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**RIVER CITIES MODEL "A" FORD CLUB**

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**OLD CARS WEEKLY GOLDEN QUILL AWARD 2004, 2010**



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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:

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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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## PAST PRESIDENTS:

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Al Lugo DEC 2010-2012  
Joe Spooner DEC 2014

## Presidents Rattles for April 2015

Have you had enough rain? April Showers bring May Flowers held true! I'm looking for the flowers.

April has been a busy 'A' month. There was the pleasant tour to the Antiquity Museum in LaFayette. We had a good turnout and it we enjoyed by all. Barbara prepared an excellent Smillbox of the tour. Thanks Barbara! Then a few of us attended the swap meet in Montgomery sponsored by the CAMAFC. June was glad to see I sold more than I bought.

Sorry the EAOCC Car Show got canceled. Would have been fun. Our first club auction at our last club meeting was a big success and and was enjoyed by all. We had 26 bidders, 15 buyers, 25 donors, 59 items, and only 6 no sales. For our first try I think it went rather well as we raised \$795 for our general fund. Thanks to all of you!

Don't forget MATT meeting on May 1 and Al's Garage on May 9. It is making up into a fine workshop. See you there!

Hope to see you at the May Meeting.

If it says "Ahooga", drive it!

Joe



# JOIN US!

BY

AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: May 21, 2015- 6:00PM  
(EASTERN) Our  
next meeting will be at Woodmen of the  
World Lodge, on Highway 80, in Phenix City.

## COMING EVENTS

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 15-16	Moultrie Swap Meet
May 16	SGM Car Show at the Infantry Museum
May 21	Club Meeting
May 30	Gavel & Fez Car Show (3202 Edgewood Road)
June 5	MATTS
June 12	Board Meeting
June 18	Club Meeting
June 20	Covered Bridge Tour

### *CRUISE EVENINGS*

Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday-	Cooks Hot Dog on Miller & Airport Thruway
Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	Jim Bob's
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	Country's on Broad Street
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:

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 16 April, 2015  
Club Meeting**

River Cities Model "A" Club was called to order by President Joe Spooner.

Members present were: Bob and Connie Penny, Pat and Mark Gamble and their daughter Tiffany and husband Jason, Neil LaClair, Wayne Kennedy, Glen Williams and Cindy, Jim Miller, Dick Noxon, Bettie Jackson, Mickey Timbes, Paul and Mary Nell Singer, Joe and June Spooner, Tom foster, John Robertson, Skipper Barfield, Bill Buck, Howard and Barbara Ruddick, Tommy Ellis, Al Lugo, Jim Langley, Bob Smith and Joe Carter

Al Lugo played a video of a beautiful little girl singing the National Anthem before the prayer and pledge was said.

President Joe Spooner gave us a report of members who are under weather. Bill Shirley's wife and we were saddened to hear Lee Coxwell's father had passed away.

We proceeded to the buffet for dinner.

Minutes from March were approved as written in newsletter. Treasurer's report was not available at this time. It was reported the Spring Fling was a success. May 9, 2015 there will be a workshop at Al Lugo's .Don't forget about MATT on May 1 at Bobby Penny's. Paul Singer won the free meal for our May meeting.

Being no other business we started our first auction. We had many items and the auction was a huge success.

Thank you members for doing an outstanding job.

Meeting was adjourned.

Connie Penny  
Secretary

Here is a little something for the grey matter:

<http://www.jigidi.com/solve.php?id=6YRDZAQX&s=e>

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

**June Spooner and daughter, Dr. Victoria Jordan (Vickie) of Houston, TX cordially invite you to Joe Spooner's 80<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**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.**

**The Ford Motor Company is the world's largest family-owned business and since the time Henry Ford retired from his CEO position all subsequent CEO's are direct relatives.**





**Model A Tinker Time Shop April 3rd**

Captions and photos by Howard Ruddick



Members met on beautiful morning at Bobby's shop. The wood burning stove was not needed. We enjoyed hot coffee and donuts.



Bobby led the discussions.

During the past week Bobby and Joe replaced the kingpins on Joe's '30 Model A pickup. They pressed out the old bushings from the spindle assemblies using a 17 mm socket. New bushings were installed and reamed to .812" diameter using the clubs reamer.



We looked at failed headlight wires. These wires and connectors were a mess!



The connectors were replaced by bullet type connectors. They can now be easily disconnected.

Together the group brain stormed possible reasons and solutions as to why Al's "Millie" will not start and run. These reasons will be investigated at Al's garage.



Larry started a discussion on possible repairs to a oil pan drain plug that had been over torqued and just turns instead of unscrewing. Mac's Auto Parts offers two Oil Drain Plug Repair Kits. These are a Glue in Type B6730RK and Weld in type B6730RKW.

**Come join us at Bobby's shop on the first Friday of each month to learn about the Model A and enjoy good friendship along with hot coffee and donuts.**

### **Sergeant's Major Association Annual Car Show**

**It's time to mark your calendars for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Armed Forces Day Car, Truck, and Motorcycle show on the 16<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Q: My 1930 Roadster has only one tail light. I have heard that a Deluxe Roadster would have come with two taillights. How hard is it to add the second taillight?**

**A: All Model A's came with a single tail light on the driver side. Over the years people have added the second taillight on the passenger side. The right side bracket, rubber gasket, bracket backing plate, crossover wire, and dual lite taillight are available at Mike's "A" Ford-ble, and is an easy afternoon installation. While you are at it, why don't you install the LED taillight lenses. **These make the taillights super bright and easy to see in modern traffic.****

**Bentley Bohanan**

# Ode to the Spellchecker

Eye have a spelling checker  
It came with my pea sea  
It plainly marques four my revue  
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea

Eye strike a key and type a word  
And weight for it two say  
Weather eye am wrong or write  
It shows me straight a weigh

As soon as a mist ache is maid  
It nose bee fore too long  
And eye can put the error rite  
Its rare lee ever wrong

Eye have run this poem threw it  
I'm shore your pleased to no  
Its ladder perfect awl the weigh  
My checker tolled me sew

--sauce unknown--

Provided by June Spooner

Our next workshop will be conducted on May 9, 2015. The topic will be "The Model A Electrical System". The instructor will be Paul Singer. The location will be at Al's Garage. Lunch will be provided (at no cost) and starting time will be 9:00 AM (Eastern).

If you did not sign up during the April meeting please email or call me by May 1, 2015. This is very important so we can have an accurate headcount for the catering.

Come Join us in our effort to keep our beloved Model A's on the road.

Al

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

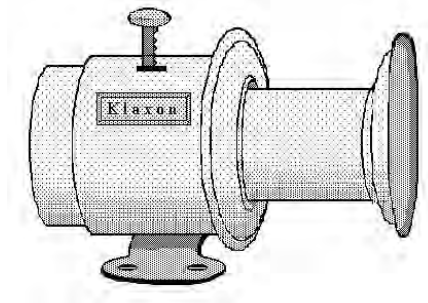


**MAY 14- Joe & Diane Watkins**

**MAY 20- Tom & Laura Penny**

**MAY 25- Al & Lizbeth Lugo**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



**MAY 1- Al Lugo**

**MAY 9- Laurie Durfy**

**MAY 15 – Pat Gamble**

**MAY 23- Brad Whitaker**

**MAY 2- George Hagan**

**MAY 14- Wayne Smith**

**MAY 18- Grover Barfield**

**MAY 26- Melinda Durfy**

## Model A Q&A'S May 2015

Touring Season is in full swing now. I get several club newsletters from across the southeast and see that everyone is really having fun and their Model A's. Of course there are always things to do on these cars. My advice is to do any fiddling at least a week before a big trip, so you don't get any surprises when you first start out.

**Q:** I am getting ready to install a new intake/exhaust manifold on my Model A. I have asked several guys in the club for the correct torque for the brass nuts. I have everything from 25 foot-pounds to 65 foot-pounds. What is the correct torque?

**A:** According to the Chart below. I found that the correct torque setting is 30-35 foot-pounds.

<b>Axle housing to differential</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Camshaft nut</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Connecting rods</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Cylinder Compression on NEW engine</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>-The cylinders should not vary more than 7 pounds between cylinders.</b>	
<b>Flywheel</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Head</b>	<b>50-55</b>
<b>-Torque up in three stages using correct sequence with final torque after engine is hot.</b>	
<b>Main bearing cap bolts</b>	<b>70 - 80</b>
<b>Manifold - exhaust</b>	<b>30 - 35</b>
<b>Oil pan</b>	<b>15 -25</b>
<b>Pressure plate - use grade 5 bolts</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Rear axle shaft nut</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Timing cover</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Torque tube to differential</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Valve cover</b>	<b>15 - 25</b>
<b>Water inlet</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Water neck - torque with caution</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Wheel lug nuts</b>	<b>50 - 55</b>

Enjoy the Drive... Bentley Bohanan

# DID YOU KNOW?

By AL LUGO

The Ford Motor Company has one of the richest histories of any Automobile Company. This was possible because of the preservation of documents, photos, and short films. It is my purpose in the coming months to bring you significant facts of Ford history presented in short “bullets”. Please join me in honoring our rich Ford Motor Company History.

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## FAIR LANE TURNS 100 YEARS OLD

- Fair Lane, the house of Henry and Clara Ford will be turning 100 years old. Located in Dearborn, Michigan, 2 miles from Henry Ford’s birthplace.
- The magnificent estate was named in honor of Henry Ford’s foster grandfather, Patrick Ahern, born in County Cork Ireland. Fair Lane road lead to the fairgrounds in County Cork Ireland.
- The home had 56 rooms, 7 bedrooms, 8 fireplaces and 16 bathrooms in a 1,300 acre estate. The house had 32,000 square feet and included a Santa’s Workshop for Christmas celebrations.
- To encourage Edsel to spend leisure time at the home it included a Bowling alley, billiard room, and swimming pool.
- Construction began in February 1914 and was completed in late 1915.
- Completed at a cost of 2.5 million dollars.
- Henry and Clara’s favorite room was the sun porch where they would enjoy sunsets over the Rouge River.
- Henry also enjoyed the Power-House and the Garage where he would tinker with his project of the day which could include a watch or a new engine.
- One of the rooms was a library that once contained up to 4,000 books.
- After Clara Ford died in 1950 the estate was taken over by the Ford Motor Company, which established their corporate archives. In 1957 the estate,



210 acres of farmlands and 6.5 million dollars was given to the University of Michigan for construction of their Dearborn Campus.

- In 1966 it was designated as a National Historic Landmark.
- In 2013 ownership of the estate was transferred from the University of Michigan to a newly form 501c3 under the operational umbrella of the Historic Ford Estates which also includes the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House in Gross Pointe Shores, Michigan.
- Fair Lane is currently closed and undergoing an extensive renovation.



Henry Ford was interested in developing plastics from agricultural products like soybeans. With this aim, he developed a relationship with George Washington Carver. Throughout the fourth decade of the twentieth century, plastics obtained from soybean were used in Ford automobiles in plastic parts such as car horns, in paint, etc. In 1942, this project culminated when Ford patented an entirely plastic make automobile. All the plastic parts were attached to a tubular welded frame. Its weight was 30 percent less than of a steel car, and was believed to hold out against blows ten times greater than could steel. Moreover, the car consumed grain alcohol (ethanol) instead of gasoline. The design never caught on. Somehow, this revolutionary contraption never clicked.

# Cooling the Model A Ford

## Keeping your cool on a warm day

The Model A Ford is truly a Engineering marvel. Hundreds of systems are in place, working together to provide you an enjoyable drive. Each system is simple, so simple in fact that everything must be working to its full potential to provide reliable service. One system on the Model A that seems to draw a lot of attention is the Cooling System. This system involves the radiator, radiator hoses, water pump, fan, and the coolant itself. Most cars will drive for years and years, and never show any kind of problem. But when problems do occur, it's a good idea to have a plan. Recently we had a car in the shop that the customer complained was overheating. He said that any time he drove the car, water would come out of the radiator And splash onto the hood and windshield. We drove the car around our local block, and sure enough water was coming out. However, when we measured the temperature of the engine, it was below 180°. Turned out the problem was with the seal around the radiator ornament. We installed a new \$2 rubber gasket and this took care of the problem. Of course it's not always that easy. If the engine does truly over heat, meaning the temperature is over 200°, then, the radiator could be at fault. First advice is to have the radiator professionally serviced. They can check the coolant flow, and clean any contaminants from the radiator that may be causing problems. If a new radiator is needed, then get one. I know they are expensive, but they are really nice and solve a lot of problems. Next thing to check is the water pump. Problems here are usually noted by water leaking around the seals. The impeller inside the water pump can also be rusted away, preventing water from circulating. While you are checking the water pump, have a good look at your fan. The original thin steel fans are notorious for cracking near the hub. This will cause a fan blade to eventually

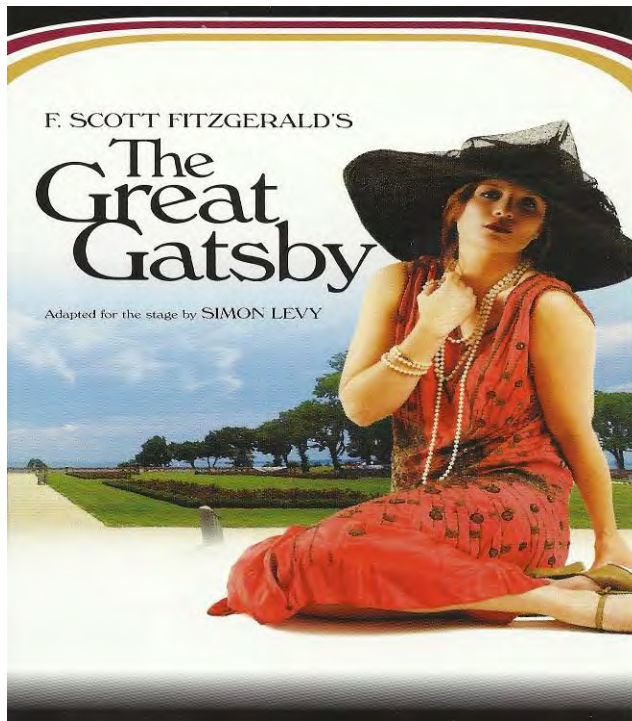
break and fly off, possibly damaging your radiator or hood. Your best bet is to change to an aftermarket aluminum fan. Of course it's a good idea to inspect the hoses. Don't take a chance on old cracked or deteriorated hoses. Same goes for the fan belt. Next, check the coolant. The coolant level should be about even with the "Ford" emblem on the front of the radiator. If you find you are losing a lot of coolant, then you could have a problem inside the engine, however, it is normal to lose a quart or so of coolant on a long drive. Just keep an eye on it and don't let it get too low. It's a good idea to keep an extra gallon of coolant with you.

### **Bentley Bohanan**



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





**Members of the Rivercities Model A Ford Club providing the backdrop for the RiverCenter to promote The Great Gatsby in Downtown Columbus GA.**

**Photos provided by Paul Singer**



# 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.

Wanted: 19 inch wheel or wheel and tire for a spare. Our car has none. Contact Jack at 610-220-5373 or email to [jack@atriumhouse.org](mailto:jack@atriumhouse.org) Santa Maria, Calif.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.**



**F O R   S A L E**

## 1927 Model T Ford Coupe w/trailer

Electric start...Water pump...Ruxtel rear axle, Recently fully restored...Historical plates, Currently registered and fully driveable Purchased from the original owner's family, Car comes with enclosed 17.5 x 7 ft. tandem axle trailer, Interstate Model 44305R SAE Class 4 w/electric brakes, Rear door doubles as exit ramp also has rt. front man door, Both Car and Trailer for \$21,000 obo

805-526-0419 home - - - or - - -email:

[ken\\_bright@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ken_bright@sbcglobal.net)



## 1930 Ford Pick up

Trunk 15 in.

Excellent condition! Looks and drives great!

Pictures can be provided.

Car has been garaged. \$18,900.00

## 1926 Model T Coupe (Doctors Car)

All original paint, interior, & Body is good!

Engine needs work.

Pictures can be provided.

\$6500.00

For questions call 602-231-0880

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