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Jim Langley DEC 2008-2009
Al Lugo DEC 2010-2012
Joe Spooner DEC 2014-2015
Sharon Webb Dec 2018



Presidents Corner

Welcome to the New Year!

Our first car club meeting for 2018 started off successfully, meeting at our new time and date. (3rd Friday of the month 10am at Woodsman of The World) It was nice to see some old and new faces. Our hope for this new year is to continue to embrace our love of the vintage Fords and preserve its place in history. Our committee leaders have stepped up and it looks like an exciting year. The Program Director position, however, remains unfilled. We are entertaining having this as a shared responsibility allowing members to sign up for a month to present a program of interest to the group. This will give everyone the opportunity to participate and bring in new ideas. We are hoping to have a variety of activities monthly so those who miss the meeting can still be active members. The MATTS meetings are going to focus on the water pump with hands on experience in working with them. This will lead up to this years first Workshop on completing building your water pump. Sounds exciting! Looking forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely ,
Sharon Webb

JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: Friday, February 16, 2018- 10:00AM (EASTERN)

Our next Club Meeting will be at Woodmen of the World Lodge, on Highway 80, in Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

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| February 2 | MATTS |
| February 2-3 | Moultrie Swap Meet |
| February 9 | Planning Meeting |
| February 16 | Club Meeting (Friday 10:00 AM) |
| February 17 | Tour to Warner Robbins (Modern Car) |
| February 24 | Jordan Car Show |
| March 2 | MATTS |
| March 3 | Glenwood School Car Show |
| March 9 | Planning Meeting |
| March 15-17 | Barber Motor Sports Museum |
| March 16 | Club Meeting (Friday 10:00 AM) |

CRUISE EVENINGS

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|--------------------------------|--|
| Every 1 st Tuesday- | Cooks Hot Dog on Miller & Airport Thruway |
| Every 2 nd Tuesday | Jim Bob's (By Hobby Lobby) |
| Every 3 rd Tuesday | Jason Deli (Close to Sears) |
| Every 4 th Tuesday | Country's on Broadway |
| Every 5 th Tuesday | El Vaquero Mexican Restaurant (Stadium Drive, Phenix City) |
| Every 2 nd Saturday | Opelika Home Depot Cruise In |
| Every 3 rd Saturday | Phenix City Home Depot Cruise In (Starts March 18) |
| Every 4 th Saturday | Steak and Shake (Bradley Park Drive) |
| Every Sunday AM | IHOP Airport Thruway |

NATIONAL:

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| June 24-29 | MAFCA National Convention Reno-Sparks, Nevada |
| Nov 27-Dec 1 | MAFCA National Awards Banquet- Tucson, Arizona |

River Cities Model A Ford Club

Meeting Minutes

1/19/18

Members attending:

Joe Carter, Al Lugo, Dick Noxon, Sharon Webb, Mary Nelle Singer, Paul Singer, Larry Farrar, Bob Smith, Jim Langley, Bobby Penny, Connie Penny, Mickey Timbes, June Spooner, Joe Spooner, Tom Ellis, Howard Ruddick, Barbara Ruddick, and Bill Shirley.

Members said the pledge of allegiance, Al Lugo said grace, and buffet was served.

Sunshine Report:

The Lesters are still in rehab. Wayne Kennedy ok after car accident, Neil LaClair taking chemo, and Kevin Adams has some health issues, no report on the Quick's or Watkin's.

MATTS:

Next meeting Feb 2nd, 2018. Members will be working on water pump parts to be put together at the next workshop at Al's Garage, June 9th.

Report on toys collected at Christmas party. Plans to start collecting toys all year long, Bill Shirley will store toys collected.

New Business:

Annual donation of \$100 will be sent to the Model A Museum.

Annual treasure audit will be in February.

Al Lugo gave report on membership status. We have 32 paid members, hope to have roster available in February.

Tour report and Car Shows.

Tour to Warner Robbins AFB Feb 17th.

Central A's Barber Motor Tour, March 15-17.

Jordan car show 2/24/18 at Hollywood connections.

Glenwood car show 3/3/2018.

Jim Langley will give program in February.

Larry Farrar won meal ticket.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Mary Nelle Singer

Secretary

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES



FEBRUARY 11- Mark Gamble

FEBRUARY 9- Ann Wright

FEBRUARY 12- Thomas Foster

FEBRUARY 14- Friederilke Robertson

FEBRUARY 16- Howard Ruddick

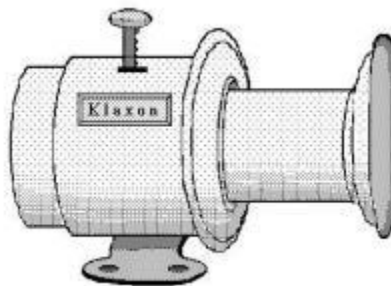
FEBRUARY 19- Becky Coxwell

FEBRUARY 23- Louie Willett

FEBRUARY 24- Chris Kennedy

FEBRUARY 26- Paul Singer

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



FEBRUARY 10- Mark & Pat Gamble

FEBRUARY 14- Bobby & Connie Penny

FEBRUARY 16- Russell & Mary Ann Lester



Thank goodness for warmer weather for our drive to Cricket's Restaurant, been awhile since we had our cars out this season.

We had Paul & Mary Nell, Joe & Donna, Mark & Pat, Sharon, Richard, Al, Bobby, Tom, Mildred and Bob, our Tour Guide.

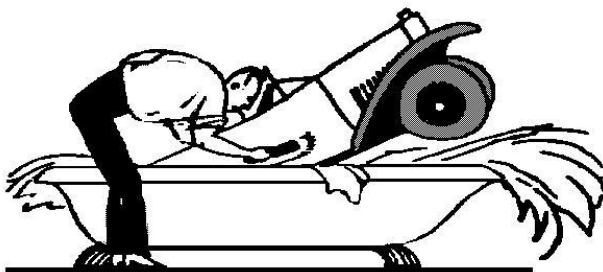


Some miscommunication had us looking for Sharon, so we went across Double Churches Rd then up Fortson Rd, instead of going past Ann Wright's home on Smith Rd. Not much traffic and mostly dry roads. In Cataula we picked up the northern group at the church parking lot. In Hamilton we routed to Hamilton Pleasant Grove Rd staying off Rt. 27N. Very hilly and curvy on this road plus we found some sand over the ice that was still in the shady areas. (What a mess that made of the wheel wells of the old Model A's.)

Four of our group were waiting at the restaurant for us; I think everyone enjoyed the food there as we had plenty to eat. Several had been there before, and we plan to go back.

Our return was back down the curvy road to Hamilton then to Cataula where we split up. A couple were home, and some headed to Columbus. Bob and Mildred went across Rt 315 to River Rd and down to her apartment. Nice dry roads and little traffic.

Once home it was time to do what Al suggested at the restaurant, get Bob to wash under the car, boy that took a while



Roving Reporter,

Bob Smith



Photos by Howard Ruddick

Due to the cold weather we had fewer members than usual. Also, Bob Smith did not brave the cold on his motorcycle!



Our group gathered by the wood burning stove.



No one ventured to the round table where we normally meet.



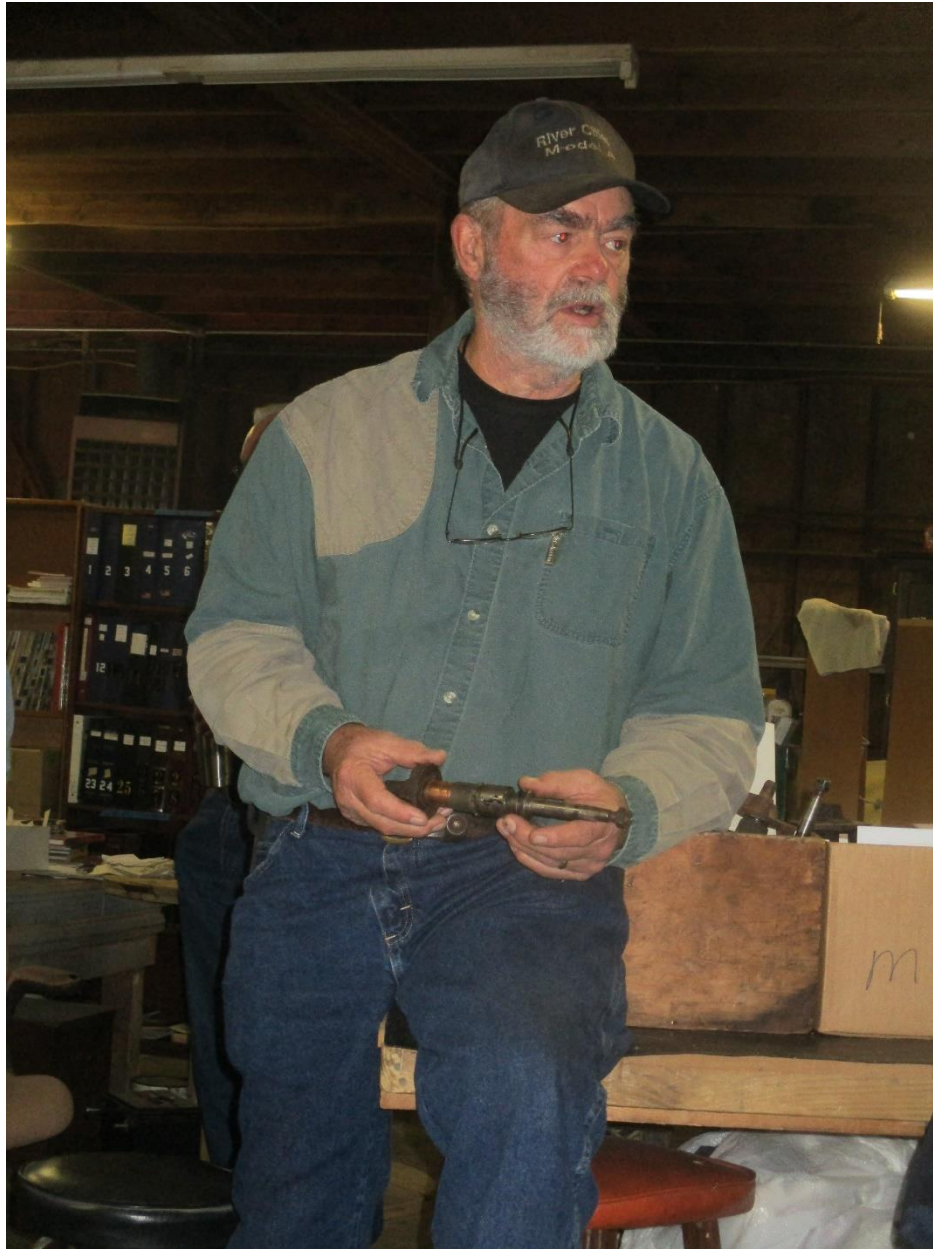
Al trying to warm up!



Our library is really shaping up. All members are invited to use this valuable resource.



Bob Smith is showing the wear pattern on a ring gear to Sharon.

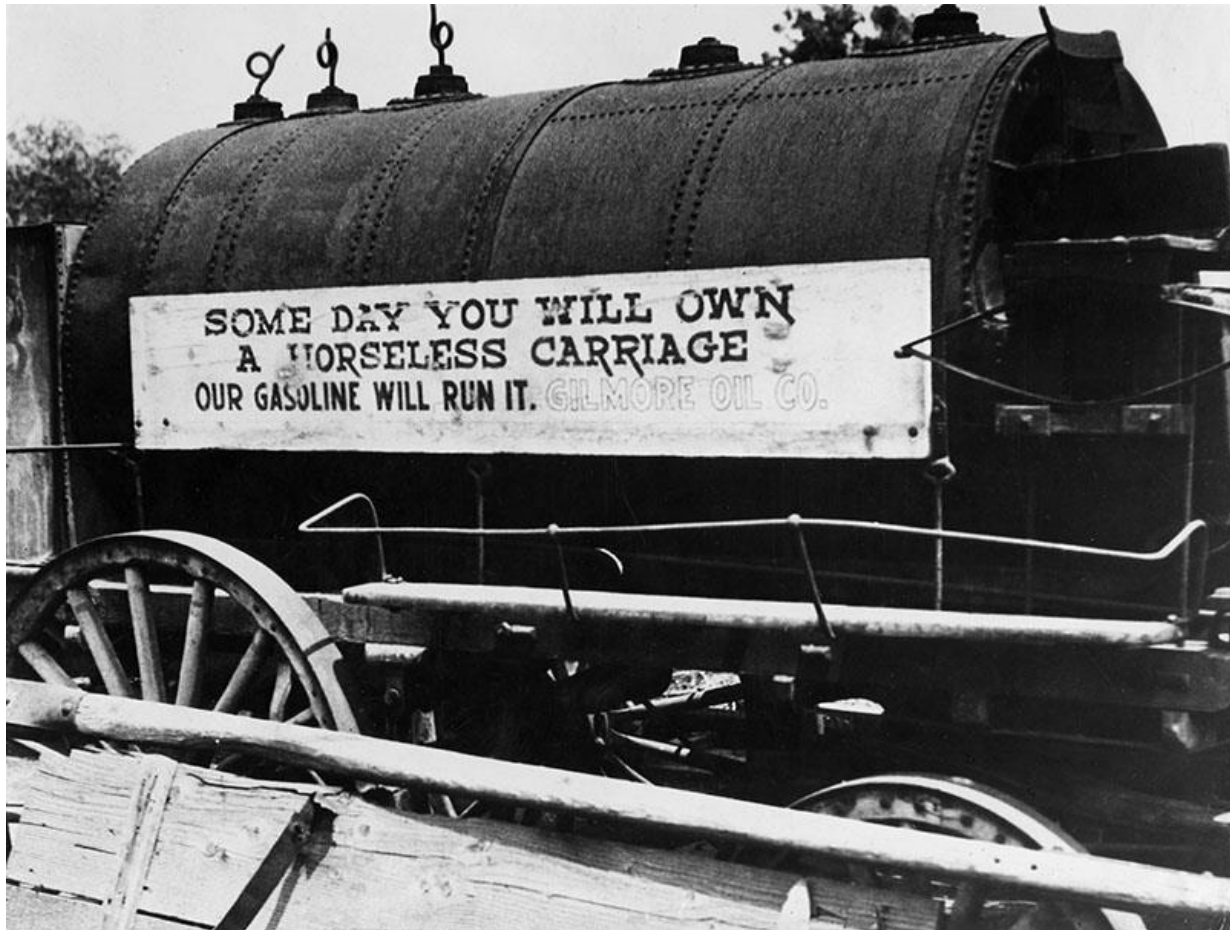


The date for the water pump workshop at Al's garage has not been set yet. The current thinking is to use the two MATTS gatherings before the workshop to clean and paint parts in preparation of assembly. For members wanting to build a leak less water pump during Al's workshop it is important to purchase a kit of rebuild parts to use. A list of required parts is being put together by Al and Bobby.

Time goes by when you are having fun! Bobby announced MATTS has been meeting for 5 years and we are now starting on our 6th year of learning and fellowship. Bobby invited all to stop by the shop at any time to kick tires. Come join us at the next MATTS meeting as we explore battery condition with a new battery station.

Come join us on the first Friday of each month. Although we can't guarantee the weather, we offer hot coffee, doughnuts, a chair, and fellowship as we learn about how we can keep our Model 'A's on the road.

A BLAST FROM THE PAST



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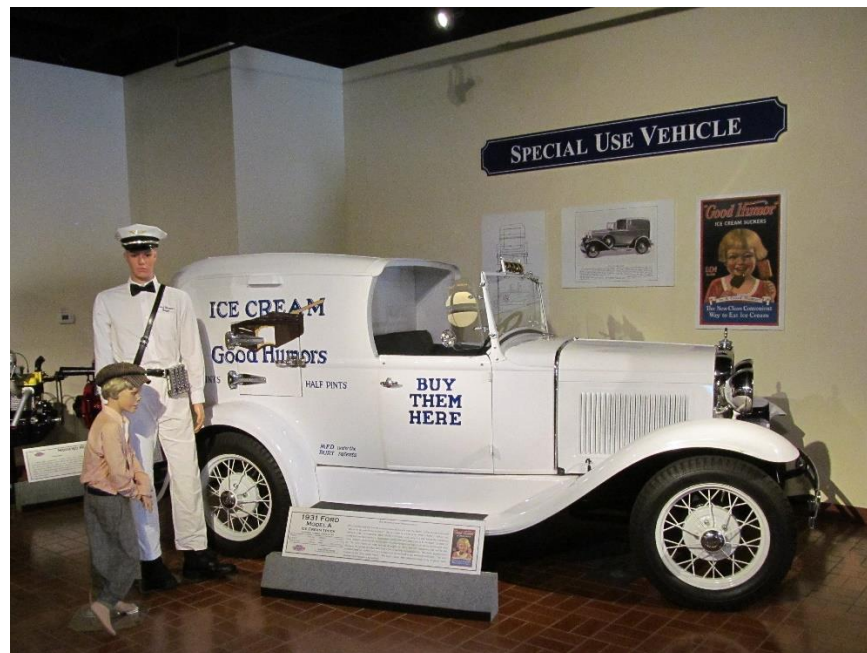
MAFFI Newsletter Minute

January 2018

What's new at the Museum?

A recent addition to the Model A Ford Museum is a beautifully restored Good Humor Ice Cream Truck. This is on loan from Joe Hornacek and is a real “treat” to behold. Standing beside this truck is a mannequin displaying a uniformed Ice Cream man ready to sell a young man a frozen dessert. Many of us remember the joy of seeing one of these trucks in our neighborhood. Joe has been invited to show his truck at the Concourse De' Elegance in Texas this year. That just confirms that this is a special vehicle and outstanding restoration! Joe will return the truck to the museum after the Texas show.

We endeavor to keep the museum interesting and are continually changing our displays. Make plans to come and see us soon!



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