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



The Presidents Corner

May 2012

Thank you to Bobby Penny, John Robertson, Dick Noxon and the rest of the Car Show Committee for conducting another successful

car show. Their planning and hard work showed in every detail. Thank you to Mickey Timbes for the great publicity. Also thank you to the Sponsors that donated money that made it possible to conduct the car show without losing money. In particular thank you to Steve and Don Carlisle's business for donating the money to cover the cost of the trophies. Also thank you to all the members that showed up and worked in the different areas.

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 will conduct the workshop and I will help. An accurate attendant number is needed since lunch will be provided, so if you did not sign up at the April meeting please Email me. Due date to sign up is April 30, 2012.

Remember our May meeting will feature. Music & Dress from the 20's & 30's Era. Howard Ruddick and his committee planned a fun evening with dress, food, and songs from that era. Do you have your costumes ready? Hope you will join us. Please send your RSVP to Howard so we know how much food we need.

Our next tour is a driving tour to Horseshoe Bend, near Alexander City. This tour will be on Friday, May 18, 2012. We are conducting the tour on a Friday so we can take advantage of the many activities conducted at this historic park. In addition to the guided tour we will be able to fire muskets. We will meet at 8:00 AM with location to be confirmed at the May meeting. Lunch will be at the General Café restaurant. If you have not confirmed your attendance please send me an email or Jim Langley.

Remember the due date to turn in scholarship applications is July 1, 2012. Applicants will need letters of recommendations and these are hard to get during summer brake.

See you at the meeting,
Al

JOIN US!

By al Lugo

NEXT MEETING: May 17, 2012
6:00PM(EASTERN)Our
next meeting will be at Woodmen of the World
Lodge, on Highway 80, in Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

May 5	Carburetor Workshop, Al's Garage
May 11	Board Meeting
May 12	East Alabama Car Club Car Show
May 17	Club Meeting- Music & Dress from the 20's & 30's Era
May 18	Driving Tour to near Alexander City, AL-Horseshoe Bend
May 19	National Infantry Museum Car Show
June 2	Driving Tour to Williamson, GA- "Wheels Wings and Interesting Things"
June 15	Board Meeting
June 21	Club Meeting

CRUISE EVENINGS

Every 1 st Tuesday-	Cooks Hot Dog on Miller & Airport Thru Way
Every 2 nd Tuesday	La Pareja Mexican Restaurant (towards Waverly Hall)
Every 3 rd Tuesday	Jason Deli
Every 4 th Tuesday	Cooks Hot Dog on Miller & Airport Thru Way
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

April 19, 2012

Opening:

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

Present:

Jim and Mickey Timbes, Mary Nelle and Paul Singer, Neil La Clair, Glen and Cindy Williams, Jim Langley, Russell Lester, Howard Ruddick, John Robertson, Bobby Penny, Joe and June Spooner, Janet and Roger Bailey, Joe Carter, Bill Shirley, Al Lugo and Sharon Webb.

Al Lugo called the meeting to order. He stated several members have been under the weather: June Spooner is doing better after eye surgery. Russell Lester is present tonight and is recovering well after a bad fall with facial trauma. David Black is under-going surgery later this week. Harolyn Hunt (Bo Hunt's mother) passed away recently.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by John Robertson to accept the minutes from the last meeting as written in the newsletter. Jim Timbes seconded it and the motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report:

The treasurer's report was read by Al Lugo who was fling in for Bettie Jackson. June Spooner was responsible tonight for the collection of the funds for payment of the meal. The audit of the books was completed by Mickey Timbes. A motion was made by Jim Langley to accept the treasurer's report and it was seconded by Bobby Penny and it was unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Al thanked June Spooner and Officer Pamela Ravel for presenting the Yellow Dot program last month.

The meeting tonight was focused on the upcoming annual car show which is scheduled for April 21, 2012. The weather is expected to be acceptable with only a slight chance of rain. Bobby Penny discussed the assignments and asked that all participants wear their white club shirts and name tags. We are to meet at the Naval Museum at 8a and set up the tents. Food will be sent for around 10:30 am. The trophies are very nice donated by Don and Steve Carlisle. We still need more door prizes. Several prizes are of very high quality and may need to be raffled off. He thanked all the embers for their generosity and support. Bobby also mentioned that he still

has shirts and hats for sale. Mickey Timbes made arrangements for publicity by having Paul Singer on Channel 3 to discuss the car show. Al read the letter that was sent out to members who have not renewed their membership. He also gave the results of the survey which was offered at a previous meeting and also on the web site. A number of good ideas came from the survey.

Jim Langley will be the MC for the upcoming Music and Dress program next month. He reminded the members to plan on coming dressed in period dated clothing as there will be a contest. There will also be a memorabilia table. He encouraged everyone to try and bring something. Everyone needs to RSVP as soon as possible so enough food will be prepared.

Al Lugo reminded the members of the upcoming Carburetor Workshop May 5, 2012. Sign up forms were passed around. Sign up is due by April 30, 2012. Signing up for the scholarship is due by July 1, 2012.

A suggestion from a previous meeting was to create a list of tools members are will to loan to other members so we won't have to by some of these infrequently used tools as well as coming up with a list of recommend services to the Model A.

New Business:

The upcoming tour was presented by Jim Langley to Alexander City-Horseshoe Bend on Friday May 18, 2012. We will meet at the parking lot of the gas station down from the Glenwood School. The tour will be a real thrill as there are plans to stop at the General's Café!

Al Lugo brought up a concern which had been brought up at the last Board meeting which was the progressive loss of funds from paying the caterer. It seems there has been a decrease of attendance and we have a set payment for the caterer. Because we don't always collect enough at the meeting we have had to draw from the treasurer. There was discussion of perhaps requiring reservations prior to the meeting so just enough food is prepared. Another suggestion was made to increase the cost to \$15 per meeting for the dinner. After much discussion the issue was table for June meeting.

Newsletter: Bill Shirley reminded folks to submit pictures for the newsletter and any other articles.

Be sure to check the newsletter for all the upcoming events and participate in them as much as possible.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm

Minutes submitted by: Sharon Webb

HORSESHOE BEND TOUR

"YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS ONE"

BRING YOUR WIFE, YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

THIS WILL BE A DRIVING TOUR TO HORSESHOE BEND AT DAVISON, AL (NEAR ALEX CITY) WITH AN ENROUTE STOP AT JOE AND JUNE SPOONERS HOME FOR SOME WAVERLY COFFEE AND/OR NECESSARY REST STOP.

AT HORSESHOE BEND. WE WILL BE TREATED TO A LIVE MUSKET FIRING DEMONSTRATION AND THEN A PERSONNEL GUIDED TOUR OF THE PARK.

AFTER THE PARK ACTIVITIES, WE WILL DRIVE A SHORT DISTANCE TO NEW SITE, AL FOR LUNCH AT THE GENERAL'S CAFE. AFTER LUNCH THERE WILL BE DOOR PRIZES FOR SOME LUCKY ATTENDEE'S.

FULL DETAILS AND TOUR MAPS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE MAY 17TH MEETING.

YOU MUST MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR THE PARK TOUR AND LUNCH NLT MAY 1ST SINCE WE WILL NEED ACCURATE HEADCOUNTS FOR THE PARK AND LUNCH. PLEASE EMAIL OR TELEPHONE JIM LANGLEY WITH YOUR NUMBERS.

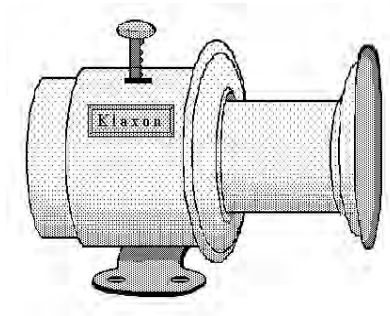


HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES



MAY 20- Tom & Laura Penny
MAY 25- Al & Lizbeth Lugo
MAY 27- Randy & Patsy Baker

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



MAY 1- Al Lugo
MAY 5- Buddy Graves
MAY 11- Gary Collins
MAY 18- Grover Barfield
MAY 23- Brad Whitaker

**“Nothing is particularly hard if you divide it into small jobs”
— Henry Ford**



**“To do more for the world than the world does for you - that is success.”
— Henry Ford**

Model A Q&A's

Let's Restore a Model A Ford!

Part 3: Tackle the Chassis

Doing a full restoration on a Model A Ford, or any antique car for that matter, is a really large undertaking. It requires quite a commitment, and you will be tested several times during the process. The end result will be a terrific amount of pride in a job well done.

Last month we removed the body from the chassis of our Model A, now let's proceed with the disassembly of the chassis.

The best way to work on anything is to work on it clean. I really like to break everything down into assemblies, then send them for sandblasting. Remove all the old wiring and frame welting. None of this will be reused, so it's OK to throw it away. Save all your nuts and bolts though, you will need them. Sandwich bags and magic markers are great for storing and labeling hardware and small parts. It's also a very good idea to keep a notebook to inventory all the parts you are taking off. It's smart to keep a copy of Mike's Catalog handy so you can reference the parts according to proper names. It might be confusing when its time to reassemble everything when you have put "snuff can" on your inventory, then look for "light switch body" when its time to reassemble.

Remove the engine, and put that to one side for next month. Remove the motor mounts from the frame and discard the rubber pads between them. Disassemble the u-joint housing, and remove the transmission. Use the correct spring spreader and remove the rear end and front axle. Send the front and rear axle assemblies, along with the frame and fender braces for sandblasting. Again, you can save a lot of money, by cleaning everything yourself, you can even sandblast everything yourself in a few days if you have an "outside" sandblaster, and an air compressor. #3 sand can be purchased at hardware stores. I don't recommend the "play sand" it tends to be wet and doesn't blast well. Keep in mind that sandblasting releases chemicals that are harmful to your health, so use a dust mask and be very cautious if you do it yourself.

When the rear end and front axle is all sandblasted, then remove all the brakes, disassemble the rear end, king pins, transmission and bell housing. Now send all the parts to a machine shop for cleaning. Or clean it yourself, if you have a parts washer and plenty of time.

You are going to be so proud when you get all your parts back sandblasted, cleaned and looking like new. Be sure and put some "Etching" primer on everything as soon as you get it back, or it will be a rusty orange by tomorrow.

While everything is clean, it's a good idea to look for cracks or wear areas on the frame and other parts. You can easily spot bushing wear or missing rivets while things are clean and new looking. You can use a long straight edge to check the frame for straightness. Also check the frame for square by measuring in an x-pattern from corner to corner. Don't forget to check the front axle for straightness also, they are usually bent from years of abuse. This can be repaired with a hydraulic press, a tape measure, and a little time.

Once all your parts are checked and repaired, it's a good time to paint everything with some black enamel. You can take whatever steps you want here, from spray cans, to powder coating, to automotive finish, but get some black paint on there one way or another.

Next month we'll tear down that engine...

See you on the road... (or in the garage)

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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.

FLOORBOARDS

Dovetailed hardwood floorboards were used in the front from the beginning of production into early 1929. The main board was reinforced with four steel support straps positioned front to rear and attached with countersunk flat head wood screws. These straps were flat on the earliest cars, but sometime in early 1928 the centermost straps were lengthened and angled to form supports under the inclined board. Dovetailed hardwood floorboards can be found in the rear of Tudors and Phaetons through mid 1929.

Approximately March 1929, plywood floorboards began to appear. These were approximately 11/16" thick and used only the centermost straps which angled under the front board. The straps were attached to plywood boards with 3/16" tubular rivets (1/2" head). The straps for all years varied from 7/8" to 1- 1/8" wide, but should match.

Floorboards were treated with a dull black wood preservative and were trimmed with a brownish fabric antisqueak welting. This varied from 1" to 1-1/2" wide and was attached with small black enameled or blued tacks. The edge of the welting was flush with the top surface of the board with the excess tacked to the underside. No welting was used on the mating edges of either board.

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**



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)

For Sale

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22 ISLAND CREEK DR. SEALE, AL 36875



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

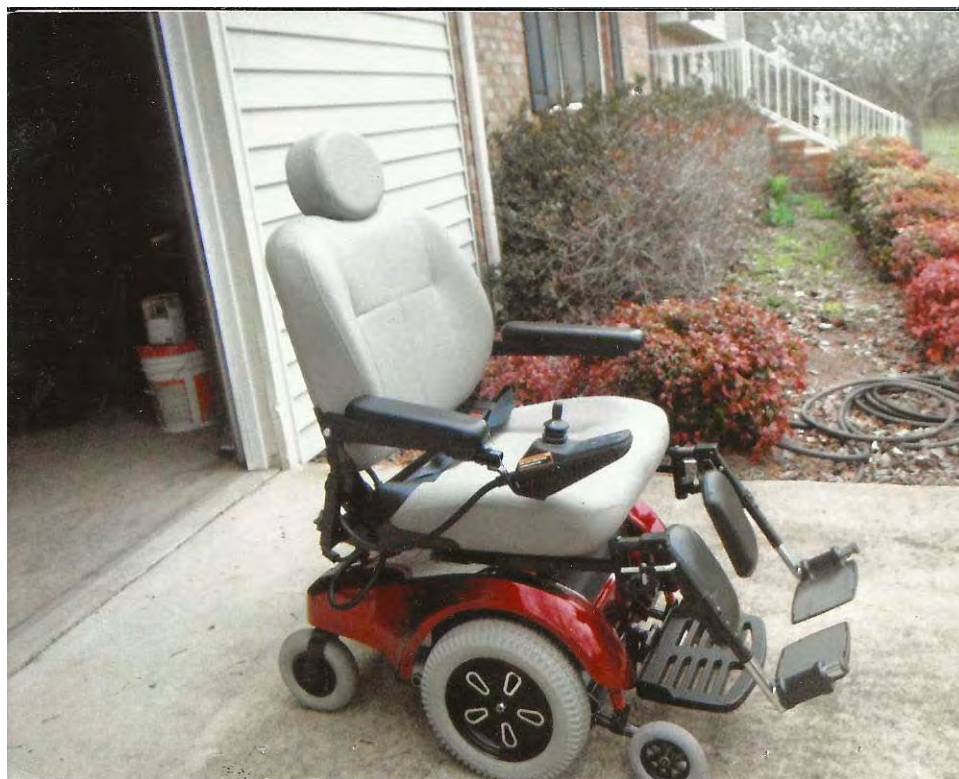
Has mohair interior, has the blanket rope, shades on the rear side windows.

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.



Need to get around at Moultrie? There are acres upon acres of things to look at and this will give you the ability to see it all. Please call Glenn at 334-298-3225 if you are interested. The cart is new and never used.