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The River Cities Model A Ford Club
A MAFCA CHAPTER

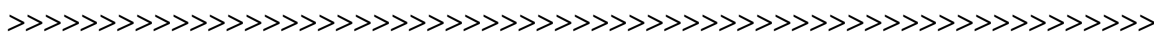


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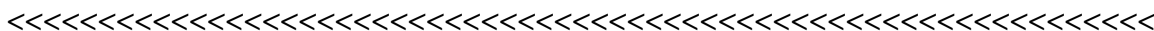
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PLEASE NOTE: A monthly Board of Directors Meeting is held on the 2nd Friday of each month at 9 a.m. The usual location is Café 431 unless a change is announced. by the President, and Chairman of the Board. **ALL MEMBERS** are welcome at these BOD meetings,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



On February 13, 2011, several members visited Walter and Anna Wright, to honor them with a Club Lifetime Honorary Membership. You can read about this wonderful visit in another section of this Newsletter.

Thank you to Bill Buck for suggesting our attendance to the Pancake Breakfast. That was a great beginning to the day and the Jordan Car Show. Yours truly attended the Pancake Breakfast but did not attend the Jordan Show, since I was "under the weather". Those that attended Jordan enjoyed over 190 great cars.

Our "suggestion box" has already generated some great ideas. Our first four suggestions were discussed at our February Meeting and two more will be discussed at the March Meeting. We will continue to bring the suggestion box and forms to our meetings.

If you have any changes to our last Club Roster please notify me as soon as possible. In particular look at your phone numbers and Email address. I will like to publish a new Roster by April.

Thank you to Paul Singer for bringing his "Barn Find" to our February meeting. We all enjoyed his presentation.

Congratulations to Mary Nelle Singer for winning our first 50/50.

See you at the meeting,
AL

“Competition is the keen cutting edge of business, always
shaving away at cost”

Henry Ford

(Quote Provided by Joe Spooner)

River Cities Model A Ford Club

Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2011

The regular meeting of The River Cities Model A Ford Club was called to order at 6:40pm on February 17, 2011 at the Woodman of The World Lodge by President Al Lugo. He then led the group in The Pledge of Allegiance. The blessing was given by Joe Spooner and all proceeded to the buffet.

Present: Paul & Mary Nelle Singer, Bob Smith, Dick Noxon, Howard & Carol Galloway, Glen Williams & Cindy, Al Lugo, Don & Anita Barrow, Ann & George Travis, Steve Carlisle, Howard Ruddick, Bobby & Connie Penny, Don & Evelyn Carlisle, Joe & June Spooner, Buddy Graves, Bob & Bettie Jackson, Mike Alexich, Bill Buck, Jim & Mickey Timbes, Kevin Adams, Sharon Webb.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as written in the newsletter.

Treasurers Report: The treasurer's report was read by Bettie Jackson and unanimously approved.

New Business: There was discussion on some of the new suggestions. They included: add a “barn find” or show and tell at each meeting; have a poker run as a tour; increase public announcement for the car show; do something special for the International Model A Ford Day. All these were agreed as good suggestions and will be acted on. A suggestion to increase the amount of the scholarship offering from \$500 to \$1000 was discussed. Pros & cons for such action were discussed. A motion

to leave the amount as it stands was made by Bob Jackson & seconded by Bobbie Penny. The motion was passed by a show of hands. The Mt Zion Car show is coming up April 2 for those interested.

50/50 DRAWING: The winner was MaryNelle Singer.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm

Minutes submitted by: Sharon Webb

A Trip to Walter and Anna Wright's Home

By Al Lugo

On February 13, 2011, a beautiful Sunday afternoon, ten Club members and one guest, drove four Model A's, one Model T and two modern cars to Walter and Anna Wright's home. The purpose of this trip was to honor Walter and Anna with a Lifetime Honorary Club Membership for their many years of participation and dedication to the Antique Automobile Hobby.

Members attending were Marynelle and Paul Singer, Bob Smith, Mike Moye, Sharon Webb and guest, Bob and Bettie Jackson, Dick Noxon, Jim Langley and Al Lugo.

After presenting Walter and Anna with a Club Certificate honoring them as Lifetime Honorary Club Members, the President presented Walter and Anna with a "MAFCA COIN". Then members paraded their Model A's and Model T for Walter's enjoyment. Afterwards Paul Singer gave Anna a ride in his pristine Model T.

As is their custom, Anna and Walter extended their great hospitality inviting us to enjoy three delicious pies, soft drinks and coffee.

Paul Singer gives a ride to Anna Wright

Photo by Al Lugo



Spring at Jordan High

Two events came up for this nice day; first was the FOP Pancake Breakfast up Whitesville Rd, so we met at the church to line up for the short drive to the Lodge. Bill Buck met us there with prepaid tickets (asking us to donate to the Scholarship Fund) We ate our fill, with some extras brought by Bill - hmmm good. Singer's friend, Paul Foster, rode in 2 different Model A's for the trip to the high school. Hope he enjoyed his morning.

Our town's first car show usually has fantastic weather and this year was no different, nice warm sunny day to display nearly 200 cars around the parking lot. We were able to park near the other Model A's and enjoy our club friendship.

This was a good turnout of members: the Travis's, Barron's, Carlyle's, Singer's, with a friend Paul. Then Sharon, Bob Smith, Dick, Donnie Morrison, Harry Williams and Bill Buck. No one got lost driving down to the school this year and all the cars made it home okay too.

A lot more cars were on display than other years, so got to see new people or new cars of old friends. Of course the food was good up in the cafeteria, catered by Mike & Ed's BBQ with desert by the school. Not a bad day at all.

Several of our cars were awarded trophies, too.

During the day we learned the Steak & Shake Cruise was starting up that same evening. There was a small turnout for this, guess too many were worn out from all the day's activities. Maybe next month will be better.

Roving Reporter,
Bob Smith



A BIG THANK YOU to all who called, sent cards and food during my recovery from surgery. Pat Langley...

UPCOMING EVENTS...

March Membership Meeting - March 17th 2011
Program - Steve Carlisle - Model A Timing
Jim Langley - MAFFI and The Model A Museum...

March 19th, 2011 - Surprise Tour - Details at the meeting...

Car Shows:

April 2nd - Mt Zion Church - Smiths, Al

April 16th - Wind Creek Park – Eufaula, Al

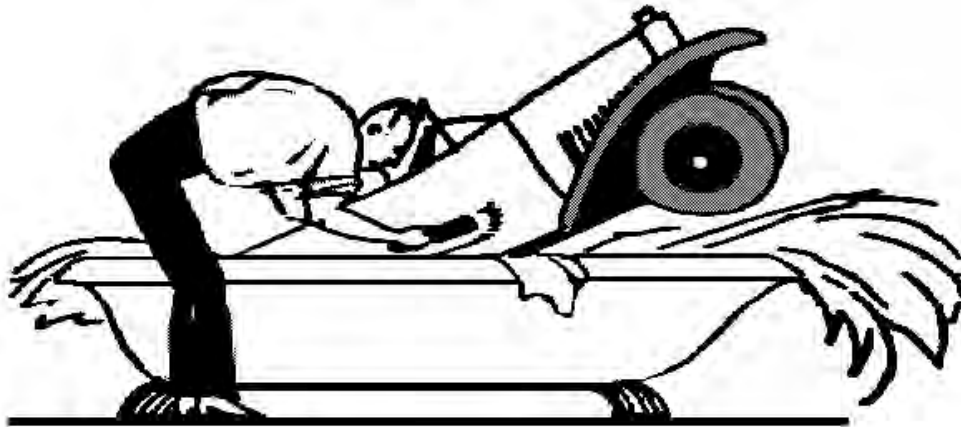
**April 23rd 7th Annual RCMAFC Show – Port Columbus
- Rain Date - April 30th...**

National MAFCA Tour - Natchez Trace – Nashville to Natchez - See THE RESTORER for complete info...

**May 21st - East Alabama Old Car Club Show - USA
Town Center, Opelika, AL**

**May 12th – 15th AACA Annual Social Security Run -
Madison GA - See Jim Langley or Bob Smith for info**

**May 7th Model A Workshop – Proper Lubrication - Al
Lugo's Super Garage - Details later...**



FUNNY PAGE...

There is the story of a Pastor who got up one Sunday morning and announced to his congregation, "I have good news and bad news. The good news is that we have the money to pay for the new building program. The bad news is, it's still in your pockets..."

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family came upon an Amish carriage. The carriage owner obviously had a good sense of humor since attached to the rear of the carriage was a hand printed sign which read "Energy efficient vehicle:" Runs on oats and grass,
CAUTION: Do not step in the exhaust...

APRIL BIRTHDAY CLUB...

April 1 Frieda Moyer
April 12 Billy Pugh
April 16 Connie Penny

April 26 Sharon Webb
April 27 Joe Spooner

HAPPY BIRTHDAY YA'LL...

APRIL GOLDEN RING CLUB...

April 1 Bill & Louann Buck
April 6 Kevin & Michelle Colangelo
April 29 Paul & Marynelle Singer

MANY HAPPY RETURNS FOLKS...

Have you ever wondered, other than the Ford script, what those symbols and letters on Ford and Fordson tools represent? Here are some BUT not all of the various symbols and companies...

MANUFACTURER MARKS FOUND ON FORD & FORDSON TOOLS

M	Manzel Co.	Buffalo NY
M surrounded by diamond	Frank Mossberg Co.	Attleboro, Mass
M surrounded by circle	Moore Drop Forged Co.	Springfield Mass
H surrounded by diamond	Herbrand Co.	Fremont, Ohio
B surrounded by oblong circle	Barcalo	Buffalo, New York
MH surrounded by circle	McKaig Hatch	Buffalo, New York
CH surrounded by square	Chicago Mfg Co.	Chicago, Ill
S&R	???	???
VT surrounded by shield	Vichek Tool Co.	Cleveland, Ohio

Well, to further muddy the water and cloud the issue, NOT ALL Ford tools had the Ford script, AND some had small script, (late "A" and V8), while others had larger script, ("T" and early "A")but all had maker mark identification.

AL LUGO'S PHOTO OF THE WRIGHT VISIT...



We were so sorry to hear that Life Member Walter Wright passed away on March 3rd 2011. The club membership wishes to express our sincere condolences to Anna and the family.