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Secretary & Benevolence
Treasurer

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Sharon Webb
Joe Carter

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FOUNDING MEMBERS:

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Bettie Jackson
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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

The days are becoming shorter and the air is noticeably fresher and cooler. Yes, it's that time of the year. The leaves have a slight color change and a few are starting to fall. It is a great time to take advantage of the season, so dust off the old "A" and make her shine! Steer her proudly down a country road, bring the family or a friend along. Augoogha all who smile and wave, you have just made a new friend.

Thanksgiving is a time of giving and sharing the freedoms we enjoy, hold onto these freedoms with all your might, less they slip away.

Our Military Men and Women continue to make unimaginable sacrifices in our behalf, thank them for their service and support them.

River Cities Model A Ford Club's year is quickly coming to an end and the New Year will begin. I ask you all to give some personal thought about the ways in which you, as an individual can help to support our wonderful Club. Remember we are all volunteers, we need your special skills and your "can do" attitude. Together, we can make the coming year better than ever.

We have some Club members who are very ill, call them and visit them and let them know you are thinking of them.

Paul



JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: November 21, 2013-6:00PM (EASTERN)

Our

next meeting will be at Woodmen of the World Lodge,
on Highway 80, in Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

November 2	Harvest Days in Old Talbot, Junction City, GA
November 9	Opelika Tour (Joe Spooner)
November 15	Board Meeting
November 21	Club Meeting (Elections)
November 22-23	Moultrie Swap Meet
December 13	Board Meeting
December 19	Annual Business Meeting and Christmas Party

NATIONAL:

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

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.

CRUISE In's

A place where you can enjoy a meal and cars and good fellowship.

Every 1st Tuesday- Cooks Hot Dog on Miller & Airport Thru Way

Every 2nd Tuesday - La Pareja Mexican Restaurant (towards Waverly Hall)

Every 3rd Tuesday - Jason Deli

Every 3rd Thursday -Harley Davidson on Williams Road (**will restart in the spring**)

Every 4th Tuesday - Cooks Hot Dog on Miller & Airport Thru Way

Every 2nd Saturday- Opelika Home Depot

Every 4th Saturday- Steak and Shake (Bradley Park Drive)(**will restart in the spring**)

Every 4th Tuesday- BoJanglels on Schomberg Road

Every 5th Tuesday- Stevie B's Air Port Thruway

Every 5th Tuesday- Country's Barbeque Down Town (**New**)

Every Sunday AM- IHOP Air Port Thruway

Cruise In's start gathering around 5PM



River Cities Model A Ford Club

Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2013

Opening:

The regular meeting of The River Cities Model A Ford Club was called to order at 6:00 pm on October 17, 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 and all proceeded to the buffet.

Present:

Mary Nelle and Paul Singer, Jim Langley, Russell Lester, Howard Ruddick, John Robertson, Bob and Connie Penny, Bill Shirley, Al Lugo, Guy Perry, Dick Noxon, Bob Shackleford, Neil LaClair, Bob Smith, Glen Williams and Cindy, Judy Mc Grady, Bettie Jackson, Joe Carter, Skipper Barfield, Louie & Gloria Willett and Sharon Webb.

Paul Singer called the meeting to order. He stated several members have been under the weather: David Black and Wayne Kennedy. Jim Timbes is at Heritage Hills Assisted Living on Weems Road and Paul and Mary Nelle went to see him. Wayne Kennedy is still at his sisters. He fell again and hurt his leg. Please drop a card to these folks and let them know we are thinking about them

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by John Robertson to accept the minutes from the last meeting as they appear in the newsletter. Bobbie Shackleford seconded it and the motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report:

The treasurer's report was reported by Joe Carter. He reported that a fee of \$50 was needed to be used as registration to the Secretary of State to pay for our nonprofit status as a club.

Program:

There was no planned program for tonight

Old Business:

The insurance wavier was resubmitted for the club to review as constructed by the board recommendation. Paul passed around the sample wavier and asked all to consider taking this on next month.

New Business:

The nominating Committee has a slate of officers to vote on at our next meeting. Bettie reported the following persons: President: Paul Singer, Vice President: Howard Rucker, Secretary: Connie Penny, and Treasurer: Joe Carter.

Louie Willet introduced to the club a sign he can have made to be used at the car shows to advertise where the show is. He said it would cost about \$100 to make 2 of them with signage on both sides. Al Lugo made a motion to accept Louie's proposal for a sign and the club provide funds to pay for it. Bob Sheckleford seconded the motion. The motion then passed by a show of hands.

Paul Singer reported on several members in the club participated in the Mt Zion and the La Grange Car shows

last week. The following received trophies for their cars: Don Carsile, John Robertson, Tom Perry and Glenn Williams.

Paul reminded that we had an invitation to join the Sweet Alabama tour coming up. Information was passed around. Oct 26 is the Buena Vista car show. He also advised the club of the Brookside Glen Nursing home wanting a showing of cars for the benefit of the patients for Saturday 10/26. An interest signup sheet was passed around. The Old Talbot Days is scheduled for 11/2 in Junction City. We will meet at the Front Porch of the South at 9:30a and tour to Junction City. There should be a lot of entertaining venues there for all to enjoy. On Nov 9 there will be a tour of Opelika. We will meet up at Lotchapoka and travel to Joe and June Spooners house for lunch. All interested need to sign up right away. Nov 15 is the next board meeting. Dec 19 is the club Christmas party and business meeting to install new officers.

Officer's report:

Vice President: Howard Ruddick had nothing to report

Treasurer: Nothing to report

Secretary: Nothing to report

Newsletter: Nothing to report

Recognition Awards committee: Bobby Shackleford states it is getting close to time to submit your miles for the Road Runner Award

Acting Tour Director: Jim Langley reminded everyone to read the newsletter for all the upcoming events and plan to participate in the Junction City tour.

Car Show: Nothing to report

Benevolence: Mary Nelle polled the members of the idea of collecting toys for children for Christmas. Sharon Webb made a motion that the club participate in collecting toys for children with a spending cap of \$15. Al Lugo seconded the motion and it passed with a show of hands. Mary Nelle will investigate who to partner with and if we need to wrap these gifts.

Adjournment: John Robertson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Howard Ruddick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm

Minutes submitted by: Sharon Webb

What to do in an emergency

Get stranded and unable to contact a Model A parts house, Well here are a couple of items to help. Modern points NAPA Part# CS755SP, Condensor #EP30. 1970 Ford V8 points and condenser Motor Craft DC13A, ECHLIN FA8Z. Fan Belt DAYCO 2242543. Autolite Sparkplugs #3076 (1930 Model A)

Rags and paper towels...Leather gloves and latex gloves...Bailing wire & wire cutters...An old sheet to lay on if you need to get under the car...Old clothes...A flashlight...Jute twine...Small knife...3 collapsible safety triangles...Small block of 4X4 wood...Tire chocks...Starter & Bendix...Extra set of Bendix bolts & lock washers...Extra condenser...Cam wrench to adjust carb...Coil & wire...Spare lug nuts...Extra spark plugs...extra carb...Extra headlight, tail light and brake light bulbs...grease...600W oil...Dash to junction box wiring...Of course, if you put all that in your car, there may not be enough room for anybody to sit in it. But at least you won't get stuck.

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.*

“Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goals.”

— Henry Ford

On a bitterly cold winter morning a husband and wife in Ohio were listening to the radio during breakfast. They heard the announcer say, "We are going to have 8 to 10 inches of snow today. You must park

your car on the even-numbered side of the street, so the snow plows can get through."

So the good wife went out and moved her car.

A week later while they were eating breakfast again, when the radio announcer said, "We are expecting 10 to 12 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd-numbered side of the street, so the snow plows can get through."

The good wife went out and moved her car again.

The next week they were again having breakfast, when the radio announcer said, "We are expecting 12 to 14 inches of snow today. You must park...."

Then the electric power went out. The good wife was very upset, and with a worried look on her face she said, "I don't know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park on so the snow plows can get through?"

Then with the love and understanding in his voice that all men who are married to blondes exhibit, the husband replied, "Why don't you just leave the bloody car in the garage this time."

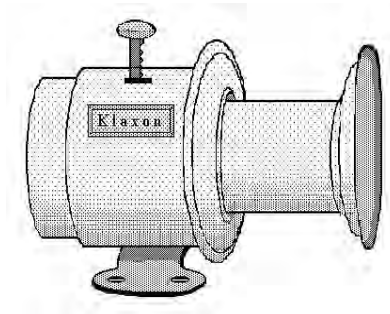
**Annual Road Runner milage input deadline is November 21st
Submit your input to Bobby Shackelford.**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES



NOVEMBER 6- Jim & Linda Miller
NOVEMBER 19- Thomas & Kathryn Foster
NOVEMBER 26- Patrick & Pamela Tyler

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



NOVEMBER 8- Tom Penny
NOVEMBER 11- Guy(Tom) Perry
NOVEMBER 17- Donna Carter
NOVEMBER 19- Kevin Adams
NOVEMBER 25- Bobby Shackelford

NOVEMBER 28- Bobby Penny
NOVEMBER 28- William Shirley
NOVEMBER 30- Laura Penny

Q: What was Ford's answer to the Chevy Corvette, and other legal street racers of the 1960's

Tours and Activities

By Jim Langley

**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.

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????

If you plan to store your car I strongly recommend the use of ethanol free fuel. As you know I am a big advocate for ethanol free fuel. Especially if you don't drive your car often. Go to the website www.puregas.org to find gas stations in your area that sell ethanol free fuel. Use that in your Model A Ford during the winter months to avoid any fuel related problems. Ethanol free fuel is also great for lawnmowers and other equipment that you might not use during the winter. Just go down and purchase a 5 gallon container of ethanol free fuel. It's about a dollar more per gallon, but offers great peace of mind. I even keep ethanol free fuel on hand here at the shop.

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DISTRIBUTOR WORKSHOP

By Al Lugo

On September 14, 2013, seventeen members of the River Cities Model A Ford Club participated in our club's sixth Model A Workshop. The Workshop was conducted at Al's Garage and Joe Spooner was the instructor and presented a great workshop.

As usual Joe brought many items and tools and used Bobby Penny's Engine Block to show us how the Distributor works and how to rebuild it.

Members attending were Joe Spooner, Bobby Penny, Sharon Webb, Dick Noxon, Howard Ruddick, Joe Carter, MaryNelle and Paul Singer, Louie and Gloria Willett, Bobby Shackelford, Jim Langley, Bill Shirley, Mike Alexich, new member Patrick Tyler and Lizbeth and Al Lugo.

For lunch Robert catered a great lunch that was enjoyed by all. If you have not participated in our previous Workshops we encourage you to attend our next one in 2014. The subject will be the Model A Horn. Come and join us!

See More photos in the Gallery section of our Website



Photo by Al Lugo

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.

FUN SECTION

A: Carroll Shelby's Mustang GT350.



How much do you know?

1. In what model year did Ford introduce the Country Squire station wagon?
☐ A. 1950
☐ B. 1955
☐ C. 1957
☐ D. 1959
2. What feature set the 1955-56 Ford Crown Victoria apart from the Fairlane Victoria?
☐ A. Two tone paint
☐ B. Stainless steel band over the roof
☐ C. Quad headlights
☐ D. Leather seats
3. For the 1957 model year, Ford introduced what half-pickup/half-car vehicle to the market?
☐ A. Interceptor
☐ B. Galaxie
☐ C. Ranchero
☐ D. Torino
4. The 1955-57 Ford Thunderbird coupes were noted for what distinctive styling feature?
☐ A. Side exhausts
☐ B. Quad headlights
☐ C. Round "opera windows"
☐ D. Padded leather roofs
5. For what model year did Ford introduce the Galaxie 500?
☐ A. 1956
☐ B. 1957

- ☐ C. 1958
- ☐ D. 1959

6. What Ford model, introduced in 1950, featured a distinct two tone paint scheme?

- ☐ A. Sunliner
- ☐ B. Crestliner
- ☐ C. Mainline
- ☐ D. Customline

7. In what model year did Ford first offer an automatic transmission in its cars?

- ☐ A. 1950
- ☐ B. 1951
- ☐ C. 1954
- ☐ D. 1955

8. Which of the following was NOT one of the names Ford used to designate a series of the 1958 Edsel?

- ☐ A. Citation
- ☐ B. Pacer
- ☐ C. Corsair
- ☐ D. Fairlane

9. This luxury car, produced by Ford for the 1956 and 57 model years, was painstakingly hand built and carried a list price of \$10,000. What was this car?

- ☐ A. Continental Mark III
- ☐ B. Continental Mark II
- ☐ C. Continental Mark I
- ☐ D. Continental

10. Ford was the first to offer what safety feature in its cars, starting with the 1955 models?

- ☐ A. Air bags
- ☐ B. Seat belts
- ☐ C. Turn signals
- ☐ D. Shatterproof glass

- 1. A
- 2. B
- 3. C
- 4. C
- 5. D
- 6. B

- 7. A
- 8. D
- 9. B
- 10. B