

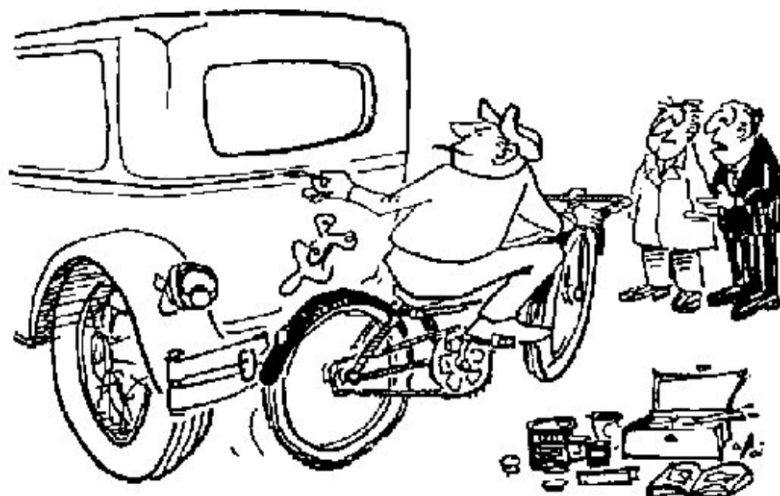
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"Now that's what I call confidence"

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 forwarded monthly to all members in good standing, MAFCA's Chapter Coordinator, and certain other Model A Ford Clubs. Membership in MAFCA is a requirement for membership in the River Cities Model A Ford Club...

Club Officers

President	Al Lugo
Vice President	Paul Singer
Treasurer	Bettie Jackson
Secretary & Benevolence	Sharon Webb

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Newsletter	Editorial Staff
Tour Director	Monthly Key Person
Program Director	John Robertson
Publicity Director	Mickey Timbes
Awards Chair Person	Howard Ruddick
Historian	Mary Nelle Singer
Scholarship Chair Person	Connie Penny
Membership Director	Jim Miller
Annual Car Show Director	Bobby Penny
Asst Car Show Director	John Robertson
Club Liaison	Jim Langley

PLEASE NOTE: A monthly Board of Directors Meeting is held on the 2nd Friday of each month at 9 a.m. The usual location is Café 431 unless a change is announced. ALL MEMBERS are welcome at these BOD meetings, and we welcome you input...

A monthly membership meeting is held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6pm (Eastern). The usual location of this meeting is the Woodmen of The World Lodge, 3754 Hwy 80 W, Phenix City. (2.2 miles west of the US 280-80 Intersection. Catered dinner @ \$10.00 per person...

The President's Corner.....



It was great to see at the meeting several members that were “under the Weather” and that were on the road to a quick recovery. Those members were Linda Miller, Russell Lester and Jim Timbes.

At the meeting we went over the goals and objectives for the year 2011. We are all exited about the potential for a great year, but remember it will be even better with many of you participating.

We have started a “suggestion box” at our meeting and we already had four great new ideas. These will be discussed at the February meeting. We will continue to bring the suggestion box and forms to each of our meetings.

Congratulations to Bobby Penny for winning the Road Runner award for 2010.

Thank you to John Robertson for accepting to become our Program Director. John has already planned all the programs for the 2011 year!

Our first Tour and activity will be driving to a “pancake breakfast” and then driving to the first car show of the area, the Jordan Car Show. More information at the meeting, and in another section of the newsletter.

See you at the meeting,

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“Obstacles are frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal”

Henry Ford

January 2011 Minutes

The River Cities Model A Ford Club held it's monthly membership meeting at the Woodmen of The World Lodge, January 20, 2011. The meeting was called to order by President Al Lugo at 6 pm, President Lugo opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Joe Spooner asked grace and all were invited to the buffet.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bettie & Bob Jackson, Bob & Connie Penny, Joe & June Spooner, Buddy Graves, Louie & Gloria Willett, Howard Ruddick, Don & Evelyn Carlisle, John Robertson, George & Ann Travis, Don & Anita Barron, Kevin Adams, Jim & Mickey Timbes, Al Lugo, Paul & MaryNelle Singer, Bob Smith, Joe & Donna Carter, Neil & Caroline LaClaire, James & Linda Miller, Dick Noxon, Jim Langley

MINUTES: of the December 2010 meeting as printed in the January, 2011 Newsletter were reviewed with a correction that Howard Ruddick was not present as reported. With this correction, the minutes of the December 16, 2010 meeting were approved as printed, by motion, second, and acclamation. \

TREASURER'S REPORT was given by Bettie Jackson, who also stated she had ordered a club logo receipt pad. The report was approved by motion, second, and acclamation.

NEWSLETTER STAFF REPORT: All active members with email addresses will receive the newsletter by email. All other active members will receive by US Mail.

OLD BUSINESS: Paul Singer made a correction in the awarding of the Road Runner Award and it was subsequently awarded to Bobby Penny as the former runnerup. Al Lugo presented Neil LaClaire with a letter of appreciation for his honesty in admitting his milage mistake.

NEW BUSINESS: President Lugo reported a Board of Directors recommendation to bestow Lifetime Honorary Membership to two long-time members whose names will be published in the March, 2011 Newsletter after the presentation.

Bobby Penny suggested the club resume the 50/50 raffle at the monthly meetings with the club's 50 % going to help defray some of the expense incurred with the annual car show. After discussion, a motion was made to sell 50/50 tickets for \$5.00 at each meeting until April, 2011.

President Lugo presented his President's Plan and club goals for 2011-2012: A suggestion box will be placed at the door for and all members are strongly urged to use it as a means the club can explore such suggestions and new ideas. Al announced he will begin issuing a welcome letter to new members within a month of their joining. A new members profile will be printed in the newsletter also. Al also announced the annual car show will be at the same location, Port Columbus, April 23, 2011 and flyers will be ready to distribute at the Jordan High School Car Show, February 26th. A Tour Chairperson is not yet appointed, BUT THERE WILL BE TOURS, both long and short and suggestions will be accepted via the suggestion box. Al reported the Board of Directors has recommended no tours in Model A's during the hot summer months. Alternate destinations to visit may be arranged by late model means. Al announced that John Robertson has accepted the appointment as Program and has planned some exciting programs! There will be two workshops - "Lubricating and Servicing the Model A. Rain date is May 14th. The second workshop scheduled for October will be "Henry's Brakes, dates and location later. Al also asked all members to become aware of members with health concerns or loss of love ones to advise Sharon Webb, so that She can dispatch a card from the club membership.

Bobby Penny distributed the annual club calendar, which if you are not aware, is done at Bobby and Connie's personal expense. THANKS, Mr. & Mrs. Penny-

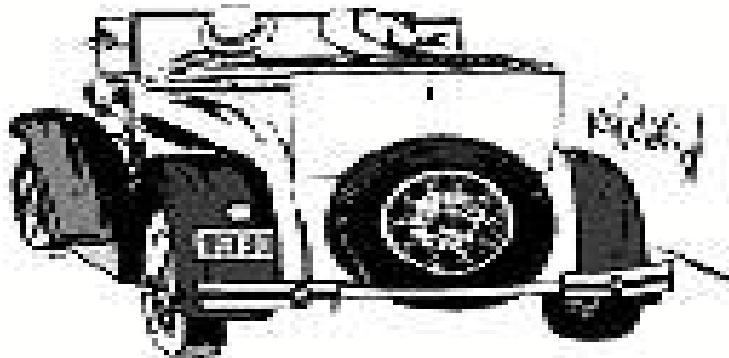
Plans for the 2011 Christmas Party were briefly discussed and recommendations to participate in a program such as Toys For Tots and holding a Christmas Party for club children and grandchildren. The club, at a later date, will review these and other recommendations. President Lugo also reminded members that International Model A Day is September 10, and suggested a club function on that date.

Your ideas are needed and welcome. Use the suggestion box OR speak to an Officer or BOD member for you suggestion.

Ann Travis shared with club that her granddaughter, who was one of our scholarship recipients has graduated from the University of Alabama, Birmingham with a degree in respiratory therapy. We as club members are very proud to have made a difference in her life's career.

President Lugo ask if there was further new business, and with none expressed, he called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made, seconded and approved by acclamation...

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Webb, Secretary





UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY 26th 2011 - Exchange Club Pancake Breakfast and Club Tour to the Jordan Car Show. Meet at St. Marks Church at 8:30 a.m., and leave NLT 8:45 a.m. for the drive to the FOP Lodge on Whitesville Rd. After a leisurely breakfast, we will then tour to the show. Be There, OR join us along the way.

MARCH Tour to be announced...

APRIL 23rd 2011 - Annual RCMAFC Car Show - Port Columbus - Additional info later...

APRIL 2011 MAFCA NATIONAL TOUR - Natchez Trace - Nashville, TN to Natchez, MS... One fun filled tour which is expecting 300 Model A's with over 200 pre-registered...

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TECH TIPS

Some of the new reproduction Gas Caps for the 1930-31 A's do not have a vent hole. While the engine is running, a vacuum could form in the fuel tank and cause the fuel flow to stop, thus causing the engine to stop. After a short while, the engine will restart, BUT will soon stop again.

This fuel cap MUST be vented to the atmosphere for proper operation. Correction: Replace the cap OR drill a very small hole in the cap surface...

HEY!!! This one works with ALL your vehicles. Keep your headlamps clear with CAR WAX. Just wipe ordinary car wax on you headlamp lens every six weeks or so. Water repellents in the wax prevent moisture from accumulating on the lens...

DID YOU KNOW...

Wealth, like happiness, is never attained when sought after directly. It comes as a by-product of providing a useful service.

I do not believe a man can ever leave his business. He ought to think of it by day and dream of it by night. HENRY FORD
(Above submitted by Joe Spooner.) Thanks Joe...

I have learned that a man has the right to look down at another man, only when that man needs help to get up from the ground. Author unknown

WINTER FUNNIES...

Ole and Lena were listening to the radio about the snow emergency parking. The radio reporter said they were going to get 7 inches of the white stuff and to park on the even side of the street, so Ole hurried and got the old Ford parked just as the snow plows were coming. The next week, listening again, the radio report said they were going to get 8 inches of fresh snow, and to park on the odd side. So Ole hurries and parks the old Ford on the odd side this time. Sure enough, the next week, the radio is reporting that a new snow storm is going to hit, with about 10 inches this time, and to park on the (just then the power went dead), and Ole in a panic, cries out to Lena, now I don't know what to do, which side of the street to park the old Ford on, and I don't want it towed. Lena says. Why Don't You Just Leave It In The Garage This Time Ole, and hope they don't see it...

I live on a tough street, the further ya go, the tougher they git, and I live in the last house on the block!!!

If you have been in the Lafayette, La countryside, you will be familiar with the following quote, if not come to the February Meeting and get an answer. “Laissez les temps rouler...”

MARCH BIRTHDAY CLUB

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOLKS...

**3rd George Wood
4th Jim Langley
5th Sherry Williams
6th Mike Moye
9th Mark Babb**

**9th Chad Davidson
9th George Wood II
19th Edlow Morris
21st Frances Carlisle
22nd Renate Shirley**

MARCH GOLDEN RING CLUB

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY YOU TWO...

5TH Mike & Chris Moye

8th John & Friederilke Robertson

DID YOU KNOW???

In 1930 – 1931, Ford produced 305,843 Standard and 52,004 Deluxe Model A Coupes. WHY ARE THERE SO FEW STANDARDS TODAY???

How many “grease fittings” are there on a Model A Ford??? Answer: Easy way to remember but depending upon the time of production = 19 (28) 19 (31) AND what is the most overlooked fitting on the “A” ??? Come to the February meeting for an answer. (Submitted by Joe Spooner)

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