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Inside this issue; The Presidents Corner, Al's letter to the Model A museum, what is it? Bentley Bohanan's tech tip, classified section, The History of the Original Charcoal. And an invitation to take our ladies out on valentines

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.

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FOUNDING MEMBERS:

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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, Al Lugo - DEC 2010 - 2011

The President's Corner.. February 2012



great
National

If you missed the January meeting, you missed a great auction with proceeds to benefit the future Model A Museum. The auction of items provided by members produced \$525.50 and after adding \$120.50 from past 50/50 raffles we sent a check to the Model A Ford Foundation for \$646.00 dollars towards construction of our National "Model A Home". You can find a copy of letter sent to MAFFI in another section of this Newsletter.

Thank you to Jim Langley for organizing and conducting this open bid auction and to all the Club Members that brought items for the auction and then enthusiastically bid on these items. We can all feel proud about our collective and individual contributions towards the construction of the National Model A Museum.

During our February meeting we will conduct a quick survey to help shape our future club direction and activities. Those that do not attend the meeting can find the survey in our website after our February Meeting.

Our next tour will be to the Rural Telephone Museum in Leslie, Georgia. This museum houses the largest collection of telephone and telephone memorabilia in the world. Since this great Museum is not open on Saturdays we will Tour in Modern Cars on Friday February 24, 2012. We will meet for breakfast at 7:30AM at Ruth Ann's restaurant on Veterans Parkway. Those not wanting breakfast will meet at 9:00AM in the parking lot of the Confederate Museum. We will depart promptly at 9:15AM. Lunch will be at Yoder's restaurant.

The Program for the February meeting will be CPR and will be conducted by Sharon Webb. Come to the meeting and learn about this very important life saving measure. The life you save can be mine...

Remember that if you have not paid our Club's dues you are now overdue. Dues were due on December 31, 2011

See you at the meeting,
Al

JOIN US!

NEXT MEETING: February 16, 2012-6:00PM (EASTERN)
The meeting will be at Woodmen of the World Lodge, on
Highway 80, in Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

February 2 – 5	Moultrie Swap meet
February 10	Board Meeting
February 16	Club Meeting/ Program by Sharron Webb
February 24	Tour to the Georgia Rural Telephone Museum, Leslie, GA
February 25	Jordan Car Show
March 9	Board Meeting
March 10	Tour to Motorsports Museum at Talladega
March 15	Club Meeting/ Program by June Spenner

CRUISE EVENINGS

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

NATIONAL:

June 18-22-MAFCA National Convention, Marquette, MI
December 9-12-MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Charleston, SC

River Cities Model A Ford Club

Meeting Minutes

River Cities Model A Ford Club

January 19, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Opening:

The regular meeting of The River Cities Model A Ford Club was called to order at 6:00 pm on January 19, 2012 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: Bob Smith, Wayne Kennedy, Paula and Mary Nelle Singer, Jim Miller, Neil La Clair, Glen and Cindy Williams, Jim Langley, Dick Noxon, Louie and Gloria Willett, Russell Lester, Howard Ruddick, John Robertson, Connie and Bobbie Penny, Joe and June Spooner, David Black, Bettie and Bob Jackson, Jim and Mickey Timbes, Kevin Adams, Bill Shirley, Steve Carslisle, Don and Evelyn Carlisle, Al Lugo and Sharon Webb. Al Lugo called the meeting to order and welcomed the visitor Wayne a friend of Bob Smith's.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion by Bob Smith to approve the minutes as they appeared in the newsletter for last month's meeting was made. The motion was seconded by Steve Carslie. The motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Treasurers Report:

The treasurer's report was read by Bettie Jackson and a motion by Jim Langley to accept the report was made. Joe Spooner seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Program: Jim Langley and Al Lugo presented the program this evening. Al showed a DVD which he received from MAFFI on the Model A Ford Museum called "The virtual Stroll" a simulated tour of the future Model A Ford Museum. It showed the floor plan and transported the viewer through each of the rooms showing much of the items that are to be on display. The museum is to be structured after a 1929 Model A Dealership. The walkway to the entrance will be composed of the bricks donated by public supporters and Model A Ford clubs nationally. The DVD was very thorough with information on the future of this museum which will break ground April 17, 2012 outside Kalamazoo Michigan. After the video Jim Langley preceded to direct the "Ole Henry's Open Bid Auction" of items that folks from the club had brought to help raise more money to contribute to the museums budget. Some of the items included, engine gasket, books on various cars, repair manual for Model A, a 1931 Alabama tag, an alternator, a fleece throw, Model A tools and many other items, The auction proved fun and exciting raising a total of \$625 which include the \$150 we had already raised

as a club. Bettie will be sending the Model A Ford a check for a brick to honor the club.

Old Business:

Al asked the club to consider the amount to contribute to the caterer as a Christmas gift be the same as last year. A motion to do this was made by Bobby Penny and seconded by Joe Spooner. The motion passed by a unanimous show of friends.

New Business:

Discussion was led by Al Lugo regarding the Model A Ford Club Chapters and Regions Insurance. It was determined that the club, it's members and officers are covered for issues surrounding any accidents or misrepresentation that may occur.

Workshops being considered for this year include: Carburetor rebuilding, Steering Box Adjustment, Timing and Ignition, a Seminar given by Benny Bohannon on a subject of choice, and Changing a Head Gasket. There was much enthusiasm by the members for these suggestive workshops. The new Program Director for this year is Jim Langley and he has already planned programs for the whole year.

Some upcoming tours and events were introduced and the members were reminded to submit "interest forms" for each so that we will know how much preparation may be needed to plan for the event. Events include: Feb 2-5 Moultrie Swap Meet; Georgia Rural Telephone Museum tour February 24; Jordan Car Show, February 25; and Motorsport Museum and Talladega Motor Speed Way tour March 10. More on these upcoming events will be presented at the next club meeting. Al Lugo congratulated Bill Shirley on his continued efforts in providing an outstanding job with our website and newsletter. We received quite an honor by being quoted in the "Old Cars Weekly" The next Board Meeting is Friday February 10, 2012 at the Burger King on Wynnton Road, Columbus. As always, all members are cordially invited to attend. Our next club meeting is Thursday February 16th, 2012

Reports from Committee Chairpersons:

Vice President: Paul Singer noted that in this month's issue of Restorer Magazine MAFFI will now be offering recognition to mileage totals for clubs as well as individual. He reminded everyone to keep up with their monthly miles driven in their Model A and report them on the club meeting sign in sheet.

Secretary: Sharon Webb reminded the members to continue submitting any new cards of sympathy or get well as our supply of these remains low.

Treasurer: \$495 was raised this evening from the "Ole Henry's Open Bid Auction" giving us a total of \$625 which she will be sending to the Model A Ford Museum for a brick representing our club.

Programs: Nothing further to report at this time.

Publicity: Mickey Timbes states she submitted pictures of the recipients who received the club's scholarship this year to the Restorer Magazine and they were published in this latest issue.

Historian: Mary Nelle Singer reminded members to continue to submit pictures taken from any events the club participates in so they may be included in the club's scrapbook.

Scholarship: Nothing to report.

Membership: Nothing to report.

Mechanics: Nothing to report.

Car Show: Bobby Penny states he has a number of shirts and hats he needs to sale so he can look into ordering some new and different ones for this year. He encouraged members to consider purchasing additional shirts as the sale of these items helps fund the club's annual car show.

Awards: Howard Ruddrick is working on a "throw back" presentation for the May meeting where the club will be encouraged to come to the meeting in period dress clothing. He is working on getting music from the Era and possible dancing instruction and much more! A committee is being constructed to organize this event. Awards may be given for such things as "best dressed" or "best dance couple". MORE TO COME!

Adjournment: Steve Carlisle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Langley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Minutes submitted by: Sharon Webb

Henry Quote: Whenever things seem to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it. (Provided by Joe Spooner)

BURMA SHAVE SIGNS:

Don't take a curve

At 60 per

We hate to loose

a customer

Burma Shave

(Provided by Joe Sponner)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

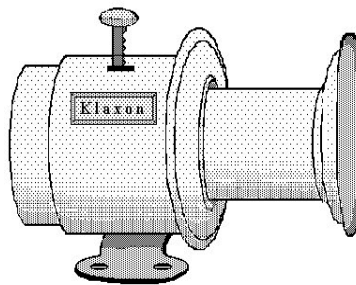


FEBRUARY 4- Jim & Leah Durfy

FEBRUARY 14- Bobby & Connie Penny

FEBRUARY 16- Russell & Mary Ann Lester

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 6- Patsy Baker

FEBRUARY 8- Christy Davidson

FEBRUARY 11- Montie Gilbert

FEBRUARY 16- Howard Ruddick

FEBRUARY 19- Kyle Moyer

FEBRUARY 26- Paul Singer

FEBRUARY 6- Hazel Waggener

FEBRUARY 9- Ann Wright

FEBRUARY 14- Friederilke Robertson

FEBRUARY 18- Vance Waggener

FEBRUARY 23- Louie Willett

FEBRUARY 27- Judy Hood

New Source of information for our Model A's

Bentley Bohanan of Bentley's Antique Auto Service has agreed to provide Service/tech tips in our news letter. The following is the first of many. Starting next month we will be restoring a Model A.

Model A Q&A

By Bentley Bohanan

I hope everyone is well and getting those Model A's out for a drive. The shop has been super busy. Here are some questions from Phone calls to the shop this month.

Q: My Model A goes dead when coming to a stop sign, especially if it is on the down hill side.

A: I find that adding an extra gasket under the float valve will usually help. This lowers the carb float, so that gas does not slosh out of the cap jet and flood the engine when stopping. You will have to remove the bottom of the carb, then remove the float, the valve, and add an extra gasket. The seam on the float should be tilted downwards slightly when the valve is pushed closed with finger tip pressure on the float. If you have a leaky carb, this will be a good time to replace that valve, and check all your jets to make sure they are not loose or cracked.

Q: My fuse keeps blowing on the Model A, especially at night.

A: This is usually caused by the contacts in your headlight bulbs getting against the side of the light socket. Remove your bulbs, and cut some small pieces of craft-paper about 3/8" x 7/8". Roll this strip into a circle and slide it into the light socket. This will create an insulator for the contacts, so they don't short against the side.

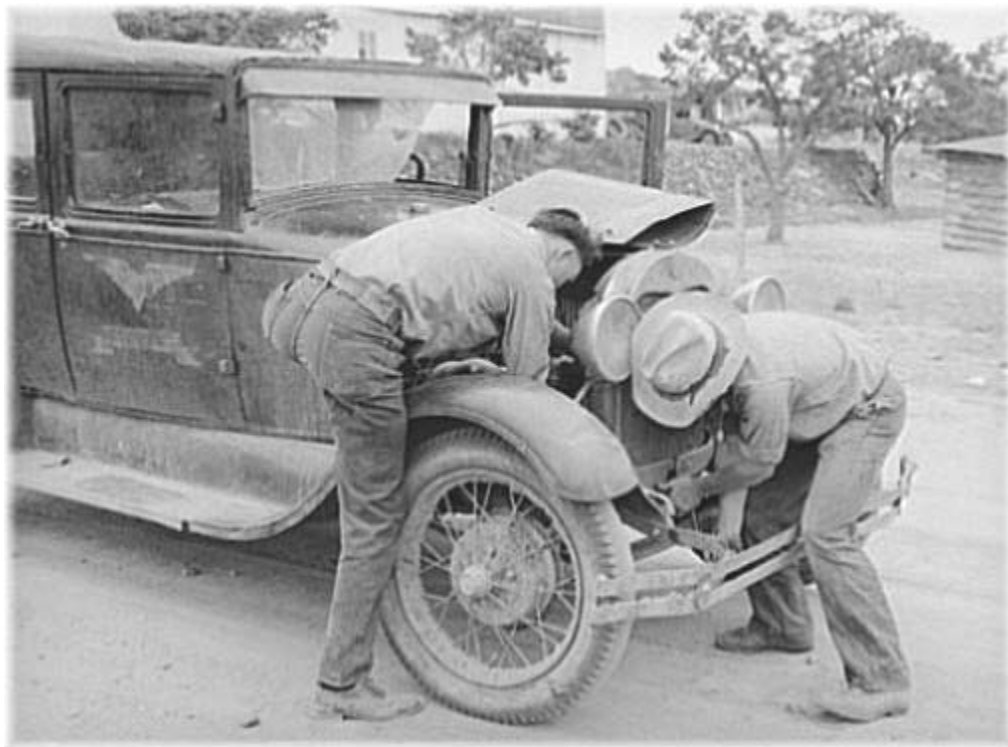
Q: Weren't all Model A's originally Black? Why are y'all painting all the cars in so many different colors?

A: Model A's were originally advertised as being "All the Colors of the Rainbow". The "all-black" myth apparently comes from so many "T" Models being produced in black. Most Model A's did have black fenders, but the bodies were usually two-toned, or even three-toned. We have lots of original paint color chips to go through if you are considering painting your car.

Q: My ammeter seems to work backwards. It goes to "Charge" when I turn on the lights, and "discharge" when I rev up the engine.

A: Sounds like you just need to switch the leads on the back of the ammeter. The yellow with the black tracer usually goes to the right.

Happy Motoring,
Bentley Bohanan
Bentley's Antique Auto Service
www.mymodela.com



The following letter our President, Al Lugo, sent to the Model A Ford Foundation describing how the club collected the gift of \$646.00 for the Model A Museum

January 24, 2012

Model A Ford Foundation
P.O. Box 95151
Nonantum, MA 02495

Dear Sir:

The River Cities Model A Ford Club, Columbus, Georgia, is proud to send you a check for \$646.00 to benefit the Model A Museum.

After receiving your DVD "Virtual Stroll through the Model A Museum" our club decided to conduct an open bid auction during our Club Meeting on January 19, 2012. The auction was preceded by a showing of the DVD. During that auction we collected \$525.50 and we combined that with previous 50/50 funds to get the total of \$646.00.

Our Club, as well as several of our members have purchased "bricks" in the past. We are all very pleased to contribute in this small way so we can soon honor our beloved Model A's, with a National Museum.

In closing, three members have asked me if I can request 3 additional copies of the "Virtual Stroll DVD's. We all congratulate MAFFI in its effort to create the "Home of the Model A".

Sincerely,
Alberto Lugo DMD
President
River Cities Model A Ford Club
Life Member of MAFFI
Member of "The A Team"
Brick owner



Henry Quote "Life is a series of experiences, each of which makes us bigger, even though sometimes it is hard to realize this".

Provided by Joe Sponner

Humorist and folk hero Will Rogers nominated Henry Ford for president, remarking "there's no reason why there shouldn't be a Ford in the White House; they're everywhere else."

What is this?



Last Months "Who is this?" ... It was Bill Shirley's Grand Parents around the late 1920's.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

It is a blue 1948 Ford Deluxe Coupe It belongs to a lady of a sister Model A Club, her husband passed away a couple years ago, and she would like to sell it.

It is a real solid car, There are two little pin holes in the truck area, and one small (maybe a two inch square patch) in the floor. The car really runs down the road good. Her husband was a great flat head mechanic and he rebuilt the engine. It has new rubber around all the windows, with some new glass and other nice original Ford Glass. The car has 15 inch later model wheels and radial tires. It has been changed to 12 volt system. Also very nice sounding daul exhaust.

The asking price is \$16,500.

Anyone interested can inquire through email at jodanh@embarqmail.com or call my cell at 423-470-2489.



For Sale

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EXPERIENCE ON MODEL T AND A ENGINES.
ALL PAPER WORK AVAILABLE
REASON FOR SELLING, HAVE SOLD MY MODEL A'S

\$2250.00 EACH OR \$4000.00 FOR BOTH

CALL ROBERT C JACKSON TEL HM. 334-298-3935 CELL 706-329-8935
22 ISLAND CREEK DR.
SEALE, AL 36875

Nice original four door town sedan, cranks and runs good, brakes are good and drive well.

Has mohair interior, has the blanket rope, shades on the rear side windows.

Pretty nice car for the money. Car is in Oxford, Al Asking \$13,500.00

Call or email for additional pictures or info.

Gerald Grizzard 256-310-6463



31 Slant Windsheild for sale in Oxford, Alabama. This is a good price for a good SW. Call Gerald or email him for more details.

An Invite received from Mrs. Susan Miller

Hi, Gentlemen -

My husband, Roger Miller, is a member of your group of car guys. (Red '69 Camaro) Remembering what a great group of couples we see each year at the car group's Christmas Party, we wanted to extend an invitation to all of you to join us at our motorcycle club's 5th Annual Valentine's Dinner event at the Cunningham Conference Center on Feb. 14. This is the same club that Bob Smith and Clete Richardson - also car guys - ride with.

While this dinner began as an event for our motorcycle club, it is not a "biker event" and at least 1/3 to 1/2 of the folks who attend are not in the motorcycle club.

So why do we do this? The idea came about when, about six years ago, Roger and I realized that going out for Valentine's - which you have to do, of course - generally consisted of dinner in an overpriced, crowded, noisy restaurant... maybe followed by a movie, if the restaurant wait and noise didn't wear us out. So we decided to put together a relaxing, casual, professionally catered dinner with movie entertainment at the beautiful Cunningham Center. Five years later, it's still going strong!

Please see the attached flyer for details. This is a private event open to friends, and friends of friends. So feel free to share the invitation with others. The price of \$36 per couple covers catering costs only. This is not a money maker or fund raiser of any kind. It's something Roger and I enjoy doing for our friends.

Feel free to contact Roger or me if you have any questions at all. Roger Miller; rmiller47@bellsouth.net or 706-402-7399.

Also, Clete Richardson, one of the car guys, is very familiar with the event and can fill you in as well.

By the way, I had only this very limited list of email addresses for the car group. So please, please forward this to the other car guys in the group. I don't want to leave anyone out.

Hope to hear from you all!

Susan and Roger Miller

Our feature movie presentation on the big screen is *Music and Lyrics*, starring Drew Barrymore and Hugh Grant.
Funny and enchanting... the perfect Valentine's movie!

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

Dinner at 6:30 PM Movie at 7:15 PM

Cunningham Center at Columbus State University

You are cordially invited to the 5th Annual **VMTA** Valentine's Dinner and Movie!

-Dinner Menu ~ Tossed Mixed Greens Salad Sliced
Roast Beef Au Jus Sautéed Summer Vegetables Herb
Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes Rolls & Butter Peach Cobbler
Iced Tea, Water, Coffee

\$36 per couple/\$18 per person. Reservations and pre-payment required. Due to catering commitments, no refunds for cancellations/no-shows. Make checks payable to **VMTA** and mail to: Susan Miller, 529 Lee Rd 339, Salem, AL 36874.

PayPal payment - \$37 per couple or \$18.50 per person to smiller59@bellsouth.net For more information and to **RSVP**, contact Susan Miller at **706-615-3355** or

smiller59@bellsouth.net Singles or couples – friends and guests are welcome, too! This is a break-even event for VMTA.