

A Ford Script



Drivers and Navigators
eagerly lining up for the
first activity at the
Gymkhana

November 2023

Official Newsletter of THE MODEL "A" FORD CLUB OF AMERICA

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Next Committee Meeting:

27th November at the Olliver's, 27 Wendover St @ 7.30pm

Script closing date 20th November 2023

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 November 2023**. Please send to the Editor: 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.

CAPTAINS LOG October 23

Spring as usual is a bit of everything weather wise into the mix, but on the whole it is getting warmer, and the days are lengthening.

The month started off with the annual Swap Meet at McLeans Island with two out of the three days being fine weather.

Going by the look of many people wandering around the event there were bargains to be had.

There were a few of our members with their own sites and from what I have heard they were reasonably happy with how sales went overall.



The end of the month finished off with a day trial and Gymkhana. This proved to be a great day out and a lot of fun especially for those watching from the side lines. And the paddock time trial allowed the little bit of hooligan is us all to creep out! It was nice to see some new members coming along as well as some that we haven't seen that much of.

Cheers Gerry

CLUB CAR REPORT

Please make use of this wonderful club asset and help us cover the running costs.

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.

Ken James (ph. 0212225086) is the new custodian of the car and looks forward to your call requesting the use of the car.

WEBSITE

Model A Ford Club Canterbury - <https://www.modelaford.co.nz>

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.

NOTICES

Welcome to new members:

Nick and Clara Narbey, Rangiora.
1930 Pickup, restored, 1931 Coupe, original.

Event Cancellations:

In the event of unsuitable or doubtful weather, cancellations or postponements will be emailed to you.

Apologies to Alan Wills:

In last month's script I mistakenly congratulated Alan on his 50 year badge from the VCC. Alan graciously reminded me that It was in fact 60 years! And I was actually there!!



2023/24 Subscriptions:

These were due **by the 30th September**.

Any people with outstanding subscriptions will no longer receive the script after this month until these are paid.

If you are having problems processing the payment please contact Gerry on 0204 112 3717.

Advertisements in the Script:

It was decided by the committee at the last meeting that we will run members advertisements for a *maximum 3 months*, after which time they will be removed. If the member wishes for the ad to continue they need just contact the editor.

This, of course, **does not apply to paid advertisements**.

Model A Ford Quizz (Part 4)

Answers on page 15

1. What kind of brakes did the Model A have?
2. The 1930 and 1931 models were available with stainless steel what?
3. In cooler climates, owners could purchase an aftermarket cast iron unit to place over the exhaust manifold to do what?
4. A small door provided adjustment of what?
5. The Model A was the first car to have safety glass where?

COMING EVENTS

2023

November 26th

Christmas Dinner



- A run, before the dinner to be organised by Gill & Gerry Lake:
- **Meet at the West Melton Tavern car park at 3pm**
- Followed by a catered **dinner**. (Meal served at 5.30pm). Menu below.
- Era dress (optional). This will be judged and trophy awarded at the AGM.
- Please bring a present of approximately \$10 value each.
This year we would like people to bring either something recycled from home or something purchased second hand.
- There will be a lucky ticket prize plus spot prizes.
- BYO: Please bring your own glass and kindly take rubbish home as this is a private address

Location:

224 Dunns Crossing Road (John Winchester's property)

Please Pay:

\$50 per person Into club account:

ANZ 0608 0500 1832 00 with **NAME** and **XMAS DINNER** in the details

Organisers:

Annette & Lindsay Painter, **027 644 7892** or **woodwormnz@xtra.co.nz**

Christmas Menu

Seasoned Roast Chicken with Sage Onion Stuffing & Cranberry Sauce
Carvery Champagne Ham (GF, DF) , Served with Whole Grain Mustard
Rosemary Crusted Canterbury Roast Lamb (GF, DF) ,Served with Mint Jelly
Gourmet Potatoes (GF,V)

Honey Glazed Baby Carrots (GF, DF, V)

Variety of Breads (DF, V, Vegan)

Gravy (GF, DF, V)

Mixed Lettuce Salad (GF, DF, V, Vegan) , Served with cherry tomatoes, capsicum, and cucumber

Broccoli Bacon and Blueberry Salad (GF, DF) , Almonds, cherry tomatoes, poppy seeds with a maple dressing

Pasta Pesto Salad (V) , Basil pesto, feta, olives and sundried tomatoes

Kumara Salad (GF,DF) , Including mandarin, raisins & pumpkin seeds served with curry dressing

Zesty Beetroot (GF,DF,V,Vegan) , With carrot, currents and selection of seeds and a pomegranate molasses

Butter and marg (GF, V)

French dressing (GF, DF, V, Vegan)

Mayonnaise (GF, DF, V)

Cranberry sauce (GF, DF, V, Vegan)

Mint jelly (DF, V)

Whole grain mustard (GF, DF, V, Vegan)

Dessert

Traditional Pavlova (GF, V)

Fresh Fruit Salad (GF, DF, V, Vegan)

Christmas Pudding Brandy Sauce

COMING EVENTS

November 26th: Selwyn Motorfest 10am—3pm

Entrance opposite Rolleston College

Proceeds after costs are all donated to local not-for-profit organisations, benefitting the groups that benefit Selwyn's residents.

(See advertisement on page 8)

December 6th Children's Christmas Party 5.00pm



Bring your own picnic tea.

Santa will be there with a gift for children 10 years and under. Please email or text Gill Lake the name/s, sex and age/s of any children attending by

Nov 15th. gillcakes95@gmail.com or **0273346031**

Please note: (If you have a child attending who is over 10 years and whom you would like to receive a present from Santa, please supply this yourself, wrapped and with the child's name on it)

Location: Motorcycle Corner, Vintage Car Club, McLeans Island

December 30th: Rods at Methven featuring 95 years of Model A Fords

(Please see article on page 12)

If anyone is interested in attending this event please let Gerry Lake know.

2024

January 28th: Era Picnic 11am

Location: Murray and Wendy Marshall's farm.

Meet: Car park adjacent to the Selwyn District Council Offices on Norman Kirk Drive

Time: 11am

Short run to "A Slice of Paradise"

BYO picnic and chair

This will be a great time to take Era photographs in a gorgeous setting.



February: High Country Run, to be decided.

March: Night Trial, to be decided.

April: Possible weekend away, to be decided.

September 1st –8th: 28th Australian Model A Ford Meet

Location: Maryborough, Queensland

(Please see flyer page 8)

Anyone interested in forming a SI contingent please let a committee member know

PAST EVENTS

VCC Swap Meet

October 6th—8th

This was held at the VCC grounds at McLeans Island over 3 days.

Friday was fantastic trading and weather

Saturday the weather took a bit of a turn and there were a lot less people and subsequently less trading.

Sunday was very quiet but at least the sun made an appearance again.

We had 5 Model As in our display this year including the club car. Thank you for those who brought their car along.

All in all a great 3 days meeting up with fellow car enthusiasts and friends.

Lindsay Painter

Gymkhana and Run

October 29th

On Sunday 29th October, 15 Model As and 2 moderns met at Princess Margaret Hospital for a short run along the base of the port hills and across the flats to Waterholes Rd for a picnic followed by Gymkhana.

Thanks Ken for an excellent run through areas that many of us had not been to before and for the quiz along the way to keep our grey cells and observation skills alert.

We finished the run at Kermit and Jan's property on Waterholes Rd and were joined by 4 more model As and 2 more moderns. It was great to see some new members and possible members taking part in the day's fun.

After a picnic lunch and a catch up, we moved to the paddocks for the Gymkhana.

The Gymkhana involved 2 activities, the first being an obstacle course with the driver blindfolded and the navigator trying to guide them. This was, as many navigators found out, not as easy as it sounded. Some drivers even thought that they were moving when they were still stationary, once they were deprived of their sight.

The second activity was a timed trial around a course. This was a lot of fun with many beaming faces, or maybe fixed nervous grins, on both the driver's and the navigator's faces as they crossed the finish line.

Thank you Kermit, Jan, Vaughan and Belinda for an excellent Gymkhana and a lot of fun. Sorry we didn't have time for all that was planned. This was due to the delayed start because of the Rugby and the deteriorating weather.

The combined run quiz and Gymkhana results will go towards the Rex Chenery Memorial Trophy which will be presented at the AGM in July 2024.



28th Australian National Model A Ford Meet



“A” Rally through the Cane Fields

Maryborough Queensland

Sunday 1st – Sunday 8th September, 2024

Hosted by the Model A Ford Club of QLD

PRESENTS SELWYN MOTOR FEST & FAMILY FUN DAY

A car, truck, motorcycle and farm vehicle show.
with lots of things for the whole family!

Public entry opposite Rolleston College

SHOW VEHICLES
\$10 pre booked
\$20 drive up on the day



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FAMILY - \$10

SUN 26 NOV - 10AM - 3PM

www.selwynmotorfest.kiwi



Computer Troubles?

I was having trouble with my computer. So I called Harold the computer guy, to come over.

Harold clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem. He gave me a bill for a minimum service call.

As he walked away, I called after him “So, what was wrong?”

He replied “It was an ID ten T error”

I didn’t want to appear stupid, but nonetheless inquired,

“An ID ten T error?
What’s that...in case I have to fix it again?”

The computer guy grinned...
“Haven’t you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?”

“No”, I replied.

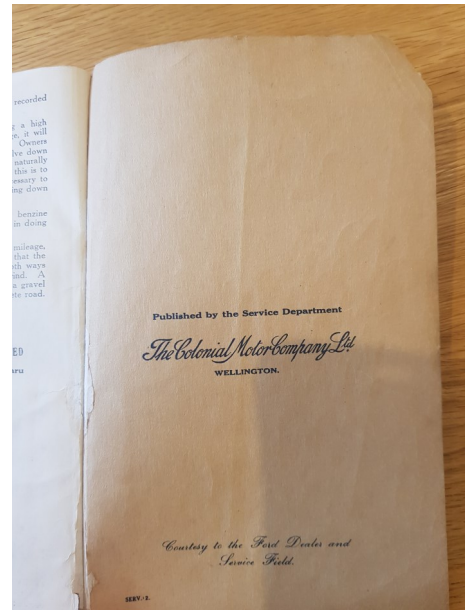
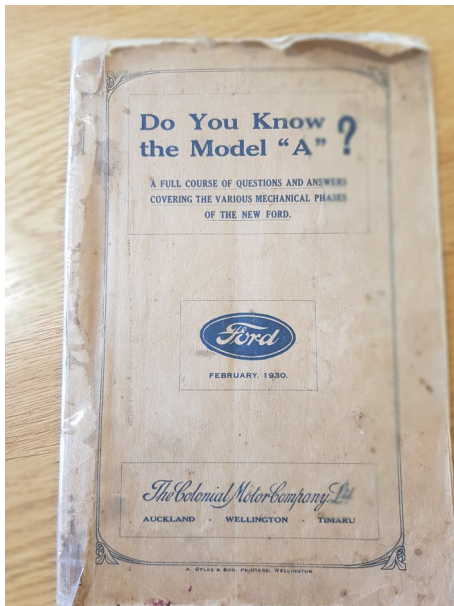
“Write it down and I think you’ll figure it out”

So, I wrote it out..... I D 1 0 T

I used to like Harold...

Member Contribution

André Kraenzlin has been diligently copying out pages from the following book for members enjoyment. There will be a few Q & As each month. Thank you for this André.



DO YOU KNOW THE MODEL "A"?

A Course of Questions with Detailed Answers Covering
Various Mechanical Phases of the NEW FORD.

ARTICLE 1.

THE POWER PLANT.

Question 1. What is the weight of the new Model A engine, complete with clutch and transmission? What was the weight of the Model T power plant?

Answer 1. The weight of the new Model A power plant, including the clutch and transmission, is 475 pounds. The weight of the Model T Ford power plant was 420 pounds, including clutch and transmission.

Question 2. What is the crank case lubrication capacity of the new FORD?

Answer 2. The crank case lubrication capacity of the new FORD is 1 Gallon.

Question 3. What is the torque of the new FORD engine? At what speed? What was the torque of the Model T FORD? At what speed?

Answer 3. The "torque" or turning effort of the new Model A FORD is 112 pounds-feet, at a speed of 1,400 revolutions per minute. The torque of the Model T FORD was 75 pounds-feet at 900 revolutions per minute.

Question 4. What is the weight of the fly-wheel of the new Model A FORD? What was the weight of the fly-wheel of the Model T FORD?

Answer 4. The weight of the fly-wheel of the new FORD is 63 pounds 4 ounces and it is dynamically balanced to approximately 1/50th of an ounce. The weight of the Model T fly-wheel was 32 pounds and it was not dynamically balanced.

Member Contribution

Mrs White.

Some of the older club members will remember Mrs White who died many years ago.

She was a typical little old grey-haired lady who loved her Model 'A'. It was given to her as a wedding present in 1929 by her late husband as a brand-new vehicle and she was instructed to have it serviced annually by the Ford agents which she did until the day she died. It was a 1929 Murray Fordor sedan repainted sometime in the past all one colour. It was lovingly cared for, and I have some amusing stories told to me by her and some close friends of hers. She was our clubs one and only 'one owner'.



The 'AA' man.

Mrs White was a keen bridge player and participated weekly. One night on her way to bridge her Model 'A' stopped and she glided into the side of the road. Usually, the car was very faithful and this was a surprise to her. She went to the nearest house and phoned for the 'AA' man who duly arrived. She said he lifted the bonnet and said 'oh no', and said he would tow her back home. The next day she phoned me and I called to see what I could do. At first glance I spotted the problem. The coil wire had fallen out of the coil. Pushed it back in and started the car. She was quite impressed with my amazing mechanical skills. I said nothing, and she asked me in for a cup of tea.

Flat tyre.

On another occasion to bridge she developed a puncture. She told me she knew what to do and with a lot of time and trouble managed to jack the car up and removed the wheel and replaced it with the spare. (How she managed to remove the wheel nuts I don't know). She was very proud of herself and went on her way, only to go about a hundred yards when the wheel fell off. She had only hand tightened the wheel nuts and did not know to use the wheel brace to retighten. The 'AA' man was called and rectified the problem.

The Ford agents.

Her husband informed her on purchasing the car that it had to go back to the Ford agency (Hutchinson Motors) every year for an oil change and service. She did this every year until she died. Now, as time went by most of the Ford mechanics had either left or died and the Model 'A' was becoming an annual problem. There was really nobody who knew much about old cars anymore. I am told that when she drove in, the mechanics would hide. They called either Peter Keir or myself to come and help. They were dead scared of the distributor and would not touch it. Oil changing was ok and they greased the car and she was on her way for another year.

The tool kit.

I often passed her place on my way into Christchurch. One Sunday I noticed the car parked in the driveway and she was busy vacuuming the carpets. I stopped to say hello and offered to put the front seat squarely back into position. I noticed in the left-hand inner corner of the seat tray a small bag. She noticed and said 'what is that'? I knew what it was immediately. It was the original tool kit which had never been unwrapped from new. The bag was a very early type of vinyl, half vinyl and half fabric. I carefully untied the fabric strap and there were all the tools with a light coating of surface rust. It was 100% complete. I would have loved that tool kit, but didn't have the heart to ask her for it and take it off her. I'm sure she would have just given it to me. The seat was duly replaced and we went in for a cup of tea.

It wasn't long after that when she died. The car was left to her son and I traced it to Oxford Canterbury where I asked to look over the car. I went straight for the tool kit but it was gone. No tools to be found. I inquired as to the tool bag and said it was thrown away long ago. They thought I was crazy asking for a silly little tool bag. The car is still running well I am informed.

Les.



The Murray makers body badge on the cowl of the Fordor.



MAFCA ANNOUNCES 50 YEAR AWARD PROGRAM

Each year one of the privileges for the Chapter Coordinator for MAFCA is to recognize those chapters who have achieved certain milestones in their history for their years of continuous operation. This is done by awarding a certificate of achievement designating that milestone. These are then delivered to each chapter to display. We are proud to announce a new program to enhance this.

This year by unanimous vote the MAFCA Board of Directors and in an agreement with MAFFI and the Model "A" Ford Museum we approved to begin recognizing those chapters who have achieved the high honor of 50 years of continuous membership in the Model "A" Ford Club of America in a special way. For those chapters an inscribed brick will be placed on behalf of MAFCA at the Model "A" Museum by the Model "A" Ford Foundation or MAFFI. This permanent enshrinement of this accomplishment will be on display 365 days a year to celebrate this high honor.

We cannot however just begin this recognition in 2023. We must also look back to past award recipients as well as look at our current winners. To do so 94 bricks will be ordered this year that will include all prior 50 year Chapter Longevity Award winners. This begins with our first chapter, the Bakersfield, California Club, as well as including the 2023 and 2024 winners which will be placed in time for the 2024 Model "A" Days celebration. Each year after a brick will be placed in honor of those 50 year chapters reaching this milestone. Those recognized in this sidewalk of 50 year Chapter Longevity Winners is meant to demonstrate their special place in MAFCA's history and their significance in the success of MAFCA.



It is our hope that with this permanent recognition and placement of these bricks, those MAFCA members and others who visit the museum, will feel the same sense of pride and accomplishment in these recipient's as the Model A Ford Club of America does.

Will Langford
2023 Chapter Coordinator

Note from Garth Moore: Our club is eligible for one (nothing needs to be done). The club actually bought a brick some years ago.

Tidbits

As written to Annette,

“Here's the poster for our Rods at Methven Car Show as Gerard mentioned to you when he saw you at the Vintage Car Club swap meet - all Model A's of any sort are all welcome as we are celebrating 95 years of the Model A at this event. We already have quite a few attending and if you could ask your members how many might make the trip to Methven on Saturday 30th Dec 2023, let us know as we are going to try and park all Model A's together. I have attached the poster for the show but if you can't open it let us know”.



HOT ROD SHOW
Street Machines
Classic Cars and
Motor Bikes

SAT 30TH DEC
2023

10AM – 3PM
METHVEN
TOWN CENTRE
(Around Blue Pub)

\$5 Adults
Children U12 free
Proceeds to local Methven
Community

Featuring 95 yrs of
Model A Fords

RODS AT METHVEN

**Below is a post about a car from Christchurch to the USA
Someone in Club may know of info. requested?**



Jessica Stewart

Yesterday at 09:17 · 🌐

ISO: long shot here but wanted to see if someone in the group has any information on this car. It would have been sold in VA sometime after March of '69 when it was imported to the states from Christchurch, NZ. Know it was kept for a few years after it was brought back before it was sold but do not know the exact year of sale. Was last known to be on the east coast.

It would be a factory RHD believed to have been built in CA like the roadster pickup that came back with it. The seller would have been a Nazy Aviator vet by the name of James Kieth who was in realstate as well. Possibly the vin being CA64027* or CA612027* based on documentation that came with the pickup.

Not looking to buy or anything, but would like to tell his daughter where it ended up and depending on location maybe help organize a meeting with the daughter/wife of James to see it again.



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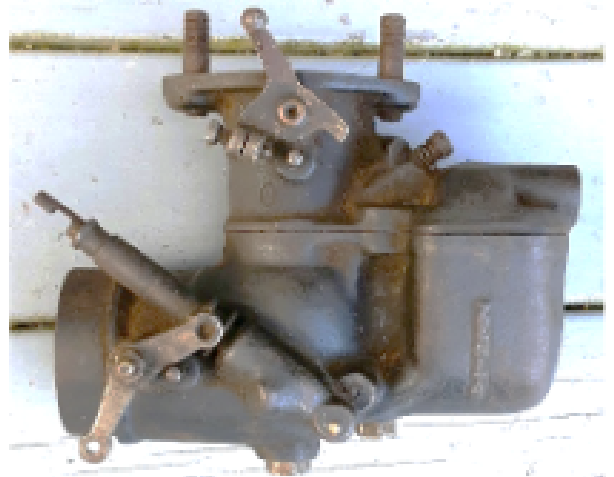
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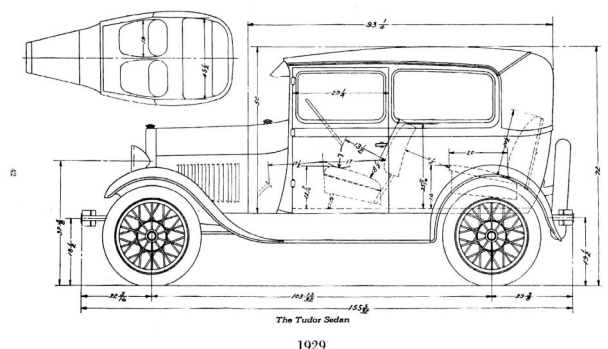
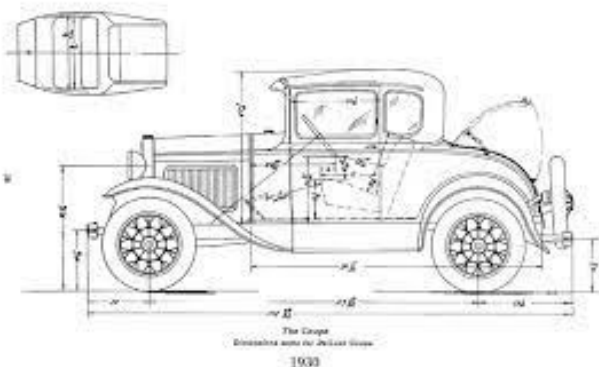
WANTED

Wanted to borrow,

Original 1930 Murray Fordor RHD woodwork for patterns. I am needing the lintel above the doors (my samples have rotted and broken), and the roof rails which hold the roof ribs, these are finger jointed. Also need a side sub-chassis rail with good detail for pattern. One side left or right hand is all I am looking for to make the jigs.

If you can help please phone 3797 370 or email me george.earlyfordparts@xtra.co.nz or call and see me

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Quiz Answers, according to Ford Advertising at the time:

1. Four-wheel mechanical drum brakes.
2. Radiator cowl and headlamp housings.
3. To provide heat to the cab.
4. The amount of hot air entering the cab.
5. In the windshield.