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RIVER CITIES MODEL "A" FORD CLUB

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River Cities Car of the Month

Kyle and Frieda's 1931 Tudor

"Vision without execution is just hallucination."

— 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 \$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.

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Car Show Director

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Bobby Penny

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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

One of the things that make RCMAFC special is the way individual Club Members step up and offer their time and skills to the benefit of the whole Club. A good example of this is the way Al Lugo has made his Garage available for the “Al’s Garage” Workshop Series. We all appreciate Al’s efforts to help us make our “A’s” safer, reliable and attractive, I and all of our Club Members benefit from his generosity.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the skilled Club Members who have contributed as Workshop Instructors like Joe Spooner, Russell Lester and Bobby Penny.

Remember INDEPENDENCE DAY, on July 4th 1776, the Second Continental Congress of the original 13 Colonies declared their Independence from the British Crown and the State of Great Britain, thus the United States of America was formed. We must remember the importance of what these original signers of the Declaration of Independence did for us and the enormous risk they took on our behalf.

Remember that on July 4 2013, citizens of the United States of America are still free and independent, many brave and dedicated individuals have sacrificed their lives in defense of this freedom, for their actions we are forever grateful.

Remember, never forget.

Paul



JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

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

COMING EVENTS

July 6	Independence Day Celebration - At the Singer's
July 12	Board Meeting
July 18	Club Meeting
July 27	Dr. Cooper's Cruise In 4-8:00 PM, Garret-Harrison Stadium Parking
August 9	Board Meeting
August 10	East Alabama Old Car Show, Opelika (make-up)
August 15	Club Meeting
September 13	Board Meeting
September 19	Club Meeting
September 28	International Model A Day (Howard's Lake Cabin)

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
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River Cities Model A Ford Club

Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2013

Opening:

The regular meeting of The River Cities Model A Ford Club was called to order at 6:00 pm on, June 20, 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, Jim Langley, Neil La Clair, Bobby Penny, John Robertson, Howard Ruddick, Glen & Cindy Williams, Tom Perry, Bill Shirley, Bob Smith, Wayne Kennedy, Louie & Gloria Willett, Joe & Donna Carter, Russell Lester, Bettie Jackson, Jim & Mickey Timbes and Sharon Webb.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Paul Singer at 6:30pm. He gave an update on David Black's response to his treatment and that June Spooner reports that all her test look good and she is responding well to treatment. A letter from MAFFI was received regarding the receipt for 3 bricks and \$100 donation in the memory of Bob Jackson. Bettie Jackson had also sent a letter to the club thanking all for their love and support in these difficult days.

Minutes: A motion was made to accept the minutes as written in the newsletter by Al Lugo. The motion was seconded by John Robertson and was passed by a show of hands.

Treasurers Report: The treasurer's report was given by Joe Carter. Joe thanked Dick Noxon was acting treasure last month and collecting the payments on the meals.

Old Business: Al reminded the members of the upcoming workshop on "Steering" and passed around the signup sheet for anyone to add their names.

New Business: Paul Singer reminded the members of the deadline for the application for the club scholarship by July 1.

Program: John Robertson the Program Director introduced the program presented by Al Lugo. He was able to show an official Ford produced film from MAFFI called "Selling the Ford Dealer Services 1928" It was a real informative film truly depicting the dealerships of the 1920's.

Reports from Officers and Chair persons:

Vice President: Howard gave out the labels his wife Barbara made to the Spooners and the Willetts. He also informed the members about Daniel's Cycles in West Point having a "Dustless Blasting" He also stated that after

reading the article written by Bill Shirley on the web site that he agrees that we should not use Organic Acid Technology(OAT) or "extended life" or "Permanent" antifreeze s as they attack gaskets and gasket sealants in vintage vehicles. He will send antifreeze identification info to club members email. He also had a brief handout defining the types of antifreezes.

Treasurer: Nothing to report

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 "A New Direction for Tours/ Activities RCMAFC" This suggested that members rotate the responsibility of directing a tour. Our two nearby "Sister Clubs" have a similar plan in place and it is working well. Some of the tours already planned were discussed and as list of suggested tour ideas were also stated. The matter was discussed and ideas exchanged. Donna Carter suggested that we try to include young folks from high schools in this endeavor as a means to bring new blood into the club. Her recommendation was to address the AP students in US history high school clubs for a start. Joe Carter nominated Donna to pursue this and she accepted.

Newsletter: Nothing to report

Program: Nothing to report.

Historian/ Benevolence Director: Nothing to report.

Car Show: Bobby Penny states he is working on the specifics. He did remind the members that he has bold orange RCMAF caps now on sale.

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

Publicity Director: Mickey states there was an article in the "Restorer" on the club's participation in the Blue Ridge Parkway Tour and also an article in "Columbus in the Valley" Donna Carter suggested that Mickey approach the local publication called "She" which likes to publish articles about women doing exciting things in the community like those who participated on the Blue Ridge Tour.

Membership/Commercial Ad Activities: Al Lugo reminded all present to sign up for the next workshop such that he can plan for the food and set up. He reminded us of the next workshop after that in October. Paul reminded everyone to check the newsletter for all the upcoming events and to plan on participating in the fun. They will be hosting the fun with fireworks at their house at 6p serving Bar B Q followed by a large fireworks display at dark. Bobby Penny mentioned that Spring Harbor wanted us to come display our cars again in their parking lot. He will find out dates and report back to the club.

Adjournment:

There was no further business so a motion was made by John Robertson to

adjourn and it was seconded by Joe Carter and approved by a verbal vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8 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

September Program: "How we got Here" The History of the Model A Ford Club of America.....

Presented by Jim Langley



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

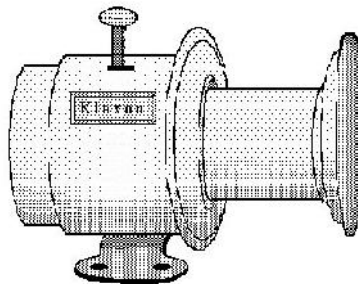
Henry Ford

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES



JULY 3- Joe & Donna Carter
JULY 23- Louie & Gloria Willett

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



JULY 3- John Robertson
JULY 4- Mary Nelle Singer
JULY 7- Don Carlisle
JULY 11- Dick Noxon
JULY 20- Pat Langley

Q: Who opened the first drive-in



Answer at the end of the News Letter

“When everything seem to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it”

— **Henry Ford**

Tours and Activities

By Jim Langley

July 6th, 2013 4th of July Celebration at Singer's Place

August 16, 2013 Local Mystery Tour and Club Breakfast

September 20th or 21st, 2013 Covered Bridges Tour, Thomaston, GA

September 28th, 2013 International Model A Ford Day @ Ruddicks River Retreat

October 19th, 2013, Annual RCMAFC Open Car Show

November 2-3 Annual Fun in Old Talbot Festival @ Junction City

November 22, 23, 24, 2013 Swap Meet, Spence Field Moultrie, GA

Dates as well as Activities might change, Keep a look out for these changes in the News Letter.

The First Motorhome! The Ford House-Car “Q-dog”



“This is one of only six Ford House-cars said to have been made per year in the mid-30’s at the Ford plant in St. Paul , Minnesota , according to an article in a 1993 “Old Cars” magazine. Very few others—perhaps none—remain on the road and certainly not in such amazing original condition!

When discovered in a garage under a heavy cover in northern Minnesota in August of 2001, it had only 19,000 miles on the odometer and the owner’s manual was still in the glove box in like-new condition! The RV had always been garaged and treated with much ‘TLC’ as a collector vehicle.

The all wood lined interior was still the way it appeared in the ‘30’s complete with framed photos of the original owner on his travels, mainly to Florida , and his cabin in the North Woods. It also had other memorabilia from that era.

The Ford House-car was built on a ‘37 Ford Pickup frame and cowl and was powered by a 60 horse power, flathead V-8 with aluminum heads. The rear framing is all wood, with the metal skin wrapped around it. The roof structure is all wood over which the heavy, waterproofed canvas top is still very securely fitted. The structure of the body is solid, appearing to be all oak hardwood and it’s still in a remarkably unaltered, undamaged condition!

The door frames are thick, solid oak as are the window frames although those have been painted over.

This House-car was a big hit at this campground once we got that great old ‘flattie’ V-8 hummin’! Note the expanding roof (it’s that ‘extra’ roof piece barely visible in the picture) and the original dark green color, which has been repainted. All four side windows open while the back one tilts out in three positions. The windshield also tilts open at the bottom for ‘natural’ AC while driving.” Definitely not a light weight, but compact living at its finest.



New item just coming on the market,

GPS voice with a Southern accent - "Turn right cheer, Go down yonder ways a little, then turn left where the Miller's used to live, NAW, your other left. Mash the brakes! Bless yo heart. Your gonna need me to do some of that there recalculatin, ain't ya?"

Chris Johnson

Do you know the relationship of the following???

**PLAY - (No - Little - Some - Lots)
 BACK LASH (No - Little -Some - Lots)
 CLEARANCE (No - Little - Some - Lots)
 SPACE (No - Little - Some - Lots)
 SLOP (No - Little - Some - Lots)**

ALL have two things in common - The Distant between two objects...

Bobby Penny



Women Drivers Vindicated (Literary Digest, 1936)

Attached is a magazine article concerning the on-going debate regarding women drivers and the continuing balderdash as to which of the genders is the better driver: the issue was decided in 1936 and the men lost:

"A woman driver! You might have known."

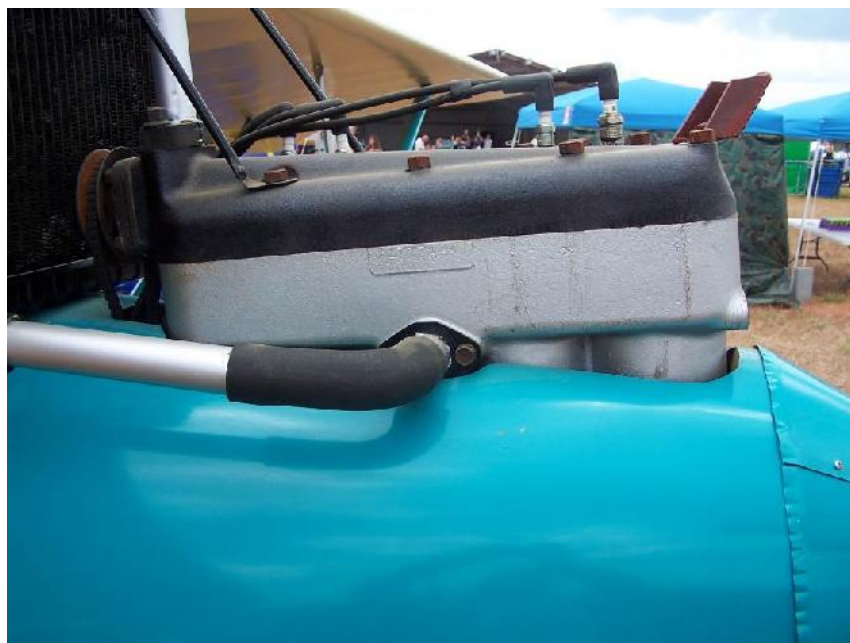
"Thus the cynical chant of many a male motorist when a woman errs, slightly or seriously, in maneuvering her car."

"But the gibe has no basis in fact, according to the report of a university professor who took the trouble to find out. Armed with statistics, he asserts that the female of the motoring species is not nearly so deadly as the male. Only six percent of highway accidents involve women drivers..."

AN “A” ENGINE AIRPLANE?

By Al Lugo

During our recent tour to Vintage Day at Chandler Park we found this vintage airplane with a Model “A” Engine!



Photos by Al Lugo

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 Call.

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

A: Gulf opened up the first station in Pittsburgh in 1913.

Well done to Bobby Penny on a wonderful work shop on Model A steering. We all walked away with a lot of wonderful knowledge. Thanks also to Al Lugo and his wife Lizbeth for Hosting the Work Shop.