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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 2019-2021
Tommy Ellis Dec 2021-2022	Bryan Chin 2022-2023

The March Drive Train

So, what are your plans for your cars, car books, magazines, and car collectibles? Will they go to some random person at your estate sale, be put up on ebay, sent to auction, or just thrown in the trash? We all must go sometime and getting your afterlife affairs in order, while you are living, will ease your heir's grief as to what to do with your things. It will also leave you with peace, knowing that all the physical stuff that you have spent a lifetime collecting will be distributed according to your wishes.

I have told both of my sons that they would inherit my cars, books, magazines and collectibles. I have on many occasions told them that I have spent a lot of time and money collecting other dead people's stuff, so all these things need to go to someone else that cherishes my stuff until they die. Sell it, send it to auction, give it away to my fellow car collectors, but don't trash any of it. Both sons looked at me and said, "Do I have to Dad?" I don't want any of this crap! Who has the time to take care of your junk?

So I have put together a list of key members of car clubs that I belong to, auction houses, dealers, and estate sales operators to contact in case of my death. I have stated that I want my fellow car guys that have participated with me in making wonderful car guy memories to have first dibs on my stuff after my relatives have gotten what they wish. I have detailed the type of items that should go to each auction house and who to contact to take things to the auction houses. I have pleaded with all of my relatives that nothing should go to the TRASH! Call my Car Guy Friends to get rid of anything you do not wish to deal with: books, magazines, toy cars, wrenches and any collectibles. I have placed all these instructions and info into a big red binder clearly marked "MY WISHES" and have instructed my wife, sons and family both in writing and by direct word of mouth of "MY WISHES."

My sister, who is 10 years younger than me, has stepped forward and boldly announced that she will take care of everything. Her house is amazingly clean and uncluttered. There is not one item out of place in her house. There is nothing that is over 5 years old. Everything is new in her house, because she lives a disposable lifestyle. "Out to the Trash." If my sister takes charge, just remember that trash collection is Tuesday at 6:00 am and the trashcans are on the curb Monday night before dark.

Bryan Chin, President

River Cities Model A Ford Club

The February 2023 meeting of the River Cities Model A Club was held at the Woodman Of the World facility. Members present were Brian Chin, Bob Smith, Al Lugo, Mary Nell Singer, John Roberson, Sharon and Tommy Ellis, Joe Carter, Joe Spooner, Skipper Barfield, Mark Smith, Richard Noxon, John Gilson, Bob and Connie Penny, John Quan and his brother Mike who was visiting from Wisconsin. Mike is President of his hometown Model A Club.

President Brian Chin welcomed all and called the meeting to order. Brian went over the list of Birthdays and Anniversaries for the month of February. Brian announced with sadness the passing of June Spooner. June was a very active member of our club and will be missed very much.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Richard Noxon gave the treasurer's report and it was approved by a motion from Bob Smith and Bob Penny. An audit was conducted by Al Lugo and Tommy Ellis. Audit was approved. Richard Noxon asked that when we have a visiting guest speaker give the program that the club pay for his and spouse's dinner. Suggestion was approved by the club members that were present.

Tours: There is a scheduled tour of Carl Cupp's car collection. Members are to meet at 9:30 at Glenwood and travel over to Ronnie Pagan's house. Then travel to Carl Cupp's house. Members who wish to eat breakfast should meet at Howie's located in Smiths Station at 8:00.

President Chin announced that Gordon Sherman has been elected President of the Central Alabama Model A Club.

Our next tour will be on Friday March 17th to tour the Rural Telephone Museum and have lunch at the Mennonite restaurant. More Details to follow.

Check the newsletter for future events and car shows.

After the Pledge and invocation members proceeded to the buffet.

Program: Bob Smith gave a terrific program on the AACA Museum at Hershey. Thank you Bob for a great program.

Having no further old or new business the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Connie Penny

Club secretary

JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 16, 2023-6:00 PM (EASTERN)

**Our next Club Meeting will be at Woodmen Life Lodge on
Highway 80, in Phenix City.**

COMING EVENTS

March 4	MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday: 9:00AM)
March 4	Glenwood Car Show
March 16	Club Meeting (Program: Bobby Penny: Collecting License Plates: Bobby Penny)
March 17	Tour: Rural Telephone Museum, Lunch at Mennonite Restaurant (FRIDAY TOUR)
March 18	March to End Hunger Car Show
April 1	MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday: 9:00AM)
April 15	USA Center Swap Meet, Opelika (8-12 Central)
April 20	Club Meeting (Program: Scott Singer:My family's Model T
April 22	Tour: David Quam's Gulf Station and Richland Rum Distillery
April 29	Beulah Family Day (9-1 Central)

CRUISE EVENINGS

Every 1 st Tuesday-	Cooks Hot Dog on Miller & Airport Thruway
Every 2 nd Tuesday	Culvers in Phenix City
Every 3 rd Tuesday	Jason Deli (Close to Sears)
Every 4 th Tuesday	Country's at Main Street Village
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 on Veterans Parkway North

NATIONAL:

April 14-16	MARC Membership Meet, Bay City, Michigan
July 16-21	MAFCA National Tour, Indiana/Michigan
July 30-August 4	MARC National Meet, Hamilton, Ohio
September 15-16	MAFFI Annual Model A Days, Hickory Corners, Michigan
November 30-Dec 2 Awards	MAFCA National



March 5th Michael & Christine Moyer
March 14th Scott & Lisa Singer

BIRTHDAYS



March 6th Kathy LaClair
March 6th Jessica Pagan
March 6th Michael Moyer
March 22nd Renate Shirley
March 25 Ronnie Pagan

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MODEL A TINKER TIME SHOP

Information and photos by Al Lugo

"Members met at Bobby's shop on February 4, 2023" ...



"Bobby talked about the Radius Rod Ball and showed the washers he created"....



“Bobby shows a screwdriver he modified to remove screws on windshield wiper motor” ...



“Joe Spooner describes the amazing Carl Cupp car collection. We will be touring this collection in a couple of weeks” ...



Bobby talking about tricks on connecting to Bell Housing” ...



“We were very happy to have Mark Quam and his son attend MATTS, Mark is the brother of Dave Quam. Mark is the President of a Model A Club in Wisconsin “...

12 people braving the 30F temps. Especially Al with no side curtains. Ha. Our cars sure looked good outside the restaurant. Very colorful.

Then we met the other members at the Glenwood School parking lot with Joe Carter, Dave Quam, Al, Bobby, Robert Wharam, Mike Moye, Mark and Bob Smith. We left there going up Lee Rd 318 to the Long Bridge Rd #379 on the way to Ronnie Pagan's home for a photo shoot he has been wanting. He and his Dad had his Model T and two Model As for us to line up along side. Bryan and Joe and Mr. Morrison from Auburn were there already. It turned out to be a good picture of all the cars and club members.



Next stop was Carl Cupp's garage - wow what a collection of cars with several more restored since we had been there. He is doing a bunch of motorcycles now also. Sometime while we were there Carl got a call wondering if he was displaying **his cars** in front of his house. Once we got back outside we noticed cars stopping to take pictures of our Model A's, plus a 59 gray and silver Corvette pulled in to look. Another car nut had received a call to hurry over to look at the cars, so we invited him to join our club, he has a 55 Mercury.

Lunchtime took us up to Valley to Sonny's buffet for a good meal and desserts too. Had pictures taken there also, so we need to drive our cars more folks - people want to see them. After lunch we came back south on the scenic county roads along the lake then to the school parking lot so some could get their regular cars to go on home. It was a nice sunny day for a tour so cannot wait till the next one.

Roving Reporter, Bob Smith

Jordan Car Show

What a crowd, everyone must have wanted to bring their car out for this first of the year show. We sure had lots of club members there: Mark, Ronnie, John Robertson, Lee, Connor Kristal and Jimmy Napier, Wayne, Richard Nixon, Bob Smith, Dexter, Dave Quam, Scott & Lisa Singer, Mark Babbs, Bill Hooper and Chad Smith were all there (maybe a few without a car).

Started out a bit foggy then turned to mist which sometimes seemed like rain but wasn't. Sure got the cars and us wet. Now it was pleasantly warm but a light jacket helped in the mist.

Over 250 cars were registered with a few more entering after noon. Sun really came out about 2pm. I know Ronnie Pagan won people how it ran. We found out it has a Four Speed Ruckstell Axle on the vehicle



The other winners were Krystal and Jimmy. Some great cars were displayed - like a perfect 56 Chevy Nomad, a Rolls Royce Coupe, bunches of new Vettes, many customized cars, a 61 Red Plymouth Fury, a 57 Desoto sedan, an early Barracuda in white and lots of trucks.

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By Joe Spooner

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The Budd Body Company of Philadelphia was a major supplier of cars, airplanes and train body works. They were innovators in all types of metal work and a leader in the use of stainless steel.

In 1929 the Budd Body Company attempted to entice Ford into a contract by creating several all steel Fordor Model A sedans. They were labeled Model G-2. It did not materialize as a Ford product possibly because it was not **Henry's idea. Like several other ideas.**

This prototype was a bit radical for a Model A body, being a little larger and a having a different frame and suspension, among other small differences. One of the original prototypes has survived and is owned by Terry Hutchins.

There is a very good article about the history of this car, by Douglas Skinner of Charleston,

South Carolina, in Volume 68, number 3 in the
May-June 2020 issue **of "Model A News, the**
magazine of the Model A Restorers Club.

If it goes ahooga, drive it,

Joe