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## RIVER CITIES MODEL "A" FORD CLUB

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### CLUB OFFICERS:

President	Tommy Ellis
Vice President	Mark Smith
Secretary	Connie Penny
Treasurer	Richard Noxon/Joe Carter
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The River Cities Model "A" Ford Club permanent address is P.O. Box 342, Columbus, GA 31902

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)

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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 2019-2021
Tommy Ellis Dec 2021-2022	



## From the President...

The November meeting of the River Cities Model A Club was held on November 17 at the Woodman's Lodge. We had 30 people attend the meeting. Robert and Margie catered a great dinner. We only had one member under the weather. Bill Shirley was having trouble with his back. Al Lugo also told the members that Mary Anne Lester had passed away. The mileage for the Road Runner award were handed in to Richard. Members were asked to pay their dues that night if they could. We talked about the Christmas Parade on December 3. The December MATTS meeting will be held after the parade since they are on the same day. We nominated officers for 2023. All officers will be the same except for President. Brian Chin was nominated for the office of President. Lee and Krystal were selected as the Christmas Party committee. The party is on December 17 at noon and the

Woodman's Lodge. Al Lugo needs to be notified if you are coming to the party to have a head count for Robert. Mark Smith did the program. It was a very interesting program about the history of the hospitals in Columbus.

## Tommy Ellis, President



**Its not the miles that count, but  
the smiles along the way.**

# River Cities Model A Ford Club

The November meeting of the River Cities Model A Club was called to order on November 17, 2022 by President Tommy Ellis at the Woodman of the World facility.

Members present were: Joe Carter, Mary Nell Singer, Jimmy Napier, Angie Blanton, Brian Chin, Steve Onabit, Joe and June Spooner, Tommy and Sharon Ellis, John Robertson, Skipper Barfield, Susan Peters, Al Lugo, Richard Noxon, Bob Smith, Mark Smith, Bob and Connie Penny, Lee, Krystal and Konnor Napier, John Gilson, Jeff Whatey, Robert and Catherine Wharam, Ronnie Pagan, Lisa and Scott Singer and Keith Dixon.

After the Pledge of Allegiance and blessing by Al Lugo members proceeded to the buffet provided by Robert and Margie. It was great to see them again.

President Ellis welcomed all members. There were no visitors. It was great to see so many members present at the meeting.

Bill Shirley was the only member under the weather with back problems. After the meeting we received the sad news that Mary Anne Lester had passed away. No information was given concerning Funeral arrangements.

Several birthdays were recognized as were Anniversaries.

Minutes: The October minutes were approved as seen in the newsletter by a motion from Bob Smith and seconded by Brian Chin.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was given by Richard Noxon. It was approved as read by a motion from Al Lugo and second by John Robertson.

Old Business: At the November 5th MATTS there were 12 members present. The October meeting was held at the Old Time Country Buffet and had 12 Members present.

Richard Noxon asked members to turn in mileage at the November meeting for Roadrunner award.

New Business: Road Runner mileage due tonight. Dues for 2023 need to be paid by the December meeting. Christmas Parade is December 3rd. Registration is due by November 22 and is available on the Parks and Recreation website. The Christmas Parade is on the same day as MATTS so it was decided Matts will meet after the Parade.

Officers for the 2023 year were nominated. President Brian Chin, Vice President Mark Smith, Secretary Connie Penny and Richard Noxon for treasurer. They will be installed at the December meeting.

A decorating committee for the Christmas party was discussed. All are welcome to help. The Christmas meeting will be December 17 at noon at the Woodman of the World facility. Please give Al Lugo heads up if you plan to attend the lunch.

This year members voted to bring unwrapped gifts for the Salvation Army. Please check the newsletter for upcoming activities. Program: Mark Smith gave a great program on the first Hospital care in Columbus, Georgia.

Thank you Mark for such an interesting program.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned by a motion from Al Lugo and second by John Robertson.

Submitted by Connie Penny

Club Secretary.

## **ROAD RUNNER COMPETITION NOTICE**

**Dear Members:**

**Remember we will be collecting your total mileage driven in a Model "A" Ford during our November Meeting on November 17, 2022.**

**Please report your mileage driven from November 18, 2021, thru November 17, 2022.**

**Richard Noxon will be distributing the 2022 Forms at every activity we have before November 17.**

**Please turn in any miles so we can see how much our Club drives.**

BY AL Lugo

# JOIN US

BY AL Lugo

**NEXT MEETING: Saturday, December 17, 2022-12:00 Noon  
(EASTERN)**

**Our next Club Meeting will be our Annual Business Meeting and  
Christmas Party, at Woodmen Life Lodge on Highway 80, in  
Phenix City.**

## COMING EVENTS

December 3	MATTS & Planning Meeting (After parade)
December 3	Tri-City Christmas Parade
December 17	Club Annual Business Meeting & Christmas Party
	<u><b>NOTE: This is a Saturday-Meeting Starts at 12:00</b></u>
January 7	MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday: 9:00AM)
January 19	Club Meeting

### CRUISE EVENINGS

Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	Cooks Hot Dog on Miller & Airport Thruway
Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	Jim Bob's (By Hobby Lobby)
Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	Jason Deli (Close to Sears)
Every 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Country's on Broadway
Every 5 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	El Vaquero Mexican Restaurant (Stadium Drive)
Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	Opelika Home Depot Cruise In
Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	Phenix City Home Depot Cruise In
Every 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Steak and Shake (Bradley Park Drive)
Last Saturday of month	Opelika Cruise In at the Tracks
Every Sunday AM	IHOP Airport Thruway
<b>NATIONAL:</b>	<b>December 5-8 National Awards Banquet, Golden,</b>
<b>Colorado</b>	



**December 7<sup>th</sup> Robert & Catherine wharam**

## **BIRTHDAYS**



**December 1<sup>st</sup> Kathleen Walden**

**December 3<sup>rd</sup> Krystal Napier**

**December 8<sup>th</sup> Lisa Singer**

**December 16<sup>th</sup> Glenn Williams**

**December 23<sup>rd</sup> Joni Hoxsey**

**December 24<sup>th</sup> Keith Dixon**

**December 25<sup>th</sup> Chris LaClair**

**December 27<sup>th</sup> Gloria Willett**



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## MODEL A TINKER TIME SHOP

"Members met at Bobby's shop on November 5, 2022" ...

**T**his month I am not including any photos since the focus of this month's gathering was fellowship.

**W**hen Bobby Penny created MATTS, "Model A Tinker Time Shop", his main objective was for us to be able to discuss and find solutions to problems we were having with our beloved Model A's. In addition, he created a time, in which we could enjoy the fellowship.

**I**t is my opinion that Bobby has achieved both objectives extremely well.

MATTS is now one of the highlights of our Club activities and is greatly enjoyed by all. We have continued to learn many tips to keep our Model

A's on the road and have enjoyed the fellowship.

**T**hank you, Bobby, for what you have created. We are looking forward to many more gatherings as we continue to maintain our beloved Model A's and enjoy each other's fellowship.

## **RIVER CITIES MODEL "A" FORD CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY**

We hope all of you can attend the December Club Annual Business Meeting and Christmas Party to be held Saturday, December 17, 2022, at Woodmen Life Lodge, 3754 US Highway 80, in Phenix City.

The party will start at 12:00 noon (so more members can attend). You can drive your Model "A" if the weather cooperates. As usual, Robert and Margie will prepare a special meal. Cost will be \$15.00 per person.

Please RSVP to Al Lugo by email ([alugo@mchsi.com](mailto:alugo@mchsi.com)) your intentions to attend. Last day to RSVP your intention to attend is December 15, so we can have an accurate headcount for the meal.

We will collect an unwrapped toy per family, at the party to be given to the Salvation Army for a needy child.

Remember 2023 Club dues are due in December, so if you have not paid yet you can do so at the party. Dues are still \$25.00 per family.

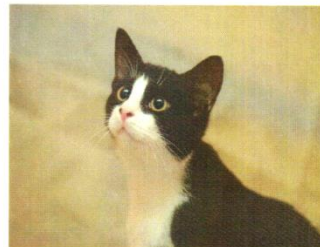
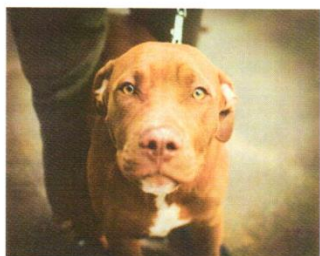
Any questions please call or email me.

See you there, Al

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# Christmas Car Show

To Benefit



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**Saturday, December 3, 2022 9am-2 pm**

All makes and models are welcome

**\$25 or Pet Related Gift of equal value**

Adoptable Pets will be there.

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The 1928 Model A was the first automobile completely built at the Rouge, Ford Motor Company's massive factory complex in Dearborn, Michigan. While Model T engines and parts had been manufactured at the Rouge for several years, final assembly of the cars themselves remained at Ford's Highland Park plant. The Model A brought new significance to the growing Rouge factory.

he **Ford Model A** (also colloquially called the **A-Model Ford** or the **A**, and **A-bone** among [hot rudders](#) and [customizers](#)) was the [Ford Motor Company](#)'s second market success, replacing the venerable [Model T](#) which had been produced for 18 years. It was first produced on October 20, 1927, but not introduced until December 2. This new Model A ([a previous model](#) had used the name in 1903–04) was designated a 1928 model and was available in four standard colors. The vehicle was also sold in Europe but was replaced by locally built cars such as the [Ford Model Y](#).

By February 4, 1929, one million Model As had been sold, and by July 24, two million. The range of body styles ran from the Tudor at US\$500 (in grey, green, or black) (\$7,891 in 2021 dollars) to the town car with a dual cowl at US \$1,200 (\$18,937 in 2021 dollars). In March 1930, Model A sales hit three million, and there were nine body styles available.

Model A production ended in March 1932, after 4,858,644 had been made in all body styles.<sup>[a]</sup> 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](#)