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Jim Langley Dec 2018-2019

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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 2017-2018
Al Lugo Dec 2019-2020

From the President...



March 2020

After all this rain it was great to have great weather for our second tour of the year, a Garage Tour. On Saturday February 22, 2020, 14 members met on a cold morning at IHOP in Phenix City. After a great breakfast we went on tour to Mark Smith's great garage and Man Cave. Members enjoyed Mark's awesome garage and "toys". Thank you Marl for opening your garage for all of us to see and thank you Jim Langley for planning and conducting another great tour.

If you missed this tour don't worry. Jim Langley has planned many different Club Tours. Hope many more members will join these great events and live up to our new challenge "Participate. Drive, Have Fun"

During the February Club Meeting members agreed and voted to have an Anniversary

T-Shirt and Sweatshirt. A list of these items to order was created. If you did not attend the meeting and you want one of these items, please send me an email immediately.

Also, during the meeting, we voted to change the November Meeting (our 20 year Anniversary Meeting), and the December Business Meeting and Christmas

Party to a Saturday at noon, giving everyone the opportunity to come to our meeting during the daylight hours and maybe drive their Model "A".

Nineteen members have attended each of our first two club meetings. Hope even more members will join us for the March Club Meeting. The March Meeting Program will be on Batteries, and will be presented by Chris LaClair, an expert in this field.

The "car show season" started at the end of February with the "Jordan High School Car Show, so polish your Model "A"s and show it at the many upcoming car shows.

See you on the road,

Al

"PARICIPATE, DRIVE, HAVE FUN"

"Celebrating the 20th Year of the Founding of Our Club"

River Cities Model A Ford Club

Club Minutes

The February meeting of the River Cities Model A Club was held February 20, 2020. Members present were: President Al Lugo, Bob Smith, Join Langley, Richard Noxon, Mark Smith, Bob and Connie Penny, Mary Nelle Singer, Brian Chin, Mickey Timbes, Ricky and John Roberson, Joe and Joe Spooner Wayne Kennedy Chris and Kathy Laclair, Joe Carter and guest Chad Smith.

After the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer by Joe Carter members proceeded to the buffet. Meeting was called to order and welcomed members and guest Chad Smith.

Longtime member Lester passed away on February 11, 2020. Six members attended service and visitation. Russell and Maryann would have celebrated 69 years of marriage.

Members under the weather were Lee Coxwell dealing with kidney stones and waiting for heart surgery, Barbara Ruddick, and Time Miller who has moved to River Place Room 118, Columbus, Georgia.

Having no additions or corrections to the January minutes they were approved as read. Motion by Bob Smith second by John Robertson.

Richard Noxon gave the Treasurers report. They were approved as presented. Bob Penny, Bob Smith and Richard Noxon audited the treasury.

Old Business: We had 8 Model A's attend the Talbotton tour. Check Presidents corner in newsletter for further details. Thanks to Jim Langley for a great tour.

New Business: Planning meeting will meet in Mary as scheduled but the Burger King in Wynnton is remodeling and will not be available to meet at for a few months. Members are looking for another site to meet at.

Club 20th Anniversary logo was show to members present and an order sheet passed around for t-shirts and sweatshirts. Cost has not been determined.

President Al Lugo let members know there are extra MAFCA magazines for members to have.

It was voted onto change November meeting to Saturday November 14 at noon. This is our Thanksgiving meeting and we thought move member could come and drive their Model A's. Also, the Christmas meeting to be held Saturday December 19 at noon for the same reason. This was a motion by John Robertson and second by Bob Penny and motion passed. Question to members about club joining the Model A Club of America (MARC). This was tabled,

Drawing for dinner was Mickey Timbes. Also noted that member Brian Chin had retired from Auburn University after 39 years. Congratulations to Brian.

Next tour will Be February 22. Members will meet at IHOP in Phenix City at 9:00 and then tour Mark Smith's garage. Upcoming activities will be in the newsletter. Please check for further details.

Program was president by President Al Lugo. It was a great video about Henry Ford and longtime friends Thomas Edison, Harvey Firestone and John Burroughs and their extraordinary camping trips. Everyone enjoyed this video. Thanks Al for showing us another side to Henry Ford's life.

Having no other further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Connie Penny

Club secretary.

JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 19, 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

March 6	MATTS
March 7	Glenwood School Car Show
March 13	Planning Meeting
March 14	Clothe a Child Car Show (Union Springs, AL)
March 19	Club Meeting-Program: Batteries
March 21	Tour of Historic Homes & Commercial Sites
March 21	Drive to End Hunger Car Show (Midland)
April 3	MATTS
April 4	MT Zion Car Show
April 10	Planning Meeting
April 16	Club Meeting
April 18	First Annual Paul Singer Memorial Tour
April 18	Strut the Hooch Parade

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)
Every 2 nd Saturday	Opelika Home Depot Cruise In
Every 3 rd Saturday	Phenix City Home Depot Cruise In
Every 4 th Saturday	Steak and Shake (Bradley Park Drive)
Last Saturday of month	Opelika Cruise In at the Tracks
Every Sunday AM	IHOP Airport Thruway

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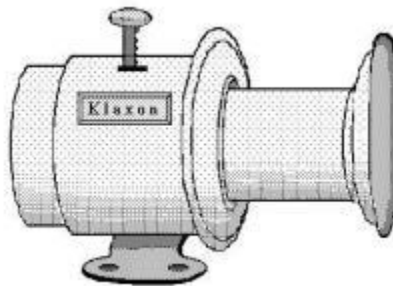
June 21-26	MAFCA National Convention, Kerrville. TX
December 3-6	National Awards Banquet, Fort Worth, TX

ANNIVERSARIES



March 8th John and Friederilke Robertson
March 14th Scott and Lisa Singer

BIRTHDAYS



March 4th Jim Langley
March 6th Kathy LaClair
March 22nd Renate Shirley

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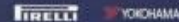
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MODEL A TINKER TIME SHOP

Information by Al Lugo; Photos by Mark Smith & Al Lugo

Members met at Bobby's shop on February 7, 2020...



"Members talking about Model 'A' issues encountered during the last month" ...



“Bobby talks about how to remove a stud” ...



“The tool used to remove a stud” ...



"Bobby talks about issues found in his distributor" ...



"Al shows one of the tools used to remove an engine head. This tool can also be used to remove or install an engine" ...



Jim's Tech Tip by Jim Cannon

Check Your Oil Filler Pipe and Cap

Many Model A owners experience excessive oil leaks when driving their car, often out the rear main seal. One simple thing that can cause this is a restriction in the oil filler pipe. Take the cap off and look down the pipe with a good light. You should only see a series of little metal baffles, half-moon in shape, inside the filler pipe. If you find where someone has covered the pipe with a sock, or stuffed a piece of cloth down in the filler pipe to stop oil from coming out the filler when driving, this will put pressure inside the crankcase and force oil out the rear main seal while you drive. Easy to fix: get that stuff out of there!

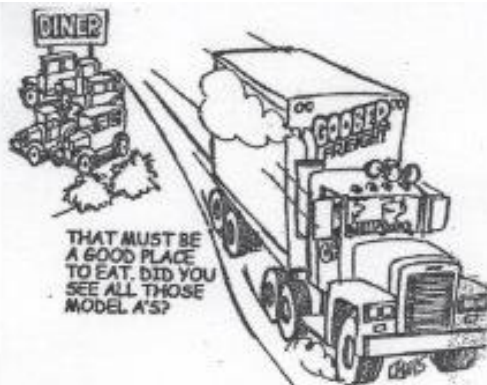


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While you have it off, also inspect the inside of the oil filler cap. It, too, needs to be clear inside. No pieces of steel wool, pot scrubber, or old sock in the cap! Look for evidence of someone accidentally pushing the oil filler cap on too far. When you do, you bend the little tabs inside the cap and mash it all the way down on the pipe. This blocks the engine's ability to vent the crankcase, builds up pressure, and causes a bad leak out the rear main seal.

I hope this little tip helps you stop that oil leak while driving. Have a Model A Day!

Jim



ON "THAT" ROAD AGAIN *A Time to Remember...*

By jim langley

AHH YES! That road created the age of the Hamburger Stand, Filling Stations and Motor Courts with refrigerated air. On that road, travelers stopped at the cafes where they spied the parked 18-wheelers knowing full well the legions of truckers always dined where the gravy was the tastiest and the bisquits were the lightest. Now days we got all of them - Mickey D's, Burger King, Arbys, Hardees - anything you want, EXCEPT good food...

At night out on that road, yeah, that old two-lane, it was common to drive mile after mile without seeing another pair of headlamps, or rolling along for miles without seeing an encouraging highway sign, we would sense a feeling of tension creeping into the car. *Were we still on the right road? How is the fuel?* No filling stations out here. Then suddenly up ahead in the black darkness, some tiny oasis of light would appear, then the friendly roadside neon like airport runway lights guiding us to a cheese burger, cup of coffee and then a good nights rest.

If you hair is silver or with a good touch of gray, Yeah, you have been there and done that, just remember, OUR road is still out there, you just have to put the GPS aside and find it...

...

HENRY FORD QUOTE

Once when Ford was talking about church he said,

“It always does a man good to step inside a church.

Even if there isn't any service, just step inside will do him good.

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Submitted by Joe Spooner



Model B Armored Car

Submitted by Mary Singer



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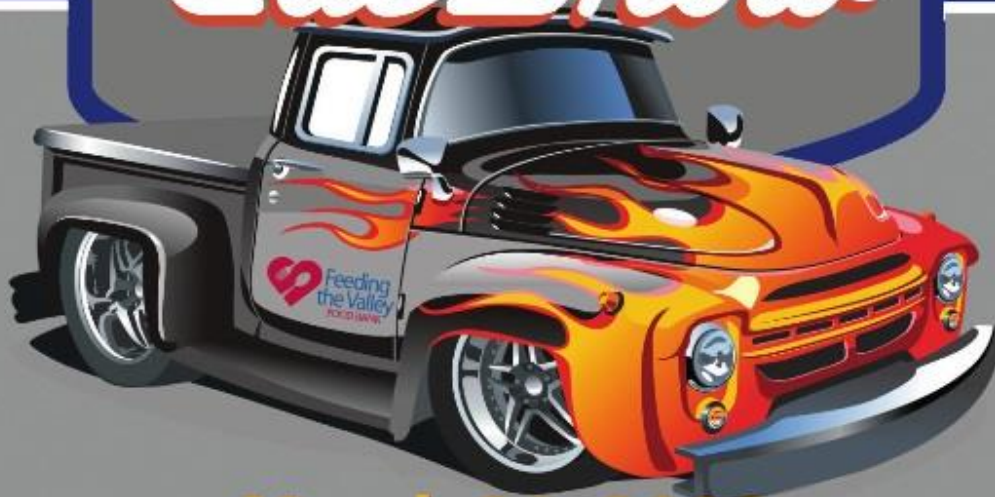
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