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Tommy Ellis Dec 2021-2022	Bryan Chin 2022-2023

The April Drive Train from your President

It is spring and car show time is upon us. It is time to get that old Model A out and about. Join our club for this month's Model A Tour to Richland GA to see member David Quam's Gulf Station. I am told we will see several of David's cars and memorabilia on display. We also plan on stopping by the Richland distillery for a tour. After that we will have a BBQ lunch (\$15) prepared by David's nephew who is one of Georgia's best competition BBQ chefs. After this month's activities you need to get prepared for May's East Alabama Old Car Club show. Wash, wax and polish up your Model A. Our club will be driving our Model A's to attend our sister club's show. As always, they will have a separate class only for Model A's. Enjoy your Model and get her out and about for all to see.

Bryan Chin, President

River Cities Model A Ford Club

The March meeting of the River Cities Model A Club was held March 16, 2023 at the Woodman of the World facility. Members present were: Bryan Chin, Bob Smith, Mark Smith, Joe Spooner, John Robertson, Tommy Ellis, Bob and Connie Penny, Mary Nell Singer, Richard Noxon, Lee and Crystal Napier, Jimmy and Angie Napier, Al Lugo, Skipper, Susan Peters, John Gilson and Keith Dixon.

President Bryan Chin called the meeting to order. He welcomed visitor DeeDee who came with John Robertson. Everyone welcomed her to the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance and invocation by Al Lugo were given and members proceeded to the buffet line.

President Chin read off the birthdays and anniversaries for March. Two members were under the weather: Jeff Whaley and Renate Shirley. Mary Nell sent get well wish's to them from the club.

Treasurer's Report: It was approved as read by motion from Bob Smith and second from Mark Smith.

Membership report: Al Lugo gave a report that the Club has 36 active members. Tours:

The Tour to the Rural Telephone Museum and lunch at the Mennonite Restaurant will be Friday March 17. Members are to meet at the civic center at 8:30. Because of rain, we will not be taking our Model A's.

Program: Bob Penny gave a very interesting program on collecting license plates. He brought several examples of License plates he has collected and displayed them so members could check them out. Hopefully other members will be interested in collecting license plates. Thanks, Bob, for a great program.

Please check your newsletter for upcoming tours. There are several good ones you won't want to miss any of them.

Program next month will be given by Scott Singer on My Family's Model T. Please plan to attend.

Meeting was Adjourned.

Submitted by

Connie Penny

Club Secretary.

JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 20, 2023-6:00 PM (EASTERN)

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

COMING EVENTS

April 1	MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday: 9:00AM)
April 8	County Cars & Handlebars, Harris County H.S.
April 15	Beulah Family Day (9-1 Central)
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	Rain date County Cars & Handlebars
May 5	Tour to Warm Springs Nursing Home (Friday)
May 6	MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday: 9:00AM)
May 6	CAFMAC Swap Meet- Montgomery
May 18	Club Meeting (Program:
May 19	Rain date Tour to Warm Springs Nursing Home (Friday)
May 20	Paul Singer Tour to East Alabama Old Car Club Car Show
May 27	Scumbugs VW Car Show (Naval Museum)

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,M
November 30-Dec 2	MAFCA National Awards Banquet



April 12th Leroy & Krystal Napier

BIRTHDAYS



April 16th Connie Penny
April 24th Mark Smith
April 26th Sharon Webb
April 27th Joe Spooner

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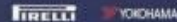
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MODEL A TINKER TIME SHOP

Information and photos by Al Lugo

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



"Al talked about this handy trailer aid used to change a tire on a double axle trailer without a jack"....



“Bobby talking about the different types of speedometer cables and the best way to lube it” ...



“Bobby showed another way to check your fuel in your tank if your gas gauge is not working. He also gave some of the rulers to some of the members attending MATT'S” ...



“ Al shows the brass float he is going to use in his Roadster after having some of the floats fail in his gas gauge. A very simple fix for your old gas gauge”...



“While changing a Bendix in a starter, Al found it had a screw with a Ford script “...”

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.

Roving Reporter,
Bob Smith

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DID YOU KNOW

By Joe Spooner

In August of 1931 Ford introduced the first all steel automobile body, even though it was for a closed cab pickup truck. This was the first production all steel body in automobile history. The body was produced only by the Budd Body Company and it was identical to the cloth top cab except that the top was all steel with corresponding steel top ribs.

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

Henry one and Henry two...

If by some quirk of fate, Henry Ford would have had the son he desired.

There is little to no doubt that Henry loved his son Edsel, but there is also no doubt he wished Edsel to have a personality much the same as himself, demanding vigilant to the point of being constantly overbearing and quick of tongue before thinking through a situation. Edsel had exactly opposite character traits. He was thoughtful, thinking out a plan or idea before presenting such plans or ideas to his father and other Ford men, and Edsel was quite creative with artistic design. Again, these men were opposites. When thinking of the automobile, Henry thought only of the mechanicals, while Edsel was fascinated with the beauty and design aspects. For this, we can be thankful, or who knows what the new Model A would have looked like.

Henry II' who came into power after Edsel's death and with Henry 1 in declining health and mental condition, quickly asserted himself as a forceful leader. He possessed man of the same traits of his grandfather, but was more thoughtful in his aggressiveness, for instance, he would learn of a situation, study all possibilities and ramifications and then make a decision. Once that decision was made, he was steadfast and unyielding. Henry II's decisions were law within the Ford Motor Company.

Henry II assumed the Presidency of the Ford Motor Company at a critical time in the company's history. He

had to make immediate decisions which were vital to the company's well being and also long lasting. His wisdom in choosing executives to steer company operations was outstanding, to wit, his hiring of a group of former Air Force Officers, who became known as the "Whiz Kids". Over time their abilities were wide spread not only throughout the Ford Motor Company, but in other strategic areas as well.

Henry II, like his grandfather, was a tough master and his motto of "Don't complain, don't explain," was felt throughout the company during his tenure as president and later Chairman of the Board. Had Henry I lived and remained mentally strong during Henry II's reign, there is no doubt he would have been proud...

Article written by the Late Jim Langley