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Jim Timbes - DEC 2009 – 2010, Al Lugo - DEC 2010 - 2011

The President's Corner..

April 2012



It sure was a great sight to see fifty-two Model A's driving at the Talladega Speedway. Five of us attended this great activity and had a chance to see a Model A Museum, some rare vehicles and great fellowship. More information printed in another section of this Newsletter.

Thank you to June Spooner and Officer Pamela Ravel, from the Lee County Sheriff Department for presenting the Program for the March meeting on the Yellow Tag Identification Program. Those that attended the meeting received a packet and a yellow dot to place on their daily drivers. These packets will have important medical information, which emergency personnel can access, in case of an accident and you are not able to give that information yourself. This program can be the difference between life and death, Thank you June for suggesting this great program and doing the coordination to have the officer attend and execute the program.

We are still working on the results of our recent Club Survey. Results will be provided during our April meeting.

Remember that our Club Car Show will be on April 21, 2012. We hope to see most of our members at the show. Please contact Bobby Penny and ask how you can help.

As I mentioned last month our next workshop will be on how to rebuild a carburetor and will be held on May 5, 2012 at my Garage. Joe Spooner and I will conduct the workshop and we will ask you to sign up for this activity during the April meeting. Those not attending the meeting can call or Email me. An accurate attendant number is needed since lunch will be provided. Due date to sign up is April 30, 2012.

See you at the meeting,

Al

JOIN US!

NEXT MEETING: April 19th, 2012-6:00PM (EASTERN)
The meeting will be at Woodmen of the World Lodge,
on Highway 80, in Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

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, Al's Garage
May 11 th	Board Meeting
May 12 th	East Alabama Car Club Car Show
May 17 th	Club Meeting
May 19 th	Driving tour to near Alexander City, Al-Horseshoe Bend

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
March 15, 2012**

Opening:

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

Present:

Bob Smith, Jim Timbes, Mickey Timbes. June Spooner, Roger Bailey, Janet Bailey, Mary Nelle Singer, Sharon Webb, Buddy Graves, Russell Lester, Howard Ruddick, John Robertson, Connie Penny, Bobby Penny, Joe Carter, Feorra Carter, Joe Spooner, Bettie Jackson, Bob Jackson, Al Lugo and Bill Shirley. Al Lugo called the meeting to order and welcomed the new member: David Black. Mr. Black was instrumental in inspiring Mickey and Jim to create this club. Also another member under the weather is Louie Willett who recently had back surgery.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to accept the minutes as written in the Newsletter by Bobbie Penny. Jo Spooner seconded it. The members unanimous approved the motion.

Treasurers Report :

The treasurer's report was read by Bettie Jackson and a motion by John Robertson to accept the report was made. Howard Ruddrick seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Bettie reported that the CD interest has plummeted and request the membership to consider other options of handling the funding investments. Mickey Timbes made a motion for her to research the highest CD return rates and lock in for 1 year only. Bobbie Penny seconded it and it was voted affirmative by all the members present.

Program:

The program tonight was initiated by June Spooner which was the Yellow Tag Identification Program. She introduced to the members, Pamela Reavles from the Russell County Sheriff's office who explained how the program works. There were forms distributed concerning medical history and other pertinent information that is critical to know in the first hour of an accident or disaster. Each person was asked to fill this out. She then went around to each individual and took a picture of them to add to the medical history. This information was to be put in the supplied yellow folder and placed in the glove box of your car. A yellow sticker would be applied to the rear window of the car to alert emergency personnel that these documents are available and aid them in identifying victims and their needs. The program was well received by membership.

Old Business:

Those folks with outstanding balance on dues will be sent a final letter this evening. The trip to the Talladega Speedway & Motorsport Museum was attended by 5 persons from the club in their Model A's. Pictures of the participants and their cars were passed around for all to see. They received a police escort from Oxford to Talladega and onto the track. A nice article was written up in the local newspaper "Daily Home.com" on the front page. The survey distributed at the last meeting has been completed by 17 persons. The tally of these results will be discussed at length at the next meeting. Howard Ruddrick was given the opportunity to discuss the upcoming sing along for the May meeting. Mickey Timbes, one of the committee member's in charge of putting on the program, states she is arranging song lyrics information on the period. Dona Carter offered the resources of a Song Book for the 20-30's. Sharon showed the group the dresses and accessories she has been collecting for the Clothing Closet in an effort to give all ideas for dressing in period dated clothing for this meeting.

New Business:

Suggestions received from the last meeting were discussed. Al Lugo stated one of the suggestions was to provide a comprehensive list of the names of tours for the upcoming. Another suggestion was to have an equal number of tours and activities in Alabama as is in Georgia since the club is made up of folks from both Georgia and Alabama. Another suggestion made was to hold the meeting times down to at least 1 hour and half and no more. Al stated he will manage to keep the meetings concluding to at least by 8:15 pm. Al reminded the members the the applications for the Scholarship is due by July 1, 2012. Howard asked if the member's would be agreeable to offering a prize for the best dressed male and the best dressed female at the May Sing along. Sharon also requested the mailing of an invitation to member's that has not been attending recently to encourage them to come and participate in the festivities. She will design an invitation stating the date and time to be sent out. Bobbie Penny has also suggested that for folks who have been with the club 10 years could receive a designed patch. He will come up with a design and report it back to the members. AL Lugo stated that there had been some talk about having a published list of tools available for members to use and recommended person/agencies for reliable services .We could make this list available with the rosters when they are given out annually Al reminded the group that the next workshop is scheduled for 5/5 on carburetors. Don't forget to check the newsletter for the upcoming tours. The next board meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2012 at the Wynnton Road Burger King. The program for the next meeting will be the review of the car club show (scheduled for 4/23/2012) by Bobbie Penny.

Reports from Committee Chairpersons:

Vice President: Not present (illness).

Programs: Nothing to report at this time

Publicity: Mickey Timbes has scheduled a segment for the local TV station for a presentation on the club car show,

Historian: nothing to report

Scholarship: Be sure to submit those applications as soon as possible

Membership: nothing to report.

Mechanics: nothing to report

Secretary: Thank you for the note cards that have been submitted by members to be used to console members that are ill or bereaved.

Adjournment:

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

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)

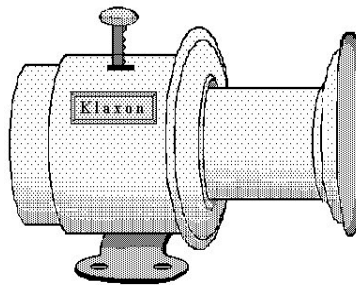


HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES



APRIL 1- Bill & Louann Buck
APRIL 6- Kevin & Michelle Colangelo
APRIL 14- Gary & Sheila Collins
APRIL 29- Paul & Mary Nelle Singer

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



APRIL 1- Frieda Moyer
APRIL 12- Billy Pugh
APRIL 16- Connie Penny
APRIL 19- Debbie Morrison
APRIL 26- Sharon Webb
APRIL 27- Joe Spooner

If you dislike

Big traffic fines

Slow down

Till you

Can read these signs



(Provided by Joe Sponner)

"Chop your own wood and it will warm you twice"

Henry Ford

Model A Q&A's

Let's Restore a Model A Ford!

Part 2: Break it down!

Now that you have decided to Restore your Model A Ford, its time to get the wrenches out and get dirty. If you read last month, you already know where you are going to work, where you are going to store everything, and where you are going to get all the new parts. Now get out there and get at it!

Drain Everything.

Remove all the fuel, oil, lubricant from the rear end, transmission, steering gear. Drain the water from the radiator. Remove all the important papers from the inside of the car, and put them away somewhere safe, along with the license plate. Dispose of all these hazardous wastes properly, and in accordance to local ordinances. We use a company called "Safety Kleen" to dispose of all our oils, solvents, and coolants.

Remove the easy stuff first.

You can spend the first couple of hours removing the hood, fenders, running boards, bumpers and radiator. This will give you a quick feeling of accomplishment seeing your car fall away so quickly. Once all the easy stuff is off, the real work begins. Disassemble the hood at the rods; remove all the rubber blocks and corners.

Next, the not so easy.

Removing the doors is often a real job. Those hinge pins have been in there for 80 years, and can be really stubborn. The trick is to be careful not to destroy anything you might need later. There is a special tool available to remove the pins, but it rarely works. On the really stubborn pins, I like to grind the top of the pin away, and then drive the pin down with a long punch and a small hammer. Then a large hammer. Then a torch.

Upholstery, Floorboards, Wood.

All the upholstery needs to be removed from the car. This includes all the panels, windlass, headliner, kick panels, and seat covers. Remove every screw, clip and nail, as they will all be in the way later. You can save the panels for patterns, but you really won't need them, since you will be ordering a new kit. Now is a good time to inspect the wood. On Fordors, Cabriolets and some other models, the wood is a structural part of the car, and must be in excellent condition. On Coupes, and Tudors, most of the body wood is for holding the upholstery, but it still needs to be solid. All cars must have an excellent header, top bows, and top wood. Don't scrimp on the wood. Now remove the seat carriers, floorboards, sill plates. Inspect the sub rails for any rust out.

Glass,

Of course you really need to be careful when dealing with glass. Always use gloves, and handle with care. The glass will need to be replaced, so the emphasis here is on personal safety. Most of the time the door window trim is removed, then the glass is rolled up far enough to remove it from the track, and lifted out. Wrap the glass with paper and save it for patterns. The Windshield will be in a metal frame, which must be disassembled completely to be restored. Remove all screws, and use a wooden block against the frame, and a hammer to bump the frame apart. Remove the glass, along with all bedding rubber and sealant. Remove all the window regulators and door hardware. Each regulator and door latch will need to be rebuilt back to perfect working condition. Quarter and rear windows are removed by taking off the interior trim pieces.

Top,

Like the upholstery, you will need to completely remove the top. Remove all the top decking, batting, canvas, chicken wire, hid'em, sealants, nails, and screws. Again, carefully check that wood, and replace it if there is any doubt.

Gas Tank, Firewall,

Strip all the electrical and fuel system components off the firewall. Remove the cowl band, cowl lacing, and remove the gas tank, by removing all the attaching screws, and lifting the tank from the cowl section. (On Some Models, the Gas tank comes from under the cowl top) Now the body should be nothing but an empty hull. Take lots of pictures.

Body Snatchers,

Remove all the body hold-down bolts, and rear bumper bracket bolts. Now find 5 or 6 strong friends, and remove the body from the chassis. Load the body, fenders, aprons, all the sheet metal in the back of your truck and head to the media blaster. Or spend the next few weeks stripping and sanding all the paint off it yourself. They do say that sanding builds Character.

Next Month:**Tackle the Chassis**

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Attention all River Cities Model A Ford Club members, **May the 17th** Mark your calendar as we are going back in time. We are going to have picnic style dinner along with a bunch of singing and if you are able maybe some dancing demonstrations. There will be classic era style music and a prize for best dressed. It should be a fun time.



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.

TALLADEGA TOUR...

By Al Lugo

On Friday March 9, 2012, Joe and June Spooner, Paul and Mary Nelle Singer, and Al Lugo attended the Talladega Speedway Tour.

After spending the afternoon talking to other Model "A" owners at the hotel parking lot, we drove our A's and had a great dinner at the Model "A" Museum of Gerald Grizzard. His building was amazing; housing 15 Model A's and decorated with many automobile items. His collection included a pristine Model "A" and "AA" Mail Trucks

The next day we met early and fifty two Model A's drove thirty miles in caravan with a Police escort to the Talladega Speedway.

The highlight of this event was driving at the Talladega Speedway. All fifty two Model A's drove four times around the Speedway. After this exiting drive we then visited the Motor Sports Hall of Fame.

After the visit to the Hall of Fame we all drove again in a caravan to a very nice Restaurant for a great lunch. This concluded the activity and then we all went home.

All photos provided by Al Lugo.



What is it?



Last Months Who is this..... Mary Nelle Singer's Mother

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.

"It is well enough that people of the nation do not understand our banking and monetary system, for if they did, I believe there would be a revolution before tomorrow morning."

— [Henry Ford](#)

Roving Reporter,
Bob Smith

A first time car show at Mike Patton's in LaGrange was a hit in March. Rain was gone and so was most of the pollen; lots of cars were cleaned off and brought to the show. Several Columbus Cruise-In members met for breakfast then headed up the freeway. My old Model A took the scenic route up to Whitesville, while I enjoyed the blooming shrubbery in all the yards. Quite a trip on a nice Sat morning.

Only a couple of our club members were in attendance but we brought home trophies. It was a top 25 award show with about 60 total cars there. Most people won Door Prizes and there was over \$350 in the 50/50.

All proceeds went to a very young cancer patient - total to him was \$1900.

I had company coming home - one of the locals here did not want to use the freeway as something under his car was vibrating so we came down Rt 219 to Columbus at a slower pace. He will be working on that problem in the days to ahead. Since I missed the Talladega tour this helped get some driving time in my "A".



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.



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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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.