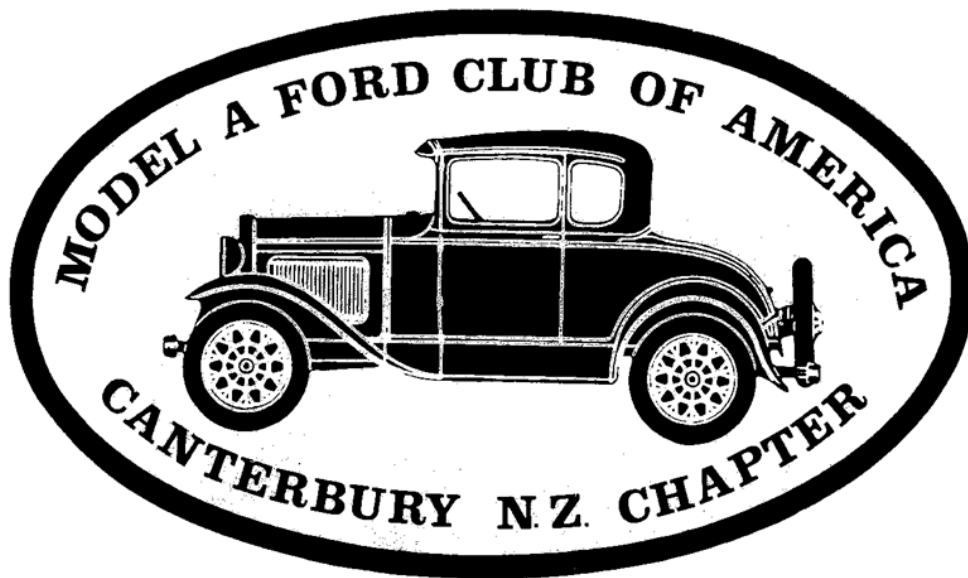


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COVER PICTURE:- The good ol' Model A— WE NEED MORE PHOTOS PLEASE

HENRY FORD QUOTE:-

"The short successes that can be gained in a brief time and without difficulty, are not worth much"



CLUB CAR REPORT

The Club car has had no use since my last report.

A maintenance check to be carried out in August in readiness for the September 50th Anniversary Rally



CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

50th Anniversary Rally 11-13th September 2015, 50th Anniversary Rally.

Entry forms need completing and retuning for those attending. This event doubles as International Model A day.

It was pleasing to see the good numbers that attended the Clubs 50th AGM.

Alan Hill has retired from the committee, but will still play an active part in the Club.

Special thanks go to Alan and Barbara for their dedication towards the running of the club.

A warm welcome to our new committee members; Rob Corbet, Annette Painter & Anne Evans on to the committee.

Regards Graham

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday 18 August 2015 7.30pm, at Graham and Anne Evan's home, 78A Jefferies Road. If you have any matters you would like raised, please contact a committee member before this date.

COMING EVENTS

Model A Club -Calendar of Events 2015/16

2015

August 9th 9:30am Flat White Café and Bar - Pegasus Blvde
September 11/12/13th 50th Anniversary & International Model A Ford

50th Anniversary Celebrations.

Annual International Model A weekend.

The Club's big birthday celebrations will be centred in Hornby, with social Functions at the Hornby Working Mens Club Friday & Saturday evenings, and a full day of motoring leaving from there Saturday morning. There will be a Gymkhana, lunch,,and prizegiving at Cutler Park on Sunday. The Club is subsidising the cost of the weekend. **HAVE YOU REGISTERED ?**

October	Afternoon Run TBD
November	High Country Run TBD
December	Children's Christmas Party at the Groynes?
December 6 th	Santa Parade
December 6 th	Christmas celebration—breakfast or evening meal

2016

January	Picnic
February	Outing
March	High Country Run
April	Gymkhana & Rex Chenery Run
May	Night Trail (Trial)
June	Breakfast Run
July	AGM

This is a proposed calendar for the next 12 months. Whilst the 2015 dates are fixed, we would appreciate input from members if you have any further ideas for 2016.

Please contact Graham on 351 5919 or Brent (as below)

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Thanks to everyone who has made an effort to contribute articles for this publication. It is much appreciated. Keep up the good work.

While Wendy and Russell are away, please contact Brent Miles on 343 9482.

Hello All

The narrow streets of Salzburg were getting a bit crowded and the incredible heat meant we were looking for a trip out of town.

Why not go to Hangar 7?

If you have ever been drinking a Red Bull and wondered where the money you paid is going, read on. The second richest person in Austria owns Red Bull and as well as sponsoring many events he has a purpose built hangar which houses a world class restaurant, several bars, cafe and some of his collection of toys. He allows the public to visit, free of charge.

As well as a DC 6, a jeep, and a New York taxi there were 15 racing cars. Now I don't know anything about racing cars but they looked like formula one cars, and we saw the Red Bull cars that had won at Petronas. I was surprised in the car specifications that the engines were only about 2.4l. The engine output was usually listed as undisclosed.

There were 6 Alpha jets, all with some history, 4 helicopters including the first civilian helicopter to be registered for stunt flying. There were motorbikes, off road and track.

Perhaps most interesting was the space capsule that was used in October 14 2012 for the highest leap from space. Felix Baumgartner the Austrian skydiver, made the well known quote "Sometimes you have to be really high to see how small you are" just prior to the jump but following he said "Let me tell you, when I was standing there on top of the world, you become so humble. You don't think about breaking records, you don't think about collecting scientific data the only thing you want is to come back alive."

All this and there was still plenty of room to spare.

Most of the signage was in German but there was enough in English to make it interesting.

Photography for private use was allowed but there were very specific notices prohibiting any for any sort of print or Internet usage, so no pics.

But there is plenty of info on Google.

So when you are next at a loss in Salzburg, a short bus ride will give you plenty to look at. Our next stop in Munich will allow Russell to continue to work on his beer belly.

Wendy and Russell

LOOKING BACK

BIG EVENTS

During its first half-century, our club has organised a number of major events. The first ten years were celebrated in 1975 with an evening barbecue at Cutler Park. This was attended by thirty-two families, most arriving in Model A's and including some from Nelson and Timaru. Those present signed a register and received a commemorative plaque. There was a photo display. Peter Keir and Alan Wills spoke about the formation and history of the club. According to "A Ford Script", the evening continued with dancing and informal entertainment.

Two years later, in December 1977, the club celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Model A. This weekend of rallying and fun was covered in detail in this column earlier this year.

The club turned twenty-one in 1986 and this was an excuse for a double celebration. A 21st birthday party was held at the Heathcote Community Centre on a Saturday evening. Tickets were \$15 a double or \$8 a single. Supper and non-alcoholic punch were provided as well as live music by the Tee Tee Two's. Judy Straw and Kaye Patterson sang a song about the Model A which they had written themselves. A Cinderella sketch featured Bev-an Patterson in the lead role, wearing size 12 boots, and Paul Walker as the Fairy Godmother. About one hundred members and friends were present.

The 21st celebration continued two weeks later with a Show Weekend trip to Timaru organised by Kevin and Ruth Mercer. The itinerary included a stop at Temuka Pottery, a noggin and natter at the Timaru VCC clubrooms, a photo line-up at Timaru Motors, a parade through Timaru lead by the Temuka Model A fire engine, the Pleasant Point Rail Museum, a barbecue tea at Seadown and the Geraldine Motor Museum. As well as all that, there was a time trial and gymkhana. The Saturday lunch was organised by the Waimate VCC.

As the Model A community throughout New Zealand grew and became organised, National Meets became possible. The Nelson club held the first one in 1984, a low key event which attracted 22 entries. Canterbury took up the challenge to organise the second National Meet in 1989. Blenheim was chosen as the venue in the hope of attracting North Island entrants. It was advertised as being a 22km drive from Wellington and thirty cars made the crossing. A boat-tail speedster was brought over from Australia. In total there were 116 Model A's and 125 entries for an action packed Easter weekend. The Blenheim Meet set the format for the later Meets which are now an important part of the NZ Model A calendar.

Canterbury's turn came around again in 2007 when we organised the eighth National Meet, this time based at Riccarton Racecourse with a speed event at Ruapuna. There were 123 Model A's entered and a total of 140 entries including eight couples from the USA and eight from Australia.

Earlier this year a committee of our southern members organised the 12th National Meet in Wanaka. They showcased Central Otago with a week of motoring through back country roads. There was also concours, gymkhana, era costumes and the mandatory social functions.

So, what does the future hold? Next month the club will celebrate its fiftieth birthday. A full weekend of activities has been planned, commencing Friday evening and finishing early Sunday afternoon to enable out-of-towners to drive home. All Model A owners are welcome to attend. Entry forms are available from pgmoore@xtra.co.nz.

Garth Moore

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50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL MODEL A WEEKEND

11TH TO 13TH SEPTEMBER 2015

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Have you entered??

ENTRIES CLOSE 28TH AUGUST – NO LATE ENTRIES

ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE FROM PGMOORE@XTRA.CO.NZ

AGM 2015
Sunday 19 July

This year following the previous two years it was again decided to have the AGM over a Sunday lunch time. We assembled at The Elmwood in Normans Road Bryndwr at 11.30am with lunch following at 12.30pm.

The Elmwood (previously Robbies) has been significantly remodelled to modern standards, allowing an ideal area towards the rear where the staff had set up an excellent area, and away from the remainder of the restaurant and public bar.

The AGM was very well attended by 30 people, up on numbers from recent years—so may this trend continue. It was very pleasing to note the attendance of younger folk taking an interest in the proceedings.

The meeting followed the usual programme with the election of the committee for the forthcoming 12 months. The new committee comprising many of the same in previous positions will be noted at the front of The Script.

Importantly however, we should note that Graham Evans has agreed to stand again for the third year as Club Captain, and Barrie Shipley as Treasurer for the fifth time.

Alan Hill has decided to stand down from the committee this year, after several years on the committee at various times over the last 35plus years since joining the Club. He and Barbara have served as Club Captain, along with various other committee positions. Graham recorded a vote of thanks to both Alan and Barbara for their continued support and involvement in the club at a committee level for so long.

New members have been voted on to the committee as you will note: Rod Corbett who along with his wife Anne, became members of the Model A club fairly recently (note the article in last month's Script, "Irish virgins"). In addition we now have the advantage of female input with Annette Painter and Anne Evans being elected to join the committee. Graham also thanked Barbara Hill for her work in arranging gifts for the children's Christmas party and Judy Straw for making herself available to assist in Era dress judging, endorsed by a small gift for each.

Perhaps the only other point worth mentioning was the decision to increase the subs this year from \$30, with additional costs for joint or family membership, to a flat fee of \$40—which will cover all memberships. Much debate was recorded for and against the motion, but it was agreed to after a close vote by a show of hands. The basic reasoning for this was the fact that 2014—2015 year, as in the previous two years, a loss was recorded.

Whilst the club is strong financially by way of assets, the consensus was albeit by close vote that those assets should be protected for the future of the club.

Just prior to the close of the meeting the trophies and certificates were awarded by Ralph Biggs, long standing member, and Kevin Straw for the Junior Gymkhana Cup.

The recipients were as follows:

Lynton Withell cup for attendance	Lyn and Brent Miles
Avon City Ford Trophy (night trial)	Anne and Graham Evans
Rex Chennery Cup for Gymkhana	Gavin Newell
Brian Dixon Cup for Ladies Gymkhana	Lyn Miles
Club Captain's award	Annette and Lindsay Painter
Concours cup	Martin Rooney
Concours Commercial	Martin Rooney
Straw Family Junior Gymkhana Cup	Ethan Newell
Ladies Fashion	Barbara Hill
Men's Fashion	Travis Michelle

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 August 2015. Please send to the Editor, Lyn or Brent Miles 03 3498108 or afordscript@gmail.com

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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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