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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

Joe Spooner
Bob Smith
Connie Penny
Joe Carter

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Program Director
Club Liaison
Membership Director
Awards Director
Historian Director
Scholarship Director
Car Show Director

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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 2012-2014

Bob Smith DEC 2001- 2003
Jim Langley DEC 2004 -2006
Jim Langley DEC 2008- 2009
Al Lugo DEC 2010-2012
Joe Spooner DEC 2014

Presidents Rattles for February 2015

I was glad to see good attendance at the January meeting. We have started the new year off on a good foot. We gained two new members. Let's all make Mark and Pat Gamble welcome to our Model "A" family.

Let's keep Russell and Mary Anne Lester. Pat Langley, and David Black in our prayers.

Kevin Adams was the winner of the free dinner drawing. Be at the February meeting and you may have the lucky ticket.

Our program this month will be a movie about our favorite vehicle. You will have to bring your own popcorn.

It's getting that time of year when we should start thinking about what our "A's" will be needing to make sure they are safe and running smoothly. If you know of any parts needed now, go ahead and order them so you will have them on hand as soon as you get a good workday. Pull out the maintenance check list and inventory needs.

Jordan High School Car Show will be February 28.

Don't forget loved ones on Valentine's Day, and all other days.

Hope to see you at the February Meeting.

If it says "Ahooga", drive it!

Joe



JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: February 19, 2015-6:00PM
(EASTERN) Our
next meeting will be at Woodmen of the
World Lodge, on Highway 80, in Phenix
City.

COMING EVENTS

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| February 6-8 | Moultrie Swap Meet |
| February 6 | MATTS |
| February 13 | Board Meeting |
| February 19 | Club Meeting |
| February 28 | Jordan High School Car Show |
| March 6 | MATTS Gathering |
| March 13 | Board Meeting |
| March 19 | Club Meeting |

CRUISE EVENINGS

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| Every 1 st Tuesday- | Cooks Hot Dog on Miller & Airport Thruway |
| Every 2 nd Tuesday | Jim Bob's |
| 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 | Country's on Broad Street |
| Every 2 nd Saturday | Opelika Home Depot |
| Every 4 th Saturday | Steak and Shake (Bradley Park Drive) |
| Every Sunday AM | IHOP Airport Thruway |

NATIONAL:

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| June 7-12 | MAFCA National Tour: Lobsters & Lighthouses of Maine |
| December 3-5 | MAFCA National Awards Banquet- Medford, Oregon |

**River Cities Model A Ford Club
Meeting Minutes from 15 January, 2015
Club Meeting**

The first meeting of 2015 was held at the Woodman of the World Lodge. Members present were: Joe and June Spooner, Bettie Jackson, Louie and Gloria Willett, Bob and Connie Penny, John Robertson, Mary Nelle and Paul Singer, Mickey Timbes, Kevin Adams, Joe Carter, Wayne Kennedy, Glenn Willians, Cindy Jones, Dick Noxon, Al Lugo, Skipper Barfield, Bobby Shackleford, Lee Coxwell, Bill Shirley and new members Pat and Mark Gamble. After a prayer and pledge of alliance we proceeded to the buffet line.

The meeting was opened by new President Joe Spooner who welcomed everyone. Our members who are under the weather were Mary Ann Lester, David Black, Cecil Freeman, who recently lost his son to cancer and Bobby Shackleford who was present and recuperating from his surgery.

President Joe Spooner had Bob Penny explain how it got his start with Model A's. Bob's son, Tom who is a member of our club was the Wreck Driver at Georgia Tech and was responsible for the 1930 Cabriot and Bob became interested in helping him maintain the car. In 1992 while at a family reunion, Bob bought a model A from one of Connie's family members. Shortly after that Jim Timbes invited Bob to attend a meeting at Burger King to discuss organizing a Model A Club. The rest is history. Each week a different member may share their story of how they got interested in Model A's.

Old Business:

Minutes from December 2014 were approved as written in newsletter. Joe Carter gave his treasurer's report.

A few more awards from outgoing president Paul Singer were presented. Bobby Shackleford, Lee Coxwell and Bill Shirley were given a certificate of appreciation for car club duties for 2014.

Barbara Ruddick will make members mailing labels with their cars on them for \$5.00 per sheet.

No further business so meeting was adjourn

Connie Penny Secretary

"The only real mistake is the one from which we learn nothing."

— **Henry Ford**

Here is a little something for the grey matter:

<http://www.jigidi.com/solve.php?id=DT5CAKFV&s=e>

Life is a puzzle. Make sense - solve the puzzle! Go to the above site and hold down control and left click your mouse.



There is a move on to demolish the old Barnsdall-Rio Grand gas station on Hollister Ave. There is a group trying to preserve the station. If you are interested, please look at the link below and sign the petition. This is the link to the petition.

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/792/736/6...>

Recommended changes to the Scholarship By-Laws are attached at the end of the News Letter for member review prior to the February Vote.



Model A Tinker Time Shop January 2, 2015

Captions and photos by Howard Ruddick

Club members learned the inner workings of the fuel shut off valve. Bobby Penny told us how rust deposits from the fuel tank can contaminate the inner tapered surfaces of the fuel valve causing scoring and leakage of gasoline through the valve. If the carburetor float is incorrectly set this leakage can overflow through the carburetor to cause a potential fire hazard. We discussed how a scored valve seat can be lapped to correct leakage.



Disassembled Fuel Valve



Tapered Surfaces of Fuel Valve Ready for Lapping



Fuel Valve tapered Surfaces Being Lapped Using Drill Motor



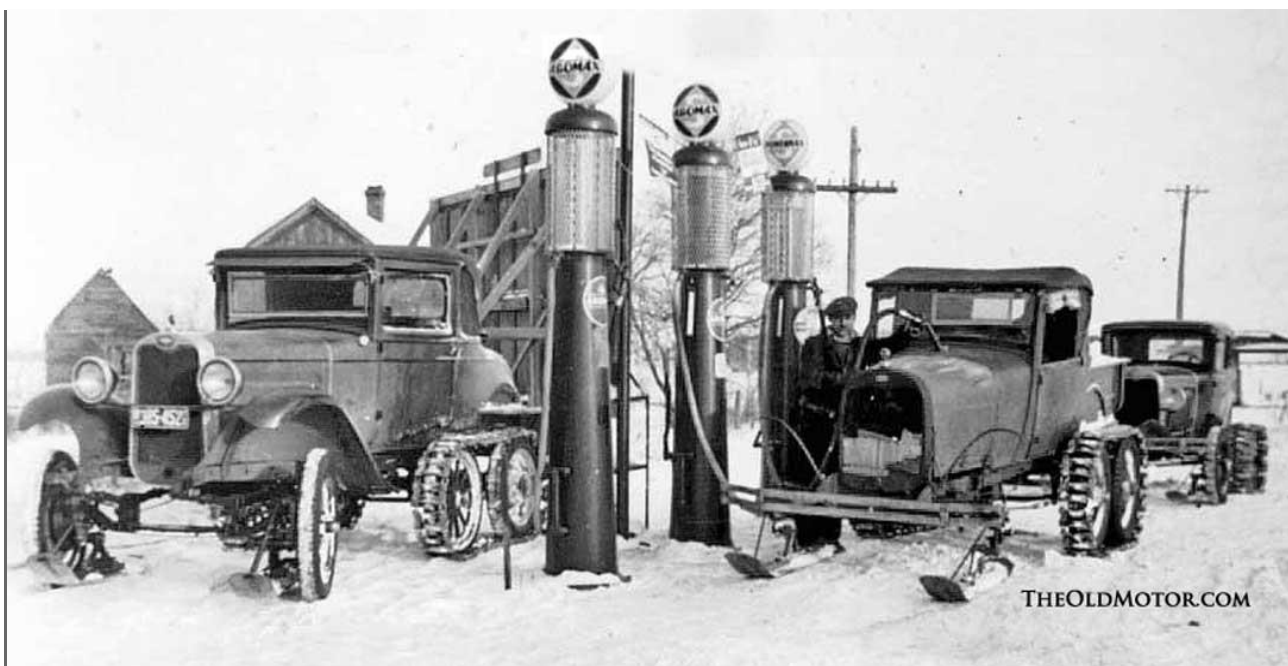
Al Lugo and Joe Carter Watch Bobby Penny Lap the Inner Valve Surfaces

Come join us for fun, work, and fellowship at Bobby Penny's shop on the first Friday of each month

What People Wore Back in 1930

Less and less people were sewing in the 1930s. This was the beginning of the ready-to-wear fashion age. However, times were hard and things were scarce during this decade as well.

Since the 1930s was the decade of recovering from the 1929 Great Depression and stock market crash, companies started researching and implementing cheaper means of clothing manufacturing. New materials that were cheaper to process had been created during this decade to replace more expensive materials. For example, rayon for women's hose had been replaced by nylon during this decade. Likewise, many of the dresses that used to be made out of silk were made out of different grades of rayon. The zipper became more widely used and replaced buttons during this decade as well.



Wintertime Fun with Auto Snowmobiles and Early Motor Sleds

The Nor'easter winter storm Juno has descended upon much of the Northeastern part of the U.S. and our headquarters here in Vermont. In conjunction with the blizzard, this series of images have been waiting in the archives for just this sort of snowfall. Left-to-right above are a 1928 Chevrolet Landau Coupe, a 1928-29 Model A Ford Roadster pickup, and a 1930-31 Model A closed car, and all are equipped with a *snowmobile conversion kit*.

Other than the conversions above, most of the *Motor Sleighs* that follow below were only useable in light snow, on cleared or compacted snow-covered roads, or on ice.



This photo was taken in Washington State of another snow-bound bus on its way to Seattle.

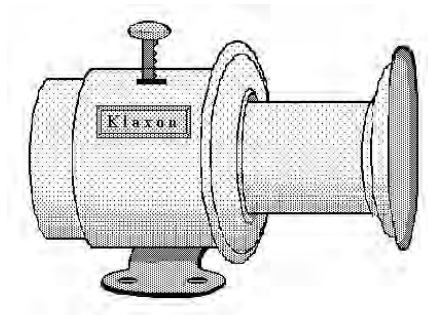
HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES



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 19- Becky Coxwell

FEBRUARY 23- Louie Willett

FEBRUARY 26- Paul Singer

Fellow Model "A" Ford Enthusiast

The Central AL Model "A" Ford Club invites you to attend the March 6-7, 2015 Talladega Speedway tour that will include kicking tires with fellow club members around the Southeast, dinner in a great Model "A" Ford Museum, visiting the International Motor Sports Hall of Fame, and the chance to put your Model "A" Ford on the fastest Speedway in the country "The Talladega Super Speedway"

FRIDAY March 6, 2015: Arrival and check in at the Quality Inn in Oxford Alabama, visit local antique stores looking for those great finds you just cannot do without. The fun will continue Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. with some good "ole" Model "A" fellowship, 50/50 drawing, great door prizes, picking and grinning with the Blue Grass Buddies, and the famous "FIREHOUSE DINNER" in Gerald Grizzard's Model "A" Ford Museum, 1 mile from the host motel.

SATURDAY March 7, 2015. After breakfast and check out we're off to the Talladega Speedway for our spin on the race track and tour of the International Motor Sports Hall of Fame Museum. 7:30 to 7:50 a.m. we will assemble in the parking lot of the Lone Star Restaurant (Next to the Motel) and depart at 8:00 p.m. for the Talladega Super Speedway. After our laps on the race track we will proceed to the International Motor Sports Hall of Fame. After our tour of the museum we will saddle up in that "Ole A Model" and we're off to the rustic R&B Bar-B-Q Restaurant in Lincoln Alabama for lunch. After the noon meal we will end our weekend activities and be released to head out for home: by club or individually and the completion of another great tour on the "MODEL-A HIGHWAY".

If you would like to tow your Model "A" Ford to the meet, there will be a designed parking area for tow vehicles 1 mile from the host Motel. Coordinate requirements with Gerald Grizzard at (256) 835-2998 or Cell (256) 310-6463.

All reservations at the Quality Inn must be made no later than February 7, 2015 in order to receive the group discounted rate of \$60.00 plus tax. Be sure to mention you are with the Model "A" Ford Tour when making your reservations, Contact the Quality Inn at (256) 835-2170, Fax (256) 835-2133. If you know someone who would like to attend forward this email on to them. Fire up Henry's Finest and join us in Oxford, Alabama. Registration form attached, if you need additional information: contact Gerald Grizzard: Office (256) 835-2998, or Cell: (256) 310-6463, Email: Gfireman52@aol.com, or Paul M Majerick (334) 312-3029 Email paulmajerick@aol.com

Model A Q&A's

We sure had some pretty days in January, and it really makes me want to ride in a Model A Ford. But there's still some months of cold weather ahead, so there's plenty of time to get that classic car ready for spring. Here are some interesting questions we've had in the shop over the last few weeks.

Q: The other evening I drove my 1929 Fordor. I didn't realize when I got home that I left my parking lights on. The next morning my battery was flat dead. I charged it up, but now it keeps blowing the fuse. It never blew the fuse before, what went wrong?

A: Believe it or not, you may have accidentally charged the battery backwards. In other words, the polarity of the battery is now reversed. The Model A uses a positive ground electrical system. If you charge the battery with the black lead of the battery charger going to ground, then the battery will take a charge in reverse. You can check this with a voltmeter. If that is the problem you will need to leave the lights on and run the battery dead again, then charge it correctly. Let me know if this solves your problem.

Q: I have a 1930 Tudor. The paint and interior looks nice, but the top is looking ratty, and leaks when I drive it in the rain. How much trouble is it to replace the top material?

A: This is a great project if you are handy and a DIY kind of person. You can get a complete kit from Mike's "A" Fordable Parts to do the job. Instructions are included. One thing I must caution you on is if your top has already been leaking, then chances are the wood underneath will be rotten. You can check this with a sharp instrument like an ice pick. The wood should be solid and stable enough to hold nails. Changing out the wood is a bigger project than the top, but many times you will have to do both.

Q: My 1931 Coupe has been in our family since the 1950s. It underwent a full restoration back in the 80s, and we have really enjoyed it since. Often, though, when I drive it water from the radiator sprays out on the hood and windshield. Could this be an overheating problem?

A: Often this is not so much overheating as it is just a faulty seal under the radiator cap. If you have a Quail or Moto meter, check the rubber seal between the cap and the radiator neck. You can even use some silicon sealer in this area, if needed.

Enjoy the Drive...

Bentley C Bohanan

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Lee Coxwell receiving a certificate of appreciation from outgoing President Paul Singer for assisting with the coordination of Club Tours.



News letter editor, Bill Shirley, receiving the Presidents appreciation award from out going President Paul Singer.

Photos by Al Lugo

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:

1930 Model A Ford Tudor. Fully restored by owner in 2006. Black with partial Lebaron Bonney medium beige interior and new top. Good tires and runs good. Extra clean. Driven around town regularly until health issues dominated. Family wants to sell. \$15,000.00. Come drive it home!. Please call 843-324-0429.

FOR SALE:

5 - 21" Tires and wheels. New black wall and mounted on powder coated black rims. \$200 each (tire and wheel). CONTACT RON PADGETT @7074468028. Ron sold his Model A's and is needing to sell the wheels and tires.

Early 1929 rolling chassis, newly rebuilt engine w/ adjustable lifters, many NOS parts and accessories, Ames horn, oiler, chrome, etc. Will bundle or sell parts. Available in Burleson, TX Contact Jeriad Wood (512) 759-4849, jeriad.wood1@gmail.com

Sergeant's Major Association Annual Car Show

It's time to mark your calendars for the 5th Annual Armed Forces Day Car, Truck, and Motorcycle show on the 16th of May 2015 at the National Infantry Museum. This year is trending to be our biggest and best event to date. We are working with many local vendors and organizations to help support our event and we are in need of the area's finest show cars, trucks, and motorcycles to make history.

If you are interested in more information please do nothing, we will send another update with registration information, vendor participation, and special guests attending this year's event. If you are not interested please reply (individually, not to all) with REMOVE in the subject line and we will update our emailing list.

We thank each of you for your support during past events and hope to see you at this year's event. We ask you please share this information with other enthusiast and car clubs. Thanks

Fort Benning Sergeant's Major Association

Scholarship by-law change as presented at the January Club meeting. The vote to accept the changes will be made at the February Meeting.

RIVER CITIES MODEL "A" FORD CLUB SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM BYLAWS ADOPTED JANUARY 15, 2015

NAME:

**DR. DAN PALMER/RIVER CITIES MODEL "A" FORD CLUB
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

**1. SCHOLARSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL CONSIST OF THE SCHOLARSHIP
DIRECTOR AND ELECTED BOARD, WHICH ARE THE CLUB PRESIDENT, VICE
PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND TREASURER.**

**2. THE SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTOR SHALL FORWARD TO THE CLUB PRESIDENT AND
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ALL APPLICATIONS WITH HIS OR HER RECOMMENDATIONS.**

**3. All APPLICANTS SHALL BE CONSIDERED REGARDLESS OF GENDER, RACE, OR
AGE.**

**4. SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTS SHALL BE AWARDED TO CHILDREN OR
GRANDCHILDREN OF MEMBERS WHO ARE ACTIVE FOR TWO {2} YEARS.**

5. MEMBERS MUST MAKE AT LEAST FIFTY {50%} PERCENT OF MEETINGS OR CLUB FUNCTIONS PER YEAR FOR CHILDREN OR GRANDCHILDREN TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A SCHOLARSHIP. MEETINGS AND CLUB FUNCTIONS MAY BE COMBINED TO MAKE UP THE FIFTY {50%} PERCENT.
6. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTOR.
7. SCHOLARSHIP NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00 PER APPLICANT.
8.
 - A. NO MORE THAT 2 SCHOLARSHIPS WILL EVER BE GIVEN TO THE SAME RECIPIENT.
 - B. APPLICANT MUST BE REGISTERED IN A STATE OR PRIVATE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY, A TWO YEAR OR A TRADE SCHOOL PRIOR TO SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION.
9. FUNDS SHALL BE PAID DIRECTLY TO SCHOOL AFTER APPLICANT HAS OFFICIALLY ENROLLED.
10. FUNDS MAY BE USED TO PURCHASE BOOKS OR TUITION ONLY.
11. APPLICANT SHALL SUBMIT A 250 WORD ESSAY OUTLINING A REASONABLE NEED FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING AND FUTURE PLANS.
12. APPLICANTS MAY APPLY UNTIL JUNE 1 OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR.
13. WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY THE CLUB PRESIDENT AT THE JUNE CLUB MEETING.
14. NO MORE THAN TWO {2} APPLICANTS WILL BE AWARDED PER CALENDAR YEAR.
15. AT ANY TIME RULES AND REGULATIONS NEED TO BE ADDED OF DELETED, THE MAJORITY OF THE ACTIVE MEMBERS MAY VOTE TO MAKE THE PROPER CHANGES TO BECOME EFFECTIVE.
16. IN THE CASE THAT WE HAVE NO MEMBERSHIP RELATIVES TO APPLY IN ANY GIVEN YEAR DURING THE PRESCRIBED TIME SET FORTH BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE BOARD MAY CONSIDER APPLICANTS OUTSIDE THE CLUB AFFILIATION.
17. THE BOARD DECISION WILL BE FINAL.
SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTOR WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE CLUB PRESIDENT.
A QUORUM MUST BE PRESENT.

THE PRESIDENT WILL HAVE TIE BREAKING POWERS.

IF NO QUORUM IS PRESENT, VOTE WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL ENOUGH BOARD MEMBERS ARE PRESENT FOR AN OFFICIAL VOTE.

Scholarship applications have to be turned into Bill Shirley not later than the June Club meeting. This year the awards will be presented at the July meeting.

The Ford Motor Company produced passenger cars and trucks with its primary line the Model T and its successor, the Model A, which featured design innovations and a low price. Thousands of Model Ts were converted into pickup trucks by their owners by having the T's rear body cut into a cargo bed. The conversions prompted Ford to produce trucks beginning in 1925.

