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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
*Mildred Timbes	Al Lugo	*Robert Jackson
*Dan Palmer	Lawrence Farrar	*Bettie Jackson
Dan Diener	Bill Buck	(*Deceased)

PAST PRESIDENTS:

Jim Timbes NOV 2000-DEC 2001	Bob Smith DEC 2001-2003
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Joe Spooner DEC 2006-2008	Jim Langley DEC 2008-2009
Jim Timbes DEC 2009-2010	Al Lugo DEC 2010-2012
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 2019-2021
Tommy Ellis Dec 2021-2022	



From the President...

The September meeting of the River Cities Model A Club was held on August 18, 2022 at the China Buffet. There were 17 members attending. We had four new members last month. They were Mike and Christine Moye and Dave and Donna Quam. Jeff Whaley is another new member this month. We had no Treasurer's report this month because Richard Noxon was under the weather and didn't attend. Larry Farrar has an appointment at the doctor coming up so hopefully he will be feeling better. Bobby Penny will be having hand surgery in September. We hope we has a speedy recovery. Bob Smith was in the ER on August 22 for blood pressure problems, and he was given new meds. Bill Shirley is having a surgery coming up and we wish him a speedy recovery also. We have some events coming up in September so please check your "Join Us". We hope everyone will attend. An event that is not on the "Join Us" is September 5 at the Russell County Courthouse. An e-mail will follow with details.

Tommy Ellis, President

River Cities Model A Ford Club

The August meeting of the River Cities Model A Club was held August 18, 2022 at the China Buffet.

Members present were Brian Chin, Joe Carter, Bob Smith, Tom and Sharon Ellis, Al Lugo, Mary Nell Singer, Mark Smith, Skipper Barfield, Susan Peters, John Glison, John Robertson, Keith Dixon, Bob and Connie Penny, Bill Cooper and Joe Spooner.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and Blessing given by Brian Chin. Members proceeded to the buffet.

President Tommy Ellis welcomed all members to the Meeting. Mike and Christine Moyer joined our club last month. Dave and Donna Quam are also new members. The club members were happy to hear about our new members.

Under the weather: Richard Noxon is the only member we knew was under the weather. Larry Farrar has gotten an appointment coming up and there was no updated news about Mary Ann Lester. Hope she is feeling better.

Minutes: Having no corrections to the minutes from July they were approved as read in the newsletter by a motion from Bob Smith and seconded by Brian Chin.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Richard Noxon was not at the meeting so no report was given.

Old Business: Nine members attended the Montgomery Swap Meet on August 13th.

New Business: There was no new business. Check the newsletter for upcoming tours and events. The September meeting will be held at the China Buffet.

Program: There was not a program planned so members socialized with each other and caught up on any news.

Meeting was adjourned by a motion from Al Lugo and seconded by Bob Smith.

Submitted by

Connie Penny

Club Secretary.

JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 15, 2022-6:00PM
(EASTERN)**

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

COMING EVENTS

September 3	MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday: 9:00AM)
September 3	Motor at the Museum-Naval Museum
September 5	Russell County Court House Festival
September 15	Club Meeting (Program: Robert Wharam)
October 1	MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday: 9:00AM)
October 20	Club Meeting (Program: Fellowship)
October 29	Ft. Mitchell Festival

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:

September 16-17	Model A Day- Model A Museum, Michigan
December 5-8	National Awards Banquet, Golden,
Colorado	

ANNIVERSARIES



September 19th Howard & Barbara Ruddick

BIRTHDAYS



**September 2nd Teresa Inabinet
September 6th Tommy Ellis
September 7th Steve Inabinet
September 10th George (Chad) Smith
September 12th Donna Quam
September 13th Christine Moye
September 16th Leroy Napier
September 24th Louise Morris**

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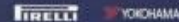
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MODEL A TINKER TIME SHOP

Information and photos by Al Lugo

"Members met at Bobby's shop on August 6, 2022" ...



"Members that attended Model "A" Tinker Time Shop (MATT'S)"



"Bobby asking members: What is wrong with this Distributor body" ...



"Chris describing problems he encountered while servicing his Model "A" Horn"



“Bobby talking about the history of the indented firewall” ...



“Joe describing one of the Model “A” tools in his collection “...”

**You see what you are missing by not attending MATTS? Your next chance is
September 3, Join Us!**



The Ford Model A was the second biggest success for the Ford Motor Company after its more famous predecessor, the Model T.

First sold on December 2, 1927 it replaced the Model T which had been in production for 18 years. The new Model A was designated a 1928-year model and was available in four standard colors. By February 1929, one million Model As had been sold and by July of the same year, two million.

By March 1930, three million Model As were sold in nine body styles. Model A production ended in March 1932, after 4.8 million had been made in all body styles.

The Model A came in a variety of styles including:

- Coupe (Standard and Deluxe)
- Business Coupe
- Sport Coupe (Standard and Deluxe)
- Roadster Coupe
- Convertible Cabriolet
- Convertible Sedan
- Phaeton (Standard and Deluxe)
- Tudor Sedan (Standard and Deluxe)
- Town Car
- Fordor (five-window standard, three-window deluxe)
- Victoria
- Town Sedan
- Station Wagon
- Taxicab
- Truck
- Commercial

The Model A was the first Ford to use the standard set of driver controls with conventional clutch and brake pedals, throttle, and gear shift. Previous Fords used controls that had become uncommon to drivers of other makes and a rear-view mirror was optional! The Model A was also the first car to have safety glass in the windshield.

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

Ford has had a significant impact on the automotive industry since they first started rolling out cars 110 years ago. As one of the oldest car manufacturers, Ford has a rich history, filled with interesting facts that you may not know.

Check out these **interesting Ford facts** to learn more about what makes your Ford part of a brand treasured by car owners for decades.

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 actually used a Ford SuperDuty 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.