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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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Matters concerning the newsletter should be sent to the editor to insure timely publication.**

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Presidents Rattles for June 2015

This is coming to you from the Flooded city of Houston TX.
June and I will be here until June 9 th.

It was good to see such a large group of fine people at our last club meeting.

It was especially good to see past members Ann and George Travis.

I was please to announce that our auction was a big success. June will be the mid term of our club year. Doesn't seem like it is here. It has been a good half year for the club I hope. I am looking for a good second half.Lets all pitch in and have a fun time.

Our next tour is coming up fast and should be a fun one. The highlight will be a visit to a covered bridge on the 20 th. Let's see how many As we can roll out.

If it says "Ahooga", drive it!

Joe



JOIN US!

BY

AL Lugo

COMING EVENTS

June 12	Board Meeting
June 18	Club Meeting
June 20	Covered Bridge Tour
July 3	MATTS
July 10	Board Meeting
July 16	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
3-5	MAFCA National Awards Banquet- Medford, Oregon

**River Cities Model A Ford Club
Meeting Minutes from 21 May, 2015
Club Meeting**

The May 21, 2015 meeting of the River Cities Model "A" Ford Club was held at the Woodman of the World building. Members present were: Bob and Connie Penny, Tommy Ellis. John Robinson, Glenn Williams and Cindy, Neil La Clair, Bob Smith, Paul and Mary Nell Singer, Joe Carter, Pat and Mark Gamble, Bobby Shackleford, Mickey Timbes, Kevin Adams, Ann and George Travis, June and Joe Spooner, Dick Noxon, Wayne Kennedy, Al Lugo, Gloria and Louis Willett, Jim Langley, Howard Ruddick, Sharon Webb and Bill Shirley.

President Joe Spooner opened the meeting welcoming everyone and acknowledging our May birthdays and anniversaries. No members were known to be under the weather, which is good news. Members stood for the pledge of allegiance and prayer and then proceeded to the buffet.

Our program tonight was given by Jim Langley. We have been getting members to tell the club how they got interested in Model A's and about their first cars. Jim told us the story of how he acquired "Elmer" and what has happened to it. It was a great story and everyone enjoyed it thoroughly. Thanks Jim! Jim is also a Master Judge for MAFCA.

Old Business:

Minutes from April were approved as printed in newsletter by a motion from John Robinson and second from Al Lugo.

Treasurer's report was given by Joe Carter. Joe also commented on the auction that was held at April's meeting as being a huge success. We may plan another one in August.

The workshop that was held at Al Lugo's in April was attended by many members. Paul Singer gave the program.

New Business:

Al Lugo has printed a new roster for all members. We now have 49 family members. There is a covered bridge tour coming up in June. The next workshop in October will be a Ladies driving training for any ladies who wish to learn to drive their Model A's.

MATTs meeting was changed to May 29, 2015.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.
Sincerely,
Connie Penny
Secretary

COVERED BRIDGE TOUR



DATE: June 20, 2015

MEET AT: McDonald's at 7350 Veterans Parkway. (Just before the Porch of the South location but on the East Side of Veterans)

Time: 9 a.m. departing at 9:15 a.m.

Travel U.S.27N to Hamilton, then Right on GA 116 Through Pine Mountain valley to Shiloh. Right on Old Shiloh Road to U.S. 85. Left on 85 N to Manchester, through downtown Manchester to GA 173 and PHOTO OP at _____ Church. Then on to GA 18 turning right and short distance to intersection with GA Alt 85. Left on GA Alt 85 to Imlac (2 miles North of Woodbury). Then Right on Imlac Road to Red Oak Creek Covered Bridge.

Note: Red Oak Covered Bridge – Sometimes called Imlac Covered Bridge was built in the 1840's of the town lattice construction and has been well maintained. The Bridge is 252.5 feet in length and you may drive yur "A" through the bridge for a great PHOTO OP....

Then it's back to Woodbury for a

Nature Stop at _____Market and clean restrooms.

We continue South on GA 85 to Manchester again, drive through part of Manchester and on to Warm Springs and lunch at the Bullock House. **Need**

tentative head count for lunch. Following Lunch and some more “fire kicking”. We are off to Duand on Model A Roads and a brief stop to view another old and beautiful church. Next on to Pine Mountain of GA 18 and through Callaway Gardens to Tip Top GA for a brief Nature Stop at the Callaway Country Store. Tip Top GA: Ask Al Lugo to show you his 1931 Gulf Road Map.

Back on the road to Hamilton and on to Columbys. Possibly A alternate back road tour to Columbus, time permitting.

Arrive in Columbus approximately 3 – 3:30 pm

Length of round trip as measured in a Model A – 79 miles.

To begin this tour you will need....

A full tank of fuel for the A and an empty bladder for U.

Tour Speed 35 = 40 MPH

Vehicle checkout prior to tour Date

We will be traveling Model A two lane roads with excellent scenery Since most of the tour is on two lane roads, you must maintain a safe distance from the car ahead. (suggest no less than 10 – 12 car lengths).

Good idea to take spare parts (even the wrong ones), some extra water for the A and extra fuel will not be necessary since there will be several possible fuel opportunities if needed.

<http://www.jigidi.com/solve.php?id=XUV9NO5V&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.

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 July 3rd 2015

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.

Model A Q&A'S June 2015

We never get tired of Model A's. We see a broad range of cars from barn finds, to the high point show cars. I've seen skeletons of cars left in the woods, and I've seen Model A's which have been lovingly cared for, since they were new, still with the original paint and upholstery. Each car has its own personality, kind of like their owners. What a fun hobby. Here are some questions from the shop, hope you find the information helpful.

Q: The clutch in my 1929 Tudor really chatters when I'm pulling out of the driveway. Is there an easy way to fix this? Or do I need a new clutch?

A: If the car has been sitting for a long time, there is a possibility that there is a little rust on the pressure plate or flywheel, and the chattering may go away after you drive it a few miles. But if this chattering has been going on for a long time, then it's probably time for a new clutch. Unfortunately, this is a big job, which will require removing the transmission. As you know, the Model A also has a closed driveshaft, so you also have to move the rear end back a few inches to get the transmission out. Now remove the pressure plate, and flywheel. Have the flywheel machined at your local machine shop. Pressure plates are available new. Be sure and replace the pilot bearing, and throw out bearing. Check the ring gear on the flywheel too, this would be the time to change it if needed. There is a procedure to test the alignment of the flywheel housing to the flywheel, but I will not have time to go into that here. If everything is done right, then your clutch will be silky smooth for years to come.

Q: I am currently restoring a 1931 Deluxe Roadster. We really want to drive the car so I am wondering if I should go with a high speed rear end gear.

A: After doing some quick searching on the Internet I found four different ratios for Model A's. Looks like almost all cars came with a 3.78:1. Pick-up trucks came with 4.11:1. Some very early 1928 cars came with 3.7:1. Roadsters came with 3.54:1, this is what we usually

referred to as a High Speed gear. This would be great for a light car, such as your Roadster. Mike's also sells an Extra High Speed gear which is a 3.27:1. He warns you must have a strong engine to run this gear. I have never had any experience with this gear, but it might be worth a try.

Q: Which safety items do you suggest keeping in the car for long trips?

A: I received two phone calls within a week from Model A owners who actually have their cars catch on fire. Fortunately, no one got hurt, and the vehicles were not damaged. However, I have seriously changed my mind concerning fire safety. Here are my thoughts: all cars should be equipped with a Safety Fuse Kit. PN# A11450SF. This will provide safety against electrical fires. Next item is an Air Maze Flame Arrestor, A9600Z. This will prevent a carburetor fire. Now get yourself a small fire extinguisher to keep in the car. Stay safe out there.

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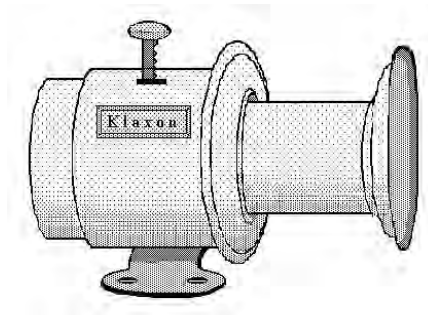
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES



JUNE 16- William & Renate Shirley

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



**JUNE 3- Russell Lester
JUNE 25- Barbara Ruddick**

**JUNE 15- June Spooner
JUNE 27- Mike J. Durfy**

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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HENRY FORD'S LEGACY IN GEORGIA

- In 1930 Ford purchased over 70,000 acres near a town called Ways Station, Georgia.
- In 1936 Ford began construction on a Greek revival-style residence made of Savannah gray brick facing the Ogeechee river. He named the place Richmond Hill. Later in 1941 the town of Ways Station was named Richmond Hill.
- Today it is part of the centerpiece of 1,800-acre Ford Plantation, a private community whose members may house guests at the Ford residence.
- At one time Clara Ford had \$150,000 worth of china and silver at this home.
- The Ford's were involved members of the community, building a church, helping also to eradicate malaria by bringing medical personnel and draining low-lying lands to inhibit mosquito infestation which caused the disease. He also built schools for both black and white children and provided health care for everybody of both races.
- He would get his haircut at the local barber shop. The chair he used to sit on is displayed at the Richmond Hill History Museum.
- His influence in Georgia also extended to Berry College near Rome, Georgia. In 1921 Edison introduced him to Martha Berry. She asked

Ford for a tractor for the College. Over the next two decades he would purchase many tractors and other vehicles for the school.

- Among the buildings at Berry College is the gothic Ford Complex and the Clara Hall named for Mrs. Ford. All of these were built with funds donated by the Ford's. Ford never wanted recognition for his donations.
- Ford also created dormitories, a dining hall, classrooms, an auditorium and many other facilities needed at Berry College.
- He was so involved with Berry College since Ford and Martha Berry were both devoted to educating poor children.
- Henry Ford died only a little more than a week after his last visit to Martha Berry College in 1947.



Richmond Hill Ford Residence, Richmond Hill Georgia



Ford Complex at Berry College, Rome, Georgia

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MODEL “A” ELECTRICAL SYSTEM WORKSHOP...

By Al Lugo

On May 9, 2015, the River Cities Model “A” Ford Club, held our ninth workshop. This time the topic was “The Model “A” Electrical System”.

Members met at Al Lugo’s garage and Paul Singer served as the instructor, giving us a superb presentation that included in-depth information on how the electrical system works on the Model “A” and how to properly troubleshoot the system.

Members participating were Sharon Webb, Joe and June Spooner, John Robertson, Dick Noxon, Neil LaClair, Joe Carter, Mark Gamble, Bobby Penny, Paul and MaryNelle Singer, Joe Watkins, Larry Farrar, Louie and Gloria Willett, Howard Ruddick, and Al and Liz Lugo.

After a good lunch from “Countries” BBQ members got busy surrounding Bobby Penny’s Model A Chassis and Paul and Bobby showed how to troubleshoot the system.

Join us in October when we will conduct a seminar on “Ladies Driving the Model A”...

All photos provided by Al Lugo.



Although Ford is famous for revolutionizing the automobile industry, the company's successful foray into civil aviation is much less well known. In 1926, the company began production of the 4-AT, a three-engine aircraft also known as the Ford Trimotor or, because of its corrugated metal fuselage, the "Tin Goose." The Trimotor was the largest American civil aircraft when it debuted, and most major airlines flew the plane during the 1920s and 30s. Production of the Trimotor ceased in 1933.

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