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RIVER CITIES MODEL "A" FORD CLUB

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River Cities Car of the Month
Russell and Mary Ann's Roadster P.U.

RIVER CITIES MODEL "A" FORD CLUB

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CLUB OFFICERS:

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Sharon Webb
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**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..



March 2013

The rain clouds are clearing and there is a touch of spring in the air! Trees and shrubs are starting to bud out and the birds are busy.

I have noticed Model A's are busy to, finishing up the mechanical work started during the winter, kicking the tires, polishing and waxing and helping each other when necessary to get the job done. It's a great time of the year and everyone is preparing for the wonderful days ahead.

We have some more great Tours coming up and I look forward to joining the activity with each of you so, crank up those wonderful Model A's and modern cars. The fun part is the leisurely country drive itself. The destination is "the icing on the cake".

Spring is just around the next corner, I'll see you there.

Ahoogh!
Paul

JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

**NEXT MEETING: March 21, 2013-6:00PM
(EASTERN)**

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

COMING EVENTS

March 2	Jordan Car Show (rain date)
March 8	Board Meeting
March 9	Club Tour to Andersonville
March 15-16	Talladega Tour
March 21	Club Meeting
April 5	Board Meeting
April 6	Club Tour to Providence Canyon
April 12	Board Meeting
April 18	Club Meeting
April 19-20	Model A Swap Meet, Greenwood, S.C.
May 10	Board Meeting
May 11	Workshop- Steering Box
May 16	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:

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

May 18- Grand Opening Model A Museum (Gilmore Museum, Michigan)

River Cities Model A Ford Club
Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2013

Opening:

The regular meeting of The River Cities Model A Ford Club was called to order at 6:00 pm on February 21, 2013 at the Woodman of The World Lodge by President Paul Singer. He then led the group in The Pledge of Allegiance. The blessing was given and all proceeded to the buffet line.

Present:

Paul and Mary Nelle Singer, Al Lugo, Dick Noxon, Joe Carter, Kevin Adams, Mickey & Jim Timbes, Skipper Barfield, Jim Langley, Neil La Clair, Bobby & Connie Penny, John Robertson, June and Joe Spooner, Bettie and Bob Jackson, Howard Ruddick, Glen & Cindy Williams, Bill Buck, Bobby Shackelford, Bill Buck, Rick Lingo, Russell Lester and Sharon Webb.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Paul Singer at 6:30pm. Welcome remarks were made. He welcomed Rick Lingo who was visiting. He also brought attention to those members who are under the weather: David Black, Pat Langley, & Don Carlisle.

Program: John Robertson introduced the program tonight, presented by Howard Ruddick on WD 40. He provided much helpful information about how WD40 was created and the many uses it has. Howard shared with us a list of alternate uses for WD 40 as well. The presentation was very informative!

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

Treasurers Report: The treasurer's report was presented by Joe Carter. He indicated the transfer of the books and the annual audit went well. Al Lugo made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The report was approved with verbal response.

Old Business: A motion was made by Howard Reddrick to amend the Club By-Laws, Article V, Section 6, to state "the Club Account will now be audited during the month of January" a revision from December. This amendment motion was seconded by Mickey Timbes. A verbal vote was taken and passed. Al Lugo presented to Jim Langley and Russell Lester awards that were to be presented at the December meeting but they were not present. He presented to Jim Langley a certificate of appreciation for being 2012 Tour Director and the Spark Plug Award and

to Russell Lester he presented a certificate of appreciation for his club workshop Technical Presentation.

New Business: MAFCA is still offering a trail 1 year membership to any club member who has never been a member of MAFCA which includes a subscription to the Restorer Magazine for the same time period. There are 5 applications per club and we are willing for any member that meets the qualifications to apply. The Tour Director position is now open as Roger Bailey had to resign the position due to family issues. Paul urged the members to consider volunteering for the position. Up coming activities were presented and all members are encouraged to sign up for the interest sheets so plans can be made for attendance. Rick Lingo was introduced and he explained the fund raising event called "Cannon Ball Run" Flyers for the event were passed out and members encouraged to participate.

Reports from Officers and Chair persons:

Vice President: Howard reported that Barbara his wife made some return address labels featuring a picture of one of the cars from the car club. They decided that this may be a cute way to honor a member each month. This month she made some labels with their vehicle on the stamps for Sharon Webb, Neil La Clair and Bob Shackelford.

Treasurer: Joe Carter asked the member's to consider other financial institutions where we can place our CD. The CD we have right now will be maturing in April and due to the poor return we need to look for a better source.

Secretary: Thank you to Barbara Reddrick for the handmade cards with the antique car pictures.

Tour Director: Not present

Newsletter: Not Present

Program: Nothing to report

Awards: Bob Shackelford will be collecting the mileage as the starting mileage and conclude with the end mileage.

Historian: Nothing to report

Car Show: Nothing to report

Scholarship: Nothing to report

Publicity Director: Mickey Timbes shared with the members the articles written about the club in the Restorer Magazine and the Columbus Magazine.

Membership/Ads: Al stated that the Wounded Warrior project may be best done by. He also stated he will be presenting the updated club roaster at the meeting. Joe Spooner stated he brought a presentation of pictures of cars and provided a technical tip. Paul Singer brought a show and tell which stumped the members and he revealed it was an antique corn planter.

Adjournment:

There was no further business so a motion was made by Jim Timbes to adjourn and it was seconded by Skipper Barfield and approved by a verbal vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Sharon Webb

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.

DID YOU KNOW

More Monopoly money is printed in a year, than real money printed throughout the world!

There are more plastic flamingos in the US than real ones!

Half a pound

For

Half a buck

Come on shavers

You're in luck

Burma-Shave

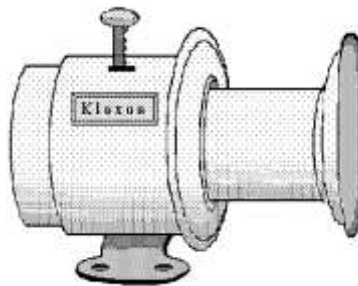


HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES



MARCH 5- Mike & Chris Moye
MARCH 7- Bobby & Shackelford
MARCH 8- John & Friederilke Robertson

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



MARCH 4- Jim Langley
MARCH 5- Sherry Williams
MARCH 6- Mike Moye
MARCH 21- Frances Carlisle
MARCH 22- Renate Shirley

1931 History, Fun Facts, Trivia and Year in Review

World Series Champions:	St. Louis Cardinals
Stanley Cup Champs:	Montreal Canadiens
U.S. Open Golf	Billy Burke
U.S. Tennis: (Men/Ladies)	H. Ellsworth Vines/Helen Wills Moody
Wimbledon (Men/Women):	Sidney Wood/Cilly Aussem
NCAA Football Champions:	USC
Kentucky Derby:	Twenty Grand
Sports Highlights:	
The Hotties and Fashion Icons:	Jean Harlow, Greta Garbo, Joan Blondell
The Heartthrob(s):	
"The Quote"	<p>"It's alive! It's alive!" - Colin Clive, as Henry Frankenstein, in 'Frankenstein'</p> <p>"Listen to them. Children of the night. What music they make." - Bela Lugosi, in 'Dracula'</p>
Time Magazine's Man of the Year	Pierre Laval
Miss America:	none
The Scandal:	
Nerd News:	<div data-bbox="539 1001 987 1612" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Considered his finest film by many, Charlie Chaplin's City Lights was released. Charlie believed that 'talking' was a lesser form of performing on movies, so he didn't talk, but he did include a soundtrack and sound effects.</p> <p>Airstream trailers were introduced to the public, invented by Wally Meryle Byam. They say that 2/3 of every one of these vehicles ever produced is still in use.</p> <p>Alka-Seltzer was made available in 1931. The original ingredients included 325 milligrams of aspirin, 1,000 milligrams of citric acid and 1,916 milligrams of sodium bicarbonate.</p> <p>CBS went on the air.</p>
The Habit:	Reading Pearl S. Buck's 'The Good Earth'
1st appearances & 1931's Most Popular Christmas gifts, toys and presents:	Battleship

Best Film Oscar Winner:	Cimarron
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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

“Even a mistake may turn out to be the one thing necessary to a worthwhile achievement”.

— 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

Pilot Bearing

The front drive and alternator bearing from a 1967 Cadillac is an exact replacement for the Ford Model A clutch pilot bearing. And it is sealed too!

Submitted by Lawrence Rickey, Portsmouth, Ohio

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

Henry Ford defeated which racer in his first and only race at the Detroit Driving Club's one-mile oval?

- A. Charles Lindberg**
- B. Alexander Winton**
- C. George Schuster**

We've invented the small sensible solid American car all over again.



1928 Model A Sedan Coupe



1972 Pinto 3 Door Sedan shown with optional white sidewall tires, and accent group.

When people shop for a small car, they look for some very simple basic values. Dependability. Economy of money and style. Good mileage and long life.

Those basics are our birthplace. The Model T, the Model A, the first mass produced station wagon — name a basic idea, and chances are Ford built it.

Now to Ford Pinto.

Pinto is as simple and solid a small car as there is in the world. And it's priced lower than the three leading imports; lower than its major U.S. competitor. Yet it has every basic modern necessity.

A gutsy little engine that gets the same economical

kind of gas mileage as the little imports.

A solid-as-a-rock four speed transmission. Sports car steering. A welded steel body with six coats of paint.


Ball-joint front suspension, and a wide stable stance on the road. Pinto doesn't have to fear a superhighway.

And finally, Pinto gives you comfortable interior leg and shoulder room — yet it's only 11½ inches longer than the leading little import.

See the Pinto at your Ford dealer's. It's 40 years newer than the Model A — but it's still the same basic idea.

When you get back to basics, you get back to Ford.

FORD PINTO

FORD DIVISION 

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Taken during the Depression Days

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WMA
Tulsa Okla
10th April

Mr. Henry Ford
Detroit Mich.



Dear Sir:—

While I still have got
breath in my lungs I
will tell you what a dandy
car you make. I have drove
Fords exclusively when I could
get away with one. For sustained
speed and freedom from
trouble the Ford has got over
other car skinned and even if
my business havent been
strictly legal it don't hurt any
thing to tell you what a fine
car you got in the V8—

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Show your support of the Board Member's and say Thanks!

THE LITERARY DIGEST
AUGUST 16, 1930

Tests for Decrepit Autos

EVERY State should have laws requiring a periodic inspection for all automobiles, and a certificate of their fitness before license plates are issued or renewed. This is the recommendation of a report presented to the National Conference on Highway Safety at a recent meeting. Says *Science News-Letter*, a Science Service publication (Washington):

“Stressing the need for a periodic health examination for cars, the report states that in the course of special investigations defective brakes were found in about one car out of four. Defective lights were found in from 13 to 25 per cent. of the cars. Steering gears, horns, windshield wipers, and other accessories which figure in driving safety, were found to be out of order in other cars.

“Since so many individuals will not keep their cars fit, the report recommends that every State should have an adequate highway patrol force whose members are trained to recognize the symptoms of mechanical defects.”

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.