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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:

*Jim Timbes	Bob Smith	Bobby Penny
Mickey Timbes	Al Lugo	*Robert Jackson
*Dan Palmer	Lawrence Farrar	Bettie Jackson
Dan Diener	Bill Buck	(*Deceased)

PAST PRESIDENTS:

Jim Timbes NOV 2000- DEC 2001	Bob Smith DEC 2001- 2003
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Joe Spooner DEC 2006-2008	Jim Langley DEC 2008- 2009
Jim Timbes DEC 2009-2010	Al Lugo DEC 2010-2012
Paul Singer Dec 2012-2014	Joe Spooner DEC 2014

Presidents Rattles for July 2015

June and I spent four days in Guntersville, AL with Dick and Jane Halderman during the middle of July. We were scouting out the tours they had planed for the Sweet Home Alabama Tour in October. The three tours are well planed and will be very interesting. If you have not been on this type tours or have considered a weekend tour like this now would be a good time to experience it. I will pass out info on this tour at our August club meeting.

We will have the presentation of the Dr. Dan Palmer/River Cities Model 'A' Scholarship at the August club meeting This is a good thing our club is doing.

We are all acustom to AC in our modern cars, but don't let this hot weather keep your 'A' in the garage! Just take it out on a short trip. Your 'A' will appreciate your taking it out! It needs the exercise! It won't mind setting in the parking lot of an icecream parlor a little while.

Remember to write something for the newsletter and send in new pictures. Bill will appreciate them.

Hope to see you all at the August club meeting.

If it says “Ahooga”, drive it!
Joe



JOIN US!

BY

AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: August 20, 2015-
6:00PM (EASTERN) Our
next meeting will be at Woodmen of
the World Lodge, on Highway 80, in
Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

August 7	MATTS
August 14	Board Meeting
August 20	Club Meeting
September 4	MATTS
September 11	Board Meeting
September 17	Club Meeting
September 19	National Model A Day (Up-Town Columbus)
September 26	Club Picnic at Ruddick's Lake Hous
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:

December 3-5 MAFCA National Awards Banquet- Medford, Oregon

**River Cities Model A Ford Club
Meeting Minutes from 16 July, 2015
Club Meeting**

July 16, 2015

The July 16, 2015 meeting of the River Cities Model "A" Club was held at 6:00 at the Woodman of the World conference room. President Joe Spooner opened the meeting with a welcome to all members. Members under the weather were Russell and Mary Ann Lester and Louie Willett recovering from knee surgery.

Members present were: Bob and Connie Penny, Bobby Shackleford, Neal La Clair, Glenn Williams and Cindy, Jim Langley, Al Lugo, Wayne Kennedy, John Robertson, Tommy Ellis, Joe Watkins, June and Joe Spooner, Bettie Jackson, Mickey Timbes, Kevin Adams, Dix Noxon, Howard Ruddick, Paul and Mary Nelle Singer, Sharon Webb, Jim Miller and Bill Shirley.

President Joe Spooner led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer and members proceeded to the buffet.

Our program tonight was given by Howard Ruddick on other ways Model A's have been used in the past. He had a great slide show that showed some of these uses like mailman, moonshine distributor, wrecker, and even a snow plow. Thanks Howard for a fun slide show.

Old Business:

Minutes were approved as written in newsletter from a motion from John Robertson and second by Sharon Webb. Treasurer Joe Carter was not present so no treasurer's report was given.

A short report on our last tour to the covered bridge near Gay, Ga. was given by Jim Langley.

Bobby Penny had our new hats and all were sold. He will order more for those wishing to buy one.

Al Lugo reminded us of his work shop in October.

Jim Langley reported the library was still in process and will be worked on when the weather is cooler.

Our club sign Louie Willett had made now has a great bag Glen Williams made so it will not be damaged when we use it at our car gatherings. Thank you Glen!

New Business:

Nominating Committee for this year is Al Lugo, Jim Langley and Mary Nelle Singer. They will make a report of progress in September, make nominations in October. We will vote in November and new officers will be installed at our December meeting. If called to serve please consider. No tours are scheduled for July or August.

Bill Shirley brought two nominations for our 2015 scholarships. The club voted on these two nominees. They are Adam Gaylor. He is the grandson of Bob and Bettie Jackson. He will be attending Auburn University in the fall. His mother Robin was a past recipient when she was finishing her nurse's degree. Our other nominee is

Taylor Jordan. He is the grandson of Joe and June Spooner. He will be attending University of Alabama in the fall. The vote was unanimous for these two deserving individuals. Scholarships will be awarded at the August meeting.

A reminder of our club picnic at the Ruddicks on Sept. 26.

The board has elected not to hold an auction in August.

June Spooner has requested that our November meeting to honor our Veterans. She will bring a form for all Veterans to fill out with their military information at our August meeting.

Matt's will be August 7.

The drawing for the free meal for the August meeting was Sharon Webb.

Congratulations!!!

No further business so the meeting was adjourned.

Connie Penny

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

Congratulations to Adam Gaylor and Taylor Jordan who will receive this years Dan Palmer Scholarship for 2015. Adam will be attending Auburn University and Taylor will be attending University of Alabama. Both youngmen are deserving individuals and the club wishes them all the best in the persuit of their Dreams.

July 30, 1863 Henry Fords Birthday

OVERDRIVE UPGRADE



Overdrive Upgrade

If you drive your Model A on the open road a lot, such as Touring, you may have noticed the need for a higher gear above 45 mph. For many years now, guys have upgraded their cars by installing an overdrive. There are several options to choose from. I will try to go over the most popular options, then you can decide for yourself what is the best route for you. Remember that we are always eager to help with any project you take on for your Model A.

1: High Speed Rear End Gear. Most Model A's, came with a standard ratio gear, which is 3.78:1 (34:9). This is a perfect all around gear ratio for standard driving. However, if you find your car tends to rev the engine during highway driving, and you have a fairly light weight car such as a Pick-up or Coupe, you may want to opt for a high-speed gear such as a 3.54:1 (39:11). Installing

a new ring and pinion gear will require removing and disassembling the rear end. Always be careful to set the gears up properly, inspect and replace any worn bearings and parts, and especially the Seals.

2: There are several kits available which allow you to install a later model transmission in your Model A. These transmissions are either from a Ford pick-up or Chevrolet S-10, from the '80s or '90s. We have installed both types of kits. These kits are not for the faint of heart, requiring cutting and welding of the frame, and extensive modifications to the drive train and brakes. However, if you don't mind the modifications, they are nice transmissions when done, providing both synchronized shifting and overdrive.

3: Another option, perhaps from days gone by, is the Borg-Warner Overdrive. These were installed back in the '50s and '60s, when junkyard were full of cars with these units. They were installed by many OEM car companies. You see a lot of older restorations with these units installed. From time to time you may find one of these overdrives at a swap meet. You would be on your own to find replacement parts and installation guidelines. Good luck.

4: The easiest, and perhaps the most popular upgrade is the Mitchell Overdrive. These are available brand-new today. The entire unit takes place of your stock driveshaft and driveshaft tube. It is a true bolt-in affair, which can be done in a weekend. There are no modifications required to your brake system or chassis. The unit is synchronized, so you can shift it in and out of overdrive while driving. This allows you to use it as a "Gear- Splitter", affectively giving you a six speed transmission. Keep your original driveshaft, and driveshaft tube, so you can keep your Mitchell, if you ever decide to sell your Model A.

There is a several week backorder on the Mitchell Overdrives, , so if you

decide you want one for your Model A, call me today and we will get one ordered for you. Remember if we can help with any project on your Model A, please give me a call anytime at 678-407-1947.



Mitchell Overdrive Kit

**Enjoy the Drive,
Bentley Bohanan
Bentley's Antique Auto Service, Inc.
678-407-1947
www.mymodela.com**



MODEL A TINKER TIME SHOP JULY 3, 2015

Photos and information by Al Lugo

Another great MATTS was conducted at Bobby Penny's shop on July 3, 2015. Many members attended and learned more information on how to keep our beloved Model "A" s on the road.



Some of the members attending MATTS including two ladies.



Bobby shows the project for the day: How to install reinforcing bands on brake drums belonging to Joe Spooner. This gives the old drums much needed supports.



The drums were kept in a freezer for a week. The bands will be heated using this propane stove.



Joe and Bobby placing the reinforcing bands around the drums,



Joe working on other brake parts



Mallie, Joe and June Spooner's granddaughter attended the MATTS and learned the feel of shifting the Model A transmission.



Jim Langley helping to identify a "custom" Model A.

Come and join us every first Friday of the month at Bobby's shop. You will learn many things and enjoy the fellowship.

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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The First Model A Ford



1903 Model A Ford

- The Ford Motor Company was incorporated on June 16th, 1903.
- * 1,000 shares of stock were issued to twelve original investors at \$100.00 a share. Henry Ford received 255 shares. The company was started with \$28,000 in cash.
- The first production automobile was called the Model A, advertised as the Ford mobile.
- This Model A was produced at the Mack Avenue Factory in Detroit. This was a small wooden carpenter shop rented from Mr. Strelow, one of the original investors.

- The original working force to assemble this car was two men. At first, without sales and income there would be no money to pay the original working force.
- In early July 1903 Henry Ford's cash balance was \$223.65 and tension was mounting among the investors.
- On Monday July 13, 1903 this changed when three customers made the first payment to the Ford Motor Company.
- Dr. E. Phennig, a Chicago Dentist, purchased the first 1903 Model A Ford. He purchased the car because he was tired of hitching and grooming horses.
- Dr. Phennig paid \$850 in full for the first Model A Ford. \$750.00 covered the cost of the car and \$100.00 for the tonneau body.
- The second customer was The Indiana Automobile Company who gave a \$300.00 deposit and Herbert L. McNary, a butter maker at a creamery in Britt, Iowa purchased the third car paying a deposit of \$170.00. Those three buyers \$1320.00 kept the Ford Motor Company in business.
- There was apparently no sequence to the numbers of these three cars. Henry Ford physically helped to load and ship car #11 to DR. Phennig. #9 was shipped to the Indiana dealership and #30 to Mr. McNary.
- There is no record of cars #11 and # 9 surviving but #30 was owned by Mr. McNary and his family for about 50 years and in the early 1950's it was acquired by auto collector Harry E. Burd of Waterloo, Iowa for \$400.00. It was restored by Mr. Lloyd Sievers. Mr. Burd sold McNary's Model A in 1961 to a Swiss Ford Dealer. It remained in Europe on display at Ford's European headquarters in Cologne, Germany for over twelve years until the forth owner purchased it in 2001.
- Model A #30 remains in fairly original condition with the engine and drive train completely overhauled, retaining many of the original early features including very rare Kingston carburetor and an original coil box stamped with the car #30.
- On January 19, 2007 it was sold at the R-M Vintage Motorcars Auction in Arizona. It sold for \$693,000 and was purchased by a private collector from Texas, Mr. John O'Quinn.
- During Ford's first year of operation Ford assembled and sold 1708 Model A cars.

- On October 11, 2012 William Clay Ford Jr., Executive Chairman of Ford Motor Company, and great-grandson of Henry Ford, obtained ownership of the 1903 Model A Ford #30, bringing it back to the Ford family. It was then reconditioned by Deters Restoration.
- The 1903 Model A Ford will reside at Ford Motor Company's World Headquarters in Dearborn, Michigan except when it is at special functions.



- Mr. William Clay Ford Jr., great-grandson of Henry Ford, owner of the oldest surviving 1903 Model A Ford.

Henry Ford and his team collected ideas from several industries from bicycle makers, gun makers, and meat packers to get the best from each industry and utilize the apt ones in the motor industry. The moving assembly line set-up was adopted from the meat industry in 1913 and it has retained its place in the company even after 100 years of its introduction. In January 1914, Ford took the other bold decision of doubling the wages to \$5 per day of 53,000 people per year. Now Ford Motors employs 187,000 employees with a market cap of \$63.6 Billion as on May 2015.

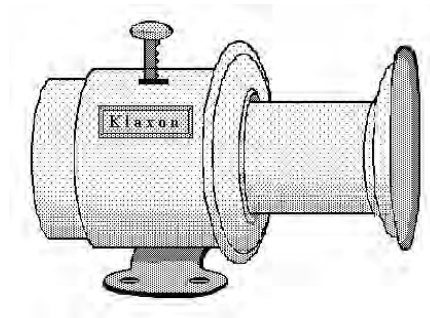
HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES



AUGUST 2- Donnie & Debbie Morrison

AUGUST 23-Brad & Joy Whitaker

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



AUGUST 4- Nancy Palmer

AUGUST 9- Joe Carter

AUGUST 9- Patrick Tyler

AUGUST 10- Linda Miller

AUGUST 12- Pamela Tyler

AUGUST 22- Bettie Jackson

AUGUST 22- Burton Williams

FOR SALE

1930 Model A Ford Tudor sedan. New tires (1 year) , new drums and brakes, new clutch, newly relined gas tank, new babbited engine by Antique Engine Bearing Services in Encondido with 40 miles - Good interior, body paint good, fender paint is OK. Extended leg room front seats. No rust. Condition is very good. \$14,500.

For information and pictures, contact Bob Moore - Bradbury, CA (near Monrovia) Bobmoore1@aol.com

626-358-2027

1931 Ford Model A Roadster Deluxe Model # 40B. Beautiful all steal black with apple green strip and 6 wheels. Professionally restored to original except 12V and accessories. Interior and rumble seat tan grained leather. Chrome side mount covers and mirrors. Black leather trunk and wood grained luggage rack. Leakless water pump, dual taillights with turn signals, dual cowl lights, step plates, etched wind wings, quail, stone guard and seat belts. Cowl, fender and head light visors, tool set, books and twenty-year collection of mostly small used and new parts. AND Miss Clara our rumble seat mannequin passenger. \$28,000 Cheryl Clark 623-695-4095

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



PARTS WANTED

**WANTED; 1930-31 Model A Cowl with tank and Hood & related parts.
Mark Gamble 706-333-7586 (cell)**

CARS WANTED

**Mike Hogg looking for a 31 Slant Window. Cedartown,
Ga. Call him at (770) 490-1996.**

Charles Andrews is looking for a Touring Coupe for Sale. No rust or Show cars please. Email Charles at cha3724@charter.net

NOTICE OF VINTAGE VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT STOLEN

This is a notice about the theft of the following vintage cars, trucks and equipment belonging to

Jay Robison, a member of the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford club.

The items were stolen

from his property in the Santa Cruz mountains. Please ask everyone

you know in the antique

car community to be alert to any attempted sale or transfer of these items. Any information

should be provided to **Jay (408) 980-0743** or law enforcement authorities.

1914 Model T Speedster, No 85

1934 Chevy Phaeton, tan & brown; CA plate: 4UC763; Vin: M133445

1964 Chevy Suburban, light blue; CA plate: MCM955

1926 Studebaker touring car, red

1954 Dodge pick up; CA plate: 96780X; Vin: P85329242

1952 Chevy Station Wagon; CA plate: M86253; Vin: KAA753651

WWII Jeep, running

Small custom camping trailer

1903 Doak stationary motor, restored, weighs a ton!

1921 Stover stationary gas engine