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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 Octoberr 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.

COVER: Willow Bank Heritage Park, Wakefield.

Stop for lunch on the Top of the South Run, 23rd September 2023

CAPTAINS LOG September 23

September was a good month featuring a couple of events for those that could attend.

On the 10th of September we had the club Brunch run from Rangiora out to Oxford which was well supported and kindly organised by Sandra and John Olliver.

Then on the 22nd through to the 24th the National Model A Day was held in Richmond, Nelson. This rally proved to be a great, well organised weekend away in the Nelson area and the Top of the South Club were excellent hosts. Canterbury and the West Coast members would have got being close to half the overall group in attendance, I would think.

During the National Model A Day in Nelson we met a couple who were on the rally and wished to join our esteemed club here in Canterbury. They had the paperwork filled in and money deposited into the club account, ready to go, very organised.

We have a new Treasurer: Annette Painter has kindly agreed to take over this role in October. Many thanks to Brent Miles for his dedicated work in this role over many years.

The Federation of Motor Clubs survey results were released this month and a copy emailed out by our club and the VCC also. There is a summary page in the following pages of the Script which makes it an easy read.

The Swap Meet at McLeans Island and the annual Gymkhana are both on, in this month of October. The club will have a display of vehicles at the Swap meet as usual. The swap meet is a great catch up time for many club members at this popular event, with some having their own stall on site.

The Gymkhana should be a bit of fun and there will be a short run with a question or two organised beforehand to qualify as a Rex Chenery Memorial Trophy event.

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: Alan Orchard and Nicola Smith, 1928 Phaeton, unrestored

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

2023/24 Subscriptions: These were due **by the 30th September.**

Thankyou for payments already made. It is pleasing to see that almost all of subs have already been paid. **Please attend to this if you have not already.**

The voluntary contributions to carbon emissions is still an option this year and if you intend to contribute, then the return of the notice is helpful for the treasurer's book keeping.

Likewise if you wish to have a hard copy of the Script

Should there be any difficulty in returning the subscription notice by email it can be posted to P.O. Box 1242 Christchurch, and still pay by internet if you wish.

If you have any problems, please just give Brent a call ,03 3439482 anytime (transfers to cell) or 0274326512

Please note:

that you must put your **First and Last Name in the reference when paying online.**

It is very difficult for the treasurer to work out where the payment has come from if this is not filled in. It may be that your payment will be considered a donation if this is the case.

Carbon Credit Donations Explained by Ken James, Committee Member.

During discussions at the AGM regarding Carbon credit donations to trees for Canterbury Someone asked me a question along the lines of:

"Do we know how many trees it takes to absorb the carbon emissions from a Model A"

I did not have an answer at the time but after some time spent on google gathering info from *Science direct* I have concluded that.

- It costs approximately \$6.00 per 1000km more to run a petrol driven car than an electric one. From *Trees that count.*

- It takes 0.92 trees to absorb the co2 for 1000km from a petrol car. From *Trees for Canterbury.*

- To buy one tree from Trees for Canterbury costs \$15.00.

So... A donation of \$30.00 to our fund will ease your conscience for 2000km and you will be supplied a nice yellow sticker to prove it FREE.

Best regards. Ken James.

COMING EVENTS

2023

October 6th—8th

VCC Swap Meet

Club cars for display from 10 to 4pm

Graham Evans, John Olliver, Peter Bayler, Dave Dacombe, Kevin Straw,
Brent Miles, Gerry Lake plus Club car taken by Ken James.

October 29th

Gymkhana and picnic lunch

Short Run, followed by Gymkhana

Please bring a picnic lunch.

Please let **Ken** know if you will be attending **by 24th October**

Location:

Run: meet at the Princess Margaret Hospital at **10.30**

Gymkhana: 875 Waterholes Road, Rolleston

Organiser/s:

Run: Ken James. **0212225086 or kenjj10187@gmail.com**

Gymkhana: Kermit Armstrong **0274370406** and Vaughan Morrison **021660762**

November 26th

Christmas Lunch

Short run (to be organised by Gill & Gerry Lake, with details in the next script),
followed by a catered lunch (Meal served at 12.30pm).

Era dress (optional)

Please bring a \$10 present each, plus there will be a lucky ticket prize

BYO: Own glass and picnic chair and please 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 LUNCH** in details

Organisers:

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

December 6th

Children's Christmas Party

5.00pm

Bring your own 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

2024 January 28th

Era Picnic

Location: Murray and Wendy Marshall's farm. (Further details to come)

PAST EVENTS

Brunch Run

10th September 2023

Sunday September 10th we met in Rangiora for a quick chat before heading off towards Oxford on the Brunch Run. A mild Spring morning to start turned a bit windy, but (for us at least), didn't detract from new roads. We stopped for about half an hour in Cust with three suggested stops. We only managed to make it around the second hand store 'Done and Dusted,' we didn't leave empty handed, or on time! Back on the road to Oxford for Brunch at Cafe 51, lots of laughs and good food. Our table even cleaned them out of date scones! A lovely relaxed run, and great to catch up with new members and familiar faces!

Christina Kraenzlin



International Model A Day Run 2023

Richmond

22nd to 24th September 2023

This event was run by the Top of The South Model A Club Inc and held in Richmond, Tasman District. The weekend in Tasman proved to be a fabulous one with a fortuitous weather break despite the horrendous forecast. The Top of The South Club did an excellent job in putting on a great run on the Saturday and social events on the Friday and Saturday nights.

Friday we met in the VCC clubrooms for meet and greet and to get our instructions for the next day. A few of us then went to the Waimea Club for a meal.

Saturday started at the VCC clubrooms and after a 16 mile circuitous route we arrived at Mapua Wharf to explore for about half an hour.

The main part of the run was a 51 mile drive through farmland, orchards, vineyards, hop plantations, river valleys and over the Dovedale

saddle through forestry to Wakefield. The famed Wakefield Bakery did a

roaring trade and then we met for lunch at **Willowbank Heritage Park** about 1 mile south of Wakefield along SHW6. This is a delightful heritage village that is usually only open on a Sunday and is entirely run by volunteers in period dress. There was a Victorian café for tea & coffee and homemade goodies plus many small period shops and businesses to view set in a lovely setting. (continued on page 6)



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After lunch we travelled another 19 miles along the back roads of Wakefield, Brightwater and Richmond back to our bases for a freshen up and a wee sleep for some of us before heading to the Waimea Club for another great evening. It was heartening to see some young people on the rally including a family with 2 teenage sons who shared the driving and received the rally award.

Gerry thanked the hosts, on behalf of the outer towners, for an excellent rally and invited everyone to attend next year's rally which will be held by the Canterbury Chapter.



Sunday morning we met at Columbus at Mitre 10 for a farewell breakfast and then a visit to the Classic Car Museum next door.

All in all an excellent meet with great friends.

Gill Lake

Post Richmond Adventure:

On the Sunday following the Richmond event 3 Model As , Garth & Pauline Moore, Kevin & Judy Straw and David & Pam Dacombe, went on an adventure to Collingwood for a couple of days. On the way they went up to the Cobb Dam.

On the way back they were lucky to see an Orion transported to Christchurch and overnighting with them in Murchison.



Member Contribution

Report from member Graeme Tucker about his trip to Perth

In July myself and Susan along with relations from Perth were having a couple of weeks in Busselton so I contacted the clubs furthest away from Canterbury member Wes Hartley and was invited around to have a look at his cars. My brother in-law Ray and myself arrived at Wes and Beverley's property to be shown around whilst they were heavily involved with builders fixing a garage and preparing their property as the headquarters for the Déjà vu Rally to be held from the 14th -19th September 2023.

Wes took time out to show us another garage that is being decked out as a Model A man cave also a lovely tree hut he has built for the grandchildren then we looked at his Model A and a beautiful 1997 Ford Fairlane, Beverley finished putting a submersible light in the pool in the yard and made us a coffee we enjoyed our most hospitable visit with Wes and Beverley and wished them well for the up and coming rally.

A little bit about Wes and Beverley's Coupé:

Wes Hartley and Beverley Biggs purchased their 1928 Sports Coupé (Model 50A) from Rainsfords, Adelaide in February 2010.

Ironically the car had come from Busselton nearly 30 years earlier as part of the late Bill Spencer's collection, with three of Bill's complete Model As still being listed amongst MARC of WA owner vehicles, including this Model 50A, which was then known among Club members as "Daisy Duck". For ten years prior to Wes and Beverley's ownership it was based in Esperance, the pride and joy of former MARC of WA member Craig Freebairn. During Craig's ownership the body was completely repainted, retaining the distinctive Arabian Sand colour, but mechanically little had been attempted since Bill's original 1980s restoration from a complete wreck.

When the car first arrived back in Busselton with its new owners, Beverley's father was completely taken aback, as he had bid unsuccessfully for it at auction following Bill's death. It was as if the car had come home.

A range of mechanical issues led to a complete rebuild between 2012-2013 of engine gearbox, differential, brakes and replacement cooling system, with great assistance from MARC of WA member Hans Hurij. The car retains the original 1928 mechanical specification, apart from conversion to 12 volt and filters for air and oil, along with the fitment of a luggage rack and colour-matching trunk.



Wes Hartley and Beverley Biggs' 1928 Sports Coupé (Model 50A) in 2018



(Below) Wes Hartley and Beverley Biggs' 1928 Sports Coupé (Model 50A) as it was circa 1975

Engine Mounts.

Authentically Speaking

More important than you think.

The rear mounts are rubber mounted and after some time (normally quicker than you think) the rubber hardens and transfers vibration. The complete front mounts are isolated from the chassis and the mounting bolts are isolated through the rubber by small ferrules. Bolt nuts are pinned externally as pictured. A side external plate holds the rubber to the engine mount as pictured. Most mounts were a casting, but some later mounts were a heavy pressing. The whole system works quite well if installed correctly.



Mounting bolt, ferrule, nut and pin.



Complete rear mounting kit.



Side plate.



Pressed mount.

Front Engine Mount.

The 'early' cars were solid mounted. Later a yolk was added and sprung from 3 springs, 2 on top and one below. A small flat plate with a raised projection held the 2 top springs in position on the chassis. The bottom spring pulls the top springs down the required distance to hold sufficiently when pinned properly, and allow enough spring tension to remove vibration.



Front yolk showing the 2 top springs. Bottom spring not shown. Once the bottom spring has been pinned, the tension on the top 2 springs is correct with just enough spring tension to hold them securely in place and reduce vibration.



Les.

New Zealand Historic and Classic Vehicle Survey

Headline Outcomes

279,200

Estimated total number of historic and classic vehicles in NZ

\$11.4B

Estimated total \$ footprint of all historic and classic vehicles in NZ

44,225

Total historic and classic vehicles in FoMC Membership

\$2.6B

Estimated total vehicle investment by FoMC members, museums and collections

3,650km

Average annual distance travelled per annum, historic and classic vehicles

\$9,302

Average annual spend per historic & classic car: insurance, running costs, servicing etc

\$1.03B

Estimated total annual spend across historic and classic sectors

5,700

Estimated total jobs directly supported across all sectors

\$660M

Total annual spend of the FoMC Motorhome and Caravan sector (servicing and travel)

\$43,670

Average value per vehicle for all historic and classic cars (FoMC members)

26%

Proportion of NZ population who would love to own an historic or classic vehicle

71%

Proportion of NZ population who see historic and classic vehicles as part of NZ's heritage

80% +

of FoMC clubs report growing or stable membership and vehicle numbers

15,500

Total number of surveys conducted



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Tidbits and Quizz

Congratulations to **Lindsay Painter** and **Alan Wills** for receiving their 50 year badges and certificates by the VCC in September.

Sorry, no photo of Alan .



Did you know that in 1884 the first production standard electric car in the World capable of being reproduced and sold to the public was revealed?

Did you know that by early 1900, 1/3 of all vehicles on the road were electric? They started to disappear rapidly around 1920 with the introduction of gasoline and Henry Ford.

Ferdinand Porsche—the founder of the eponymous sports car—produced an electric vehicle called the 'P' in 1898, before creating the world's first hybrid offering, which was powered by both electricity and a combustion engine.



Model A Ford Quizz (Part 3)

Answers on page 15

1. The Model A engine was a water-cooled L-head inline four with what displacement?
2. This engine provided how much horse power?
3. What was the top speed?
4. How long was the Model A wheelbase?
5. What kind of transmission did it have?

Tidbits

Baked Caramel Custard

1 cup sugar.
1 cup water.
1 quart milk.
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt.

2 tablespoons sugar.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon vanilla.
5 eggs.
Butter.

Melt and stir the cup of sugar in a smooth skillet over low heat until the sugar turns a rich brown color, add the water, continue to stir until a thick caramel sirup has formed, and remove from the fire. Heat the milk slightly, add the salt, 2 tablespoons of sugar, one-half cup of the caramel sirup, and vanilla, and stir into the slightly beaten eggs until well mixed. Butter custard cups, put in each about a teaspoon of the caramel sirup, fill with the custard mixture, put a small piece of butter on top, and bake on a rack in a pan of hot water in a moderate oven (350° F.) for 45 minutes, or until set. Test by inserting the point of a knife in the center of the custard. If it comes out clean remove the custard at once from the hot water. When cold turn out on individual plates, and the caramel sirup in the bottom of the cups will run down over the custard like a sauce. If preferred the custard may be baked in a ring mold and the caramel sirup mixed with whipped cream and served as a sauce instead of baked with the custard in the bottom of the mold.

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Recipe taken from:

“Aunt Sammy’s Radio Recipes Revised” 1931

“Aunt Sammy,” a character created by the USDA, hit the radio waves in 1926 with informative and engaging talk about menus, recipes and other items of household interest. Housewives clamoured for her recipes, many of which are included in this cookbook.

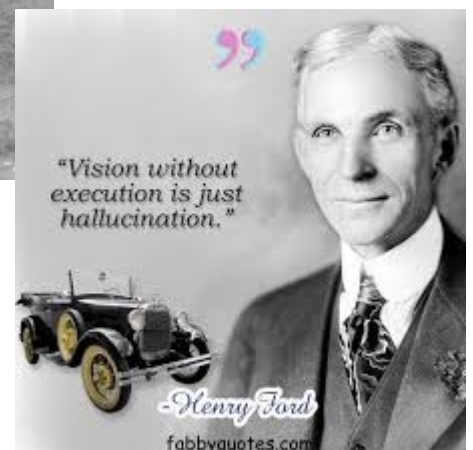


During an anniversary celebration in 1933, Ford Motor Company founder Henry Ford posed for this commemorative photograph in a 1903 Model A -- the first automobile produced and sold by his fledgling company thirty years earlier (Object ID: P.189.10644).

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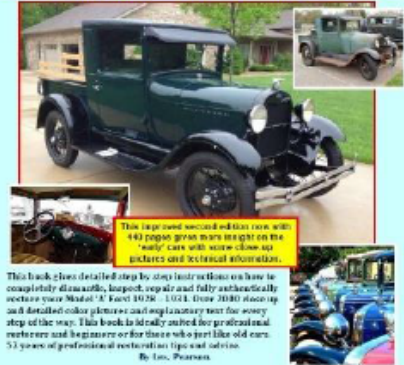
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Quiz Answers, according to Ford Advertising at the time:

1. 201 cu in.
2. 40 hp.
3. Around 65 mph.
4. 103.5 in.
5. The transmission was a conventional unsynchronized three-speed sliding gear manual with a single