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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 1930 Roadster Coupe P.U.

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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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FOUNDING MEMBERS:

Jim Timbes
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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

INTERNATIONAL Model A Ford Day is a day set aside by all Model A Ford Clubs World Wide to proudly show, display and/or drive their Model "A"'s for all to see and enjoy. This year Model A'ers, wherever they may be, are encouraged to Show their cars on Saturday September 28th for a massive display of their Model "A"'s for all to see and enjoy.

River Cities Model A Ford Club will celebrate the event by Touring from Glenwood School, 5801 Summerville Rd. Phenix City, to The Ruddick's Cabin at 9240 Lee Rd 379 on Lake Harding Backwaters. A Picnic Lunch of Hamburgers and Hot Dogs with all the fixin's (Catered by Robert), followed by Home Made Ice Cream & Cup Cakes (by the Club Ladies).

All Club Members and their Families are invited to attend and enjoy the day.

A nominal Fee of \$10.00 each to cover the Catering is required and payable on or before Sept 19th (The Next Club Meeting Date). If you wish to drive your Modern car, just follow the procession.

Come on out and enjoy the Fun.
Ahaoogha!

Paul



JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: September 19, 2013-
6:00PM (EASTERN) Our
next meeting will be at Woodmen of the
World Lodge, on Highway 80, in Phenix
City.

COMING EVENTS

August 31	Callaway Garden's Show & Shine Car Show
September 13	Board Meeting
September 14	Workshop- (Al's Garage) Rebuilding the Distributor Instructor: Joe Spooner
September 19	Club Meeting
September 28	International Model A Day (Howard's Lake Cabin)
October 5	LaGrange Car Show
October 5	Mt. Zion Fall 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
November 2	Harvest Days in Old Talbot, Junction City, GA
November 2	Steeplechase
November 8	Board Meeting
November 14	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

Opening:

The regular meeting of The River Cities Model A Ford Club was called to order at 6:00 pm on August 15, 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 June Spooner and all proceeded to the buffet.

Present: Mary Nelle and Paul Singer, Glen and Cindy Williams, Jim Langley, Russell Lester, Howard Ruddick, John Robertson, Bob and Connie Penny, Joe and June Spooner, Joe Carter, Bill Shirley, Al Lugo, Wayne Kennedy, Mike Alexich, Howard Ruddick, Tom Perry, Dick Noxon, Bob Shackleford and Sharon Webb.

Paul Singer called the meeting to order. He stated several members have been under the weather: David Black and Tom Perry are improving. Jim Timbes continues to improve with his walking. Bettie Jackson had cataract surgery today and is home and resting.

Approval of Minutes:

A correction to the minutes was offered by Paul Singer, stating in the listing of visitors, his son should have been stated as Steve instead of Scott. A motion was made by John Robertson to accept the minutes from the last meeting with the revisions. Al Lugo seconded it and the motion was passed unanimously.

The Treasurers report was read by Joe Carter.

Program:

John Robertson stated the planed presenter this evening had to cancel so the floor was open for individual reports. Joe Spooner provided some stories from the travel adventures we had on the Blue Ridge Parkway Tour. He also awarded his travel companions: Paul & Mary Nelle Singer and Sharon Webb, with a handmade replica of the Model A horn. Bob Penny showed the group a much worn Pittman arm and explained what to do to fix that.

Old Business:

The proposed bylaws changes were discussed at the last board meeting. Al Lugo made a motion that we consider making changes in the by laws requiring an annual registration requirement where the treasurer renews the club's status of non-profit with the secretary of state and the IRS. This

proposal will go in section 6 of the bylaws. This proposal will be formally written up on the web site and voted on at our next meeting. Al also added the need for selling more ads in order to generate more club revenue.

New Business:

A special committee has been developed to study the feasibility to do LLC. The head of this committee will be Howard Ruddick. Others on this committee are Al Lugo, Bob Penny and Joe Carter. Their finding will be presented to the club to vote on in December. Activities for the club for the upcoming months were discussed. Everyone was encouraged to go ahead and sign up for events. The International Model A day events were discussed. Several people signed up to bring tables and tents.

Officer's report

Vice President: Howard Ruddick gave out the last mailing labels for the club members, Mike Alexich and Tom Perry.

Treasurer: Nothing to report.

Secretary: Sharon Webb thanked Connie Penny for taking and publishing the minutes from the last meeting. Sharon also thanked the club for the thoughtful cards and flowers sent in memory of the loss of her mother.

Newsletter: Bill Shirley stated that Bently Bohanan was continuing to need our thoughts and prayers. There is an upcoming bike ride fund raiser for the disease he has (MS) and recommended we write it up in our newsletter. Al Lugo made a motion for an article to be submitted about the bike fund raiser. Joe Carter seconded it. The motion was passed.

Recognition Awards committee: Bobby Shackleford states it is a work in progress.

Acting Tour Director: Jim Langley reminded everyone to read the newsletter for all the up coming events.

Membership/Commercial Ad activities: Al Lugo reminded all of the need for ads in our newsletter to produce revenue. It only cost \$25 for the year and should be the size of a business card.

Adjournment: Bill Shirley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Howard Ruddick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

Minutes submitted by: Sharron Webb

NOTICE: CHANGE TO BYLAWS

By: Al Lugo

During the August Club Meeting we announced our intentions to change our Club Bylaws. Our Bylaws were last updated February 21, 2013.

Our intention is to add a third paragraph to Article V, SECTION 6. TREASURER:

“The Treasurer will renew non-profit status every year with the Secretary of State and the IRS. This requirement will be reported to the membership at the Club Meeting following filing with these organizations”

Several months ago the Club also voted on changing Club dues from \$20.00 to \$25.00 starting January 2014. It is our intention to change ARTICLE III, SECTION 2. DUES:

“ The local dues payable by members starting January 2014 will be increased to \$25.00”

The above changes will be taken to a vote during the September Club Meeting.

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

Woody Wagon

Ford's first attempt at mass producing a true 'dual purpose' vehicle came in 1929 with the introduction of the Model 'A' Station Wagon. Designated as the type 150-A, the unique design could accommodate up to eight passengers with baggage, or reconfigured to carry cargo by removing the three rear seats.

The wooden bodies for the Station Wagon were assembled at both the Murray body and Baker Raulang Companies from subassemblies supplied by Ford. Finished assemblies were then mated with the chassis on Ford's own production line. Bodies were constructed of hard or soft maple, paneled with birch plywood. Spar varnish was applied to completed bodies to protect the wood.

Exterior color selection on the Wagon was limited to Manila Brown, with the remaining structural metal finished in Black.



Bill Buck's Woody

“There is joy in work. There is no happiness except in the realization that illwe have accomplished something.”

— 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.



Circa 12 February 1935. Testing

Floyd Bennett Field, NY – A giant twin-motored Upperou-Burnelli Plane, Piloted by Lou Reichers, yesterday carried aloft a Ford car and its driver Zeke Meyer, from Floyd Bennett Airport. When the plane had reached an altitude of more than a mile, the driver startyed the motor of the car to test its starting ability fwhine in the upper spaces. This photo shows the plane in flight with the plane slung underneath it.

Ford of Japan

Ford established a manufacturing facility in the port city of Yokohama in February 1925, where Model T vehicles were assembled using imported knock-down kits. The factory subsequently produced 10,000 Model A's up to 1936. Production ceased in 1940 as a result of political tensions between Japan and the United States.

After World War II, Ford did not have a presence in Japan, as the Ford facility was appropriated by the Japanese Government until 1958, when property was returned as a possession of the Ford Motor Company and became a research and development location for Ford partner Mazda. In 1979, Ford acquired a 24.5% ownership stake in Mazda, and in 1982 Ford and Mazda jointly established a sales channel to sell Ford products in Japan.

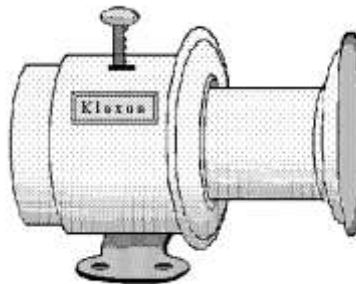
HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES



SEPTEMBER 19- Howard & Barbara Ruddick

SEPTEMBER 29-Kyle & Frieda Moyer

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



SEPTEMBER 13- Louann Buck

SEPTEMBER 13- Chris Moyer

SEPTEMBER 19- Mickey Timbes

SEPTEMBER 24- Louise Morris

SEPTEMBER 30- Butch Whitaker

***Q:** Where was
the World's first three-
color traffic lights
installed?*



Answer at the end of the News Letter

Tours and Activities

By Jim Langley

September 20th or 21st, 2013 Covered Bridges Tour, Thomaston, GA
September 28th, 2013 International Model A Ford Day @ Ruddicks River Retreat
October 5th, 2013 LaGrange Car Show
October 17th – 19th Sweet Home Alabama Tour to Mobile with CAMAFC
November 2nd Annual Fun in Old Talbot Festival @ Junction City
November 22, 23, 24, 2013 Swap Meet, Spence Field Moultrie, GA
December 19th Annual Business Meeting and Christmas Party

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. Tour/Activity sheet for 2014 is attached to the end of the News Letter. Please take a minute to think of a fun thing the club could do and turn it in to either Jim or Paul. It is hard for one or two guys to come up with something each year for each month.



Bentley Bohanan has been a friend to Rivercities Model A Ford Club for many years and a friend and technical aid to many individuals. Since having my car under his watchful eye we have also become friends. I am attaching an e-mail that he sent to Bill Buck for all to read. It is sad he has become stricken with MS but I am here to tell you that he is strong in Spirit and has a loving wife at his side plus many many friends.

"Hello my friends,

I wanted to send you an update on how I am doing and what I have been up to. The good news is I am feeling better and able to get out more. We have had our handicap Van for a couple of months now and we are really racking up the mileage staying busy in the evenings and on the weekends. We are planning to do some Model A Club Activities this fall. I am also getting a new wheelchair in the next couple of weeks which it really make things easier.

Thankfully we have stayed busy in the shop, and I really enjoy the time I get to spend down there every day.

My big outing coming up is the fundraiser for the National MS Society called bike MS. Since I have been diagnosed with MS it has been a huge change in our lives. It is my dream that in our lifetime they will find a cure for MS and nobody else will have to hear such a diagnosis. Bike MS is being held in September. I will not be able to ride my bike, but I would like to go and support all the folks who are riding to raise money for the cause.

I would like to collect \$10 from everyone I know towards my fundraising goal. Of course the donation is tax-deductible. You can make a check payable to the MS Society, and

just mail it to me at the address below. Since you are on my email lists, you will receive more emails as the event gets closer. I truly appreciate everyone who can donate to this cause. Why not go ahead and make a check right now while you are thinking about it. Like I said no one else should ever have to go through this. Thanks so much for anything you can do. I have included a picture of me with some of the bicycle friends who came to visit me last week. Many of them will also be participating in the MS bike ride.

Enjoy the Drive..."

Bentley C. Bohanan
Bentley's Antique Auto Service, Inc.
95 W. Ridgeway Rd
Maysville, GA 30558
678-407-1947

CHANGE IN WORKSHOP DATE AND RSVP

By: Al Lugo

During the August Club Meeting we announced that due to a date conflict the next Workshop would be changed to September 14, 2013. The topic will still be "Rebuilding the Model A Distributor" and the instructor will be Joe Spooner. The location remains the same, Al's Garage, lunch will be provided, and starting time will be 9:00 AM Eastern.

If you did not sign up during the August meeting, please Email or call Al Lugo. This is very important to have an accurate headcount for the caterer. Last day to sign up is September 5, 2013.

Some Tips for your Model-A :

- *Your coolant should be a finger length below the radiator neck.*
- *Point the rotor toward you before you pull out the distributor.*
- *A business card or a straightened paper clip is about right for point gap.*
- *A sliced potatoe rubbed on the windshield acts as a water repellant.*
- *A strand of screen wire will clean a carburetor jet.*
- *A tin can will make a good rear axle shim.*
- *A thin dime will set your spark plug gap.*
- *Vinegar or warm soda makes a good battery post cleaner.*

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

MOULTRIE SWAP MEET

November 22-23 2013

Yep! It is near that time again. Rest your weary feet and have a coup of java at Haggler's Corner, Building 2, northwest corner, Spaaces 20 – 25, Spence Field, Moultrie, Georgia – Haggler will be there, WILL YOU????

MODEL A STEERING WORKSHOP...

By Al Lugo

On June 29, 2013 the River Cities Model A Ford Club held our fifth workshop. This time the topic was "The Model A Steering Box"

Members met at Al Lugo's garage and Bobby Penny served as the instructor, giving us a superb presentation that included in-depth information on how the steering box works on the Model "A" and how to properly adjust the steering.

Members participating were Bobby Penny, Paul and MaryNelle Singer, Sharon Webb, Joe and June Spooner, Dick Noxon, Bobby Shackelford, Jim Langley, Bill Shirley, Howard Ruddick, Louie and Gloria Willett, Joe and Donna Carter, Neil LaClair, and Al and Liz Lugo.

After Bobby's presentation members got busy and got to take apart the steering box.

After a good lunch from "Countries" BBQ members were able to troubleshoot problems and adjust the steering box.

If you missed this great workshop do not worry. Join us in other workshops in the near future...



Photos provided by Al Lugo.

The First Assembly

The first land vehicles actually assembled in the Rouge were not cars but farm tractors. No sooner had Henry Ford achieved low-cost transportation with the Model T than he set his sights on doing the same for the world's farmers. In 1921 production of the world's first mass-produced tractor, the Fordson, was transferred from the original Dearborn plant to the Rouge.

Ford put a mammoth power plant into operation in 1920 that furnished all the Rouge's electricity and one-third of the Highland Park Plant's needs as well. At times, surplus Rouge power was even sold to Detroit Edison Company.

An innovative glass plant began operation in 1923. Utilizing a continuous process that Ford had helped develop, it produced higher quality glass at lower cost. In 1928 the Model A became the first low-priced car to use laminated safety glass. By 1930 the Ford was making its own safety glass at the Rouge.

The Rouge achieved the distinction of automotive "ore to assembly" in 1927 with the long-awaited introduction of the Model A. Building B would be the home of assembly operations from that time forth.

The Rouge also is home to legendary products, such as the V-8, the first Mercury, the 1949 Ford and the original Ford Thunderbird, and is the only place where the Ford Mustang has been produced for nearly 40 years



A photo of the front yard of an unknown Ford dealer. The surroundings appear to be full of Model T's (Flivers) in for repair but the object of interest in this photo is the T speedster that everyone is gathered around. Looks to be a factory made conversion body with some added disc wheels or covers over the original wheels. Note the Ford head gasket laying on the driveway in the foreground.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST A CLUB ACTIVITY/TOUR DURING 2014?

Based upon the recent survey of ideas/suggestions which could be possibly planned for 2014, and several members who have already stated they would like to host an activity or tour during the coming year, please contact Paul Singer or Jim Langley and state which month you wish and what activity/tour you would like to host.

January_____

February_____

March_____

April – Club Car Show - Bobby Penny

May_____

June_____

July_____

August_____

September_____

October_____

November_____

December – Business Meeting and Annual Christmas Party

Just print this page, fill in which month/s you would like to do, and give it to either Paul or Jim.

Also, if you have an idea for or would like to do a club meeting program, contact John Robertson. He would love to have some input.

A: Detroit, Michigan in 1919. Two years later they experimented with synchronized lights.