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

The July Drive Train

It is the start of summer with what seems like all of us traveling to make up for lost time during Covid. I just returned from a trip to Calgary Canada with my grandchild and wife. We had a wonderful time touring Banff, Yoho, and Jasper National Parks, the Athabasca Glacier (Hurry up and visit before it Melts and is Gone Forever), and the Royal Tyrell Dinosaur Museum in Drumheller. The best treat for me was a visit to Gasoline Alley in Calgary's Heritage Park Historical Village. The museum has many old commercial vehicles: including gas trucks, tow trucks, camping trucks, delivery trucks, and hacks. But the museum's collection of unusual and rare gas pumps is what astonished me and is world class. I was amazed at what the wife calls "bling" that endowed the lowly old gas pumps that they displayed. Many of these could well have adorned the entrance way of The Ritz Carlton in their heydays. I spent 4 hours in this museum while the grandkids rode the steam train, rear wheel paddle steam boat, and amusement rides of the park. It is amazing how the everyday lowly gas pump could be reimagined to dress up what must have been some pretty glitzy gas stations of the past. Get out and enjoy! Make those Wonderful Memories !!! Just make sure you have a parking reservation at the ATL international Terminal if you want to travel worry free.

Bryan Chin, President

River Cities Model A Ford Club

The June meeting of the River Cities Model A Club was held June 15, 2023 at the Woodman of the World building. Members present were John Robertson and Guest, Richard Noxon, Joe Carter, John Gilson, Bob Smith, Mary Nelle Singer, William and Jackson Jeeter, Skipper Barfield, Susan Peters, Mark Smith, Bob and Connie Penny, Robert and Catherine Wharam, Al Lugo, David Powell, Jimmy and Angie Napier, Leroy, Krystal and Konner Napier and Keith Dixon.

Vice President Mark Smith opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, welcoming guests, and new members.

After the prayer by Al Lugo members proceeded to the buffet.

Vice President recognized member's birthdays and Anniversaries. We added Jackson Jeeter and Konner Napier who will have birthdays June 23 and June 25th.

Under the Weather: Tommy Ellis is recovering from back surgery. Wishing him a speedy recovery.

Treasurer's Report: Richard Noxon gave us our June treasurer's report. It was received without incident.

Membership: Al Lugo gave us the report since our last meeting, we have gained 3 members and welcomed them to the club.

Program: Al Lugo gave an excellent program on the controversial story of the first Model A marked by Henry Ford numbered #1. Al showed two videos concerning the matter. Thanks, Al, for a great program.

Mark Smith went over the coming events for the club. Please check the newsletter for events and plan to attend.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: John Gilson relayed a thank you from Sharon to those who attended the tour to Warm Springs nursing home. Jackson is selling various hats. Leroy Napier invited all club members to a July 4th party. Look for details.

Having no further business,

12 Attachments • Scanned by Gmail

the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:
Connie Penny
Club Secretary

JOIN US!

BY AL LUGO

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023-6:00
PM (EASTERN) AT THE WOODMEN LIFE LODGE
ON HIGHWAY 80, IN PHENIX CITY.

COMING EVENTS

July 1 MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday: 9:00 AM)

(Meet at 8:00 AM at Glenwood School- Modern Car Tour)

July 20 Club Meeting (Program: Joe Spooner)

July 22 Tour Rivermarket Antiques (Lunch Box Museum)

July 30 Henry Ford's Birthday

August 5 MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday: 9:00AM)

August 12 Tour: To Alex City joining Central A's in Garage Tour to
Gordie Sherman's Model A Ford Complex and lunch
at Sho'Nuff Bar-B-Que

August 17 Club Meeting

CRUISE EVENINGS

Every 1st Tuesday- Cooks Hot Dog on Miller & Airport Thruway

Every 2nd Tuesday Culvers in Phenix City

Every 3rd Tuesday Jason Deli (Close to the old Sears)

Every 4th Tuesday Country's at Main Street Village

Every 5th Tuesday Don Chuchos Mexican Restaurant (5770 Milgen Road)

Every 2nd Saturday Opelika Home Depot Cruise In

Every 3rd Saturday Phenix City Home Depot Cruise In

Every 4th 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:

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

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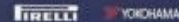
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"Members met at Bobby's shop on June 3, 2023" ...



"Bobby talked about how to find 'cracks' on the Flywheel Housing" ...



“Larry Farrar talking about the importance of properly replacing shims” ...



“Bryan talked about the use of “Die Penetrant” to find cracks” ...



“Two of our newest members, William Jeter and David Powell listening to Bobby’s presentation” ...



“Richard Noxon showing several cracks on his Model “A” Wheel.

Afterwards we mounted the tire on another wheel “...

Looking Back in time

You can drive it on the road.

Okay, this one seems pretty obvious. But some restored vehicles, no matter how sexy they look, tend to putt along on side streets with lower speed limits. With higher speeds and better brakes, Model As are known to drive pretty darn well on modern roads. Despite being 80+ years old, many Model As can cruise easily at 40-45 miles per hour thanks to an engine exactly twice as powerful as its predecessor, the Model T. And the Model A's mechanical brake system on the wheels—admittedly less secure than a hydraulic brake system—is safer than the Model T's mechanical brakes on the transmission.

Of course, Model Ts are still extremely popular and drivable, but most vintage car owners want to show off their prized vehicles on the open road, and the Model A gives us more route options. Racing down the freeway might not be an option, but give the car a break—the Model A is older than some of our grandmas. And my grandma doesn't drive the freeway, either.

4. You can learn to drive it without a historian present

So the Model A can handle the road. But more importantly, today's drivers can handle the Model A. The car was the first Ford to have controls we're used to, like gas pedals and a conventional gear-shift lever to name a few. Before the Model A, Ford "horseless carriages" like the Model T were built under the assumption the driver only had experience driving, well a *carriage*, horse included.

More modern controls in the Model A help drivers like me and you guess how to, you know, put it in gear or make it stop. We might still need to Google, "how to drive a Model A," but at least we're not completely lost at the wheel.

3. Replacement parts are not crazy difficult to find

If you've got a vintage car that's the coolest, most obscure, one-of-three-ever-made—congratulations. But you know where I'm going with this. Collectors of rare cars dread the day they need to replace a part because finding one or getting a new one made is no easy task. Not all car buffs have the luxury of that kind of time, energy or money.

But with the Model A, a lot of original parts are still floating around out there since Ford built right around 5 million Model As between the 1928 and 1931 model years. And as our Model A love is no secret, there are now vendors who make less expensive, sometimes more reliable copies of vintage parts. So the Model A is a sweet vintage vehicle, *plus*, the replacement parts are comparatively easier to get ahold of. Especially if you look in the right places, like [Bert's Model A Ford Store](#) in Denver or the [Model A Ford Club of America's classified ads](#).

We're not saying restoring a Model A is easy by any means, but the availability of parts opens up the art of car restoration to more of us because the Model A is fun to restore and maintain, not a giant headache.

For Sale

A 16-foot Hearty Bilt from 1997. Everything works. I am asking \$4,500. Also, if you can post this for me or share info on how to post, I need help selling my Model A. It is a 1930 right hand drive Phaeton made in Canada.

1930 Model A Phaeton RHD

I was unable to download the pictures but it is a beautiful car and is the trailer he is selling.

My phone number is 615 202 6911 if you'd like to call me.

Thanks,
Jeff

Model A Frame and engine number locations Thanks to Jim Mason for use of information

Number locations



