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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.

CLUB OFFICERS:

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Vice President
Secretary & Benevolence
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Connie Penny
Joe Carter

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Program Director
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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:

Jim Timbes
Mickey Timbes
*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
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

RCMAFC was absolutely thrilled to have Jim and Mickey Timbes in attendance for the first meeting of 2014. Jim is much improved and thanked all who had visited and called to wish him well during his long illness. All in attendance rose to a standing ovation welcoming them back.

Robin Jackson Gaylor daughter of Bob and Betty Jackson announced to our Club that she had just received her Associate Degree in Nursing. Robin thanked RCMAFC and the Dr. Dan Palmer Scholarship Fund for our role in helping her achieve that goal. We proudly wish Robin much success in her new career.

Thanks also goes to Joe Spooner for arranging the program of the evening with guest speaker Professor Byran Chin. Byran is Vice President of the East Alabama Old Car Club. Byran shared with us his personal Photographic Tour of the Model A Ford Museum at the Gilmore Car Museum complex in Hickory Corners, Michigan. The program was excellent and deeply appreciated by RCMAFC members.

Paul



JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: February 20, 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 31-Feb 2	Moultrie Swap Meet
February 7	MATTS gathering
February 14	Board Meeting
February 20	Club Meeting
February 22	Jordan High School Car Show
March 1	Jack Frost Club Tour
Mach 7	MATTS gathering
March 14	Board Meeting
March 21-22	Tour to Barber Motor Sports Track & Museum (Central A's)

CRUISE EVENINGS

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 (Resume in Spring)
Every 4 th Tuesday	BoJangle's on Schomberg Road
Every 5 th Tuesday	Stevie B's Airport Thruway
Every 2 nd Saturday	Opelika Home Depot
Every 4 th Saturday	Steak and Shake (Bradley Park Drive) (Resume in Spring)
Every Sunday AM	IHOP Airport Thruway

NATIONAL:

March 9-14, 2014- MAFCA National Tour (TX Hill Country)

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

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

December 3-7, 2014- MAFCA National Awards Banquet



The Cruise in's are a great way to meet other car enthusiasts and have a good time and fellowship. Good food is always nice too. Have a car problem or question you might get an answer at the cruise in.

River Cities Model A Ford Club

Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2014

Opening:

The regular meeting of the River Cities Model "A" Ford Club was called to order at 6:00 pm on January 16, 2014 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 Nell and Paul Singer, Al Lugo, Jim and Mickey Timbes, Bob Shackleford, Jim Langley, Wayne Kennedy, Bob Smith, Joe Carter, Neil LaClair, Glen Williams, Cindy Jones, Dick Noxon, Bill Buck, Bettie Jackson, Howard Ruddick, Louis and Gloria Willett, Skipper Barfield, Joe and June Spooner, Bob and Connie Penny Bill Shirley , John Robertson and Sharon Webb. Two guests Robin Gaylor and Dr. Bryan Chin.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion by Al Lugo was made to accept the minutes from the last meeting as they appear in the newsletter. Jim Timbes seconded it and the motion was passed.

Treasurers Report:

Joe Carter gave the treasurers report.

Old Business:

President Paul Singer gave a report on the workshop presented by Les Andrews in Montgomery attended by 7 members of our club. It was enjoyed by all who attended.

Jim Langley made a motion that Robert, our caterer, be given a \$100.00 Christmas gift from the club. John Robertson second and motion passed.

Paul Singer introduced Robin Gaylor, a previous scholarship recipient. Robin has graduated and brought her diploma to show club members and thank them for the support and scholarships presented to her. She is to take the state board the following week and all members wished her well and much success to her future in nursing.

Jim Langley and Bill Shirley, who were not at the December meeting, were given their recognition awards. Jim Langley as tour director and Bill Shirley for serving on the scholarship committee and being editor of our newsletter. Bill was also given a certificate of merit from MAFCA for an outstanding newsletter.

Program:

Joe Spooner introduced the guest speaker Dr. Bryan Chin from the East Alabama Old Car Club. Dr Chin gave a slide show on the Gilmer car museum in Michigan. His slides were beautiful and everyone enjoyed the program.

New Business:

Paul Singer introduced some goals for 2014:

1. Get every available Model A road ready.
2. Focus on tours and swap meets both local and national.
3. Wear our club colors to all functions.

Al Lugo needs for members to sent him the Model A Club of America card numbers. Bobby Shackelford needs starting millage fro 2014 for all members for Road runner award presented at the end of the year.

Paul Singer read out new officers and committee members name:

President Paul Singer

Vice President Howard Ruddick

Treasurer Joe Carter

Secretary Connie Penny

Editor Bill Shirley

Tour Director Jim Langley

Scholarship Chairman Bill Shirley

Committee members Bill Buck, Kathryn Foster and one member need

Program Director John Robertson

Historian Mary Nell Singer

Car Show Director Bob Penny

Millage Director Bob Shackelford

Publicity Sharon Webb

Paul Singer brought up some concerns about security safety at our meetings and asked member s to be more aware of surroundings and not to leave any persons alone after meetings before leaving.

Meeting was adjourned by President Paul Singer.

Minutes submitted by Connie Penny

How to Tell a Briggs From A Murray





Club members meet Les Andrews at his Seminar. Mr. Andrews (center) is the author of the Model A Mechanics Manuals (3), a past technical director for MAFCA, Past President for MAFCA and currently technical Editor for the Restorer. Club members are L to R Joe and June Spooner, Al Lugo, Bobby Penny Jim Langley and Paul Singer

“Thinking is the hardest work there is, which is probably the reason so few engage in it.”

— **Henry Ford**

SCHOLARSHIPS

It is time to begin thinking about College Scholarships. If you have a family member who would like to apply for the DR. DAN PALMER SCHOLARSHIP now is the time to begin planning. Bill Shirley has the applications, contact him for what you need. The completed application should be back into Bill's hands by April 2014. The absolute deadline is July 1st.

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.)

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING 101 - If you put an adjustment knob, screw, bolt or give tolerances and specs on something - Some people will immediately fiddle with it. If you mark it, DO NOT TOUCH, EVERYONE will finker with it.

Mike K - Fordbarn.com - Model A Forum

Remember Henry said it "If it works - Don't fiddle with it, If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

When you disassemble a Model A unit - Axle, Transmission, Steering Sector, etc. Save some grief, time and money by replacing all moving or load bearing parts. You will be happier in the long run...

THE BEST ANSWER I HAVE HEARD - When someone insist on pricing your "A" when you are stopped for gasoline - and you answer, "it's not for sale," and that does not work, SAY THIS - OK "Start a stack of \$100.00 bills and I will tell you when to stop...

Choosing the right gear lube:~

"600W" oil was used in Model-A transmissions, differentials, and steering boxes when they were first manufactured. No doubt that in their early years the proper lubrication was used.

The "600W" was manufactured and distributed by suppliers for use in Model-A's for many years - then things changed!

The oil marketed today as "600W" is nowhere near the same viscosity ("600W" was not, by the way, the actual viscosity of the oil, it was just called that). It was closer to 240wt

What is sold today as "600W" is nowhere near the same.

Suppliers today offer oil that is called "600W" but it does not come close to 240wt oil.

Combining the "600W" oil sold by suppliers today with STP motor oil additive (on a 50/50 basis) produces a reasonable substitute for "600W" oil.

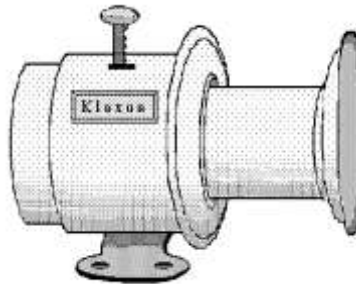
Straight STP (used by some) is generally not recommended for this application!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES



FEBRUARY 14- Bobby & Connie Penny
FEBRUARY 16- Russell & Mary Ann Lester

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



FEBRUARY 9- Ann Wright
FEBRUARY 12- Thomas Foster
FEBRUARY 14- Friederilke Robertson
FEBRUARY 16- Howard Ruddick
FEBRUARY 23- Louie Willett
FEBRUARY 26- Paul Singer

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



Henry Ford founded and incorporated the Ford Motor Company in 1903. In 1908, Ford introduced the Model T, a versatile and economical car that was produced on what became the modern assembly line.

Vehicle manufacturing and assembling in America never came to a halt during much of World War II. Cars were manufactured for doctors and military personnel because they were considered the most important people at that time. Privately owned companies like Ford and General Motors mass-produced cars for consumers' satisfaction. But Americans tended to keep and drive cars manufactured before the war began because they were cheaper than those built during the war.



2014 National Tour

The Model A Restorer's Club (MARC) National Tour will be held from Sunday September 21 to Wednesday September 24th 2014 inclusive.

The National Tour will be based in Cary, North Carolina one of the cities within the famed Triangle comprised of Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, September 21, 2014

11:00 am – 4:00pm

Tour Registration at Hilton Garden Inn, Lobby

4:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Welcome Party – Carolina Pig Pickin' at Montague Lake

Monday, September 22, 2014

7:00 am – 5:00 pm

Repair Tent – Parking lot of Hilton Garden Inn

7:00 am – 9:00 am	Hospitality Room – DoubleTree by Hilton
7:00am – 5:00 pm	Tours
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Hospitality Room – DoubleTree by Hilton
8:00 pm	Drive-In Movie - Raleigh Road Theater, Henderson

Tuesday, September 23, 2014

7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Repair Tent – Parking lot of Hilton Garden Inn
7:00 am – 9:00 am	Hospitality Room – DoubleTree by Hilton
7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Tours
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Hospitality Room – DoubleTree by Hilton

Wednesday, September 23, 2014

7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Repair Tent – Parking lot of Hilton Garden Inn
7:00 am – 9:00 am	Hospitality Room – DoubleTree by Hilton
7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Grand Tour to Carthage 100 Years of Progress Show
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Farewell Banquet – Hilton Garden Inn

For more information go to the TarWheel A's web site
www.tarwheela.com OR CONTACT:

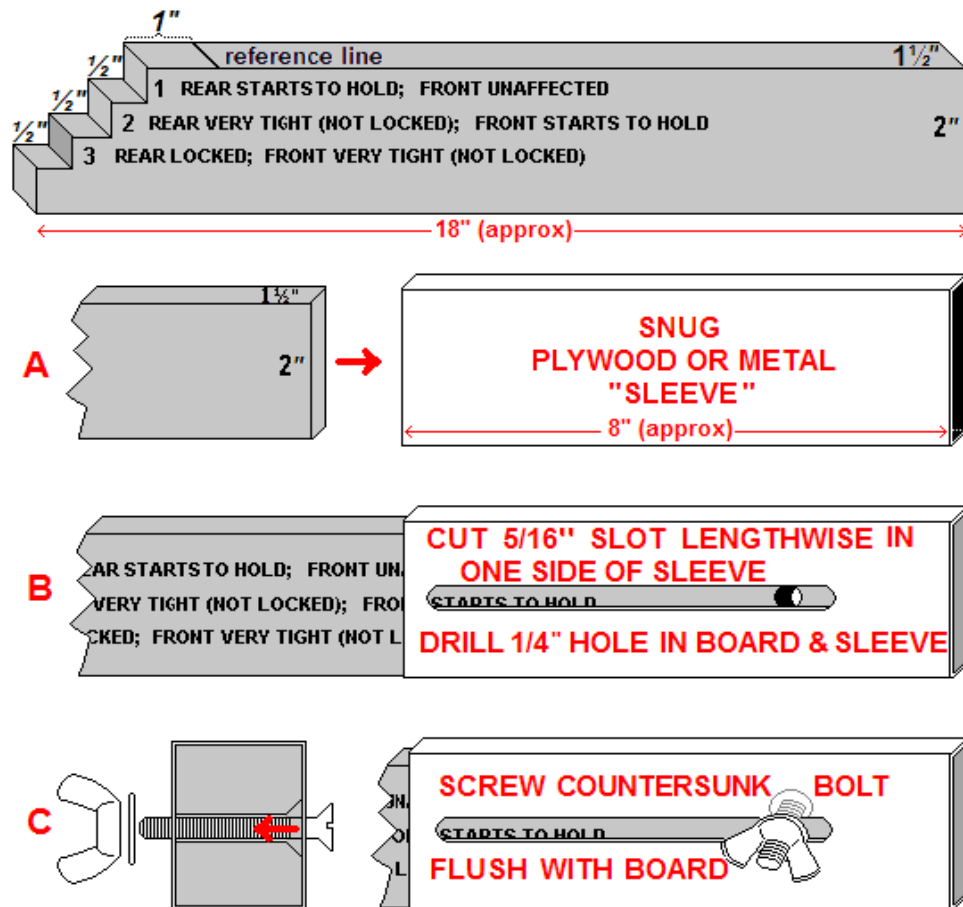
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Labor Relations



In 1914, Ford instituted the \$5, 8-hour workday for its factory workers, a raise from \$2.40 for a 9-hour day. But by the 1930s, the company was beset with labor strikes. In 1932, police killed striking workers at the assembly plant in Dearborn. The company also employed private security men to act as strikebreakers to intimidate and beat union leaders. Ford didn't recognize collective bargaining until 1941.

Brake adjustment Jig



A.

Construct a snug 8" long plywood or metal "sleeve" with little or no wobble.

B.

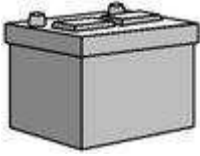
Cut 5/16" slot lengthwise in one side of sleeve & drill 1/4" hole through board & sleeve.

C.

On the sleeve side opposite to the slot, widen the drilled hole enough to pass the head of a 1/4" countersunk bolt. Screw in the 1/4" bolt flush with the adjustment board. Add a washer & a wing nut.

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.



Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying!

Auto Trivia

See how much you know

1. How many mounted spare tires did the 1916 Hudson have?

- ☐ One
- ☐ Two
- ☐ Four
- ☐ Six

2. What year was the first woman driver in the US?

- ☐ 1896
- ☐ 1898
- ☐ 1900
- ☐ 1902

3. What year was the first automobile finance company formed?

- ☐ 1895
- ☐ 1905
- ☐ 1915
- ☐ 1922

4. What auto company introduced the first hand brake, located on the driver's left in 1914?

- ☐ Ford
- ☐ Chevrolet

- ☐ Packard
- ☐ Buick

5. What year was coast-to-coast bus service first offered in the US?

- ☐ 1901
- ☐ 1915
- ☐ 1928
- ☐ 1934

6. Was there more taxi cabs in New York City in 1929 or 1983?

- ☐ 1929
- ☐ 1983

7. What state required automobile license plates in 1901?

- ☐ Michigan
- ☐ California
- ☐ Ohio
- ☐ New York

8. What company introduced the first balloon tire in 1923?

- ☐ Firestone Tire & Rubber Company
- ☐ Goodyear

9. What city had the first automobile Police Patrol Wagon in 1899?

- ☐ Detroit, Michigan
- ☐ New York City
- ☐ Akron, Ohio

10. What year was the first three-colored traffic light installed in Detroit, Michigan?

- ☐ 1900
- ☐ 1905
- ☐ 1919
- ☐ 1922

Answers:

1. 4
2. 1898
3. 1915
4. Packard
5. 1928
6. 1929
7. New York
8. Firestone Tire & Rubber Company
9. Akron, Ohio
10. 1919