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

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**Jim Langley DEC 2008-2009**  
**Al Lugo DEC 2010-2012**  
**Joe Spooner DEC 2014-2015**  
**Sharon Webb Dec 2017-2018**  
**Al Lugo Dec 2019-2020**

# From the President...



January 2020

**H**ope everyone enjoyed our Holiday Season and are now ready to enjoy the new year.

**A**s I enjoyed the holidays with my family I kept thinking how can I challenge every member of our great club so they can enjoy the club more. I reached the conclusion that I would present a challenge with the following 3 words:

## PARTICIPATE

I encourage everyone to try to participate in as many activities the Club plans and suggest any other activity that would be fun.

## DRIVE

Try to drive your Model A anytime that you can. Keep up with your miles and submit them in November. Let's see how many miles the Club drives.

## HAVE FUN

Have fun and enjoy driving a piece of history, your Model "A".

**T**his will be the 20<sup>th</sup> year of the founding of our club and we are planning special activities to celebrate this very important milestone.

**O**ur January Program will be the "20 Million Model A Ford" this will tie in with a great Tour that Jim Langley has planned for January, when we visit "Mountain Top" for breakfast and then Talbotton and a former Ford dealer where the 20 Million Model "A" stopped in 1931.

**I**f you have not paid your dues please send a check at once to the treasurer, Richard Noxon. It would be great if we had a 100% renewal rate on this very important year.

See you on the road,

AI

"PARICIPATE,

DRIVE, HAVE FUN"

"Celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Year of the Founding of Our Club"

# River Cities Model A Ford Club

## Club Minutes

the December meeting of the River Cities Model A Club met December 19, 2019 at the Wood man of the World building at 6:00.

Members present were: Bob and Connie Penny June and Joe Spooner, Mary Nelle Singer, John and Rickie Robertson, Tommy and Sharon Lewis, Mark and Laura Smith, Jim Langley, Dick Nixon, Scott and Lisa Singer, Lee Napier, Konner Napier, Kris Napier, Pat and Mark Gamble, Donna and Joe Carter, Lizbeth and Al Lugo,

Wayne Kennedy, James Miller, Chris and Kathy LaClair, Bob Smith, Mickey Timbes and Howard and Barbara Ruddick. Guest were Kurt Friedewald, friends of the Robertson and Ellis's and Monica McAllister daughter of James Miller. Vice President Al Lugo called the meeting to order and after the Pledge of Alliance and prayer by Jim Langley the members proceeded to the buffet.

Members under the weather included Bill Quick who had fallen and broke his leg. Barbara Ruddick and June Spooner were both in attendance and were doing better. It was good to see them.

A notice from our website for \$200.00 was approved by the members by a motion from John Robertson and second from Joe Spooner.

Minutes from November were approved as printed in the newsletter by a motion from Joe Spooner and second from Tommy Ellis.

Dick Noxon gave the treasurers report which was approved by a motion from Joe Carter and second from Tommy Ellis.

Margie and Robert were presented with a monetary Christmas with many thanks for all the wonderful meals they have provided the club for the past year.

Officers for the 2020 year were sworn in. President Al Lugo, Vice President Mark Smith, Secretary Connie Penny and Treasurer Dick Noxon.

Dick Noxon presented the Roadrunner award to Joe Spooner. Coming in second was Bob Smith and third John Gilson. Members are encouraged to keep up with their mileage of their Model A next year.

Jim Langley was presented the President's Award by Vice-president Al Lugo. the Presidents Spark Plug award went to Joe Spooner and Presidents special award to Al Lugo.

Al Lugo reported that our 20th Anniversary of the Club will be held the coming year and we are hoping to celebrate it with many activities. Looking forward to this.

Jim Langley reported that on January 18, 2020 we will have a tour to Talbotton, Ga starting off with breakfast at the Mountain Top and proceed to Talbotton for a tour of the Ford Dealership founded in 1917.

Many thanks to the members who decorated the hall for our Christmas meeting. They were Mary Nelle Singer, Pat Gamage, Sharon Ellis and Rickie Robertson.

The January meal ticket winner was Joe Carter.

Members gathered for the present exchange which was a lot of fun.

Al Lugo presented a short video programs of two Christmas selections.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Connie Penny

Club Secretary

# JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 16, 2020-6:00PM (EASTERN)

Our next Club Meeting and Christmas Party will be at Woodmen Life Lodge, on Highway 80, in Phenix City.

## COMING EVENTS

January 3	MATTS
January 10	Planning Meeting- Program: 20 Million Ford
January 16	Club Meeting
January 18	Club Tour to "Mountain Top" & Talbotton
February 7	MATTS
February 14	Planning Meeting
February 20	Club Meeting
February 22	Club Garage Tour I

### 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:

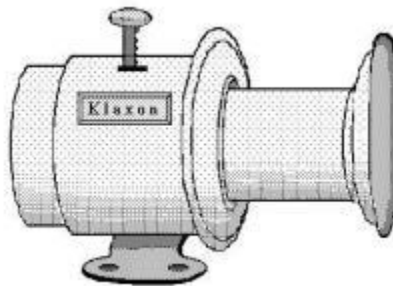
June 21-26	MAFCA National Convention, Kerrville. TX
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## **ANNIVERSARIES**



**January 17- Larry and Lisa Farrar**

## **BIRTHDAYS**



**January 9 - Bryan Chin**

**January 24 - Mike Alexich**

**January 27 - Darlene Adams**

# **Elected and Appointed Positions 2020**

**President- Al Lugo**

**Vice President- Mark Smith**

**Secretary- Connie Penny**

**Treasurer- Richard Noxon**

**Newsletter Editor- Bill Shirley**

**Tour Director- Jim Langley**

**Benevolence Director- Mary Nelle Singer**

**Publicity Director- Pending**

**Program Director- John Robertson**

**Club Liaison- Joe Spooner**

**Membership Director- Al Lugo**

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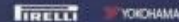
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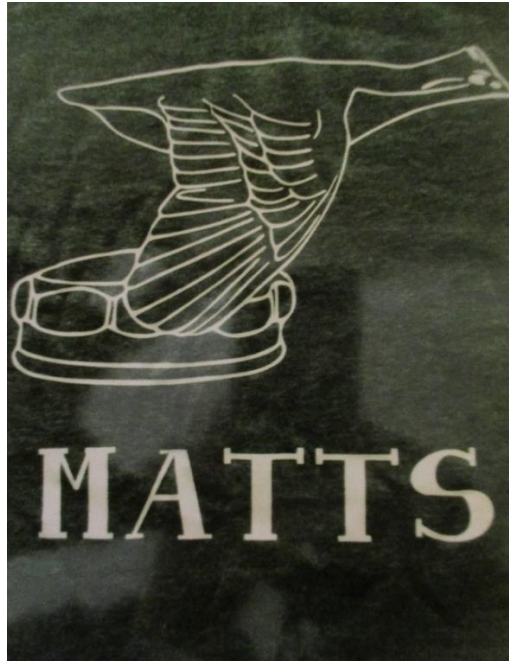
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## **MODEL A TINKER TIME**

Photos and information by Al Lugo

Members met at Bobby's shop on December 6, 2019...



Bobby shows how to prevent light switch from moving while placing retaining pin...





**Bobby shows a vintage Spark Plug Cleaner he used to clean the Spark Plugs on his "New Lady..."**



**Discussing painting the Model "A" Wheels...**



**“Round the Table” discussion on Model “A” happenings during the past month ...**



**Members enjoy checking out new member Lee Napier’s beautiful Model “A”  
Huckster Pickup...**

## **NOTE:**

**We are looking for someone that attends MATTS routinely to take over this column for the Newsletter. Any volunteers please contact Al Lug0**



**“MEMBERS OF THE RIVER CITIES MODEL “A” FORD CLUB  
BRING JOY TO THE AREA CHILDREN WHEN THEY DONATE  
TOYS TO THE SALVATION ARMY”**

By Al Lugo



**On December 20, 2019, Bobby Penny, Al Lugo and Jim Langley presented toys donated by members of the River Cities Model “A” Ford Club to the local Salvation Army. Thank you to all members that contributed and helped to bring joy to the local Children of our great Community.**

Photo by Al Lugo



Jim's Tech Tip

*by Jim Cannon*

### Front Wheel Bearing Installation and Adjustment

1. See that front hub, inner and outer bearings are packed with grease.
2. Front hub washer should slide over threads on spindle body with fingers (loose fit).
3. Install nut and tighten it while slowly turning the brake drum so that all component parts are pulled together snugly; that is, inner and outer bearings will be snug in cones, washer is tight against outer roller bearing, and nut tight against washer. (There will be a slight drag when drum is turned.) Not over 8-10 ft-lbs of torque is required to get these results.
4. Turn nut BACK two castle slots (this is approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  turn of nut); insert cotter pin and try bearings for a slight side play and a free spinning drum or wheel.

Don't forget the cotter pin! The nut will back out and the wheel will come off. That will totally spoil your Model A Day!



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