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Treasurer

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Joe Carter

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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:

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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
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

This past Christmas my family gave me a NASCAR Driving Experience ticket to the Talladega Super Speedway! Now for an old NASCAR fan who occasionally enjoyed a back street challenge, it was a perfect gift. On June 27th, 2014 Mary Nelle and I accompanied by our son Scott and his wife Lisa checked in at the NASCAR Driving experience trailer. The Super Speedway's 2.6 mile track with 34 degree banked turns was quite a sight! After a short driver's education course, we "Let Her Rip". Scott's top speed was 157.4 MPH, Mine 154.2 MPH - - Lisa chooses a professional driver and realized 174.0 MPH. What Fun We Had! Sandy, Phyllis, Rich and families checked progress via phone. The trip back home gave us some time to unwind, relax and think of the role played by RCMAFC. It all started with the mock race of 52 Model A's at Talladega, followed by the Blue Ridge Parkway Tour and local Club Tours put together and coordinated by local Club Members.

Tomorrow I will take my Model A out for a quiet drive through Pine Mountain Valley. I will cherish my God given rights of Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness in the slower lane, remembering those who have sacrificed so much to preserve them for us all.

Paul



JOIN US!

By AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: July 17, 2014-6:00PM
(EASTERN) Our
next meeting will be at Woodmen of
the World Lodge, on Highway 80, in
Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

July 5	Independence Day Celebration at Singer's
July 11	Board Meeting
July 12	Tour to Private Car Museum in Opelika
July 17	Club Meeting
August 1	MATTS Gathering
August 15	Board Meeting
August 21	Club Meeting

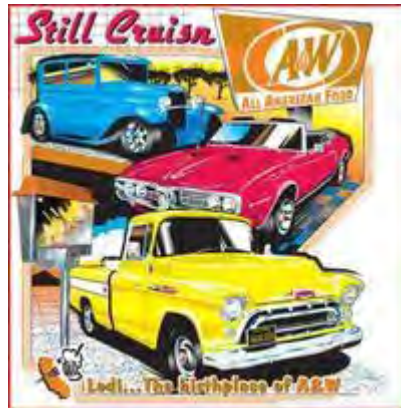
CRUISE EVENINGS

Every 1 st Tuesday-	Cooks Hot Dog on Miller & Airport Thruway
Every 2 nd Tuesday	Don Chuchos (Mexican) Miller and Milgen
Every 3 rd Tuesday	Jason Deli (by Sears)
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:

July 14-18, 2014- MAFCA National Convention, Puyallup, Washington
December 3-7, 2014- MAFCA National Awards Banquet

***Q:** What car was reportedly designed on the back of a Northwest Airlines airsickness bag and released on April Fool's Day, 1970? Answer at end of the News Letter*



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.

"One of the greatest discoveries a person makes, one of their great surprises, is to find they can do what they were afraid they couldn't do."

— **Henry Ford**

**River Cities Model A Ford Club
Meeting Minutes from June 19, 2014
Club Meeting**

President Paul Singer opened the June meeting of the River Cities Model "A" Ford club with the Pledge of Alliance and Jim Langley gave the prayer before members proceeded to the buffet.

Members present were: Paul and Mary Nelle Singer, Bob & Connie Penny, Louie & Gloria Willett, Tom & Sharon Ellis. John & Rickie Robertson, Howard Ruddick, Al Lugo, Glen Williams, Cindy Jones, Neil LaClaire, Wayne Kennedy, Bob Shackelford, Jim Langley, Jim & Mickey Timbes, Sharon Webb, Bob Smith, Dick Noxin, Lee Coxwell, William Shirley and Grover Barfield.

Members under the weather were Mr. & Mrs. Coxwell, Pat Langley and Paul Singer.

Howard Ruddick gave a program on E15 (Ethanol fuel). It was very informative for all members. Thank you Howard.

Minutes from the May meeting were approved by members.

There was no treasurer's report since our treasurer was not present.

Reminder that Scholarship applications are due by July 1, 2014.

President Singer gave a "tip of the month" which was to remind members to carry extra fuses on tours.

New Business: There was none.

Upcoming events were discussed including the ice cream social at the Singers home on July 5 at 8:00. On Saturday July 12, a tour to Carl Cupps house has been planned. There will be no MATT's gathering in July.

Meeting was adjourned by President Paul Singer.

Minutes submitted by

Connie Penny

Secretary

Here's a word I miss - 'percolator.' That was just a fun word to say.

And what was it replaced with 'Coffee maker.' How dull... Mr. Coffee, I blame you for this.

170-B Deluxe Fordor Production Information

Prior to the introduction of the slant windshield models in April 1931, there were six different two-window fordor models. All of these fordor bodies were built and supplied by Briggs Manufacturing of Detroit, Michigan.

The first of these models was the 60-A Leather Back introduced in mid 1928. It was distinguished by a brown artificial leather top extending down the rear quarters to the belt rail. With the introduction of the 1929 models, it was replaced by the 60-B. The 60-B was the same body, trimmed with black long-short grain artificial leather top material.

In early 1929 the 60-C Steel Back version of the same body was added. In mid 1929, with production of the larger Town Sedan body in full swing, Briggs managed a change from the 60-C to a new *Two Window* model based on the larger Town Sedan body. The new model was also a standard model and was designated the 170-A.

In 1930 the *Two Window* fordor was fitted with the new cowl assembly and redesignated the 170-B. In April 1930 the Briggs body *Two Window* fordor underwent it's final change. It became the *Deluxe Fordor* sedan or 170-B Deluxe. It was trimmed nearly identical to the *Town Sedan* and remained unchanged until replaced by the slant windshield models.

Statistics

The Deluxe Fordor was produced for a twelve month period between April 1930 and April 1931. A mere 13,594 were produced between the two model years.*

Paint Colors

Deluxe Fordor Sedan (170-B Deluxe) Paint Colors		
Lower body, Window Reveals	Upper Body, Belt moulding	Pinstripe
Kewanee Green	Elkpointe Green	Apple Green
Thorne Brown	Thorne Brown	Tacoma Cream
Chicle Drab	Copra Drab	Straw
¹ Copra Drab	Chicle Drab	Straw
² Black	Black	Vermilion
³ Black	Black	Apple Green
⁴ Andalusite Blue	Black	French Gray
⁵ Andalusite Blue	Black	Aurora Red
⁶ Lombard Blue	Black	Hessian Blue
³ Brewster Green	Black	Apple Green
⁷ Ford Maroon	Black	Vermilion
¹ Dropped November 1930 ³ Available October 1930 ² Dropped September 1930 ⁴ Early 1930 ⁵ Dropped August 1930 ⁶ Available September 1930 ⁷ Available November 1930		

Food for thought.

Was there a telethon that wiped out lumbago? Nobody complains of that anymore. Maybe that's what Castor oil cured, because I never hear mothers threatening kids with Castor Oil anymore.

40-B Deluxe Roadster

The History

The open models were consistently popular for Ford. By mid 1930 however, sales of the open models were dropping rapidly. In an effort to increase demand, Ford introduced the Deluxe Phaeton in late June 1930 and followed with the Deluxe Roadster in late July.

The Deluxe Roadster was priced at \$520. Differences included a shorter windshield, finished in chrome plate. An all new top assembly was used. It featured varnished natural oak bows and was trimmed in tan drab (light olive) fabric. The new interior trim included dark tan Bedouin grain genuine leather seating surfaces with matching artificial leather throughout the interior, and the floor covering was brown carpet. The seat was lowered approximately one inch to adapt to the lower profile (the seating drop was subsequently applied to the standard roadster).

The exterior was enhanced by the addition of a left side mounted spare tire. At the rear of the car, a chrome luggage rack with oak finished steel slats and full-length rear bumper were added. To add more contrast, the wheels were painted to match the stripe.

In early 1931 the spare tire was moved to rear. The left side mounted spare, luggage rack, and special bumper were no longer included as standard equipment. They could however, be special ordered at extra cost and installed at the branch during assembly. The base price was reduced to \$475.

Statistics

During the five months the Deluxe Roadster was available in 1930, 11,313 units were produced. In 1931 the Deluxe Roadster nearly replaced the Standard Roadster with 52,997 deluxe units produced(U.S.).*

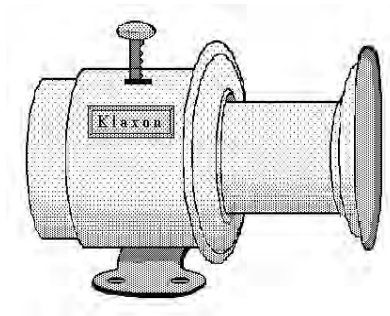
One of the most successful advertising campaigns in America was for Burma-Shave shaving cream. Starting with a budget of just \$250, some paint and a couple of boards, Burma-Shave went from being a small, local company to a nationally-recognised brand name. From the 1920s to the 1960s Burma-Shave signs could be found from coast-to-coast along the highways of America, reminding travellers to be safe, have fun and most of all buy Burma-Shave shaving cream.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES



JULY 3- Joe & Donna Carter
JULY 4- James & Melinda Durf
JULY 23- Louie & Gloria Willett

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



JULY 3- John Robertson
JULY 4- Mary Nelle Singer
JULY 7- Don Carlisle
JULY 11- Dick Noxon
JULY 20- Pat Langley

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
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Grand Tour to Carthage 100 Years of Progress Show
Farewell Banquet – Hilton Garden Inn

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

PHIL TAYLOR EMAIL: ptaylor@523nc.rr.com

Report on the June MATTS (Model 'A' Tinker Time Shop) get together.

We met at Bobby's shop for coffee, donuts, Model A shop info, and fellowship.

As usual Bobby had lots of parts to look at. This month's parts included a flywheel housing, an exhaust manifold, and two distributor housings. All these parts had cracks. We also looked at a pair of front wheel bearings. When disassembling a Model A, Bobby had found metal chips in the lubricating grease of these bearings. These metal chips had ruined these bearings! Keep bearings clean when handling.

We discussed how to replace a Model A fan belt. The original Ford specification is for a 42-7/8" belt length. A Kevlar core belt 44" long is available for Model A's running alternators. This belt P/N 28-24695-1 is available from Mac's Auto Parts and is tough.

Come join us on the first Friday of each month at Bobby's shop. The coffee is hot, the donuts good, and we always learn something.

Shown below is Bobby leading the discussion and Mike and John checking out a cracked distributor housing.

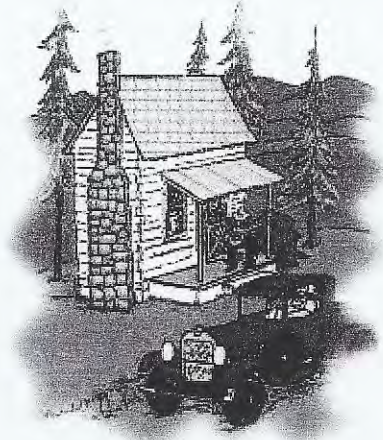


Photos and story by Howard Ruddick



West Point tour.....Photos by Al Lugo

MOUNTAINS MUSIC AND MODEL A's 2014 MEET



**September 29 - October 2,
2014**

**Host: Smoky Mountain Model A Club
P.O. Box 70373
Knoxville, TN 37938**

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Spouse/Guest(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (for questions) _____

Club Name and City _____

Registration (per couple) before Sept 5, 2014	\$80.00*	how many attending _____
Registration postmarked after Sept 5, 2014	\$90.00*	how many attending _____
Swap Meet Space - per day/per space	\$20.00	days _____
Banquet per person	\$40.00 **	# attending _____

GRAND TOTAL SUBMITTED \$ _____ CHECK # _____

**Mail Check and Application To:
Smoky Mountain Model A Club
P.O. Box 70373
Knoxville, TN 37938**

To participate in any scheduled event, you must be registered. Please be aware that some events are limited to a certain number of participants and may not be available at a later date. We encourage everyone to make reservations as soon as possible, while plans are flexible and while an increase in the planned number of participants may yet be possible. I hereby release The Smoky Mountain Model A Club, and all participating members and individuals from any and all liabilities. No registration will be granted without the submittal of a signed registration form, which shall constitute acceptance of this release, signed on behalf of all family participants, A cancellation fee of \$25.00 will be charged after Sept 5, 2014. This fee does not apply to vendors.

signed name _____ printed name _____

* Includes welcome party, tours and seminars.

** Includes dinner and entertainment.

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

For Sale:

1981 El Camino, \$2,000 or best offer, please call Lydia Mckeel 762-822-2151.



For Sale:

From Benny Bohanan, I just got in a really neat 1930 Model A Ford Tudor for sale in the shop. It is a really nice car with a quiet smooth running engine, and dependable hydraulic brakes. Condition of the car is super nice and would really make someone a great driver. I have the car listed on Craigslist, and lots more pictures can be seen at

<http://atlanta.craigslist.org/nat/cto/4494934616.html> Price is \$13,500 I know this car would make someone a really good car at a good deal.



*A: 1970 Gremlin,
(AMC)*