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COVER. Start of August run to Leeston

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Firstly thank you for giving me the opportunity to be your Club Captain for the year ahead. Our committee essentially remains the same with Vaughan Morrison joining us, replacing Bruce Miles who has asked to step down after many years contributing to the committee.

This year has started with several matters already requiring our attention.

The AGM was well attended and produced two motions from the floor. The first being that we apply for membership of the NZ Federation of Motor Clubs (www.fomc.org.nz), a significant body which acts as a watchdog for regulatory changes that could negatively impact on our freedom and ability to continue to use our vehicles as we currently do.

The second motion was that we hold a special meeting (within three months) to determine whether our Club Car should be disposed of or not. The committee have set the date for this meeting in October, the actual date to be confirmed when a suitable venue is able to be secured.

Full details of both the meeting time and place, as well as the format, will be advertised in the next Script. I would ask as many of you as possible participate in this process and exercise your right to vote in this significant Club decision.

Included in this edition of the Script is our 'Calendar of Events' for the year ahead. We hope that by giving you this earlier notice it will be easier to schedule our events with other commitments you may have.

The single event since the AGM was our run to John and Deborah McLachlan's at Leeston. A detailed report thanks to Kevin appears elsewhere in this Script. It was pleasing to see this event was well supported with considerably more than my (as it turned out pessimistic estimate of 20) booked for the pub lunch. The late increase of more than fifty percent did put pressure on the kitchen resources (we were just one of four groups booked that day) and, as Kevin noted in his report, resulted in a longer than normal wait for our meal. It was pleasing however to see that for most this was not an issue and used as an opportunity to catch up with others around the table.

As we move into the warmer months ahead I hope the program we have put together will be taken as an opportunity to get out and enjoy our 'A's in the company of other Club members.

Graeme Scott

Report on the AGM

The 2018 AGM was held at the Two Fat Possums in West Melton on Sunday 29th July with a very good turnout of 31, joined by David McConnell from Blenheim and junior participant Lucy Morrison .The meeting got underway a little late at 11.15 am due to the caterers finalising meal orders, but ran to a smooth and predetermined pattern.

Committee

The standing committee was re-elected with the variance of Graeme Scott installed as Club Captain ,David Dacombe as Vice, Peter Bayler remains on the committee, Bruce Miles has stepped down from the committee and new club member, Vaughan Morrison has taken his place. Both Peter and Bruce were thanked accordingly for their involvement.

Coming events

Of note mentioned during the programme were:

The International Model A Day 2018, Sept Friday 21st till Sunday 23rd. This event will be hosted by The Top of the South Club in and around Blenheim

The National Model A Rally in Te Anau. This will be held $15^{th} - 19^{th}$ April 2019

The meeting was reminded that the Canterbury Club should be responsible for hosting the National Model A day next year and the National Meet in 4 years from the next i.e. 2023.

General Business.

It was decided that the club should subscribe to the National Motoring Federation, a well-supported and significant body which acts as the watch dog for regulatory changes, political or otherwise for the various facets of the motoring fraternity, where our interests lie.

Club Car – or not. The new Club Captain brought us up to date with the current situation regarding the car and its storage.

Whilst the car has been satisfactorily stored in a private garage for a number of years that tenure has now ceased. It is currently stored securely at a member's property.

Knowing that this situation might occur, the committee for the last year or two has been investigating other possibilities, one of which was the potential to erect a garage at the VCC grounds in Cutler Park. Verbal positive feedback had been received from members of the VCC, so a formal application was made this year, with the consequence that the proposal was aired at the VCC AGM on 24th June this year. The reaction from the floor was not hugely positive, and at a subsequent VCC committee meeting in July the application was rejected.

Following this outline of this process, in open discussion, it was suggested the club car should be sold to alleviate the problem. A decision to that effect could not be made without advice to the full membership, and, as there were 2 schools of thought, for and against, it was decided that a special general meeting should be arranged by the committee within 3 months' time to allow the matter to be considered fully by all members.

Prize Giving.

In the order of a dozen trophies and certificates were awarded in the usual manner at the conclusion of the meeting, with a rider that the incoming committee would make every endeavour to ensure that 4 other trophies related to concourse events, would also be competed for in the forthcoming year. It was pleasing to see 2 junior competitors recognized for their endeavours in the gymkhana, Grace Liddell and Lucy Morrison.

The afternoon concluded with an excellent lunch and lively discussion on several fronts.

Calendar Canterbury Chapter Ford Model A Club 2018 – 2019

2018

August

Sunday 12th Run to Leeston

Sunday 26th VCC National Day Daffodil Run (Cancer fundraiser)

September

Sunday 16th Run to View Interesting Car Collection

Weekend 22/23rd International Model A Ford Day Blenheim

October

Weekend 12/13/14 VCC Swap Meet (Vehicle Display)

Sunday 28th Breakfast Run

November

Monday 3rd Ladies Lunch - Arboista 265 High St (ANZ Building)

Saturday 24th Christmas Dinner (Era Dress Men's & Ladies Fashion Trophy)

December

Wednesday 5th Children's Christmas Picnic

2019

January

Sunday 27th Concours, Era Fashion and Picnic

<u>February</u>

Sunday 17th High Country Run/City Run

March

Sunday 17th Rex Chenery Memorial Trial and Gymkhana

April

Week 15th – 19th National Meet Te Anau

May

Saturday 18th Avon City Ford (Night) Trial

June

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

July

Sunday 14th AGM

August

Sunday 18th Winter Run

PAST EVENTS

"Visit to John McLachlan's Car Collection"

A bitterly cold wind greeted us at the PMH starting point on Sunday morning 12th August as we arrived for the days run to Leeston, it was great to see Richard and Jan Muir who were in Christchurch for a function and popped into say "Hello" before they returned home to Mosgiel.

After a quick catch up with others we got our instructions and headed back into the warmth of the car. A great turnout with thirteen Model A's and a couple of moderns we headed out around the bottom of the hills through to Halswell, Tai Tapu, Greenpark and around the Lake Ellesmere area to arrive in Leeston for lunch.

We arrived a little ahead of schedule so a quick change of plans and as arranged we would go straight on to visit the car collection before lunch. Leaving our cars in the very busy carpark, we walked down the street and over to Johns old grain store were his collection is stored. The collection was started by his father who began with early fire engines including a 1918 Ford TT and a 1915 Dennis that worked at the ChCh Fire station from 1916 to 1935 then at the NZ Refrigerating Company till 1958 and in later years has added Cars, Tractors, Motorcycles and farm machinery. John gave us a quick talk about the history of the collection and some very interesting facts of the six Cadillacs. The oldest being a 1907 single cylinder Runabout that has completed the Bluff to Cape Reinga Rally plus many other rallies over the years. The next Cadillac was a 1918 four cylinder Tourer in excellent condition and parked nearby were two 1929 Cadillac V8 sedans, these were massive and made the Model A look small and humble. John took one of the 1929 sedans on "Irishmans" this year and mentioned that it does everything twice as good as an "A" including using twice the fuel. Parked up in the corner was a 1957 Cadillac that was one of the ex Government Official Ministerial cars and I can remember as a kid looking at the cars in awe as they were stored in the NZ Road Services bus depot in Victoria Street.

Looking around it was great to see a 1936 Morris 8 two door sedan parked next to a Mk 7 Jaguar opposite was an old Mahan Marine plywood jetboat with three old tractors and John gave us a demonstration of how you start the old Field Marshall diesel with the "cartridge" starting system. This I had heard and read about over the years as it was also used on aircraft during the war and it was great to see it in action.

In the far corner were three old US Army GMC trucks and a 4WD Bedford and another Ford truck.

After a good look around it was time to head back to the Crate and Barrel for lunch. There was an extremely long wait for our lunch to arrive but there was no lack of conversation around the tables.

Thank you to the organisers for a very interesting and enjoyable day out.

Report by Kevin & Judy Straw

Some of John McLachlan's Car Collection











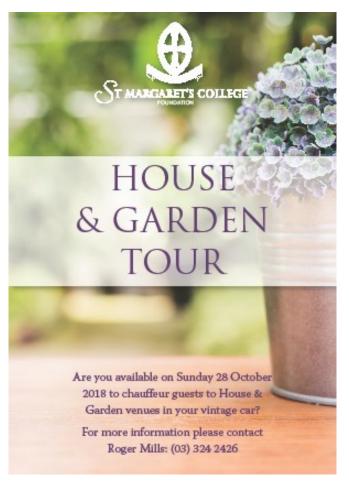


COMING EVENTS

September 16th

Run to Daniel Smith car collection in Rangiora.

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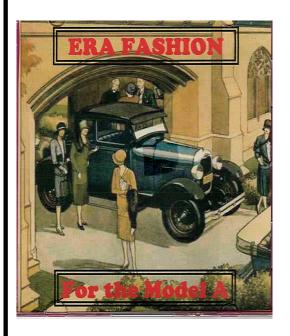
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CLOSING DATE for copy for the next Script is 20 September 2018. Please send to the Editor, Graham Evans afordscript@gmail.com . The views expressed in this magazine are personal opinions of those who contribute and do not necessarily represent the 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: New Custodian

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.

Glen Birnie (ph. 03 347 4849) 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 post-ponements 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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