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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 adds for members can be posted. Any questions or suggestions please contact Graeme Scott (webmaster) at '<u>scotts.belfast@xtra.co.nz</u>'

COVER. Oamaru returning from Te Anau National

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

With no Script last month due to Graham being overseas a number of events have occurred since I last put pen to paper.

Our Gymkhana day was another successful, enjoyable and amusing experience for those who attended. My thanks to David and Pam for the rally and to Vaughan for the use of his property for the Gymkhana events. It was also nice to see Ralph and Marilyn join us for the day.

As a trial the committee have decided to run a 'fun' raffle (similar to the VCC ones) at our events. The money collected on the day will be used to cover the raffle prizes and any surplus go towards our appreciation gift to our host for the day. We are fortunate to visit locations not generally available to the public so it is appropriate we acknowledge this.

The National rally at Te Anau was a great success. Perfect weather and scenery, complementing the efforts of the organising committee who had done an outstanding job in providing both rally routes and functions that we were all able to fully enjoy. As with previous National meets it was also the opportunity to catch up with not only our own members (some who had travelled considerable distance) but also meet folk from other clubs, and in my case meet the gentleman who had restored one of my own cars back in the '70's.

The many varied routes available getting to and from the event also gave us the opportunity to re appreciate our country's amazing autumn scenery.

Our club has been given the task of organising the National event for 2023 and a separate committee will shortly be formed to run this event on our behalf.

Our next run is the annual night trial, organised by Brent and Lyn Miles, which will be held on Saturday May 18th (details elsewhere in the 'Script'). In June we have our 'Mid- Winter Dance'. This year the committee have chosen a theme based on the letter 'A' (again more details elsewhere in this Script). The AGM will be held on Sunday 14th of July.

We have two new members join our Club. Welcome to Kevin and Ruth Mercer ('30 Sports Coupe) and William Woodhouse (28 Fordor).

Graeme Scott

Calendar Canterbury Chapter Ford Model A Club 2018 – 2019

<u>2019</u>

<u>January</u>

Sunday 27th Concours, Era Fashion and Picnic - Meet at Speights Ale House—10am Destination venue is a beautiful country homestead.

<u>February</u>

Sunday 24th High Country Run/City Run - Cancelled

<u>March</u>

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

<u>April</u>

Week of 15th – 19th National Meet Te Anau register via email at southernlakesmodela@gmail.com

<u>May</u>

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

<u>June</u>

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

<u>July</u>

Sunday 14th AGM

<u>August</u>

Sunday 18th Winter Run



Rex Chenery Memorial Trial and Gymkhana

A very cloudy Sunday 17 March saw 11 Model As and 2 Moderns set out on a very well planned run from Speights, Tower Junction.

We passed through the city centre, out to Bishopdale, around the back of the airport to Waterloo Business Park, finishing in a paddock on Blakes Road. Thanks to Vaughan, Lucy and family for the use of this very pleasant area.

Once at the venue many skills were put to the test - parts recognition, landing the front two wheels on a rope, balancing a ball on a spoon, balancing full wine glasses on the running board, driving blindfolded and stacking headnuts.

There were many laughs, alot of concentration and the sharing of stories.

Thanks to Pam and David Dacombe for a very well organised and fun outing, and for ably putting everyone through their paces.









Gymkhana Photos

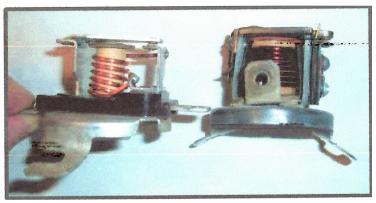


A-10505-B CUTOUT

Not all cutouts are created equal. Always use where possible the original cutouts as they are the best quality. You can easily feel the weight difference in an original cutout and a repro. Original cutouts have more windings and heavier steel parts.

A cutout should pull the contact close when about 6 volts is reached. This can be adjusted by bending the spring on the cutout. Also make sure the air gap for the contacts when OPEN is about .020" and when the contacts are closed make sure you can see a bit of air between the top of the coil and the top contact plate.

In electricity heat is wasted energy, and repro cutouts (both stock style and diode style) develop more heat than an original cutout. A tested a repro cutout with 10 amps flowing through it would heat the top contact plate. Original cutouts don't do that. Jump a wire across the repro cutout terminals (with 10 amps flowing) it will show you gained 1/2 amp of output. This isn't enough to bother most people, and with the lights off and lower amps flowing through a regulated output, the loss would be very little. It is best to be as efficient as possible so always use original cutouts. You'll have to break the small spot welds on the cover. I use a thin sharp chisel to do this, then straighten the cover once it's apart. Some use a Dremel to grind off the spot welds. Once the cover is off you can see if the fine wire is still soldered to ground. I've found a few where that was the problem, and was an easy fix, but you'll need a good size soldering gun or iron. I use a 250 watt soldering gun. If the wire is faulty deep inside the coil, then it may be easier to find another original cutout to use.



Repro cutout at left, compared to an original.

Head Nut.

CLUB CAR REPORT

Club car was used for the Gymkhana event in March.

After a thorough check, oil change, grease and test drive, the car travelled to Te Anau for the 14th National Meet.

Driver Wes Hartley accompanied by Beverley Biggs and Frank Hartley travelled 1150 miles.

It was a pleasure to be host to our Australian club members, along with John & Sandra Olliver, we travelled in convoy down to Te Anau via Omarama & Cromwell and returned via Mosgiel & Timaru

The Car travelled well with the only mechanical issue being a blowout to the rear left hand tyre on the final return journey from Timaru to Christchurch, otherwise trouble free motoring.

Average fuel consumption 21 mpg, using no water & 1 litre of oil.

Graham Evans

COMING EVENTS

<u>May</u>

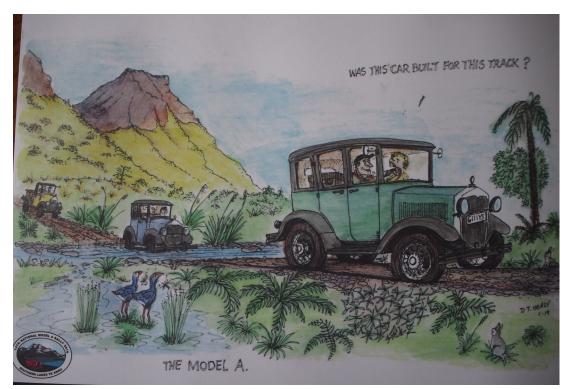
Sunday 18th Avon City Ford (Night) Trial meet at Bishopdale Mall 5:30pm

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.

<u>June</u>

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







Dance away the winter blues in front of a roaring open fire, enjoy mood lighting, Era dress encouraged, bring some friends, make up a party. Theme for evening "A"

Only \$25 per head

Live band 'Smooth Talk' (8 - 12pm) Ladies a plate for supper BYQ refreshments & glasses Spot prizes

lucky numbers RSVP: by Friday 14th June Email: brent@glassmiles.co.nz with names and numbers, or Phone: Brent Miles 343 9482 (anytime) Payment by: Wednesday 12thJune By direct credit (with name and 'dance' reference) to: 06-0805-0018320-000 or by cheque posted to: PO Box 4212, Christchurch

1930s FASHION

Accessories

A woman wore gloves for both day and evening. Day gloves gathered loosely at the cuff, Evening gloves were long opera length. A simple handbag, small angular hat and shoes always matched.



Day Dresses

Floral prints, polka dots and muted colors filled a daytime wardrobe. Dresses had modest tops, wide sleeves or cape effect and a slender bias cut body with flair at the hem. Length ranged from floor to slightly below the knee. Matching thin belt at the high waist.



Shoes

Shoes had thick heels and full coverage but with ample straps, cutouts and perforations. Two tone heels were very common as well as mixing textures, Oxfords were a daytime comfort shoe

Jewelry



Simple art deco designs or small plain pearls were all the jewelry a woman needed. Earrings and a bracelets were prefered over flashy necklaces and pins.

Evening Gowns

Elegant bias cut floor length gowns with sweeping flared hems was the style of the decade. Modest necklines on the front opened up to bare backs. Black, pastels and jewel tones in silk, satin or

> Formal shoes were tall pumps and strappy sandals in gold, silver and jewel tones.

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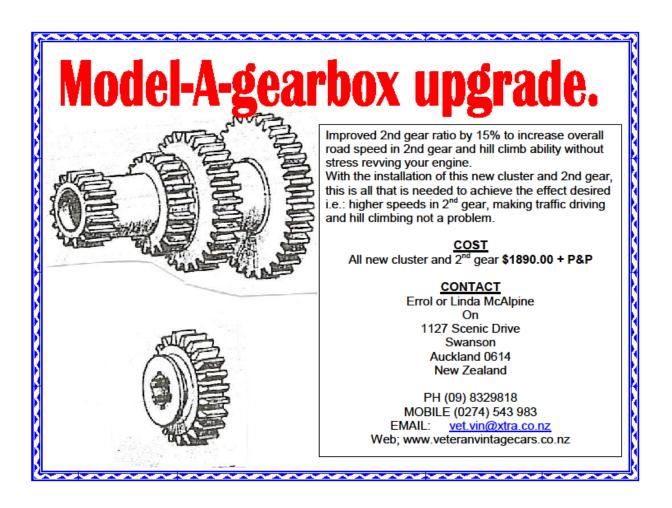
Original 1928-29 hubcaps in reasonable condition suitable for restoration. Minor dents are no problem. Condition of (or lack of) plating does not matter. Any quantity, one or five or more.

Garth Moore 0274 726 025 or pgmoore@xtra.co.nz

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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 May 2019. 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.



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 will be printing the run organiser in the coming events, please feel free to contact them or any of the Club committee members.

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