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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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Bob Smith
Connie Penny
Joe Carter

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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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Al Lugo
Lawrence Farrar
Bill Buck

Bobby Penny
*Robert Jackson
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(*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 April 2015

We had a good meeting in March with about 30 in attendance. It was great to see several past members renewing their membership. Thank you Al Lugo for being a wonderful membership chairman. We are glad to have our members remain active.

Finally, we have some fair weather to begin our touring season. Lee Coxwell and Paul Singer planned a Spring Fling tour for us to the Explorations in Antiquity Center in LaGrange, Georgia on March 21. There were seven Model "A's" and two modern cars with 18 members and guest in attendance. The weather was great, and the tour was very enlightening and enjoyable. Lee could not attend as his father and father-in-law were both admitted to the hospital. Please keep Lee in your thoughts. Thank you Paul for leading us.

Paul and Jim Langley have other fine tours planned for us each month. Don't miss it.

Central Alabama Model A Ford Club will have a swap meet at Lester Hall's house in Montgomery on April 11th. If you are looking for a part or have a part to sell, you may want to attend this. See me for details.

The program for our April meeting will be an auction of Model A parts and other assorted items. This should be lots of fun. Bring your items to be auctioned and money to bid with and join in the fun. The purpose is to raise funds for our Club.

Hope to see you at the April Meeting.

If it says "Ahooga", drive it!

Joe



JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: April 16, 2015-6:00PM
(EASTERN) Our
next meeting will be at Woodmen of the
World Lodge, on Highway 80, in Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

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 11	Model A Display, Downtown Columbus
April 16	Club Meeting (Club Auction)
April 18	East Alabama Old Car Club Show
May 1	MATTS Gathering
May 2	Joe's Birthday party at his house
May 9	Al's Garage: Electrical System of the Model A
May 15	Board Meeting
May 16	SGM Car Show at the Infantry Museum
May 21	Club Meeting

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 March, 2015
Club Meeting**

The March 19, 2015 meeting of the River Cities Model "A" Club was called to order by President Joe Spooner. After a prayer and the Pledge of Alliance at the Woodman of the World Building we proceeded to the buffet. Members present were: Bob Shackleford, Bobby Penny, Paul and Mary Nell Singer, Joe Carter, Neil La Clair, Glen Williams, Cindy, Wayne Kennedy, Jim Miller, Bob Smith, Dick Noxon, Al Lugo, Howard Ruddick, Jim Langley, John Robertson, Tommy Ellis, Sharon Webb, Kathryn and Tom Foster, Pat and Mark Gamble, Mickey Timbes, Kevin Adams, Joe and June Spooner, Bettie Jackson, Louie and Gloria Willett and Bill Shirley. President Joe Spooner acknowledged birthdays and anniversaries. Joe told a story about the purchase of a horn to be mounted on his Model A truck. John Robertson introduced Jim Langley who presented a program titled 1927-1932 Model A Ford locations. Two plants located in the South was named The Rouge Atlanta and Long Beach, California in the West. It was discovered that Howard Ruddick's Model A Ford has the original frame number. In 2008 Jim Langley researched information on the Atlanta plant which was constructed where the present Atlanta Braves baseball field is located. The plant was active from 1930-1957. Jim continued the program by passing around a very informative binder consisting of the entire history of the Model A Ford.

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes be approved as printed in the newsletter. Joe Carter gave the financial report. A motion was made and seconded that the treasurer's report be approved. Bill Shirley gave a report on upcoming scholarships. Al Lugo reported on new RCMAFC roster. Paul Singer presented an award to Jim Langley for presenting and creating many workshops the year 2014.

Bobby Penny gave a report on the Talladega Tour, which was very successful and enjoyed by all who participated. Paul Singer reported and encouraged everyone to participate in the Spring Fling Tour which will take place on Saturday, March 21, 2015. Paul also encouraged members to participate in the Great Gatsby Tour on April 11, 2015. Joe Carter proposed the RCMAFC have an auction whereas members will donate items and the proceeds will go the club treasury.

Jim Langley made an announcement regarding the RDMAFC compilation if a club library. Jim announced he would donate his 51 year collection of Model A history. Bobby Penny volunteered to donate the shelving for the collection. Al Lugo reported the importance of members having proper insurance for protection in the event of transporting Brides and Grooms to and from weddings. Al Lugo announced the next workshop will be held May 9, 2015. After a drawing for the free meal among members, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Mickey Timbes for Secretary Connie Penny.

Here is a little something for the grey matter:

<http://www.jigidi.com/solve.php?id=L6U2BEN8&s=e>

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



Photo and story by Bob Smith

It was a Chilly morning but 48 old Model As braved the morning chill to attack the Talladega Speedway.

By noon it was in the mid 60's and the heat of the engines plus the adgrenlin made it feel like the 70's. After a run on the track and the banquet plus lunch in Lincoln Alabama it was a good weekend had by all. We put close to 400 miles on the A's but the best part was all the good fellowship with fellow Model A owners. We had a guest speaker, Rex White, NASCAR Hall of Famer which made the weekend a complete success.



Model A Tinker Time Shop March 6, 2015

Captions and photos by Howard Ruddick



Members met on another chilly morning at Bobby's shop. The wood burning stove was a popular hit, as was the hot coffee.



We learned the importance of adequately grounding the battery to the frame. Ground wires must be copper size 1 or larger. To insure the engine is grounded a Size 1 wire is also attached from the frame to an existing bolt on top of the transmission housing. These ground wires can be obtained from local auto houses. Ford also used the frame to ground lights and accessories. It is important that each accessory is fully grounded to the frame and is not insulated from the frame by paint.

A battery tender is recommended to keep the battery charged when the Model A is in storage. Battery tenders are available with either 6 or 12 Volt output.



Four piston assemblies with connecting rods with babbitt bearing were displayed. These bearings had failed. The rods were replaced with new connecting rods with inserted bearings.



Members looking at a rolling chassis that is being wired for workshops and MATT sessions.



Paul, how big did you say it was?

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

The Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club will conduct a swap meet Saturday April 11, 2015 at 9259 Vaughn Rd, Pike Road, Alabama (Next to Montgomery). This will be a great time to kick some tires, visit with friends in the Model "A" Ford world and you may just find that part you have been looking for, or an item you just can't do without. The hours will be Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A special club lunch will be available as follow:

HOT DOGS	\$1.00 each
	POTATO CHIPS
\$0.75 each	
COLD DRINKS (Soda or water)	\$0.75 each
COFFEE will be available	\$0.50 per cup

MOTEL

Comfort Inn & Suites, 10015 Chantilly Parkway, Montgomery, Alabama 36117, (334) 352-4444, the motel is 2.5 mile from the swap meet. Rates: King \$89, Senior rate \$76, Twin \$89, the motel offers a free deluxe continental breakfast.

DIRECTIONS Pike Road (Next to Montgomery):

From I-85 North: Take Exit 11 (Mitylene/Mt. Meigs) exit), onto Chantilly parkway continue 2.5 miles to the last road on your right before your get to Vaughn Road, turn right at the Model A sign to the back entrance and park as directed.

From I-85 South: Take Exit 11 (Mitylene/Mt. Meigs) exit), turn left back under the overpass onto Chantilly parkway continue 2.5 miles to the last road on your right before your get to Vaughn Road, turn right at the Model A sign to the back entrance and park as directed.

If you have questions or would like a space contact Lester Hall (334) 399-8059, email partsnology@charter.net or Paul M Majerick (334) 312-3029 Email paulmajerick@aol.com Please forward this invitation to your club members.

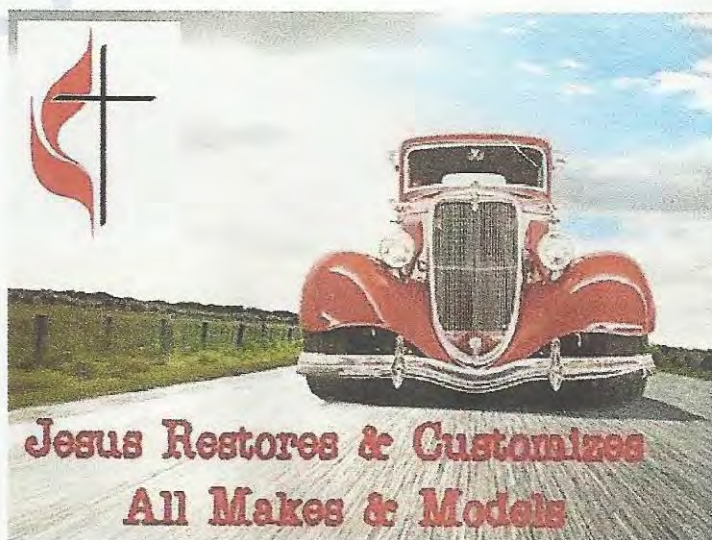


Mt. Zion United Methodist Church CARSHOW April 4, 2015

**\$ 20 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

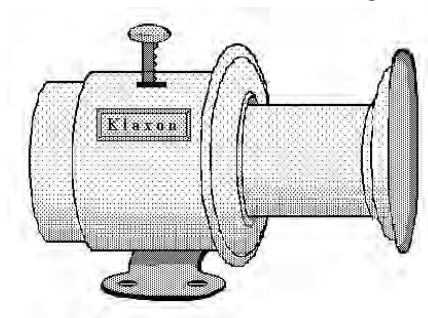


APRIL 1- Bill & Louann Buck

APRIL 28- Lee & Becky Coxwell

APRIL 29- Paul & Mary Nelle Singer

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



APRIL 16- Connie Penny

APRIL 19- Debbie Morrison

APRIL 26- Sharon Webb

APRIL 26- Deborah Cassey

APRIL 27- Joe Spooner

Model A Q&A'S April 2015

It's time to get those Model A ready for the road. I got to go for a nice ride in my 1928 Roadster Pickup last Saturday, and it really gave me the fever. Lots of people are getting their cars out for the first time, and calling in with questions. Here are some questions from the last few weeks.

Q: It seems like my Model A gets a little tighter every year. The distance between the steering wheel and the seat keeps getting shorter. Is there an easy way to move the seat back to gain more room?

A: I agree, people must have been much smaller back then. The Model A is a snug fit for people these days. However, depending on your body style, you may have some options. On Tudor Sedans, it's pretty easy to move the drivers seat back several inches. You can purchase a kit from Mike's A Fordable Parts, A47904 Seat Adjuster. This bolts in place of your regular seat brackets. On most Fordors and Coupes, you can gain a few inches by moving the seat frame further back in the car. We can also install a Seat Slider kit for you, which makes it super easy to adjust the seat. Some early Fordors have the seat bolted to the sides of the car, this makes it a little more tricky, but it can be done. If you have a Roadster or Pheaton, you are pretty much stuck with what you have, however, we have had some luck reupholstering your seat to make it slimmer to gain a little more room.

Q: How do I know when it's time to put new tires on my Model A? My tires are plenty of tread, but they are starting to crack on the sidewalls.

A: You have answered your own question. If the tires are starting to crack. Then they definitely need to be replaced. Most Model A's are never driven enough to wear the tires smooth, many still have tires from the 1960s or 1970s, holding air and still being driven. However, the rubber has long since outlived its usefulness. Once the tires crack, then moisture is allowed to get to the fabric belts inside the tire casing. It won't be long before the belts start to break down, and the tire will fail. A good rule of thumb is to replace the tires every 10 years. This is probably beyond the manufacturer's recommendations, but that's better than running 30-year-old tires.

Q: The Vacuum windshield wiper on my 1930 Tudor sedan does not work. How can I repair this?

A: First check to make sure you have vacuum going to the wiper motor when the car is running. Remove the hose from the unit and use your thumb to feel for a strong vacuum. Unfortunately rebuild kits for these motors are no longer available, but sometimes you can repair them by disassembling them carefully, lubricating the seals with petroleum jelly and reassembling them. We keep rebuilt original vacuum motors in stock, if you need one. The next option is to convert to an electric windshield wipers. This requires running a power wire in place of the vacuum line. Try to mount the electric motor, so that it does not interfere with the windshield actuation. This is not original, so try to avoid drilling extra holes in the car if you can help it.

Enjoy the Drive...

Bentley Bohanan

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.

June Spooner and daughter, Dr. Victoria Jordan (Vickie) of Houston, TX cordially invite you to Joe Spooner's 80th Birthday Party at his home, 2002 Lee County Road 86, Waverly, AL 36879 on Saturday, May2. Guests are invited to drop in between 2:00 and 5:00 and are asked to bring their old cars, especially our beloved Model A's. Model A's are asked to park behind the house so all guests can enjoy seeing them. Joe requests only the gift of seeing you and seeing all the Model A's. Please come. 1930's were wonderful--- Joe and our Model A's were born.



Club Tour to The Antiquity Center March 21, 2015. 7 Model A's were there. Fun time had by all

Model A Ford Quick Facts:

- 4,849,340 Model A Fords were produced in the USA
- The Model A was the first production car furnished with a safety glass windshield as standard equipment
- The first Model A produced was given to Thomas Edison
- Model A's were produced in Russia from 1932 to 1936 as the "Gaz"

Model A Timeline

- December 1927, first Model A Sold
- 1928 Chevrolet outsold Ford, 1.1 million to 600,000
- 1930, a five passenger Phaeton was priced at \$440
- 1931, April 14th, the 20 millionth Ford was produced
- March 1932, Model A Ford Production ended

Model A Advertising Slogans

- "An easy car for a woman to drive"
- "Greater even than its beauty, is the reliability of the new Ford"
- "Everything you want or need in a modern automobile"

Significant People in the Model A's Production

- Henry Ford Sr
- Edsel B. Ford

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



Marlin Perry, one of the founders of the Santa Anita A's has decided it is time to start selling his 50 year accumulation of used parts. He is more likely to have 25 of a particular part than not to have any.

Marlin lives in Arcadia and his phone number is 626-443-0638. If there is something that you need, give him a call.