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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.

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Sharon Webb Dec 2017-2018
Al Lugo Dec 2019-2021
Bryan Chin 2022-2024

The February Drive Train, Ramblings from Your President:



We had a wonderful turn out for our trip to Streetside Classics in Atlanta. The day started out with a temperature of 19 degrees but we all made it to breakfast at the IHOP in LaGrange. We spent the morning admiring some 100+ cars in the two large warehouses at Streetside. There was an abundance of muscle cars, tribute cars and restomods with a few classics scattered about. Toyota Land Cruisers and Jeeps were also a popular item. People were buying what I would call "Memory Cars," cars that remind someone of a special time in their life, that can be reliably driven anywhere at any time, and are upgraded to today's technology for enjoyment.

We have several more months before the temperatures become comfortable for Model A touring. In February we plan on taking our Modern Cars to the Savoy Museum to see the special exhibitions of Rolling Sculptures, Bigfoot, Wooden Wonders and Renderings of GM Designer Wayne Kady. On April 13, our club has been invited to join the Central Alabama A's at Gordie Sherman's place for their Fish Fry Luncheon and a tour of the Wellborn Muscle Car Museum in Alex City. This should be an especially exciting event.

So crank up that Model A, get it into tip-top running shape, so that it is ready for this spring's exciting events.

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

From the Editor



I wanted to include just a quick note to introduce myself and my thoughts for what I hope to achieve as the Club Newsletter Editor (understanding I have big shoes to fill with the previous editors that have served). About me, while I am new to the Model A passion, I'm a "Blue Oval" man through and through, and a lifelong fan of all things motorized. I started riding motorcycles at 7 years old, which coincided with my appreciation for gas powered things, and thankfully a desire to know how things work, and the ability to wrench on things being passed on from my father. Things have gone from there, even doing recreational drag racing for several years at tracks in the area.

My approach for the newsletter is that this is your newsletter and I'm here to serve by sharing the information you as members need from multiple sources, including information from fellow club members. Your contributions on topics of interest are welcome and much appreciated, whether they are technical, historical, or general items of interest. Anything you think would be good to share with others, please send it to editor@rivercitiesrunningboard.com or share it in person at events and I will see how to work it into upcoming newsletters.

New to this month's newsletter; in addition to the lists of upcoming events and celebrations for birthdays and anniversaries, I have also added them in a calendar view for those that like to see them as a calendar. I have also added a table of contents to make navigating the newsletter a little easier.

"Dave Powell"

Newsletter Editor

River Cities Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes

January 18th, 2024

The January meeting of the River Cities Model A Club was held on January 18th, 2024 at the Woodmen of the World facility. The members present were Mary Nell Singer, Joe Spooner, Scott Singer, Bob Smith, Mark Smith, John Gilson, Keith Dixon, David Powell, John Roberson and guest, Bob and Connie Penny, Bryan Chin, Al Lugo, Joe Carter, Richard Noxon, Skipper Barfield, and Ronnie Pagan.

President Bryan Chin opened up the meeting by welcoming everyone, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and then President Chin gave the blessing. Members proceeded to the Buffet.

President Bryan Chin recognized the January birthdays and anniversaries.

No members were reported as under the weather.

Treasurer's report: Two members, Bob Smith and Scott Singer volunteered to audit the treasurer's report for the year of 2023. They will conduct the audit and then will give a report on March 2 at the Planning Committee.

A vote for raising the dues to MARC from \$10.00 to \$25.00 was voted on by a motion from John Roberson and a second from Bobby Penny, the motion passed.

Advertising: Al Lugo has contacted vendors who have paid for advertising in our newsletter. The fee is \$25.00 per year. Any members who would like to advertise or know someone please contact Al Lugo.

Program: President Bryan Chin gave a slide show presentation of the Tallahassee Automotive Museum in Tallahassee, Florida. The program was great and enjoyed by all. Thank you Bryan.

Tour: Saturday January 20th the club will drive modern cars to Atlanta, Georgia to visit the Streetside Classics Car Dealership. Members were to meet at the Georgia Welcome Center.

Upcoming Car Shows: Glenwood School in Phenix City, Alabama will have a car show on February 24th. Jordan High School will have a car show on March 2 at Hollywood Connection.

Watch for further car shows and events in the newsletter.

Next meeting will be February 15th and Al Lugo will present the program.

New Business: Scott Singer gave a short presentation of an organization he is involved in called "Freedom Sings". This organization writes songs based on Veterans' stories. Members were interested in Scott doing a program for us. Watch for further details on this program.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Connie Penny
Club Secretary

DID YOU KNOW?

By AL LUGO

**This is a republic of a previous "Did You Know" contribution by Al Lugo.*

The Ford Motor Company has one of the richest histories of any Automobile Company. This was possible because of the preservation of documents, photos, and short films. It is my purpose in the coming months to bring you significant facts of Ford history presented in short "bullets". Please join me in honoring our rich Ford Motor Company History.

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The Model "A" Town Car Delivery (295-A)



This beautiful Model "A" Town Car Delivery had a Naugahyde tire cover, most had metal tire covers...

- Last month we talked about the Model "A" Town Car as one of the rarest Model "A". Even rarer is the Model "A" Town Car Delivery, Ford's most exotic delivery car.
- The Town Car Delivery was introduced in January 1931 as a new model, but some 1930 models were built before that date.

- Ford production figures show 1 was produced in 1930, 190 in 1931 and 5 in 1932 for a total production of 196 in the U.S. The cost was \$1,150. During the first nine months of production only 26 were sold and the remainder were sold into 1932.
- These vehicles had hand formed aluminum bodies built by Briggs Body Company on standard Model "A" chassis. It had an open driver compartment with a removable canopy. The rear of the Town Car Delivery had a wide rear door that made loading and unloading easy.
- The 1931 Town Car Delivery came with a full rear bumper, a fender mounted spare tire with a bright metal tire cover, cowl lights and a pair of outside ornamental lights as standard equipment.
- The interior compartment of the Town Car Delivery was also called a package compartment, and had side trim panels and partition made of birch plywood and the floor was made of maple. They were both finished with Spar varnish.
- Behind the front seat you could find a full length sliding door, and inside, two interior dome lights, one at the head of the drivers compartment and the other in the package compartment.
- It had two front seats with a passenger seat that could be removed by the user. These seats were covered with black long grain leather.
- The Model "A" Town Car delivery could be ordered in any forty standard exterior colors. Due to the high cost and the economic crisis of the depression years production of this exotic delivery vehicle came to an end in 1931.



A restored Town Car Delivery showed during Model "A" day at the Model "A" Museum in Michigan, taken by Joe Spooner.



A very nice Town Car Delivery during the Model "A" production years...

February Events

2024

Join Us For These February Events!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 MATTS & Planning Meeting 9:00 a.m.
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Club Meeting 6:00 p.m.	16	17 Club Tour: Savoy Car Museum, Cartersville, GA
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Glenwood Car Show
25	26	27	28	29		

March Events

2024

Start Planning For These March Events!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 MATTS & Planning Meeting 9:00 a.m. Jordan Car Show
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Club Meeting 6:00 p.m.	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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JOIN US!

BY Al Lugo

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 15, 2024-6:00 PM (Eastern)

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

COMING EVENTS

February 3	MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday 9:00AM)
February 15	Club Meeting
February 17	Club Tour: Savoy Car Museum, Cartersville, GA
February 24	Glenwood School Car Show
March 2	MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday 9:00AM)
March 2	Jordan Car Show, Hollywood Connection
March 21	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's Deli (Close to the old Sears)
Every 4th Tuesday	EL Carrizo on Whittlesey Blvd @ 4:30 pm
Every 5th Tuesday	Metro Diner on Whitesville Rd @ 4:30 pm
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:

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

February Celebrations

2024

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3  Robert Wharam
4	5	6  Bill & Lanette Hooper	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14  Bobby & Connie Penny  Jimmy Napier Sr.	15	16  Howard Ruddick Sharon Laney	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28  David & Sharon Laney	29		

Club Members Birthdays

February 3rd – Robert Wharam

February 14th – Jimmy Napier Sr.

February 16th – Howard Ruddick

February 16th – Sharon Laney

Club Members Anniversaries

February 6th – Bill & Lanette Hooper

February 14th – Bobby & Connie Penny

February 28th – David & Sharon Laney



The Model "A"
RESTORERS CLUB



MODEL A TINKER TIME SHOP

Information and photos by Al Lugo

"Members met at Bobby's shop on January 6, 2024"...



"BOBBY SHOWS THE PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS WHILE USING A DUST CAP ON YOUR WHEELS"...

"Photo by Al Lugo"



“MARK TALKED ABOUT PROBLEMS HE HAD WHEN REPLACING DUST COVER ON HIS PICKUP TRUCK” ...
“Photo by Al Lugo”



“BOBBY SHOWED SOME OF THE TOOLS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO COMPRESS THE SHIFTING SPRING AND SOME OF THEIR LIMITATIONS” ...
“Photo by Al Lugo”



"SOME OF THE WEAR ON THE SHIFTER THAT NECESSITATES REPLACING THE SHIFTING ROD"...

"PHOTO BY AL LUGO"



"ONCE MORE WE TALKED ABOUT THE TOOL BOBBY MADE THAT PERMITTED AL TO REPLACE THE SPRING AND RETAINER ON HIS SHIFTING TOWER. A ONE HAND OPERATION"

"Photo by Al Lugo"

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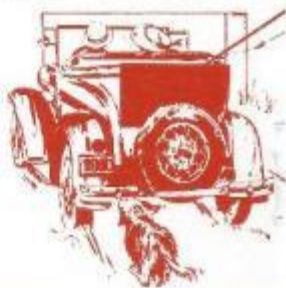
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Tire Pressure.....	35 lbs.
Gas Tank.....	10 gal.
Cooling System.....	3 gal.
Oil Capacity.....	5 qts.
Valve Clearance.....	.016
Rod Journal.....	1.500
Main Bearings.....	1.625
Firing Order.....	1,2,4,3
Bore.....	3 7/8"
Stroke.....	4 1/4"
Compression.....	78 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	2742696
1930	2742696	4237500
1931	4237501	4830806