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RIVER CITIES MODEL "A" FORD CLUB

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**"Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success."**

— Henry Ford

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:

President
Vice President
Secretary & Benevolence
Treasurer

Paul Singer
Howard Ruddick
Sharon Webb
Joe Carter

OTHER POSITIONS:

Editor
Tour Director
Publicity Director
Program Director
Club Liaison
Membership Director
Awards Director
Historian Director
Scholarship Director
Car Show Director

Bill Shirley
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Mickey Timbes
John Robertson
Jim Langley
Al Lugo
Bobby Shackelford
Mary Nelle Singer
Connie Penny
Bobby Penny

**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	Al Lugo- DEC 2010-2012

The President's Corner..



January 2013

Happy New Year to all RCMAFC Members and their families. What a great year 2012 was for our Club. Thank You to Al Lugo and the Officers and Committee Members who made it happen. You have set a high standard and you can be proud of the work you have done.

Our Club administration is all set for 2013 and ready to go! Remember our goal is to restore and maintain the Model A Ford to its original likeness and to reflect in the beauty and charm of our beloved little Car that we all enjoy.

Keep the members of our Club who have health issues in your thoughts and prayers. Call and visit them and let them know you care. Also remember our Armed Forces who give so much to our country as they protect our freedom here at home.

Support them and thank them for their service and the sacrifices they make.

I look forward to serving as Club President in 2013. Now lets have some FUN!

Paul

JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: January 17, 2013-
6:00PM (EASTERN) Our
next meeting will be at Woodmen
of the World Lodge, on Highway
80, in Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

January 11	Board Meeting
January 17	Club Meeting
February 1-3	Moultrie Swap Meet
February 8	Board Meeting
February 21	Club Meeting
February 23	Jordan Car Show

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:

May 5-10 -MAFCA National Tour (Blue Ridge Parkway)

River Cities Model A Ford Club

Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2012

Opening:

The regular meeting of The River Cities Model A Ford Club was called to order at 6:00 pm on December 20, 2012 at the Woodman of The World Lodge by President Al Lugo. We took a moment of silence in honor of the victims and families of the Sandy Hook School Massacre. He then led the group in The Pledge of Allegiance. The blessing was given by Joe Spooner and all proceeded to the buffet. Christmas music was played in the back ground.

Present:

Paul and Mary Nelle Singer, Al & Liz Lugo, Dick Noxon, Joe and Donna Carter, Roger and Janet Bailey, Bobby & Connie Penny, John & Rickia Robertson, Bob Smith, June and Joe Spooner, Bettie and Bob Jackson, Mickey Timbes, Russell & Mary Ann Lester, Howard & Barbara Ruddick, Bill & Renate Shirley, Neil R La Clair, Glen & Cindy Williams, Bill, Louann, Victoria, Will Buck and Sharon Webb.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Al Lugo at 6:30pm. Welcome remarks were made.

Approval of Minutes: No additions /corrections to the Secretary's minutes for November so a motion was made by John Robertson to accept the minutes as they appeared in the newsletter found on the Website. Howard Ruddick seconded the motion and it passed by verbal response.

Treasurers Report: The treasurer's report was read by Bettie Jackson. Bob Smith made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Bobby Penny seconded the motion and the members unanimously approved by a show of hands.

Old Business: The Christmas Parade was a real success. There was a good representation of members and vehicles. A big thank you to Mickey Timbes on the organization and execution of the club's participation in the parade. Also thank you to Mickey and Mary Nelle the Christmas Committee for setting up today's decorations and gift exchange/ Toys for tots.

Program: Al Lugo, Paul Singer and Howard Ruddick made the presentation of the awards: Letter of Appreciation to Bill Shirley for his outstanding handling of the newsletter and website; Recognition awards to John Robertson for Program Director, Mickey Timbes for Publicity Chairman, Mary Nelle Singer for Club Historian, Connie Penny for Scholarship Chairman, Bobby Penny for Car Show and Club clothing

Chairman, and additionally recognized but were absent Jim Miller for Membership Chairman and Jim Langley for Tour Director. Al presented the following plaques: to Bettie Jackson honoring her for her 11 years of service as the club treasurer; Sharon Webb for performing as secretary and clothing closet since 2007. Paul Singer awarded the Road Runner trophy to Bob Smith with over 1500 miles driven this year. The total miles driven by the club was 8444 miles! Al Lugo continued his tradition of giving out the President's Awards: Bill Shirley for website and newsletter, Jim Langley (in absentee) awarded the Spark Plug Award having been this year's tour director and past president, Joe Spooner for the Technical Presentation Award for his wonderful and informative presentations at the 2 Workshops on carburetors and breaks, and Howard and Barbara Ruddick for their wonderful contributions to the programs for the clothing/song fest and hosting the spring picnic for International Model A Day and all the wonderful "SMILEBOXES" created for such events.

BRIEF COMMENTS FROM THE OUT GOING PRESIDENT: Al Lugo thanked the membership for all their support during his presidency as well as thanking his wife for her love and support, stating it was a pleasure and a privilege to have the opportunity to act as the club's president. He then proceeded to carry out his last act as president by swearing in the new president, Paul Singer and presenting to him the President's Pin.

INSTALLATION OF THE REMAINING CLUB OFFICERS: Paul Singer called each officer up and swore them in as follows: Howard Ruddick- Vice President, Joe Carter- Treasurer and Sharon Webb- Secretary. Paul Singer also presented to Al Lugo the Flying Quail Award for his outstanding leadership as club president. The following Committee Chairmen were announced: Editor and Web Master- Bill Shirley and Bob Shackleford, Tour Director- Roger Bailey, Program Director- John Robertson, Car Show Director- Bobby Penny, Scholarship Chairman- Connie Penny, Publicity Chairman- Mickey Timbes, Membership Chairman- Al Lugo, Historian- Mary Nelle Singer. Other areas the club may be exploring to do this coming year are: Community Outreach for a youth mentoring as a way to encourage youth to be involved in the Model A Era; and the participation in some way of the Wounded Warrior Mission, such as providing technical support for auto enhancements so they could drive autos.

Adjournment:

The business portion of the meeting was concluded at 7:30pm. The meeting was then turned over to Mary Nelle Singer who conducted the Dirty Santa gift exchange. All persons who brought a gift participated. Many pictures were taken all well. She asked that the Toys for Tots be placed in the big box in the corner of the meeting room. A fun time was had by all!

Minutes submitted by: Sharon Webb

TO ALL River Cities Model A Ford Club MEMBERS:

Please note of our intention to change the Bylaws, Article V, Section 6 as follows:

"THE CLUB ACCOUNT WILL BE AUDITED DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER..." to

"THE CLUB ACCOUNT WILL BE AUDITED DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY..."

This change has been recommended by the outgoing Treasurer, Bettie Jackson, and agreed to by the incoming Treasurer, Joe Carter. This will permit the Treasurer to properly close the books at the end of every December. This change will be printed in the January and February Newsletter, announced at the January Club Meeting and voted by Club Membership during the February meeting.

Fellow Model A Ford Club Members

The Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club has a great line up of events for 2013. We would like to invite you to attend the following activities with our club and add them to your 2013 club calendar:

1. March 15-16, 2013, Talladega Speedway Tour. We had 53 Model "A" Fords from 12 clubs and 3 states last year and this year's event is shaping up to be another great Model "A" Ford get together. The description of the event and registration form will be on the web site.

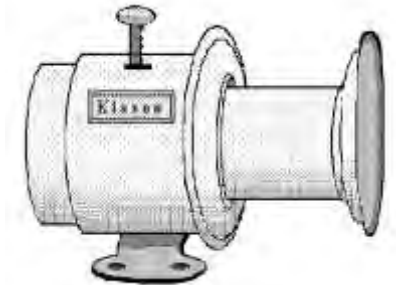
2. October 17-19, 2013, Annual Sweet Home Alabama Tour along the Gulf Coast. This year we are offering two (2) options, a 3 day and 2 day tour, both with a lot to see. More information to come.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES



JANUARY 1- Don & Evelyn Carlisle
JANUARY 3- Jim & Pat Langley
JANUARY 15- Bob & Bettie Jackson
JANUARY 15- Burton & Maxine Williams

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



JANUARY 2- Donnie Morrison
JANUARY 15- Joy Whitaker
JANUARY 24- Mike Alexich
JANUARY 27- Darlene Adams

A Model A carburetors fuel supply must be clean and unrestricted. There are many potential contributors to dirty or restricted fuel.

Fuel Supply Must Be Clean

- Gasoline is contaminated before it is even put into the Model A tank
- Gas cap is rusty and drops particles into gas tank.
- Gas tank filter screen (also called spark arrestor) is rusty or dirty.
- Gas gauge mechanism is dirty, or more likely gauge cork is disintegrating.
- Gas tank contains rust, sludge, dirt, etc.
- Gas shut off valve is defective or is simply not open all the way.
- Gas shut off valve screen or micro filter is dirty or clogged.
- Fuel lines are dirty or clogged.
- Gas sediment bowl, screen, or filter contains too much rust, dirt, or sludge.
- Add on fuel filters can not only become restricted with dirt, rust, or sludge, but their basic designs are often a problem in that most are designed for fuel flow under pressure from a fuel pump.
- Fuel line is sticking out too far beyond fitting ferrule. (This can allow fuel line to bottom out against carburetor filter strainer.)
- Carburetor filter strainer is restricting flow.
- No matter how well a carburetor has been restored, if fuel supply is dirty or restricted the carburetor will soon not function

Model A Q &A's

Thanks again to everyone who attended the "Christmas Open House" at Bentley's. I hope everyone has a Healthy and Happy New Year. Here are some Questions and Answers from the shop recently.

Q: I am interested in installing a High Compression Cylinder Head on my Model A, to get more power on the open road, and help me keep up with Modern Traffic. What concerns do I need to address?

A: We have installed many High Compression Cylinder Heads on Model A's, both on freshly rebuilt engines as well as on older engines. The advantage of the higher compression will be more low-end torque. This will make a noticeable difference in acceleration, and hill-pulling power. It really doesn't help the engine breath any easier, so you won't notice much improvement in top speed. This is good since the low end torque is a great help to drivability in your Model A Ford. There are a couple of different heads to choose from. The one

that "Mike's" sells is the basic Police Head, in a 5.5:1 compression ratio. (PN#A6010PH) This will be a good upgrade for a healthy stock engine. There are higher compression heads available for Custom Engines, but I doubt anyone reading this will need to go that route. I would recommend that if your engine has been on the road for several years that you would want to check your engine Babbitt clearances before installing a new head. Make sure none of your Babbitt has more than .002" of clearance, or of course, no cracks or missing pieces. When installing the new cylinder head, you will want to use a new Modern Head gasket. I believe the manufacturer recommends a "B" gasket (PN#B6051M) for improved sealing. Again, these gaskets are available from Mike's "A" Ford-able. You can also upgrade to the Heavy Duty Head Studs and Nuts. (PN#A6064/66HD) When you remove your old head, take a few minutes and use a metal straight edge to make sure the deck surface of the block is perfectly flat. If you have low or high spots on the deck surface then you will want to have the block resurfaced. Always make sure the block is perfectly clean before installing your new gasket. Use a razor blade to remove all traces of the old gasket and any carbon deposits that may have collected on the deck surface. Finally, use a clean cloth and some solvent to clean the block surface. You will also need to paint the new cylinder head when you take it out of the box, so get a can of engine enamel, (PN#M200) and allow yourself some time to get that done. Install everything and use the torque sequence to tighten the head nuts properly. Re-torque them again the next morning after your test drive. Now enjoy your new-found power. Keep an eye on your temperature, keep in mind that more power means more heat, so you don't want to overheat your baby. If in doubt, have your radiator serviced while the engine is apart. Mike's sells excellent Brassworks Radiators if you end up needing to replace yours.

Q: What tire pressure should I run in my Model A Tires?

A: 35 PSI.

Enjoy the Drive...

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1929 History, Fun Facts, Trivia and Year in Review

World Series Champions:	Philadelphia Athletics
Stanley Cup Champs:	Boston Bruins
U.S. Open Golf	Bobby Jones
U.S. Tennis: (Men/Ladies)	William T. Tilden/Helen Wills
Wimbledon (Men/Women):	Henri Cochet/Helen Wills
NCAA Football Champions:	Notre Dame
Kentucky Derby:	Clyde Van Dusen
Sports Highlights:	
The Hotties and Fashion Icons:	Greta Garbo
The Heartthrob(s):	
"The Quote"	"Once in the racket you're always in it" - Al Capone "The pause that refreshes" - Coca-Cola
Time Magazine's Man of the Year	Owen D. Young
Miss America:	none
The Scandal:	THE SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY MASSACRE - Al Capone's men allegedly killed 7 other alleged gangsters in an alleged shooting on February 14th. This would have given Mr. Capone control of Chicago's mob underworld, if such a thing, in fact, actually existed. Louis B. Mayer pretty much "fixed" the first Academy Awards presentation.
Nerd News:	Vladimir Zworykin invented the cathode-ray tube

called the kinescope, which is the basis for 20th century television screens.

Pine-Sol cleaner invented.

'Zombie' was introduced to the western world in the book, 'The Magic Island' by W.B. Seabrook in 1929.

The Habit:

**1st appearances &
1929's Most Popular
Christmas gifts, toys
and presents:**

**Best Film Oscar
Winner:**

Reading William Faulkner's 'The Sound and the Fury'

The Broadway Melody

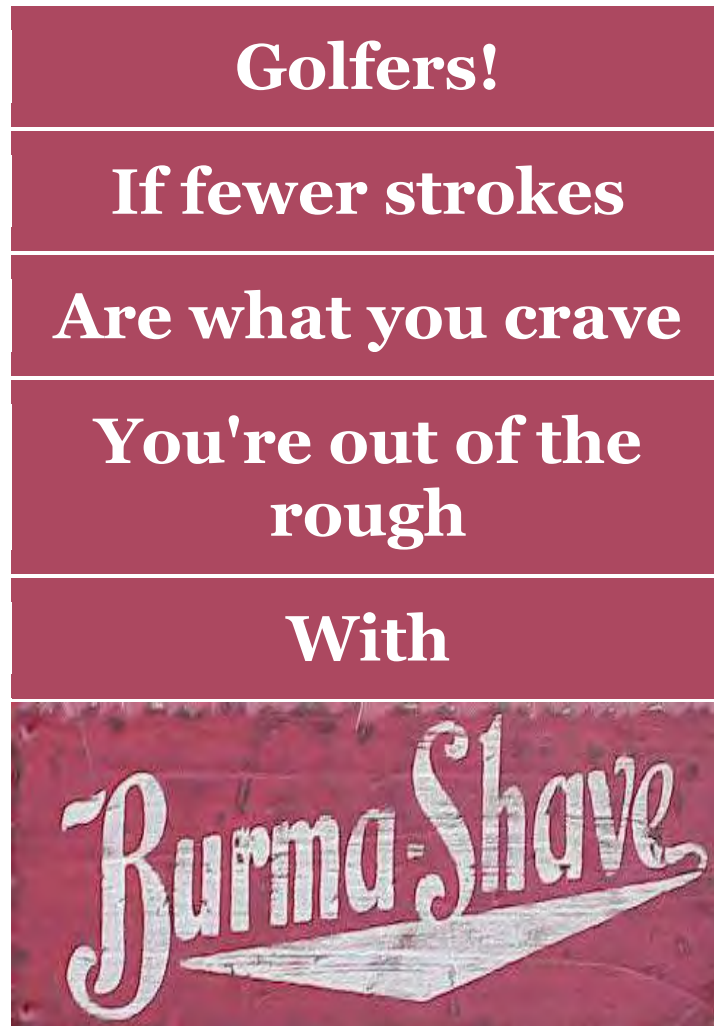
MARC NATIONAL MEET

Lexington, Kentucky will be the site of the 2013 National Meet
of the Model 'A' Restorers Club June 24-28, 2013

www.ckmarc.com

“Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young.”

— **Henry Ford**



2013 MAFCA National Tour May 6-10

Charlottesville, VA to Gatlinburg, TN

www.mafcablueridgetour.com

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.

Tiny Tips

HORN

If your Model A horn was performing perfectly, but weeks or months later will barely blow, the commutator on the armature may be dirty. Simply remove the back cover and spray the commutator with "tuner cleaner," an aerosol product available at your local electronic supply house.

Submitted by John Barry, Memphis Chapter

Tiny tips for your Model A, published by Model A Ford Club of America



Cars For Sale

1931 Ford Model A Victoria

Rare, black and burgundy Ford Model A Victoria. Much loved and fun car. It runs great, has new battery and is in mint condition. Has good upholstery, flower vases, pull shades, cut off switch, turn signals and leather trunk. Great touring car. Asking \$26,000. Atlanta, Ga, Wayne Haisten, haistenrw@aol.com. Phone 678-513-0668.



1930 four door phaeton, 35,000 original miles unrestored car. Original top, door panels. No rust. \$22,000.00.

A 1931 slant windshield good car 90 % original interior no rust \$18,000.00.

Contact Tom Mack 513-922-5551



Model A Trunk \$250.00 Call Mike at 770-490-1996 Cedartown, Ga.

Need Powder Coating???? Harry Williams is now doing the process on small items and has some Starters and Generators for sale that have already been powder coated. Give him a call.



**TOUR OF THE TALLADEGA SPEEDWAY
AND MUSEUM
MARCH 15-16, 2013**



The Central AL Model "A" Ford Club invites your club members to attend our speedway tour that will be filled with a lot of activities of fun & excitement including kicking tires with fellow club members throughout the southeast, dinner in a great Model "A" Ford Museum, visiting the International Motor Sports Hall of Fame, and the chance to put your Model "A" Ford on the fastest Speedway in the country "The Talladega Super Speedway"

FRIDAY March 15, 2013: Arrival and check in at the Quality Inn (Formerly the Jameson Inn), in Oxford Alabama. Visit local antique stores looking for those great finds you just cannot do without. The fun will continue Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. with some good "ole" Model "A" fellowship, 50/50 drawing, great door prizes, picking and grinning with the Blue Grass Buddies, and the famous "FIREHOUSE DINNER" in Gerald Grizzard's Model "A" Ford Museum, 1 mile from the host motel.

SATURDAY March 16, 2013. After breakfast and check out we're off to the Talladega Speedway for our spin on the race track and tour of the International Motor Sports Hall of Fame Museum. At 8 a.m. we will assemble in the parking lot of the Lone Star Restaurant (Next to the Motel) and depart at 8:30 p.m. for the Talladega Super Speedway. After our laps on the race track we will stop in place on the track at the finish line for a still photo's of all Model A's. After the group photo on the track we will move to the winner's circle for club and individual photos, don't forget to bring your camera and a trophy to hold up. From the race track we will proceed to the International Motor Sports Hall of Fame. After our tour of the museum we will saddle up in that "Ole A Model" and we're off to Diamond Lil's Restaurant for some good "ole" Country Cooking. After lunch we will end our weekend activities and be released to head out for home: by club or individually and the completion of another great Tour on the "MODEL-A HIGHWAY".

If you would like to tow your Model "A" Ford to the meet there is a designated parking area for tow vehicles 1 mile from the host Motel. Coordinate requirements with Gerald Grizzard at (256) 835-2998 or Cell (256) 310-6463.

All reservations at the Quality Inn (Formerly the Jameson Inn) must be made no later than February 15, 2013 in order to receive the group discounted rate of \$60.00 plus tax. Be sure to mention you are with the Model "A" Ford Group when making your reservations, Contact the Quality Inn at (256) 835-2170, Fax (256) 835-2133. **IF YOU WANT A GROUND FLOOR ROOM, CALL ASAP**, as our group is larger than last year.

Fire up Henry's Finest and join us in Oxford, Alabama. Registration form attached. If you need additional information: contact Cecil Freeman at (256) 225-3250, Email: cfreeman43@aol.com, Gerald Grizzard: Office (256) 835-2998, or Cell: (256) 310-6463, Email: gfireman52@aol.com. or Paul M Majerick (334) 312-3029 Email paulmajerick@aol.com



MARCH 15-16, 2013

TALLADEGA SPEEDWAY TOUR REGISTRATION FORM

Name:		Name of Guest(s):			
Street Address:		City:		Apt./Suite:	
Zip Code:	Phone Number:	Email:			
Cell Number:		Car Club:			
Year of Car:	Model of Car:	License No.:	Trailing: Y / N (Circle One)	Arrival: FRI / SAT (Circle One)	
Auto Insurance Company:		Auto Insurance Policy Number:			
Event Registration:		Qty.:	@	Fee:	Total:
Tour Registration (Per Model 'A' Ford)			@	\$10.00 each	\$
Friday – Welcome “Firehouse” Dinner			@	\$12.00 (per person)	\$
Speedway & International Motor Sports Hall of Fame Museum Admission			@	\$20.00 (per person)	\$
A release form to enter the track will be signed at the Firehouse Dinner or prior to entering the track. All Individuals in every car must sign a release and have a ticket to enter					
Saturday - Lunch at Diamond Lil's			@	\$10.00 (per person)	\$
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: (No Refunds After March 1, 2013)				\$	

Make your reservations directly with the Quality Inn (Formerly the Jameson Inn) by calling (256) 832-2170.
If reservations are made by February 15, 2013, you will be eligible for the group room rate of \$60.00.

The signers below, agree to indemnity and hold harmless for any and all liability due to my attendance and participation in the 2013 Talladega Speedway Tour, the Central Alabama Model “A” Ford Club (CAMAFC), CAMAFC Members, their officers, directors, staff and any and all constituents acting on behalf of the aforementioned affiliations and/or Tour Volunteers. Submission of this Tour Registration Form (signed or unsigned) constitutes acceptance of the terms of this release. The vehicle being used has all required automobile insurance established by state statute.

Please Make Your Checks Payable to the “Central Alabama Model ‘A’ Ford Club”

Please send completed registration form and payment NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2013 to:

**Talladega Speedway Tour
 1309 Magnolia Curve Montgomery, Alabama 36106-2010**

Signed _____ Dated _____