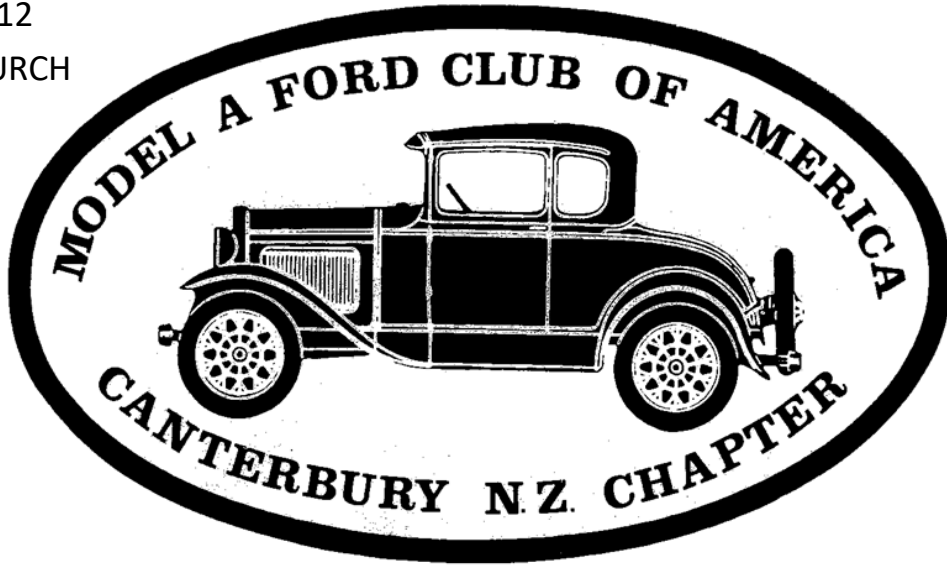
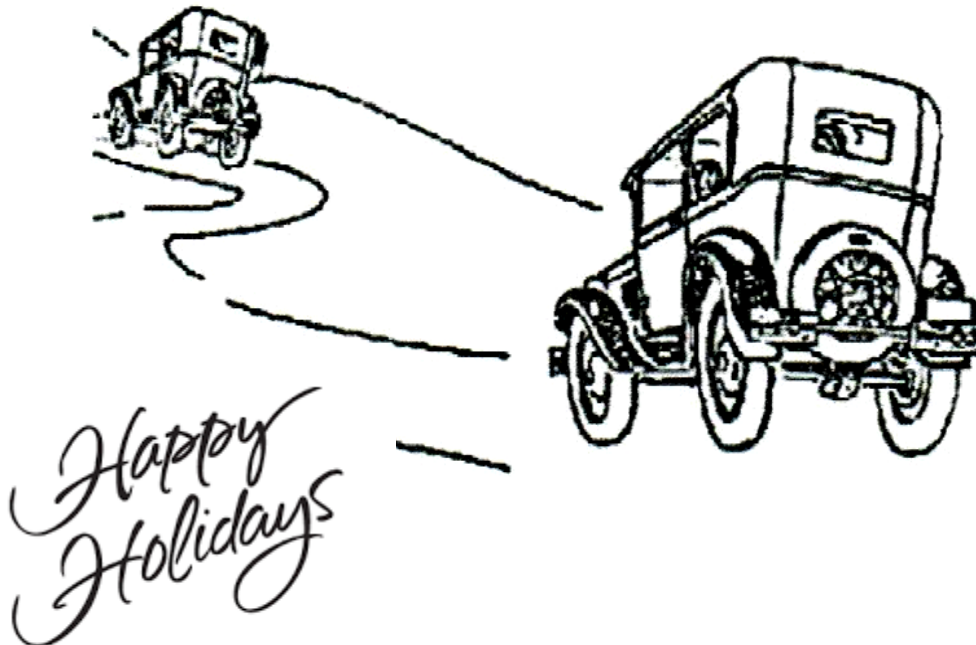


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COVER PICTURE :- From Mohair magazine.

**HENRY FORD QUOTE:-** People deserve the President they vote for.



## CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

### Picnic Run to Tai Tapu

Thank you to Annette & Lindsay Painter for an excellent outing with an unexpected finishing drive over Dave Florance's paddocks to end up in a lovely picnic spot. It is pleasing to see this event well supported with 17 Model A's in attendance for this Sunday outing.



Happy and Safe Motoring  
Graham.



## CLUB CAR REPORT

Next outing for the club car is the Children's Christmas Picnic and the Santa Parade.

Have a very Merry Christmas, a lovely safe holiday time and best wishes for good health and happiness for 2017 from all the Committee

### **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:**

Next committee meeting is at the picnic on 29th January. If you have any matters you would like raised, please contact a committee member before this date.

## COMING EVENTS

**Wednesday 7th December. Children's Christmas party.**

**From about 5.00 pm at The Groynes.**



**SATURDAY 17th December . Club Christmas Dinner.**

**At The Bridge at Prebbleton, 7.00 pm. \$55.90 per head. Formal Era dress if you want.**

This is always a good night out. Please contact Graham Evans, [gaevans@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gaevans@xtra.co.nz) or ph 3515919 by 8th of December if you are planning on joining us.

**January 29th Picnic day. 11.00pm at Tumbledoon Cottage, 12 Kiwi Avenue at Waikuku Beach.** This is down the Pegasus end of the community.

If you get lost, there is a map at the shop down at the beach.

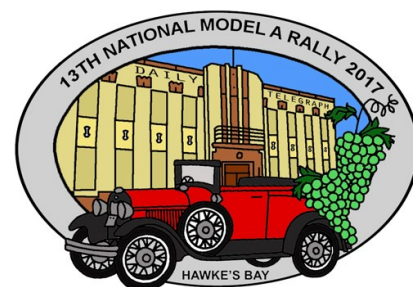
This will be the full era picnic accessories bonanza (and dress if you want), so keep scouring those Op Shops. This is a case of more is best, so don't be shy. There might be prizes! There will be a brief committee meeting at this picnic.

**February Country Run**

**March Gymkhana**

**April 13th National Model A Rally (Easter weekend)**

If you have registered to attend this event then please contact Graham by phone, 3515919 or email [gaevans@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gaevans@xtra.co.nz) to advise travel arrangements. We have had a request to co ordinate travel , to allow / provide support for Canterbury people travelling north.



## November Picnic Run

On Sunday the 6th November the Model A Club met at the Yaldhurst Hotel car park.



We would like to thank Annette and Lindsay who had organised a cross country picnic run to Tai Tapu.

It was a beautiful day, 17 cars turning out for the country drive in the Malvern, Lincoln and Broadfields areas with no major happenings along the way. Then drove from one end of Selwyn Road in Courtney to the other in Tai Tapu.

In the last short distance our host David Florance had kindly mowed and graded a cross country track over some undulating farmland. The cars manipulated the track easily, before arriving at the planned picnic destination. After recent heavy rain the ground was a little soft and a few tell-tale tyre marks were rather obvious. We could have fished, boated or just strolled around the pond while lapping up the warm sheltered area.

Questions, Questions: always fun and many were alert enough to find all the answers but one winner emerged. A special mention and congratulations to rally winners Peter & Rosalie Bayler.

The farm owner David delivered freshly dug new potatoes and asparagus for sale - a spring treat which many participants would take home.



## Technical Tip.

Tech Q&A - Chassis - Front End FRONT AXLE

**Question:** I am a new member of MAFCA and I am restoring a 1931 standard coupe (85B) as a driver (hydraulic brakes, etc.) The problem is the front axle is apparently installed backwards so that the spindle locking bolts have to be installed from the rear of the vehicle with the long nuts at the front of the car. The axle is apparently a 1928-29 with small Ford script but has a tapered pinion locking pin. The caster seems OK. The nuts on the bottom of the spring perch have damaged threads and don't want to come off. Is it OK to leave the axle this way. This is not a points car and the spindle locking nuts still keep the wheels from turning too far.

**Answer:** The front axle has no front and back side. It can go either way. That is why FORD script is printed on the front right side and left rear side of the axle, no matter which way it is installed. Your problem is that someone has just put the spindle locking bolt in backwards. It can also go in from either side, but should be inserted from the front. Remove the spindle locking bolt and insert it from the front. Be sure to knock the bolt all the way in before applying the nut so as not to strip the threads by forcing the bolt in with the nut. I would suggest leaving the spring perch nut alone if it is still tight. Spring perch bolts are always a problem. They are usually rusted into the axle and can be very difficult to get out. By the way, my answer above assumes you still have a Model A axle and Model A spindles with those hydraulic brakes. [https://mafca.com/tqa\\_c\\_frontend.html](https://mafca.com/tqa_c_frontend.html)

## TECHNICAL TIP

Spring Shackle and Bushing Replacement Submitted by Iriss on Tue, 2011-03-29 14:30

Spring shackle and bushing replacement can be an aggravating task of removing the bushings from the perch and the spring eye. For the rear spring, a SPREADER IS REQUIRED for removing the shackle. Next comes the tedious task of driving out the worn bushing. Put the big hammer away—you don't need it.

Simple tools required: one piece of 3/8-inch all-thread rod about 10 inches long, one 3/4-inch deep socket (1/2 or 3/8-inch drive), one piece of 3/8-inch pipe about 2-1/2 inches long (no threads), two 3/8-inch nuts and two washers. Place the socket on one side of the bushing to be removed and the piece of 3/8-inch pipe on the other. Center or line them both with the bushing and insert the all-thread through the middle, nut and washer on each end. A little grease on the all-thread helps. Tighten the nuts and an occasional tap of a hammer will help draw the bushing into the socket. The 3/8-inch pipe is slightly smaller OD than the bushing.

A little poem, so true it hurts!  
Another year has passed And we're all a little older.  
The summer felt hotter And winter seems much colder.  
There was a time not long ago When life was quite a blast.  
Now I fully understand About 'Living in the Past'  
We used to go to weddings, Football games and lunches..  
Now we go to funeral homes And after-funeral brunches.  
We used to have hangovers, From parties that were gay.  
Now we suffer body aches And whine the night away.  
We used to go out dining, And couldn't get our fill.  
Now we ask for doggie bags, Come home and take a pill..  
We used to often travel To places near and far.  
Now we get sore rears From riding in the car.  
We used to go to nightclubs And drink a little booze.  
Now we stay home at night And watch the evening news.  
That, my friend is how life is, And now my tale is told.  
So, enjoy each day and live it up... Before you're too darned old!

From prev page,      The new bushings can also be pulled into the perch with the all-thread. Socket not needed for installation of bushings but larger washers are.

This works for front and rear springs.

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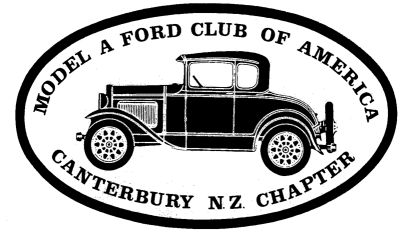
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**Club Member Profile: Bruce Miles**

**Club Member since 2004.**



EARLY IMPRESSIONS ARE LASTING IMPRESSIONS.

As pre-school age children we are fascinated by many things, some create long lasting memories.

Mine was Mr Stewart and his old Model A car. He was an elderly farmer who lived next door, in the Waikato and unlike modern farmers who have several tractors, dozens of implements, quads, motorcycles and heaps of gear lying around everywhere, Mr Stewart only had a highly modified Model A Tourer. It seemed to do everything that a farmer back then needed to do. The rear doors were welded up, the rear end cut out to accommodate a stock crate while the ripped ragtop only covered the front seat. All the door panels and linings were missing and the front seat covers were old sacks. A very rough but totally practical multi-purpose farm vehicle.

While mum was preparing the evening meal she would glance out the kitchen window to make the exciting announcement that she could see the dust kicked up by Mr Stewart's car coming down the road. Out the door I rushed, no time to put on gumboots as the further up the road I got the longer the ride in Mr Stewart's Model A. On rough gravel roads, bare feet, stubbed toes and stone bruises were the order of the day. Shoes for kids in those days were the painful things you had to wear to Sunday School.

A giant pair of arms would reach out and hoist me up on to Mr Stewart's knee. Then the real fun started because I was allowed to steer the Model A as far as his letter box. The floor and front seat usually contained mis-mothered lambs, chickens with their feet tied together, squealing piglets and other sundry farm animals. If the stock crate was full then the dogs had to somehow balance on the running boards or run alongside.

Mr Stewart had a wonderful ability to make me feel very important. He always thanked me for steering his Model A car, as it gave him the chance to roll a smoke. Pulling the feed-out trailer and harrows in damp weather involved wrapping old rusty dog chains around the rear tyres. Cunningly, as I grew older and stronger, he taught me how to fit the chains correctly. Allowing him to relax and roll a smoke. When bigger, by fitting wooden blocks to the clutch and brake pedals I was able to drive while he fed out hay to the stock from the trailer. Once when I harrowed a whole paddock without missing long strips or overlapping too much he paid me half a crown. Enough in today's money to buy 10 large cone ice-creams. I was as happy as a king driving his Model A while he leaned on a post rolling a fag.

The Stewart's Ford Model A wasn't just a very versatile farm implement but at holiday or picnic time it could rapidly be transformed back into a family tourer. The inside was hosed out and cleaned, the full hood re-erected and the rear seats put back.



Their own children were piled in the back, camping gear loaded up, along with the tent poles slung underneath. Dressed in their Sunday best they all disappeared with toots and cheers for a week's holiday. Compared with today's shiny air conditioned cars and tractors, 70 odd years ago the Stewart's car did not really stand out, as there were many similar vehicles about, especially in country areas.

Some 50 years later a Model A Tourer similar in some ways to that owned by Mr Stewart became available. To help preserve some of my wonderful childhood memories this vehicle has also not been restored.

**EPILOGUE** It was once claimed that one tractor could do the work of 10 horses!! Mr Stewart's car proved one Model A could do the work of 10 tractors.



Please be in touch if you would like to contribute your profile. We would all like to read it.

Does your Model A feature on the members cars section of the club website. If not please contact Ken on (03) 9800547 or 021 2225086. Better still, send him a nice photo and a little info .[kenjames@paradise.net.nz](mailto:kenjames@paradise.net.nz)

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.

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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.

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