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River Cities Car of the Month

Bobby Penny's 1931 Pick Up

"Don't find fault, find a remedy; anybody can complain"

— Henry Ford

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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.

CLUB OFFICERS:

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Bobby Penny

**The River Cities Model "A" Ford Club permanent address is:
P.O. Box 342, Columbus, GA 31902**

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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..



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It was a beautiful sunny day for our trip to the Andersonville National History Memorial.

Bob Smith, Bobby Penny , Louie and Gloria Willet drove their Model A's, Neal and Carol LaClair were in Neal's New 1963 Galaxy 500, Paul and Mary Nelle drove their '65 Mustang (All Fords).

The Andersonville prison site was established in 1864 to hold Union Army prisoners during the Civil War.

Living History enactors were on hand to illustrate life inside the prison, how they were guarded and the adverse conditions that existed at the time.

The Memorial was well presented and a time for deep thought and sadness, realizing again that freedom is not free.

The trip back home involved a stop at Yoder's.

We arrived back in Columbus without unexpected delays.

If you have never been to the Andersonville National History Memorial

please go, you will be glad you did.

Paul

JOIN US!

By Al Lugo

NEXT MEETING: April 18, 2013-
6:00PM (EASTERN) Our
next meeting will be at Woodmen
of the World Lodge, on Highway
80, in Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

April 12	Board Meeting
April 18	Club Meeting
April 19-20	Model A Swap Meet, Greenwood, S.C.
May 2-13	Blue Ridge Parkway Tour
May 10	Board Meeting
May 16	Club Meeting
May 18	East Alabama Old Car Club Car Show
May 18	National Infantry Museum Car Show
June 1	Tour-Museum of Aviation at Warner Robins, GA
June 14	Board Meeting
June 20	Club Meeting
June (TBA)	Workshop-Steering Box

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 (Gillmore Museum, Michigan)

River Cities Model A Ford Club

Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2013

Opening:

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

Present:

Paul and Mary Nelle Singer, Al Lugo, Dick Noxon, Joe Carter, Mickey & Jim Timbes, Skipper Barfield, Jim Langley, Neil La Clair, Bobby Penny, John Robertson, June and Joe Spooner, Bettie and Bob Jackson, Howard & Barabara Ruddick, Glen & Cindy Williams, Russell Lester, Tom Perry, Bill Shirley, Mike Alexich, Louie & Gloria Willett, Bob Smith and Sharon Webb.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Paul Singer at 6:30pm. Welcome remarks were made. John Robertson welcomed his visitor Tom Perry. Paul stated that some of the members have been under the weather but are doing better are June Spooner and Donna Carter. Bobby Shackelford is still in the hospital after having surgery.

Minutes: No additions /corrections to the Secretary's minutes for February so a motion was made by Al Lugo to accept the minutes as they appeared in the newsletter found on the Website. Jim Langley seconded the motion and it passed by verbal response.

Treasurers Report: The treasurer's report was presented by Joe Carter. He indicated the need to transfer the funds soon as the CD is fixing to mature. He is investigating a better return for our investment. Al Lugo made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The report was approved with verbal response.

Old Business: None to report

New Business: By popular demand the Board meetings will be held monthly on the Friday before the regular scheduled club meeting. Howard Ruddick announced the VP winners for this month's special return address labels to be: Jim & Mickey Timbes, Bob & Betty Jackson and Cindy Williams. Paul announced that Glen Williams got a restored 1949 Alabama tag from Jim Langley. Other activities done this month were the trip to Andersonville and to Talladega by a number of members. Bill Shirley stated that Benny Bohanan has been diagnosed with a serious chronic debilitating illness and he asked the members to sign a card of encouragement to be sent to him. Al Lugo also stated that he has sent out letters to 21 venders asking for their continued support through their \$25 advertisement on our web site. Bob Jackson stated he brought some 600 weight oil in containers for the members to take. Jim Langley brought

a Maytag oil can for a 1929 gas washer! He knew that Louie Willet had a fondness for this and Jim gave it to him.

Program: John Robertson introduced the program tonight, presented by Joe Spooner on manifold cooking. He learned of this art on one of his tours and did some extensive research on various methods of cooking on the manifold and recipe's. These foods can take 30 minutes to 1 hour to cook. He showed drawing of adaptations to the manifold to provide a cooking surface. He participated in a contest of manifold cooking on one of the tours. There are rules one of which is the first bite of the cooked food must be taken by the entrant! The presentation was very informative and certainly presents a challenge for our members to participate in the future!

Reports from Officers and Chair persons:

Vice President: Howard will be responsible for the May club meeting as President Paul will be involved in a tour for the National MARC Blue Ridge Parkway.

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: Nothing to report

Tour Director: Paul Singer reported on upcoming activities: April 6 Mt Zion United Methodist Church car show. The Providence Canyon Tour has been postponed. The May 2-13 Blue Ridge Parkway National Tour is happening. The work shop on Model A Steering Box has been moved to June. May 18 is the East Alabama Old Car Show, Sgt Major's Car Show at Infantry Museum at Fort Benning. A tour is tentatively planned to the Museum of Aviation at Warner Robins, Ga on June 1.

Newsletter: Nothing to report

Program: Nothing to report.

Awards: Nothing to report.

Historian: Nothing to report

Car Show: Nothing to report

Scholarship: Nothing to report

Publicity Director: Mickey Timbes thanked Barbara Ruddick for the pictures she contributed that can use for publicity.

Adjournment:

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

Model A Timeline

- December 1927, first Model A Sold
- 1928 Chevrolet outsold Ford, 1.1 million to 600,000
- 1930, a five passenger Phaeton was priced at \$440
- 1931, April 14th, the 20 millionth Ford was produced
- March 1932, Model A Ford Production ended

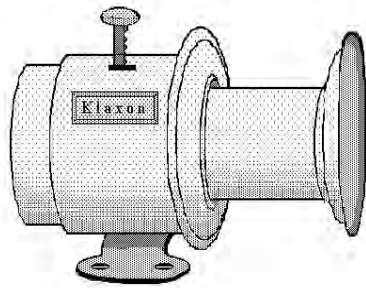
HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES



APRIL 1- Bill & Louann Buck

APRIL 29- Paul & Mary Nelle Singer

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



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

Oil Pan Installation

By Howard Ruddick

When installing an oil pan with the Model A resting on jack stands that limit your working room to muscle the pan up into place, try the following: For pan alignment use the four pins recommended by Joe Spooner in his Tech Tip. After lifting the pan with a floor jack or other means to within 2 or 3 inches of the bottom engine flange, attach one or two long cable ties through mating pan and engine flange bolt holes on each side of the pan. You will be surprised how easily the cable ties can hoist the pan perfectly into place on the alignment pins. The pan bolts can then be put in place without any straining on your part! Remove the cable ties and install the last bolts. Have Great 'A' Day!

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

"You say I started out with practically nothing, but that isn't correct. We all start with all there is, it's how we use it that makes things possible."

— 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.

Some Pictures from the Glenwood School Car Show



THEM BACK FENCE GUYS....

By Jim Langley

You hardly notice them, no fighting over choice main lot parking, no posing for the cameras, no glitzy glamour signs or little boy dolls crying on the front bumper.... We are talking about those drive-um Model A'ers. The ones who avoid much attention – “The back fenced boys and girls...”

They are everywhere in the Model A world, but go largely unnoticed in a high profile world of fwann-be's and look at me's. My kind of Guys and Gals, the ones that know who they are, what they can do, and when to do it. They are the real Hero's of Model A'ing. I find them at every “A” activity, and I find them extremely refreshing whenever they appear...

At bigger Model A shows, I find them staying away from the must do activity, other than the informational seminars, and I would like to extend to each of them a "Top Ten," jacket, but they would probably never wear one...

They are the people who get out and locate the really neat local haunts of the towns, those little ole denizens where you find the good eats, and those ramshackled sales emporiums far away from the main street crowds. These are the Model A'ers who have discovered the back roads of America, and all the sheer pleasures that lay hidden off the interstates...

In short, this is the element of Model A'ing who already know that trophies are meaningless in the long run, and that the general public haven't the faintest idea of the difference of a sure nuff long-legged Model A puddle jumper, and a pampered "trailer baby"...

If you are looking for me at a local, regional, or national Model A Meet, I'll be out basck with The Back Fence Crowd...

"There are three things that grow more precious with age; old wood to burn, old books to read, and old friends to enjoy."

— Henry Ford

Spring Drive to Andersonville

Oh what a beautiful morning, think there was a song with that tune; that is what a group of us had for our drive eastward to the Civil War Prison & Museum. They were having a re enactment for the weekend we were there. That brought a lot of out of state people to visit.

Of our MAFCA Group we had Louie & Gloria, Paul & MaryNelle, Neal & Carolyn, Bobby Penny and Bob Smith. 3 Model "A"s, 63 Galaxy XL and 65 Mustang -so we had quite a parade driving down there. Lots of lookers at any stop we made, interesting to hear the comments on what year any of them were, even the Galaxy.

We picked up Neal along the way going to Buena Vista, then over to Ellaville and on east to Montezuma and south to Andersonville. The re enactors were bivouacked at several places around the area, with camp fires burning. There was a medical tent set up and lots of guards around. They would answer questions as who they were back during the Civil War, made it very interesting. Some said they would be a different group of guards the next day and explained the difference on what they had to do when being assigned to the prison later in the war. The women were in period costume too. A cannon was fired off with lots of Boy Scouts looking on.

After touring the cemetery, we left to go to Yoder's Mennonite Restaurant, where the food and lookers were great. Had to answer lots of questions there too. Evan the bikers were interested. With full stomachs we started our drive home, stopping for gas along the way. No problems with the cars and had a nice drive with some trees starting to blossom out for spring. Many fields were being plowed to get ready for the summer season.

Roving Reporter,
Bob Smith



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.