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RIVER CITIES MODEL "A" FORD CLUB

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MAFCA AWARD WINNING NEWSLETTER, 2002-2009
OLD CARS WEEKLY GOLDEN QUILL AWARD 2004, 2010



River Cities Car of the Month

Bob's 1931 Slant Windshield Fordor

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

— [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 \$25.00 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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Vice President
Secretary & Benevolence
Treasurer

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Howard Ruddick
Sharon Webb
Joe Carter

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Program Director
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Awards Director
Historian Director
Scholarship Director
Car Show Director

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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
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*Dan Palmer
Dan Diener

Bob Smith
Al Lugo
Lawrence Farrar
Bill Buck

Bobby Penny
*Robert Jackson
Bettie Jackson
(*Deceased)

PAST PRESIDENTS:

Jim Timbes- NOV 2000- DEC 2001
Mickey Timbes- DEC 2003-2004
Joe Spooner- DEC 2006-2008
Jim Timbes- DEC 2009-2010

Bob Smith- DEC 2001- 2003
Jim Langley- DEC 2004 -2006
Jim Langley- DEC 2008- 2009
Al Lugo- DEC 2010-2012

Presidents Corner

Memorial Day is a special time set aside to reflect upon and remember the sacrifices of individuals who make up the Armed Forces of The United States of America. We thank them for their service every day, minute and hour. Without their dedication and determination we would not be the United States of America.

The MAFCA sponsored Tour of the Blue Ridge Parkway was exciting, adventurous and beautiful. Nothing like 200 Model A enthusiasts together at one event. We had a ball, I wish you all could have been with us.

Saturday we have a more relaxing, casual Tour to the beautiful Peachtree Aerodrome, Candler Field, Williamson, Ga. It will be a fun day, vintage cars and vintage planes, good food and a place to just sit and relax if you wish.

As with all Tours modern cars are welcome, so come along and enjoy the fun.

See you there,

Paul



JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: June 20, 2013-
6:00PM (EASTERN) Our
next meeting will be at Woodmen
of the World Lodge, on Highway
80, in Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

June 1	Tour-Chandler Field-Vintage Days
June 14	Board Meeting
June 20	Club Meeting
June 29	Workshop-Model "A" Steering Box
July 6	Independence Day Celebration- At the Singer's
July 12	Board Meeting
July 18	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:

December 4-8 -MAFCA National Awards Banquet, San Antonio, TX

River Cities Model A Ford Club

Meeting Minutes

May 16 ,2013

Opening:

The regular meeting of The River Cities Model A Ford Club was called to order at 6:00 pm on, May 16, 2013 at the Woodman of The World Lodge by President Paul Singer. He asked that we all take a moment of silence in memory of Bob Jackson. He then led the group in The Pledge of Allegiance. The blessing was given by Jim Langley and all proceeded to the buffet line.

Present:

Paul and Mary Nelle Singer, Al Lugo, Dick Noxon, Skipper Barfield, Jim Langley, Neil La Clair, Bobby & Connie Penny, John Robertson, Howard Ruddick, Glen & Cindy Williams, Tom Perry, Bill Shirley, Bob Smith, Bobby Shackelford, Jim Langley, John Robertson, Bill & Joann Buck, Jim & Linda Miller, Wayne Kennedy and Sharon Webb.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Paul Singer at 6:30pm. He welcomed back Joe and Linda Miller after an extended absence due to illness. He also stated that David Black is doing better in response to his treatment.

Minutes: Paul commented that there was an error noted in the last month's minutes stating the cost of the meal would go up \$0.50 when it should have been \$1.00 starting in January. The correction was so noted and a motion to accept the amended minutes was made by Bob Smith. John Robertson seconded the motion and it passed by verbal response.

Treasurers Report: The treasurer's report was deferred as the treasurer, Joe Carter was not present. Dick Noxon was acting treasure tonight collecting the payments on the meals.

Old Business: Paul reviewed the MAFCA insurance and read the latest article on the litigation involving MAFFI. He reminded all members to carry their own car insurance and that this extra insurance offered was to cover guest who help at club sponsored events. Al Lugo wanted to offer an award which he had wanted to present at the December club meeting but the individual was not present. He called up Jim Miller and awarded him with a certificate of appreciation for being the membership director for the last 2 years.

New Business: The annual Club donation to MAFFI has been \$100. Al Lugo made a motion that we make this donation again this year. Sharon Webb seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a show of hands

Program: John Robertson the Program Director introduced the program of Mary Nell and Sharon showed pictures of the trip to the Blue Ridge Parkway on the MAFFCA Tour. Lots of pictures of the various places we went and the many Model A's in attendance was shown. Many of these pictures will be available on the website!

Reports from Officers and Chair persons:

Vice President: Howard gave out the labels his wife Barbara made to The Bucks, Al Lugo and The Singers.

Treasurer: Joe Carter was not present.

Secretary: Nothing to report

Tour Director: Jim Langley as the acting tour director presented to the group several tours that are coming up and also a list of prospective tours. He passed out the list for everyone. Some of the events coming up are: Tour to Chandler Field Vintage Day and possible visit to a Model A warehouse close by. The trip to Museum of Aviation in Warner Robbins has been postponed, the 4th of July fireworks at The Singers on July 6, and a tour to Abbeville Alabama to learn more about the Hugging Molly.

Newsletter: Nothing to report

Program: Nothing to report.

Historian/Benevolence Director: Mary Nell stated that the club gave a Spray of flowers for Bob Jackson. Al Lugo stated that the club normally allows \$50 for a spray but with the cost of flowers going up he made a motion to increase the amount for this (for an immediate club member) to be raised to \$100. Bob Smith seconded the motion and it passed by verbal response. Additionally, Sharon Webb asked the members to reconsider the donation to MAFFCA asking that the motion be made that "the \$100 donation from the club to MAFFCA be made in memory of Bob Jackson". Al Lugo seconded it and it passed by a show of hands.

Car Show: Bobby Penny had nothing to report.

Scholarship: Scholarship applications are due in to Connie Penny by July 1.

Publicity Director: Not present

Membership/Commercial Ad Activities: Al Lugo states 9 vendors paid for their ads 42 members have also paid their dues. He reminded all present to sign up for the next workshop at the next meeting.

Adjournment:

There was no further business so a motion was made by Jim Miller to

adjourn and it was seconded by John Robertson and approved by a verbal vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 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:

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.

Note to all Club Members

Scholarship applications are due NLT 30 June 2013. Contact Mrs. Connie Penny for application and more details. Remember the applications are due NLT 30 June and you have to have a recommendation from one of your current teachers. More would help you in your quest to get awarded a scholarship.



“Life is a series of experiences, each of which makes us bigger, even though it is hard to realize this. For the world was built to develop character, and we must learn that the setbacks and griefs which we endure help us in our marching onward.”

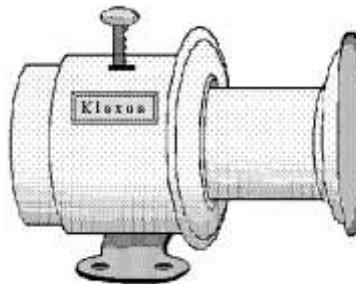
Henry Ford

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES



JUNE 16- William & Renate Shirley

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



JUNE 3- Russell Lester

JUNE 9- Toika Whitaker

JUNE 14- Benny Reddish

JUNE 15- June Spooner

JUNE 25- Barbara Ruddick

World's largest Model A museum opening



The Model A museum is housed in 12,000 square-foot building designed after a 1928 Ford dealership. The Model A Ford Foundation raised money to build this monument to the car that saved Ford in the late 1920s and 1930s when the wildly successful Model T was being overtaken by more modern rivals.

The new building is an exception to most of the museums on the campus -- founded in 1966 by Kalamazoo businessman Donald Gilmore. Most of the collections are housed in large historic barns moved and rebuilt on the 90-acre grounds. Also on the grounds are a restored gas station from the 1930s, a rail-car diner and a small-town train station that houses a big and surprisingly fascinating collection of badges and hood ornaments.

In addition to the museum's collection, the campus houses partner museums: the Classic Car Club of America museum, the Pierce-Arrow museum, a Tucker museum and library, the Franklin Collection and the Cadillac-LaSalle Club museum.

The museums and grounds offer a great day if you love the machines and the history for 12 bucks for adults. Our single favorite on display when Drive On was there: a 1934 cream-colored LaSalle convertible owned by Bob Lutz.

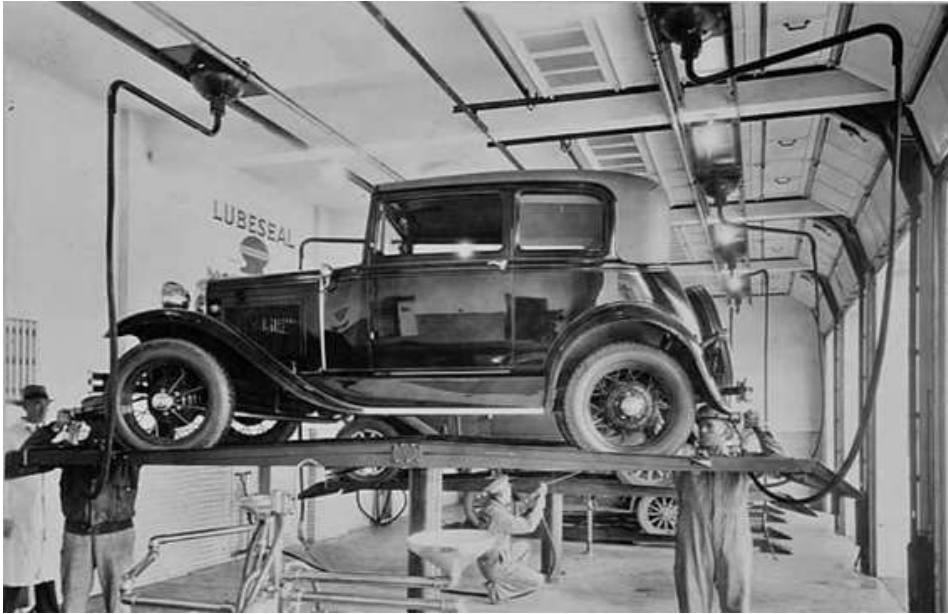
Gilmore also hosts auto events, including next month a concours for classic Chryslers through 1965 hosted by the Classic Car Club of America on June 2, a vintage motorcycle show on June 9, an all air-cooled car show on June 15 and a Model T driving school on June 16.



Model A sedans outside a restored 1928 service station on the Gilmore Car Museum campus in Hickory Corners, Mich., where the world's largest Model A Ford museum opened last weekend.



A rare 1930 Model A school bus once used by the El Monte, Calif. schools in front of the world's largest Model A Ford museum, a 12,000 sq. ft. display in a building fashioned after a 1928 Ford dealership before the exhibit's grand opening on the campus of the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Mich. The bus was restored by a Model A club in Placerville, Calif. And donated to the Model A museum.



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

"An idealist is a person who helps other people to be prosperous."

— **Henry Ford**

Warning Long Life Antifreeze

from Dave Tulowitzky

Antifreeze manufacturers have formulated their long life products and the inhibitor attacks, among other things, silicone compounds—the most commonly used base for gasket sealants. It also attacks lead-based products (solder, Babbitt), some yellow metals (cam bearings, radiators) and conventional gaskets and packing materials. The warning here is to **NOT** use coolants with OAT inhibitors in your antique car!

You need to read the label and use only IAT (inorganic Additive Technology) Inhibited antifreeze. OAT stands for "Organic Acid Technology" based corrosion-inhibitors, and they are designed to have longer service life than that of IAT coolants. Unfortunately that feature

comes with a bad side effect to older cars. One fellow decided to change antifreeze in his antique car. His regular brand was out of stock so he brought the "advanced" formula. Four weeks later he found pools of antifreeze under his car. The antifreeze had dissolved the old gaskets. It was formulated with OAT inhibitors.

Here are some tips for finding IAT coolants:

- 1. Prestone says that all of their current antifreezes are OAT formulas.**
- 2. Peak says that their antifreeze and coolant is an IAT formula. The container is blue. It is important that it NOT say "long life". Peak Sierra brand is propylene glycol for those who prefer that. It too uses an IAT formula.**
- 3. Zerex says that Zerex Original Green is an IAT formula. It comes in a white container. Do not use their G-05 formula in the gold jug.**

(This information was first published in Jim Crame's Western Michigan Buick Chapter Newsletter.)

Editor note from Dave Tulowitzky: After reading the above article, I became concerned as I had the used the Prestone antifreeze in my '57 for the past few years. The Prestone bottle had the statement "Prestone antifreeze coolant is intended for all passenger vehicles and light trucks ". However after a trip to the local Auto Parts Store, I noticed the Peak bottle had an explanation stating "For use in Ford and Chrysler 2000 & earlier - GM1995 & earlier - All MAKES & MODELS: 1989 AND EARLIER.

I showed the above article to some auto technicians and some people behind the counter of a couple of Auto Parts stores. No one could give me an answer as to the truth in the article.

I never had a problem with the Prestone: but just to be on the safe side, I drained out the Prestone antifreeze and used the Peak instead. As always, it is your decision as to what to use in your car. TARTC Editor's note: I checked several brands of antifreeze that I have on hand. None of it shows IAT or OAT as a formula or ingredient. I did however find that the Peak Long Life coolant included an ingredient called NJTSRN- QT1. After searching Google I found that this ingredient is a code name for a combination of organic acids — which may be the same as OAT that was referred to in this article.

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Tours and Activities

By Jim Langley

June 1, 2013 Tour to Vintage Day at Chandler Field (Peachtree Aerodrome, Williamson GA
June 1, 2013 Grandfathers Day at Mikes Affordable, Maysville GA
June 6 - 8, 2013 50th Annal Texas Tour, Lone Star A's at Round Rock TX
June 7 - 8, 2013 Overnight Joint Tour, South Side A's and CAMAFC to Americus, GA
June 24 – 28 MARC National Meet, Lexington KY
July 6th, 2013 4th of July Celebration at Singer's Place
August 16, 2013 Local Mystery Tour and Club Breakfast

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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.”

FOR SALE

Wood working shop power tools. Task Force 90181 10" bandsaw, Task Force 1.5 hp 10" table saw, Cummin VJ4113 drill press, and Shop Tech 2006 double wheel bench grinder. Come see and make offer. Prefer not to separate but to sell all together. Call Skipper Barfield (706) 325-9633

SERVICES Available

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.

Sailor

And marine

Now get a shave

That's quick and clean

The logo for Burma Shave, featuring the brand name in a stylized, white, serif font with a drop shadow effect, set against a dark red background. The text is slightly tilted upwards to the right.



Model T Snowmobile – In 1917 Virgil White was granted a patent to develop an attachment for the Ford Model T car that would allow it to drive in the snow. White was a Ford dealer in New Hampshire and he began developing his idea in 1913, he eventually brought the snowmobile to market in 1922 after perfecting his design.

Have an article you think others would want to read, let me know and I will put it in the News Letter.