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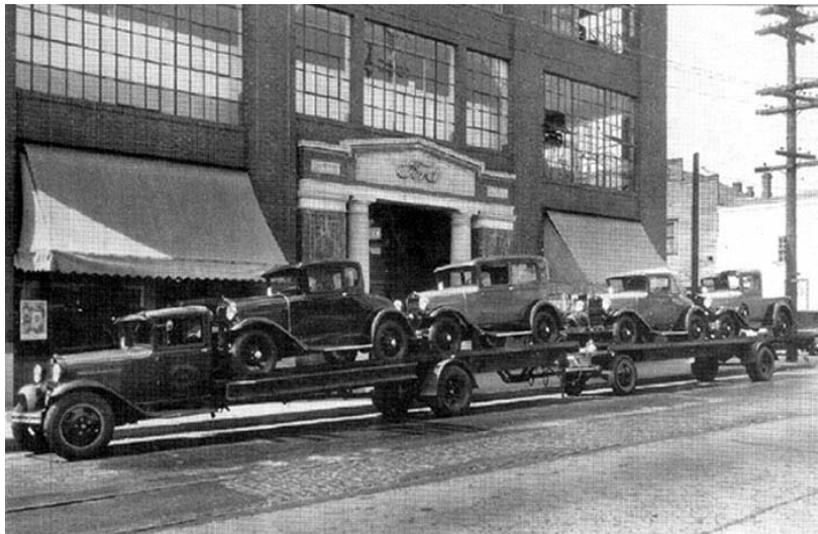


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RIVER CITIES MODEL "A" FORD CLUB

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Joe Spooner - DEC 2006 – 2008, Jim Langley- DEC 2008 – 2009,
Jim Timbes - DEC 2009 – 2010, Al Lugo - DEC 2010 - 2011

The President's Corner..



March 2012

Fourteen Club members and two guests attended our recent tour to the Rural Telephone Museum in Leslie, Georgia. This museum houses the largest collection of telephone and telephone memorabilia in the world. The Museum also had some very nice vehicles to include Model A's and T's. Most members and guest met for breakfast at 7:30AM at Ruth Ann's Restaurant on Veterans Parkway. After breakfast we met members that did not meet for breakfast in the parking lot of the Confederate Museum. After a great tour we had a delicious lunch at Yoder's restaurant. Thank you to Jim Langley for planning this great tour that was enjoyed by all that attended.

Our next workshop will be on how to rebuild a carburetor and will be held on May 5, 2012 at my Garage. Lunch will be provided.

Thank you to Sharon Webb for a great meeting program on CPR and Stroke Prevention. Sharon did a great job presenting this very important topic which can possibly save a love one's life.

During our February meeting we conducted a quick survey to help shape our future club direction and activities. Results of this survey will be discussed at the March meeting.

Remember that our Club Car Show will be on April 21, 2012. We ask members to network with businesses to help get door prices.

The Program for the March meeting will be the Yellow Tag Identification Program and will be conducted by June Spooner and the Sherriff department.

We welcome our newest Club members, Roger and Janet Bailey, who joined during the February meeting. Roger and Janet immediately joined us in touring the Telephone Museum.

See you at the meeting,

Al

JOIN US!

NEXT MEETING: March 15, 2012-6:00PM (EASTERN)

The meeting will be at Woodmen of the World Lodge, on Highway 80, in Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

March 2	Board Meeting
March 10	Tour to Motorsports Museum at Talladega
March 15	Club Meeting/ Program by June Spenner
April 7	Mt. Zion Church Car Show, Smith Station
April 13	Board Meeting
April 19	Club Meeting
April 21	Club Car Show (rain date April 28 club car show)
May 5	Carburetor Workshop

CRUISE EVENINGS

Every 1 st Tuesday	Cooks Hot Dog on Miller & Airport Thruway
Every 2 nd Tuesday	La Pareja Mexican Restaurant toward Waverly Hall
Every 3 rd Tuesday	Jason Deli
Every 4 th Tuesday	Cooks Hot Dog on Miller & Airport Thruway
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

February 16, 2012

Opening:

The regular meeting of The River Cities Model A Ford Club was called to order at 6:00 pm on February 16, 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 Jim Langley and all proceeded to the buffet.

Present:

Paul and Mary Nelle Singer, Dick Noxon, Glen Williams and Cindy, Al Lugo, Howard Ruddick, Bobby and Connie Penny, Joe and June Spooner, Bob and Bettie Jackson, Mike Alexich, Jim and Mickey Timbes, Kevin Adams, Skipper Barfield, John Robertson, Bob Smith, Neil Le Clair, Jim Langley, Buddy Graves, Don and Evelyn Carlisle, Steve Carlisle, Roger and Janet Bailey and Sharon Webb.

Al Lugo called the meeting to order and welcomed the new members Roger and Janet Bailey.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved with the following revisions: Correction: John Robertson not Jim Langley is the Program Director John Robertson made a motion to accept the minutes as written with the above changes. Howard Ruddick seconded it. The members unanimous approved the motion.

Treasurers Report:

The treasurer's report was read by Bettie Jackson and a motion by Steve Carlisle to accept the report was made. Bob Smith seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Program:

Sharon Webb presented Hands Only CPR in recognition of Heart Month. A review of the process of hands only CPR was viewed from the American Heart Association web site. Participants had the opportunity to practice this on manikins. Also discussed were heart healthy behaviors for all to follow, preventing heart attacks, signs and symptoms of stroke. Handouts were provided as well. For those missing the event, Sharon has more copies of the handouts for the asking.

Old Business:

Remember the club dues are now past due and if you haven't paid yet please remit this to Bettie Jackson. Al read the letter from MAFFI regarding the contribution the club made and that the ground breaking for the museum is scheduled for early spring 2012. Clarification of the cost for the

club's web site was made to reflect an annual cost of \$144. A survey for the club's thoughts on the direction of the club's purpose and programs was presented by Jim Langley and circulated for members to complete. A copy of this survey is also being posted on the web site. All members are encouraged to complete and submit as soon as possible. Jim will be tallying the results and report back at the next meeting.

New Business: Some suggestions gathered from the suggestion box from the last meeting included a request for a list of all available Model A tools and where they are located. Another suggestion was that we take an early spring tour to Warm Springs. Remember the annual club's car show is going to be at the Naval Museum Because of changes in the leadership at the Naval Museum there will be a fee charged by the museum for us to host our show in the parking lot. The fee for that will be \$250. The club has in the past made a similar donation of that amount to the museum when we would have a show there and so this should not present a problem. Bobbie Penny encouraged members to get together sponsors and door prizes now in preparation for this year's show. A review of upcoming car shows was discussed as listed on our web site. The next Board meeting is Friday March 9, 2012 at the Burger King on Wynnton Road. Our next program for March is going to be presented by June Spooner called the Yellow Tag Identification. Be sure to attend and learn more about this wonderful safety program!

Reports from Committee Chairpersons:

Vice President: Nothing to report at this time.

Treasurer: Nothing to report

Secretary: Sharon Webb asked the members to please bring get well, sympathy and thinking of you cards to the next meeting as we are running low on these.

Programs: Nothing to report at this time

Publicity: Mickey Timbes asking for volunteers to do a spot on the TV for the upcoming car show.

Historian: Nothing to report

Scholarship: Nothing to report

Membership: Nothing to report.

Mechanics: Nothing to report

Awards: Howard Ruddick spoke to the upcoming program he and his committee is planning for May called "sing-a-long" More to follow!

Adjournment: John Roberson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Timbes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

Minutes submitted by: Sharon Webb

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

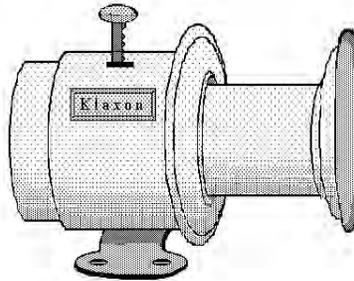


MARCH 5- Mike & Chris Moye

MARCH 8- John & Friederilke Robertson

MARCH 14- Rodney & Georgette Milner

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



March 3- George Wood

March 5- Sherry Williams

March 9- Mark Babb

March 9- George Wood II

March 12- Sheila Collins

March 21- Frances Carlisle

March 4- Jim Langley

March 6- Mike Moye

March 9- Chad Davidson

March 11- Jean Stewart

March 19- Edlow Morris

March 22- Renate Shirley

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:

Hardly a driver

Is now alive

Who passed

On a hill

At 75

Burma Shave

(Provided by Joe Sponner)

Model A Q&A's

Let's Restore a Model A Ford!

What a great idea, I don't know why I haven't thought of it before. Let's take a Model A Ford and rip it all apart, restore everything, and put it back into a beautiful car, all right before the eyes of our club members. It just so happens, I have a 1931 SW Fordor in the shop right now that needs a full restoration. Follow along as we make it look like a new one again.

Step1. Make a plan. Restoring a car is a very big endeavor, and one that will take a lot of time, effort, and yes, money. First we need to really decide what we want out of the car when it's all finished. This will give us some basic guidelines to follow as the work is progressing. Some guys plan to put the car in a show room. Some plan to use it for family events and parades. Some guys dream of touring the U.S.A. Still others like to go to cruise-ins on Saturday Nights. Some cars are built for show at the National Level. It's important to know the plan for the car when it's finished.

Establish a Time Line. Another part of the plan will be a time line. This will make sure that work progresses in a logical manner. There is no need to take your favorite car all apart, and put it into long term storage. Set a calendar for yourself to get the car torn down, get the chassis built, bodywork and paint done, upholstery ordered, glass work done, final assembly, etc...

The Budget. It's a good idea to have a budget for all aspects of the restoration. Sit down and start adding up what everything is going to cost, before any work begins. Do your best estimate, then double it, and you will be pretty close to the final figure. All these money concerns will melt away the first time you drive your dream Model A.

Storage. Model As really takes up a lot of room when they are all apart. The little Ford is tidy and compact when it is all assembled and driving. You can easily park it in the tightest of parking places. Take one Model A apart, however, and you will fill your two-car garage, a room in your house, part of your basement and attic with parts. This can really be a concern when doing the work at home. If you are short of room, you may need to rent additional storage space locally. Now while you have all this stuff stored, you will really need an inventory of everything, so you can find it all again. Have a Legal Pad handy during the disassembly. Write down everything you take off, making notes of missing or damaged parts. Zip lock bags are great for small items. Use a “Sharpie” to label everything.

References and Information. It’s a great idea to have lots of Model A Reference books on hand for your project. Get these ahead of time, and really familiarize yourself with the car. The more you know ahead of time, the better your results will be. Some books I highly recommend:

MAFCA/ MARC Judging Standards.

Les Andrews Model A Mechanics Handbook Volumes 1

Mike’s A-Fordable Catalog

The Model A Ford as Henry Built it

Parts. No matter how nice of a car you have to start with, you are going to need a lot of Model A parts. It’s a good idea to go ahead and order as many parts as possible ahead of time, so you will have them on hand when you need them. It is very disappointing to have an assembly all ready to be installed, except for one missing screw or pin. If you go through a nice photographic catalog, like Mike’s, you will be able to see clearly what all you are going to need. Why not have them on hand and ready to use. Upholstery will need to be ordered months ahead of time, so that is something you will need to plan for. Glass can be cut by local glass shops. Mike’s can get tires.

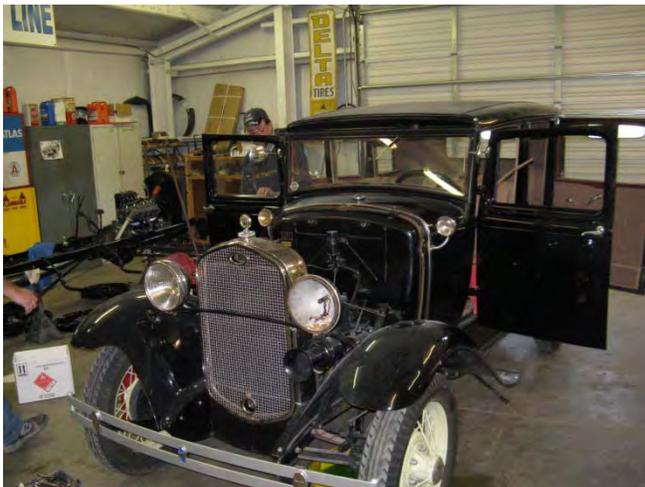
Used Parts. There is a lot of money to be saved by purchasing “Used Parts” at swap meets or on the internet. Use Caution, you get what you pay for. You can build a worn out car, by using worn out parts. If you must find original parts, just know what you are looking for, and be an informed shopper.

Bentley C. Bohanan

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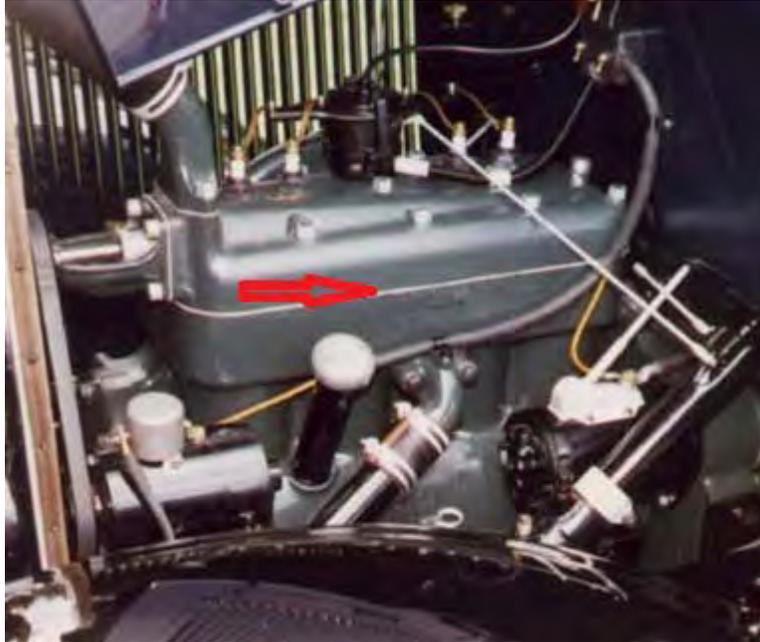


1931 Fordor, Day 1



Ford Model A Engine Numbers

Use these tables to determine the month and year your Model A engine was produced. The engine number is stamped on the drivers side of the motor. Look at the center of the motor just below the head and you will see a flat spot on the block with the numbers. Disregard any letters preceding the number.



1927				1929 (Cont)		
1	-	137	October	1854832-	2045422	July
138	-	971	November	2045423-	2243920	August
972	-	5275	December	2243921-	2396932	September
1928				2396933-	2571781	October
5276	-	17251	January	2571782-	2678140	November
17252	-	36016	February	2678141-	2742695	December
36017	-	67700	March	1930		
67701	-	109740	April	2742696-	2826649	January
109741	-	165726	May	2826650-	2940776	February
165727	-	224276	June	2940777-	3114465	March
224277	-	295707	July	3114466-	3304703	April
294708	-	384867	August	3304704-	3509306	May
384868	-	473012	September	3509307-	3702547	June
473013	-	585696	October	3702548-	3771362	July
585697	-	697829	November	3771363-	3883888	August
697830	-	810122	December	3883889-	4005973	September
1929				4005974-	4093995	October
810123-		983136	January	4093996-	4177733	November
983137-		1127171	February	4177734-	4237500	December
1127172-		1298827	March	1931		
1298828-		1478647	April	4237501-	4310300	January
1478648-		1663401	May	4310301-	4393627	February
1663402-		1854831	June	4393628-	4520831	March
1931 (cont)				1932		
4520832-		4611921	April	4830807-	4842983	January
4611822-		4695999	May	4842984-	4846691	February
4696000-		4746730	June	4846692-	4849340	March
4746731-		4777282	July			
No		production	August			
4777283-		4824809	September			

4824810-	4826746	October
4826747-	4830806	November
No	Production	December

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

Henry quote: You can't learn in school what the world is going to do next year.

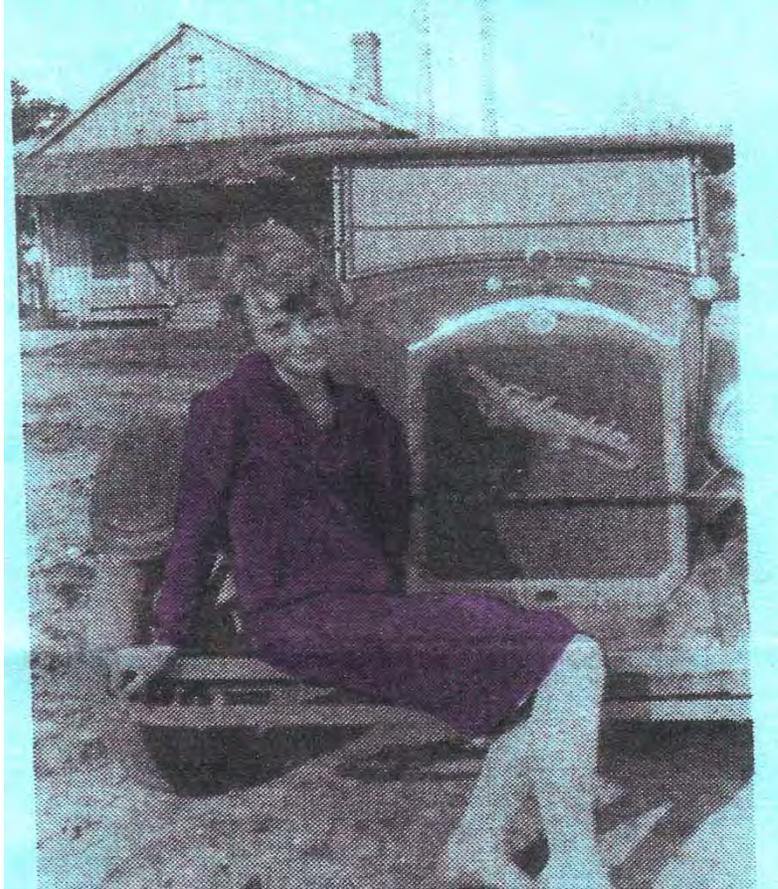
Provided by Joe Spooner

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."

Here is a website you should visit and if down in the Tallahassee area visit the Tallahassee automobile museum. They are located at 6800 Mahan Drive and their website is <http://tacm.com/> The site has a listing of their cars, and other items worth viewing.



Who is this?



Last Months "What is this?" ... It is called an eskimo mobile

The Annual MARC Model A Restorers Club will be having their National Event in Chattanooga TN and hosted by the Senic City A's. Ten tours are planned with a wide variety of attractions, beautiful scenery, and historical places that guests may choose to visit. A Grand Tour is planned for Chickamauga, GA and Chickamauga National Park.

The web site for the MARC and more information about their event go to <http://modelarestorers.org> for more information. Last year, in April, they had 227 Model A's and over 500 folks attend the Natchez Trace tour.

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 dual 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

Club Member David Black is selling his Tudor.

It has new tires, bumpers, distributor, water pump, carpet, battery and has a rebuilt carburetor. Engine is smooth and strong.



The price is only \$10,900 and David can be reached at (256) 287-0317 after 7pm (Eastern)

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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.