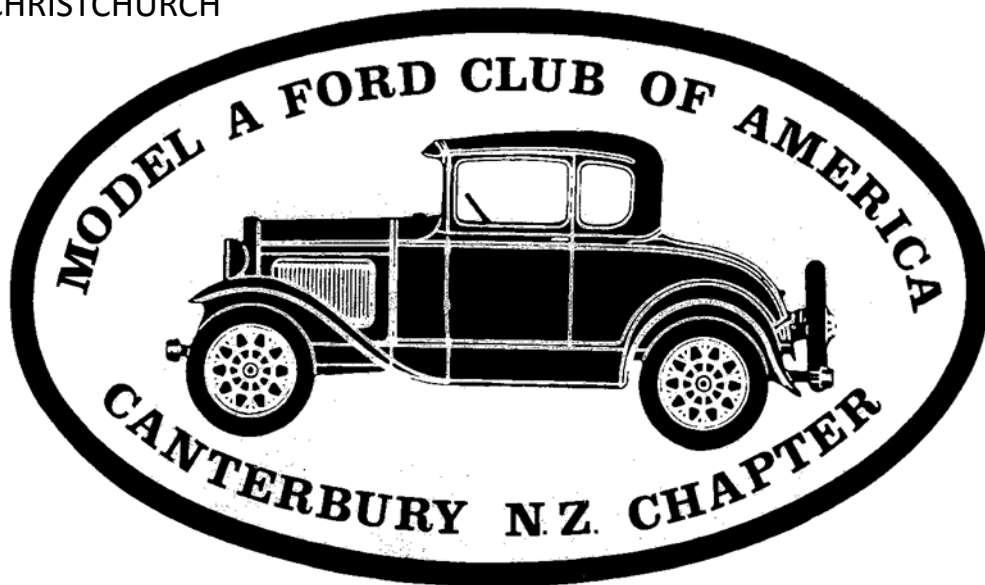


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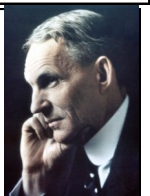
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Thanks to Garth for his "Looking Back" contributions and for his liaison with the National Meet team.

COVER PICTURE:- Taken from "Ford Barn" site. An unusual A safari sedan on a trip in Africa.

HENRY FORD QUOTE:-

Enthusiasm is the yeast that makes your hopes shine to the stars.



CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Happy New Year to all our members.

The children's Christmas Party at the Groyne was well attended, with Santa making an appearance to hand the gifts to the children.

Thanks to Barbara and Pam for selecting and packing the gifts and sweets, and to Peter for bringing his battery powered car for the children to enjoy driving and riding.

Picnic at the Halswell Quarry 25th January 2015

This event was enjoyed by 10 people who enjoyed the lunch, and the atmosphere.

A chance to reflect on post-Christmas activities.



I am looking forward to the

National Model A meet in Wanaka 30th March thru 6th April

Refer to website www.modelaford.co.nz

Or email modela2015meet@xtra.co.nz

High Country Run was to have been going to Erewhon Station

This event is still scheduled for 1st March, but not at Erewhon as the owners are away on a horse trek that weekend and without the ride on the 8 Clydesdale horses and wagon, and the track not being usable for Model A's, it has been decided not use this venue for this year's run. An alternative is being worked on.

Looking forward to seeing you all out on future events.

Graham.

CLUB CAR REPORT

- The car was used to carry the Diabetes Societies "Busy Bees" at the Santa Parade.
- In January it was used for a wedding.

COMING EVENTS

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday 3rd February 2015 7.30pm, at Lindsay Painter's home, 56 Langdales Rd. If you have any matters you would like raised, please contact a committee member before this date. Date and place of March meeting to be advised.

March 1st	High Country Run. Neither the Mt Potts nor Erewhon runs are being held but a high country run is being planned and information will be sent out when details are finalised
March 30th -April 6th	National Model A Meet Wanaka
April 26th	Gymkhana and Rex Chenery run
May 17th	Night Trial
June 14th	Breakfast run
July 19th	AGM



12th National Model A Meet

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31 March – 6 April 2015

ALL MODEL A OWNERS WELCOME

You are still able to register for the 2015 National Meet. Follow the link-
www.modelaford.co.nz MENU The 2015 National Meet.

Postal Address Model A Meet 2015 PO BOX 121, Mosgiel 9053 New Zealand

**See the advertisement on page 7 for the Longblock Trademe auction.
Also, advertisement for a gentleman wanting a lift to Wanaka on page 9**

The Canterbury Model A Club turns fifty in 2015

The Club invites all Model A'ers to celebrate our 50th birthday during the

2015 International Model A Day

weekend in Christchurch, 11th to 13th September 2015.

The weekend will be based at Hornby. We have combined our 50th Anniversary celebrations with the Model A Day event and hope that all our Model A friends will join us on this great occasion.

Friday evening – Meet and Greet at the Hornby WM Club

Saturday – Rally and Trial with lunch stop south of the city

Saturday night – Anniversary Dinner at the Hornby WM Club

Sunday – Field Events at VCC Cutler Park

Prizegiving

Catered Lunch

Full details and entry forms will be sent out in May 2015. In the meantime, register your interest at pgmoore@xtra.co.nz

50th Anniversary Organising Committee –

Ralph Biggs, Jill Keir, Pauline and Garth Moore, Shirley and Alan Wills
in conjunction with the Club Committee

NOVEMBER 30TH RUN TO LITTLE AKALOA

There was an excellent attendance of Model A's gathered outside Princess Margaret Hospital to set out on our run to Little Akaloa and in particular Wendy and Russell Genet's holiday home on the peninsula. But before we were able to get going our Town sedan didn't want to start and we had to have a push. The Shipley's car also was bucking at the thought of a long drive and on inspection we found water in the oil so it was decided to leave their car at our house. They then traveled in the back seat of the Miles' Tudor. All the men (that could fit around the sedan) were very happy to give us a push to get started. We motored quite happily to Little River Café where most of us made a stop for refreshment and some made a lunch selection from the extremely well stocked food cabinet. Of course we were unable to be on our way without the help of a push again. From Cooptown we took the stock route up to the turn off at the Hilltop Hotel and carried on to Little Akaloa taking in the views of Akaroa Harbour. Wendy and Russell welcomed us and we all sat outside and had our lunch. After lunch Russell took us to a friend's cacti garden and there were some amazing plants to be seen. Again the Straws needed a push to get started so away we went again and we all made a stop at the newly repaired church and had a stroll around the graveyard reading headstones. We had parked on the slope of the hill this time so were able to proceed without taxing any more muscles. A quick stop at the jetty to look back at the bay (left the car idling) and back we went to the Genet's for afternoon tea and a chat. We were expected at the Duvauchelle Bistro for an evening meal so the strong men were with us again. After the meal, again we were pushed and this time a local was only too pleased to be of help and we headed for home.

We had no sooner arrived home when Garth turned up with Barry and Brent to collect the Tudor. Garth had no lights as he had blown a fuse and it was dark and raining. Apparently Brent had run out of petrol around Lake Forsythe and he confidently refilled out of a small container and headed home only to run out again at Halswell. Garth then had to tow him.

Quite an eventful day and a very good one.

Judy S.



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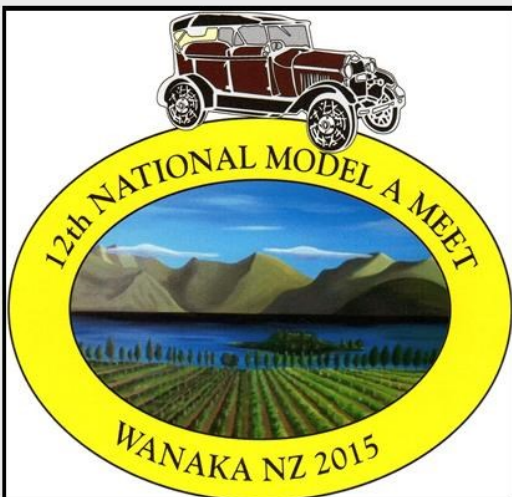
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Children's Christmas Party December 3rd 2015

December came around quickly again and it was time for our annual Ford Model A children's party . The weather resembled autumn rather than summer, with everyone in their warm jumpers and jackets. No problem for the children who raced around and played on the play-ground equipment. Once again we had a good turn out of grandparents, parents and children of all ages who enjoyed a picnic like tea. Thank you to Peter Bayler who once again brought along his electric powered mini "Model A". Always a big hit with the boys and girls and great competition as to who is going to be the driver. At last it was time for Santa to arrive. This year he came in Graham and Ann Evans 1930 Fordor, thank you Graham and Ann for the use of your car and thank you Santa (you know who you are !!!).

Excited children lined up for their gifts. Once again a big thank you to Barbara Hill for organising these gifts and also the bags of sweet each child, and some adults, received. As the weather was inclement everyone was soon bundling their little ones into cars and homeward bound. Look forward to seeing everyone again this December, which will no doubt come around too fast again, maybe it is something to do with my age.

Barrie

ADVERISEMENT:- Wanted

A retired gentleman is looking for a ride from Christchurch to Wanaka and/or return to attend the National Meet in April. He owns two Model A's in Canada. He has already booked his accommodation in Wanaka. Contact Garth Moore for his email address.

Ph 03 331 8483

A **New Year's resolution** is a tradition, most common in the Western Hemisphere but also found in the Eastern Hemisphere, in which a person makes a promise to do an act of self-improvement or something slightly nice, such as opening doors for people beginning from New Year's Day

Religious origins

Babylonians made promises to their gods at the start of each year that they would return borrowed objects and pay their debts. The Romans began each year by making promises to the god Janus, for whom the month of January is named. In the Medieval era, the knights took the "peacock vow" at the end of the Christmas season each year to re-affirm their commitment to chivalry.

At watchnight services, many Christians prepare for the year ahead by praying and making these resolutions.

There are other religious parallels to this tradition. During Judaism's New Year, Rosh Hashanah, through the High Holidays and culminating in Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement), one is to reflect upon one's wrongdoings over the year and both seek and offer forgiveness. People may act similarly during the Christian liturgical season of Lent, though the motive behind this holiday is more of sacrifice than of responsibility, in fact the practice of New Year's resolutions partially came from the Lenten sacrifices.^[5]

LOOKING BACK

THE BIRTH OF OUR CLUB

This article by the late Peter Keir was first printed in the February 1979 edition of A Ford Script. The five “independent” members of MAFCA mentioned in the article were Peter Keir, Alan Wills, Harry Barnes, Bob Marshall and Harry Williamson.

BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR CHAPTER M.A.F.C.A.

By Peter Keir

Having purchased my first Model “A” Ford (a 1930 Coupe) early in 1960 and my second identical car in 1962, I soon became a Model “A” enthusiast and began a complete restoration on the former. In 1963 I joined the V.C.C. whose members at the time were preparing their cars for the first international rally to be held in New Zealand in February 1965. There were only three Christchurch enthusiasts restoring Model ‘A’s for this event: Bob Marshall with his 1928 Tudor, Harry Barnes with his 1928 Sport Coupe, and myself with my 1930 Phaeton. After the rally the interest in Model “A”s was beginning to mount and I began compiling a list of other Model “A” enthusiasts in Canterbury. On the 25th April 1965 an informal run was held to Rakaia Huts in which the following people participated.

Alan Wills (1929 Closed Cab Pick Up)

Harry Barnes (1928 Sport Coupe)

Bob Marshall (1928 Tudor Sedan)

Roger Buick (1928 Roadster)

Alan Minson (1930 4 Door Sedan)

Linton Withell (1930 Coupe)

Robin Fear (1928 Roadster)

Richard Guthrey (1930 Phaeton)

Peter Keir (1930 Phaeton)

Rex & Shirley Chenery (Modern)

In 1964, I joined the M.A.F.C.A. as an independent member and having discovered the increasing following of Model A’s in this area of whom 2 or 3 were members, Alan Wills and I became keen to form a local Chapter. A meeting of interested parties was called on September 5th 1965, at the home of Harry Barnes where it was decided to proceed with the formation of a Chapter. In accordance with M.A.F.C.A. rules, the five independent members present sent a letter to America petitioning our request to form a Chapter. In October of that year, a letter was received from Clifton Rather, the American Chapter co-ordinator at that time, granting us permission to form what they termed “their first truly foreign Chapter”.

Subsequently we began arousing the interest in the Chapter of other Model “A” owners and by the close of 1965 the membership had grown to 17. Our first official event was a run to Alan Wills home in Tai Tapu where a very successful Christmas barbeque took place. Since then a wide range of trials, follow the leader runs, gymkanas, workshop nights, tours of restoration, weekends away have been held and Annual events such as Concourse, Rex Chenery Trophy being established. Perhaps the two most noteworthy events have been the 10th Anniversary Run held at McLeans Island in December 1975 in which about 30 Model “A”s took part and the 50th Jubilee of the Model “A” held in December 1977 in which 78 Model “A”s participated from all parts of N.Z. The latter is thought to be the largest gathering of Model “A”s ever to be seen in the Southern Hemisphere. Thus from small beginnings our Chapter has grown to its present membership of around 100.

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 February 2015. Please send to the Editor, Wendy Genet, 108 Main Road, Governors Bay, Lyttelton RD1, 8971 or email afordscript@gmail.com or telephone 03 3299065 at home.

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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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