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RIVER CITIES MODEL "A" FORD CLUB

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River Cities Car of the Month

Joe and June's 1930 Coupe

"Nothing is particularly hard if you divide it into small jobs"

— 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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**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:

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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

Congratulations to Aryn Singer (Granddaughter of Paul and Mary Nelle Singer) and Tanner Knowles (Grandson of Bobby and Connie Penny) as recipients of the 2013 Dr. Dan Palmer/River Cities Model "A" Ford Club Scholarship program award.

Congratulations also to William Buck (Son of Bill and Louann

Buck) who has been accepted to The Citadel.

We are all proud of these young adults, who are the future leaders of our country.

We wish them well as they begin this new phase of their lives.

Paul



JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: August 15, 2013-
6:00PM (EASTERN) Our
next meeting will be at Woodmen of
the World Lodge, on Highway 80, in
Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

August 9	Board Meeting
August 10	East Alabama Old Car Show, Opelika (make-up)
August 15	Club Meeting
August 31	Callaway Garden's Show & Shine Car Show
September 13	Board Meeting
September 19	Club Meeting
September 28	International Model A Day (Howard's Lake Cabin)
October 5	LaGrange Car Show
October 11	Board Meeting
October 17	Club Meeting
October 17-19	Sweet Home Alabama Tour
October 19	Tour Stewart County Historical Commission, Lumpkin
October 26	Workshop- (Al's Garage) Rebuilding the Distributor Instructor: Joe Spooner

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

July 18, 2013 meeting opened with the pledge and then a prayer from Jim Langley. Guests were introduced. Steve Singer, Aryn Singer's father, Kelly Knowles, Tanner Knowles mother. Aryn and Tanner are our 2013 scholar liar recipients. Judy Mcgrady, Tom Perry's niece and Roy Parks and Greg Worthinton who were doing our program.

Present were Bob & Connie Penny, Tom Perry, John Robinson, Bill Shirley,, Bill Buck, Will Buck, Howard Ruddick, Bobby & Carolyn Shackelford, Dick Noxin, Al Lupo, Glenn Williams, Cindy Williams, Jim Langley, Joe & June Spooner, Skipper Barfield, Russell Lester.

We proceeded to dinner.

After dinner Connie Penny, Scholarship chairman, introduced scholarship recipients. Unfortunately both candidates were unable to attend so Aryn's father Steve Singer received her award. Aryn will be attending CSU and looking forward to a creative writing degree. Tanner Knowles' mother Kelly Knowles received his award. Tanner will be attending Southern Union in Wadley, Al. He received a leadership scholarship from there and will be playing baseball for them. He has not established a major yet. we wished both the best and look forward to their progress.

Roy Parks from Bennington Auto Parts gave a great program on anti-freeze for our model A's and modern cars. Greg Worthinton also gave a great program on Schaeffer oil and other products to make our cars run better.

Minutes were approved from our June meeting from a motion from John Robinson and second by Joe Spooner.

No Treasurer's report was given.

New Business

Limited Liability Insurance is being discussed and more to come on that subject. This is to be resolved prior to upcoming club sponsored events.

No old Business

Vice President Report

Howard Ruddick gave address labels to Joe Spooner and Mike Alexich.

Bill Shirley no report

Bob Penny no report

Connie Penny no report

Al Lugo passed about business cards he has made for board members. Thank you Al. He also thanked the Singers for a great together at their home in July. All agreed.

Jim Langley passed a tour sheet for members to look over. He encouraged members to attend the Sweet Home Alabama tour in October 17-19. This will be their club's seventh tour.

John Robinson no report.

We also recognized Will Buck who will be attending the Citadel and wished him the best and look forward to keeping up with his progress there.

Joe Spooner shared some information about the Blue Ridge Parkway Tour. Thank you, Joe.

Meeting adjourned motion by Howard Ruddick, second Bobby Shackelford. Minutes submitted by: Connie Penny

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:

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.

August 10 2013, Model A Ford Parts Swap Meet at Cofer's, Tucker. GA

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



“It has been my observation that most people get ahead during the time that others waste”

Henry Ford

Looking ahead

December 4-8 2013, MAFCA National Awards Banquet, San Antonio, TX

June 21 – 27 2014, MARC National Meet, French Lick Indiana

July 14 – 18 2014 MAFCA National Convention, Puyallup Washington.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

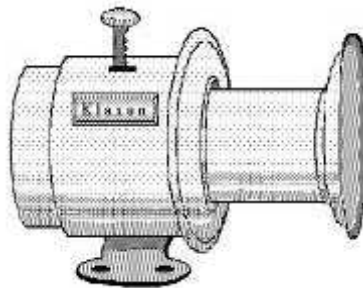


AUGUST 1- Roger & Janet Bailey

AUGUST 2- Donnie & Debbie Morrison

AUGUST 23- Brad & Joy Whitaker

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



AUGUST 4- Nancy Palmer

AUGUST 9- Joe Carter

AUGUST 10- Linda Miller

AUGUST 22- Bettie Jackson

AUGUST 22- Burton Williams

AUGUST 31- Janet Bailey

*Q: What city was
the first to use parking meters?*



Answer at the end of the News Letter

Tours and Activities

By Jim Langley

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.

If you have an idea for a club activity, Contact Jim. He has put a lot of thought into the club activities but could use your help with new ideas. He also needs assistant coordinators



THE NEW THREE-WINDOW FORDOR SEDAN

Wherever the long trail leads

THROUGH heavy city traffic — across fertile valleys and desert sands — to the top of snow-capped mountains — wherever the long trail leads — you will find the Ford car and cheery words about it. . . . Its flashing beauty gives it distinction at the Country Club, yet it is no stranger to deeply rutted roads and hard daily usage in the far-off places. Its sturdy strength, reliability and capable performance, at all times and under all conditions, reflect the care and enduring quality that have been built into it. . . . By its constant, faithful service through many months and years you will know that it is a "value far above the price."



September 1930 Good Housekeeping

DID YOU KNOW?

- Ñ **4,849,340** Model A Fords were produced in the USA
- Ñ The Model A was the first production car furnished with a safety glass windshield as standard equipment
- Ñ The first Model A produced was given to Thomas Edison
- Ñ Model A's were produced in Russia from 1932 to 1936 as the "Gaz"
- Ñ December 1927, first Model A Sold
- Ñ 11930, a five passenger Phaeton was priced at \$440
- Ñ 1931, April 14th, the 20 millionth Ford was produced
- Ñ March 1932, Model A Ford Production ended

Types of Antifreezes

Antifreeze manufactures now supply at least three types of antifreeze. Some of the newer antifreezes **attack gaskets and gasket sealants** in vintage automobiles. Choose an Inorganic

Additive Technology (Common Green or Blue Color) antifreeze. **Do Not use** Organic Acid Technology(OAT)"Extended Life" or "Permanent" antifreezes.

The rear label on Bar's Stop Leak container tells how to identify antifreezes:
Conventional (green or blue) – **Good**

Do Not use the following in Vintage Automobiles:

Red/Orange - "Extended Life"

Yellow - Organic Acid Technology (OAT/HOAT)

Other Thoughts

Always use distilled water for your radiator.

Adding a surface tension reducer such as Red Lion's Water Wetter may lower cooling fluid temperatures at the entrance to the radiator.

Have an 'A' Day and protect your radiator.

Howard Ruddick

My How far we have come!



Ford M1918 Tank, powered by two Model T engines. With varied gear ratios in each of its Model T engines easy maneuvering and even skid turns could be flawlessly executed. It carried a Driver and a Gunner. Weight, 3 Tons. Armed with a 30 Cal Machine gun.



M1A1D Tank is powered by a gas turbine engine and carries a Tank Commander, Gunner, Loader and Driver. Weight 67.6 Tons. Armed with a 120 mm Cannon, 50 Cal and a 7.6 mil Machine gun.



The first mobil lunch wagon?

April 1930 - Good Housekeeping Fashion Images 1



The page above left details the cost of a trousseau of the American bride of 1930 and explains how the items could be ordered. The end image is titled 'Paris Openings Confirm Silhouette of Higher, Normal Waist and Longer Skirt.'

The 1930 magazine fashion article went on to explain the higher waist and longer skirt was definitely established and with the silhouette line tighter and straighter with fullness toward the hem with hems for day and sports now being even. Uneven hems were still suitable for evening. Day hems were 3 to 4 inches below the knee whilst evening dresses were 10 to 12 inches maximum from the floor for night time or ankle length.

This was a turning point in the fashion history silhouette happening right at the start of the decade. Fashions held this similar type of appearance for about 6 years and it was only in 1937 that quite a different look emerged and which we associate more with the lines of the war years.



Fashion points highlighted the importance of the more feminine elements that could be used on female dress and referred to these fashion details as lingerie touches. Details included stitching, tucking, button trimming, shirring, ruffles, pleats, tied necks and bows. Peplums and peplum flounces would give form to the suit, dresses and gowns. Flares were still good, but pleats were back.

Jackets could be sleeved or sleeveless and there could be capes and capelets attached and detachable.

Important fashion colours for Spring 1930 were defined as 'blue shades, black, navy blue and white, pinks, greens, all the string and neutral shades (beige), all the pastel shades and grey....' The two outstanding fashionable fabrics mentioned were shantung and jacquard prints which sometimes were dotted or striped silks. Washable crepes and wools, handkerchief linen, printed chiffons and georgette all got mentioned.



This photo was taken on March 8, 1932, in front of Ford's River Rouge plant which was supposedly was the largest factory in the world at the time. The photo is showing a hunger march that was staged there which was also referred to as a Communist Riot. This may have been the seed that grew into labor unrest and the many strikes that plagued the industry and workers during the very hard times during the thirties



In the late 1920s the Neway Auto Wash Bowl was built in Chicago in 1924 by The Newway Auto Cleaning & Service Corp. The car was In the late 1920s the Neway Auto Wash Bowl was built in Chicago in 1924 by The Newway Auto Cleaning & Service Corp. The car was first run around in the pool of water to flush mud and dirt off of the undercarriage. It was then driven up into a stall and the car was washed in the normal matter to complete the job.

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

A: *Oklahoma City, on July 16, 1935.*



7th Annual Sweet Home Alabama Tour Oct 17-19, 2013

The Central Alabama Model "A" Club's Seventh Annual Sweet Home Alabama Tour will highlight the beauty of Alabama's Gulf Coast. The Tour will be conducted as a hub tour from Mobile Alabama and will feature spectacular Gulf Coast scenery, county back roads, local attractions, and great sea food.

A great 3 day lineup of touring is planned this year. Thursday morning were off to Dauphin Island, then on a driving tour of the shrimp boat manufacturing plants and ending up at the famous Light House restaurant for lunch. In the afternoon we will tour the Bellingrath Gardens and Home. Friday morning we saddle up and head out to the Jim Henderson Antique Automobile Museum. This private collection contains many automotive artifact and over 60 antique vehicles. There are some real gems in the museum including a 1940 Packard Limo used to transport Bogart, an aluminum 1929 Lincoln, Liberache's Rolls Royce and a host of others, then on to the Christmas Town & Village. Lunch will feature good "ole" Southern cooking at Hart's Fried Chicken Restaurant. After lunch we will motor to the Brookley Aeroplex for a tour the Continental Motor Company aircraft engine manufacturing plant. The day will end with a lot of tire kicking and a Bar-B-Q cook-out. Saturday were off to down town Mobile for a visit to the Mardi Gras Museum, For lunch we will divide up into 2 groups due to our size, limited restaurant parking and dine at Ed' Seafood Shed and Felix's Fish Camp Grill which are side by side and offer a Spectacular view of the bay. Both restaurants are located approximately 1 mile from the Battleship Park. After lunch we will visit the USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park, with its 175 acres of history and seven decades of heroism from WW II to Iraqi Freedom. The 7th Annual Sweet Home Alabama Tour will end in the evening with a banquet featuring a "Sea Food Feast". Sunday morning we're off for home and the end of another adventure on the Model "A" highway.

The Holiday Inn (Tillman's corner) Telephone: (251) 666-5600, address 4565 Highway 90 West, Mobile will be our host motel. The special tour rate for the rooms will be \$85.00 per night that includes up to 2 breakfasts. Cutoff date for the tour rate is September 16, 2013. When making reservations tell them you are with the Sweet Home Alabama Tour to get this special rate. Tow vehicle parking will be available in the rear parking lot of the Holiday Inn. 2013 Sweet Home Alabama Tour Registration form is attached.

If you have any questions, please contact Ray Harper, at (251) 402-1427, email: nipper486@gmail.com or the Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club Activities Coordinator: Paul Majerick at (334) 312-3029 email: paulmajerick@aol.com.

Bring "Henry's Finest" and get ready to do a lot of tire kicking, touring along the Gulf Coast, and just have a good old time on the "Model A Highway".



7th ANNUAL SWEET HOME ALABAMA TOUR REGISTRATION FORM



Name:		Name of Guest(s):			
Street Address:		City:		Apt./Suite:	
Zip Code:	Phone Number:	Email:			
Cell Number:		Car Club:			
<u>Year of Car:</u>	<u>Model of Car:</u>	<u>License No.:</u>	<u>Trailing:</u> Y / N (Circle One)	<u>Arrival:</u> Wed/Thurs / Fri (Circle One)	
<u>Auto Insurance Company:</u>		<u>Auto Insurance Policy Number:</u>			
Event Registration		Qty.:	@	Amount	Total
Tour Registration Fee		1	@	\$25.00	\$ 25.00
Thursday – Bellingrath Gardens admission					
1. Gardens and House			@	\$17.00 each	
2. Garden only			@	\$10.50 each	
Thursday – Bar-B-Q Cookout			@	\$15.00 each	
Saturday - Mardi Gras Museum			@	\$5.00 each	
Saturday – USS Alabama Battleship Park admission			@	\$ 13.00 each	
Active/Retired Military (Present Military ID Card)			@	Free	
NOTE: Each car will have to pay a \$2 parking fee at the gate					
Saturday - Tour Banquet featuring a “Sea Food Feast”			@	\$25.00 each	
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:				\$	

Make your reservations directly with the Holiday Day, 5465 Hwy 90 W. Mobile (251) 666–5600 or 544-5547, holiday-inn.com. Tell them you are attending the Sweet Home Alabama Tour to receive the special tour rate of \$85 per day that includes up to 2 breakfasts each day. Cut-off date for special tour rate is September 16, 2013

The signers below, agree to indemnity and hold harmless for any and all liability due to my attendance and participation in the 2013 Sweet Home Alabama 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 Checks Payable to the ‘Central Alabama Model “A” Ford Club’
Mail Completed Registration Form to: Sweet Home Alabama Tour, 1309 Magnolia Curve, Montgomery, Alabama 36106-2010
Refunds will be considered on a case by case basis.

Signed _____ Dated _____