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## RIVER CITIES MODEL “A” FORD CLUB

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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:

|                 |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
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| *Dan Palmer     | Lawrence Farrar | *Bettie Jackson |
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| Jim Langley Dec 2018-2019    | Al Lugo Dec 2019-2021     |
| Tommy Ellis Dec 2021-2022    | Bryan Chin 2022-2023      |

## **The June Drive Train**

It is that time of the month where I sit down and expound on my thoughts for the future. I, like many others in our club, have a profound disease. I first talked about this insatiable disease of “hoarding things from gone by eras in last April’s Drive Train.” Well, this disease has struck me down again. This is a disease that most of us in The River Cities Model A Club have in one form or another. It intrudes on our everyday lives and has a profound impact on our pocketbooks. All of us that are interested in cars from gone by eras have the disease. The extent to which this disease affects each individual varies from little to extreme. Some of us own a car from the past to help us remember those wonderful memories that we had made with that car. These are the fortunate ones. Others of us own a specific car from the past because we had wished we had owned that car and want to remake wonderful memories that we never had or could afford. I am one of those unfortunate persons hoping to relive our past. The cars of the past were truly troublesome and a daily headache at the best. Our cars from the past when new were always breaking down unexpectedly. They required oil changes, lubes and spark plug changes every 500 to 5000 miles. The truly smart ones in our club may be those that drive new cars of their dreams and are making wonderful memories without the hassle of the old. Our new cars are super fun to drive, are comfortable and now go 100,000 miles with near zero hassle.

Those of us who are really inflicted with the disease seek out all sorts of stuff hoping to recreate that old Drive-In, Gas Station, General Hardware Store or Soda Fountain shop where we may have hung out in our youth and met that one very special person earlier in our lives. Others like me collect all sorts of junk just because it is from the past. I just had a major attack of the disease, purchasing of all things a railroad crossing signal post. Yes, it is probably from the 1930’s, has marble reflectors and the lights have been rewired to work. But who needs such a relic from the past. I bought it because I remember these things from a 1950’s five-day safety patrol trip to Washington DC. I spent 2 long days each way traveling by train to DC. Today we can fly the same distance in just two hours or drive in it just 8 hours with fewer hassles. When I asked Bob Smith for help in retrieving this relic, he very wisely said if you don’t buy it, then you will not have to get rid of it in the future.

Yes, getting rid of things in the future may indeed be a nightmare.

**Am I living the dream or is it a Nightmare in Disguise.**

**Bryan Chin, President**

# River Cities Model A Ford Club

The May meeting for the River Cities Model A Club was held at the Woodman of the World facility on May 18, 2023.

Members present were: Keith Dixon, Scott Singer, Mark Smith, Bob Smith, Mary Nell Singer, John Gilson, Joe Spooner, Bryan Chin, Al Lugo, John Robertson and guest, Bob and Connie Penny and Richard Noxon.

President Bryan Chin opened the meeting with greetings to everyone and welcomed any guests,

The Pledge of Allegiance and convocation was said. Members proceeded to the meal.

President Chin read a letter from the new director of MARC, Jim Zimmer. He encourages any members not belonging to MARC to sign up.

President Chin recognized birthdays and anniversaries for May. It will be members Bill Quick's 94th birthday and Al and Elizabeth's 48th wedding anniversaries. Congratulations to all for these milestones. Bryan Chin brought a cake to celebrate Al Lugo's retirement. Congratulations to Dr. Al Lugo for your many years as a family dentist.

Under the weather: No members were addressed.

Treasurer's Report: Richard Noxon gave the treasurer's report and it was accepted as read.

The tour to Warm Springs Nursing Home was discussed. It will be May 19th. Members participating are to meet at the Target parking lot at 10:00. Bob Smith will be leading the tour.

The tour on May 20 is the Paul Singer Model A Tour to the Old Car Club Show at the USA Town Center in Opelika. Members to meet at Glenwood School at 10:00. Bob Smith will lead the tour.

Pease consult the newsletter for June activities. There are several.

Scott Singer brought two items he needed help identifying. Members were glad to help.

Program: Bryan Chin gave a great slideshow of Hershey's car museum. Thanks, Bryan, for a great program.

Bob Penny encouraged members who have a club jacket they wish to have MARC embroidered on, please bring to MATTS or June meeting.

Having no Old or New business the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by

Connie Penny

Club Secretary

# JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, June 15, 2023-6:00 PM (EASTERN)  
Our next Club Meeting will be at Woodmen Life Lodge on  
Highway 80, in Phenix City.

## COMINGEVENTS

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| June 3  | MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday: 9:00AM)   |
| June 15 | Club Meeting (Program: Al Lugo)   |
| June 25 | Tour: (SUNDAY) Al Toomer's Corner, Auburn, Al, Lunch see cars<br>from the Great Race                  |
| July 1  | MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday: 9:00 AM)<br>(Meet at 8:00 AM at Glenwood School- Modern Car Tour) |
| July 20 | Club Meeting (Program: Joe Spooner)   |
| July 22 | Tour River Market Antiques (Lunch Box Museum)   |
| July 30 | Henry Ford's Birthday   |

## CRUISE EVENINGS

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday | Cooks Hot Dog on Miller & Airport Thruway     |
| Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday | Culvers in Phenix City                        |
| Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday | Jason Deli (Close to Sears)                   |
| Every 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday | Country's at Main Street Village              |
| Every 5 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday | El Vaquero Mexican Restaurant (Stadium Drive) |

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|--------------------------------------|--|
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday</b>        | <b>Don Chuchos Mexican Restaurant 5770 Milgen Road</b> |
| <b>Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday</b> | <b>Opelika Home Depot Cruise In</b>                    |
| <b>Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday</b> | <b>Phenix City Home Depot Cruise In</b>                |
| <b>Every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday</b> | <b>Steak and Shake (Bradley Park Drive)</b>            |
| <b>Last Saturday of month</b>        | <b>Opelika Cruise In at the Tracks</b>                 |
| <b>Every Sunday AM</b>               | <b>IHOP on Veterans Parkway North</b>                  |

### **NATIONAL:**

|                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| <b>July 16-21</b>                    | <b>MAFCA National Tour, Indiana/Michigan</b>        |
| <b>July 30-August 4</b>              | <b>MARC National Meet, Hamilton, Ohio</b>           |
| <b>September 15-16</b>               | <b>MAFFI Annual Model A Days, Hickory Corners,M</b> |
| <b>November 30-Dec 2<br/>Banquet</b> | <b>MAFCA National Awards</b>                        |



**June 15<sup>th</sup> Bryan & Teresa Chin**  
**June 16<sup>th</sup> William & Renate Shirley**  
**June 22<sup>nd</sup> Chris & Kathy LaClair**

## **BIRTHDAYS**



**June 6<sup>th</sup> Anna Quick**  
**June 25<sup>th</sup> Barbara Ruddick**  
**June 27<sup>th</sup> Don Mills**

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## MODEL A TINKER TIME SHOP

**"Members meet at Bobby's shop on the First Saturday of the Month. No MATTs was held in May"**

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.



After two rain delays each a year apart, we were finally able to accomplish the tour to the Rehab Hospital. But only Scott and I could drive up there going across Pine Mtn. I had Richard Noxon ride along in my Model A. We were early so stopped at Chad's Diner for lunch right downtown. Food is always good there.

John Gilson and his wife moved his two cars over to the parking lot early that morning then I brought them up to our display area at 1pm. We were told to meet at the Police Station for a parade with some motorcycles and our cars with a police escort for 4 blocks. They blocked traffic for us.

I think the aides had more fun getting pictures around the cars than the patients. Ha  
Sherri's Dad was there and chatted with all of us about the cars too. It was a very cool drive up there and many patients stayed near the building as it was so chilly that day.



Bob Smith  
Roving Reporter

We have a change (addition) to our "5th Tuesday Night Cruise In.

Here is the new information....

**Don Chuchos Mexican Restaurant**

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They open at 4:30.

Hope you can join us!



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# Car Show



**FREE**

admission, food, music, and prizes for car owners and spectators!

\$20 Car Registration by May 20th - \$25 on Show Day

Saturday, June 3, 2023 8AM-2PM Raindate June 10th

John Deere has long been known for its innovativeness, especially when it comes to tractors. This dedication to creating the next best thing was demonstrated in the development of the John Deere Model A Tractor, which was the first true row-crop tractor and is one of the most beloved tractors in John Deere's 175-year history.



# When Was the John Deere Model A Introduced?

The first John Deere Model A Tractor was **manufactured** in April of 1934 and came equipped with an impressive 25 horsepower engine and a 4-speed transmission. It was also the **first tractor** that had adjustable wheel treads, which gave it a wider range of utility and adaptability than other models on the market at that time. Having the ability to change the space between rear wheels gave the operator more control, ultimately making it easier to steer the tractor.