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Happy New Year to all our Friends

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Secretary & Benevolence
Treasurer

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Connie Penny
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**The River Cities Model "A" Ford Club permanent address is:
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**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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Al Lugo
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Bill Buck

Bobby Penny
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PAST PRESIDENTS:

Jim Timbes- NOV 2000- DEC 2001
Mickey Timbes- DEC 2003-2004
Joe Spooner- DEC 2006-2008
Jim Timbes- DEC 2009-2010
Paul Singer Dec 2013

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

Presidents Corner

Happy Holiday Greetings!

Mary Nelle and I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas celebration with your family and friends. Many thanks to all who contributed your time and talents to make our Club Christmas Party a very enjoyable special occasion!

As we begin the New Year, please take the time to reflect upon some of the great past leaders of our Club. We will all miss them deeply. We are proud to continue their legacy of sharing our shiny little Model A Fords and their perky Avoogah Horns with the community.

Now it is time to move forward to another exciting year. We have a great group of Club Officers, Directors and Committee Chairpersons to lead the way. I want to extend a warm to welcome our new members. You are now one of us! We will help and assist you as you join us in every aspect of Club activities.

We remember and salute our Troops for the work they do to protect the freedoms we all enjoy. Welcome them as they return home and let them know you appreciate their service.

Our thoughts and prayers are with some of our members who are very ill, call them and visit them, let them know you care.

Happy New Year,

Paul



JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: January 16, 2014-6:00PM (EASTERN) Our next meeting (Christmas Party) will be at Woodmen of the World Lodge, on Highway 80, in Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

January 3	MATT gathering
January 10	Board Meeting
January 10-11	Invitation to join Central A's in Montgomery for a Les Andrews Model A Seminar
January 16	Club Meeting
February 7	MATT gathering
February 14	Board Meeting
February 20	Club Meeting

CRUISE EVENINGS A place for food, fellowship and great cars.

Every 1 st Tuesday-	Cooks Hot Dog on Miller & Airport Thruway
Every 2 nd Tuesday	La Pareja Mexican Restaurant (towards Waverly Hall)
Every 3 rd Tuesday	Jason Deli
Every 3 rd Thursday	Harley Davidson on Williams Road (Will resume in the Spring)
Every 4 th Tuesday	BoJangle's on Schomberg Road
Every 4 th Tuesday	Cooks Hot Dog on Miller and Airport Thruway
Every 5 th Tuesday	Stevie B's Airport Thruway
Every 5 th Tuesday	Country's Barbeque Down Town
Every 2 nd Saturday	Opelika Home Depot
Every 4 th Saturday	Steak and Shake (Bradley Park Drive) (Will resume in the spring)
Every Sunday AM	IHOP Airport Thruway

NATIONAL:

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

July 14-18, 2014- MAFCA National Convention, Puyallup, Washington



River Cities Model A Ford Club

Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2013

Opening:

The regular meeting of The River Cities Model A Ford Club was called to order at 6:00 pm on December 19, 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.

Present:

Mary Nelle and Paul Singer, Russell & Mary Anne Lester, Howard & Barbara Ruddick, John and Rickie Robertson, Bobby & Connie Penny, Al & Liz Lugo, Dick Noxon, Bob Shackelford, Neil LaClair, Bob Smith, Glen Williams and Cindy, Bettie Jackson, Joe & Donna Carter, Louie & Gloria Willett Mickey Timbes, Kevin Adams, Wayne Kennedy, Mike Alexich, Louann, Will and Bill Buck, Allen & Debbie Casey, Kathryn & Tom Foster, Tommy & Sharon Ellis, June & Joe Spooner, and Sharon Webb.

Paul Singer called the meeting to order and recognized Roger for all his hard work on the catering. He presented to him with a Christmas bonus from the club. Paul stated that Renate Shirley was under the weather and Bill was at home taking care of her. Mickey Timbes stated that Jim was doing much better and they plan to move together to River Place an Assisted Living Facility.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Treasurers Report:

The treasurer's report was reported by Joe Carter.

Old Business: No old business

New Business:

Jill Southern from the MFCA sent a letter of recognition to Bill Shirley Editor of the Rivercities Running Board Newsletter. Paul advised the club that there were some upcoming bills that would need to be taken care of from the treasury. Each item was voted on and approved for: \$144 for the website fee, MAFFI museum foundation was asking each chapter to donate \$150, and \$25 from the chapter to monitor the progress of the museum. Chapter insurance has been covered for the officers of the club for \$75 and it was approved to also pay for this from the club treasury.

Bobby Shackleford made the presentation for the Roadrunner Award. He said there were 3 person with high mileage for the year 3rd runner up was Sharon Webb, second runner up was Joe Spooner and the winner was Paul Singer. The club as a whole logged 14,177 miles for the year 2013. Paul presented a number of recognitions:

Howard and Barbara a letter of appreciation for hosting the International Model A day and for Barbara doing all the wonderful Smile Boxes, and address labels.

John Robertson a letter of recognition for doing a great job as program director

Bill Shirley a letter of recognition for exceptional work on the newsletter

Connie Penny a letter of recognition for her chairing & dedicating efforts on the Scholarship committee.

Bobby Penny a letter of recognition for participating and instructing at the Seminars and developing a new instructional meeting once a month called MATTS (Model A Tinker Time Shop)

Bill Buck a letter of recognition for her dedication on the Scholarship committee

Mary Nelle Singer a letter of recognition for assuming the role of benevolence and historian.

Tom and Catherine Foster a letter of recognition for assisting the group on tour for the Blue Ridge Parkway. They acted as the "chaser car- with a trailer, in case anyone broke down.

Dick Noxon a letter of recognition for stepping in when John Robertson was not available to present the program.

Joe Spooner a letter of recognition for being a presenter at the quarterly Al's Garage seminars.

Al and Liz Lugo a letter of recognition for hosting the quarterly Garage Seminars.

Mickey Timbes a plack for her long time dedication for publicity was presented to her by Paul Singer. He added that she has been though with her submissions to the Restorer letting them know the activities of the club.

Sharon Webb a plack recognizing her dedication as the club secretary from 2007 until 2013.

The new officers were reinstated: Paul Singer President and Howard Ruddick Vice President. Newly elected Connie Penny was sworn in as the new club secretary. With no further business the formal meeting was adjourned and the Christmas Party Began

Program: CHRISTMAS SINGING

Paul led the group in organized singing with flyers of the songs on the tables. Kathryn Foster played the piano and Mary Nelle Singer, Donna Carter led the chorus. Gifts were given out according to what each person brought either a traditional gift or a car themed gift.

Door prizes were awarded as well. A good time was had by all!

Adjournment: John Robertson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Howard Ruddick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

NOTE: As I write these minutes today and prepare to 'pass the quill' on to my predecessor, it is with mixed emotions. Since joining the club in 2006 and assuming the role of the secretary in 2007 I have grown so much from the participation in the club being right in the "thick of it" having to keep up with the minutes. It has been truly a pleasure to serve in this position and I thank the members for this opportunity. I am sure I will miss all the writing during the meeting, but will welcome having more time to socialize.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Sharon R. Webb

MATTS first gathering at Bobby's Shop

What is MATTS? Model A Tinker Time Shop. This is a program set up by Bobby Penny to go along with Al's Garage program. This is to get the guys and gals together to work on Their A's, share knowledge, and just plain old fellowship wether you own a Model A or not. It is a lot of fun and some of your questions/problems will be answered. It happens on the first Friday of each Month.





“Quality means doing it right when no one is looking.”

— Henry Ford

***Q: What American
luxury automaker began
by making cages for
birds and squirrels?***

BREAKFAST WITH JACK FROST February 22nd with a MYSTERY TOUR following. Details and headcount at the January 16th meeting. This will be a short morning tour to sort out any "Situations" after completing the SPRING CHECK LIST also in this newsletter.

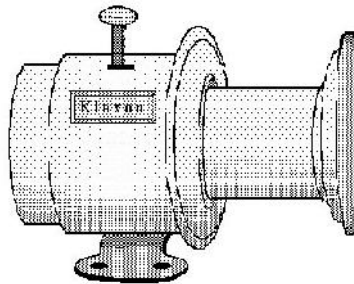
Inclement weather date: one week later, March 1, 2014.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES



JANUARY 1- Don & Evelyn Carlisle
JANUARY 3- Jim & Pat Langley
JANUARY 15- Burton & Maxine Williams

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



JANUARY 2- Donnie Morrison
JANUARY 15- Joy Whitaker
JANUARY 24- Mike Alexich
JANUARY 27- Darlene Adams

Fellow Regional Model "A" Ford Clubs

The Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club has 2 activities scheduled for 2014 that are of regional interest highlighted by a visit and seminar by Les Andrews. The following are the planned 2014 activities your members may want to attend.

March 21-22, 2014 Barber Motorsports Park Tour
 Oxford & Birmingham, Alabama.

This will be a follow up to the very successful 2013 Talladega Speedway Tour. The club meeting will be two days with a Friday evening Fireman's dinner at Gerald Grizzard's Model "A" Museum (Oxford Alabama) and Saturday a tour of the Barber Motorsports museum, a catered lunch on site in the shop area, and laps on the Speedway. The Barber Motorsports Park is located outside of Birmingham Alabama.

October 16-18 8th Annual Sweet Home Alabama Tour
 Montgomery & Prattville, Alabama.

The 8th "Annual Sweet Home Alabama Tour" will be conducted as a hub tour from the Montgomery and Prattville Alabama area's with visits to attractions in the central part of the state.

Thanks - Paul Majerick Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club, Activities Director. Telephone (334) 312-3019 email paulmajerick@aol.com



Those were the days



A: *The George N. Pierce Co. of Buffalo , who made the Pierce Arrow, also made iceboxes.*

Trivia Quiz - Muscle Cars

1. What is generally considered to be the first American muscle car of the 1960s?
 - ☐ A. Ford Mustang
 - ☐ B. Chevrolet Camaro
 - ☐ C. Pontiac GTO
 - ☐ D. Oldsmobile 442
2. At 450 horsepower, what muscle car carried the highest factory horsepower rating?
 - ☐ A. 1964 Dodge Street Hemi
 - ☐ B. 1970 Chevelle SS 454
 - ☐ C. 1969 AMX 390
 - ☐ D. 1970 Ford Mustang Boss 429
3. Oldsmobile's muscle car was called the 442. What did the numbers stand for?
 - ☐ A. Four barrel carburetor; four speed transmission; dual exhaust
 - ☐ B. Four barrel carburetor; four speed transmission; two bucket seats
 - ☐ C. Four doors; four carburetors; two bucket seats
 - ☐ D. Nothing. It was just a marketing gimmick.
4. From 1965 through 1966, Ford and racing legend Carroll Shelby produced the Mustang Shelby GT350H. What did the H stand for?
 - ☐ A. High performance
 - ☐ B. Hot rod
 - ☐ C. Hertz
 - ☐ D. Hell
5. Plymouth produced a special version of its Roadrunner in 1970 that featured an aerodynamic front end as well as a large and very distinctive rear spoiler. What was this special model called?
 - ☐ A. Coyote Killer
 - ☐ B. Superbird
 - ☐ C. Road Burner
 - ☐ D. Bad Bird

6. American Motors entered the muscle car competition in 1968 with what model?
- ☐ A. Javelin
 - ☐ B. Marlin
 - ☐ C. Classic
 - ☐ D. Rogue
7. In what model year did Pontiac introduce the Trans Am?
- ☐ A. 1968
 - ☐ B. 1969
 - ☐ C. 1970
 - ☐ D. 1971
8. Mercury introduced a muscle car version of the Cougar in 1969 called what?
- ☐ A. Exterminator
 - ☐ B. Marauder
 - ☐ C. Eliminator
 - ☐ D. Liberator
9. From 1968 through 1971, Plymouth sold what other midsize muscle car in addition to the Road Runner?
- ☐ A. GTX
 - ☐ B. Satellite
 - ☐ C. Belvedere
 - ☐ D. Fury
10. For the 1970 model year, Dodge introduced what muscle car?
- ☐ A. Demon
 - ☐ B. Coronet Express
 - ☐ C. Challenger
 - ☐ D. Colt

Answers at the end of the news letter

As requested by many club members,

The following Tune is sung to the TUNE of JINGLE BELLS



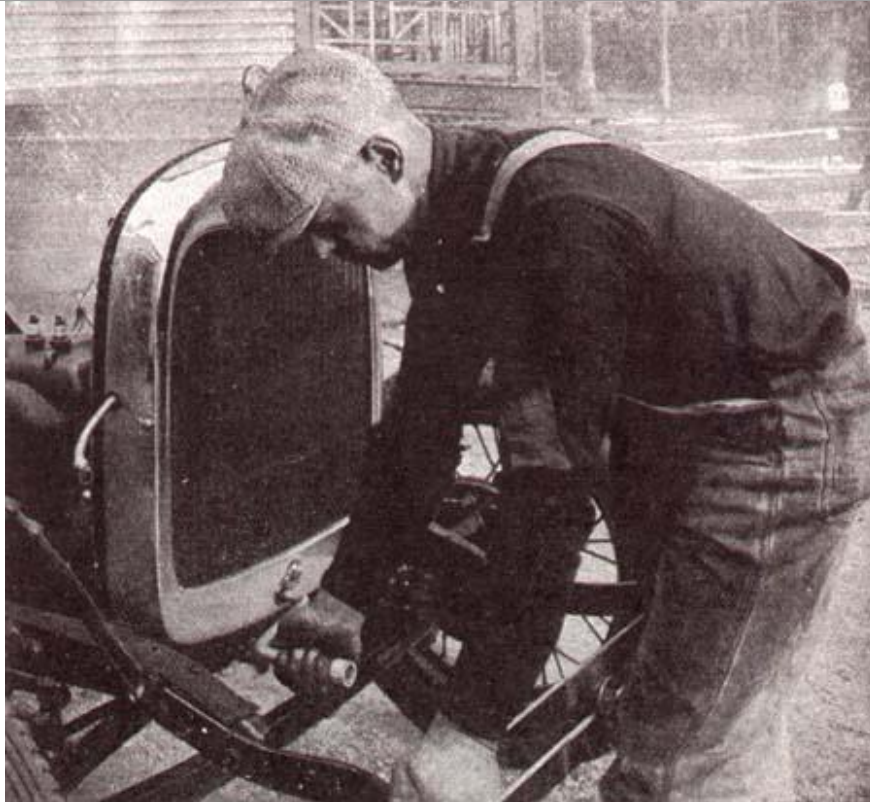
Santa's helpers at the clubs annual Christmas Party sining the following tune.

DRIVING thru the snow,
In my SHINY MODEL A,
over the hills we go,
BUMPING ALONG the way.

Bells on the BUMPERS DING,
making HEADLIGHTS BRIGHT,
Oh what fun it is to DRIVE,
MY MODEL A TONIGHT!

AHOOGA HORNS, AHOOGA HORNS,
AHOOGA all the way,
Oh what fun it is to DRIVE,
MY SHINY MODEL A!

Hand Cranking - Safe and Easy



Always grip the crank with the thumb wrapped below with the fingers. NEVER push the crank down the right side of the rotation!

Starting a Model A with the hand crank was once as common as driving one. It seems hand cranking has become nearly a lost art over the decades. Following a few basic rules, hand cranking is perfectly safe and quite simple. The hand crank should be one of the most useful tools in your toolbox!

The following list outlines the procedures for starting your Model A with the hand crank. The specifics apply to a properly tuned engine. Some variations may be required and are discussed later.

1. Set the emergency brake and be sure the shifter is in neutral.
2. Retard the spark by raising the left (spark) lever to the top of it's quadrant.
3. Lower the throttle lever approximately three notches, or until the gas pedal lowers very slightly.
4. Adjust the mixture on the dash to the setting appropriate for the conditions.
5. With the ignition OFF, hold the choke out (fully closed). This will require either a helper, a pull cord from the lever on the carburetor to the front of the vehicle, or one of those modern undersized and sticky choke rod grommets.
6. Carefully position the crank in place engaging the ratchet with the crank left of center in the lower of the two possible positions. Grasp the crank as shown in the photo above,

paying close attention to the thumb position below the handle. Pull the crank to the top briskly but carefully. Repeat with a second pull.

At this point there should be gas running slightly from the carburetor to the floor.

7. Release the choke and turn ON the ignition.
8. One more pull of the crank and the engine should start. **NEVER push the crank down the right side of the rotation with the key on!**
9. Advance the spark lever about half way down the quadrant and adjust the throttle speed.

Other considerations: Although there is no serious risk of injury when handling the crank as shown, it's startling when a kickback occurs. Most kickbacks occur when the choke is closed. The probability varies depending on the position of the crank ratchet relative to top dead center. Leaving the switch off during the choking step almost eliminates the chance of kickbacks.

With a low battery the engine will fire more quickly by hand than with the starter because the starter isn't starving the ignition system.

Variations: The car should start similar by hand as it does with the starter. For example, using the starter I always start my cold A's with the choke pulled for exactly two compression strokes or one turn of the crankshaft. At that point I release the choke and the engine fires. I NEVER hold the choke until it fires as suggested in the "Model 'A' Instruction Book".

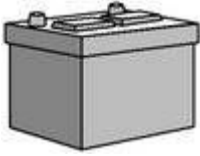
If your car **REQUIRES** the choke to be held more than two compression strokes with the starter, you may need to adjust step #6 similarly.

Experiment with a good battery so if you have difficulty starting, you can use the starter to determine if the problem is too much or too little gas. Be conservative with the choke. It is much easier to repeat the process than to hand start a flooded engine. A flooded engine is guaranteed to provide more exercise than you desire!

If your hand crank binds when inserted through the starting crank bushing and into the crank ratchet, don't crank start your car. Too much bind will prevent the crank from releasing from the ratchet. See [Front Engine Support](#) for more information.

FOR SALE

For Sale - New 6 Volt battery \$79



Bob Smith

706-660-8524

Here is a good driver for sale in Montgomery.

1931 4 door slant, runs good as an every day driver, original paint & interior, great car to enjoy while restoring if that is what you want, recent motor rebuild, converted to 12 volt, new 12 volt horn, new electrical wiring, distributor, coil, & alternator. New floorboard.

Good sheetmetal except fiberglass right front fender. Float-A-Motor motor mount kit installed. Electric gas cut-off switch. Both front top corners needs repair with Bondo and sealer all around. Will sell for \$9,500 OBO. Contact C. H. Cox @ 334-202-0386.



Quiz answers

1. C
2. B
3. A
4. C
5. B
6. A
7. B
8. C
9. A
10. C