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Tommy Ellis Dec 2021-2022	



From the President...

The April meeting of the River cities Model A Car Club was held on April the 21st and attended by 20 members including our two new members Joni and David Hoxsey. Lee Napier and several of his family members have been sick with apparent food poisoning. Hopefully they have all recuperated by now. Club member Buddy Graves passed away on April 9th, Visitation was on April 22nd in Opelika. Joe Spooner raffled off several items from his personal collection as the monthly program. Each member received at least one item and all members appreciated that Joe shared his collection with us. Joe also had a sale of parts, tools, books, etc. on April 23rd at his garage. After a vote, it was decided that the May 19th meeting will be held at China Buffet.

Tommy Ellis, President

River Cities Model A Ford Club

The April meeting of the River Cities Model A Car Club was held April 21, 2022. Meeting was held at the China Buffet. Members present were: Tommy and Sharon Ellis, Bob Smith, John Gilson, Steve Inabet, Brian Chin, Richard Noxon, Mary Nell Singer, Al Lugo, Bob and Connie Penny, Skipper Barfield, John Robertson, Jimmy Napier, Keith Dixon, Ronnie Pagan, Robert and Catherine Wharam and Joni and David Hoxley.

President Tommy Ellis called the meeting to order, After the Pledge of Allegiance and blessing by Al Lugo, members proceeded to the buffet.

President Tommy Ellis welcomed all members. Our newest members Joni and David Hoxley were in attendance and were welcomed by all,

Under the Weather: Lee and Krystal and other family members have been sick with apparent food poisoning, and we wished them a speedy recovery.

\In Memory: Club member Buddy Graves passed away on April 9, 2022, from complications following surgery, Visitation will be April 22 from 4-6 CT at Federick Dean Funeral Home in Opelika, Alabama.

Minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter with a motion from Al Lugo and second by John Robertson.

The Treasurers report was given by Treasurer Dick Noxon. It was approved by a motion from Connie Penny and second by Bob Smith and voted on.

New Business: Joe Spooner will have a sale on parts, tools, books, etc. on Saturday 23, 2022 from 9-3 CT. Members attending will meet at Glenwood School by 9:00 a.m.

Joe Spooner oversaw our program and raffled off various car related items. These items were gifts from Joe and tickets were handed out to members and then drawn from a box. Thank you, Joe. Everyone had a great time receiving gifts from Joe and June.

May meeting will be held at the China Buffet on May 19.

Please check your newsletter to see upcoming events and activities and Tours.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned,

Submitted by
Connie Penny
Club Secretary

JOIN

US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 19, 2022-6:00PM (EASTERN)

**Our next Club Meeting will be at Buffet City, 2401 10th Street, of
280 By Pass, in Phenix City.**

COMING EVENTS

May 6	Tour to Warm Springs Nursing Home (Friday 9AM Shell Gas Station in front of Coca Lake Entrance)
May 7	MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday: 9:00AM)
May 7	Phenix City Exchange Club Show
May 14	Tour to Rick Horne's Garage in Carrolton
May 19	Club Meeting (Program: Joe Carter)
May 21	East Alabama Old Car Club Car Show (9:30 Eastern Glenwood School)
May 28-29	Scum bugs VW Car Show at Naval Museum
June 4	MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday: 9:00AM)
June 19	Club Meeting (Program: Fellowship)

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

Some of the establishments may not have started up their cruise ins yet.

NATIONAL:

June 12-17, 2022, National Convention, Kerrville, Texas September 16-17 Model A Day-
Model A Museum,
December 5-8 National Awards Banquet, Golden Colorado

ANNIVERSARIES



May 4th Dexter & Kathleen Walden
May 20th Tom & Laura Penny
May 23rd William & Anna Quick
May 25th Al & Lizbeth Lugo

BIRTHDAYS



May 1st Al Lugo
May 4th Teresa Chin
May 14th Grover Barfield
May 27th William Quick

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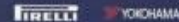
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MODEL A TINKER TIME SHOP

Information and photos by Al Lugo & Mark Smith

"Members met at Bobby's shop on April 2, 2022" ...



"Bobby talking about the wire harness in the Model A."....



Before the MATTS presentation members enjoy talking to each other” ...



“Members listen while VP Mark Smith covers some of the activities planned for the month” ...



Had five of our cars and a guest with a speedster on a trailer

If you have a Model A or not, come out to MATTS to hang out with a bunch of old timey gear heads and learn a thing or two.

MATTS is held on the first Saturday of the month as well as the planning meeting (planning for things the club can do to promote the Model A and have fun doing so.

OFFICIAL CONVERSION CHART

HOW TO INTERPRET

ANTIQUE CAR ADS

IF IT SAYS:

IT REALLY MEANS:

Rare model.....	Nobody liked them when new either
Older restoration.....	Can't tell it's been restored
Needs engine work.....	It's been frozen for 30 years
Uses no oil.....	Just throws it out
No rust.....	Body and fenders missing
Rough.....	It's too bad to lie about
One owner.....	Never been able to sell
No time to complete.....	Can't find parts anywhere
Needs interior.....	Seats are gone
Rebuilt engine.....	Has new spark plugs
May run.....	But it never has
Low mileage.....	Third time around
Many new parts.....	Keeps breaking down
29 coats hand-rubbed paint....	Needed that much to cover rust
Clean.....	It sat out in the rain yesterday
Best offer.....	About what I expect to get
Always driven slowly.....	Won't go any faster
Prize winner.....	Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row
Stored 25 years.....	Under a tree
Real show stopper.....	Orange with purple fenders
Easy restoration.....	Parts will come off in your hand
Ready to show.....	Just washed it
Top good.....	Only leaks when it rains
Good investment.....	Can't depreciate any more

Converting Your Model, A To A 12 Volt System

By WPADMIN | OCTOBER 8TH, 2011

The rule that makes 12-volts work so well is the one that says if you double the voltage, the amperage required to power that same accessory is reduced by half. For example, the original 6-volt motor requiring ten amps of electrical current would only need five amps of electrical current to run at the same speed. So, with this, the total load for the Model A with the lights on running at night and trying to blow the horn would only be half as much with a 12-volt system as with a 6-volt system.

Six-volt electrical systems use heavier gauge wiring to deliver the higher amperage draw. Therefore, the wiring does not have to be changed when converting to 12-volts. Also, the windings in the starter and horn are also heavier due to the amps used in a six-volt system.

If you are still using a six-volt generator it can be converted to 12-volts. You will need to have the field coils (magnets) replaced. These are the magnets that are attached to the inside of the generator case. This is a job that can be handled by any qualified alternator/starter repair shop. You will then need a 12-volt regulator. Just ask for a 1956 or newer 12-volt regulator to match your application.

Alternators were first introduced in the early 1960's. By the 1970's alternators were being built with solid-state internal regulators. This improved the reliability of vehicle charging systems. The biggest difference between an alternator and a generator is that an alternator can produce a strong electrical output at idle and low rpms. This makes the headlights bright all the time and provides a way to keep the battery fully charged at all times.

An alternator generates electricity just the opposite way a generator does. Inside an alternator, the armature remains stationary while the field coils rotate. That makes the alternator able to spin up to 10,000 rpms before suffering any internal damage. Therefore, a smaller pulley can be used on an alternator to keep the rpms up while idling.

The best alternator to buy is a General Motors 10SI series alternator. You will want to have the alternator made into a single wire alternator. These alternators are also available through your Model A vendor.

You will have to change all your light bulbs to a 12-volt lamp. This will make the lamps you use a standard lamp available at your local automotive store. This convenience will help eliminate the number of parts that you will need to carry.

Your Model A was built with a positive ground system. This means that the negative (-) terminal of your battery is connected to the starter terminal and the positive (+) side of the battery is connected to ground. In order to use the above modern alternator on 12-volts, you will need to reverse the polarity. When this is done, you will also need to reverse the wires on the amp gauge in the dash and the coil.

The ignition coil will either need a resistive ballast added to the incoming power or my recommendation is to buy a coil with an internal resistor. Internal resisted ignition coils are much more reliable and will eliminate a common trouble spot, the external ballast resistor. One coil that you can get is a NAPA Echlin PT# IC64. Remember that this coil needs no external resistor.

Last but not least, you will need a 12-volt battery. Make sure to measure your battery box, so you can get the right dimensions for your new purchase. It is recommend that you find one with the cold cranking amps close to the six-volt battery. Happy driving.

Model A production ended in March **1932**, after 4,858,644 had been made in all body styles. Its successor was the Model B, which featured an updated inline four-cylinder engine, as well as the Model 18, which introduced Ford's new flathead (side valve) V8 engine.

