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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:

President  
Vice President  
Secretary & Benevolence  
Treasurer

Paul Singer  
Howard Ruddick  
Connie Penny  
Joe Carter

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Jim Langley  
Al Lugo  
Bobby Shackelford  
Mary Nelle Singer  
Bill Shirley  
Bobby Penny

**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

Everyone enjoys Ice Cream, Cup Cakes and Finger Food -- add a few Fireworks and the Party Begins! That is exactly what occurred July 6<sup>th</sup> , at the Singer's. My thanks to all who came and contributed, especially to Mike next door who provided the BEAUTIFUL FIRE WORKS.

Thank big thank you to Joe Spooner and Lee Coxwell for organizing the Carl Cupp collection tour and the unique working shop and garage tour in Opelika. Both venues were interesting and special in their respective specialties. After the Shop Tours we walked a few blocks of Historic Downtown Opelika and had lunch in a tastefully restored restaurant before returning home.

The weather cooperated and could not have been better. Exactly right for Model A touring. Ahooga!

*Paul*



# JOIN US!

By AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: August 21, 2014-  
6:00PM (EASTERN) Our  
next meeting will be at Woodmen of  
the World Lodge, on Highway 80, in  
Phenix City.

## COMING EVENTS

August 1	MATTS Gathering
August 15	Board Meeting
August 21	Club Meeting
August 30	16 <sup>th</sup> Annual open Car Show, Callaway Gardens
September 5	MATTS Gathering
September 12	Board Meeting
September 20	Workshop: Model A Wheels & Balancing
September 27	Club Picnic at the Ruddick's Lake House

### *CRUISE EVENINGS*

Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday-	Cooks Hot Dog on Miller & Airport Thruway
Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	La Pareja Mexican Restaurant (towards Waverly Hall)
Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	Jason Deli
Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	Harley Davidson on Williams Road
Every 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	BoJangle's on Schomberg Road
Every 5 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Stevie B's Airport Thruway
Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	Opelika Home Depot
Every 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Steak and Shake (Bradley Park Drive)
Every Sunday AM	IHOP Airport Thruway

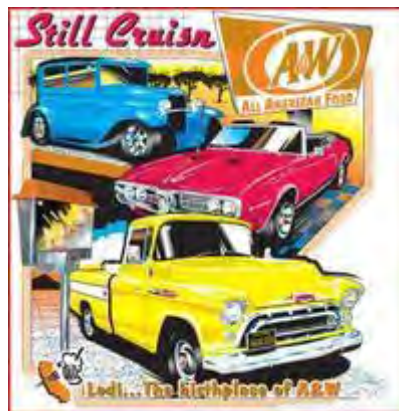
### NATIONAL:

December 3-7, 2014- MAFCA National Awards Banquet

**Q:** *What did the Olds designation 4-4-2 stand for?*      *Answer at end of the News Letter*



*Cruisin'*



## **Congratulations**

Ms. Shannon Emily Robertson and Mr. Tanner Scott Knowles are the winners this years Dr. Dan Palmer/Rivercities Model A Ford Club Scholarship. Both were awarded \$500.00. Ms. Robertson will be attending the University of Mobile and Mr. Knowles will be attending Southern Union in Wadley AL. Shannon is the Grand Daughter of John and Friederike Robertson and Tanner is the Grand Son of Bobby and Connie Penny

**"There are three things that grow more precious with age; old wood to burn, old books to read, and old friends to enjoy." — Henry Ford**

**River Cities Model A Ford Club  
Meeting Minutes from July 17, 2014  
Club Meeting**

The River Cities Model "A" Ford Club was called to order by President Paul Singer. The following members were present: Bobby Penny, Howard Ruddick, John Robertson, Bill Shirley, Lee and Becky Coxwell, Al Lugo, Jim Langley, Paul Singer, Mary Nell Singer, Glenn Williams, Cindy, Neil LaClair, Wayne Kennedy, Skipper Barfield, Jim & Mickey Timbes, Sharon Webb, Bobby Shackleford, Dick Noxon, Bettie Jackson, Joe & June Spooner, Louie & Gloria Willett.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance Jim Langley was recognized by his article printed in the 1969 Restorer. The blessing was led by Jim Langley. After dinner, a Flyer was passed around pertaining to the Jack Frost Tour being held on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Flint River State Park. Al Lugo presented a documentary on The Roosevelts whereas Paul Singer's Model T was recognized and included in the film. The documentary will be filmed on PBS television on 9/14-20/14. Howard Ruddick made a motion that the minutes be approved as printed in the newsletter. Sharon Webb seconded and members voted unanimously. Due to the absence of our treasurer, Joe Carter, no treasurer's report was given. Bill Shirley announced the sinners of the RCMAFC scholarships: Emily Robertson, granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Robertson and Tanner Knowles, grandson of Bobby & Connie Penny.

Upcoming events August 1 thru September were discussed among members. A discussion was held regarding a preliminary sale of \$10.00 per ticket for the RCMAFC picnic. Jim Langley as part of the search committee for new leadership needs a nomination for President. Please consider running for this office. June Spooner voiced a concern on members who have lost interest in our club and do not attend meetings; for instance, Bo Hunt. Sharon Webb exclaimed that she would send a card to Bo and others to make them aware that we are thinking of them. Sharon suggested the club make personalized cards. Howard Ruddick announced he would speak with his wife Barbara regarding creation greeting cards. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted by' Mickey Timbes in absence of Secretary, Connie Penny

## A look back in time

In 1901, Connecticut becomes the first state to pass a law regulating motor vehicles, limiting their speed to 12 mph in cities and 15 mph on country roads.

Speed limits had been set earlier in the United States for non-motorized vehicles: In 1652, the colony of New Amsterdam (now New York) issued a decree stating that "No wagons, carts or sleighs shall be run, rode or driven at a gallop" at the risk of incurring a fine starting at "two pounds Flemish," or about \$150 in today's currency. In 1899, the New York City cabdriver Jacob German was arrested for driving his electric taxi at 12 mph. The path to Connecticut's 1901 speed limit legislation began when Representative Robert Woodruff submitted a bill to the State General Assembly proposing a motor-vehicles speed limit of 8 mph within city limits and 12 mph outside. The law passed in May 1901 specified higher speed limits but required drivers to slow down upon approaching or passing horse-drawn vehicles, and come to a complete stop if necessary to avoid scaring the animals.

Story submitted by Joe Spooner

Here's a phrase I heard all the time in my youth

- > but never anymore - 'store-bought.'
- > Of course, just about everything is store-bought these days.
- > But once it was bragging material to have a
- > store-bought dress or a store-bought bag of candy.



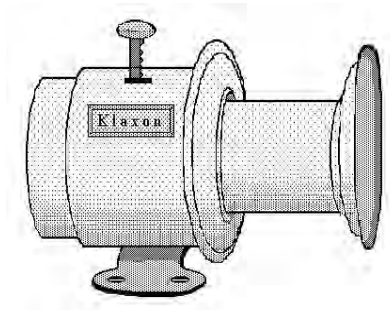
## HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES



**AUGUST 2- Donnie & Debbie Morrison**

**AUGUST 23-Brad & Joy Whitaker**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



**AUGUST 4- Nancy Palmer**

**AUGUST 9- Patrick Tyler**

**AUGUST 12- Pamela Tyler**

**AUGUST 22- Burton Williams**

**AUGUST 9- Joe Carter**

**AUGUST 10- Linda Miller**

**AUGUST 22- Bettie Jackson**



## Fellow Regional Model "A" Ford Clubs

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

The 8<sup>th</sup> "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](mailto: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 24<sup>th</sup> 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
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7:00 am – 9:00 am  
7:00 am – 5:00 pm  
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Hospitality Room – DoubleTree by Hilton  
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](http://www.tarwheela.com) OR CONTACT:

PHIL TAYLOR EMAIL: [ptaylor@523nc.rr.com](mailto:ptaylor@523nc.rr.com)



Joe and June Spooner's Grand Daughter and her Cousin in the Coupe



## Club 4<sup>th</sup> of July Gathering at the Singers







Photos by Howard Ruddick

### **A short History of the Model-A Ford**

The year was 1926. Henry Ford's "Tin Lizzie" was getting old. It had been produced since Oct. 1st 1908. There had been very few major changes to the car even though it did look quite different. With his son Edsel pushing to move past the Model T and design and build a "new ford" the order was finally given on July 20th, 1926 to start work on a new ford, the "Model A", although that name had not been picked yet!.

Henry made the last of the Model T's on May 26th, 1927. It was car No. 15,000,000. It is said Henry spent \$100,000,000 (Yes, 100 Million Dollars!) on the new car design and for retooling of the Rouge plant to build the new Model A. Quite a sum in the 1920's! The car contained over 6800 parts whereas the Model T only contained about 5000.

Model A No. 1 rolled off the production line on Oct. 20th, 1927 but the public didn't see the car until Dec. 2nd, 1927. Unlike the Model T, the new ford came in seven body styles and an amazing four colors!

The Engine was an L-head 4-cylinder, 'cast en bloc' type. It had a 3-7/8" X 4-1/4" bore and stroke with a displacement of 200.5 cubic inches. SAE horsepower of 24.03 with brake horsepower rated at 40 at 2200 rpm. Typical gas mileage was between 20 and 30 mpg using a Zenith one barrel carburetor. It's 103.5" wheelbase rode on 4.50 x 21" tires with a gear ratio of 3.77:1. The transmission was a 3 speed sliding gear unit with 1 speed reverse. The Model A had 4 wheel mechanical brakes and Houdaille, double action hydraulic shock absorbers with semi-elliptic front and rear transverse springs. Top Speed was around 65 mph. Standard equipmet on all Models included a Starter, Five Steel Spoke Wheels, Dashlight, Mirror,

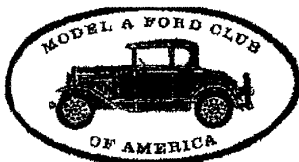
**Windshield Wiper, Gasoline Gauge, Rear and Stop Light, Speedometer, Tools and Pressure Grease Gun Lubrication.**

**The "Model A" Tool kit included with each car had the following items: Adjustable wrench, 2 open end wrenches, 2 tire irons, jack, pliers, screwdriver, tire pump, grease gun, combination spark plug wrench and head bolt wrench and Instruction book which all fit into Snap Pouch.**

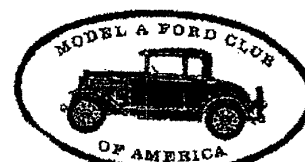
**As for price. The new Model A Tudor Sedan sold for \$495.00 with the Fordor bringing \$570.00 F.O.B. Detroit. For \$385.00 you could get a Roadster and \$395.00 would get you a beautiful Phaeton. At \$495.00, the new Ford Coupe was nice but for \$550.00 the Sport Coupe with a standard Rumble Seat was a hot seller.**



6th ANNUAL  
**MODEL A FORD PARTS SWAP MEET**

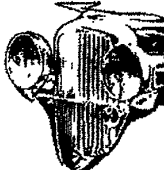


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**ONE DAY - SATURDAY, AUGUST 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
**8 A.M. To 3 P.M.**

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FREE PUBLIC ADMISSION!

VENDORS

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BEFORE JULY 31, 2014 TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE.  
VENDORS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE GATE AS SPACE PERMITS.

VENDOR SPACES ARE 10'X30' AND WILL ACCOMMODATE A TRUCK OR CAR,  
ALONG WITH A TABLE OR TENT. No BIG RIGS PLEASE!  
PARKING WILL BE AVAILABLE OFF SITE, FOR LARGER TRUCKS OR TRAILERS.  
SPACES COST ONLY \$20.00

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# 16TH ANNUAL OPEN CAR SHOW

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2014

8 A.M. - 3 P.M.

*Come and enjoy a day of fun and entertainment!*

Open car show for antique cars, trucks, customs and street rods.  
No judging. The annual Open Car Show is dedicated to the memory of Bill Fuller.

Pre-registration is \$10 before Aug. 27, 2014, and includes:

- \$5 savings on registration fee.
- Entry for a special door prize drawing.

Registration the day of the show is \$15.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- Occupants of vehicles participating in auto show receive free Callaway Gardens admission.
- Prize drawing begins at 3 p.m. - Money Tree
- Vehicles will be displayed in Callaway Gardens' Beach Dome area.
- Trailer parking will be available.
- Pets are not permitted within Robin Lake Circle.

For car show information, call **Randy Keefe** at (706) 527-7373 or email **keefe600@bellsouth.net**.

For Callaway Gardens information, please visit [callawaygardens.com](http://callawaygardens.com) or call 1.800.CALLAWAY (225.5292).

Complete and mail registration form with check made payable to:  
**Randy Keefe, 600 Preston Road, Cataula, GA 31804**



Owner's Name _____		Email (For Confirmations) _____	
Phone _____			
Address _____			
City _____	State _____	Zip _____	
Year _____	Make _____	Model _____	Color _____

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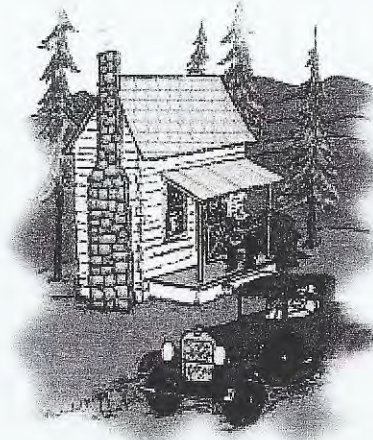
*Release/Hold harmless agreement: I understand that Callaway Gardens and the Ida Cason Callaway Foundation and any of its sponsors, promoters, assistants, directors, employees, agents, servants, volunteers are not responsible for any losses, injuries, unknown damage, judgments and/or any causes whatsoever that may be suffered by me to my person or property. I also agree to provide my own insurance.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Callaway Gardens.**  
callawaygardens.com | 1.800.CALLAWAY (225.5292)  
Pine Mountain, Georgia



# 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](mailto:jonanabray@aol.com)

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

Located in Seale, AL



**For Sale:**

**Bob Travis has 24 Model A tool boxes complete with tray for mounting and lock for sale for \$175.00. They are the large ones. Bob is located in California so shipping would come into play.**

**Call Bob at 626-574-0665 if you want one. Better hurry there are only 24!**



## 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: 4 barrel carburetor, 4 speed transmission, and dual exhaust.