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# **RIVER CITIES MODEL "A" FORD CLUB**

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**All mail should be sent to the River Cities Model A Ford Club address above.**  
**Matters concerning the newsletter should be sent to the editor to insure timely publication.**

## **FOUNDING MEMBERS:**

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**\*Dan Palmer**  
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**Al Lugo**  
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**Jim Langley Dec 2015-2017**  
**Jim Langley Dec 2018**

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**Jim Langley DEC 2008-2009**  
**Al Lugo DEC 2010-2012**  
**Joe Spooner DEC 2014-2015**  
**Sharon Webb Dec 2017-2018**

August has arrived and we are all starting to get the Model A's ready for touring. This month we have the Model A Swap Meet, Tucker, GA and we have the South Side A coming to town and many of us will be joining them plus the Callaway Hot Air Balloon Festival Sunday 31 August from 8 till 3. We had another great MATTS gathering where we learn about various functions of the Model A and help others solve problems. If you want to hang out with some of us and others from area, go to the "cruise ins". You can stay for as long as you want and meet some very wonderful people who always like to show off their rides and just hang out. Looking ahead, we have our own Model A day in downtown Columbus on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September.



SEE YOU on that back road...

*Jim ...*

# JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, August 15, 2019-6:00PM (EASTERN)

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

## COMING EVENTS

August 2	MATTS
August 9	Planning Meeting
August 10	Model A Swap Meet, Tucker, GA
August 15	Club Meeting (Program: The last Model "A")
August 31	Callaway Gardens Car Show
September 6	MATTS
September 7	Swap Meet, Columbus Civic Center
September 13	Planning Meeting
September 14	Activity with Southside A's
September 19	Club Meeting
September 21	International Model A Day (Uptown, Columbus)

### CRUISE EVENINGS

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

### NATIONAL:

October 6-10	MAFCA National Tour, Kanab, Utah
December 2-5	MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Claremont, CA

# River Cities Model A Ford Club

## Club Minutes

The July 2019 meeting of the River cities Model A Club was held July 18, 2019 at the Wood of the World building. Members present were: Bob and Connie Penny, Mary Nelle Singer, Mark Smith, Bob Smith, Joe and June Spooner, Mickey Timbes, Dick Noxon, Al Lugo, Wayne Kennedy, Pat and Mark Gamble, Rickie and John Robertson, Sharon and Tom Ellis, Robert and Cathy Wharam, Lee and Becky Coxwell, Bill Shirley and President Jim Langley.

After the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer by Joe Spooner the members proceeded to the buffet. I was decided by President Jim Langley to have the program first. Al Lugo showed two videos about Henry Ford Tractors. The first video showed the tractor the Henry Ford built for his grandchildren. It was built for a 10-year-old and still works and has been taken very good care of. The second video was about the early tractors Henry Ford Built. Thank you Al for two great videos.

Old Business:

The minutes were approved as written in the newsletter. Motion by Wayne Kennedy and second by John Robertson.

Treasurers report by Dick Noxon were approved as read. Motion by Bob Smith and second by Mary Nelle singer. As always anyone wanted to know further details about the treasurer's report can notify Dick Noxon.

Sunshine reported that members on the list are doing daily well. Jim Miller, Barbara Ruddick and June Spooner. Jim Langley had been in the hospital and is feeling better and was at the meeting as was June Spooner.

New Business:

It was disused at. the monthly planning meeting that due to low attendance at meetings wee were losing money at our regular monthly meetings. The Planning Committee came up with some suggestions to help this problem. They were:

1. Establish a new minimum number of meals. This had been discussed with Robert our caterer.
2. Serve only refreshments.
3. Raise the cost of the member individual meals.
4. Increasing club dues.
5. Have another auction. (popular if #1 not adopted.)
6. Stop the lottery drawing free meal for the next meeting.

After a discussion a motion by John Robertson and second by Mark Smith that we reduced number of minimum meals provided by Robert from 25 to 20. Motion passed.

It was decided by a motion from Mary Nelle Singer and second from John Robertson to keep the lottery drawing for the free meal.

Motion passed.

Upcoming Tours:

Bob Smith reported that there is a swap meet on September 7 at the Civic Center. Members encouraged to bring Model A's and possibly rent a table to sell items.

September 13 the Southside A's will be coming to Columbus for 3 days of touring and suggested we join them for some activities.

September 21 is International Model A Day.

October 17-20 is the Sweet home Alabama tour.

President Jim Langley encouraged members to attend a special guest speaker Brian Chin for our program. Plan now to attend.

Connie Penny was the winner of the drawing of the free dinner for August Meeting.

Being no further business meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Connie Penny

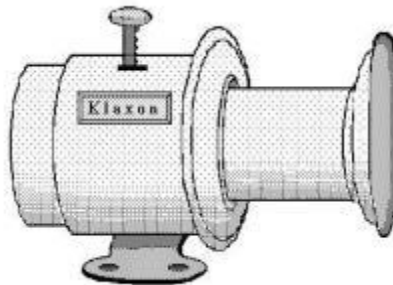
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## ANNIVERSARIES



No August Anniversaries

## BIRTHDAYS



AUGUST 4- Nancy Palmer


AUGUST 9- Joe Carter



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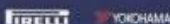
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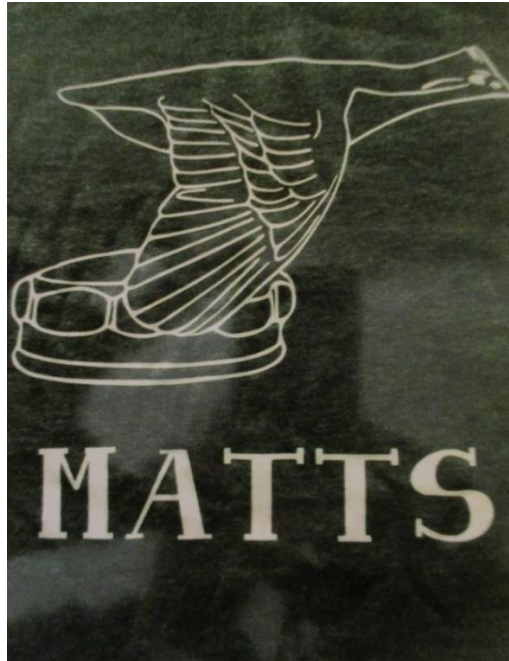
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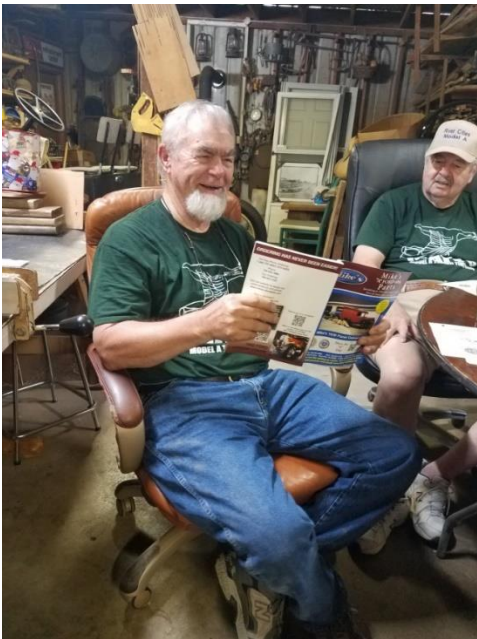




## MODEL A TINKER TIME SHOP

Photos and information by Al Lugo

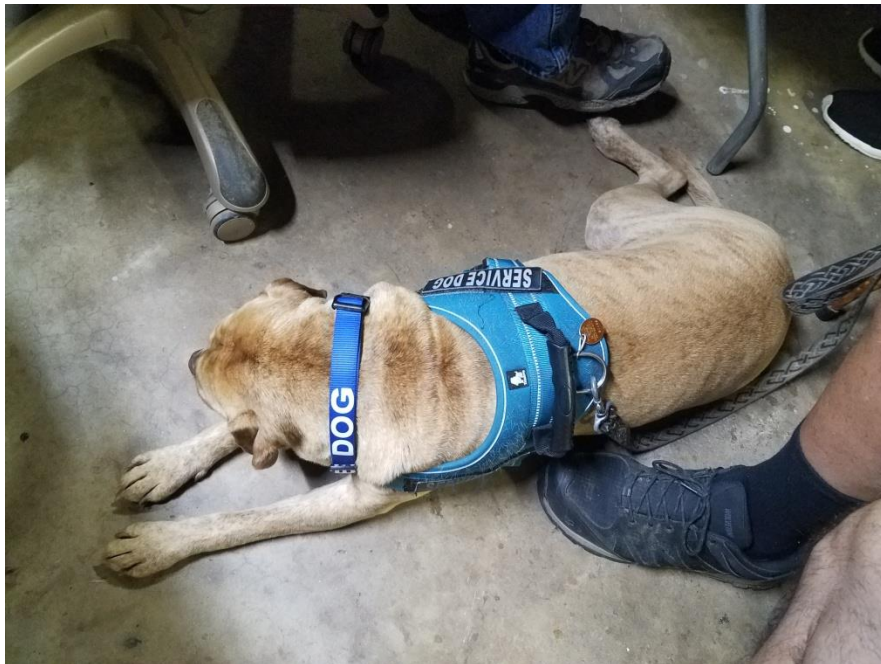
If you missed the July MATTS you missed a great opportunity to learn about many topics related to our beloved Model "A".



Bobby talks about some of the technical information found in Mikes catalog...



**Bobby talking about differential specs...**



**Larry's service dog also attends MATTS...**

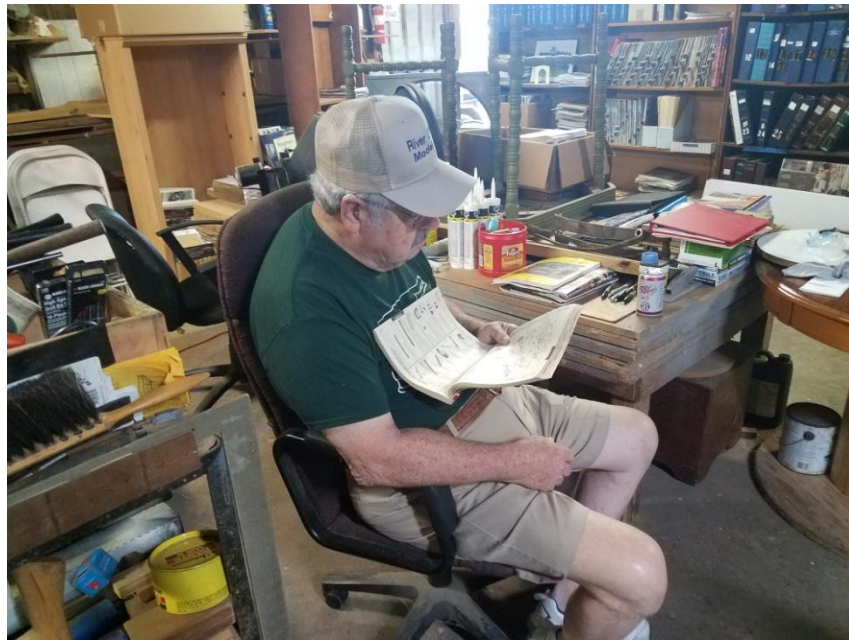


**Jim presenting his experiences with Model "A" differentials...**



**Some of the members listening attentively...**





Richard studies some of the technical information...

**Our next MATTS will be August 2, 2019- Hope to see you there...**

**Come join us on the first Friday of each month for coffee, doughnuts, and fellowship as we learn about the Model 'A's and how to keep them on the road**

**The Tucker Swap Meet is August 10, 2019.**



# TECH TIP...

Provided by Al Lugo

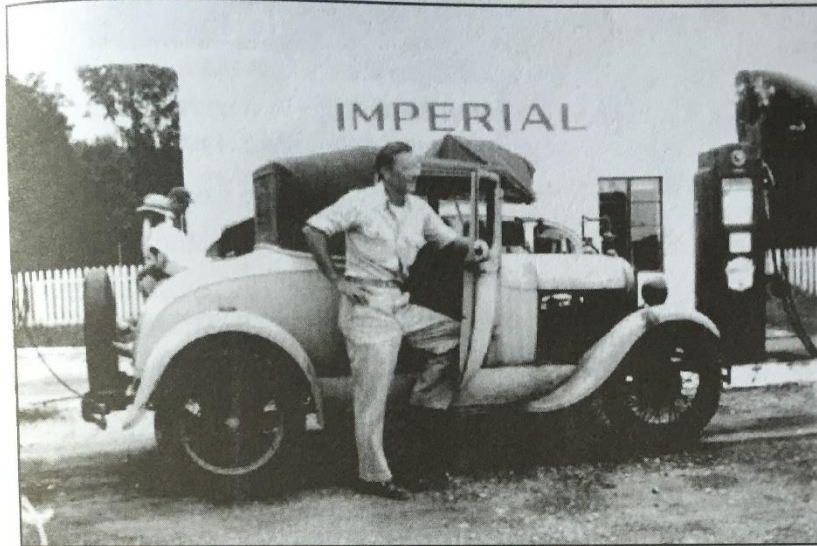


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## **NOTE:**

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.

## Gas Prices Through The Years



In front of the old Imperial gas station (1947) in Brooksville

### Costs Per Gallon

1920 - .07c	1974 - .53c	2007 - \$3.01
1930 - .10c	1977 - .62c	2008 - \$3.25
1940 - .11c	1979 - .86c	2009 - \$2.35
1950 - .20c	1980 - \$1.25	2010 - \$2.78
1954 - .29c	1983 - \$11.8	2011 - \$3.52
1960 - .29c	1989 - \$1.05	2012 - \$3.62
1963 - .30c	1993 - \$1.10	2013 - \$3.51
1966 - .32c	1997 - \$1.15	2014 - \$3.36
1969 - .35c	2000 - \$1.55	2015 - \$2.43
1970 - .40c	2005 - \$3.36	

Photo provided by Mary Nelle Singer



## 21<sup>st</sup> HOT AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL



## Annual Open Car Show

Saturday, August 31, 2019

8 A.M. - 3 P.M.



Spend your Labor Day weekend engaging in a variety of family-friendly events, including our **Annual Open Car Show!** From antique cars and trucks to custom builds and even street rods, you will leave inspired by these beautifully crafted vehicles.

**Registration & Entry Fee: \$20**

Registration is on Saturday Aug. 31st

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### Participant Event Details:

Vehicles will be displayed at the Robin Lake Beach Dome

Occupants of all vehicles participating in the Auto Show receive **free** Callaway Gardens admission all day

Prize drawing for a 50/50 Raffle will begin at 3 P.M.

Trailer parking will be available.  
No car judging.

**Release/Hold harmless agreement:** I understand that Callaway Gardens and the Ida Cason Callaway Foundation and any of its sponsors, promoters, assistants, directors, employees, agents, servants, & volunteers are not responsible for any losses, injuries, unknown damage, judgments and/or any causes whatsoever that may be suffered by me to my person or property. I also agree to provide my own insurance.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Henry Ford's Search for a Bumper Crop

A car "grown" on the farm was the late Henry Ford's dream in the early 1930's. So he researched and tested thousands of vegetables from cabbages and carrots to cornstalks and onions determined to discover a crop that could be converted to car components.

When he finally hit upon his bumper crop, the simple plant that would grow into an entire plastics industry, it amounted to only a hill of beans soybeans.

Henry Ford planted 8,000 acres of his magical crop and opened a facility at the Rouge complex in 1940 to extract oil from the bonanza beans for automotive enamel paint. The soybean meal residue was processed and experimentally molded into horn buttons, gearshift and instrument knobs, window trim strips, distributor cases, accelerator pedals and paint.

The blend of farm and factory was underway and plastics technology was launched.

Though plastic car body parts proved impractical and expensive to manufacture in the early '40's, the experimental plastic deck lid of Mr. Ford's own 1941 sedan was a model of resilience. He delighted in whacking the lid with an axe (see photo) to demonstrate its ability to withstand such abuse without a dent or scratch.

Today, because of the need for lighter, more rust-resistant and fuel-efficient cars, use of plastic parts is snowballing. By 1985, Ford Motor Company expects to use well over one billion pounds of plastic materials annually in its cars and trucks.



## **GET THE WORD OUT**

Every two years since 1994, the Model A Youth Restoration Awards (MAYRA) program gives financial assistance to youth who are restoring a Model A. They must be between ages 12 and less than 22 when the awards are announced. Every applicant who meets the award requirements will receive the same amount. In 2018, nine youth each received \$2,200 in financial support. If you know of a youth who is working on a Model A, please tell him or her about the program. All the details are on the website – [www.modelarestorationaward.org](http://www.modelarestorationaward.org). The deadline for filing for a 2020 award is May 31, 2020.

MAYRA's guiding philosophy is that the future of the hobby rests with instilling an interest and love for the Model A in youth. Once that interest takes hold, the youth is more likely to stick with the hobby or rekindle the interest in the hobby at a later point in life. And being successful in the restoration often depends on finances and that is MAYRA helps.

The program requires just two things, youth and donations:

Youth – If you know of someone, please tell them.

Donations – The program is funded with donations from Model A clubs, the national organizations of the MAFCA and the MARC, Model A parts and services vendors, individuals and memorials. We are a 501 (c) 3 educational organization.

Thanks for your help, Send your donation to: MAYRA, 13478 Egbert Street, Sylmar, CA 91342 Bob Moore 626-358-2027 Our website: [www.modelarestorationaward.org](http://www.modelarestorationaward.org) MAYRA President

### **Two of the 2018 Award Recipients**

Diezel Cook, 14, Temperance, MI and Brooke Lindsay, 14, Vancouver, WA