



# **"The River Cities Running Board"**



RIVER CITIES MODEL "A" FORD CLUB

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OLD CARS WEEKLY GOLDEN QUILL AWARD 2004, 2010



## **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 mailed monthly to all members in good standing. Dues are \$20.00 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.

### **CLUB OFFICERS:**

President  
Vice President  
Secretary & Benevolence  
Treasurer

Al Lugo  
Paul Singer  
Sharon Web  
Bettie Jackson

### **OTHER POSITIONS:**

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Club Liaison  
Membership Director  
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Bob Jackson

**The River Cities Model "A" Ford Club permanent address is:**

**P.O. Box 342, Columbus, GA 31902**

All mail should be sent to the River Cities Model A Ford Club address above. Matters concerning the newsletter should be sent to the editor to insure timely publication.

### **FOUNDING MEMBERS:**

Jim Timbes Bob Smith Bobby Penny  
Mickey Timbes Al Lugo Robert Jackson  
\*Dan Palmer Lawrence Farrar Bettie Jackson  
Dan Diener Bill Buck (\*Deceased)

### **PAST PRESIDENTS:**

Jim Timbes- NOV 2000- DEC 2001 Bob Smith- DEC 2001- 2003  
Mickey Timbes- DEC 2003-2004 Jim Langley- DEC 2004 -2006  
Joe Spooner- DEC 2006-2008 Jim Langley- DEC 2008- 2009  
Jim Timbes- DEC 2009-2010

# The President's Corner..



**H**ope that you are able to participate on our Club's International Model "A" Day. Jim Langley has planned a great tour to many great places in Columbus and Phenix City. The main objective of International Model "A" Day is to make our great cars visible and I believe Jim's Tour definitely accomplishes this objective. Join us, have fun, and show and drive your Model "A".

**I**n September I will appoint a nominating Committee that will nominate Club Officers for the 2012 year. Nominations will be presented to the club in October and elections will be in November. When the nominating committee contacts you please say YES, you can do it, you can help our club.

**C**ongratulations to the Scholarship winners for 2011. This year our Scholarship Committee nominated three very qualified students and the members attending the August Club meeting accepted the nomination. The winners were Victoria Buck, who continues her studies at Furman University, Kyle Moye, who continues his studies

at CSU and Robin Gaylor who is studying Nursing at Southern University

**R**emember our next Workshop will be on Model A brakes according to Henry. The date was changed to October 15, with rain date of October 22. The location will be my garage. More detail and sign up at the September meeting. Come and learn how to adjust your brakes according to Henry, come and get your Model "A" brakes adjusted...

**Did you drive your Model "A" day today?**

See you at the meeting,

AL

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ONE THING  
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ACHIEVEMENT."**

**Henry Ford**

(Quote Provided by Joe Spooner)

## UP COMING EVENTS

### September

2<sup>nd</sup> Board of Directors meeting  
10<sup>th</sup> International Model A Ford Day  
15<sup>th</sup> River Cities Model A club Meeting

### October

1<sup>st</sup> Lagrange Car Show (tour to Show)  
15<sup>th</sup> Brake workshop (Al's Garage)  
22<sup>nd</sup> Brake workshop rain date

### November

Nov 30-Dec 4      2011 MAFCA National Awards Banquet  
Nov 18-20        Moultrie Swap meet

## CRUISE EVENINGS

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday    Cooks Hot Dog on Miller & Airport Thru Way  
Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday    El Carrizo on Whittlesey Blvd.  
Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday    Jason Deli  
Every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday    Fudruckers  
Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday    Opelika Home Depot  
Every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday    Steak and Shake (Bradley Park Drive)

## Model A Trivia

### Significant People in the Model A's Production

- Henry Ford Sr
- Edsel B. Ford

### Popular Models and Body Styles of the Model A Ford

- Tudor Sedan, Fordor Sedan, Town Sedan
- Coupe, Roadster, Phaeton, Victoria, Convertible Sedan
- Pick up Truck, Station Wagon

"All Fords are exactly alike, but no two men are just alike. Every new life is a new thing under the sun; there has never been anything just like it before, never will be again. A young man ought to get that idea about himself; he should look for the single spark of individuality that makes him different from other folks, and develop that for all he is worth. Society and schools may try to iron it out of him; their tendency is to put it all in the same mold, but I say don't let that spark be lost; it is your only real claim to importance." Henry Ford.

## August meeting minutes

River Cities Model A Ford Club  
Meeting Minutes  
August 18, 2011

### **Opening:**

The regular meeting of The River Cities Model A Ford Club was called to order at 6:00 pm on August 18, 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 Jim Timbes and all proceeded to the buffet.

### **Present:**

Paul and Mary Nelle Singer, Dick Noxon, Howard Ruddick, Bobby Penny, Joe and June Spooner, Buddy Graves, Bob and Bettie Jackson, Al Lugo, Bob Smith Mike Alexich, Bill Buck, Jim and Mickey, Jim Miller, Neil La Clair, Russell Lester, Bill Shirley, John Robertson, Joe Carter, Kevin Adams Sharon Webb.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by John Robertson to accept the minutes as written in the newsletter. Bob Smith seconded it.

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as written in the newsletter by show of hands.

### **Treasurers Report:**

The treasurer's report was read by Bettie Jackson. Bob Smith made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Bill Shirley seconded the motion and the members unanimously approved by a show of hands.

### **Program:**

Al Lugo presented a DVD he acquired by loan from the MAFCA called "The GAZ Model A" We learned the last Model A was produced in 1950 in Russia. Henry Ford had set up a partnership/contract with the USSR in 1924. The film showed many interesting pictures of Model A's and Model AA's having been adapted to the needs of the USSR. The GAZ factory was one of which produced these vehicles. Afterwards we heard from Howard Ruddick who spoke on how important it is to check your car's belts as he recently experienced a breakage. He passed around an example of a new belt (Kevlar) he was able to acquire and shared with us where we could find these. In addition he proudly displayed a coffee cup his wife recently made for him with pictures of his Model A "Chief" on it. Joe Spooner also spoke on the importance of checking your fan blades carefully to ensure that there are no cracks especially near the shaft. With the help of Buddy Graves he discovered that his fan blade actually had bolts on it such that he was able to remove the blade to replace them.

### **Old Business:**

The website is getting off to a great start! We have had over 200 hits over the last 2 months. There will be some new sections on the web site such as posting of the Scholarship Bi-laws and a listing called Awards. Bill Shirley encouraged the members to submit pictures of their cars to increase our photo gallery. The sponsors have been

notified of the new website and how much more exposure their adds are getting now. Al reported on the success of the last tour to the GA Model A Swap & Cofer Collection. 9 members were able to attend and had a great tie. Many pictures were taken.

#### **New Business:**

Al remarked that he was able to acquire the use of the microphone from the Woodsman of the World Lodge to use at our meetings. It worked well to broadcast the speakers. The club survey will be presented at the next club meeting. A request has been made by the Brookside Glen facility to have our cars on display in their parking lot like we did last year. The day is Sept. 23. Please thin about participating and let the group know for sure next meeting. Two letters received by the club were read by Al. A sincere expression of thanks for of the outpouring of support to the Morris family on the passing of Edlow was read written by Mrs. Morris. Another letter of thanks was read from MAFFCA expressing their thanks for the clubs contribution for a brick for the Ford Museum. Both were given to the historian to put in our scrapbook. From the last board meeting it was discussed a possibility to arrange for 3 persons to receive the scholarship this year. Mickey Timbes made a motion that Victoria, Kyle and Robin who have submitted their applications and have met the requirements for consideration receive the scholarships individually. Bobbie Penny seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a show of hands. The next Board meeting will be at the Burger King on Wynnton Road Sept 2, 2011 at 9a. All persons are welcome. There have been some changes in the celebration ceremony for the club in recognition of the International Model A. It still will be held Sept 10, 2011 but instead will be a tour of the town with a stop at the Infantry Museum. We need you to sign up for this right away. Other car shows that are coming up are: Oct1, 2011 the LaGrange Car Show and the Buena Vista Show Oct 29, 2011. The next workshop in October "Brakes according to Henry Ford" has been postponed to Oct 15 and will be held at Al Lugo's garage. Please sign up for this workshop as soon as possible so food arrangements scan be made. Bill Buck reminded the members of the upcoming Steeplechase on Nov 5, 2011 and asked folks to be ready to sign up for this by next meeting. He also reminded the group that the Easter Seals is having a pancake breakfast this Saturday on Double Churches road from 7a-11a. The program for next month will be Paul Singer: Cooling systems and the presentation of the scholarship awards. Bob Jackson was going to do the program for October but sue to health issues he is deferring but made the suggestion that we consider participating in a CPR class, "After all" he said, "We take such good care of our cars why shouldn't we take better care of ourselves. Lives could be saved if persons will just take the initiative to act!" Bob recommended Sharon Webb to organize the training for February which is national heart month. Sharon, who is an American Heart Association BLS instructor, will make plans to do that program including the use of the AED.

#### **Reports from Committee Chairpersons:**

**Programs:** John Robertson reported the next meeting program will be Paul Singer on Cooling Systems **Publicity:** Mickey Timbes states she has got support from the newspaper and the TV station's to cover the International Model A Tour

**Historian:** Nothing to report.

**Scholarship:** Bobbie stated for Connie who was not present that the scholarship awards would be presented next month.

**Membership:** Nothing to report

**Awards:** Nothing to report

**Mechanics:** Nothing to report

**Vice President:** Paul Singer stated that Dennis Morris is selling some of the many parts and collections of Edlow. He shared the number to reach him at.

**Newsletter:** Bill Shirley asks members to please submit items via email to him by the end of every month

**(50/50 DRAWING:** The winner from the drawing for the 50/50 was Micky Timbes.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm at the motion of Russell Lester and seconded by Bill Shirley.

Minutes submitted by: Sharon Webb

If you have a program or a program idea, please contact the Program Director, John Robertson. Tech Tips, and barn finds can be scheduled if John know about them.





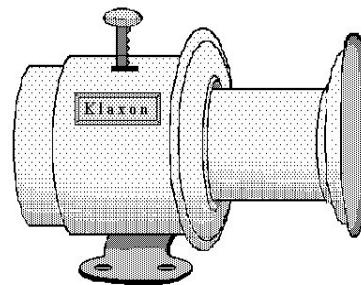
## HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER 3- Howard & Carol Galloway  
SEPTEMBER 19- Howard & Barbara Ruddick  
SEPTEMBER 25- George & Connie Wood  
SEPTEMBER 29- Kyle & Frieda Moyer



## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER 1- Larry Phillips  
SEPTEMBER 12- Carol Galloway  
SEPTEMBER 13- Louann Buck  
SEPTEMBER 13- Chris Moyer  
SEPTEMBER 19- Mickey Timbes  
SEPTEMBER 24- Louise Morris



SEPTEMBER 30- Butch Whitaker