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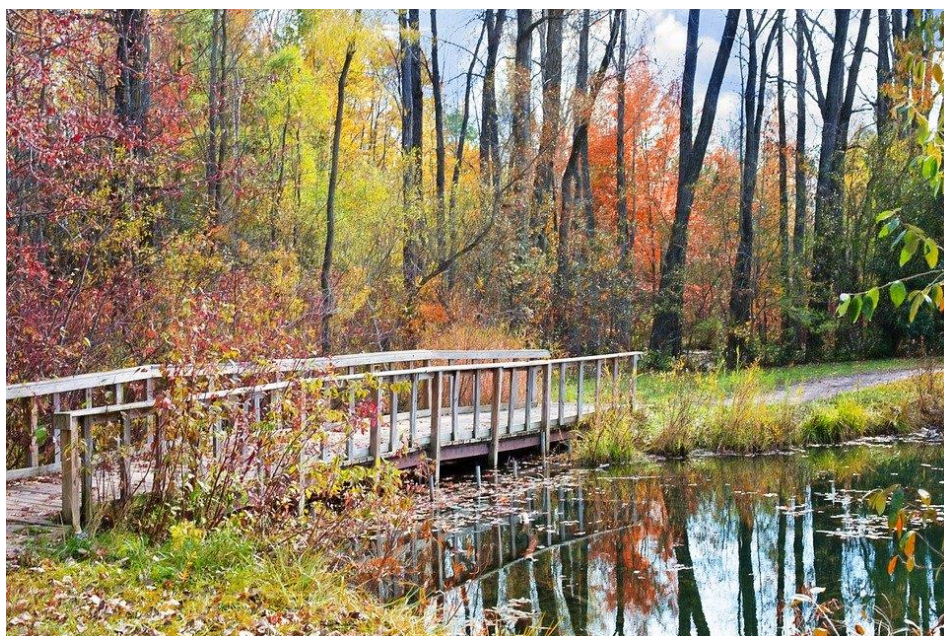
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All mail should be sent to the River Cities Model A Ford Club address above. Matters concerning the newsletter should be sent to the editor to insure timely publication.

FOUNDING MEMBERS:

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|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| *Jim Timbes | Bob Smith | Bobby Penny |
| Mildred Timbes | Al Lugo | *Robert Jackson |
| *Dan Palmer | Lawrence Farrar | *Bettie Jackson |
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| | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
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| Mildred Timbes DEC 2003-2004 | Jim Langley DEC 2004-2006 |
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| Jim Langley Dec 2015-2017 | Sharon Webb Dec 2017-2018 |
| Jim Langley Dec 2018-2019 | Al Lugo Dec 2019-2020 |

From the President...

October 2020



Our September MATTS and Club meeting was very well attended by members. The Nominating Committee was announced, and the following members volunteered to serve in the Committee:

Jim Langley- Committee Chairman

Richard Noxon

Bob Smith.

Officers will be announced in October and voted in November. As per Bylaws, nominations can also be accepted from the floor.

We have our last meeting reservations for our Club Meeting at T-Bones Steak House & Grill.

We are looking for another place to meet until we can go back to our regular meeting place. We need help with finding another location. Please think of another restaurant that has a private meeting room and good food. Please let me know by phone or email

The November meeting will be a combined Workshop, meeting, and Club Birthday celebration

and will be at Al's Garage. As in the past, lunch will be provided. We will start signing up for this activity during MATTS and our October Meeting.

Jim Langley planned another great tour on September 19 as we also celebrated International Model A Day. We had 6 Model A's and 10 members, and we visited several Columbus historic sites and drove by Piedmont hospital and several Fire Houses, blowing our horns to thank our heroes the first responders. Our last stop was at Fire House #8 where we had a chance to take a group photo with the Station Chief

Jim has another great tour planned for October. We hope that you will join us.

See you on the road soon,

Al

"PARICIPATE,

DRIVE, HAVE FUN"

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

River Cities Model A Ford Club

The September meeting of the River Cities Model A Club was held September 17, 2020 at the T-Bones restaurant in Phenix City, Alabama,

Members present were: Lee and Krystal Napier, Bob Smith, Mark Smith, Richard Noxon, Al Lugo, Mary Nell Singer, Bob and Connie Penny, Jim Langley, and Tom Ellis.

President Al Lugo led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Blessing.

Call to Order:

Al welcomed all members. There were no visitors.

Members under the weather were Lisa Farrar who recently had knee surgery and Jim Miller who has been in the hospital.

We wish them both a speedy recovery.

Minutes: There were no corrections or additions to the minutes, and they were approved as printed in the newsletter. Motion by Bob Smith and second by Mark Smith.

Treasurer's Report: Richard Noxon gave the treasurer's report and it was approved as read. Motion by Jim Langley and second by Tom Ellis.

Old Business:

October meeting will be held at T-Bones. Al sent a copy of by-laws to all members.

New Business: Nominating committee for new officers were Bob Smith, Richard Noxon, and Chairman Jim Langley. Al thanked members for serving on this committee.

Nominations will be presented at the October meeting.

Saturday Tour:

Members who want to eat at Ruth Ann's Restaurant will meet at 8:00. Tour will leave at 9:15 from that location. Rain or shine.

No drawing until we begin meeting back at the WOW facility.

Jim Langley gave another great program on the Model T and A's. He always does such a great job and it is enjoyed by everyone. Thank you, Jim.

Check your newsletter for upcoming events.

No further business meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Connie Penny

Secretary

JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 15, 2020-6:00PM (EASTERN)
Our next Club Meeting will be at T-Bones Steakhouse & Grill, on Highway 80, in Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

| | |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| October 3 | MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday) |
| October 15 | Club Meeting |
| October 17 | Club Tour |
| November 7 | MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday)) |
| November 21 | Workshop/Club Meeting/Elections |

CRUISE EVENINGS

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|--------------------------------|---|
| 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 |

NATIONAL:

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|------------------------------|---|
| June 21-26 | MAFCA National Convention-(CANCELLED) |
| December 3- 6 (CANCELLED) | National Awards Banquet, Fort Worth, TX |

ANNIVERSARIES



October 2nd, John & Sherri Gilson
October 19th Joe and June Spooner



October 1st Bob Smith
October 2nd Larry Farrar
October 3rd Lizbeth Lugo
October 6th Wayne Kennedy
October 7th Sherry Gilson
October 8th Lisa Singer
October 11th Jim Miller
October 22nd Catherine Wharam
October 26th Scott Singer

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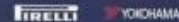
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Information by Al Lugo; Photos by Mark Smith & Al Lugo

Members met at Bobby's shop on September 5, 2020...



"Bobby talks about how to use our Club's reorganized library..."



Mark Smith talking again about the rust remover “Rust 911” and his great results



“Some of the members that attended MATTs...”



"Bobby also talks about the incredible Rust 911 product"...



"Richard brings us up to date on his starter switch issue"...



“Al conducting the Planning Meeting during MATTS....

“Our next MATTS: October 3, 2020, Join us” ...

The first Model A Ford engine, stamped **“A1”** by **Henry Ford** himself on **October 20, 1927**, was put in a Tudor Sedan that Ford personally drove and tested before giving final approval to begin production of the car

"I am a retired Police Officer (27+ years on the force) of a small town (6 Officers on the force), so car stories, I have a few. I don't want to bore you with too many."

This is a short one:

One evening just after dark a car came into town with it's high beams on. I noticed it was not dimming when the other cars flashed their headlights.

I pull the car over and the young man started right away confessing to his crimes. He explained he knew I had stopped him for not dimming his headlights. He explained he just bought the car today and it got dark on his way home. He said he had tried everything to dim the lights and nothing worked. He showed me by pulling a pushing the turn signal lever in every direction. It only made the turn signals work. I was afraid he would break the lever off.

I told him to take his left foot and move it as far as he could to the left and forward. Then stomp the floor. The Lights Dimmed. Magic?

He looked at me and said, "How did you know that?"

I explained that was how it worked in older cars. Problem solved; my job is done here.

D. J. Freeman

You Meet the Nicest People in a Model A Ford. by Michael Kniest

Saturday morning May 14, 2016 was such a beautiful day to take a long drive in the 31 Model A, so my nephew Dru and I decided to travel the back roads of Angeles Crest Highway (2) destination to have lunch in Wrightwood, enjoying the crystal clean air along the way. We often take this route as it is a mere one hundred forty miles round trip. Normally I don't drive this scenic alpine road on the weekends, as there are often many high-speed motorcycles to make it a pleasant country drive and today was no exception. The first thirty miles to Newcomb's Ranch proved to be exceptionally busy with higher than normal traffic. After passing this popular restaurant and watering hole, we had the road all to ourselves for the next ten plus miles, and the car was running superbly as usual with Dru at the wheel. It was then when Dru asked if I could hear a slight exhaust leak. As my hearing is less than perfect, I stated what noise"? Well within minutes the intake/exhaust gasket completely failed. "Oh that noise" was my reply as Dru pulled over to a shady spot for an unscheduled roadside seminar. We picked a fantastic spot to be forced to stop, absolutely in the middle of nowhere. We are now over seven thousand feet in elevation, which included no cell reception. In the silence of the National Forest we gathered our thoughts, tools and a new gasket from the trunk and began the task of replacing a simple gasket around an extremely hot manifold.

Within ten minutes, the very first "Good Samaritan Motorist" stopped to render aid and assistance was none other than Jay Leno. What a pleasant surprise and a true motoring knight of the road. He was not the only passing motorist to offer help, as two others took the time and effort to ensure our safety. Now for our two wheeled road travelers, none even slowed down to look to see if we might need assistants as they were in too much of a hurry.

So the moral to this story is to carry the needed spare parts, tools and always slowdown to enjoy the scenery. You will be amazed by what you may find on some country backroad. As someone stated, "It's not the destination but the journey" and I must inject it is always the unexpected pleasant surprises one may find along the way.



12 INTERESTING, AMAZING & FUNNY FORD FACTS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

1. Ford is the second largest family owned company in the world. Henry Ford's great grandson, William Clay Ford, Jr. currently resides as the company's executive chairman.



2. The very first Ford sold was to Dr. Pfennig in 1903, for a grand total of \$850. The "Model A" had a 2-cylinder engine, and could reach a max speed of 30 mph

3. Ford's current CEO, William Clay Ford, Jr., or Bill Ford, currently owns the first Ford vehicle ever sold in 1903.

4. Henry Ford and Thomas Edison were lifelong friends. As requested by Ford, Thomas Edison's son captured Edison's last exhale in a test tube and sealed it with a cork. Ford kept the tube as a memorial to Edison's "life and breath."



5. Ford's signature blue, oval logo was not introduced until 4 years after the company had already been in production.

6. In 1914 Ford offered its employees double the current market average, creating Henry Ford's "\$5-a-day." The new salary, accompanied by a shorter working day and company profit sharing, minimized employee turnover, and was significant in growing the middle class and fair wages movement. Henry Ford was quoted saying he wanted to help his workers to a "life" not just a "living."

7. In 1964, after Ford debuted the Mustang, 94,000 pedal-powered toy mustangs were bought for children the following Christmas season.

8. In 1965, a Ford Mustang was transported in 4 separate pieces to the observation deck of the Empire State Building, using resident elevators, where it was reassembled and photographed by helicopter. The car was later reassembled inside the building, until it was eventually taken apart and removed from the building 5 months later.



9. The only car that Jim Morrison, legendary Doors singer, ever owned was a 1967 Shelby GT 500.

10. Chevrolet used a Ford Super Duty to set up their Chevy Truck display at the Texas State Fair in 2012.

11. When former President Gerald Ford was describing his no-nonsense, style of governing, he was quoted as saying, “I’m a Ford, not a Lincoln,” comparing President Lincoln’s eloquence with Lincoln, the luxury car company owned by Ford Motor Company.

12. Ford F-Series has been consistently ranked as the #1 selling car in America so far in 2013.