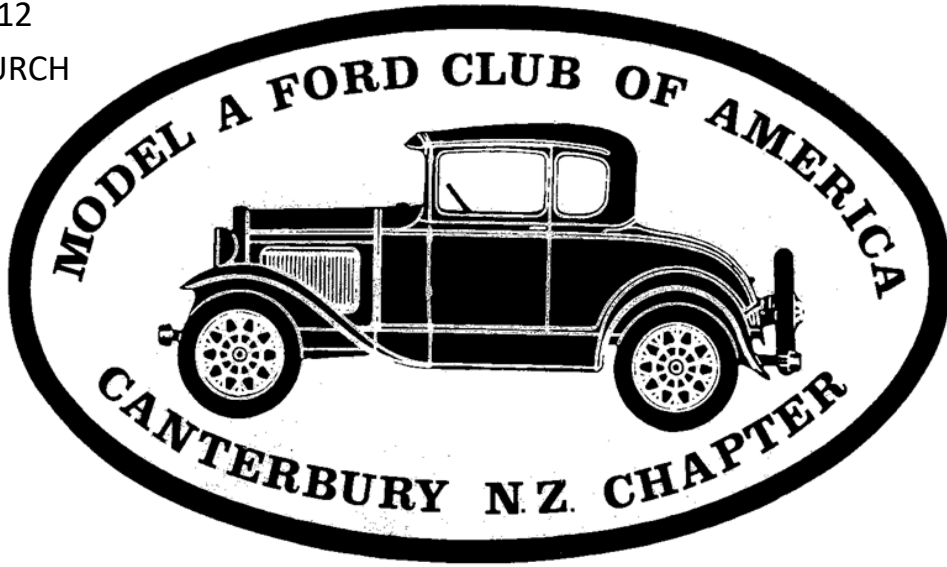


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WEBSITE

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. Mt Thomas Homestead

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Club Captains Report

Our first event for the year (Concours and Era Dress) was well attended and enjoyed by everyone in the picturesque setting of the original Mt Thomas homestead grounds.

My thanks to those who dressed up for the occasion, to those who made their cars available for the Concours event and to the judges (Barbara and Pam for the dress events and Alan, Kevin and Garth for concours). It was also great to see Alan and Shirley Wills arrive in Alan's recently and immaculately restored Alvis, (an absolute credit to his skills and perseverance).

We were not so lucky with this month's 'High Country Run' as unpredictable adverse weather meant we could not be assured the day would be an enjoyable experience for all. Driving the longer distance over more challenging roads to have a picnic in the predicted rain and high winds did not seem such a good idea.

The committee has made a start on reviewing our out of date rules which will be submitted for consideration at our AGM in July, also the task of collating and updating our historical documents has been taken over by Wendy and Russell Genet and it is my hope that in the future this material will be available online as a reference for the club membership.

I have been asked if anyone who is currently in the process of restoring an 'A' would be prepared to host a 'shed visit' by club members as an interest and educational outing. I am told this was a commonplace and successful practice in the Club's earlier days.

Looking forward we have our Gymkhana on the 17th of March and then the National Rally in Te Anau in April (when we will be joined by our Australian members Wes and Beverley), so perhaps a good time to make sure all those little maintenance matters are attended to now before they become bigger ones that then need to be dealt with on the side of the road where parts and tools may not be so readily available.

Enjoy driving in the fine weather while it lasts.

Graeme S

Calendar Canterbury Chapter Ford Model A Club 2018 – 2019

2019

January

Sunday 27th Concours, Era Fashion and Picnic - Meet at Speights Ale House—10am

Destination venue is a beautiful country homestead.

February

Sunday 24th High Country Run/City Run - Cancelled

March

Sunday 17th Rex Chenery Memorial Trial and Gymkhana—Meet at Speights Ale House—10am

April

Week of 15th – 19th National Meet Te Anau

register via email at southernlakesmodela@gmail.com

May

Saturday 18th Avon City Ford (Night) Trial meet at Bishopdale Mall—5:30pm

June

Saturday 22nd Mid- winter Dinner/Dance (Era Dress)

July

Sunday 14th AGM

August

Sunday 18th Winter Run



The ten commandments of motor oil changes.

Thinking about neglecting your vehicle's motor oil change needs? Then you need to read and heed our (tongue-in-cheek) ten commandments of motor oil change and basics!

Motor Oil Change Commandment Number One: Thou Shall Know Thy Engine

Do you know what kind of engine is in your vehicle? Is it a 16-valve? A turbo? If you're not certain, it's time to find out because you cannot choose the most appropriate oil for your vehicle if you haven't a clue as to what kind of engine operates as its heart.

Motor Oil Change Commandment Number Two: Thou Shall Educate Thyself on Oil Types

There are oils for high mileage vehicles, oils with special additives, oils that clean your engine, cheap oils, expensive oils, synthetic oil blends, motor oils made with minerals, practically any type of oil you can name...so which do you choose? Truly, you have to be a wise consumer and educate yourself on what motor oil is the best for your vehicle. Asking around may be your best bet; it's likely that a friend or acquaintance who loves cars can give you practical suggestions and the advice won't cost you a penny.

Motor Oil Change Commandment Number Three: Thou Shall Change Thy Oil Every 5,000-10,000 Km

Most vehicles are going to require that you change motor oil every 3,000-5,000 miles (the lower end is especially critical if your car, truck or van has logged a significant amount of miles). Changing the oil can be handled by you (if you're comfortable with the task) or by a professional (and most can do a quick 10-minute oil change). The most important thing is to make certain that you protect the engine by keeping it clean.

Motor Oil Change Commandment Number Four: Thou Shall Not Be Swayed by Flashy Commercials

There are numerous brands of motor oils on the market, but not all of them will have the available spending dollars to advertise on national channels. Therefore, it's important that you do a little homework to find out what brands are actually available to you. It's guaranteed to be an eye-opening experience, especially for the person who is looking to become better acquainted with his or her vehicle.

Motor Oil Change Commandment Number Five: Thou Shall Understand How Motor Oil Works

You know you have to change motor oil in your car, but do you understand why? In a nutshell, motor oil serves as a constant lubricant to prevent grinding and exorbitant amounts of heat in your engine. It also helps clean your engine by preventing build-up. Without oil, an engine would eventually overheat or "seize up", and that's a costly problem. In fact, if you neglect to keep your engine well-oiled, you will soon be faced with a very grim choice; put a new engine in your car or purchase another vehicle. Ouch.

Motor Oil Change Commandment Number Six: Thou Shall Avoid Sludge Build-Up

Unless you've been living under a rock, you've probably seen plenty of commercials touting the horrible substance known as "sludge". Sludge is a black, tar-like goo that builds up in your engine and can mean its death. Protect yourself by purchasing the best kind of motor oil for your vehicle's type and engine that you can afford. Many car company websites will suggest a type of motor oil that's perfect for the make and model you've purchased.

Motor Oil Change Commandment Number Seven: Thou Shall Operate Thy Vehicle Regularly

Maybe you have a sports car or a truck that isn't used on a regular basis. If it's kept in storage, it's being protected on the outside, but is it being protected on the inside? To keep your motor oil running through the engine, it's a good plan to start up your vehicle every month or so. And if weather conditions permit, there's nothing better for a car's engine than a nice Sunday drive, especially if it's been sitting idle for weeks.

Motor Oil Change Commandment Number Eight: Thou Shall Not Mix Oil Types

Though it sounds sensible to "mix" a little of one oil with a little of another, remember that the motor oils were not created to work with other oils. For instance, a mineral-based motor oil probably isn't going to perform at its best if it's mixed with a synthetic oil blend. Though your vehicle's engine won't be seriously harmed if you do "mix" (especially in a pinch), it's not suggested.

Motor Oil Change Commandment Number Nine: Thou Shall Not Drive If the Only Oil in Your Engine is a Flushing Oil

There are specialty oils known as "flushing oils" that are meant to clean your engine. However, they are not meant for driving due to their water-like consistency. If you do drive with this kind of flushing oil in your engine, you can expect to travel a very short distance, so bring comfy walking shoes for that sad trot home.

Motor Oil Change Commandment Number Ten: Thou Shall Not "Top Off" Your Engine's Oil

More may be better when you're talking about your pay check, but it isn't better when you're discussing how to change motor oil. "Topping off" the oil in your engine is a big "no-no", as you can rupture the seal, causing a "leaky" engine. This, in turn, leads to oil getting on collateral parts such as the flywheel, clutch and other nearby items. Just put in as much as your engine needs and enjoy the ride!

Don't be a 'Dipstick' change your oil on a regular basis.

Head Nut.

PAST EVENTS

First Sunday Run 2019 - January 27th

A gloriously warm day saw 10 Model A's set off from Tower Junction carpark at 10.30am on Sunday 27 January for the first meeting of the year, which by more recent tradition is a picnic.

This is the day where we can get the summer era clothes out, as well as the era crockery, plates, teapots and table cloths. Those conditions were very aptly taken advantage of by almost all and to varying degrees, otherwise when would we use them?

Dave and Pam had done a great job (and with the secretarial help of Heather) of planning the journey, venue, and the whole day's outing

We travelled out through the city, New Brighton red zone area, Prestons, Kianga, Waimakariri, Ohoka, Rangiora, Ashley, and finally into Birch Hill Road to the Mt Thomas Homestead where we were joined by another Model A or two together with a couple of moderns and a particularly well presented Alvis.

The homestead is now owned by Ian Riach and his family who have resided there for 13 years. It was built circa 1907 by the Brown family after the original was destroyed and, who took over the lease of the original station after the first owner John Boys failed to stock it and lost his rights. During the earlier years it was significantly planted with trees and gardens and then later during the time of World War 2 era cleared to the northwest to allow for a view to Mt Thomas, and as a consequence a direct passage for the north west winds, as it remains today. Stories are told of the air force trainers of the time using the clearing for a bit of mischief during training exercises

It has been now renovated, to modern day standards even though the cladding is still original sod bricks and weatherboard. It is set on 45.5 hectares (110 acres or thereabouts), and the family now works on maintaining the grounds and the trees (some of which are protected from vermin and deer with barbed wire protection), mowing and clearing weeds and noxious plants. Even the original dolls house is still there and well decorated with old toys. There original gate house remains at the front entrance.

The homestead, and grounds where we gathered, was protected from the wind providing a perfect setting for the day, and excellent location to undertake the concourse analysis.

The dress and table settings were rather outstanding, congratulations to all who willingly participated and in particular to the winners of the trophies.

Three cars lined up for judging and given the standards and presentation of the vehicles we would suggest a closely run competition.

Another first of year event most satisfactorily concluded

Lyn and Brent Miles

Concours, Era Fashion and Picnic - January 27th



CLUB CAR REPORT

No activity to report

COMING EVENTS

March

Sunday 17th Rex Chenery Memorial Trial and Gymkhana —

Meet at Speights Ale House — 10am

April

Week of 15th – 19th National Meet Te Anau

May

Sunday 18th Avon City Ford (Night) Trial meet at Bishopdale Mall 5:30pm

Bring pot luck dish to leave if needs heating at mystery destination. Bring own drinks, glasses, plates and cutlery. Torch, map and pen may be an advantage.

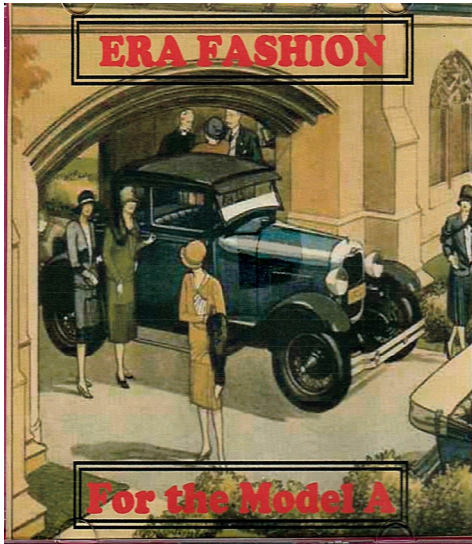
June

Saturday 22nd Mid Winter Dinner/Dance (Era Dress)

WANTED

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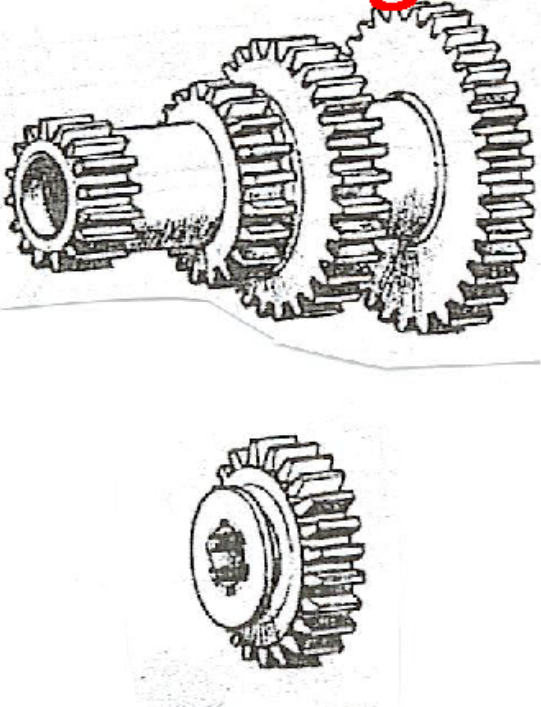
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Glen Birnie (ph. 03 347 4849) is the custodian of the car and looks forward to your call requesting the use of the car.

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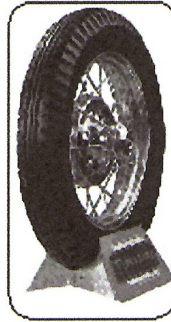
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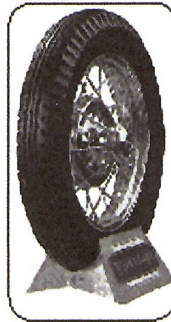
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