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Next Committee Meeting:

Monday 20th June

The Painter's.

5 Goldrush Lane, Rolleston

Script closing date: 20th June 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 May 2024

The combined meeting with the VCC at their Grasskhana held earlier in the month sounded like lots of fun. Although I hear that a certain MGB driver at the event probably wished he had stayed in bed. We had a good representation.

We have two events this month starting with a run and a visit to a car collection on the 9th, followed by the annual mid-winter dinner on the 29th of June.

In July, we have the AGM on the 21st and we have also received an invitation to the "Henry Ford Show'n'Shine Meet" being held in Blenheim as a fundraiser for Marlborough Breast Cancer Support Group. See advertisement in the Script. While this is not a Club event as such it maybe of interest to members to travel through to Blenheim.

September the club is hosting the International Model A Day in Kaikoura and this is promising to be a good weekend. We have had good support for this already with several bookings at Donegal house already in place.

I don't know about you, but these early morning frosts are making it hard to get out into the garage before the sun has had a chance to warm things up a bit. It makes working on the car a little more challenging. For instance, the can of spray paint said to use in temperatures between 16 & 35 degrees. I thought a temperature of 16 would be nice if I could get it.

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 re-

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 adds for members can be posted.

NOTICES

Trophies

Can last years Trophy recipients please return them to a committee member ASAP as they need to be engraved for this year's winners in time for the AGM in July.

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.

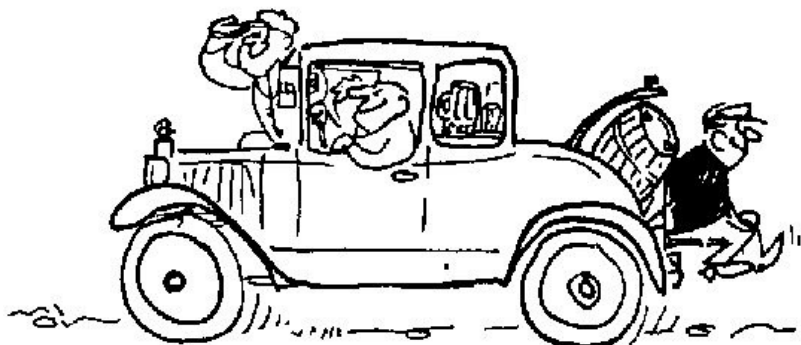
Advertisements in the Script:

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.



COMING EVENTS

June 9th: Run and Picnic Lunch

Start: The Princess Margaret Hospital Car Park
Time: 10am
Organiser: Ken James Ph: 0212225086

The run will be approximately an hour long to view an interesting collection, then a short drive to lunch.
Wet weather venue booked.

June 29th: Mid Winter Xmas Dinner

Location: Gerry and Gill Lake's home, 95 Shepherd Ave, West Melton
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.

Bank A/C number: **06 0805 0018320 00**

Please Arrive 6-6.30 with meal at 7.00pm. **BYO drinks and glass**

ERA Clothing



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

21st July: AGM

Venue: Elmwood Trading Co.
1 Normans Rd, Strowan
Time: 11.00 am AGM (Agenda and Nomination forms in the July script)
12.30pm Lunch (Menu in July AFord Script)



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



COMING EVENTS

Saturday 27th July: Ford Club Marlborough Shed visit and Rally

Shed Visit

Time & Location

From 11.00am onwards meet at Les & Rowena Beaumont 's Classic & Custom Restoration, 3 Warwick Street, Blenheim

Car Rally

Time and Location

cut off date for rally entry **5th July** with free entry & limited to 100 vehicles
1.30pm. If you are participating in the car rally you will be emailed you starting place & time, as there are 3 different starting places.

Prize Giving and Dinner:

(Menu on page 9)

Time & Location:

6.00pm drinks and car rally prize giving then dinner at Redwood Tavern Cleghorn Street. (cut off date for dinner is **5th July** limited to 200 people)

Sunday 28th July: Henry Ford Birthday Show'n'Shine Meet

Location:

Lansdowne Park Carpark, Blenheim

Organisers:

Ford Club Marlborough

Cost:

\$15 per show car plus passengers (Show cars to be parked by 9.30am)
Gold coin donation for walk ins

Time:

10.00am to 2.00pm

This is a fundraiser for Breast Cancer support Group & Marlborough Riding for the Disabled
(See flyer and registration form for both Saturday and Sunday on pages 8 and 9)

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

Location:

Donegal House, Kaikoura

Organisers:

Annette and Lindsay Painter 0276447892

Tentative Programme:

Friday Lunch: At Bernies from 1pm

Friday night: "Meet and Greet" at Donegal House

Optional Dinner at Donegal House (Set price)

Saturday: Run with picnic lunch

(Lunch can be pre-ordered from Donegal House)

Guided tour of Fyfe House mid afternoon

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 July Newsletter

COMING EVENTS

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

FORD CLUB



MARLBOROUGH 2004

**Club 20th anniversary with Henry Ford Birthday Show-n-Shine Meet
registration form.
\$15.00 per vehicle**

Name :

Address :

Phone :

Email :

Model of vehicle :

Year :

Car Club (if representing one) :

Internet Banking details

Kiwibank Blenheim 38-9003-0207657-00 Ford Club Marlborough

Please put **NAME** on **Reference** box

Please email completed forms to fordclubmarlborough@inspire.net.nz

or post to: c/- Barry Holmwood, Sowman Funeral Directors
P O Box 110, Blenheim 7240

Weekend itinerary on following page

Attending shed visit Yes No Participating in car rally Yes No

Yes Attending dinner Yes No Number for meal

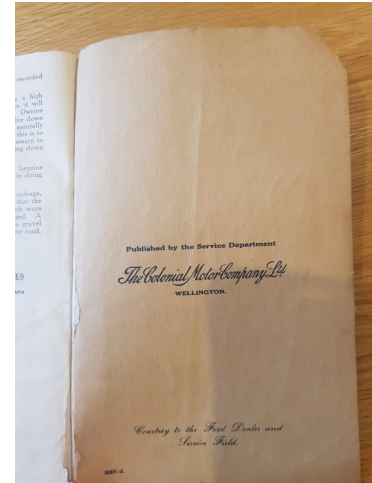
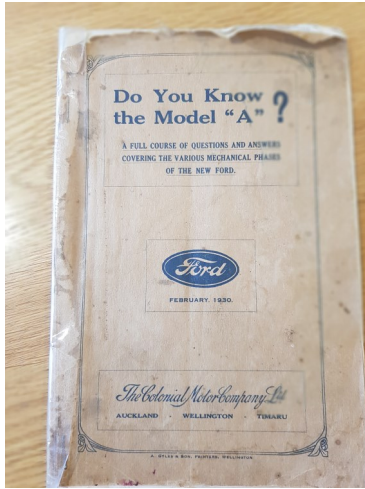
Meal at your cost \$38.00 per head and menu attached.

**We are fundraising for : Marlborough Breast Cancer Support Group
& Marlborough Riding for the Disabled.**

Reply to: fordclubmarlborough@inspire.net.nz

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 6. What kinds of joint connections are used in the spindle connecting rods, and the drag link or steering gear connecting rod of the new Model A FORD? What are the advantages of this construction?

Answer 6. The joints or connections of the steering gear connecting rod or drag link and the spindle connecting rod are of ball-and-socket type, with spring take-up adjustment, which keeps these joints permanently tight and snug, eliminates rattles, and reduces any tendency to front wheel wobble and shimmy, which are more apt to be present on any car fitted with front wheel brakes and balloon tyres.

Question 7. How were early Model T radius rods attached to front axle? How were later Model T radius rods attached to front axle? Why? How are new Model A front radius rods attached to front axle? What are the advantages of this construction?

Answer 7. Early Model T front radius rods were bolted to the spring perches above the front axle. Later Model T FORD front radius rods were bolted to the spring perches below the axle, thus giving a stronger construction and steadier steering.

New Model A Ford front radius rods are bolted to both top and bottom, gripping the front axle in fingers of steel and making a very strong and secure construction, which holds the front axle firmly against any twist imposed by the front wheel brakes, or any thrust due to the front wheels striking road obstructions.

Question 8. Why are new Model A front radius rods of different cross-section from the Model T radius rods? Explain the reasons for the difference?

Answer 8. Because the new Model A front radius rods are subjected to a "bending" stress in resisting the twist imposed on the axle by the front wheel brakes, the elliptical or deeper section of the radius rods is better designed to resist this strain. The round section front radius rods of Model T FORDS only acted as columns or supports, in resisting thrusts imposed in the axle by the wheels.

Are you bearing up?

Authentically Speaking

Two of the most important bearings in your vehicle are the rear wheel bearings. **A-1115-B Rear Hub and Drum.**

These bearings are easily forgotten, but must be maintained on a reasonably regular basis.



Bearing Removal.

Remove the rear brake drum and the rear bearing will be evident. Removal is easier said than done. Firstly, remove the snap ring holding the bearing seal in place, and carefully lever the snap ring from its retaining groove. *Watch your fingers.* The bearing seal A-1175 is usually a tight fit into the bearing housing and requires either complete destruction or an angled bar to lever outwards. Use



a small prybar as pictured to remove the seal. Either way, never reuse any old seals. The bearing can now be easily removed. It

will probably be dirty and require a complete clean out in solvent.

Inspect the inside of the bearing housing for wear. If the bearing is in good condition, **pack well with wheel bearing grease.** With over greasing, the excess grease can travel out past the seal if even partially worn, and the more you pump the more it



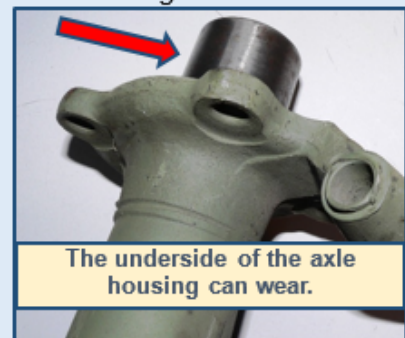
collects around the braking components and some may travel toward the differential. **Don't over grease** when periodically greasing.

Insert the well packed bearing back into place in the hub and insert the seal. It can only go one way up. The neoprene or leather seal points **towards** the bearing. Two new **Rear Hub Seals A-1175** will be required and possibly 2 new snap rings which fit to the top of the seals in a recess. Seals will be a tight press or tap in fit.

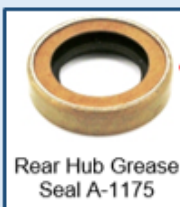
If the internal bearing surface of the rear hub has worn, there is a sleeve available to install with a new size bearing, which has a different OD from the original. Part number for the kit: A-1115-RK. One kit does one wheel. Some machining will be involved. All parts are available including all bearings and studs. New roller bearings, seals, studs and sleeve kits are all available, even complete drums with hubs installed.

You are now ready to install the complete drum back to the vehicle. Firstly, the most important part of the exercise is to have **dry tapers** and a **dry mating surface inside the hub.**

Check the **axle housing** for wear on the underside. (Red arrow)



The underside of the axle housing can wear.



Rear Hub Grease Seal A-1175

If you are installing new rear hub studs, the heads of the studs are flush with the inside of the drum, as the A-23488-S8 emergency toggle connecting link pin comes very close to the inside of the drum, especially if the rear axle and hub tapers have worn, allowing the drum to travel into the axle. (This is where an axle shim may be required to push the drum outwards.)

If you are installing new drums to your good hubs, you will need a full set (and a few spares) of new hub bolts. Both front and rear studs are different and have to be pressed into place with a very heavy press. This is a machine shop job.

L.P.

A Young Henry Ford from Henry Ford's "A Personal History"

1832: Samuel and George Ford arrive from Ireland and settle in Dearborn Township in Michigan

Michigan was a crude world but one of promise to Samuel and George Ford, former tenants on an estate in the village of BallenasCarthy, County Cork, Ireland. They left behind them in Ireland, their widowed mother, Rebecca Jennings Ford and their older brother John maintained the family tenancy. Samuel and George soon began the continuous battle with the elements, duplicating the experience of all pioneer farm families as they carved a home from the virgin forest.

1847: John and William Ford, grandfather and father of Henry Ford arrive from Ireland and settle in Dearborn

Samuel Ford died in 1842, but his grown sons carried on the family work, and along with George Ford, had become well established by 1847. Cattle, cleared fields planted with crops and rude but substantial homes testified to their industry and persistence. Michigan had prospered with them, rising to a sovereign state but ten years before it was now dotted with small settlements. Detroit had nearly 20,000 people and a thriving waterfront industry was laying a foundation for the future.

Reports from America of personal prosperity and the taming of the wilderness became ever more enticing to the family in Ireland. At last in 1847, the seventy-one year old Rebecca Ford with her married sons, John and Robert, set sail for the new world. The voyage proved especially tragic to John and his seven children, for Thomasine Ford, wife and mother, did not survive the trip. The saddened family, leaving Robert Ford and his family in Canada, continued on to join their kin in Dearborn Township where their sorrow would be eased by the hard work of a new world.

The new arrivals were welcomed and given a home until they could make one for themselves. John was not long in locating Henry Maybury, an old acquaintance from Ireland, who was willing to sell eighty acres of his land to the newcomer. On January 15, 1848, John Ford became a landowner in Redford Township and began to clear the trees for his home, which was to stand on what is now the corner of Joy and Evergreen Roads.

John and his family still faced primitive conditions but the area had improved rapidly since the year of George and Samuel's arrival. Not far away was the flourishing town of Dearbornville with a Methodist church, a sawmill, flourmill, seven stores, two smithies, an iron foundry, railroad stop and some sixty families. To the south on what later became Warren Avenue the sturdy Scotch Settlement had erected a schoolhouse (1839) on the northeast corner of Richard Gardner's land. Within the surrounding area, the population numbered almost 5,000. The frontier period was drawing to a close.



Aided by his sons, John Ford began the arduous task of clearing his land. He and his oldest son William also found employment for their skill with tools in the construction of the westward extension of the Michigan Central Railroad. The money from these efforts was used to raise the mortgage John had taken to purchase the farm and to carry the family expenses until their land could make them independent.

This copy of a tintype (ca. 1850 -55) was copied at the request of Henry Ford in 1924, and labeled "Mr. Ford's Grandfather."

1858: William Ford becomes landowner

William Ford was a wiry young man of medium height, with high cheekbones and firm bone structure that were characteristic of the Ford family. Born and raised on an Irish tenancy, he had a deep respect for the independent life of the landowning farmer and his persistent industry was directed toward the time when he himself could become a landholder. By 1858, he had saved enough to realize his ambition. On September 15 of that year, he purchased the southern half of his father's farm for \$600, while his brother Samuel bought the northern half for the same sum.

In addition to his own farm, William Ford worked for (or with) Patrick O'Hern, a prosperous farmer whose ninety-one acres straddled the junction line between Dearborn and Springwells Townships. O'Hern like the Fords had emigrated from County Cork (1830) to the Detroit area where he married Margaret Stevens on July 15, 1834. Beginning in 1841, the O'Herns purchased land in Dearborn and Springwells Townships and made their home at what is now the corner of Ford and Greenfield Roads.

1861: William Ford weds Mary Litogot

While at the O'Hern home, William Ford met Mary Litogot, an attractive, dark-eyed young woman. After she was orphaned by the accidental death of her father, Mary Litogot had found the love and affection of true parents in Margaret and Patrick O'Hern. The friendship of William and Mary ripened into romance, fulfilled by marriage on April 25, 1861. Once again, former friends of Ireland shared in the Ford happiness as Thomas Maybury opened his home for the wedding ceremony.



William Ford
1826-1905



Mary Litogot Ford
1839-1876

The newly wed couple moved into the rude log structure of the O'Hern home, while William planned and constructed a new house to be occupied by both families. Later in 1867, the entire holdings of the O'Hern family were transferred to William and Mary Ford.

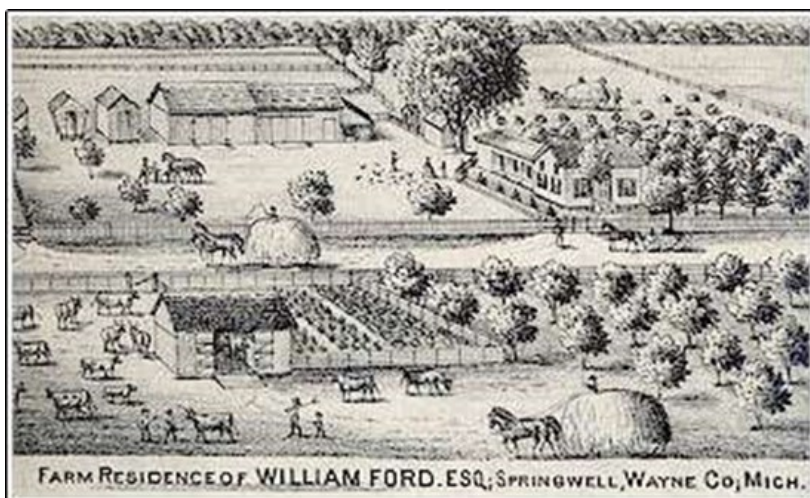
In 1861, the two families moved into their new, seven-room home, an imposing house for its day, to which four rooms would be later, added. William Ford had become the head of the household with a large and profitable farm under his supervision. Soon his appointments as deacon of the church, member of the school board and justice of the peace would recognize him as a valuable member of the community.

1863: Henry Ford is born on July 30th

It was this background of relative prosperity and mutual affection that was to nurture a boy whose name was to become a household word throughout the world, for it was here in these peaceful surroundings that Henry Ford, son of William and Mary Litogot Ford, was born on the early morning of July 30, 1863.

(To be continued next month)

This article was taken from the "Henry Ford heritage Association" website



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