

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
The River Cities Model A Ford Club
A MAFCA CHAPTER

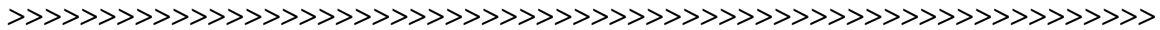


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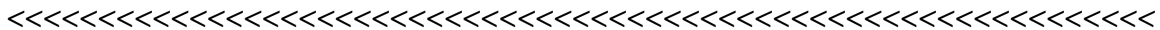
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CLUB OFFICERS

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

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Newsletter	Editorial Staff
Tour Director	Monthly Member
Program Director	John Robertson
Publicity Director	Mickey Timbes
Awards Chair	Howard Ruddick
Historian	Mary Nelle Singer
Scholarship Chair	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. 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..



As the weather gets better we look forward to more members participating on Club Tours. On March 19 twelve members took their Model A's to the Columbus Museum and after had a nice lunch at Countries on Broadway. By the time you get this Newsletter, members will meet and Tour to the Mt. Zion Church Car Show on April 2, 2011. So get your cars ready and drive them to the different planed activities.

Thank you to Jim Langley for presenting the program on the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. Jim reminded us about the effort of both National Model A Club's to establish a Model A Museum at the Gilmore Auto Museum in Michigan. We all should help make this dream come true.

Remember we will conduct our first Workshop on Saturday May 7, 2011(rain date May 14, 2011) at my garage. The workshop will be on lubrication of the Model A. Since lunch will be provided, I need to make sure that I have a headcount by the night of the April Club Meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting Email, or call me to sign up.

At the meeting you will receive the updated Club Roster. Those not making the meeting will receive it in the mail.

Remember the Club Car Show will be April 23. Hope you will all join us that day.

See you at the meeting,
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"As we advance in life we learn the limits of our abilities"

Henry Ford

(Quote Provided by Joe Spooner

Meeting Minutes March 17, 2011

Opening:

The regular meeting of The River Cities Model A Ford Club was called to order at 6:10pm on March 17, 2011 at the Woodman of The World Lodge by President Al Lugo. He then led the group in The Pledge of Allegiance. After observing a moment of silence for those affected in Japan, he then said the blessing. All proceeded to the buffet.

Present:

Paul and Mary Nelle Singer, Bob Smith, Dick Noxon, Glen Williams and Cindy, Al Lugo, Don Barron, Howard Ruddick, Bobby Penny, Don and Evelyn Carlisle, Joe and June Spooner, Bob and Bettie Jackson, Mike Alexich, Jim and Mickey Timbes, Neal and Carol La Clair, James and Linda Miller, Russell Lester, John and Rickie Robertson, Louie and Gloria Willett, Jim Langley, William Shirley and 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.

Old Business:

Thank you to Jim Langley and Bob Smith for the great job of producing the newsletter. It continues to evolve. Make sure you let them know if you are having any trouble receiving your copy either by email or postal.

New Business:

*The club was saddened to hear of the passing of Walter Wright. A number of club members were able to attend the funeral services. Sharon reported sending a Sympathy card from the club as well. Mickey and Jim Timbes made a donation of \$50 to the club's scholarship fund in memory of Mr. Wright.

*The club wishes to thank Don Carlisle's business for sponsoring the funding for the Car Show Trophy.

Discussion of New

Suggestions:

*September 10 is the International Model A Day. As a club a number of suggestions were made to honor the day as a club. One suggestion was to dress in period dated clothing and drive out to Flat Rock Park for a picnic (weather permitting) or touring the town and then stopping at a local restaurant for ice-cream.

*Another suggestion was to not stop the meeting to sign up for the 50/50. All present

agreed that that was reasonable. The drawing will be conducted before the meeting and drawn at the end of the meeting.

* Next Tours: **1)** Columbus Museum: March 19, 2011 To meet at 9:30am at the Columbus Civic Center parking lot and leave for the Museum at 9:45a then tour the museum until 12 noon which at that time continue to the County BarBQ on Broadway. **2)** Mt Zion Car Show (Smiths) on Saturday April 2, 2011. We meet at Glenwood School parking lot in Phenix City at 9a and depart at 9:15a for Smith Station Ala. **3)** Modern Car Tour to Tucker Ga August 13, 2011. Due to distance and heat of the season we could drive our modern cars up there for the Georgia Chapter Model A Swap meet and also go by and see the famous Coffey car collection. **4)** The John Deere Company on Victory Drive will be sponsoring a display of farm equipment from the past and has asked for any volunteers to drive their Model A's to display.

* Please make sure your personal info is correct as there will be a new updated club member roster published next month.

* William Shirley may be able to get his son to do a club web site for a nominal fee of \$100 a year to use the web site. Someone can be assigned to update it during the year. It would require a "Web Master" however. It was suggested that the members go to the web site of **The Shade Tree A's** to get an idea of the proposal. A motion was made by Paul Singer to investigate this and put it in place for 1 year to see how well it works. Jim Miller seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a show of hands.

* The next Board meeting has been moved to April 15 rather than the 2nd Friday of the month.

* Al will be out of town next week from Thursday through Sunday on his annual Dental Conference.

* A recommendation was made to use the Smith and Jones catalog to order parts as they carry an add in our newsletter.

Reports from Committee Chairpersons:

Car Show: As reported by Bobby Penny, we still need door prizes. He also has a number of flyers available to pass out at the tours or other shows.

Programs: Nothing to report

Publicity: Mickey Timbes stated she has spots lined up for publicity and thanked June Spooner for making contacts and setting up spots for advertising the show in Opelika and Alburn.

Historian: Mary Nelle requested members to provide any pictures from the last car shows to go in club scrap book.

Scholarship: Nothing to report

Membership: Nothing to report

Awards: Nothing to report

Mechanics: Nothing to report

Newsletter: Please check your email address and make sure you are not blocking the receipt of the newsletter.

Program:

John Robertson introduced Jim Langley who reported on the MAFFI organization (Model A Ford Foundation Incorporation). He distributed information about the new Model A Ford Museum that is being constructed in Hickory Corners Michigan. There is a Gilmer Museum already there and it has been developed into a new complex of many car

museums. To adequately enjoy a visit you need to plan a couple of days there. To construct the Model A museum it will take 1 million 200 dollars. They are selling raffle tickets to win a 1930, 2 door sedan in July of this year to help raise these funds. It was suggested that as a club we make a donation of "buying a brick". Raffle Ticket applications were distributed for individual participation.

Steve Carlisle presented some information regarding distributor timing.

50/50 DRAWING: The winner was John Robertson who won \$47.50.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by John Carlie to adjourn the meeting. Jim Timbes seconded the motion

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm

Minutes respectively submitted by: Sharon Webb

COLUMBUS MUSEUM TOUR

By Al Lugo

On March 19, 2011, a very bright spring day, twelve members of the River Cities Model A ford Club met at the Civic Center and drove six Model A's and a Model T to the Columbus Museum.

Members attending were Connie and Bobby Penny, Cindy and Glenn William, Mary Nelle and Paul Singer, Carol and Neil LaClair, Mickey and Jim Timbes, Joe Spooner and Al Lugo.

At the Museum we were treated to a movie of the history of the Chattahoochee Region. We all then tour a Civil War and Chattahoochee river region exhibit and the art galleries of the Museum.

After touring the Museum we then departed for a wonderful lunch at Countries on Broadway where we had reserved the "Bus" at the "Bus Depot". All enjoyed the best BBQ in Columbus.

To help digestion, several of us drove to the Phenix City side of the Chattahoochee River Walk and enjoyed a nice walk along the river. All that attended enjoyed a nice relaxed tour and are now ready to tour to the Mt. Zion Church Car Show.



Several of the Members Cars...

Photo by Al Lugo

UPCOMING EVENTS...

APRIL 21ST Club Meeting

APRIL 23RD Annual RCMAFC Car Show

**May 7th Model A Lubrication Workshop
(May 14th Rain date)**

Meet @ 9 AM – St Marks Church

Depart @ 9:15 AM for Al's home, Workshop 9:30-1200 (& after lunch if necessary), Lunch 1200-1:30

May 13th Board Meeting

May 19th Club Meeting

**May 21st East Alabama Old Car Club Annual
Show - Opelika**

BUY SELL SWAP...

For Sale: 1930 Model A Coupe w/rumble seat, new interior, 12 volt system w/alternator, solid car, runs good. Car is located in Union Springs, Asking \$13,000, call Larry Stewart email: yoyo@bellsouth.net

BIRTHDAY CLUB

May 1st Al Lugo

May 5th Buddy Graves

May 12th Robbie Lamb

May 14th Georgette Milner

May 18th Grover Barfield

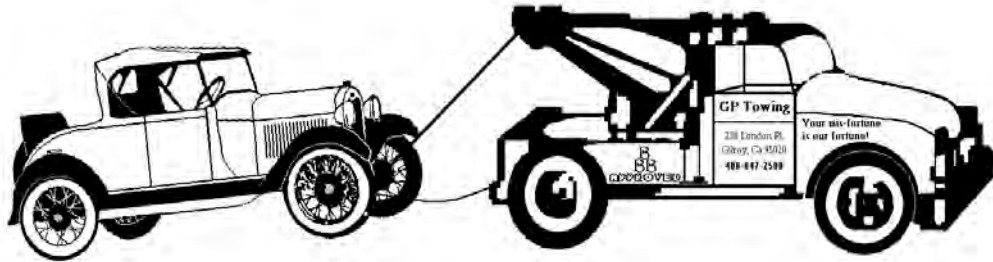
May 23rd Brad Whitaker

GOLDEN RING CLUB

May 20th Tom & Laura Penny

May 25th Al & Lizbeth Lugo

May 27th Randy & Patsy Baker



TECH TIP

SUBMITTED BY: JOE SPOONER

The next time you remove your Model A's oil pan, try this first. Get four 5/16" 19 T bolts; cut off the heads of the bolts, then saw a slot in the sawed off end to fit a screw driver. Next, screw the four bolts (now slotted studs) into the four corners of the block; use a good adhesive to coat the pan gasket, then position using the stud as guides. Install several side bolts to secure the pan, remove the studs with a screwdriver and replace with pan bolts. Another good idea is to replace the rear pan bolts that are hard to reach with a socket wrench, with oval slotted oval head bolts. This makes it a lot easier to install. Rather than the original bolts, by all means **USE NEW BOLTS**. You would be amazed how much tension used bolts lose. Be careful not to over tighten the pan bolts and flatten the gasket too much resulting in leakage. Dry torque for SAE grade 2 bolts should be - 11 ft lbs, grade 5 – 17 ft lbs; SAE grade 8 – 25 ft lbs...