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FOUNDING MEMBERS:

*Jim Timbes	Bob Smith	Bobby Penny
Mildred Timbes	Al Lugo	*Robert Jackson
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Dan Diener	Bill Buck	(*Deceased)

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Paul Singer Dec 2012-2014	Joe Spooner DEC 2014-2015
Jim Langley Dec 2015-2017	Sharon Webb Dec 2017-2018
Jim Langley Dec 2018-2019	Al Lugo Dec 2019-2020



From the President...

December 2020

As you probably know by now the Tri-City Christmas parade has been cancelled.

Elections were conducted during the November meeting and the following officers were elected for 2021:

President: Al Lugo
 Vice President: Mark Smith
 Secretary: Connie Penny
 Treasurer: Richard Noxon

Thank you again to Jim Langley-Committee Chairman and Committee members Richard Noxon and Bob Smith for serving in the Nomination Committee.

The December Club Business Meeting and Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 19, 2020 and will be held at the Woodmen Life Lodge starting at 11:30 AM (Eastern). Paid reservations will be needed so we can give an accurate headcount to the caterer. The cost is \$15.00 per person and reservations will be needed by December 12, 2020.

The Brakes II Workshop and Club's 20th Anniversary celebration at Al's Garage was attended by 26 members.

We Thank Bobby for conducting a great workshop. Many members had many comments about how much they learned on this very important Model "A" topic.

During this especially important season my family and I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and safe and wonderful New Year. See you on the road,

Al

"Our Club's 20th Anniversary cake"



"PARICIPATE, DRIVE, HAVE FUN"

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

River Cities Model A Ford Club

The November meeting of the River Cities Model A Club was held November 21, 2020 at the home of President Al Lugo. Members present were: Al and Lizbeth Lugo, Bobby and Connie Penny, Mary Nell Singer, Scott and Lisa Singer, Richard Noxon, Mickey Timbes, John and Ricky Robertson, Tom and Sharon Ellis, Mark Smith, John Glison, Wayne Kennedy, Bob Smith, Jim Langley, Robert and Catherine Wharam.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members were welcomed and visitors were Mark Smith's son-in-law Steve Atkinson and Robert and daughter Connie.

We were celebrating our Club's 20-year anniversary. The club was founded by 11 members. Those present at the meeting were: Mickey Timbes, Bob Smith, Bobby Penny, Larry Farrah, and Al Lugo. No longer members were: Bill Buck, Dan Diener who has moved. Deceased members are Robert and Bettie Jackson, Jim Timbes and Dan Palmer.

Under the weather: Anne Quick was recently in the hospital.

Joe Spooner recently lost his brother.

Minutes: minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter by a motion by Bob Smith and seconded by John Robertson.

Treasurer's Report was approved as read by Dick Noxon by a motion by John Robertson and second by Jim Langley.

Jim Langley was thanked for the October tour to Mr. and Mrs. Williams collection. Jim Langley sent a thank you letter to the Williams.

Old Business: Road runner miles driven were due today.

Club still working on book list for Club library.

A Thank you was given to Bob Penny for ordering our anniversary t-shirts and sweatshirts.

Everyone likes them.

Club dues are due.

New Business: Letter from MAFFI thanking us for our contribution.

Christmas party committee to meet at Woodman of the World building at 10:30

Members will make a cash donation to the Salvation Army.

Price for lunch will be \$15.00 per person. The Christmas lunch will be at the Woodman of the World facility at 11:30 on Saturday December 19th. Please make reservations by December 12. Any special activities will be discussed at the planning meeting.

A bonus for Margie and Robert at our Christmas lunch was voted on and passed.

Officers Elections: Nominating committee nominating the following members for officers for 2021. President- Al Lugo, Vice President - Mark Smith, Secretary- Connie Penny and Treasurer- Richards Noxon. Officers will be installed at the December meeting.

Members are encouraged to join MARC - Model A Restorers Club.

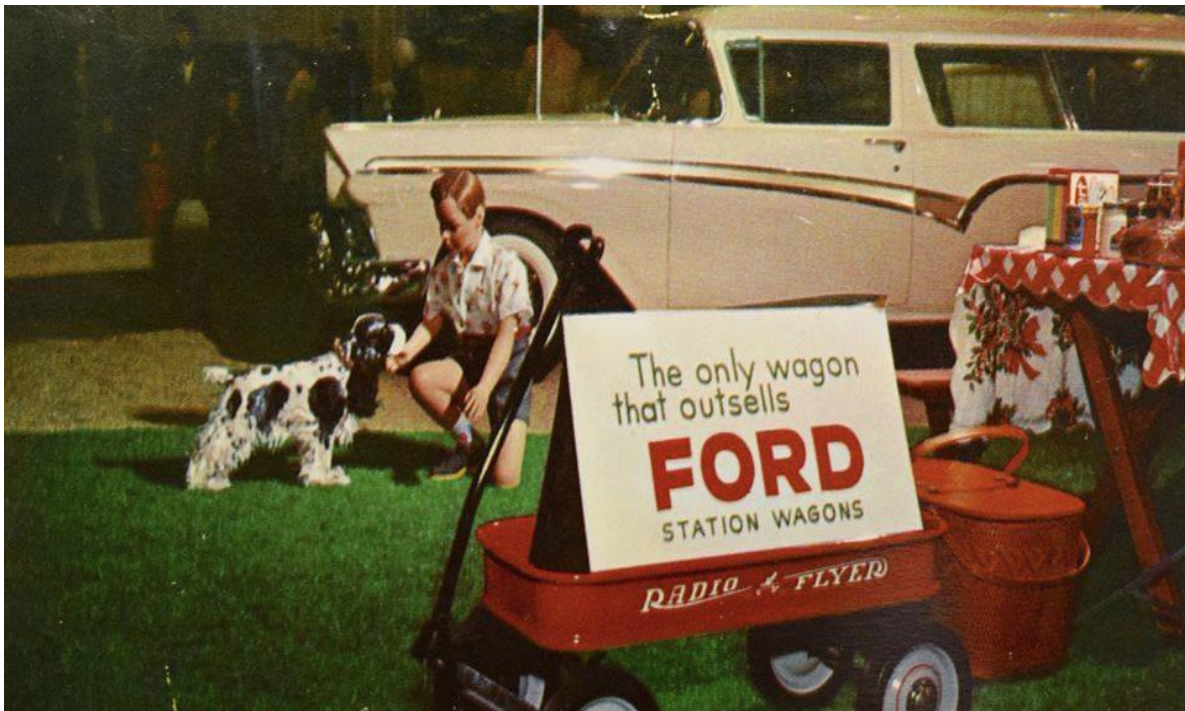
No further business meeting was adjourned.

Members proceeded to a lunch buffet. Thanks to Al and Lizbeth Lugo.

After lunch members attended a workshop on Brakes presented by Bobby Penny.

Submitted by Connie Penny

Club secretary.



JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, December 19, 2020-11:30AM (EASTERN) Our next Club Meeting and Christmas Party will be at Woodmen Life Lodge, on Highway 80, in Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

December 5
December 19

MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday)
Club Business Meeting and Christmas Party (Saturday)

2021

January 2
January 21

MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday))
Club Meeting (Location to be announced)

CRUISE EVENINGS

Every 1st Tuesday
Every 2nd Tuesday
Every 3rd Tuesday
Every 4th Tuesday
Every 5th Tuesday
Every 2nd Saturday
Every 3rd Saturday
Every 4th Saturday
Last Saturday of month
Every Sunday AM

Cooks Hot Dog on Miller & Airport Thruway
Jim Bob's (By Hobby Lobby)
Jason Deli (Close to Sears)
Country's on Broadway
El Vaquero Mexican Restaurant (Stadium Drive)
Opelika Home Depot Cruise In
Phenix City Home Depot Cruise In
Steak and Shake (Bradley Park Drive)
Opelika Cruise in at the Tracks
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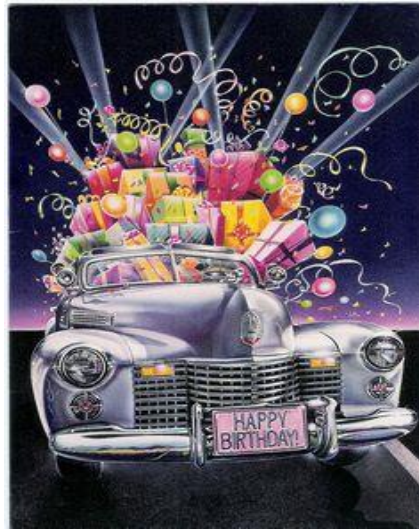
December 3-6

National Awards Banquet, Fort Worth, TX
(CANCELLED)

ANNIVERSARIES



December 7th Robert & Catherine Wharam



**December 1st Kathleen Walden
December 3rd Krystal Napier
December 25th Chris LaClair
December 27th Gloria Willett**

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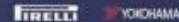
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Information and Photos by Al Lugo

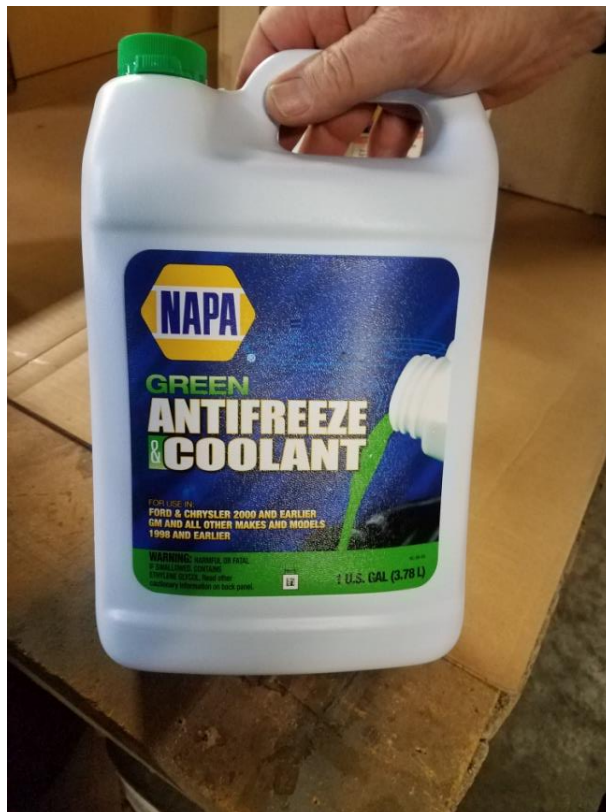
Members met at Bobby's shop on November 7, 2020...



"Bobby showing our new Anniversary Sweatshirt....



"Some of the items that Bobby has restored after using Rust 911, they look amazing..."



"A new source of the antifreeze that can be used in our Model "A"'s..."



“Bobby used Rust 911 not only in the gas tank but also in the radiator of his newest Mode “A”. Other members report similar amazing reports...



“Discussing how to treat the gas gauge float before installation”...

RIVER CITIES MODEL "A" FORD BUSINESS MEETING AND CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

We hope all of you can attend the December Club Annual Business Meeting and Christmas Party to be held Saturday, December 19, 2020, starting at 11:30 at the Woodmen Life Lodge on Highway 80 in Phenix City. If the weather is good we encourage you to drive your Model "A".

As usual Robert and Margie will prepare a special meal. Cost will be \$15.00 per person and your check to the Treasurer Richard Noxon is your reservation. Last day for reservations is December 12 so we can have an accurate headcount for the meal.

Instead of a gift for a child, we will be asking for a cash donation (\$10.00 or less) and money collected will be donated to the Salvation Army for them to purchase presents for needy children.

Anyone that can help decorate can meet at the Woodmen at 10:00 AM Eastern on the day of the party. Any questions please call or email me.

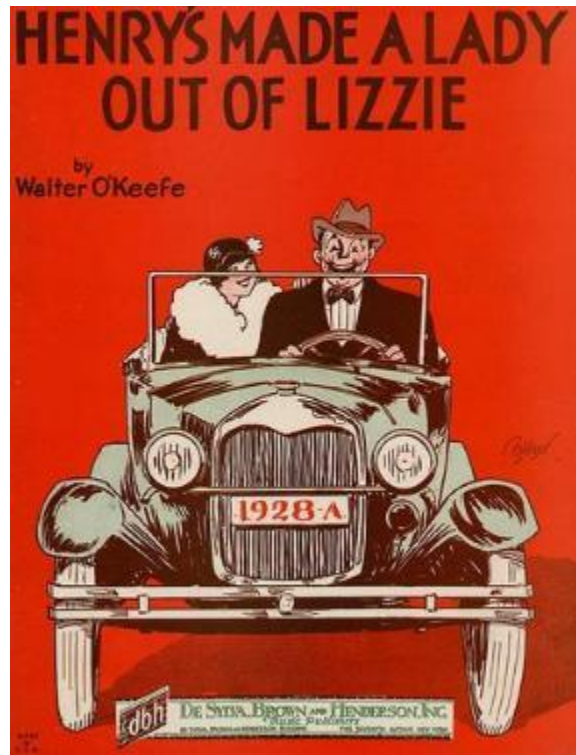
See you there,

Al

The Wright Model A was the world's first production airplane, and the Wrights produced variations of this aircraft from 1907 to 1909. It was remarkably like its immediate prototype, the 1905 Wright Flyer III, but it was longer, slightly heavier, and had a more powerful engine. The most important difference, perhaps, was that it was designed to carry two people sitting upright in two seats on the leading edge of the wing. It also had not one but *two* new control systems. When flying the Flyer III in 1908 with upright seating, the brothers had devised a new control system with three separate levers for wing warping, elevator, and rudder. Orville seemed to have no problem with them, but Wilbur found them confusing. When he crashed the Flyer III on 14 May 1908, he blamed his inexperience with the controls. Later that year when Wilbur assembled a Model A the brothers had shipped to France, he replaced the controls with a system of his own devising. Orville stuck with the original 3-lever system when building the Model A, he demonstrated later that year at Fort Myer, but made some improvements when he built his next airplane. The result was that Wright airplanes manufactured in Europe generally had a "Wilbur" control system, while those made in America had an "Orville." For a short time, you could order Wright airplanes with either Wilbur or Orville controls, your preference.



Riding the roads and airwaves. The Ford Model A was the subject of the 1928 song, "Henry's Made a Lady Out of Lizzie," which sang the praises of Ford's new addition to the road.



1931, the final year of Ford Model A production, would mark the most extensive offering of passenger car and truck body styles in the vehicle's brief history. New passenger cars for 1931 were the Deluxe Tudor, Slant Window Cabriolet, Slant Window Standard Fordor, Slant Window Town Sedan, Slant Window Deluxe Fordor (Blindback) and Convertible Sedan. The Standard Fordor (2 window) and Town Car were no longer offered. For truck bodies, a Deluxe Pickup, and a wide bed Pickup (box) were introduced.

BRAKES WORKSHOP II AND 20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION...

By Al Lugo

On November 21, 2020, the River Cities Model "A" Ford Club held our eighteenth workshop. This time the topic was "Brakes II". Our last brakes workshop was conducted in 2011.

Members met at Al Lugo's garage and Bobby Penny served as the instructor, giving us a superb presentation that included information on how the brakes work on the Model "A" and how to properly adjust them.

Twenty-six members participated in the workshop and gave incredibly positive comments on the activity.

After the presentation members enjoyed a great lunch catered by Robert and Margie Brundridge.

An Anniversary cake was served and afterwards members were able to adjust the brakes on their Model "A"'s.

We hope you will join us in other future workshops ...

All photos provided by Al Lugo.



A rare image of Ford's first prototype of a V8 powered Mustang. It didn't do well in testing, so they decided to make it a car instead.



Thank you, Jill Thach, for forwarding Phil of Charter Oak MAFC prototype picture