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# Presidents Corner

Welcome to the New Year!

As the weather begins to warm up we need to warm the Model A's and get them ready to go out and about. One way to get to know your Model A better is to attend our MATTs on the first Friday of the Month at Bobby Penny's shop. The other way is to come to Al's Garage for the various workshops. We are still without a Program Director, however having this as a shared responsibility allowing members to sign up for a month to present a program of interest to the group seems to be working so far. If you have an idea for a club function, bring it to the planning workshop (Board of Directors meetings) All are invited to attend. It is a sort of mini club meeting where ideas and club meeting agenda are formulated. Last meeting, I encouraged all members to wear the club shirt and or hat. This will let the public know that we exist and in some cases people ask us what we are. Let's get excited about 2018 and have some Model A fun.

Sincerely,  
Sharon Webb

# JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

**NEXT MEETING: Friday, March 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

<b>March 2</b>	<b>MATTS</b>
<b>March 3</b>	<b>Glenwood School Car Show</b>
<b>March 9</b>	<b>Planning Meeting</b>
<b>March 15-17</b>	<b>Barber Motor Sports Museum</b>
<b>March 16</b>	<b>Club Meeting (Friday 10:00 AM)</b>
<b>March 24</b>	<b>Lannett Masonic Lodge #656 Car Show</b>
<b>April 6</b>	<b>MATTS</b>
<b>April 7</b>	<b>Mt. Zion Church Car Show</b>
<b>April 13</b>	<b>Planning Meeting</b>
<b>April 13-14</b>	<b>Summer Moultrie Swap Meet</b>
<b>April 20</b>	<b>Club Meeting (Friday 10:00 AM)</b>
<b>April 21</b>	<b>Club Picnic, Spooner's Lake House</b>

### CRUISE EVENINGS

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

### NATIONAL:

<b>June 24-29</b>	<b>MAFCA National Convention Reno-Sparks, Nevada</b>
<b>Nov 27-Dec 1</b>	<b>MAFCA National Awards Banquet- Tucson, Arizona</b>

## **River Cities Model A Ford Club**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**February 18, 2018**

#### **Members Attending:**

Paul and Mary Nelle Singer, Glenn and Cindy Williams, Joe Carter, Bob Smith, Bobby and Connie Penny, Joe and June Spooner, Micky Timbes, Lee Coxwell, Tom and Sharon Ellis, John Robertson, Jim Langley, Al Lugo, Dick Noxon, and Sharon Webb.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and Joe Carter said Grace, members proceeded to brunch.

Meeting called to order by Sharon Webb.

#### **Sunshine Report:**

Neil LaClair continues with chemo, Kevin Adams still battling colitis, Jim Miller recovering from a stroke, Lee Coxwell's father-in-law has liver cancer, Joe Spooner recovering from a fall, the Lesters and Ruddicks continued health concerns.

#### **Old Business:**

Minutes of January minutes were approved by members. Treasury report for January was given by Dick Noxon and approved by members.

The next MATTS meeting will be March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at Bobby's shop. Water pumps will be assembled at Al's workshop on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Annual audit of the Club treasury will be done by June Spooner and Sharon Webb following today's meeting. Results will be reported at our March meeting.

#### **New Business:**

We will try a new approach to monthly programs. A signup sheet will be available for members interested in putting on a program.

Al Lugo is working on the 2018 club roster. He would like to have members MAFCA's membership number.

Monthly planning meeting will be at Burger King on Wynnton the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month.

Tour to Warner Robbins AFB museum will be February 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Car Shows:**

Glenwood school Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jordan School at Hollywood Connection March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mt Zion Church April 7<sup>th</sup> and the East Alabama ole Car Club on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Program:**

Jim Langley gave program on "The American Assembly Line"

Meeting Adjourned,

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Mary Nelle Singer  
Secretary

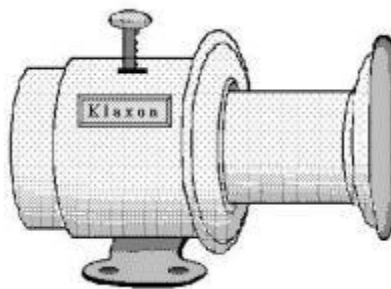
## **ANNIVERSARIES**



**MARCH 7- Bobby & Carolyn Shackelford**

**MARCH 8- John & Friederilke Robertson**

## **BIRTHDAYS**



**MARCH 4- Jim Langley**

**MARCH 5- Sherry Williams**

**MARCH 6- Diane Watkins**

**MARCH 16-Betty Fagundes**

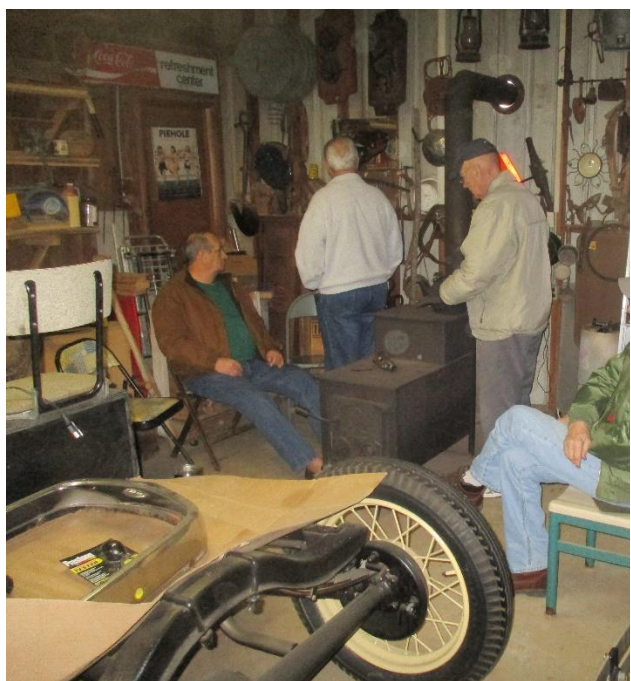
**MARCH 22-Renate Shirley**





Photos by Howard Ruddick

**The weather has warmed up a bit. About a dozen enthusiasts came for doughnuts, coffee, and fellowship while learning about the Model 'A'.**



**A few of our members taking refuge near the wood burning stove.**



**Bobby displayed two early testers to check the condition of batteries under load.**



**Note the wire coil between the terminals.**



**We looked at the more modern way to test the condition of lead acid batteries.**





**Bobby outlines the plan for our group to clean and prepare water pumps in preparation to Al's workshop.**



**Members will disassemble, and sand blast water pump castings in this machine.**

**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.**

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# DID YOU KNOW?

By AL LUGO

The Ford Motor Company has one of the richest histories of any Automobile Company. This was possible because of the preservation of documents, photos, and short films. It is my purpose in the coming months to bring you significant facts of Ford history presented in short "bullets". Please join me in honoring our rich Ford Motor Company History.

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## The Model "A" Town Car (140-A & 140B)

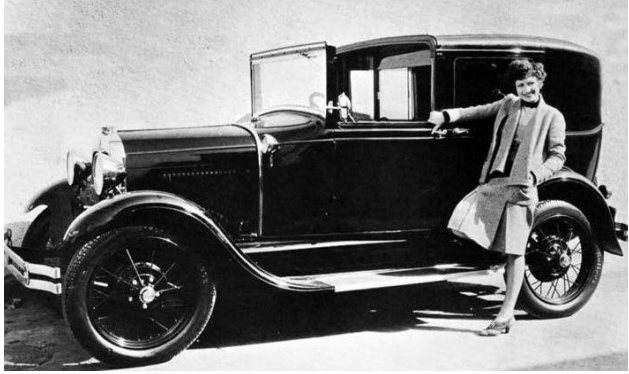


- In the last "Did You Know" we talked about a rare Model "A", the Ford Model "A" Taxi. But one of the rarest Model A's is the Model "A" Town Car.
- Only 1,065 Model "A" Town Cars were produced in the US from 1928 to 1930. The 1928 and 1929 were designated 140-A and the 1930 140-B.
- It sold for an introduction price of \$1,400 and later \$1,200 in 1930,

making it the most luxurious Model "A" of its time.

- The Town car was the first chauffeur driven car offered by an American Car Company in the medium or low-priced field. The body was described as a LeBaron town car body, it was designed by LeBaron but built by Briggs Manufacturing.
- The Town Car production started in late 1928 and introduced in January 1929. At first it was available only through Lincoln dealers but later the distribution was expanded to the Ford showrooms. The smaller size was especially attractive to women. Because of its size it was also attractive to the European markets where streets were smaller. The last Model "A" Town car was delivered in February 1930.
- The 140-A was available in five body color combinations. The lower body and reveals were finished in Brewster Green, Thorne Brown, black, Mulberry Maroon and Madras Carbuncle. The upper body and moldings were finished in black. The Madras Carbuncle and Mulberry Maroon were reserved only for the Town Car.
- The chauffeur's canopy and the top were made in black, coarse long-short grain artificial leather. The inside of the chauffeur's top was lined with black duck.
- There was only one interior available for the Model "A" Town Car. The front driver's compartment and door panels were black fine, long-short-grain genuine leather. The floor was covered with a conventional spatter-pattern black rubber mat. The cowl was covered with black, fine-grain artificial leather.
- The rear seat was trimmed in tan Bedford cord, and the door panels, back, headliner, quarters and partition were trimmed in tan broadcloth. The rear floor is covered with a tan Wilton wool carpet. Window curtains were copper tone silk.
- The rear compartment hardware was finished in painted Mocha Brown rather than plated. The front compartment hardware was Butler chrome. The Town car had a standard nickel-plated cowl bands and cowl lights.
- On the early 1929 Town Car, the duolight drum was chrome plated rather than bright nickel like in other Model "A". The left rear armrest of the Town Car had a notebook and vanity mirror in a covered compartment.





**The smaller size was especially attractive to women...**



**The outside mirror assembly (A-17716) was used only in the town car. This photo was from Joe Spooner, taken at the Model "A" Museum in Michigan...**



**A restored 140-A Model A Town Car...**



**Here you can see the division between driver and passenger compartment...**

## A BLAST FROM THE PAST

The Pedestrian operated horn



Can you imagine having a man walk in front of your car who blows a horn and waves a red flag, everywhere you drive? In a time when there were far fewer cars on the roads, it was a requirement in Britain. Long before the days of interstates, backup cameras and drive-throughs, drivers made use of warning signals to alert other road users to their approach or possible danger. Unsurprisingly, before long, car owners and manufacturers realized it would be much more efficient to have drivers operate their warning devices themselves from inside their vehicles.

At the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the quest for effective in-car signaling devices changed the acoustics of American roads forever. Automobile owners around the globe had their choice of whistles, sirens and bells so they could manually alert pedestrians and other road users. Interesting variations included the Sireno, which could be heard a mile away, according to its manufacturers; the Godin, a “press while you steer” device; and the Gabriel, an inventive loud horn that was powered by the vehicle’s exhaust. In fact, the horn became very popular: the sound it emitted was quite novel at the time, as well as relatively piercing, and everybody wanted one.

Simultaneously, a young inventor, Miller Rees Hutchinson, who was later to work with Thomas Edison for almost a decade, became more and more worried about the increasing numbers of automobiles in New York City and the mounting risk of accidents. So, he set to work to improve on the existing horn. His invention, which became known as the Klaxon, could be operated either by a small hand crank or via motor-powered batteries and emitted a directional, loud and piercing sound. The fact that it was directional enabled pedestrians to quickly pinpoint the source of the sound and get out of the way of the vehicle. The Klaxon proved so effective that in early 1908, Hutchinson licensed his patents to Lovell-McConnell Manufacturing Company and its production, as well as national and international distribution, took off.

In 1910 another game-changer entered the market. An Englishman named Oliver Lucas developed a basic electric car horn that transferred sound more effectively and could be heard over a mile away. His electric klaxon worked by an electromagnet acting upon a steel diaphragm while a contactor intermittently interrupted the electric current.

These two inventions lie at the foundation of what we call car horns today. Over the past century, the practice of combining two horns that produce two different chords has resulted in more perceptible sounds. This means that the car horn can usually be detected even in surroundings with high ambient noise levels.

However, car manufacturers have for decades been reducing the amount of noise drivers experience in their cars. They've become so successful that in many vehicles, siren and horn sounds are barely audible anymore. But for pedestrians and residents of homes along roads, the noises are uncomfortably loud. Therefore, many cities and states have created legislation that restricts the use of horns within city limits while still allowing for legitimate "horn honking" when necessary.

The car horn, one of the many things we take for granted about our vehicles, has its roots in road safety—one of the few things we don't take for granted. Drive safe!

### **MAFFI Newsletter Minute March 2018**

Dear Model A Friends and Supporters of the Museum,

We will be ordering bricks at the end of May for installation at the museum before 2018 Model A Day. If you have been thinking about ordering a brick 'In Memory' or 'In Honor' of someone near and dear to you, or if your club/region doesn't have a brick at the museum with its name on it, now would be a great time to do it. Each brick is \$150 and the form can be found at [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org). Our website has changed, and the brick order form can be found under the tab "Store".

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