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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:

*Jim Timbes	Bob Smith	Bobby Penny
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Jim Langley Dec 2015-2017	Sharon Webb Dec 2017-2018
Jim Langley Dec 2018-2019	Al Lugo Dec 2019-2020-2021

From the President...



August 2021

“PARTICIPATE, DRIVE, HAVE FUN”

Thank you again to Bryan Chin for presenting another great program during the July meeting.

There is no question that some automobiles are a work of art and the photos he presented showed this point.

Hoped many of you were able to view the beautiful photos of some of our members Model “A”s featured in the MAFCA website section “A of the day”. One of those vehicles was the one own by Robert Wharam. When you have a chance look at the unique and rare feature on his front fenders.

Our summer has been a very wet one. Hope you still have a chance to drive your Model A every chance you can. This means your car should be due some lubrication maintenance. Remember you will have a chance to do this during our next Club Workshop at Al's Garage. The Lubrication Workshop will be September 11, 2021. We will start signing up for this workshop during the August MATTS.

See you on the road,

Al



Photo provided by Al Lugo



Photo by Robert Wharam

“Henry Ford’s birthday was July 30”

**WHAT UNIQUE FEATURE CAN BE
SEEN IN ROBERT’S MODEL “A”
FRONT FENDERS?**

River Cities Model A Ford Club

The July meeting of the River Cities Model A Club was held July 15, 2021 at the China Buffet. Meeting was called to order by President Al Lugo.

Members present were Tom and Sharon Ellis, Mary Nell Singer, Bob and Connie Penny, Brian Chin, Bob Smith, Steve Inabet, Joe and June Spooner, Al Lugo, Dick Noxon, John Gilson, Grover Barfield, and Susan Peters.

After the Pledge of Allegiance and blessing members proceeded to the buffet line.

President Al Lugo welcomed all members and reported that our members under the weather were Larry Farrah, who had been at Matts in July, Ricky Robertson recouping at home, June Spooner, who was at the meeting, Tom Ellis still waiting on diagnosing and Mark Smith's father who was at the ER. Prayers for all.

Having no corrections to the June minutes they were approved as printed in the newsletter. Motion by Bob Smith and second by John Gilson.

Treasurer Dick Noxon gave the treasurers report, and it was approved by motion from Tom Ellis and second by Bob Penny.

Old Business: Al Lugo thanked all members who attended Mickey Timbes visitation and funeral. A donation had been made to the Model A Foundation as requested from the family. A big thank you to David and Saron for the 4th of July invite to their house. A thank you to Brian Chin for showing photos of several Clubs that had attended his garage and the last model A.

It was reported we had 15 members at our June meeting and a few members at the June Breakfast.

We are needing a program for our November meeting. Please consider doing this.

An amendment of Club by-laws was voted on and passed. Members should have received an email with the information. It was decided we did not want to post by-laws on the club website.

A new updated copy of members has been sent out. If you did not receive this, please contact Al Lugo.

New Business: It was decided to meet at the China Buffet on August 19.
Checking on cars to visit nursing home in Warm Springs and River Place.
Al Lugo wants opinion on program at the October workshop or just do the one Al has planned on lubrications.

Bob Penny checking on Woodman facility for our Christmas Party.
Photos sent to MAFCA that appeared July 11 and July 13.
Program: Brian Chin gave a fun slideshow of the Allure of the Automobile who was showcased at the High Museum of Art Atlanta. Thank you, Brian!
For coming activities check your newsletter. Submitted by Connie Penny, Club Secretary

Doris Day's 1930 Model A



JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, August 19, 2021-6:00PM (EASTERN)
Our next Club Meeting will be at Buffet City at 2401 10th Street, in Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

August 7	MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday: 9:00AM)
August 19	Club Meeting (Program: Robert Wharam)
August 21	Club Breakfast Tour
September 4	MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday: 9:00AM)
September 11	Workshop at Al's Garage
September 16	Club Meeting (Program: Al Lugo)
September 18	Club Breakfast Tour

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

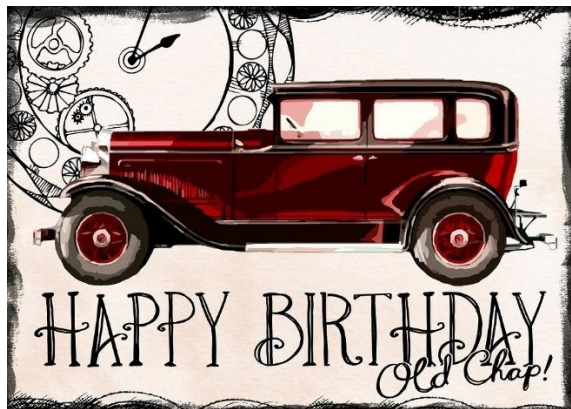
NATIONAL:

December 2-5	National Awards Banquet, Fort Worth, TX
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August 4th Nancy Palmer
August 9th Joe Carter

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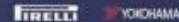
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MODEL A TINKER TIME SHOP

Information and photos by Al Lugo & Mark Smith

“Members met at Bobby’s shop on July 3, 2021” ...



“Bobby talking about soldering wires together”



"Using a piece of leather to solder wires" ...



"This is how the wire harness looked on one of Bobby's newest Model A's. He will replace it with a new wire harness" ...



"Bobby Talks about the challenges he faced while restoring the headlights of his newest Model A" ...



"Even Larry's service dog, Quasi, listens while Bobby presents his information "...

HERE IS A BIT OF HISTORY...

Hours after Pearl Harbor was bombed on December 7, 1941, the Secret Service found themselves in a bind.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt was to give his Day of Infamy speech to Congress on Monday, and although the trip from the White House to Capitol Hill was short, agents were not sure how to transport him safely.

At the time, Federal Law prohibited buying any cars that cost more than \$750, so they would have to get clearance from Congress to do that, and nobody had time for that.

One of the Secret Service members, however, discovered that the US Treasury had seized the bulletproof car that mobster Al Capone owned when he was sent to jail in 1931.

They cleaned it, made sure it was running perfectly and had it ready for the President the next day.

Al Capone's 1928 Cadillac V-8 "Al Capone" Town Sedan became the President's Limo in December 1941.



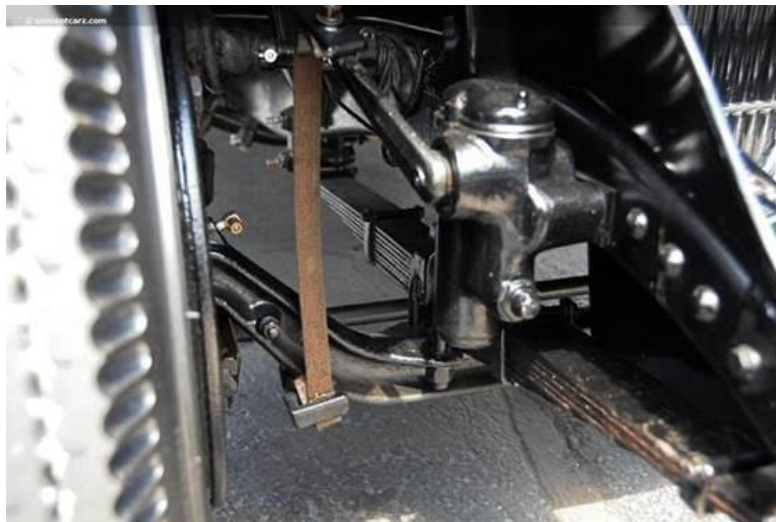
Mechanics are said to have cleaned and checked each feature of the Caddy well into the night of December 7th, to make sure that it would run properly the next day for the Commander in Chief.

And run properly it did. It had been painted black and green to look identical to Chicago's police cars at the time.

To top it off, the gangster's 1928 Cadillac Town Sedan had 3,000 pounds of armor and inch-thick bulletproof windows.



It also had a specially installed siren and flashing lights hidden behind the grille, along with a police scanner radio.





Previous owner



Footnote: The car sold at auction in 2012 for \$341,000.00.

The “Rides” in my life since 1964

Jill Thach Santa Barbara MAFC

I finally decided I would dig out some old pictures & scan them to show the “rides” in my life!

I learned to drive in 4th grade in a 3-speed jeep, I think it was the type that was used in WWII. The brakes went out on me once on the ranch when I was driving downhill through the wine grapes & I quickly turned the car to the left & was able to stop.



My very first car I got was when I turned 16 in 1971. We lived in Santa Rosa on a 50-acre ranch & my dad was either a manager of a car lot or a salesman at Ellis Brooks Chevrolet in San Francisco. He got this 1967 Chevy II from an elderly man in San Francisco & gave it to me. My Dad had it painted sunburst blue. I sold it in 1982 when I was leaving the country to go to Sudan, Africa for two years with Wycliffe Bible Translators as a bookkeeper.

My second car I got in 1984 was a 1967 Dodge Dart, three on the tree. I was the second owner & there was a name plate in the car with the first owner's name on it. He had to sell it because he couldn't drive anymore & had to get an automatic car for his wife to drive. I think that car cost me \$900. I gave it to a girlfriend in 1989 when I left for Kenya, Africa to work at the Rift Valley Academy in Kijabe, which Africa Inland Mission ran. No picture of that car!

My third car was a 1984 Chevy Camaro with a T-top. I was the second owner on this car that some friends at church sold to me for \$3000 if I remember rightly. It was black when I borrowed it during a trip stateside for about a month in 1982 when I broke my tibia at the joint & had to be flown home for surgery. I had the Camaro painted a Corvette color of such a light blue it looked white. I can't remember the name of the color now. Years later I sold that car to Truett's daughter Cindi who was keeping for when one of her sons turned 16. It ended up that the insurance cost too much for a teenager with that

car, so they sold the car!

I had a Toyota Corolla when I lived in Kenya, but I can't find a picture of it! We drove on the left side of the road & it was a stick shift. I adjusted quite easily to driving on the left!

We had a Crown Victoria (like the one below left) for a while and then a F150 crew cab pickup that was one of my favorites!



The F150 looked like this one-



I got my Lady Drives a Model A driver's license at the National Meet in Addison, Texas. Truett's brother Kenneth taught me how to drive his A before I took the test!

We now have a 2014 Toyota Tacoma, a 1931 Town Sedan & a 1931 Model A Pickup.



Here are the other "rides" in my life-

Stormy, American Saddlebred Sandy, a Quarterhorse
Park Lights (Porky), a Thoroughbred
I did own a Honda 175 motorcycle (no picture)
for a few years. I sold that when I left for Sudan. I've always
enjoyed riding, but I did have an accident in Sudan on one
of the compound's Honda 80's when I went through some
very thick loose dirt/sand & went off the bike, chipped a
bone on my tibia & had a concussion.



And one of my main modes of transportation continues to
be my bike! The photo below right is of one that I rode in
Sudan! It was how I rode to the market or to the UN pool
to swim laps! There were only six miles of paved road
there in Juba at the time!



My current ride below which I do a lot of grocery shopping
on!



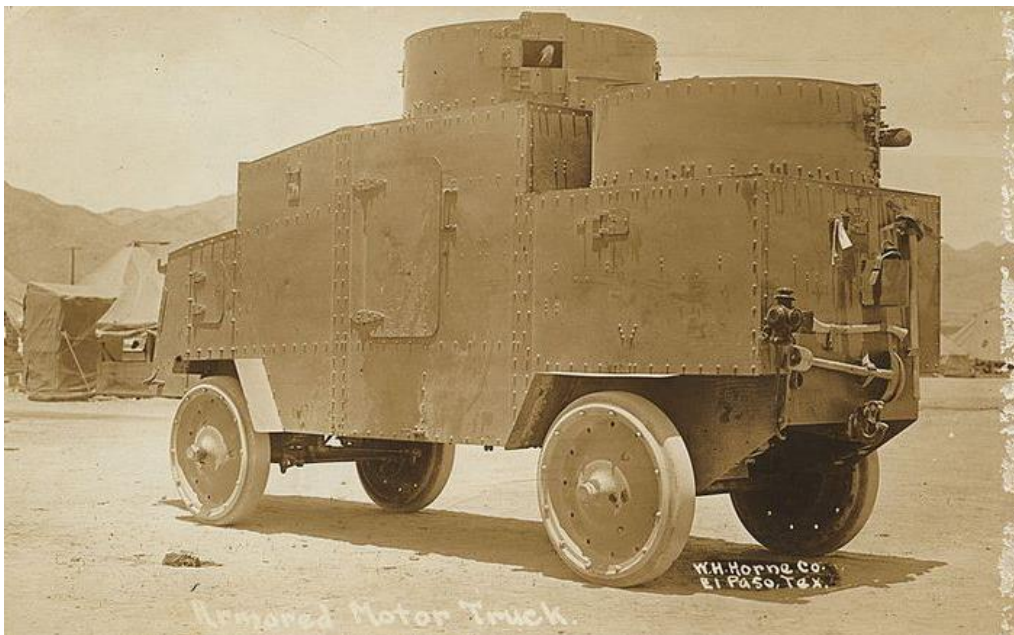
P.S. I took auto mechanics one quarter at
Cal Poly so I knew how to work on most of
my cars!

The end!

Who is Jill Thach, you are probably saying about now? Well Jill, who
lives out west in California, has been supplying many stories, articles
and those who are wanting to sell various cars or parts contact Jill
and she forwards them on to other car clubs. The above FDR car
story was forwarded also. Thank you, Jill.



Thomas Edison And His 1914 Ford Touring



Armored Motor Truck 1915