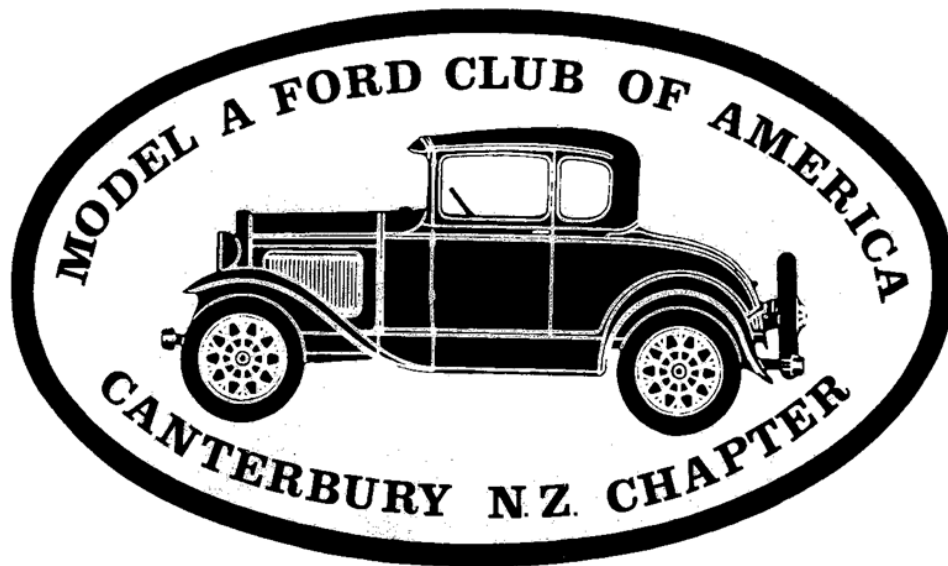




A Ford Script



Recipe: Model A Touring Cookies

Ingredients:

- 1 cup cheer
- 1 yarn (or 2 if you got the time)... y a r n, not yam
- A dash of radiator water (optional)
- 4 cups laughter
- A pinch of dust from the road

Directions:

1. Mix thoroughly on a picnic blanket.
2. Bake in the sunshine until golden smiles appear.
3. Serve with coffee from a Thermos and a slice of adventure.

November 2025

Official Newsletter of THE MODEL "A" FORD CLUB OF AMERICA

Canterbury New Zealand Chapter. PO Box 4212 Christchurch New Zealand

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Next Committee Meeting: November 18th 7.30pm Peter Bayler's Ayr St, Rangiora

Script closing date: 20th November 2025

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 contribution to the next Script is **20th November 2025**. 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.

CAPTAIN'S LOG September 2025

The Vintage Car Club Swap Meet on the 10,11 & 12 of October was another success both for the VCC and our Model A club. The VCC have sent the club a letter congratulating the Ford Model A Club (Canterbury) in achieving 3rd place in their **"one make car club display."**

To quote the VCC letter ***"We all agreed the effort your club went to on your display was a credit to those that participated and the continuous display over the weekend was appreciated."***

On the 22nd of this month is the Xmas dinner which will be held at our place again. Last year the Mid-Winter Xmas dinner we held here was very successful from a numbers turnout and from what I heard and saw everyone seemed to enjoy the evening. So hopefully we will see most of you back again.

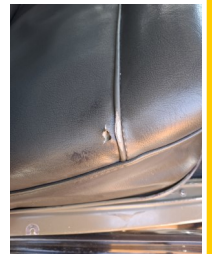
And then this will bring us to last event of the year being the children's Christmas Party on December 10 at the VCC grounds at McLeans Island.

Cheers Gerry

CLUB CAR REPORT October 2025

After much appreciated attention from Glen and Tony the Club car was in good shape to put on display at the VCC swapmeet where our display looked very impressive with great cars, an eye catching banner and info boards. After dropping the car off on Friday morning I enjoyed a wander around the stalls chatting to friends and picking up a couple of small bargains before tracking down Bruce who had come out to ferry me home again. On the Sunday morning Bruce once again came to the rescue as Jill was away with her marching team in Nelson and took me back out to pick up the car.

I bought it home and on Monday morning I spent about two hours cleaning the car and found a few little things which while not urgent will need to have some attention fairly soon. There are getting to be quite a few small stone chips around the car and a small tear in the drivers seat. If someone has the skills and time to fix these I would love to hear from you. Happy motoring.



Ken.

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 adds for members can be posted.

NOTICES

It is Subscription time again

This year I have attempted to make a form that can be downloaded filled in and emailed back. **These have been emailed to members.** (*Instructions are at the top of the emailed form*). **This will be the last time the Subscription form will be in the Script. After the end of November, people who have not paid will be removed from the membership list.**

I have also included a form in the script that can be printed and filled in as an alternative. **See pages 5 and 6.** This can be either posted or emailed back as per instructions on the form. (*Instructions are at the top of this form*). Thanks, Gill.

Please get these back in as soon as you can. We are hoping that we will get more forms returned this year so that we can compile the long requested **Membership List**

This is now **OVERDUE** so the **late fee applies as per the instructions.**

Thanks, your Committee

The Carbon Offset Scheme



This scheme allows club members to help offset the carbon produced by driving their Model A's. The scheme is voluntary.

All donations are sent to Trees for Canterbury which produce and plant native trees in the Canterbury area. At present this is the most appropriate way for us to help offset vehicle emissions. Apart from offsetting emissions trees provide many other benefits and Trees for Canterbury are a recognized non-profit charity.

We would like you to consider the future of the planet and your descendants living on it by entering an amount in the box on the accompanying subscription form.

Ken James will again produce a windscreen sticker recognizing you have contributed. Any questions contact:

Russell Genet 02102761588 or Ken James 0212225086

Advertisements in the Script: 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.

CANTERBURY (N.Z.) CHAPTER

Model A Ford



Club of America

P.O. BOX 4212,

CHRISTCHURCH,

NEW ZEALAND.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2025—2026

1st August 2025

Hello again everybody, following on from the AGM, please find attached this year's subscription notice. It was agreed that this year's subscription will be **remain at \$30.00** as the base subscription, \$2.00 additional for joint membership, and an extra \$1.00 for family. **\$35.00 base subscription for late payments**

It is important that this notice is filled out and returned to the Gmail address indicated on the form or posted to the Club's **P.O. Box 4212 Christchurch 8140** noting your sub payment, together with other payments you may wish to make.

Include any changes to your address, contacts, or vehicle status so that our records and membership list can be updated where necessary.

Please use internet banking **or** deposit at an ANZ bank using your **Christian** and **surname** as reference.

We do not have Eftpos or credit card facilities.

Points to note:

Replacement Name Badges. The cost of badges is \$15.00 to cover cost of manufacture and postage.

Carbon Emissions Contribution. It has been agreed by members at the AGM that this **voluntary** contribution should be continued as a means of showing the club's recognition to the offsetting of carbon emissions. The funds will be forwarded to Trees of Canterbury to enable purchase and planting of trees on our behalf. Your committee will endeavour to arrange an opportunity for our members to join with **Trees of Canterbury** to plant the trees provided by our funding

Script- printed copies. The majority of club members now receive the Script by email with the benefits of reading or printing off in colour. Some members choose to have the Script booklet copy (black and white) posted as well as receiving it by email.

Due to the rising costs of printing and postage the annual fee for a printed script will **remain at \$50.00**

For the few members without access to email, there will be no additional charge and a copy of the script will still be posted. The script is also available on our website to be downloaded.

Thank you,

Graeme Tucker

Treasurer

0274 725 027

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Please print this form, fill it in, and either email this form, filled out, to canterbury.nz.mafca@gmail.com or post it to P.O. Box 4212, Christchurch. Then pay money into bank account below

Name of Member: _____

Chapter Subscription: (if paid before 30th September 2025) \$ 30.00 \$ _____

Chapter Subscription: (if paid after 30th September 2025) \$ 35.00 \$ _____

Joint Membership: Spouse / Partner (Optional) \$ 2.00 \$ _____

Name: _____

Family Membership: (Optional) \$ 1.00 \$ _____

Name/s _____

Subscription Total: \$

Additional Optional Payments:

Name Badge/s Number required _____ @ \$15.00 per badge = \$ _____

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Voluntary Contribution to Carbon Emissions: \$ _____

A Ford Script hard copy in printed form by post @ \$50.00 per annum \$ _____

Total Amount Paid \$



Payment can be made by:

Online Deposit: Bank Account **06-0805-0018320-00 (Canterbury NZ Chapter MAFCA)**

Or by deposit at any ANZ bank (Please ask the teller to record your name)

Contact Details

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Cell/s: _____

MAFCA member? Yes/No **Membership number** _____ **VCC member?** Yes / No

Model A's owned:

Year	Model:	Restored or Project	Year	Model	Restored or Project



NOTICES

Checklist for runs:

Wendy and Russell Genet have been working on the following checklist to accompany vehicles on runs in the future.

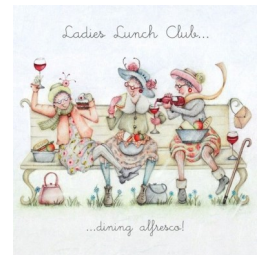
A reminder for all attending Model A Club runs.

1. Unless otherwise notified all runs will be on public roads so all New Zealand requirements apply.
2. Please consider carrying a first aid kit and fire extinguisher.
3. Please consider having the emergency numbers feature on your phone activated. Some phones are ICE, In Case of Emergency, and some are Emergency numbers.
4. We have attached a form, similar to the form the NZMCA have which includes contact names and medical conditions. You may choose to use this, store it under the driver seat.
5. Please arrive on time for the briefing with a full tank of petrol. Approximate distances of the runs will be in the Script notice.
6. There are to be no dogs or pets at events or on runs.



Attention Ladies!!

8 ladies attended last month's "*Ladies Who Lunch*" group (Actually a morning tea) at The Lincoln Pantry followed by a visit to Lyn and Brent's new abode. Our next gathering will be on 25th November..... (See details in the Coming events section on page 8)



Event Cancellations:

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

Other Club Newsletters:

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

If anyone is interested in receiving these newsletters, and any others I receive, please email me (afordscript@gmail.com)

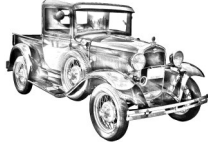
I have set up a dedicated email list of recipients.



- *I was excited to hear Apple might start selling its own cars until I learned they wouldn't support windows.*
- *A traffic cop went to the trouble of leaving a note under the wipers to let me know I'd positioned my car correctly. It said "Parking fine". So that was nice.*

COMING EVENTS

2025



Just a wee reminder, when traveling in groups, to leave a good gap between each other, allowing modern cars to pass. Thank you.

November 2nd:



Gymkhana

This involves a run with some fun questions followed by a picnic then a few excellent games for the Gymkhana.

This event is a lot of fun and is judged for both the run and the Gymkhana which combine for the

REX CHENERY TROPHY

This year we will be joined by a few Model Ts

Location:

Bunnings carpark at ChCh Airport

Time:

9.45am for 10.00am start

Organiser for the run:

David Dacombe. (As David will not be able to join us on the day, if you have any queries please phone Peter Bayler

Organiser for the Gymkhana:

Peter Bayler

027 685 5780

November 25th:

Location:

Ladies Morning Tea

"Paris for the Weekend"

57 Charles St, Kaiapoi

Time:

10.30am



A table has been booked at **Paris for the Weekend** but I will need to confirm numbers so please send me a text or phone me if you are keen to join us.

Organiser:

Gill Lake

0273346031



COMING EVENTS

November 22nd:

Location:

Cost:



Xmas Dinner @ The Lake's

95 Shepherd Ave, West Melton

\$44pp (please pay by 15th November)

**Bank Account 06-0805-0018320-00
(Canterbury NZ Chapter MAFCA)**

Era dress (optional but encouraged!). Judging for MAFCA ladies and men's fashion cups

There will be spot prizes and maybe a quiz or 2

Organisers:

Gerry and Gill Lake

Ph: 0204 112 3717 (Gerry)

December 10th

Time

5.00pm

Location:

Motorcycle Corner, Vintage Car Club, McLeans Island

Bring your own tea.



Santa will be there with a gift for children 10 years and under. Please email, phone or text **Gill Lake** the name/s, sex and age/s of any children attending by Nov 15th.

gillcakes95@gmail.com or 0273346031

Please note: (If you have a child attending who is over 10 years and

whom you would like to receive a present from Santa, please supply this yourself, wrapped and with the child's name on it).

2026

January 25th

Location:

Era Picnic

Gary and Fiona Learmonth's place in Loburn

More details soon.



6th February

Organisers:

Annual Waitangi Day Rally

The Rangiora RSA

COMING EVENTS

February 15th

North Canterbury Run

The plan at this stage is to visit 1 car collection on the way to the Oxford Diner for lunch, then visit another car collection in the afternoon.

Organisers:

John Olliver and
Peter Bayler



March 1st or 8th

High Country Run.

(Still in the planning stage. More info to come.)

Organisers:

Bob Scott and Donald Wright

March 15th

VCC Vero Run. (Non Club)

April ?date

Oamaru Run through Dansey's Pass

(Details to come)

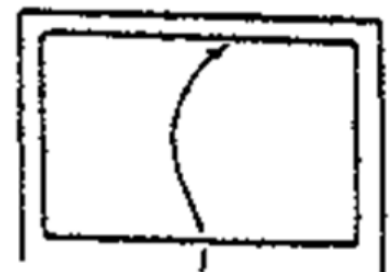
Organiser:

Kevin Mercer

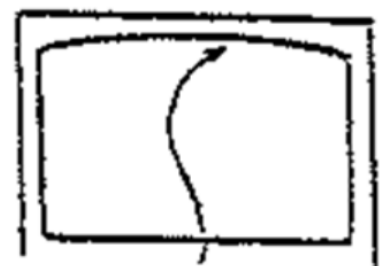


Do you have a Briggs or a Murray Fordor?

The Briggs window tops are flat and the top of the glass is flat. The Briggs door bottom closes above the sill plate, leaving the edge of the sill exposed.



The Murray window tops are arched and the top of the glass is arched. The Murray door bottoms close flush with the bottom of the sill plate, covering the sill edge.



Past Events

September 26th—28th International Model A Ford Day—Picton

By John Pauling, Blenheim.

Statistics are a bit like why a drunk uses a lamp post, more for support than illumination, so here goes for those who like this statistical stuff.

There were 42 cars entered, approximately 80 people attending and Oxley's hotel in Picton the base.

The event hosts were the Top of the South Model A Ford Club, so thanks to the team who put it all together, especially Dot Humphries, Anne Holmes and Chris Bird.

Entrants came from Canterbury, West Coast, Golden Bay, Nelson and Marlborough and places in between.

Friday evening was for Nog and natter, registration and evening meal, and a chance to catch up the latest happenings .

So as forecasted, the rally day dawned clear and sunny. Three cars didn't make the start, one with a jammed starter motor, easily fixed, one with a flat battery and another with nothing happening in the rear axel department. Maybe a broken universal joint or something else in the nether end that went AWOL, onto the trouble trailer and back to Christchurch for it.

The run on Saturday toured the Lower Wairau plains East of Blenheim, before driving the Tuamarina Track and onto SH 6 to Havelock for our lunch stop. Havelocks claim to fame is being the Green Lip Mussel capital of the world, the mussels are grown on marine rafts in the Marlborough sounds.

Not sure how many farms there are in total, but marine farms including the odd Salmon farm and Paua farms total about 600.

Lunch stop at Havelock was A nice quiet spot, warm and out of the breeze.

The route to Picton via the Queen Charlotte Drive is very twisty with lots of sharp corners giving the old model A steering boxes a good work out.

When driving these old these old 4 bangers you soon realize that they much prefer a straight road ! Anyway, the views are great, many stopped off at Cullens point high above the Mahau Sound, Anakiwa, the home of Out Ward Bound trust at the head of the Queen Charlotte, Shakespeare Bay log Port, and Picton Harbour Lookout., A few stopped at the Linkwater Pub, located between the Mahau Sound and the Queen Charlotte to top up, either fuel for the car or thirsty driver



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As a passing note, did you know who the Queen Charlotte Sound was named after ? She was England's Queen Consort , who was married to King George III of England at the time when Captain Cook came to New Zealand between 1769 and 1771 He made 3 visits to the Sounds, and made Ship Cove at the head of the Queen Charlotte his south Pacific base, A memorial stands there in Ship Cove to this day,,

As good as a Model A is, you can't drive there, unless of course you fit floats to the car, it's water access only. If you have never been there,. A must visit some time , a very pretty spot with golden sands , nice walkway and pristine native bush and water fall.

The evening meal was good, prizes awarded, and the following day many attended the airshow in Blenheim (Otago) with about 20 model A's out . The green Roadster in the adjacent picture had a flat battery, so missed out on the Saturday run, but made it here for the Sunday jaunt to Otago . Sorry Max, nice car b



That's it, next year International model A Day is in the West Coast some place , so watch this space.

Cheers John Pauling

October 10-12th

VCC Swapmeet



The Club display that earned us a 3rd place in the “**One make car club display**” for which we receive a cash prize which will be presented at “Noggin and Natter” at the VCC Clubrooms on Thursday 6th November.

October 26th:

Upper Selwyn Huts 130th Anniversary

This event was to celebrate 130 years since the Upper Selwyn Huts was established as a fishing village in 1895.

It also was a double celebration as the Hut Owners have been discussing a longer term to stay, as the Selwyn District Council had set a 15 year finite term before evacuating up to 120 permanent residents. At a Council meeting in September following a determined effort from our barrister and the residents, the council agreed to extend our lease for 30 years from July next year.



There was music and a BBQ along with speeches with around 200 owners past and present and many visitors attending the festivities. There were 6 Model A cars and 2 Model Ts that attended.



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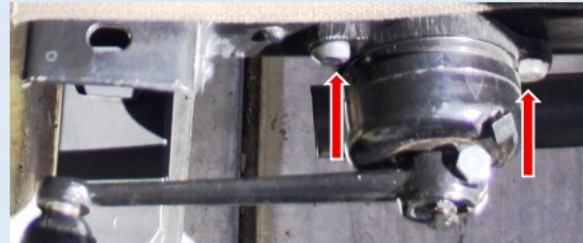
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Front



Rear



Keep the two mounting bolts tight.

If you want to top up the fluid in your shocks and don't know what has been used in the past. There are 2 options. Remove the small square topped filler bung and dip in a small screwdriver to see what is inside. Try to copy what is there. Option 2. Use Penrite ProGear 85W – 110, which has a similar viscosity to glycerine which was originally used. Now, level is critical, and they cannot be overfilled. The filler bung is never top dead centre and only fill until you see fluid at the bung hole. As pictured. Red line is max fluid level. There must be an air cavity.



To check resistance. *(And you don't need as much resistance as you think)* The easiest way without disturbing the linkage internals, is to simply remove the shock arm. Remove the cotter pin, back off the castellated nut and gently tap out the retaining bolt. Remove (pull) the arm of the square shaft. Using an open-ended spanner on the square shaft to try for resistance. Just how much is hard to explain. You don't need a lot of resistance, but the resistance should be reasonably firm and equal on both sides. There was a tool for measuring resistance in the day and it relied on a given weighted arm connected to the shock, falling at a certain time period.



There is an adjusting valve in the centre of the square shaft which can be wound up or down to alter resistance. A worn shock may have to have the valve wound down quite a way to achieve a satisfactory result. If wound fully in and no resistance your shock has come to the end of its days and needs restoration.



Weepage can occur from the two areas shown below. By tightening down the reservoir cover even slightly can stop weepage from either or both

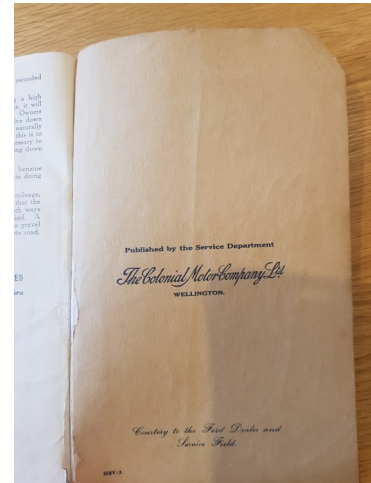
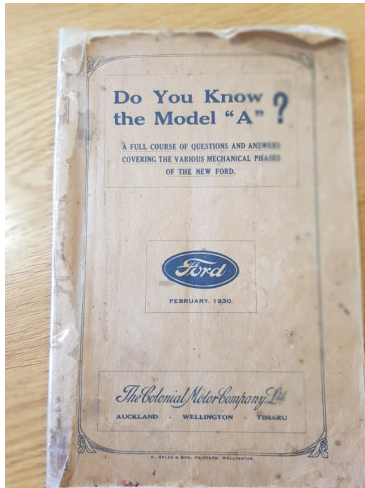
of the areas shown. Use large grips, as pictured right. Shock absorbers can be restored if not badly worn and there is an excellent book available on their



restoration. Contact modelabooks@xtra.co.nz Apart from the shock linkage, there are no lubrication points. The tubular links have a grease nipple at the bottom. The link has a screw plug at the top of the link. At each greasing of your vehicle, check the link by removing the cotter pin, rotate the link and if any play or looseness tighten the plug to remove any play. Don't overtighten. Repin the plug. You will never lose a link, and your shocks will perform well.

LP.

Member Contribution



DO YOU KNOW THE MODEL "A"?

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ARTICLE 5.

THE TRANSMISSION.

Question 15. What lubrication does the transmission require? How much? How often?

Answer 15. About once every 5,000 miles, the drain plug should be removed from the bottom of the transmission housing and the old oil drained out, and flushed with kerosene. The lubricant, 600-W or its equivalent, should be poured in until it reaches the level of the filler hole on right-hand side of transmission case. This will be about one quart. The above is as important as changing the oil in the engine crankcase.

Question 16. What reasonable care should be taken in the use of the transmission of any gear shift car?

Answer 16. Since the majority of transmissions run so quietly, cars can be driven at 40 miles an hour in second gear. At this speed, the transmission gears are revolving at a very high speed and thus throw all the lubricant away from the gear teeth against the sides of the gear box casting. This lubricant is thrown away more quickly than it can drain back on to the gears, and consequently there is metal-to-metal contact in the gear teeth. This results in very rapid wear on these parts. Precaution must therefore be taken that the car or truck is not driven at high speeds in second gear for any length of time. Be reasonable.

Question 17. What care should be taken in the use of clutch pedal?

Answer 17. Don't ride the clutch pedal. Many drivers do this without realising it, and will deny it strenuously. Riding the clutch pedal keeps a constant strain (at high speed) on the clutch thrust bearing assembly and imposes a severe end thrust on the front ball bearing of the transmission which at the same time may be carrying a heavy radial load. A good car deserves a good driver.

Member Contribution

From Graeme Tucker

"Tripped over this article about shipping parts to NZ"

North Island Model A Ford Club Newsletter June 2023

OVERSEAS SHIPPING. By Keith Humphreys

As a rule, Erroll McAlpine is excellent at providing parts for our Model As. However, it appeared that he wasn't able to supply a replacement LED tail-light lens which I needed as one had stopped operating its stop-light

I contacted Snyders in the States and the cost of the part was US\$33.25 but the shipping of this small item was US\$62.50! Ridiculous. In addition, when I queried the amount, the answer was "Unfortunately, whatever shipping options that our website shows happens to be the only options/prices that we have to offer".

However, I was able to use You Shop NZ (NZ Post) who charged NZ\$31.81 including GST; substantially less than the Snyders shipping cost and Snyders shipping within the States was only US\$11.55.

If you are unaware of You Shop NZ, it is ideal for getting items from overseas suppliers who won't ship to NZ, or whose shipping charges are outrageous.

I have found the service to be excellent.

Features of YouShop:

Quick online estimates: With our online shipping calculator tool.

Repack service: We check to see if we can save you money by repacking your item into smaller packaging.

Consolidate & save: Choose to combine multiple parcels before shipping to NZ to save money.

Track your parcels: Using our online tracking tool

Regular updates: We'll send you notifications about your parcel's status.

Sea Freight option for air-prohibited and large items (USA only - service temporarily unavailable Purchase items like perfume, batteries and electronics from USA and ship via Sea Freight. They have warehouses in the States and the UK.



New member, Russell Sherwin's 1928 Speedster
"Lucky 17" at the Gebbies Pass Hill Climb on
18th October.

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If you can help please phone 3797 370 or email me george.earlyfordparts@xtra.co.nz or call and see me

George Spriggs, Early Ford Parts, 10 Grafton Street, Christchurch.

Wanted to borrow or ?

Any one with 1928 Tudor glass patterns or old glass, windscreen, doors and the rear wind down glasses.

Any suggestions on who to go to for glass be appreciated as well.

Ross Gibbs 021314956 ross@4nes.co.nz



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