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Al Lugo DEC 2010-2012
Joe Spooner DEC 2014-2015
Sharon Webb Dec 2018



Presidents Corner

Welcome Members!

Our March meeting was really productive! We discussed our upcoming events and are looking forward to the warmer weather when we all can drive our cars to the meetings. We also discussed the progress being made on the restoration of our water pumps. The MATTS dates had to change for the next 2 times but the work on the pumps goes on. Check the newsletter for these changes. We are also looking at donating one of our restored water pumps as a raffle prize at the next National Convention in Reno! More to follow...so see you at the next meeting!

**Sincerely,
Sharon Webb**



JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: Friday, April 20, 2018-
10:00AM (EASTERN)

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

COMING EVENTS

March 30	MATTS (THIS IS A CHANGE)
April 7	Mt. Zion Church Car Show
April 13	Planning Meeting
April 20	Club Meeting (Friday 10:00 AM)
April 21	Club Picnic, Spooner's Lake House
April 27	MATTS (THIS IS A CHANGE)
April 28	Teal Wheels Car Show at Fort Benning PX
May 11	Planning Meeting
May 18	Club Meeting (Friday 10:00 AM)
May 19	Old Alabama Car Club Car Show

CRUISE EVENINGS

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 4th Saturday	Steak and Shake (Bradley Park Drive)
Every Sunday AM	IHOP Airport Thruway

NATIONAL:

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

**Club Meeting
March 16, 2018**

March Meeting was held at the Woodmen of the World Lodge, Phenix City, Alabama.

Members attending were Jim Langley, Sharon Webb, Mickey Timbes, Al Lugo, Dick Noxon, Bobby Penny, Howard and Barbara Ruddick, John and Rickie Robertson, Tom and Sharon Ellis, Bill Shirley, Paul and Mary Nelle Singer.

Meeting was called to order by President Sharon Webb, following the Pledge of Allegiance and Grace given by Al Lugo, members proceeded to brunch.

Sunshine Report: Russell and Mary Ann Lester, Neil LaClair and Kevin Adams still need our prayers. Barbara Ruddick has recovered from surgery and was present at the meeting.

Old Business: February Club minutes were approved by members.

February Treasury report was given by Dick Noxon and was approved by members.

The annual audit of the Club Treasury was done by June Spooner, Sharon Webb and Joe Carter. All income and outgo were reconciled and signed off by retiring Treasurer Joe Carter.

New Business: Club received confirmation of donation to the Model A Ford Foundation. Members were encouraged to sign up for programs in the upcoming months.

Al Lugo still needs membership numbers for those who are members of MAFCA.

Club received a letter from the Modesto Area A's Model A Club requesting articles to be raffled off at the National Convention to be held in Reno Nevada, June 24-29, 2018. Our Club approved sending a refurbished Model A water pump, parts and shipping not to exceed \$70.00.

MATTS: The next two meetings of MATTS will be held March 30, and April 27th.

Tours: The next workshop will be on June 9th at Al's Garage.

Club Spring Fling picnic to be held at Spooners lake house, April 21st.

East Alabama Ole Car Show, May 19th.

Program: Al Lugo showed a film on the 20 Millionth Model A Tour.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted

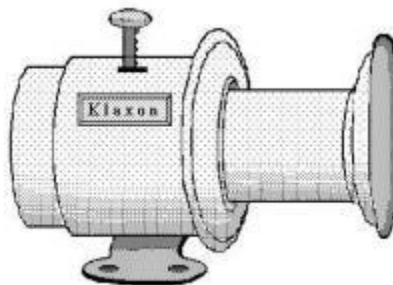
**Mary Nelle Singer
Secretary**

ANNIVERSARIES



APRIL 1- Bill & Louann Buck
APRIL 28- Lee & Becky Coxwell
APRIL 29- Paul & Mary Nelle Singer

BIRTHDAYS



APRIL 16- Connie Penny
APRIL 26- Sharon Webb
APRIL 27- Joe Spooner



Photos by Howard Ruddick

The day has arrived that we are going to start rebuilding a water pump for our own Model 'A'. Bobby, Al, and others have been collecting castings so each member who wants the experience of building a spare water pump can build his own.



These are the castings we will rebuild. There are tags to identify each members casting.



Bobby explains what needs to be done in the disassembly and cleaning of the water pump castings.



Let's get started!



Larry is driving out a pump shaft as Joe and Al hold the casting steady.



Joe is intent on cleaning all lubrication passages. Note the wire he is using.



Joe and John are cleaning a casting with solvent.



Dick and Paul are doing some serious work here.



Bob Smith is driving out a water pump shaft.



The parts disassembled and cleaned will be sand blasted in this unit and then painted during the April session.

Come join us on the first Friday in April. There is a casting waiting for those wanting to rebuild a water pump. 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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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.

The Model "A" Town Car Delivery (295-A)



This beautiful Model "A" Town Car Delivery had a naugahyde tire cover most had metal tire covers...

- **Last month we talked about the Model "A" Town Car as one of the rarest Model "A". Even rarer is the Model "A" Town Car Delivery, Ford's most exotic delivery car.**
- **The Town Car Delivery was introduced in January 1931 as a new model, but some 1930 models were built before that date.**
- **Ford production figures show 1 was produced in 1930, 190 in 1931 and 5 in 1932 for a total production of 196 in the U.S. The cost was \$1,150. During the first nine months of production only 26 were sold and the remainder were sold into 1932.**
- **These vehicles had hand formed aluminum bodies built by Briggs Body Company on standard Model "A" chassis. It had an open driver compartment with a removable canopy. The rear of the Town Car Delivery had a wide rear door that made loading and unloading easy.**
- **The 1931 Town Car Delivery came with a full rear bumper, a fender mounted spare tire with a bright metal tire cover, cowl lights and a pair of outside ornamental lights as standard equipment.**
- **The interior compartment of the Town Car Delivery was also called a package compartment and had side trim panels and partition made of birch plywood and the floor was made of maple. They were both finished with Spar varnish.**
- **Behind the front seat you could find a full length sliding door, and inside, two interior dome lights, one at the head of the drivers compartment and the other in the package compartment.**

- It had two front seats with a passenger seat that could be removed by the user. These seats were covered with black long grain leather.
- The Model "A" Town Car delivery could be ordered in any forty standard exterior colors. Due to the high cost and the economic crisis of the depression years production of this exotic delivery vehicle came to an end in 1931.



A restored Town Car Delivery showed during Model "A" day at the Model "A" Museum in Michigan, taken by Joe Spooner.



A very nice Town Car Delivery during the Model "A" production years.

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. Our website has changed, and the brick order form can be found under the tab "Store".

Don't forget to send the check and form to our new address:

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me

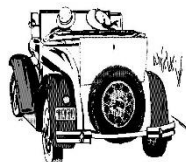
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As always, we appreciate your continued support.

Marsha Quesnel, MAFFI Trustee

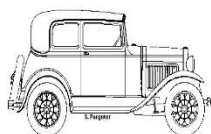
Okay, it's time for: early (36 H.P.) Beetle Engine Trivia: How many pieces of wood are in a 36 H.P. Volkswagen engine??? Answer: 8. They are included inside each hollow – tubed pushrod, to: Quiet, stabilize, and absorb any major destructive harmonic vibrations, thus, allowing the engine more advantage to be long – lived and a mileage champ!!! 36 to 45 MPG not un-common!!!

What Common feature do Some (Deluxe Level) earlier VW Microbuses have — that is like all: Model A Fords? Answer: A fold- open – front windshield.



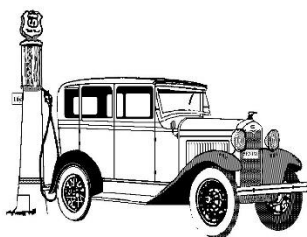
BARBER MOTOR SPORT TOUR

The Central Model A Club set up another great tour across northern Alabama for their touring buddies. Some from Mississippi, Tenn, Georgia and N Carolina came to this spring event. Our group was the Spooners, Gambles and Bob Smith.



On Friday morning 13 cars set out for the Talladega Raceway Museum with our police escort again. Got us thru town easily. After a couple hours at the museum we headed on into the town of Talladega to Montana's Grill where we opened it up for the lunch hour.

Then going back past the Speedway, we were able to pick up a lost glove left there from the morning stop, then on south of Rt 78 on some really small county roads to Cecil Freemans's garage and general store. What a collection of old stuff hanging on the walls and in the display cases. Sure looked like an old store with the potbelly stove. Most had pictures taken of their cars in front of the old building.



In his garage were extra motors and in the office area model cars with pictures from all over. There were certificates from his working days etc. Was only a short drive back to the motel, and then getting ready to go to the Grizzard Museum for the normal Friday night banquet. Great Bluegrass music was by the Dan Nelson Players, one drives a Model A, too. Really nice Door Prizes were given out to quite a few participants. Bobby Penny would have gotten one had he been there.

The next morning 30 cars lined up with RainX on their windshields in anticipation of a slight chance of rain going toward Leeds, Ala. Ha, Mother Nature let us have it for

about 20 minutes – what a downpour. We were on small country roads traveling thru the woods, so it was not too bad. The cars sit high so the deeper puddles did not bother anyone. Not much other traffic on this hilly section near the Sports Park. We got several hours in the bike museum where there are a few old cars plus we got a tour of the restoration shop in the basement. The docent gave us some good stories too. We had lots of fun inside then outside for a group picture for both MARC and MAFCA magazines.

After a lunch buffet in Leeds, the sun came out and most of us headed 25 miles due north on Ala Rt. 411 to Ashville, then east on County Rd 22 to a private museum of old cars and paraphernalia. He had a couple of mid 30s Ford V8s sitting outside of the garage – what beauties. Then the drive back to Oxford was on mostly county roads in more sunshine.

Leaving Sunday morning with the Spooners we came down thru Lineville to Dadeville on Rt 49. Then I took old Rt. 280 thru Opelika to Rt 51 and Rt 169 to old Opelika Rd going to Phenix City. Great weekend. Drive Safe.

Roving Reporter,

Bob Smith

Time for a little tire kicking while on the tour

