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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: Era Dress

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Club Captain's report June 2023

The Night Trial was held last month with 21 people starting the race. This year we held the dinner at Armadillos restaurant in Islington instead of the usual pot luck dinner. Of the 9 cars attending there were only 3 Model A's, so your committee has made a decision to hold it in the summer time next year when it is lighter and the ageing members are able to see more of the clues. I noticed on the trophy that it reads "Annual Trail Trophy" – meaning that it does not necessarily need to be in at night time, and the word trail instead of trial is also very interesting.

Our next event is the mid winter Christmas dinner. Please see the upcoming events in The Script for more details. This is the event where we ask our members to wear era dress. It has been mentioned that some may not know what this means, so we have the information pertaining to this for you in the form of some cool pictures. Not that this means you have to wear clothes like this if you do not have them – but please try to dig out something from the wardrobe which you already have.



We are also very keen to get someone to help with maintaining and upgrading our website. Kevin Straw very kindly has been managing it for just over 12 months, and we thank you sincerely for that Kevin. This is quite important now. You may not be able to take over yourself – but may know someone who could help with upgrading it. Please call me if you know someone or could even help us yourself.

Hopefully we will meet soon.

Kind regards.

Lyn

COMING EVENTS

2023

June 24th Mid Winter Dinner

Happy people, beautiful food, lots of fun. Come and join us.

Meet: 4.45pm at the Papanui WMC carpark in Sawyers Arms Road

Short Model A run: around 40 minutes, before our evening meal

Meal served: 6.30pm.

Please wear: Era Dress if possible – there is an explanation of what this means in my report at the front of The Script. Judging will be by popular vote.

Location: This is **not a BYO** as we have bar facilities with a bar person to serve. Music by jukebox, lucky entry ticket plus lucky prizes.

\$49 per person – includes Entree
 3 choices of mains
 3 choices of desert

Please pay for the meal by **Monday 12 June** to the Model A account 06 0805 0018320 00 and also advise Lyn of your attendance at mileslyn6@gmail.com

July 16th AGM

Location: 11am at Elmwood Trading Co.
1 Normans Road, Strowan

11am for AGM, followed by lunch at 12 – 12.30pm. Lunch to be ordered when you arrive and before the AGM.

Menu on next page

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.

AGM Meal

LUNCH

BRUNCH

FREE RANGE EGGS Two eggs any style, ciabatta or wholegrain toast, with house made chutney ADD Bacon	\$16.00 \$ 5.00
EGGS BENE Two soft poached eggs with Akaroa smoked salmon OR streaky bacon on ciabatta topped with hollandaise sauce.	\$20.00
CHICKEN WAFFLES Tender fried chicken on Belgian waffles topped with crispy bacon bits & chilli maple syrup.	\$23.00
THE ELMWOOD BIG BREKKIE Two eggs any style, bacon, sausages, hash brown, mushrooms, slow roasted tomatoes and toasted ciabatta.	\$24.00

BREADS

Basil pesto and parmesan flatbread	\$13.00
Garlic Ciabatta with home made garlic and herb butter.	\$13.00

SOUP & SALAD

CREAMY SEAFOOD CHOWDER Salmon, shrimp, mussels and squid served with house bread.	\$22.00
THAI BEEF SALAD 180gm grilled beef sirloin, tossed with lettuce, tomato, cucumber, red onion and mint in lemon, garlic and chilli dressing. Topped with fried shallots.	\$22.00
THE CLASSIC CAESAR (GF Option Available) Cos lettuce, crispy bacon, croutons, parmesan, poached egg, tossed in caesar dressing.	\$22.00
ADD Grilled chicken	\$26.00
OR Akaroa smoked salmon	\$28.00
OR Grilled prawns	\$28.00

PIZZERIA - \$24

MOROCCAN LAMB - Spiced lamb, red pepper, red onion, mushroom.
SICILIAN - Pepperoni, kranskys, ham, red onion, BBQ swirl.
MEDITERRANEAN - Chicken breast, mushroom, red onion, fresh tomato.
MARGHERITA - Fresh tomato, mozzarella and basil.
SANTORINI - Smoked salmon, capers, red onions, topped with cream cheese.
TUSCAN - Chicken breast, crispy bacon, red onion, aioli swirl.

GF - Gluten Free V - Vegetarian

MAINS

SALT AND PEPPER CALAMARI Crispy flour-coated calamari, fried and served on a bed of salad greens, lemon wedges and aioli.	\$19.00
MOROCCAN MEATBALLS Beef meatballs cooked in spiced tomato sauce with toasted ciabatta.	\$19.00
GARLIC PRAWN HOT POT Prawns tossed in olive oil with garlic, coriander and a hint of chilli, in a sizzling cast iron pot, with ciabatta.	\$22.00
OPEN STEAK SANDWICH Chargrilled 180gm sirloin steak, lettuce, red onion, roasted bell peppers and melted mozzarella cheese on ciabatta, finished with aioli swirls, served with fries.	\$27.00
SPAGHETTI CARBONARA Spaghetti, bacon, mushroom and red onion, cooked in a creamy sauce, topped with parmesan cheese. Add chicken	\$25.00 \$5.00
THE ELMWOOD BURGER 200gm homemade beef pattie, edam cheese, onion rings, tomatoes, lettuce and tomato chutney, served with fries.	\$24.00
BALINESE CHICKEN CURRY (GF) Creamy chicken curry with Balinese flavours, served with fragrant jasmine rice and popadoms.	\$26.00
RICOTTA AND SPINACH CANNELLONI (V) Home made ricotta and spinach filled cannelloni pasta baked in Duglere sauce, with garlic ciabatta.	\$22.00
FISH AND CHIPS Emerson's beer battered Blue Cod, served with fries, salad greens, tartare sauce, tomato sauce and lemon wedges.	\$28.00
CHICKEN BURGER Crispy chicken breast, lettuce, tomato, cranberry sauce and brie, served with fries.	\$24.00
NASI GORENG (GF) Indonesian fried rice with prawns and chicken, sambal oelek and fried egg, topped with fried shallots.	\$26.00
TRADIES STEAK, EGGS & CHIPS (GF) 250gm Ribeye steak cooked to your liking, served with fries and topped with 2 eggs and jus.	\$32.00

SIDES

Fries / Hash Browns / Bacon / 2 Eggs	\$6.00
Garden Salad / Roast Vegetables	\$9.00

PAST EVENTS

Night Trial (Trail)

Saturday May 13th, unlucky for some, but a typically cool autumn evening saw 3 Model A's bolstered by 9 moderns park up at Princess Margret hospital to await instructions for another new adventure.

The chief marshal (Guess Who) passed out the instructions after a brief explanation of the basics of a STRAIGHT LINE RALLY. No written instructions just arrows and numbers, although there were written question, things to be found and answered on the way.

Someone was heard to say Oh! Oh! this will cause some domestic "debate" while others sat in cars quietly contemplating their first and subsequent moves as cars were set off at 1 minute intervals by the chief marshal (Guess Who again)

So off we went into the diminishing light, one without lights on (no names mentioned here) but they drive a pickup.

The evening meander skirted the hill side suburbs between Cashmere and Halswell before cutting off into the hinterlands of Ladbrooks, Prebbleton and Templeton before arriving at the new Islington Tavern and Armadillos Restaurant on the Main South Road to socialise and eat. Tables were booked for our crews @ 8.00pm after all but a few of the locals had moved on. The meals proved to be well prepared and presented all lovely and hot, well worth going back for another nosh.

Contact phone numbers provided proved helpful for some in need of assistance, one just for minor clarification, one to advise having chucked in the towel, one because "we are lost" but the majority made it through to the finish line and at varying stages over a 30 min period. One even worked out where to go and went straight there, obviously not hard enough for them – and only them.

Who said it was supposed to be easy.

Anonym Mouse

Authentically Speaking

Making the Model 'A' 'Spatter Pattern' front floor mats.

Usually every Saturday morning I would arrive at Peter Keir's home for a chat which always ended up as an educational lesson on Model 'A's. Peter had a very original 30 Phaeton which was his pride and joy. He said to me, open and gently close one of the rear doors. It was like silk. On closing the door gently, it went 'click' and was closed securely. It was just like it had come off the assembly line. One day to my surprise his Phaeton was idling in his driveway and I could not detect a sound. He said with a grin on his face, have a listen to the exhaust and sure enough it WAS running.

I was about 17 at the time and had just started my apprenticeship as a Photo Engraver. This trade involved the making of raised relief zinc printing plates for the printing trade. Peter said to me, come and see what I have been given. It was an original front floor mat about 90% complete. What a find I thought. I remember thinking later that week, I could make those using my new found Photo Engraving skills. Quite a few years later and after much research, Peter loaned me the mat and I took it to work and with a rubber roller, black ink and art paper managed to get a reasonable impression off the good unworn part of the mat. The impression was nowhere near perfect. I enlarged the part of the image I had chosen in one of the firms Klimch cameras which were big enough to walk inside. From the two foot long negative I made a photographic line paper print which I could work on in my lunch hours drawing with black ink missing parts of the image. It took me many, many hours. Eventually I had a good image and reduced it down in the same camera to just slightly bigger than the original pattern to allow for the casting pattern and rubber shrinkage.



The pattern interlocked, fortunately. (Below. It looks like it does not interlock, but it does.) By taking my negative and by using a 'Step and Repeat machine the

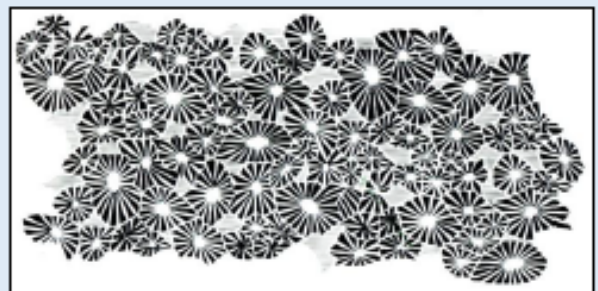


image could be repeated up and down at the correct spacing to give one large image on photographic film. Just like a jig saw puzzle. This gave me one quarter of the mat's surface to the exact correct pattern. Next came the hard part. Making a pattern to have a aluminium casting taken off. Easier said than done. With the permission of the boss, I persuaded 'old Pete' the engraving man to etch me four large pieces of zinc which when combined was enough to cover the complete surface area of the mat. Each piece had to be chemically etched in an acid bath to give a relief surface. The acid bath gave off horrible Nitric acid fumes. No ventilation in those days. Sorted the men from the boys.

I consulted Mace Engineering who were situated very close to work. They were (and still are) the Rolls Royce of machine shops. They calculated the shrinkage and gave me some sound advise as all this, as it was all new to me.

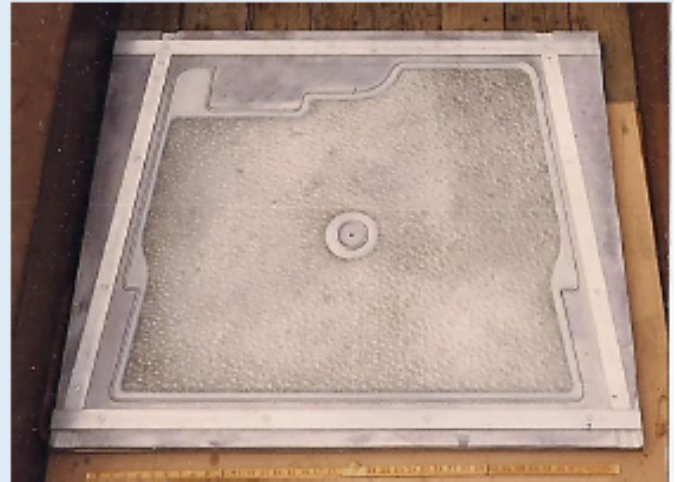
I purchased a large sheet of 7 ply and mounted each piece of zinc plate to the board. Each piece had to be carefully filed so the jig saw pieces interlocked both up and down. Sizing was critical. I was told that I had to make the overall measurement of the complete mat 1.78125" larger than the

original rubber mat to allow for shrinkage. With the four pieces combined and glued to the ply I had to add a ridge right around the mat as a cut off strip to allow the mat to be trimmed to size once pressed.

I used fiberglass in places and the cut off strip was made of 3/8" round rubber strip cut in half and glued to the board. It was ideal being very flexible. Now, the very delicate pattern had to be transported to Wickham Foundry for an aluminium casting. It was a slow trip. The foundry men were intrigued to say the least and said they would have to have many attempts to get a satisfactory casting. Low and behold the first casting was a 100% success. Back to Mace for the expensive part. The casting had to be mounted to a 1" thick sheet of steel. The steel had to be milled exactly flat, likewise the back of the casting. Both were subsequently screwed together. If any excess rubber got between the two it would blow the mound apart.

Now to Skellerup Industries in Christchurch for mat pressing. Mats were pressed in a 1000-ton press and many hundreds were made at each pressing. Many went to Australia, many to the USA and Canada and I still obtain inquiries for mats today. The local supply was very demanding for many, many months. I never tallied the complete total ever pressed but it must have been around 4000 plus. Pictured is the very first pressing of 150 trial mats. All were sold very quickly and this sent us all on a trip to the UK. My daughter is pictured sitting on top of the first pressing of mats. Mats could be cut and trimmed for 28/29 or 30/31 and came with trimming instructions.

One batch of 300 mats sent to Australia (and paid for) were totally destroyed in a huge fire.



The mat mould.



Pressed mats before trimming.

I also made the small RHD pedal mats and most were sold in conjunction with the floor mats. I know I sold more pedal mats than floor mats. I always thought I had sold more pedal mats than there were RHD Model 'A's.

Les. Pearson.



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FOR SALE

1930 Ford Model AA Truck

Our family heirloom is looking for a new home. The truck is currently stored in a garage in Grovetown, Blenheim. It was last driven on the road in March 2020. Its registration is currently on hold. For enquiries, contact Ruth McConnell ruthmcc71@gmail.com

022 104 7705

03 578 3409



History

The truck has been owned by David and Ruth McConnell for over 30 years. David was a member of the MAFCA and the Canterbury NZ Chapter for more than 50 years, until his death in April 2020.

While living in Christchurch during the 1960's, he was Club Captain and newsletter editor of the Canterbury Chapter, being the proud owner of a 1928 Phaeton.

The truck was originally owned by Ruth's father, Don McTainsh, of Hornby, Christchurch. In 1973, the truck was sold to Gordon Mitchell. He restored the vehicle and registered it in 1979.

The truck later returned to the McConnell family in the 1990's.

The truck was used to transport produce from the McConnell's asparagus farm in Grovetown. It was the ideal vehicle to promote and sell fresh asparagus at the local Farmers' Market.



WANTED

Looking for a 16" wire wheel to suit a 1935 V8

Phone or Text David Rees on 027 483 3613

One 19 inch stainless steel spare wheel cover

Phone or text Barry. 027 443 5479 or barryhoff@xtra.co.nz

1930 or 1931 Tudor

Must be driving car needing virtually nothing done to it.

Phone or text Dave Goodman 027 4427 325 or dave-goodman@xtra.co.nz

Wanted tidy 1930 model a coup

Contact Grant 022 681 4083 or email callaghangrant@hotmail.com

Wanted 19" tyre, prefer Firestone in good condition

Contact Graham Evans 3515919 or 0273207948

CLUB CAR REPORT

The speedo is repaired care of George and Glenn and now has a new inner and outer cable. We have a booking for the club car for a wedding on 8th July.

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.

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 June 2023**. Please send to the Editor, Andre Kraenzlin afordscript@gmail.com.

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