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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..

If you did not make the Club's Annual Car Show, you missed a great one. Everything, including the weather was great. Kudos to Bobby Penny and his Car Show Committee for a "first class" show. Also thank you to Don and Steve Carlisle (Phenix Logistics) for sponsoring the car show trophies.

Thank you to Howard Ruddick for a great program on modern Model A Shocks. Also to Joe Spooner for giving us a great presentation on the MAFCA Model A Tour to the Natchez Trace. It sure made all of us wish we were there.

By the time you get this Newsletter our first Club Workshop will be history. If you did not attend this one I hope you will attend the one on brakes in the fall.

How about the great Newsletters? Our new Editorial Committee is doing a great job. Each issue gets better and better. Please provide material to them. Your input is very important. Also the Club's internet Website is progressing nicely. More information later on this.

And talking about Newsletters, I just found out that our "Running Board" won a 2010 Golden Quill Award in the regional sub compact category from the "Old Cars Weekly Magazine".

See you at the meeting,

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"Paying attention to simple little things that most men neglect makes a few men rich"
Henry Ford

River Cities Model A Ford Club

Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2011

Opening:

The regular meeting of The River Cities Model A Ford Club was called to order at 6:15 pm on April 21, 2011 at the Woodman of The World Lodge by President Al Lugo. He then led the group in The Pledge of Allegiance. Jim Timbes was called upon to give the blessing. All proceeded to the buffet.

Present:

Paul and Mary Nelle Singer, Bob Smith, Dick Noxon,, Glen Williams and Cindy, Al Lugo, Howard Ruddick, Bobby Penny, Don and Evelyn Carlisle, Joe and June Spooner, Bob and Bettie Jackson, Jim and Mickey Timbes, Neal and Carol La Clair, James and Linda Miller, Russell Lester, Steve Carlie, Joe Carter, Buddy Graves, Jim Langley, Bob Smith, Gary & Sheila Collins and Sharon Webb. AL Lugo welcomed the new members: Gary & Sheila Collins who own a 1931 Model A. Please remember our members who are under the weather. Pat Langley is continuing to improve slowly from her recent surgery.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as written was made by Jim Miller and seconded by Howard Ruddrick. They were the unanimously approved by those in attendance.

Treasurers Report:

The treasurer's report was read by Bettie Jackson. Don Carlise made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Bob Smith seconded it. The group unanimously approved.

Old Business:

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

* There is a new roster being distributed tonight. Be sure to pick your up at the end of the meeting

* CAR SHOW: Bobby Penny reminded everyone to be punctual in setting up at the Naval Museum at 7:30am-8:00 am Be sure to wear your white Club shirt and name badge. Remember we have decided that as a club we would not enter to be judged any of the

car clubs cars. This was voted on and approved unanimously.

* Lubrication Workshop is scheduled for May 7, 2011 (Rain date-May 14, 211) Meet at 9AM at St Mark's Church and, leave for Al's house (Paul Singer to lead) Arrive at 9:30a and work until 12 noon. Lunch will be served so please submit your name if you plan on coming.

New Business:

* Remember to continue to submit your suggestions for improving the club by writing them down and putting them in the suggestion box.

* The May Board meeting will be held

Friday May 13, 2011 (Café 431) everyone is welcome to attend. * Bettie Jackson made a motion that the club make a contribution of \$50 in memory of Walter Wright who recently passed away, to his church, The Mt Zion Baptist Church on Double Churches Road. The motion was seconded by Jim Langley and approved unanimously.

* The next Tour will be for modern cars as we enter the hot months of summer. July 23, 2011 a visit to Muscle Car Museum in Alex City, Al. and August 13, to Tucker Ga for the Georgia Chapter Model A Swap Meet and Cofer Collection.

Reports from Committee Chairpersons:

Car Show: As reported by Bobby Penny, we are all ready to go.

Programs: Tonight we will have a detailed report of the Natchez Trace adventure June and Joe Spooner and Jim and Mickey Timbes went on.

Publicity: Mickey Timbes stated she had a good write-up of the upcoming car show in the Ledger Enquirer.

Historian: Nothing to report.

Scholarship: Nothing to report

Membership: Nothing to report

Awards: Nothing to report

Mechanics: Nothing to report

Newsletter: Nothing to report.

Program: *Howard Ruddicks showed in pictures with the help of Al Lugo how he was able to apply new shocks to his Model A "Chief" *Joe Spooner, with the help of Al Lugo presented a slide show of the tour that he and June and the Timbes were able to go on the Natchez Trace Tour. The trip was fascinating and Joe had a lot of pictures of the surroundings and naturally the many, many cars that attended. He had the whole trip mapped out to demonstrate the extensiveness!

50/50 DRAWING: The winner was Bob Jackson.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Dick Noxon to adjourn the meeting. Jim Timbes seconded the motion Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

Minutes respectively submitted by: Sharon Webb

UPCOMING EVENTS...

**MAY 19TH Monthly Club Meeting - Program – Joe Spooner
“Engine Mounts.”**

**MAY 21ST East Alabama Old Car Club Annual Show –
Opelika WE WILL TOUR TO THE SHOW...**

**JUNE 4TH Tour to Antique Airplane Fly In - Candler Field
At Williamson, GA**

**JUNE 25TH Annual Car Show Buena Vista, GA WE WILL
TOUR TO THE SHOW...**

JULY 1ST

**MAFFI Model “A” Museum Raffle Drawing for
Restored 1930 Tudor. See Jim Langley for your
Raffle Tickets...**

DID YOU KNOW...

Original Model A batteries were made of a hard rubber composition with the Ford script facing the driver's side of the car. The battery post were changed in May 1928, relocating the negative post from the left front corner to the right front corner. The positive post was relocated from the right rear corner to the left rear corner. There were three different designs of cases used; (1) Heavy walled case with raised semicircular boss on each end and a lip for lifting the battery. (2) Thin walled case reinforced only at the corners of the case. (3) Heavy walled case with blind holes on each end of the case for lifting instead of a lip[...]

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EACH OF YOU...

**June 3rd Russell Lester
June 6th Joan Pugh
June 9th Toika Whitaker**

**June 15th June Spooner
June 25th Barbara Ruddick
June 27th Michelle Colangelo**

GOLDEN RING CLUB - CONGRATS...

June 5th Neil & Carolyn LaClair

June 16th William & Renate Shirley

Dressing, Living, and Surviving in the Latter Part of the Model A Era

by Anne Neely-Beck

Living during the latter part of the Model A era which encompassed the Great Depression, that started with the crash of the stock market in 1929, was challenging. Many of the clothes we show in the Fashion Guidelines were not affordable to most common ladies of that time.

In 1931 the Great Depression was real to most people. People sewed their own clothes, remade them and passed them down to others. During this time about one fourth of the nation's work force was unemployed. The “Dust Bowl” started in 1931 which forced a lot of people in the Midwest to leave and try to find work elsewhere.

In *Homeless on the Range*, by Barbara Barden Magerum, she gives a detailed description of her family's experience living in their Model A on the road in 1931. She was four at the time and she recounted her family's travel via letters her mother had written to her sister and a journal that her father kept.

The following are dresses the lady of the house would wear while at home doing the daily household chores. There are morning frocks, wash frocks, and Hoover dresses. Hoover dresses were an evolution of the coveralls (Hooveralls) that became the Hoover Apron. In 1917 when Herbert Hoover was director of the Food Administration he developed a plan for civilians to supply food to the military; house wives were issued a beret and coveralls that became known as the Hoover apron. In 1929 when the market crashed Hoover was president then and a kind of wrap-around house dress was handed out by city relief agencies to families of the unemployed, hence the Hoover dress.

When the lady of the house did go out to the market she would change into a nicer dress and wear a hat and gloves. If you lived on a farm these would be dresses that you wore most of the time, except to church or going to town.

TECH TIP

By Al Lugo

EXTERNAL FUEL FILTER

Many of us like to keep our Model A's as original as possible but after several months of battling rough driving on my Model A I decided to add something "not original" to improve the ride.

My Roadster "Milly" has always been a great driving car. I try to drive her at least every two weeks, if not it would drive rough. Well lately, even after driving it once a week, it would feel like someone was "holding the car by the back bumper" every time I would step on the gas. After rebuilding the carburetor the problem was corrected for a short time but, the hesitation would return. An inspection of the internal filters in the carburetor, gas tank, and sediment bowl showed no visible rust.

Wanting to participate on more tours this year I felt I had no choice but to place a filter on the fuel line since the Model A carburetor does not like junk inside.

After placing a microfilter on the gas line now Milly runs like a top and enjoys me stepping on the gas. This is not original but it is a very simple and quick modification to change. If you want your car to run correctly consider this in line filter and above all:

"DRIVE YOUR MODEL A FREQUENTLY"