

A Ford Script



A 1929 Woodie Pickup

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Next Committee Meeting:

20th May 2024: Russell Genet's place 77 Leistrella St @ 7.30pm

Script closing date: 20th May 2024

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 May 2024**. Please send to the Editor: 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.

CAPTAINS LOG April 2024

Both Gill and I have been residing in Nelson lately to look after Gill's father who is at the end-of-life stage. For the two of us there hasn't been a lot of involvement with Model A's apart from Gill working on the Script when she has time.

April was a quiet month for the club with the cancellation of the high country run due to the drought. However, on the 19th of this month we have a run kindly organised by Ken with the promise of an interesting collection to view.

In June we are having the mid-winter dinner that the club is subsidising, so you need to put that in your calendar. We want to have a great turn out of club members and catch up with some faces we haven't seen for a while.

Cheers Gerry

CLUB CAR REPORT March 24

There has been no usage of the care or repairs this past month.

Please make use of this wonderful club asset and help us cover the running costs.

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.

Ken James (ph. 0212225086) is the custodian of the car and looks forward to your call requesting the use of the car.

WEBSITE

Model A Ford Club Canterbury - <https://www.modelaford.co.nz>

Did you know our club has its own Website? Type 'Model A Ford club Canterbury' into Google. There are a number of pages of interest including all the Scripts from 2014 (able to be downloaded and/or printed), notes on future events as well as market place where free ads for members can be posted.

NOTICES

New members:

Lindsay and Bev Purvis

1930 Tudor

Note from The Editor:

Each month I receive newsletters from other Model A Clubs around the world including:

- Script A News Michigan
- Model A Torque North island
- Model A Flyer NSW
- Western Model A News Western Australia
- Ford Torque Victoria

If anyone is interested in receiving these newsletters, and any others I receive, please email me (afordscript@gmail.com) and I will set up a dedicated list of recipients.

Event Cancellations:

In the event of unsuitable or doubtful weather, cancellations or postponements will be emailed to you.

Advertisements in the Script:

It was decided by the committee at the last meeting that we will run members advertisements for a *maximum 3 months*, after which time they will be removed. If the member wishes for the ad to continue they need just contact the editor.

This, of course, **does not apply to paid advertisements.**

Tech Nights (or gatherings)

A number of members have voiced an interest in restarting Tech Nights, or something similar. If this is something you would be interested in and have ideas on what format this could take, could you please phone Gerry Lake on 02041123717.



I heard the new auto body shop that opened comes highly **wreck-a-mended.**

COMING EVENTS

2024

My 21st:

Run and Picnic lunch

Organiser:

Ken James (ph. 0212225086)

Location:

Start at Princess Margaret Car park

Time:

10am

Run approx an hour long to view an interesting collection, then a short drive to lunch. Wet weather venue if necessary.

June 29th:

Mid Winter Xmas Dinner

Location:

Vaughan and Belinda Morrison's home, 65 Blakes Rd, Prebbleton.

Meal:

This will be The Spit Roast Company.

Main and dessert

See menu on page 7

Cost:

\$23 pp. The committee have decided to subsidize the meal with \$25pp

Organisers:

Annette and Lindsay Painter 0276447892

Please advise Annette if you will be attending and deposit the money into the club account below by June 17th as she will need to confirm numbers for the meal



Let's make this a Mid-Winter Xmas to remember!

21st July:

AGM

Venue:

To be confirmed

Keep this date in your diary

COMING EVENTS

September 13th –15th: **International Model A Ford Day**

Location: Donegal House, Kaikoura

Organisers: Annette and Lindsay Painter 0276447892

Tentative Programme:

Friday night: "Meet and Greet" at Donegal House

Saturday: Run with picnic lunch

Saturday night: Buffet dinner at Donegal House

Sunday: Breakfast option at Donegal House and visit to car collection

Accommodation: There are quite a few accommodation options available at Donegal House including hotel rooms and caravan park

Registration forms will be in the June Newsletter

2025

23-28 February 2025: **17th National Model A Ford Rally .**

(See details in February script)

Location: Masterton, Wairarapa

Accommodation is selling out quickly so get yours booked asap

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Menu for Mid Winter Christmas Dinner

Meats

Pork

Slowly cooked in the spit, crackling to die for & accompanied by apple sauce

Chicken

Whole spit-roasted chicken accompanied by cranberry sauce

Canterbury lamb

Canterbury's finest lamb spit-roasted to perfection & accompanied by mint jelly

Ham off the bone

Delicious ham, carved fresh from the bone, accompanied by whole grain mustard

This succulent & mouth-watering selection of meat is served with:

Country coleslaw

Good old Kiwi favourite, cabbage-based slaw tossed through a mayonnaise (GF)

Seasoned tossed salad

Mixed lettuce, capsicum, cucumber & red onion, accompanied by our home-made mint & honey dressing (GF/V)

Beetroot salad

Kiwi icon – baby beetroot tossed in a red onion vinaigrette (V,GF)

Farmhouse potato salad

Gourmet potatoes, parsley, spring onion, dressed with our specialty dressing

And

Breads

A selection of fresh bread rolls

Gravy

Piping hot & the perfect finish! (GF)

Desserts

Black Forest Gateau

Decadent, delightful gateau layered with chocolate, berry & whipped cream

Christmas mince pies

A traditional favourite

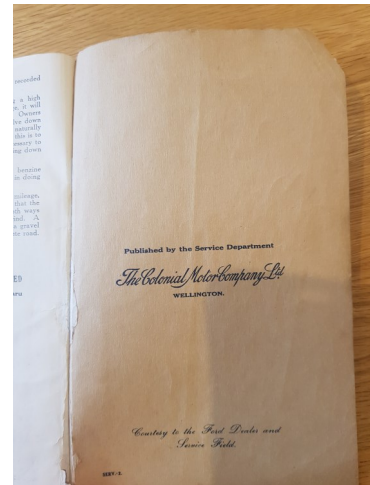
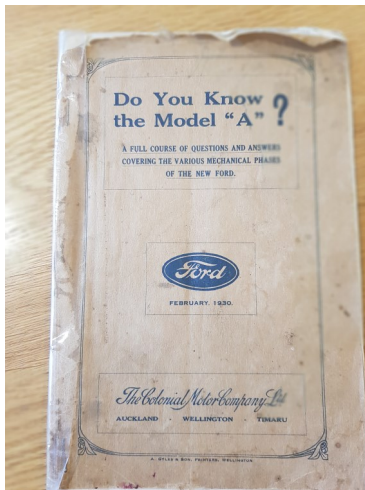
Fruit salad

Assortment of fresh seasonal fruits to cleanse the palate



Member Contribution

André Kraenzlin has been diligently copying out pages from the following book for members enjoyment. There will be a few Q & As each month. Thank you for this André.



DO YOU KNOW THE MODEL "A"?

A Course of Questions with Detailed Answers Covering
Various Mechanical Phases of the NEW FORD.

ARTICLE 2

THE FRONT AXLE.

Question 3. Why does the new Model A front axle have a downward sweep, instead of extending straight across? Give three reasons.

Answer 3. The new FORD front axle has a downward sweep, to give more room for front spring action-as you can see by getting under the car. Even more room would be needed to keep the front spring from "striking bottom," if it were not for the Houdaille shock absorbers which so well control the action of the springs. The down-swept front axle gives a lower chassis suspension. It also protects the crankcase and fly wheel housing.

Question 4. What kinds of steel are used in the new FORD front axle and steering knuckles?

Answer 4. Both the I-beam front axle and steering knuckles are Chrome alloy steel forgings having a tensile strength of 150,000 pounds per square inch, which proves that the Model A front axles continue to have the excellent quality of steel for which the Model T front axles were justly famous.

Question 5. Which parts of the new FORD front axle are thicker? Why?

Answer 5. Extending outwardly from the spring perches, the ends of the new FORD front axle are thicker and stronger, as will be seen by closely examining the web. The reason for this is that the axle is "held" at the spring perches by the front radius rods, and the twisting strain exerted by the front wheel brakes is chiefly exerted on these outer ends of the axle.

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