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Jim Timbes DEC 2009-2010
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Bob Smith DEC 2001-2003
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!

October was a Month to remember. Sharon Webb our President had to resign as she moved to the North in South Carolina. The club knew this might happen, but we were hoping she could make it thru the year. We wish all the best to Sharon and are hoping that she joins the Car club located in her area. Know they will benefit from her involvement.

The MATTS group is 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. Along with the MATTS "Tinker Time" we have Al's Garage with many exciting and interesting programs ahead.

If you have some ideas or problems to be solved let either Bobby or Al know, and they can schedule them at the MATTS or Al's Garage. Molutrie in in November and it is always a fun place to visit and find those special parts you have been looking for.

Don't forget our Christmas toy box, we want to fill it up for our Donation to the Salvation Army this year. We have a few items and Bill will bring the box to our next meeting. Have a wonderful Thanks Giving.

See you in November

Bill Shirley

Newsletter editor



JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 15, 2018-6:00PM (EASTERN) Our next Club Meeting will be at Woodmen of the World Lodge, on Highway 80, in Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

November 2	MATTS
November 9	Planning Meeting
November 10	Veterans Parade
November 10	Plains Car Show
November 15	Club Meeting
November 16-18	Moultrie Swap Meet
December 1	Tri City Christmas Parade
December 7	MATTS
December 14	Planning Meeting
December 20	Club Meeting

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

Club Minutes
October 18, 2018

The October meeting of the River Cities Model A Club was held October 18, 2018 at the Woodman of the World Lodge, Phenix City, AL. Members present were: Al Lugo, John Robertson, Bob Smith, Dick Noxon, Wayne Kennedy, Jim Langley, Paul and Mary Nelle Singer, Sharon Webb, Joe Carter, Glen and Cindy Williams, Bob and Connie Penny, Pat and Mark Gamble, Skipper Barfield and Bill Shirley. Meeting was called to order by President Sharon Webb. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer by Jim Langley members proceeded to the buffet.

Sunshine Report: Members to keep prayers and thoughts and cards to the Lesters and Bobby Shackleford.

Old Business: September club minutes were approved by members.

Treasurer's report: Given by Dick Noxon. Money market account to cover Scholarship money was transferred to checking account to cover scholarship fund. Report approved by members.

MATTIS: Bob Penny reported he and Joe Sponner finally found and fixed the electrical problem with Sharon Webb's Model A.

Tours: Howard Ruddick suggested a tour to River Bend Winery and Vineyard in the Spring. Veterans parade will be November 10th starting in Phenix City AL. Bi-City Christmas Parade will be December 1st, 2018.

Wayne Kennedy won the free meal for November.

A donation will be sent to the Model A Foundation in memory of Neil LaClair and Pat Langley. Lee Coxwell will be taking donations for the hurricane victims in Florida. Donations welcome. Contact Lee.

A nominating committee is needed to nominate club officers for 2019.

Dick Noxon asked members turn in millage for the Road Runner trophy at the November meeting.

Bill Shirley was disappointed at the turn out for International Model A Day in Uptown Columbus. People in charge invited club cars to attend any Saturday.

Reminder, 2019 dues are due soon and helpful if you paid at the November meeting.

The Presidents Qual will be presented to outgoing President Sharon Webb at the December Meeting.

Skipper Barfield suggested the club expand search for new members

Al Lugo gave a very interesting program on the Elliot Museum located in Steward, Florida

Meeting was adjourned

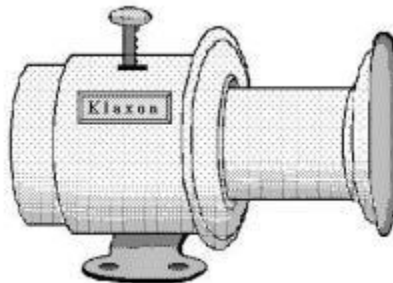
Minutes respectfully submitted,
Mary Nelle Singer
Secretary

ANNIVERSARIES



NOVEMBER 6- Jim & Linda Miller
NOVEMBER 16- Joe & Betty Fagundes
NOVEMBER 19- Thomas & Kathryn Foster
NOVEMBER 26- Patrick & Pamela Tyler

BIRTHDAYS



NOVEMBER 2- Dexter Walden
NOVEMBER 8- Tom Penny
NOVEMBER 17- Donna Carter
NOVEMBER 18- Joe Fagundes
NOVEMBER 19- Kevin Adams
NOVEMBER 25- Bobby Shackelford
NOVEMBER 28- Bobby Penny
NOVEMBER 28- William Shirley
NOVEMBER 30- Laura Penny

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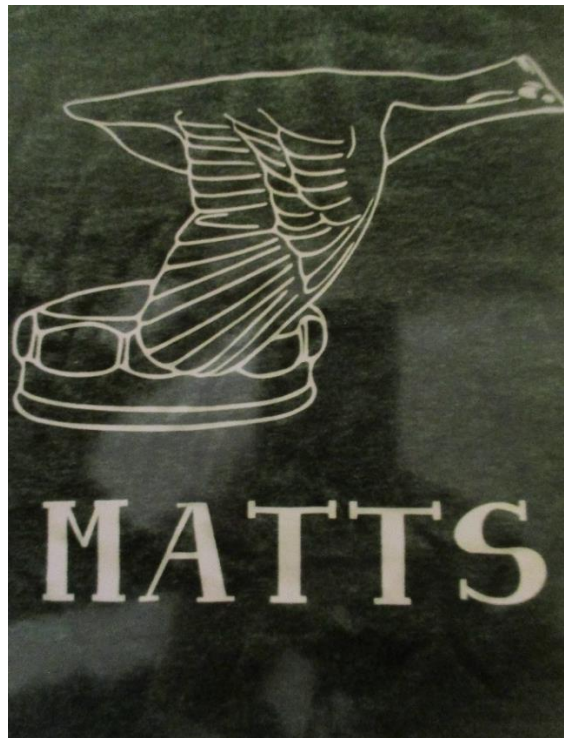
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MATTS

October 2018

Photos by Howard Ruddick

We met on a clear Friday to complete the repairs on Sharon's '31 Coupe.



Dick and Al talking about Model 'A's.



Paul Singer our Tour Director always has a Smile!



We found a crack (marked in black) that caused the leak in Sharon's water pump.



Sharon's 31 Coupe is receiving an A1 checkup and repair.



Joe Carter and Joe Spooner

A continuous "Thank you" to Bobby Penny for all the planning and effort put into making each MATTS great!

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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.

TECH TIP...

Provided by Al Lugo



NOTE:

These tips appeared in the booklet: "Henry "A" sez: 20 tips and tricks for the Model "A" owner", compiled and illustrated by Gene Patrick. I purchased the rights to publish this when I was in my Club in Texas so I was able to use in club newsletters.

Tech Tips from Benny Bohannon

Q. I was driving my 1930 Coupe the other day and noticed when I pulled into the driveway there was a trail of oil following me. After I parked the car in the carport for a few minutes there was a very large puddle of oil under the car. It seems to be coming from the housing under the clutch. Is this something easy to fix?

A I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but usually when a Model A engine is losing that much oil it is a sign of a serious engine failure. You can remove the oil pan and check the rear main bearing. There is an oil drain tube that could be your problem, but it's probably a bearing failure. You can avoid this by checking the bearing clearance at least every 5,000 miles. Checking the clearance involves removing the oil pan, and is a bit of a hassle, but it can save you an engine in the long run.

Q My Model A is a great driver, but I notice when I decelerate down a long hill the car will jump out of high gear. I can watch the gear shift, it just seems to vibrate slowly and move from third gear into neutral. What's going on?

A. This is one of the first problems I ever fixed for a customer, years ago when I started working on Model A's. First, I tried rebuilding the gear shift tower. This is a easy job, which requires removing the floor boards, and taking the shift tower out. You can replace the shift lever and the spring-loaded detents. This will help a little bit, but more likely you will really need to remove the transmission and replace the input shaft and the high gear slider gear. Over the years these parts get worn and don't mesh properly. Try to find original parts if possible.

Q I would like to replace the brakes on my Model A Roadster. I was thinking about going to hydraulic brakes. Would this be a good idea? Where can I get the parts?

A. Years ago, when the junkyards were full of old V8 Fords, it was common for guys to go to the junkyard on a Saturday and pick up everything they needed to convert a Model A to hydraulic brakes. Now those days are long gone, but most of the parts are available new. As far as I know, no one is making a complete kit currently. To be honest I would rather have an original mechanical brake set up, with new cast iron brake drums and high friction linings. This system is less expensive and like I say, more original to the car, so it is much easier to service and maintain. It's up to you, but I like the original stuff. Les Andrews Model A Mechanics Handbook has excellent information about rebuilding the Model A brakes. I highly recommend this book to anyone who owns a Model A.

Henry Ford throw back

It is widely known that Henry Ford disliked experts, therefore, didn't have any employees with advanced engineering or design engineering skills. In fact, he didn't even have a test track instead opting to use public roads as a testing ground.

This lack of experts on-site often proved disastrous. One time, when Ford's electrical engineers couldn't solve a problem with a massive generator, Henry employed electrical engineer Charles Steinmetz. On site, Steinmetz rejected all help and solved the problem in two days.

On the second day, Steinmetz climbed atop the huge generator and made a chalk mark on its side. He then

instructed Ford's engineers to remove a plate at the mark and replace 16 windings from the coil field. Once that was done, the generator worked perfectly – to the delight of Henry Ford.

But the delight only lasted until a bill came for \$10,000. Flabbergasted, Ford asked the bill to be itemized. Steinmetz responded to Ford's request with the following:

Making a mark on the generator, \$1.00; knowing where to make the mark, \$9,999.00.