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



Presidents Corner

Welcome Members!

July was a slow Month, the heat kept many of our cars and drivers off the roads and to add we had an extremely wet July. We have changed our club meeting time to Thursday at 6:PM so that many of the members who are working can get to the meetings.

The MATTS group are planning many exciting opportunities for those who are having car issues to come down and get in on the group discussion and solutions to those problems/questions. We have the pleasure of having many members who have a vast knowledge on how to fix problems as well as tell good stories. You don't have to own a Model A to be in the group but if you want to hang out with a fun group then come on down.

REMEMBER you will gain so much from participating in our events not only from expertise but fellowship as well! September is the International Model A day month and we are planning to display our cars on Broadway 22nd. Please let us know if you are going by the end on August so we can get our reserved spot. Don't forget our Christmas toy box, we want to fill it up for our Donation to the Salvation Army this year. Bill will bring the box to our next meeting.

See you in August!

Sincerely,

Sharon Webb



JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, August 16, 2018-
6:00PM (EASTERN)

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

COMING EVENTS

August 3	MATTS
August 10	Planning Meeting
August 16	Club Meeting (Thursday 6:00 PM)
August 18	Breakfast Tour
September 7	MATTS
September 8	Workshop- License Plate Restoration
September 14	Planning Meeting
September 20	Club Meeting
September 22	International Model A Day

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:

Nov 27-Dec 1	MAFCA National Awards Banquet- Tucson, Arizona
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River Cities Model A Ford Club

July 20, 2018

July meeting was held at the Woodman of the World lodge. Phenix City, Alabama.

Members attending were Jim Langley, Bobby and Connie Penny, Joe Spooner, and Sharon Ellis, Ricki and John Robertson, Barbara and Howard Ruddick, Al Lugo, Dick Noxon, Sharon Webb, Paul and Mary Nelle Singer.

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

Sunshine Report: Thought and prayers are sent out to Jim Miller, whose wife passed away.

Other members to remember are Kevin Adams, Neil LaClair, Russell and Mary Ann Lester and June Spooner.

Old Business: June Club Minutes were approved by members. The treasury report was given by Dick Noxon and approved by members.

The next MATTS meeting will be August 3rd, 2018. The project will be working on Sharon Webb's car.

The meal ticket was won by Joe Spooner.

New Business:

Molly Tatgenhorst, granddaughter of Paul and Mary Nelle Singer, has applied for the College Scholarship. She is attending Georgia College State University. Club members voted to accept Molly's application. A new scholarship committee needs to be appointed for next year.

Programs for upcoming months:

August: Show and Tell

September: Jim Langley

Lee Coxwell received a request for participation in Shawment School reunion, Saturday August 11, 2018 10A.M. – 3 P.M.

Tours: The Tour to Idle Hour park for July 21st, 2018 was cancelled.

Southside A's Club has invited our club to join them on a tour to Rabin Gap on August 31 thru Sept 3rd.

International Model A Ford Day is scheduled for September 22nd on Broadway in Columbus.

A Tour to the MARC Annual meeting in Dearborn, Michigan in June 2019 is still in the works.

Joe Spooner will form a committee to check on a bus and other expenses for this trip.

Sharon reported on the results of the Club Survey.

1 - Members choose to return to meeting on the third Thursday of each month. The next club meeting will be Thursday, August 16th, at the Woodmen of World lodge at 6:00P.M. (EST)

2 - The planning meetings will continue the second Friday of each month, at the Burger King on Winton Rd.

3 - We will continue to have programs each month. Members are encouraged to plan programs.

The program for this month was on the life Henry Ford, given by Paul Singer.

Meeting adjourned,

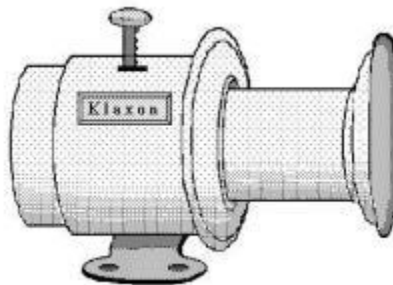
Minutes respectfully submitted

**Mary Nelle Singer
Secretary**

ANNIVERSARIES



BIRTHDAYS




AUGUST 4- Nancy Palmer
AUGUST 9- Joe Carter
AUGUST 9- Patrick Tyler
AUGUST 10- Linda Miller
AUGUST 12- Pamela Tyler
AUGUST 22- Burton Williams

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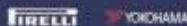
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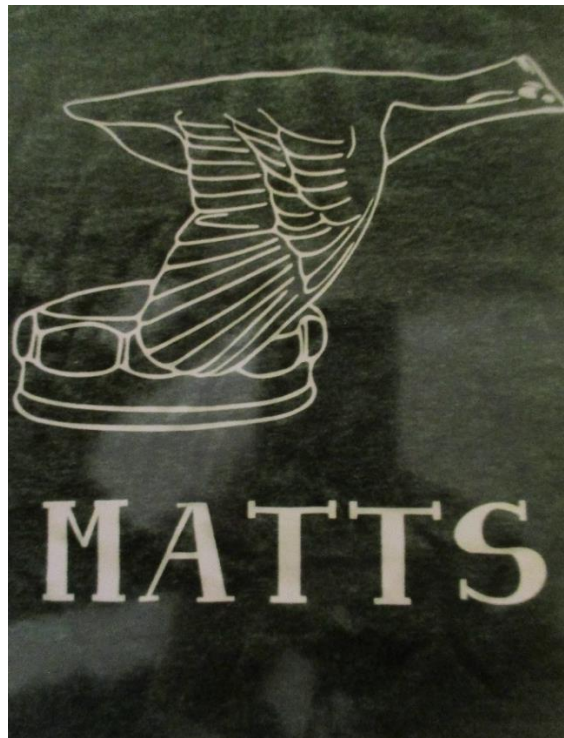
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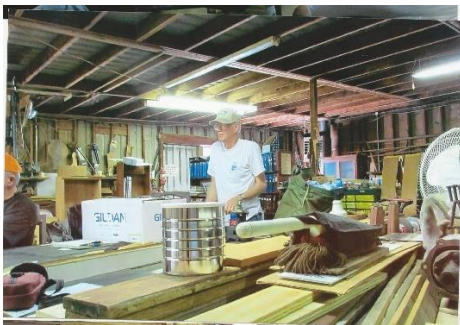
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Come join us on the first Friday of each month at Bobby's shop. We offer hot coffee, doughnuts, a chair, and fellowship as we learn about how we can keep our Model 'A's on the road. As you can see below, just a bunch of Model A guys and gals telling stories and figuring out answers. Planning on what projects to do. Don't forget the donuts and coffee.





TECH TIP CORNER

TECH TIP... • • • By Al Lugo

Photos by Al Lugo

Recently I wanted to remove an emblem from a Radiator Shell, so I could get Radiator Shell powder coated (1). A review of book & magazine references and asking Club members provided no answer. A quick call to Benny Bohanan at Bentley's provided a quick tip. First step is to select appropriate size socket (2). Then hit socket with hammer supporting it in your hand (3) and presto - the emblem is now out (4).



1. How can I remove emblem?



2. Select socket...



3. Hit socket with hammer...



4. Emblem is now removed!

Can You Find All Ten Things That Are Different?



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Answers at end of the News Letter

HISTORY OF THE FORD MODEL A

Henry Ford was always convinced that people should satisfy themselves with nothing more than a good, simple and economical car. At the price of great efforts, his inner circle finally succeeds in eroding his stubbornness and, in May 1927, after having produced more than 15,000,000 Model Ts since 1908, Ford closes his plants for many months in order to retool his assembly lines for the production of his next legend: the Model A. The latter will ultimately be produced in 5,000,000 copies between 1928 and 1931. This new miracle is equally attributable to Henry and his son Edsel. Henry will dedicate himself to the mechanical aspects and Edsel will bring a whole new look to the people's car. Whereas the Model T was nicknamed Tin Lizzie, the Model A will be known as the Baby Lincoln.

No new automobile has ever been so expected in History. The competition sharply felt the hurt of this waiting period (as much as tens of thousands of Ford employees which were temporarily laid off) since many were putting off their purchase of a new car to see what Henry was going to pull out of his hat this time.

When the New Ford is unveiled in December of 1927, riots occur in a few cities. 25,000,000 Americans (more than one out of every five-man, woman and child in the U.S.A.) literally assault Ford showrooms in the space of only one week!

A fresh jaunty look, sparkling performances, easy drivability and a low price all contribute to half a million sales on the spot!

Ford easily retakes first place in sales but will lose it in 1931 at the hand of Chevrolet. Compared to the Model T, technical improvements are numerous although certain anachronisms persist. For example, the Conestoga wagon transverse semi-elliptical suspension is kept.

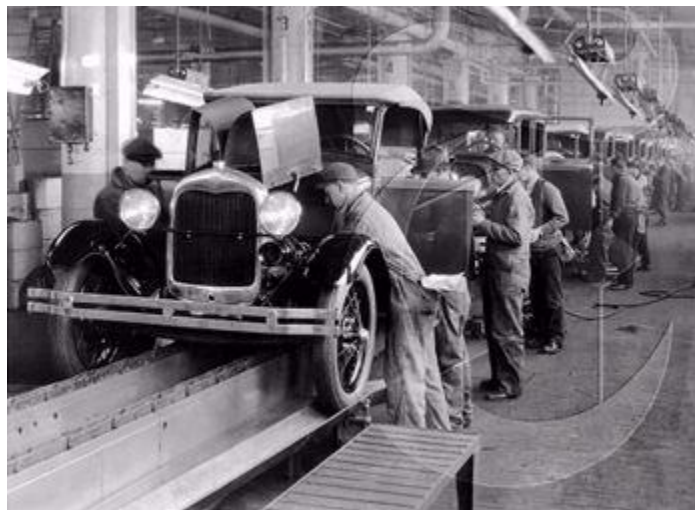
On the other hand, a water pump, an oil pump and hydraulic shock absorbers are added. The 2-speed planetary transmission is replaced by a modern 3-speed gear box. But since it is not synchronized, the driver must now master the double-clutching technique. The engine is a 4 cylinder

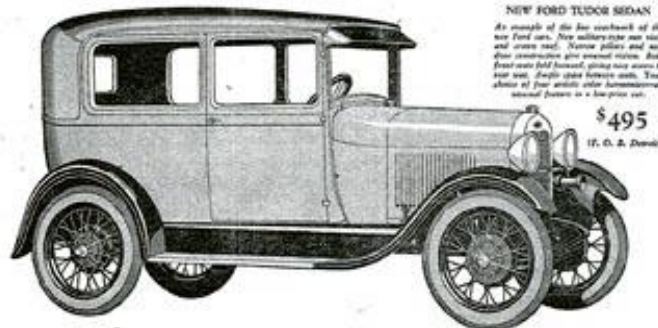
affair of 200.5 cubic inch, producing 40 horsepower. A comfortable cruising speed is 40-45 miles an hour and a top speed of 65 miles an hour can be reached. Compression ratio has been expressly kept low (4:22 / 1).

Of course, this low ratio lowers horsepower output and speed but, on the other hand, allows the use of lower grade fuels even if de-carbonization of cylinder heads isn't performed regularly. Longevity, dependability and simplicity were more important to Ford than performances.

Wheelbase is 103.5 inches. Track is 56 inches. Weight varies from 2,050 to 2,386 pounds depending on the model.

In 1930, the appearance of the Model A is refreshed. The grill is higher as well as the hood line. The front fender curve is more graceful. Wheel diameter is reduced from 21 inches to 19 inches. At the end of WWII, the Model A will become the unchallenged queen of the vintage car scene. This moment in automobile history (1928-1931) will generate the largest gathering of enthusiasm around a single model that no other has ever equaled since. Two gigantic Clubs and an entire spare part industry see the light of day. The abundance and ease with which technical information and new or refurbished parts can be found have made the Model A the easiest vintage car to buy, understand and maintain. One could even be able to assemble a completely new Model A from all the new parts that can be found on the market today! However, assembling the 6,800 distinct items to do so could well run over \$50,000.





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Moreover, the carburetor is gravity fed, eliminating the need for a fuel pump. Since the gas tank is now immediately behind the rudimentary instrument panel, it is now possible to determine the fuel level by peering through a small port-hole.



Tiny Tips

Tight Windows?

If you've ever had trouble raising and lowering your windows and never got motivated enough to take off the door panel, grab a coat hanger and straighten it out. Bend a hook in one end, lower the glass, insert the wire between the glass and the sill and hook the wire over the part that needs oiling. Take a can and squirt oil on the wire and it will flow down to the mechanism, lubricating the tight part.

*Submitted by Arthur L. Pognosky
Kentfield, CA*

Picture Puzzle Answers

Taken on MAFCA's National Tour on the Blue Ridge Parkway

1. White stripe missing
2. Highway sign missing
3. Tree Missing
4. Cowl Light missing
5. MAFCA Mileage Award missing
6. Side view mirror missing off blue Fordor
7. Windshield wiper on Fordor changed
8. Ford oval missing from side mounted spare tire.
9. Front bumper missing
10. Crank hole missing on Slant Window