have anything you want included to us early, by 15th July.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Next committee meeting is 7.30pm, **Tuesday 15th August** 2017 at , at David Dacombe's home 3 Green Street Rangiora. If you have any matters you would like raised, please contact a committee member before this date.

Mid-Winter Dinner

A wonderful turnout for this event, with 36 meeting at the VCC Barn.

We were all welcomed by a warm fire and some great company.

The theme of the function was a party scene, with the barn decorated accordingly.

Following a fantastic pot luck dinner many took part in the attempt to identify members from the photos from early years. Hula-Hoop activity followed with Bingo rounds to finish hosted by guest Bonny Neale.

A huge thankyou to Annette and Lindsay, supported by Rosalie and Peter, Brent and Lyn.



Keeping Moisture Out of the Distributor

Have you ever driven your Model A in the rain, and have it “act up?” This is exactly what happened to me while on tour with the Western Carolina’s Model A Club. First the car began to periodically “skip.” Then it began to really run rough, until it just died! The cause - moisture in the distributor. Well, this is a common problem in cars without electronic ignitions. Usually, the humidity level in the atmosphere is something the hot engine “burns” off before coming in contact with our distributors. But, when it rains, there is just too much moisture in the atmosphere and the inside of the distributor cap will begin to “sweat.” This in turn causes moisture droplets to fall onto the points, thus interrupting the flow of electricity between the ignition coil and the spark plugs. Generally, if you can get the distributor dry, you can go on your merry way. But how to solve the problem before it happens is the real question. Nobody wants to try to stand in a downpour over a hot engine and try to dry out their distributor! WD-40 is the answer! It was developed in 1953 by Norm Larson, founder of the Rocket Chemical Company, in San Diego, CA. WD-40, from the abbreviation "Water Displacement, 40th formula," was originally designed to repel water and prevent corrosion. Another little “tool” to keep in your arsenal! If every 3-4 months you will open up your distributor and spray the underside of the cap and down into the distributor and the tops of the spark plugs and the plug “wires,” a rain shower will never leave you sitting by the side of the road waiting on AAA! ~Happy Begg, Palmetto A's of South Carolina .
From March 2015 Model a Torque South Australia.

Oil Pump Bushing Replacement Malcolm by McIntyre The Road Runner

I recently was rebuilding an oil pump from an engine that I had purchased. Although complete, this engine illustrated the definition of “barn find.” The oil pump housing once cleaned up and soaked in rust removal looked like new again. The first order of business in rebuilding it was to replace the worn bushings. Of course the challenge in removing them is that there is a bushing on each end, preventing easy access to just push one out from the other side. Les Andrews’ book shows a clever method of cutting down a washer on each side to slip past the bushings vertically and then position horizontally against it for removal of the bushing. This allows one to push from the inside out. In looking at the diagram of how to trim the washer (and I didn’t even have one that size), I thought there had to be an easier way. What I did was to take a bolt that would just fit inside the oil outlet holes and cut it 0.63”, (the ID of the housing is 0.65”). I then slipped this piece into the hole, and centered it, so it was positioned over the bushing and then used the old shaft to push the bushing out against this piece of bolt. It worked slick and I was done in no time.

Northwest Missouri A’s .

Reprinted in Script A News Michigan March 17.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

*Chester Bjorngaard
Max bass, N.D.*

Dear Sir:—

We're writing this letter to you today because we want to help you get your money out of your Model T.

It's still as good a car as it was the day the new Model A Ford was announced and there's no need to sacrifice it.

The Model T Ford is still used by more people than any other automobile. Eight million are in active service right now and many of them can be driven one, two, three and five years and even longer.

Bring your car to us and let us look it over. You'll be surprised to see how little it costs to put it in tip-top shape.

New fenders, for instance, cost from \$3.50 to \$5.00 each, with a labor charge of \$1.00 to \$2.50. Tuning up the motor and replacing commutator case, brush and vibrator points costs only \$1.00, with a small charge for material. Brake shoes can be installed and emergency brakes equalized for a labor charge of only \$1.25. A labor charge of \$4.00 to \$5.00 will cover the overhauling of the front axle, rebushing springs and spring perches, and straightening, aligning and adjusting wheels.

The labor charge for overhauling the average rear axle runs from \$5.75 to \$7.00. Grinding valves and cleaning carbon can be done for \$3.00 to \$4.00.

A set of four new pistons and rings cost only \$7.00. For a labor charge of \$20 to \$25.00 you can have your motor and transmission completely overhauled. Parts are extra.

Very truly yours,
Bottineau, N. Dak. C. R. GLEASON CO.

Thanks to Garth who sent this

Life is like a camera. You focus on what's important. Capture the good times. And if things don't work out, take another shot.



Bruce Miles

During a tramp up Mt Herbert, Bruce was unlucky to slip and break his leg in two places.

After a short stay in Hospital, Bruce is now at home recovering. While Bruce is adapting to the new mobility aids, he is unable to put any weight on his left leg.

If members have a spare hour or two I'm sure Bruce would welcome a visit.

His number is 0274326512

Caption this photo taken in Hanoi.

Send your caption to aforscript@gmail.com
Your entries will be published next month.

Prizes??



A HUSBAND WHO LISTENS

He said: "What can I help you with?" She said: "Take this bag of potatoes, peel half of them and put them in the pot."



Easy Gasket Build

Faced with the problem of a broken carburetor gasket? First choose a suitable material for making a new one. A thin piece of cardboard of suitable thickness, like the cardboard used to package a new shirt, will do in a roadside pinch.

Lay the old gasket on the material and, using a can of spray paint, spray over it. This will result in a perfect pattern. Cut the inside areas first using a real sharp knife, then trim the outside with shears. A leather punch is handy for making the little holes for the jets.

Having spent three weeks in Vietnam we can confirm our suspicions that is a country with not a lot of car museums. We saw only one old car, an Austin Westminster sedan.

This car is famous as it was driven from Hue to Saigon in June 1963 by Buddhist Monk Thích Quảng Đức . On 11th June 1963, 350 monks and nuns marched behind the Austin carrying banners in Vietnamese and English. They denounced the Diem government which had increasingly marginalised Buddhists even though they constituted nearly 80 per cent of the population. At a busy intersection in Saigon, Duc stepped from the car , sat in the lotus position while petrol was poured over him, then lit. As he burned he never moved at all. Following this protest by self immolation, the United States put pressure on the Diem to accept the Buddhists and Diem agreed, then reneged but was overthrown and killed in November 63.



The Pulitzer prize winning photo by Malcolm Browne generated considerable world interest and emotion. Photo from Wikipedia.

The car on display in Hue.



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 15th July, 2017. Please send to the Editor, Wendy Genet 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.

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