

Top of the South Model A Club Inc.

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Marlborough Liaison Officer : Bob O'Malley 03 5728380

June 2024 Newsletter

Thanks to those members who were able to attend the recent AGM and associated mid year dinner which was held at the Havelock Hotel. True to form (as per the weather forecast) the day was pretty wet but it did not deter a large contingent of Marlborough members from attending in their A's – well done to those folks (Dave and Ann being the only Nelson crew who braved the rain and gave their recently acquired Sedan a run).

Speaking of Dave, it was recently noted that he decided to give the Sedan an oil change which ended up entailing the removal of the motor – perhaps he couldn't be bothered crawling underneath to loosen the drain plug !! Actually, just a few other issues needed attending to which made it more practical.

Regarding the AGM, you may note from the above heading that the committee has remained the same for the forthcoming year so it's business as usual. Copy of the minutes are attached.



Smiles all round cos they haven't been elected onto the committee !!

Our recent local run around the Tasman district as organised by Malcolm was reasonably well attended and enjoyed by one and all. Malcolm provided us with supposedly concise rally instruction guidance notes (“borrowed’ from a fellow car club group) which were to say the least a little short on detail, in particular at various intersections.



It was noted that at one such point certain vehicles were heading in completely opposite directions. Of course, at the final destination everyone claimed to have followed the directions correctly – Jimmy and I in particular begged to differ but it seemed we were in the minority. However, we all managed to arrive at the final destination in Mapua where we had a most pleasant luncheon at the Bakery.



As is usual if a Club car has an issue there are always plenty of “experts” available to consider and diagnose the problem – Gwennyth provided this opportunity on the main street in Mapua with a slight generator issue – all hands on deck !! It provided a degree of interest from the patrons in the nearby tavern and various passer byes. All soon sorted, and with a few cheers from the folks in the pub she was away.



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AGM 9th June 2024

Club Captains report.

An indication of the health and overall status of any Club is obviously the level of it's membership, whether it is either diminishing, holding it's own or actually growing. I am pleased to report that our Club is definitely in the later category with regard to showing a steady increase in membership.

At this moment we currently have a total of 49 members which comprises 29 from Nelson, Motueka and Golden Bay areas with a further 19 members from within the Blenheim, Havelock and Picton region. In addition, we have 1 North Island member.

In addition, as per the treasures report we are maintaining a healthy financial status which of course the committee has been carefully monitoring with respect to rising costs relative

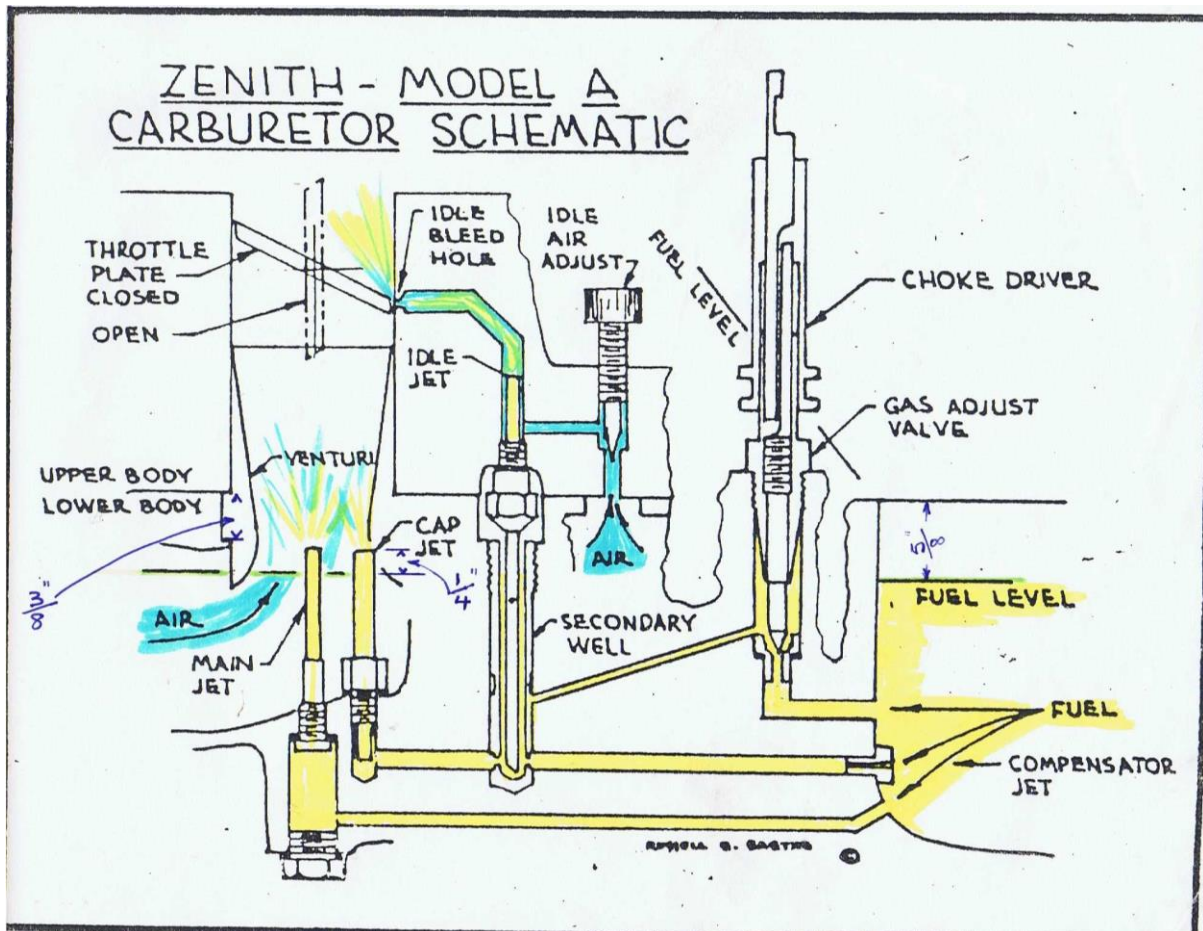
to operating and running Club activities. This past year has been more “normal” with regard to Club outings and activities. We once again managed to host a very successful International Model A Day, participate in external events such as the Rai Valley A & P Show as well as certain VCC events such as the inaugural Coast to Coast event.

Participation in local runs, both in the Nelson region as well as those arranged and held by Marlborough members has been encouraging. From my observation, those members able to attend these outings have been able to enjoy the varied destinations and variety of runs that we have been able to arrange. As ever the committee is always interested in hearing of future potential runs to areas or sites we may not have visited in order to maintain such variety. Suggestions always welcome.

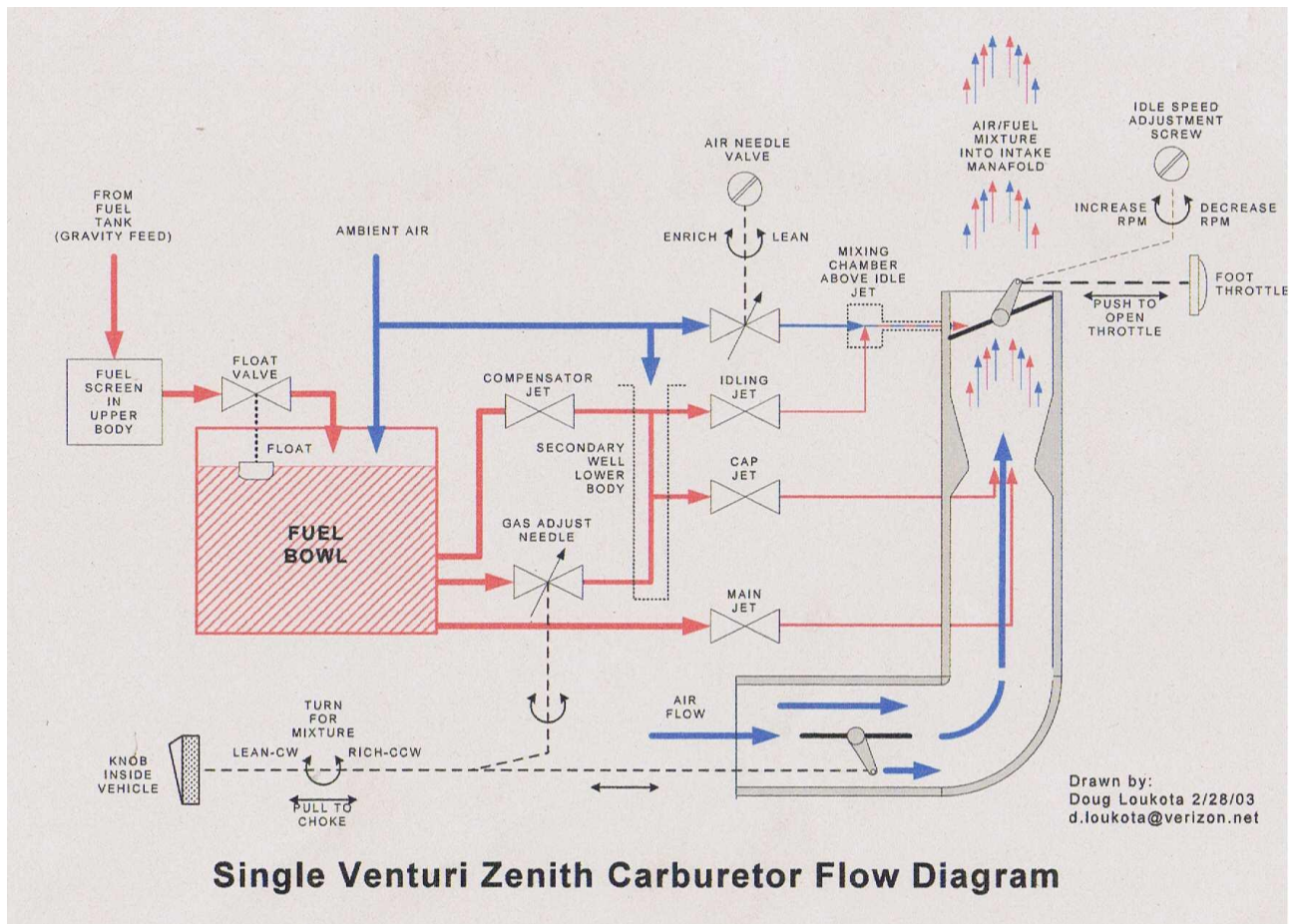
On behalf of the committee I wish to extend our thanks for your continued membership and support of the Club which bodes well for the future. In closing I would also like to thank the outgoing committee for their support and endeavours over the past year to ensure the continued success of the Club.

John Herd
Club Captain

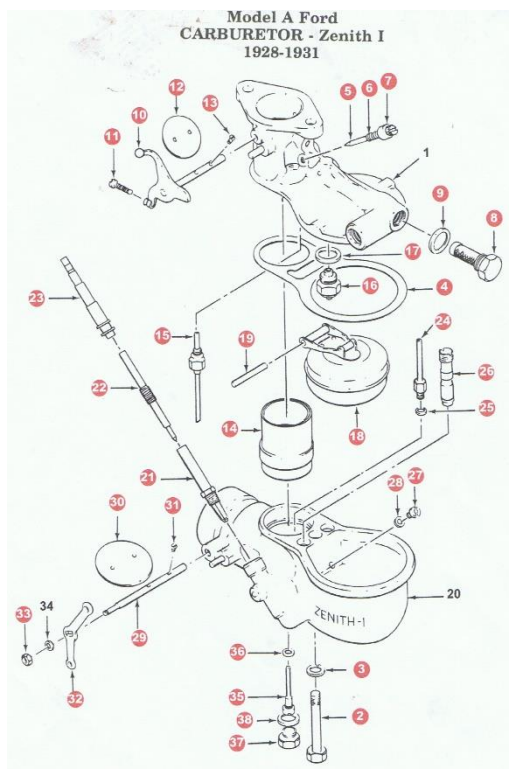
Time for some Technical Stuff. The A Carburetor.



Ever considered how the fuel and air travel through your carby and what the various bits do – well this is it. Still puzzled, well perhaps the following may explain it better.



Trust it all makes sense



Component parts. (As labelled).

15 – Idle jet

24 – Cap jet

35 – Main Jet

26 – Secondary Well

16 – Float valve

5 - Idle Air Adjust Screw

22 – Gas Adjust Valve

Top Of The South Model A Club
Annual General Meeting.

Meeting record Sheet

Venue: Havelock Historic Hotel.
Havelock

Time : 2.00pm Date :9TH June 2024

Item	Discussion	Action
Chairman	John Herd opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees	
Apologies	Ron & Jan Johnson. Roy & Di Eaton. John & Lyn Pauling. Bob & Shirley O'Malley. Geoff & Annette Mead. George Whiting. John & Margaret Clayton. Jim & Gae Galway. Melisa & Shane Cluffs.	
Attendees	As per separate attendance sheet .	
Minutes of last meeting	The minutes of the previous AGM held on 2 nd July 2023, were distributed by the Chairman and confirmed.	Moved: R Sice Sec. D Laing
Matters arising from the Minutes	Nil.	
Financial Report	The Statement of Financial Position report for year ending 31 March 2024, presented by Ann Holmes, was circulated and adopted. (Attached).	Moved : D Laing Secd: A Graham
Chairmans Report	The Chairmans / Club Captains 2024 report was read by John Herd and adopted. (Attached.)	
Election of Officers	Patron : Rodger Humphries (Nominated by Chairman). Club Captain : John Herd Treasurer : Dot Humphries Secretary : John Herd & Dot Humphries Newsletter : John Herd (assisted by Malcolm Baker)	Moved : M Baker Secd. : B Miller
Election of Committee	John Herd. David & Ann Holmes. Dot Humphries. Bob O'Malley (Marlborough liaison officer). Ross Sice. Malcolm Baker..	Moved : C Bird Sec: D. Holmes
General Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Subscriptions. The meeting decided to increase the existing \$15 per year subscription to \$20 pa in order to meet increased operating expenses.. 2. The new membership joining fee of \$30, as established at the 2021 AGM, in order to cover costs associated with the issue of a membership badge and possible Club bumper badge to be increased to \$35 due to rising costs. 3. Continuation of the Target Account with NBS confirmed. 4. Acknowledgement and thank you voiced to Ann Holmes for preparing the annual financial report. 5. As noted, Rodger Humphries was nominated for the role of Club Patron at the 2020 AGM. He graciously accepted to continue in the role.. 6. Update on the 2024 International Model A Day to be hosted by the Canterbury Club. As detailed, this is to be held at Kaikoura. Information provided regarding venue at Donegal House and accommodation availability. Donegal House has been block booked – phone 03 319 5083 for possible availability. Apparently no on line booking for this event. 7. Update regarding the 2027 National Rally to be hosted by TOSMAC. Ann Holmes & Malcolm Baker provided provisional outline of proposed format for this event. Noted that assistance has been offered by the West Coast group. It was noted that this event will coincide with the 100 year anniversary of the Model A – a situation to be possibly capitalised upon with regard to publicity and possible sponsorship arrangements. 8. A brief outline was presented regarding the forthcoming changes to the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 and the need for the club to transition to the new regime 9. Ann Holmes detailed the possibility of co-ordinating travel arrangements for those members who intend to attend the 2025 National Model A Rally to be held in Masterton. 10. A suggestion was tabled by Rob Galloway that we endeavour to determine the number of existing Model A's within the Top of the South region. Some 37 have been identified in the Marlborough region. 	<p>Moved : J. Herd Seconded : A. Holmes</p> <p>Moved : R Sice Seconded : C Bird</p>
Meeting closed	There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.45 pm	
Signed Date:	J Herd. Chairman. 9 th June 2024	

From the Web.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvSTbnFrnd0> Ford Canada factory video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcSJnez9h78> Model A pics

TECH STUFF.

When inspecting the gears of a differential that has been in use, look very carefully at the gear teeth bases for evidence of hairline fatigue cracks. These are not uncommon and can cause grief if car is driven hard (broken tooth syndrome). If in doubt it would pay to have it Magnafluxed .

Difficult to locate rear end noises can be due to a "warped" ring gear carrier. Broken gear teeth riding through a ring gear and pinion can "hairline" fracture the banjo as well as distort the carrier. Sprung ring gear carriers can be readily identified if mounted in a lathe on the bearing surface and spun. The ring gear can be mounted on the carrier for the most revealing test. Replacement of the faulty unit is the best course of action.

Following front end work or perhaps having new tyres fitted it is worth checking for possible "operational" toe -in or toe-out after a reasonable mileage has been carried out by rubbing a hand across the surface of front tyres. A feathered edge on the tread will point up alignment problems better than most alignment racks. Minor adjustments of tie rod can usually correct the problem.

Future outings

29th June. Reefton Car Show. Not a TOSMAC event but may be of interest.

27/28th July. Henry Ford Birthday event. Hosted by Marlborough Ford Club. Shed visit & rally on Saturday. H Ford birthday Show-N-Shine meet on Sunday. Time / location to be advised. Note that an alternative local Club event may be held in Nelson for those not able to attend the Blenheim event. Probably a picnic at Rabbit Island. To be confirmed.

11th August. Picnic run to Marahau (adjacent Abel Tasman Nat Park). BYO as local area café's probably closed for off season. Meet NMIT Richmond car park @ 11.00 am and / or Motueka Clocktower @ 12.00

25th August. Annual Daffodil Day rally hosted by the Nelson VCC. Further info to be sent out when available.

13/14/15th September. International Model A Day weekend event to be held in Kaikoura. Entry forms to be distributed when available.

Cheers all

JH.