



RIVER CITIES MODEL "A" FORD CLUB

<http://www.rivercitiesrunningboard.com>

VOL 24 ISSUE 1 ESTABLISHED IN 2000 January 2024



RIVER CITIES MODEL "A" FORD CLUB

This newsletter is the official publication of the River Cities Model A Ford Club, a chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America. It is e-mailed monthly to all members in good standing. Dues are \$25.00 per year per family. Membership in the MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA is a requirement for membership in the River Cities Model A Ford Club.

**CLUB OFFICERS:**

President	Bryan Chin
Vice President	Mark Smith
Secretary	Connie Penny
Treasurer	Richard Noxon/Joe Carter
Benevolence	Mary Singer

**OTHER POSITIONS:**

Newsletter Editor	David Powell
Tour Director	Bob Smith
Publicity Director	Mark Smith
Program Director	John Robertson
Club Liaison	Joe Spooner
Membership Director	Al Lugo
Awards Director	William Jeter
Historian Director	Lisa Farrar
MATTS Team Leader	Bobby Penny

The River Cities Model "A" Ford Club's 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)

## PAST PRESIDENTS:

Jim Timbes NOV 2000-DEC 2001  
Mildred Timbes DEC 2003-2004  
Joe Spooner DEC 2006-2008  
Jim Timbes DEC 2009-2010  
Paul Singer Dec 2012-2014  
Jim Langley Dec 2015-2017  
Jim Langley Dec 2018-2019  
Tommy Ellis Dec 2021-2022

Bob Smith DEC 2001-2000  
Jim Langley DEC 2004-2006  
Jim Langley DEC 2008-2009  
Al Lugo DEC 2010-2012  
Joe Spooner DEC 2014-2015  
Sharon Webb Dec 2017-2018  
Al Lugo Dec 2019-2021  
Bryan Chin 2022-2024

## The January Drive Train, Ramblings from Your President:

Christmas has come and gone and our thoughts have turned to the New Year and to Model A adventures that await us in 2024.

This year's Model A Restorer's Club (MARC) Membership Meet is to be held in Joliet, IL (near the Great Lakes) from April 4-7. It is nearly 12 hours by car from us.

Last year several members expressed an interest in joining the MARC National Tour. This year's National Tour is themed Backroads and Buggies and tours the Amish country surrounding Berlin, OH. The dates of this tour are May 21-23. Already the tour is said to be SOLD OUT, although I am sure you could get on the waiting list. Since Covid has passed, the National Tours have been high on Model A's Destination Bucket List.

**This year's MARC National Meet will be held July 15-18 in Asheville, NC. This event is 5 hours away by car. I have placed this event on my calendar and plan to go. Please join me if you can.**

The Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) calendar lists the **18<sup>th</sup> Annual All Model A and T Parts Swap Meet on April 19-20, 2024**. This event to be held in **Greenwood, SC** is 4 hours 20 minutes away and is a possible trip for our membership.

The MAFCA 2024 National Model A Convention is scheduled for June 23-29 in Ruidoso, NM and the MAFCA National Awards Banquet is scheduled for December 11-14, 2024 in Salt Lake City. The next MAFCA National Tour is in June 2025 in Waynesville, VA.

The Model A Ford Museum (MAFFI) located in the GILMORE Museum in Hickory Corners, MI has not posted the dates for the 2024 Model A Ford Days. However based upon the past two years, it will probably be in September.

If you have any interest in attending any of the above regional/national Model A Ford events or have a suggestion for another event our club can go to, please let me know. You can email me at [capitwo@charter.net](mailto:capitwo@charter.net).

Happy 2024 Model A Motoring !!!!!!!!!!!

*Bryan A. Chin, President River Cities Model A Ford Club*

**River Cities Model A Ford Club**

The December meeting of the River Cities Model A Club was held in conjunction with the annual Christmas party on December 9, 2023 at the Woodmen of the World building. Members present were: Skipper Barfield, Susan Peters, Mary Nell Singer, John and Sherri Glison, Joe and Donna Carter, Sharon Ellis, John Robertson, Bill Shirley, Al and Lizabeth Lugo, Laura and Mark Smith, Bob Smith, Bryan Chin, Bob and Connie Penny, Joe Spooner, Richard Noxon, Ronnie and Jessica Pagan, David and Leigh Ann Powell.

After the Pledge and Blessing members proceeded to the buffet. After a delicious meal, President Chin recognized members birthdays and Anniversaries for the month of December.

## Officers for the year of 2024 were presented and sworn in:

President – Bryan Chin  
Secretary – Connie Penny

Vice President – Mark Smith  
Treasurer – Richard Noxon



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: AL LUGO, CONNIE PENNY, BRYAN CHIN, MARK SMITH, RICHARD NOXON  
"Photo by David Powell"

Richard Noxon gave the Treasurer's report. The report was approved as given. President Chin gave a special plaque to Mary Nell Singer from MARC for outstanding service. President Chin went over the many tours we had had in the year 2023 and asked for possible activities for the upcoming year. A possible tour may be a trip to Streetside Classics in January. Mark Smith to check on availability. David Powell has stepped up to be the editor of our newsletter. Bill Shirley retired after many years of being the editor. Thank you for your many years of doing a great job as editor. William Jeter has stepped up to do the Roadrunner award. This is an award presented to the member who drove their Model A the most miles. This year's winner was Bobby Penny. Many members have been driving their Model A's. The total miles driven by members was 3,999 miles. Congratulations to all who participated.

It was discussed about doing an Apple Photo account to allow members to upload and share photos from various events. Mark Smith and David Powell to look into this and report back to the group.

Check the newsletter for upcoming events.

After playing a game of bingo and counting candy kisses the meeting was adjourned.

Sharon and Mary Nell did a great job decorating the event with beautiful Christmas decorations, thank you so much.

Submitted by Connie Penny  
Club Secretary

### The 2023 Club Christmas Party

In conjunction with the December club meeting, the annual Christmas party was held with a good time enjoyed by all. Below are some photographic memories from the party.



**THE TOYS DONATED BY MEMBERS TO THE SALVATION ARMY**

"Photo by Al Lugo"



**MARK SMITH RECEIVING A GIFT FROM BRYAN CHIN**

"Photo by Al Lugo"





**RICHARD NOXON AND BRYAN CHIN**  
"Photo by Al Lugo"



**BRYAN CHIN PRESENTING THE MARC PLAQUE TO MARY NELL SINGER**  
"Photo by Al Lugo"



**“SUPER” BOBBY PENNY, BRYAN CHIN AND CONNIE PENNY**  
 “Photo by Al Lugo”



**RETIRING NEWSLETTER EDITOR BILL SHIRLEY BEING RECOGNIZED BY PRESIDENT CHIN FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE**  
 “Photo by Al Lugo”





**THE 2023 ROADRUNNER AWARD WINNER BOBBY PENNY**

"Photo by Al Lugo"



**BOB SMITH AND BRYAN CHIN**

"Photo by Al Lugo"



**ROBERT RECEIVING HIS GIFT OF GRATITUDE FROM THE CLUB**

"Photo by Al Lugo"

One of the many joys of the holiday season is the spirit of giving that comes with the season. As part of the joy of giving, members of the River Cities Model A chapter generously donated toys for those less fortunate, and they were delivered by Al Lugo to the Salvation Army for distribution to those in need.



**ON DECEMBER 9, 2023 AL LUGO DELIVERED THE TOYS DONATED BY MEMBERS DURING THE CLUBS CHRISTMAS PARTY TO THE SALVATION ARMY**

"Photo by Al Lugo"

# JOIN US!

BY AL LUGO

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024 – 6:00 PM (EASTERN)  
OUR NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE AT WOODMEN LIFE LODGE ON  
HIGHWAY 80, IN PHENIX CITY.

## COMING EVENTS

JANUARY 6	MATTS & PLANNING MEETING (SATURDAY 9:00AM)
JANUARY 18	CLUB MEETING
JANUARY 20	MODERN CAR TOUR: STREETSIDE CLASSICS, ATLANTA
FEBRUARY 3	MATTS & PLANNING MEETING (SATURDAY 9:00 AM)
FEBRUARY 15	CLUB MEETING
FEBRUARY 17	CLUB TOUR: TO BE DETERMINED
FEBRUARY 24	JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL CAR SHOW

## CRUISE EVENINGS

EVERY 1ST TUESDAY THRUWAY	COOKS HOT DOG ON MILLER & AIRPORT
EVERY 2ND TUESDAY	CULVERS IN PHENIX CITY
EVERY 3RD TUESDAY	JASON'S DELI (CLOSE TO THE OLD SEARS)
EVERY 4TH TUESDAY	COUNTRY'S AT MAIN STREET VILLAGE
EVERY 5TH TUESDAY	DON CHUCHO'S 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 DRIVE)	STEAK AND SHAKE (BRADLEY PARK

LAST SATURDAY OF MONTH OPELIKA CRUISE IN AT THE TRACKS  
EVERY SUNDAY AM IHOP ON VETERANS PARKWAY NORTH  
NATIONAL:

APRIL 4-7

MARC MEMBERSHIP MEET – JOLIET, ILLINOIS

MAY 21-23

MARC NATIONAL TOUR – BERLIN, OHIO

JUNE 23-29

MAFCA NATIONAL CONVENTION – RUIDOSO, NEW  
MEXICO

JULY 15-18

MARC NATIONAL MEET – ASHEVILLE, NORTH  
CAROLINA





*The Model "A"*  
RESTORERS CLUB

## MODEL A TINKER TIME SHOP

Information and photos by Al Lugo

**"Members met at Bobby's shop on December 2, 2023"...**



**"BOBBY SHOWS A TOOL HE CREATED TO COMPRESS THE SPRING IN THE SHIFTING TOWER"...**

"Photo by Al Lugo"



**“AFTER AL HAD A PROBLEM PLACING THE RETAINING CLIP, BOBBY SHOWED THE COMPONENTS AND THE PROPER PLACEMENT” ...**  
**“Photo by Al Lugo”**



**“BOBBY SHOWS DIFFERENT MODEL A HUB CAPS AND SOME OF THE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN MOUNTING THEM” ...**  
**“PHOTO BY AL LUGO”**



**"BOBBY SHOWS A TOOL AL PURCHASED TO MAKE INSTALLATION OF 30/31 HUB CAPS EASIER AND SOME OF THE PROBLEMS WITH SOME OF THE HUB CAPS HE FOUND" ...**  
**"PHOTO BY AL LUGO"**



**"BOBBY SHOWING THE NON-FORD ISSUED DUST COVER AND HOW TO MODIFY THE BEARING RETAINING WASHER SO DUST COVER WOULD FIT". SEE WHAT YOU ARE MISSING IF YOU DON'T ATTEND MATTS...**  
**"Photo by Al Lugo"**

## **Club Members Birthdays**

January 2<sup>nd</sup> David Laney

January 9<sup>th</sup> Bryan Chin

## **Club Members Anniverseries**

January 17- Larry & Lisa Farrar

## River Cities Model A Ford Club Sponsors



**John Paul**  
Gemologist  
jpjeweler@gmail.com  
706-568-9148  
1230 13th Ave  
Columbus, Ga 31901  
JohnPaulsJewelers.com

**JOHN PAUL'S JEWELERS**  
Fine Jewelry • Design • Manufacturing • Repairs • Gemologist

**BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY**  
HomeServices



**Richard Galbraith**  
REALTOR®

**First Magnolia Realty**  
820 Brookstone Centre Pkwy Ste 202  
Columbus, GA 31904  
c. 706.315.6938  
o. 706.221.5031  
richard@bhhsfirstmagnolia.com  
www.bhhsfirstmagnolia.com

  

Member of the franchise system of BHH Affiliates, LLC



**Growing Room**  
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

msmith@grauburn.com  
www.growingroomusa.com

**Mark Smith**  
644 North Dean Road  
Auburn, AL 36830  
P.O. Box 233  
Auburn, AL 36831-0233  
334.501.2044  
Fax: 334.501.2396

### DEAN STEINHAUS

1175 U.S. Highway 27  
Cataula, Georgia 31804

Phone: 706-327-4308  
Fax: 706-327-4010  
steinhausprint@bellsouth.net

**Steinhaus**  
PRINTING

### Ebcobattery Co.

*"Always Starting Something"®*

**Andy Waddell**  
President



Phone: (706) 563-8888  
Cell: (762) 359-5035  
Fax: (706) 569-6774  
4017 Warm Springs Road  
P.O. Box 8885  
Columbus, GA 31906-8885

(800) 749-0087  
www.ebcobattery.com



**Allstate**  
You're in good hands.

24-Hour  
Customer Service

**Dexter A. Walden**  
Agency Owner  
WALDEN INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.

**Allstate Insurance Company**  
1418 14TH ST.  
Phenix City, AL 36867  
Phone 334-291-0825  
1901 Stadium Dr., Suite C  
Phenix City, AL 36867  
Phone 334-297-1777  
dexter@allstate.com



**Cascade Package Store**  
River Road Beer & Wine  
Beers, Liquors, Wines, Cigars, Lotto



4200 River Road  
Columbus, GA 31907  
706/323-7084

**Cascade Car Wash**



Angela S. Jeter  
Dinnie Jeter

**Bentley's**  
Antique Auto Service, Inc.

**www.mymodela.com**

Specializing in  
Model A Ford  
1928-31

Award-Winning  
Body and Paint Work  
Full Engine Shop

Repairs to  
Restorations  
All Work  
Top Quality

**678-407-1947**



"ONE MILE AHEAD"  
*Smith and Jones*  
**ANTIQUE AUTO PARTS**  
 SPECIALIZING IN MODEL A AND MODEL T PARTS  
 60 Wisconsin St., W. Columbia, S.C. 29170

Quality Parts • Same Day Shipping  
 • Established 1972 •

Order Desk 1-800-422-1828  
 1-803-822-4141 • Fax 1-803-822-8477  
 All Major Credit Cards Accepted

**Davin E. Smith**



Orders: [www.snjparts.com](http://www.snjparts.com)  
 Email: [snjparts@gmail.com](mailto:snjparts@gmail.com)

#### MODEL "A" SPECIFICATIONS

Point Gap.....	0.18-0.22
Plug Gap.....	0.27-.032
Tire Pressure.....	35 lbs.
Gas Tank.....	10 gal.
Cooling System.....	3 gal.
Oil Capacity.....	5 qts.
Valve Clearance.....	.018
Rod Journal.....	1.500
Main Bearings.....	1.625
Firing Order.....	1,2,4,3
Bore.....	3 7/8"
Stroke.....	4 1/4"
Compression.....	76 P.S.I.
Horsepower (SAE Rating).....	24.03
Compression Ratio.....	4.22 to 1
Wheelbase.....	103 1/2"
Cyl. Head Torque.....	50 Ft. lb.
Engine No. on L.H. Side of Block	
Main Torque.....	80-100 Ft. lb.
Rods Torque.....	40-50 Ft. lb.
Battery - 6 volt - Pos. Ground	

1928	5276	810122
1929	810123	2742695
1930	2742696	4237500
1931	4237501	4830806