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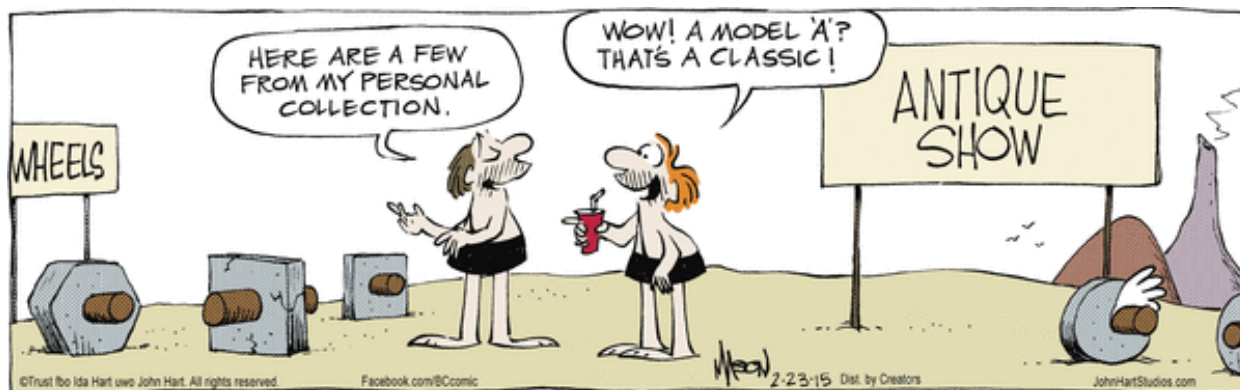
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This newsletter is the official publication of the River Cities Model A Ford Club, a chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America. It is mailed monthly to all members in good standing. Dues are \$25.00 per year per family. Membership in the **MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA** is a requirement for membership in the River Cities Model A Ford Club.

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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
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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 March 2015

President`s Rattles

Hopefully we only have a few more weeks of cold weather and we can start our “A`s” rolling. Some of us have already ventured out. The cold doesn’t bother the “A`s” ---just us! Looking forward to CAMAFC`s Talladega Raceway Tour. Several of us are planning to race around the track. Lots of fun! Come join us!

We have a lot of activities already scheduled for this year. Tours, workshops, programs, and other special events are planned. We will have our Club Picnic again at Barbara and Howard`s Lake House. There will be a lot of activities scheduled by neighboring clubs and lots of car shows. A schedule of our events along with some outside clubs was passed out at our last meeting. Look it over, select some or all and mark your calendar.

Keep our ailing friends in your thoughts.

Hope to see you at the March Meeting.

If it says “Ahooga”, drive it!

Joe



JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

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

COMING EVENTS

March 6	MATTS Gathering
March 6-7	Talladega Speedway Tour (Central A's)
March 7	Glenwood School Car Show
March 13	Board Meeting
March 19	Club Meeting
March 21	Club Spring Fling Tour (Antiquities Museum)
April 3	MATTS
April 4	Mt Zion Church Car Show
April 10	Board Meeting
April 11	Swap Meet at Lester Hall's, Montgomery (Central A's)
April 16	Club Meeting (Club Auction)
April 18	East Alabama Old Car Club Show

CRUISE EVENINGS

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:

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 19 February, 2015
Club Meeting**

February meeting of the River Cities Model "A" Club met February 19, 2015 at the Woodman of the World building,

Members present were: Sharon Webb, Neil LaClair, Wayne Kennedy, Bob Smith, Mary Nelle and Paul Singer, Al Lugo, Mike Alexich, Dick Noxon, Howard Ruddick, Mark and Pat Gamble, Bill and Louann Buck, June and Joe Spooner, Bettie Jackson, Bobby Penny, Bobby Shackelford, Bill Shirley and Joe Carter.

President Joe Spooner welcomed all members especially our newest members Pat and Mark Gamble.

Al Lugo read an article about the Pledge of Allegiance and after saying the Pledge members proceeded to the buffet.

Members under the weather are Russell and Mary Ann Lester, Jim and Pat Langley, David Black, and Bettie Jackson to have surgery on her finger. It was good to see Bobby Shackelford's was out of his sling.

Birthdays and Anniversaries were noted.

Neil La Clair gave the history of how his love for cars started. It was enjoyed by all. Our program was led by Al Lugo on Alternative uses of the Model A Ford. Enjoyed by all.

The January were approved as printed.

Treasurer Joe Carter gave the treasurer's report. It was accepted as read.

Old business:

Explanation of the approved budget and members were told copies were available.

Barbara Ruddick will print mailing address labels with your car on them for \$5.00. the money will be donated back to the club.

There is still 3 available free memberships to MAFCA.

Officer and chairmen list were handed out. Club buy-laws also available. A set up call committee has been set up. Articles for the newsletter are needed.

New Business:

Bettie Jackson's Roadster has a new home in Florida.

A vote on the Scholarship by-laws was approved.

All Lugo has emailed new rosters and has copies if anyone needs it.

The review calendar was handed out. A ladies driving training is scheduled.

A drawing for a free meal ticket was taken and Mike Alexia won. Congratulations Mike!!!

Please read event calendar for future outings.

Paul shared an article Jim Langley had written.

Paul and Sharon asked all interested people to meet after meeting to discuss tour ideas.

Meeting was adjourned.

Here is a little something for the grey matter:

<http://www.jigidi.com/solve.php?id=9ZU32VWC&s=e>

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

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 application is available on the website.

March meeting Program

Jim Langley Presents:

Ford Assembly Plants during the Model A Years, 1927-1932.

Henry Ford (July 30, 1863 – April 7, 1947) was an American industrialist, the founder of the Ford Motor Company, and sponsor of the development of the assembly line technique of mass production. Although Ford did not invent the automobile or the assembly line, he developed and manufactured the first automobile that many middle class Americans could afford. In doing so, Ford converted the automobile from an expensive curiosity into a practical conveyance that would profoundly impact the landscape of the twentieth century. His introduction of the Model T automobile revolutionized transportation and American industry. As owner of the Ford Motor Company, he became one of the richest and best-known people in the world. He is credited with "Fordism": mass production of inexpensive goods coupled with high wages for workers. Ford had a global vision, with consumerism as the key to peace. His intense commitment to systematically lowering costs resulted in many technical and business innovations, including a franchise system that put dealerships throughout most of North America and in major cities on six continents. Ford left most of his vast wealth to the Ford Foundation and arranged for his family to control the company permanently.



Model A Tinker Time Shop February 6, 2015

Captions and photos by Howard Ruddick



Members met on a chilly morning at Bobby's shop for the February MATTS gathering. A wood burning stove as well as hot coffee helped everyone warm up.



We enjoyed delicious divinity made by Larry's wife.



A rebuilt Rear Brake Assembly with service And parking brake linings, is ready for installation on a waiting Model A.



Here is a disassembled Transmission Tower. A powerful spring must be removed and reinstalled during the rebuilding process. A special tool is essential to prevent possible injury. Note only part of a tool is shown in the above photo.



Here the original Bendix Starter Drive has been removed from a starter.



A Modern Starter Drive is being installed. This drive has a self contained spring ensuring screws and washers can't fall into the flywheel housing.



Two members discuss the Model A electrical system



A stripped down Model A engine block is displayed at MATTS. Here clearly shown is the upper block portion of the Rear Main Bearing with babbitt.

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

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



Henry Ford's great hero was Thomas Edison, who met Ford at an engineers' convention and encouraged Ford in his automotive pursuits. In gratitude, Henry Ford dedicated his museum complex to Thomas Edison in 1929. Here, the two great men compare a 1930 light bulb with a replica of the first successful bulb from 1879.



Henry Ford standing next to the 10 Millionth Ford Model T (built in 1924), and the first car he ever made, the 1896 Quadricycle



Mt. Zion United Methodist Church CARSHOW April 4, 2015

**\$ 10 Entry Fee
\$10 for each 2nd
vehicle from
same Owner**

Show Location: 2616 Lee Road 243 Smiths Station, AL

**Show
Times
8AM-2PM
E.S.T.**



**\$500 MONEY TREE
DRAWING**

- Top 30 Vehicles
- Best Paint
- Best Interior

- Best Engine
- Pastors Choice
- Best of Show

Concessions

**Proceeds to Benefit
Mission Programs**

Mail Pre-Entries to:
Mt. Zion United Methodist Church
P.O. Box 205
Smiths Station, AL 38677

***Must be post-marked by 3/27/15 to be entered into
special cash drawing***

**Rain Out
Date:
April 11**

I agree as a participant in this custom vehicle show to hold harmless Mt. Zion United Methodist Church and the volunteers and their agents of this show from any damage claims etc; I also agree with the decisions of the judges decision to be final.

Signed _____

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Vehicle Year/Make _____



HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

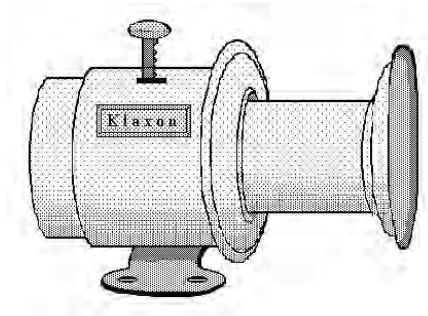


MARCH 7- Bobby & Carolyn Shackelford

MARCH 8- John & Friederilke Robertson

MARCH 26- Charles & Deborah Cassey

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



MARCH 4- Jim Langley

MARCH 5- Sherry Williams

MARCH 6- Diane Watkins

MARCH 16-Betty Fagundes

MARCH 22-Renate Shirley

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

FOR SALE

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

Very sharp 29 Roadster for sale in Birmingham.

Walter Jones from Birmingham who has a 1929 Roadster for sale and is asking \$17,900 for the car. Walter can be contacted at Cell (205) 365-9280, Home (205) 467-6404 email jonessharon@windstream.net

