



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



RIVER CITIES MODEL "A" FORD CLUB

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MAFCA AWARD WINNING NEWSLETTER, 2002-2009  
OLD CARS WEEKLY GOLDEN QUILL AWARD 2004, 2010

**Inside this issue; Scholarship winners, MAFFI Museum Information, tour pictures,  
and Model A trivia.**



**"It has been my observation that most people get ahead during the time others waste"**  
Henry Ford. (Quote Provided by Joe Spooner)

## **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:**

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Vice President  
Secretary & Benevolence  
Treasurer

Al Lugo  
Paul Singer  
Sharon Web  
Bettie Jackson

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Publicity  
Program Director  
Club Liaison  
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Historian  
Scholarship Chairperson  
Car Show Director  
Mechanical Director

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John Robertson  
Jim Langley  
Jim Miller  
Howard Ruddick  
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Bobby Penny  
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..



**T**hank you to Connie Penny, Chairperson, Scholarship Committee for planning and presenting the 2011 Dan Palmer and River Cities Model A Ford Club Scholarship. This year our Scholarship Committee nominated three very qualified students. The winners were Victoria Buck, daughter of Bill and Louann Buck, who continues her studies at Furman University, Kyle Moye, son of Mike and Chris Moye, who continues his studies at CSU and Robin Gaylor, daughter of Bettie and Bob Jackson, who is studying Nursing at Southern University.

**F**or those that missed our tour on International Model "A" Day, you missed an interesting and educational Tour. Jim Langley planned a great tour, and a narrative of this tour is included in a different section of this Newsletter.

**A**nother activity that several members attended was a visit on September 23, to Brookstone Glenn Nursing Home.

**R**emember our next Workshop will be on Model "A" brakes according to Henry. The date is October 15, with no rain date. The location will be my garage. Lunch will be provided. Members will meet at 9:00 AM at St. Mark's Church (Whitesville Road), leaving at 9:15 towards my garage.

**N**ominations for the 2012 Club Officers will be presented at the October Meeting. Voting will take place during the November meeting with officers installed during the December Annual Business meeting and Christmas party.

**W**e wish to express our deepest sympathy to the Adams family in the recent passing of Darlene Adams brother.

See you at the meeting,

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**"WHAT WE CALL EVIL IS  
SIMPLY IGNORANCE  
BUMPING ITS HEAD IN  
THE DARK."**

**Henry Ford**

(Quote Provided by Joe Spooner)

**NEXT MEETING: October 20, 2011-6:00PM (EASTERN) Our next meeting will be at Woodmen of the World Lodge, on Highway 80, in Phenix City.**

October 1	LaGrange Car Show
October 14	Board Meeting (Burger King, Wynnton Road)
October 15	Workshop: Brakes ( Al's Garage, 9:00 St. Mark's)
October 15	Glenwood School Car Show
October 20	Club Meeting (Program: Cooling System)
October 22	Visit to Spring Harbor Nursing Home
October 29	Buena Vista Car Show

November 4	Board Meeting
November 5	Steeplechase tour
November 16-20	Moultrie Swap Meet
November 17	Club Meeting

December 9	Board Meeting
December 10	TriCity Christmas Parade
December 15	Club Meeting and Christmas Party

**NATIONAL:**

Nov 30- Dec 4, 2011 MAFCA National Awards Banquet

**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

### History of the Model A

By 1924, Henry Ford's early battles with investors about what to build and how to build it were long since behind him. His vision of manufacturing a car for the working man had been adopted and within a very few years had made him wealthy beyond his wildest dreams. The car that had taken him on his journey, the Model T, commanded little respect from the public, but no one could doubt its success in the marketplace. In June of that year, Ford built its 10 millionth car and by October the number had climbed to 11 million. With a solid 50 percent of the American market, Ford was clearly on top of the world.

Yet behind all the positive news, the parades down the Lincoln Highway and Route 66, the gift of a car to the Prince of Wales, who would later quit his job as King of England, there was trouble abrewin'. Ford prices were almost impossibly low. (A Model T Runabout sold for \$260 in 1925.) But the competition, most especially from General Motors' Chevrolet division, wasn't standing still.

Chevy offered a tough and reliable six-cylinder engine (developed by Ormond E. Hunt and nicknamed the "stovebolt six") in a much more modern chassis than Henry's rapidly aging Model T, and this fact wasn't lost on the public. Increasingly, there was a shift from Ford to Chevrolet, and though Henry Ford was reluctant to do anything about it, his son Edsel continued to harp on the theme that a new model was needed.

In 1926 Ford's market share plummeted to just 36 percent even as it closed in on building its 15 millionth car. Ford made some concessions to modernity, like offering the Model T in colors instead of just in black, but it was clear more elaborate moves were necessary. Or at least clear to most Ford executives, Henry Ford remained quite stubbornly convinced that the flivver could survive.

"TO BE CONTINUED"

## River Cities Model A Ford Club

### Meeting Minutes

Sept 15, 2011

#### Opening:

The regular meeting of The River Cities Model A Ford Club was called to order at 6:00 pm on September 15, 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 Langley and all proceeded to the buffet.

#### Present:

Paul and Mary Nelle Singer, Dick Noxon, Howard Ruddick, Bobby and Connie Penny, Joe and June Spooner, Buddy Graves, Bob and Bettie Jackson, Al Lugo, Bob Smith, Mike Alexich, Bill and Loriann Buck, Jim and Linda Miller, Neil La Clair, Russell Lester, John Robertson, Glenn Williams, Jim Langley, Mike Moyer, Kyle Moyer, Robin, Jimmy and Adam Gaylor, Skipper Barfield, and Sharon Webb.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Al Lugo at 6:30pm. He welcomed the visitors tonight of the Jackson family, the Moyer family and the Buck family. Announcements of concern for members were made as following: Renate Shirley's sister passed away this past week. Debbie Morrison recently had a stroke. Bob Smith had surgery last Friday and is doing well enough to attend this night's meeting. Bill Blankenship, Bob Jackson and Jim Timbes continue to be under the weather though Bob was able to attend the meeting tonight.

#### Approval of Minutes:

Al Lugo noted a change needed in the last month's minutes required the changing of MAFCA to MAFFI in reference to the organization where Al got the video for the presentation. A motion was made by John Robertson to accept the minutes as written in the newsletter with the said revisions. Howard Ruddick seconded it.

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved with revisions 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. Jim Miller seconded the motion and the members unanimously approved by a show of hands.

Program: Tonight's program consisted of the presentation of the Club's *Dan Palmer Memorial Scholarship* to 3 deserving students. Connie Penny, the Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, presented the awards and a picture of each participant was taken. The first recipient was Kyle Moyer son of members Mike and Frieda Moyer, who will be continuing at Columbus State studying Criminal Justice. Next presented was Robin Gaylor granddaughter for Bob and Bettie Jackson who is studying nursing at Southern Union. Victoria Buck

was the third recipient but was unable to be present as she has already left for school at Furman University. Accepting on her behalf were her parents Bill and Loriann Buck.

**Old Business:** The website continues to improve. Some new sections added are the Bylaws, Scholarship requirements and Duties of each of the officers. When these items were added the webmaster made them password protected. The matter of keeping this access by password was discussed and it was agreed upon by the members to request the webmaster to remove that stipulation. Jim Langley reported on the success of the Internationals Model A day Tour. 16 members participated and many pictures were taken. They toured through parts of historic Phoenix City and Columbus plus stopping at the Military Museum at Fort Benning for lunch. Thank you Jim for a wonderful tour! Jo Spooner commented that though he couldn't participate in the structured tour he did get his Model A out on International Model A Day and drove it past the massive flocking of fans to the Auburn game. He got a much attention from the crowd. Howard Ruddrick stated he too was able to get his beloved "Chief" a 1929 Tudor, out and toured around West Point. The next workshop is scheduled for October 15 at Al Lugo's house and will be covering "Brakes, according to Henry Ford". He asked for folks to sign up tonight in order to plan for food to be available during the workshop.

**New Business:** The Nominating Committee will be seeking out individuals to consider positions of officers for the upcoming 2012 year. Al asked all to consider the running for these offices. Nominations will be made at the October meeting, voting will take place in November and installation will result in December at the Christmas Party and annual business meeting December 15, 2011. This event will be held at our usual meeting place and catered by Robert. The issue of the amount to be collected for the 50/50 was discussed. Connie Penny made a motion that we sell tickets at \$5 apiece. John Robertson seconded it. The measure passed by a slim margin. Car show or Activities for the upcoming weeks are as follows: Sept 23 Brookside Glen Facility Visit (10am); Sept 24 Car Show at The Bridge Church, Oct 1 LaGrange car Show; and also Oct 1 Spring Harbor wants us to display some of our cars; Oct 15 The club's workshop at Al's "Breaks according to Henry Ford" Oct 15 Glenwood school Car Show and Oct 29 Buena Vista Car Show and the North side Car Show. Nov 5: Steeple Chase. Bill Buck shared that he heard from the club of Model A's will be coming down for the event from Atlanta. Paul singer will do the presentation in October concerning Cooling Systems. Bull Buck had a show and tell item which stumped the members. He informed us that the item was an old "Ice Card" which households were to display outside their windows to tell the iceman when he delivered how much ice to leave. He offered it as a door prize for tonight to be drawn from the 50/50 recipients.

Reports from Committee Chairpersons:

Programs: Nothing to report.

Publicity: Nothing to report.

Historian: Nothing to report.

Scholarship: Connie Penny reminded members to review the requirements for the scholarship and deadlines for qualifying on the web site.

Membership: Nothing to report.

Awards: Paul Singer reminded the members to drive those Model A's and remember to record your mileage monthly. All annual miles will be tallied at the end of November and presented at the December meeting.

Mechanics: Nothing to report.

Vice President: Nothing to report.

Newsletter: Be sure to submit some pictures for the newsletter!

(50/50 DRAWING: The winner from the drawing for the 50/50 was Skip Barfield. Jim Langley won the Ice Card door prize.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm at the motion of John Roberson and seconded by Jim Miller.

Minutes submitted by: Sharon Webb

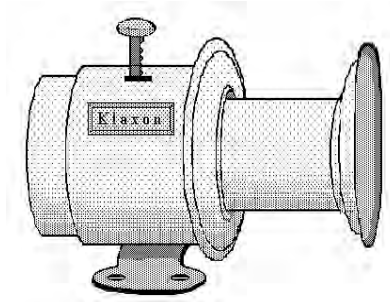


## HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES



OCTOBER 17- George & Ann Travis  
OCTOBER 19- Joe & June Spooner  
OCTOBER 24- Harry & Sherry Williams

## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



OCTOBER 1- Bob Smith  
OCTOBER 2- Ann Travis  
OCTOBER 2- Connie Wood  
OCTOBER 3- Lizbeth Lugo  
OCTOBER 6- Donald Barron  
OCTOBER 11- Jim Miller  
OCTOBER 12- Bill Buck  
OCTOBER 13- Adlynn Loy Fish

OCTOBER 14- Jim Timbes  
OCTOBER 19- Howard Galloway  
OCTOBER 22- Evelyn Carlisle  
OCTOBER 23- Carolyn LaClair  
OCTOBER 24- Patsy Phillips  
OCTOBER 28- Neil LaClair  
OCTOBER 31- Harry Williams

# INTERNATIONAL MODEL "A" DAY...

By Al Lugo

On September 10, 2011 the River Cities Model A Ford Club celebrated the International Model "A" Day with a tour.

As usual, Jim Langley planned and conducted a great activity, giving all present a great handout that narrated every landmark that we visited or went by. His handout included photos and interesting information about each landmark.

Members participating were Sharon Webb & guest, Jim Langley, Bobby & Connie Penny, Jim & Mickey Timbes, Kevin & Darlene Adams, Paul & Mary Nelle Singer, Neil LaClair, Bill Blankenship, Jim & Linda Miller, and Al Lugo.

Some of the highlight were visiting the National Infantry Museum, and the 9/11 monument, with lunch at the Fife and Drum restaurant. Visiting historical markers, previous vintage Car Dealership locations, area fountains, and other historical locations in Phenix City and Columbus.

Thank you Jim for a great tour. If you missed it this time, plan to attend next year...

Photos by Al Lugo



## 2011 Club Scholarship Presentation



### FROM LEFT TO RIGHT

**Mike Moyer (Parent), Chris Moyer (Parent), Kyle Moyer (Recipient), Robin Gaylor (Recipient), Bill Buck (Parent, accepting for Victoria Buck, not present), Connie Penny (Chairperson, Scholarship Committee) Louann Buck (Parent)**

Photo By Al Lugo



# BROOKSTONE GLENN VISIT

By Al Lugo

After a previous thunderstorm the night before several members of the River Cities Model "A" Ford Club braved the elements and on September 23, 2011, visited Brookstone Glenn Nursing Home.

Members attending were Bobby Penny, Neil LaClair, John Robertson, Al Lugo, Bob Smith and two guest, one that drove a very nice Buick Grand National, and another that drove a very nice Model A Coupe.

At the Nursing Home the residents enjoyed "the old cars" and told us stories of some antique cars they or their families enjoyed in the past.

After showing our beloved cars, members and guest were invited to a very nice lunch enjoyed by all.

I believe our mission for the day was accomplished. We drove our cars and we brought joy to the residents of the Nursing Home.



Several of the Members Cars...

Photo by Al Lugo



### **Model "A" Museum Update**

The First Model "A" Gathering at the Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI took place on Sept. 17, 2011 and it was a resounding success. About 130 Model A's came through the gate as well as between 300-400 people. Many folks were dressed in the Era Style and enjoyed their picnic on the grounds. Stan Johnson, current president of MAFFI gave an overview of the progress toward the museum to an appreciative audience and a total of \$11,600 was given to the museum fund from clubs, individuals, the 50/50 raffle and a "Pass the Hat" offering.

This doesn't put us over the top but brings our total to about \$730,000. The MAFFI Board is proceeding with the talks with the builder in an effort to break ground in the spring of 2012. We need your help now!!! Do you realize that if every person who owned a Model A would give \$10 we would reach our goal?

Perhaps your club would consider this idea which comes from the Missouri Valley MAFC. A silent auction of items from your home or garage which you no longer want and need a good home, the proceeds of which would go to the Model A Museum Fund. If every member bid at least \$10 for an item, we would easily make our building goal. This would be a good winter time club activity, why not give it a try? Loukie Smith, MAFFI Trustee

MAFFI WEBSITE [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org)

## **Classifieds**

### **For Sale:**

1936 Chevrolet Town Sedan, restored by owner, runs well, good paint, new interior, Bill of Sale, \$13,500. If interested call John 706-569-7274.