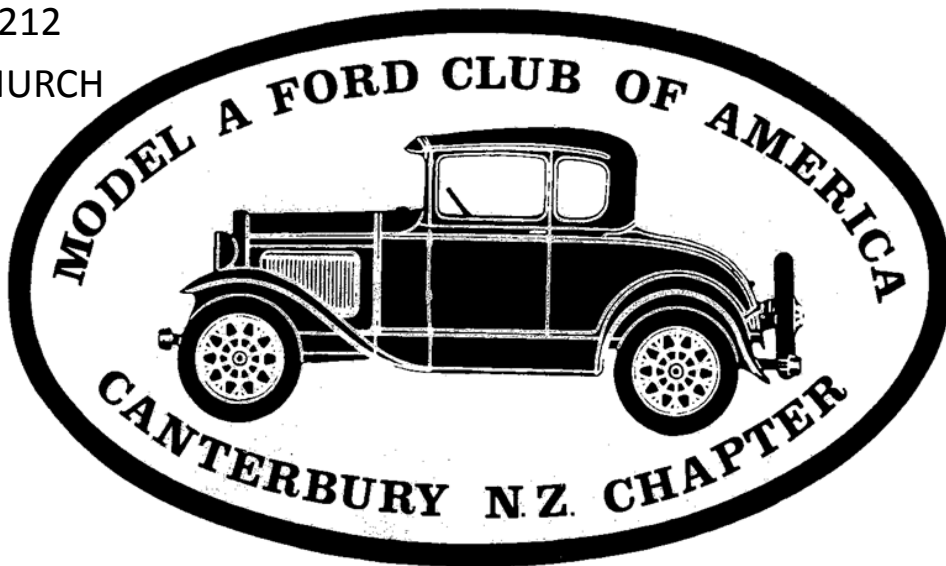


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COVER PICTURE:- .Taken on the run to the Oxford Spring Fair.

HENRY FORD QUOTE:-

Failure is the opportunity to begin again more intelligently.



CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Oxford Spring Fair

This event was officially cancelled on the Sunday morning, and although we had emailed this information, we still met at The Peg. Along with 4 other Model A's we continued with the run to Oxford, along with 95 other classic and vintage cars.

A big thank you to Alan Hill; for his ability in diagnosing and fixing an electrical fault on two cars on the return journey.

Swap Meet

Another successful Swap Meet has come and gone. I took up Kevin's regular site, due to him having other commitments. So along with some Model A spares from Russell, I spent a pleasant three days in the sun enjoying the sights, with many miscellaneous items finding new homes.

CLUB CAR REPORT

We took the opportunity to set up a one make car display at the Swap Meet, displaying our Model A's.

The Club Car was on display with some other club member's cars.

A big thank you to all those members who assisted in adding their cars to this display.

Graham Evans.

A wee reminder.

Subs are now overdue, ...if you haven't paid yet,
please ...keep the Club in the black.

Thanks from the committee.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Tuesday 17th November, 2015 7.30pm, at Russell Genet's home, 108 Main Road, Governors Bay. If you have any matters you would like raised, please contact a committee member before this date.

COMING EVENTS

- November 1st Ladies High Tea at the Casino. 12.00 mid day.
Organiser Annette Painter, ph 03 342 5247.
- November 8th Sorry, the Hi Country run has been postponed until February.
HOWEVER Annette and Lindsay have arranged a trip to a car museum followed by a catered BBQ lunch.
Meet at **164 Whincops** road, **10.30 am** (There are road works in this area, maybe leave a bit of extra time.) There will be a short run to an out of town venue. There is a cost of \$10.00. Pay on the day. Five for the hall hire and five for the lunch, coleslaw, sausages, patties and bread rolls. For catering, could you please ring Annette, by Friday 6th November, 8.00pm. ph 03 342 5247, leave a message. To save washing up, please bring your own plates, cutlery and drinks and glasses.
- December 6th Santa Parade
- December 9th Children's Christmas Party. Despite the redevelopment which is being undertaken at the area, this event will again be held after work, at the Groynes, Johns Road. Gather up a picnic tea and the younger members of your family to come and join us for a relaxing pre Christmas outing. Everyone is welcome—you don't have to have children to come. The "man in red" is going to pay a visit during the evening. If you have family members 10 years and under, please contact me with their age and details by Monday 9 November at **abhill@usnet.co.nz** or **03 313 6008** so we can arrange a small gift for them. *Barbara Hill*
- December 12 Christmas celebration— evening meal at Capones restaurant Rangiora at 7.30pm. To confirm that you are coming please contact Barbara Hill by Wednesday 2 December. On the same details as above.

The posted hardcopy of October Script was a little late reaching you. There was an uncharacteristic hold up at the printers. Apologies to those who were affected. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to The Script over the last few months while we have been away and thanks to Lyn and Brent.

Note from Treasurer; would the person who paid their subs through the Co operative Bank, please contact Barrie, (03)383-4640.

Swap Meet 2015

The best yet – so the media says, 30,000 visitors, 650 sites, 200 vintage cars, and so it seemed on Friday.

Our allotted space for display was full of visitors' cars and just enough room to squeeze in the club car. Albeit we were a day early, so the display banners and placards were left to put up on Saturday morning. Thanks for your help with that Rod and Anne.

We had our good share of cars available, 7 on Saturday, 4 on Sunday. Thanks to the other volunteers Graham, Barrie, Bruce, Rod, Russell, Alan.

Friday was allocated as a public day and so it was, for the time that I was there scratching around loads of people, heaps of sun, increasing dust, and more stalls than before I think.

Saturday started the same, after a chilly start, scratching around, less dust but increasing numbers until I had to go at noon. I will go back to get through the other half at the meet next year.

Sunday. Early morning set up helped by Merv from Wakatane, much slower start, campers starting to appear, must have been an enjoyable Saturday night. Might go camping next year. "Yeah right". Pack up late Sunday, very quiet, no display cars – just a few caravans, 3 people. Flat battery – happy days, aren't cranks wonderful (which ones ?).

Cheers *Brent*



P.S. How many men does it take to load a Model A diff in to the back of a pick up?

Well, according to one amused onlooker at the swap meet, four, perhaps they were all giving instructions simultaneously.

October 4th - Run to Oxford Spring Fair

Sunday morning started with an message to all members indicating that high winds were forecast and that the Spring Fair stalls were cancelled. This led to an email to all:

*The Men's Shed run to Oxford has been cancelled due to high winds.
However, the club will still meet at The Peg at 9am and a run will be decided then.*

On arrival at the Peg Hotel, Anne & I meet with the Daimler group who were also meeting to travel to Oxford. We were joined by 4 other Model A's, and soon found several T Bird "American cars" and VWs all meeting to travel to Oxford. Following a discussion, it was decided to travel to Oxford to visit the shops and Farmers Market. The weather stayed calm until around 2pm when the wind gathered along with the dust.

Our return was hastened also by the news that one of the A's on its return via the Waimak Gorge had lost all spark. Three cars set off from Oxford and met again at Waddington where we proceeded to diagnose the problem.

After Alan Hill dismantled the distributor, a solution was found and with spark restored we set off again only to have a further spark problem to one of the other cars in the group.

All repaired the 4 cars returned to Christchurch arriving home around 4pm.

Graham Evans.



WELCOME: To Kathleen and Ross Jefferson from 213 Helensburgh Rd, Waikari, Dunedin. It's a long way to come for a run but we hope to see you in your restored 28 Phaeton.



Resignation: We are sorry to accept a resignation from Malcolm Ellis.

First Books for Your Model A Library, by Rick Black,
Medford , Oregon. taken from Rogue Ramblings,
Nov 2014

Whether you are an experienced Model A collector, restorer, owner or just getting in to the hobby, you will appreciate how much literature there is about Model A Fords. Most Model A suppliers stock books on the Model A and you will find a great sample of them on the MAFCA STORE page of the MAFC website.

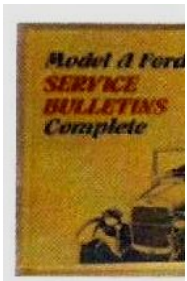


I've selected five books that I think are "must haves" in anyone's Model A library. Each of these provides excellent information that every owner/driver should be aware of.

The first "must have" - the Model a Instruction Book. It is the owners manual that was supplied by Ford with every new MODEL A Ford. It has information on starting the car, shifting, capacities of gas tank, radiator, engine oil etc.. There are photos and diagrams that allow the new owner to take care of their car for many years of service.

There were at least 13 different versions of this book as Ford would update them as features of the Model A evolved over the years. You should try a version that is close to the month and year of your Model A. There is a helpful article on the MAFCA website that describes all 13 of the books and when they were used. You can use that information to determine which

which book comes closest to the original manual that came with your car.



Original copies of these manuals are getting harder to find but fortunately, every year's book is reprinted and the price of those is about \$15.00 Find them at your Model A parts supplier, on eBay or at local swap meets.

The second book I'd recommend that everyone should have is the Model A Ford Service Bulletins. Ford published a monthly bulletin every month of Model A production and supplied them to all Ford service departments. These bulletins give information on mechanical procedures (timing, brake overhauls, etc) ,parts changes and they included great illustrations of parts and directions for service personnel to follow with their customers cars. If you do the mechanical work on your car, this is the first book to check for service procedures.

Model A Restoration Guidelines and Judging Standards is published jointly by the two major Model A clubs, MAFCA and MARC. It has evolved over the years as more information becomes available. Over 20 chapters cover every facet of the Model A showing how parts have changed over the years, detailing the finishes to items etc. This is "The Bible" for restorers, whether you want to restore the car to 100% originality or just make sure you have the right parts for your car.

The fourth book may surprise you. The Parts List was published periodically by Ford during the Model A run. The current reprint covers 1928-1932 Model A and B vehicles. It lists nearly every mechanical part used on Model A's by Ford's numbering system (which is still used today).

Not only are the parts listed, but the fasteners used with the parts is also listed. And a list at the back of the book shows the size and finish of most of those fasteners. This is great information for restorers, whether you are working on a show car or a "driver". Knowing what the right size nuts and bolts are really makes the job of reassembling parts faster and easier.

The last of the 5 books is the Model A Mechanic's Handbook, written by Les Andrews. "Mr Model A", Les has been involved with Model A's his whole life and he has been the Technical Director of MAFCA and its president. He not only knows his stuff but he knows how to explain how things work and how to maintain and overhaul nearly all of the systems in the Model A, from the engine, transmission, driveline, brakes, body blocks. The book is organized in alphabetical order by topic. At the end of the book there are charts covering things like the sizes and locations of cotter pins, body block locations, capacities and much more.

There are lots more, but these five cover the majority of topics on the Model A Ford. If you're looking for something, chances are good you will find it in one of these books.

Don't think you have to buy these books new. They show up all the time at swap meets, eBay, and even in used book stores. You can also watch Craigslist and the MAFCA website's classified. You don't have to get them all at once, but I recommend you get them in the order I've described them. Read through them - more than just once. Digest the information. You'll find that you will gain a lot more knowledge about your Model A and that will help you diagnose any problems that might come up and give you confidence that you can get it fixed and back on the road for many more miles of enjoyment.

Some very flash shoes spotted at the 50th anniversary.



TECHNICAL TIP

Here is a tip from Sid which saved me many hours of work as well as a few tears.

I had painted the body shell and doors of my Coupe separately. On refitting the doors to the body, I found that they were binding on the door posts at moulding level. I had noticed it when stripping the car but put it down to worn and rusted hinge pins. With new oversize hinge pins in place I was hoping to have cracked the problem. Facing having to remove the hinges and the pins to bend them into shape, with unavoidable damage to the fresh paintwork, I spoke to Sid about the best approach to the job.

No problem he said (Ed. I can hear him saying it)

All you need to do is to jam a piece of soft leather , perhaps folded round some thin wood, between the door and the body post and press the door home. That bends the hinges to the required shape.

In the event I found an old leather briefcase, cut the back into two strips, folded them to four thicknesses, and then jammed one just under the middle hinge and one just under the top hinge and pushed the doors onto their openings. Take out the leather, retry shutting the doors, magic, no binding and no damage to paint

Thanks Sid

Nev Jones

From Quail December 2001.

With rugby fever hitting the country a member has sent in this ...

A couple were lying in bed together on the morning of their 10th wedding anniversary when the wife says, "Darling as this is such a special occasion I think that it is time I made a confession.....before we were married I was a hooker for eight years".

The husband ponders for a moment and then looks into his wife's eyes and says, "my love you have been the perfect wife for 10 years and I cannot hold your past against you. Maybe you could show me a few tricks of the trade".

She said, "Darling I don't think you understood me correctly, my name was Brian and I played rugby for Wales".

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 December 2015. Please send to the Editor, Wendy Genet 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 site as well as other sources who supply material to our club which we reprint in the magazine.

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.

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