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Jim Langley DEC 2004-2006
Jim Langley DEC 2008-2009
Al Lugo DEC 2010-2012
Joe Spooner DEC 2014-2015
Sharon Webb Dec 2018



Presidents Corner

Welcome Members!

The season for tours is gearing up! Come join us as we participate with the Central Alabama Model A Ford Club to tour to Auburn/Chewacla State Park on June 16, 2018. This will be a great time to visit with others with the same enthusiasm for our wonderful hobby! You need to register by June 6, 2018. If you need a form to register give me or any of the other officers a call. Let have a big turnout for this great adventure!

The MATTS team is continuing to work on the water pumps in preparation for the June workshop. It's not too late to join in. If sanding and painting is not to your liking, come anyway and look over the extensive library of books and magazines. We could use some help getting these cataloged.

REMEMBER you will gain so much from participating in our events not only from expertise but fellowship as well!

See you in June!

Sincerely,
Sharon Webb



JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: Friday, June 15, 2018- 10:00AM (EASTERN)

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

COMING EVENTS

June 1	MATTS
June 8	Planning Meeting
June 9	Al's Workshop- Water Pump rebuilding
June 15	Club Meeting (Friday 10:00 AM)
June 16	Joint Tour/Picnic with Central Alabama MAFC
July 6	MATTS
July 13	Planning Meeting
July 20	Club Meeting (Friday 10:00 AM)
July 21	Tour

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 4 th 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

Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2018

The May meeting was held at the Woodmen of the World lodge, Phenix City, Alabama. Members attending were Bob Smith, Jim Langley, Al Lugo, Richard Noxon, Mickey Timbes, Wayne Kennedy, Bobby Penny, John Robertson, June Spooner, Joe Spooner, Tom Ellis, Howard Ruddick, Barbara Ruddick, Sharon Webb, Paul Singer and Mary Nelle Singer.

Meeting Called to order by President Sharon Webb, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Grace given by Paul Singer, members proceeded to brunch. Sunshine Report: Members to keep in thoughts and prayers are Jim Miller, The Lesters, Lee Cowell, and Kevin Adams.

Old Business: April Club Minutes were approved.

Treasury report was read by Dick Noxon and approved by Club vote.

Next MATTS meeting will be on June 1st. The water pump rebuild workshop at Al's Garage on June 9th. Sharon Webb read a letter to be sent with a finished water pump to be raffled as a prize at the Mafca National Convention Reno Nevada in June.

New Business: Al Lugo recommended more Tech Tips be submitted in our Newsletter for publication.

Members are encouraged to suggest more meeting programs for the remaining months of this year.

Tours: Paul Singer reminded members to send in reservation forms for the Chewacla joint picnic with the Central A's.

Reminder, East Alabama Ole Car Club car show is Sat, May 19th.

Program on stories of Model T's and Model A's was presented by Al Lugo.

Meeting adjourned,

Minutes respectfully submitted

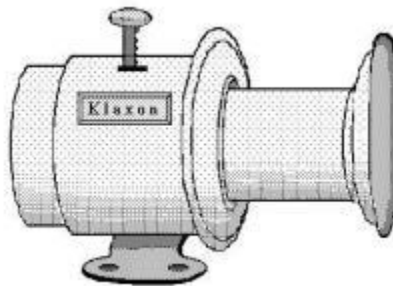
Mary Nelle Singer
Secretary

ANNIVERSARIES



JUNE 16- William & Renate Shirley

BIRTHDAYS



JUNE 3- Russell Lester

JUNE 6- Anna Quick

JUNE 15- June Spooner

JUNE 25- Barbara Ruddick



Photos by Al Lugo
Edited by Howard Ruddick

Today's the day we paint our water pumps and assemble one pump as a gift to another MAFCA Club.



Bobby gets us started



The jigs Bobby made painting easy.



Larry Farrar and Joe Spooner team up to assemble the pump for the other MAFCA club.



Larry taps the parts together while Joe holds the casting steady.



Easy does it!



This is the leak less water pump with sealed bearings some lucky person will have.

The next MATTS meeting will be on Friday, June 1st at 9 AM.

Come join us at Al's garage on June 9 at 9 AM as we gather to assemble our leak less water pumps

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Congratulations!

You have won a newly rebuilt Model A Ford Water Pump
From the Rivercities Model A Club
Columbus Georgia

Back Ground Information:

Our club is very active both socially and mechanically. We even have a sub group within our organization that meets monthly at Bobby Penny's shop to address members issues mechanically with their Model As. We call this meeting MATTs (Model A Tinker Time) . We have a skeleton of as Model A Ford which we use as a teaching tool to educate and problem solve mechanical issues. Everyone shares their experiences and discoveries. We even have an extensive library of reference magazines and books on site, which we have accumulated over time. Quarterly, we identify major subjects that affect most Model A owners and have a workshop about it presented by alternating members. In the workshop those participating get to have hands-on experience with the subject matter in a teaching environment. Some of our workshops have dealt with rebuilding the carburetor, how to adjust your breaks, maintaining your horn to name a few. Our latest efforts were to rebuild a water pump.

Rebuilding the Water Pump:

Starting in March various members scouted out water pump casings and gathered them for cleaning, dissembling and painting. Each member participating identified their pump housing and cleaned it by sand blasting. Then they primed it; allowing it to dry completely. The next step was to paint the top coat. Replacement parts were ordered by each member building a pump and on June 9th we will complete the assembly at our Quarterly Workshop.

We finished a proto-type early to donate to the raffle at the National Convention in Reno in June 2018. We hope you will love your new Pump! If you have any questions about it please feel free to contact us at www.rivercitiesrunningboard.com/

HAPPY MOTORING!

Sharon Webb, President

Rivercities Model A Ford Club

Putting it all together:



The above letter and pictures were sent along with one of the completed water pump rebuild projects to be given to one lucky member at the annual convention raffel this June.

Scholarships, it is time to submit your application. The application can be found on the Web Site. You must Submit them before the end of June, so they can be evaluated by the club Board. Scholarship point of contact is Bill Shirley.

TECH TIP CORNER

TECH TIP ● ● ● By Al Lugo

Photos by Al Lugo

Recently I wanted to remove the gas gauge in my 31 Model A Roadster. I used the proper “Outer Ring wrench” (1), but after probably over 40 years, the OUTER RING NUT was stuck. This time “a bigger hammer” did not work. The outer ring nut would not move. After trying for a while I realized I needed a “breaker bar”. I ordered another outer ring wrench and had a friend weld a 21-inch pipe (2). In a few seconds I was able to easily remove the outer ring nut without damage to. This is important because the used outer ring nut was of much better quality than the new one included with the new gas gauge, so I used the old one.

Another tip, follow the advice from Les Andrews and use the 2 thin brass washers after placing a light coat of oil. This prevents the gauge assembly from turning when the outer ring nut is tightened.



1. Tool without modification



2. Wrench with welded 21inch pipe

How is your Steering?

After you have checked and corrected toe end, axle angle (caster), kingpins, tie rods, drag link joints, steering box; you may still be out of alignment.

Have you checked your front wheel camber (the outward slope of the wheel)? it should be three degrees outward.

Camber has a big effect on keeping the wheels in a straight position. Coming out of a curve the camber will tend to guide the wheels back into a straight line. Therefore, making it easier to steer the car down the road as you come out of the curve. With little or no camber, it will take more effort to steer the car out of the curve.

You can easily check the camber by placing a spirit level against the wheel in a vertical position with the bubble of the level showing level. With the top of the level touching the wheel, the bottom of the level should be about two and one-half inches from the tire. This will be close to the required three degrees of camber. If the level is touching both the top and bottom of the tire there is little to no camber.

The only way to correct incorrect camber is to bend the axle. Not easy.

This is a job for a machine shop or large truck shop requiring the axle to be removed from the car. It can be done without removing the axle from the car if you use the proper equipment and procedure. I have the equipment and procedure and have corrected the camber on my coupe.

You are welcome to use my equipment and advice if you would like.

The difference in ease of steering through the curves will surprise you.

If it goes Ahooge, Drive it!

Joe Spooner

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Jay McCord has decided to sell his Mullins Trailer. No, it not an original but it is in very nice shape. It will be perfect for the tour to Reno or the 2019 National Tour to Southern Utah. It has dual tail lights, new latch fasteners and two keys for the tee handle lock. It is fitted with 19-inch Model A Wheels but the hubs will

accommodate Ford Wheels. Also has a full rubber mat inside. It is fully licensed in California with Permanent trailer plates so you only pay fee's every few years.

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Santa Maria, California



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Please call Jay McCord in Santa Maria, California

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Brandon Werlhof is a new member to Happy Honkers, Porterville Club and has a few "wants" for the Slant Window he is building.

The main part I need for my 31 Slant window is a windshield frame. But there is a few more I'll need at some point. I have the instrument cluster but missing the dash panel under the windshield. Also missing the door handles and window cranks.

Brandon Werlhof

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