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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
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Dan Diener

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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

The River Cities Model A Ford Club as you all know welcomes all admirers of antique cars. While we love our Model A's and our Club focuses on them, we realize some Club members own other cars and that is O.K., bring them along.

We are in the touring Season and we have already had some great Tours. Some members proudly driving Model A's and others following in modern cars. We welcome them all and invite others to join the fun, (Remember: You must have the club liability waiver on file prior to joining the tour). We have two Tours scheduled this month. On Friday May 16th Howard and Barbara Ruddick will lead us to Tour West Point Dam and points beyond. Then on May 31st, Mike Durfy will lead us to Lake Point State Park in Eufaula for a Shrimp Fest and Barbeque (a \$3.00 State Park admission fee will be charged at the Park, the rest is free).

These Tours are fun, interesting and relaxing, driven on Model A friendly roads. Come join us and enjoy the day.

Please take the time to thank the volunteers for planning these events. Ahuugha!!

Paul



JOIN US!

BY

AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: May 15, 2014-6:00PM
(EASTERN) Our
next meeting will be at Woodmen of
the World Lodge, on Highway 80, in
Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

May 2	MATTS gathering
May 9	Board Meeting
May 10	Al's Workshop (Horns & Plugs with Joe & Jim)
May 15	Club Meeting
May 16	Tour of West Point Dam, picnic, tour of Downtown W.P.
May 31	Mystery Tour
June 6	MATTS Gathering
June 13	Board Meeting
June 19	Club Meeting
June 21	Covered Bridge Tour

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
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)
Every Sunday AM	IHOP Airport Thruway

NATIONAL:

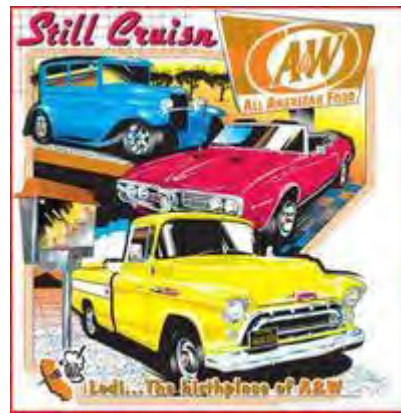
June 21-27, 2014- MARC National Meet, French Lick, Indiana

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

December 3-7, 2014- MAFCA National Awards Banquet

The Cruise in's are a great way to meet other car enthusiasts, 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.

Q: What was the lowest priced mass produced American car?



NEXT WORKSHOP AT AL's GARAGE

Our next River Cities Model "A" Ford Club Workshop will be conducted on May 10, 2014 at Al's Garage. The Topic will be The Model "A" Horn and Spark Plugs. Workshop will start at 9:00 A.M. with Coffee and doughnuts. Lunch will be provided at no cost. If you have not signed up please Email (alugo@mchsi.com or call Al Lugo (706-653-5396). This is important so I can have proper headcount for the catering. Please come and learn about your Model A and enjoy the fellowship.

River Cities Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes April 17th 2014

Meeting opened with the pledge of Alliance and prayer. Members proceeded to the buffet.

Members present were:

Bob & Connie Penny, Bettie Jackson, Don & Evelyn Carlisle, John Robertson, Howard Ruddick, Russell Lester, Dick Noxon, Al Lugo, Jim Langley, Paul Singer, Mary Nell Singer, Dorothy Webster, James Durfy, Michael Durfy, Bob Shakelford, Wayne Kennedy, Jim Timbes, Mickey Timbes, Sharon Webb, Joe & June Spooner, Bill Buck, Joe Carter, Bill Shirley and Bob Smith.

Members under the weather were Gloria Willett and Barbara Ruddick. Wayne Kennedy and Russell Lester who have been under the weather were both present at the meeting.

Old Business:

Minutes from previous meeting were approved.

A motion to vote on proposed budget presented by the board was voted on and approved.

Treasurer's report was voted on and approved. It was noted that our Pledge of the Year to the Model A Museum had been sent. Three members had purchased a brick at the Museum. They Were Bob & Connie Penny, Tom Penny and Bob Shakelford.

New Business:

Safety issues mentioned at the Board meeting were discussed. Options such as seatbelts and tail lights.

Program:

Al Lugo gave a great program on Gas Rationing from WW11. It was informative and entertaining.

Upcoming events were discussed.

June Spooner thanked all members who participated in the East Alabama Car Show.

Meeting was adjourned.

Connie Penny

Secretary

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.

NATIONAL MODEL A MEET FOR 2014

French Lick, Indiana

Sunday June 22nd to Friday June 27th

Grandeur in the Hills of Indiana
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French Lick Host Hotel \$129

West Baden Hotel \$179

1-888-936-9360

Discount Code: 0614 MAR

www.2014marcmeet.com

When did we quit calling them 'emergency brakes?
At some point 'parking brake' became the proper term.
But I miss the hint of drama that went with 'emergency brake.

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

— Henry Ford

I CAN'T PROVE IT, BUT YOU CAN'T DISPROVE IT.....

As many of you know, I travel middle Georgia frequently. Last fall, I was headed to Thomaston for business reasons and as always seeking new adventures on the “back roads.” Near Pleasant Hill, I came upon a Model A Roadster stopped on the roadside with the hood open. An old timer in farmers’ coveralls was working on the engine which had overheated due to a broken fan belt. He introduced himself as Frank Johnston and his wife, sitting in the car as Margaret. “This is the only car I have ever had” Frank Said. Bought her in 1930 and kept it all these years. Like me, she is getting old, but neither of us is over the hill yet. Tomorrow, ole Charlie Williams over in Chalybeate Springs will fix my leaky water pump and install a new fan belt, and this old girl will be as good as new again. Certain that Frank would be able to get the Ford home; I parted company and drove on to Thomaston. I asked an old friend; Gary who had ran a repair shop for many years and knew everyone, if he knew Frank Johnston? He did not, but he did know Charlie Williams in Chalybeate Springs who also had repaired cars for many years. The next time I went to Thomaston, my friend Elmer rode along, and we stopped in Chalybeate Springs at Charlie Williams shop. Charlie was working on an old tractor, but was quite willing to stop and talk. When I asked if Frank Johnston had been in to get his new fan belt, a funny look came over his face as if he had just seen a ghost. His answer was a real shocker. “Frank ain’t coming here, or going anyplace else, he has been dead for some thirty years.” He then told this story.

Frank and Molly lived on a farm over near Spirewell Bluff and only owned one car, a 1930 Ford Roadster. One day near Hendricks and about two miles from their home, a young boy on a bicycle veered into Frank’s cars path. He swerved to miss the boy and went over the bluff into the Flint River. Frank was killed; Margaret survived and later moved to Macon with a daughter. The farm was abandoned. I changed the subject by asking if he still had any old car parts, and in looking around he found a new Ford fan belt. “Here, take it.” “I will not need it now.” As we got back in my truck, Elmer asked, “Did you see the tag on the belt?” I was amazed when I read, “For Frank Johnston,” written on the tag. More bewildered than ever, we visited the old farm which was a lonely place, and in poor repair. Elmer suggested that we

leave the fan belt for the ghost of Frank Johnston, and we placed it on a peg near the front door. Once back home, I decided to forget about this, since no one would believe me anyway. But the Ghost of Frank Johnston was not done with me. Later I received a phone call from an excited Elmer who lives near Woodland. A few days after our visit, he and another friend rode bicycles to the Johnston place, and much to his surprise, the fan belt had vanished. Recently, a road construction crew had dug up the remains of an old Ford Roadster near a Flint River bridge. Not much of the car was left, most everything was rusted or gone, except for the fan belt, which appeared to be new.....

Submitted by Jim Langley

The “A” Preserver

Excerpt from The “A” Preserver the quarterly newsletter of the Model A Ford Foundation, Incorporated; Each year, on the third weekend in September, it is “our weekend” at Gilmore. While the display of visiting Model A’s is great, and the activities are fun and interesting, the important thing to the Model A Museum is that all the income from the gate goes to the MAFFI treasury to support the museum. Mark September 20th on your calendar and plan to attend. This year we will have a big swapmeet, multiple seminars, and a special visiting unusual car or two.

FREE BRICK Promotion, 3 bricks were given to River Cities Model A Ford Club, Columbus GA.

New members installed Nov 2nd thru Feb 12th. The following new members recently joined the Foundation. Under the Family section River City Model A Ford Club families---Bobby and Connie Penny, Alabama; Tom and Laura Penny, South Carolina; and Bobby Shackelford of Georgia of our Club were installed.

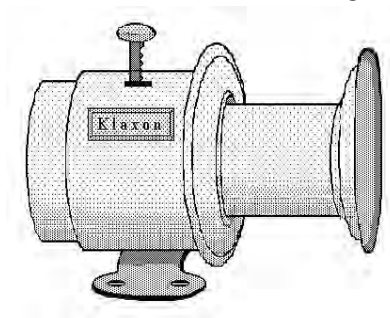
HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES



MAY 20- Tom & Laura Penny

MAY 25- Al & Lizbeth Lugo

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



MAY 1- Al Lugo

MAY 2- George Hagan

MAY 9- Laurie Durfy

MAY 18- Grover Barfield

MAY 23- Brad Whitaker

MAY 26- Melinda Durfy

Fellow Regional Model "A" Ford Clubs

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

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 gfo to the TarWheel A's web site www.tarwheela.com OR CONTACT:

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Mary Nelle Singer's Grand Father is the Man on the right and Grand Mother is behind the wheel.



**Mary Nelle Singer's Grand Mother, Grand Father and Father in 1914
Her Dad is the little boy at the top of the above picture**

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 1931 Deluxe Roadster, owned by the late Robert (Bob) Jackson, River Cities Club. Restored and a trophy winner many times. Nothing needed for pleasant miles of touring. All you need is the key. Contact Betty Jackson: jonanabray@aol.com

706-329-8935 (c) 334-298-3935

Located in Seale, AL



For Sale:

Interior garnish mouldings for a 2 door sedan, asking \$40.00

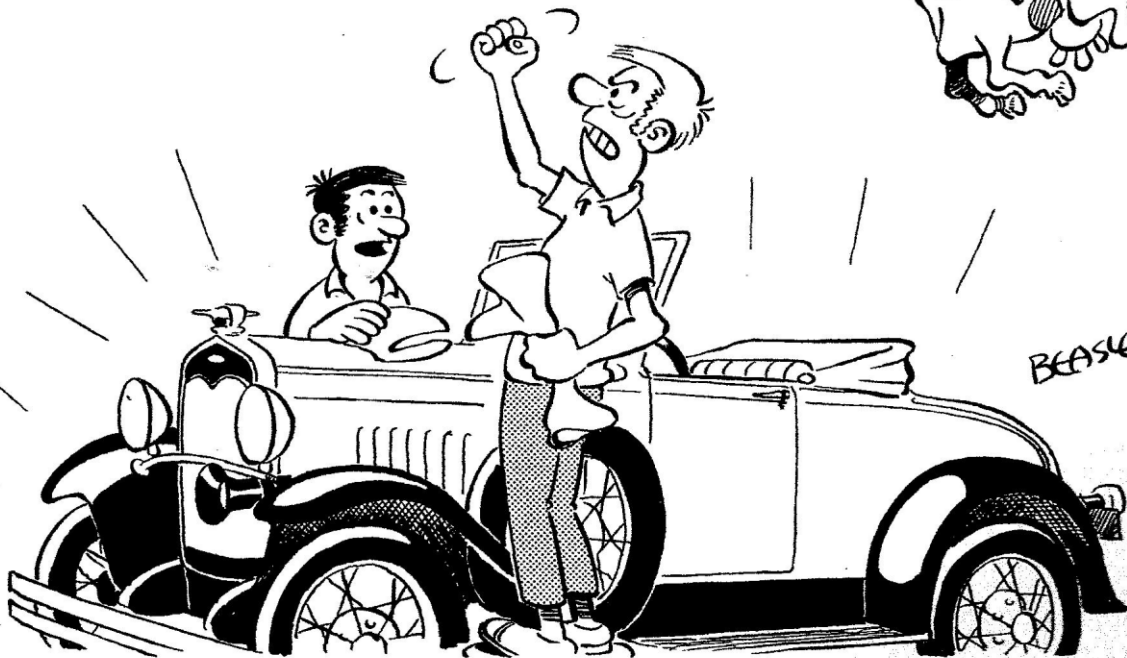
Contact Lee Coxwell @ (334)-329-9807

I'm sad, too, that almost all the old folks are gone who would call the accelerator the 'foot feed.' Many today do not even know what a clutch is or that the dimmer switch used to be on the floor. For that matter, the starter was down there too.



*A: The 1925 Ford
Model T Runabout.
Cost \$260, \$5 less
than 1924.*

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BEASLEY

BOY, I'LL BET YOU'RE GLAD COWS DON'T FLY!