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OLD CARS WEEKLY GOLDEN QUILL AWARD 2004, 2010



**Two cute little girls enjoying Joes A at Uptown Model A
day**

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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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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:

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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 November 2015

Thanks to Jim for acting on my and Bob Smiths behalf during the October meeting. Bothe of us were in Guntersville enjoying the "Sweet Home Alabama Tour." We had three great days of touring. We rode all around Guntersville Lake. We visited the DAR School on Gant Mountain, The state lodge, the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Ava Maria Grotto, Cathredral Caverns, the lock and dam, and other. We attended a welcome campfire get together wheren we made smores like little kids. Great fun! Our November tour looks to be making into a fun outing. We will travel through lower Lee County to the Marvin Community to attend a syrup cooking at the home of Bill Baker. On our return trip we will visit a Meadows Mill which the owner, Nelson March, is converting into a residents for he and his wife. He is maintaining the outside and interior to reflect the original appearance of the mill. We will enjoy a sack lunch in the surrounding of the mill pond and dam.

November is the time for election of club officers. slate of officers will be voted on to serve as our as your 2016 officers. Be there to cast your vote. Thanks to those who will be representing our cub in the Veterans Day parade. Let's remember to honor our Marines on Nov. 10 as hopefully we did our sailors back on Oct. 27.

Hope to see youall at November meeting.

If it says "Ahooga", drive it!
Joe



JOIN US!

BYAI Lugo

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

COMING EVENTS

November 6	MATTS
November 7	Frog Pond & Mill Tour
November 6-7	Museum Tour (CAMAFC)
November 13	Planning Meeting
November 14	Columbus/Phenix City Veterans Day Parade
November 19	Club Meeting/Elections
November 20-21	Moultrie Swap Meet
December 4	MATTS
December 11	Planning Meeting
December 12	Columbus/Phenix City Christmas Party
December 17	Annual Business Meeting and Christmas Party

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 October 14th, 2015

Club Meeting

The October meeting of the River Cities Model "A" Club was held October 14, 2015 at the Woodman of the World facility. Members present were:

Bobby and Connie Penny, John Robertson, Tommy Ellis, Paul and Mary Nell Singer, Mickey Timbes, Mark and Pat Gamble, Max Helms, Howard RuDick, Dick Noxon, Jim Langley, Sharon Webb, Al Lugo, Joe Carter and Bill Shirley and visitor Chad Smith. Chad was welcomed by the club members.

Jim Langley was presiding for President Joe Spooner and Vice President Bob Smith who were on the Sweet Home Alabama Tour.

Jim welcomed members and reported on our members who are under the weather. Russell and Mary Ann Lester are still recovering. Louie Willett and Bobby Shackleford also still recovering. Cindy Jones hurt her ankle and is recovering at home.

Minutes from September meeting were approved as written in newsletter.

Joe Carter gave a treasurers report which was approved.

Old Business:

The workshop at Al Lugo's on October 10th was enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks Al and Lizbeth for a great time.

New Business:

discussion on weather to purchase a brick in memory of Bettie Jackson was tabled until next month. A donation from an unknown donor of \$100.00 and \$75.00 from the club in instead of flowers was deposited in our scholarship fund as requested by the family.

also tabled was recommendation that in the future only Founding Members would receive a brick from the club.

Club officers for 2016 have been nominated. Al Lugo asked if there were any nominations from the floor. They were none. November meeting the following members will be voted on: President Jim Langley, Vice President Mark Gamble, Secretary Pat Gamble and Treasurer Joe Carter.

Drawing for the meal at November meeting was Bob Penny.

Bob Penny said their were club shirts and hats available.

matts will be held on November 6th.

A November tour will be November 7 To Meadows Mill for a syrup sopping.
Members will meet at Glenwood School and leave at 9:00 eastern time.

all other upcoming events will be listed in newsletter.

having on other business the meeting was adjourned.

submitted by

Connie Penny

Secretary.

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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.

LADIES DRIVING THE MODEL A WORKSHOP

By Al Lugo

Proud Ladies showing their new patch "This Lady Drives a Model "A".



On October 10, 2015 the River Cities Model A Ford Club held our tenth workshop. This time the topic was "Ladies Driving the Model A".

Members met at Al Lugo's garage and Al served as the Instructor with the help of every primary drivers of the nine Model A's present.

Members participating were Sharon Webb, Paul & MaryNelle Singer, Bobby Penny, Mark and Pat Gamble, Joe & June Spooner, Barbara and Howard Ruddick and their guest Linda & Earl Wilson, Louie & Gloria Willett, Jim Langley, Joe Carter, Dick Noxon and Larry & Lisa Farrar.

Because of the treat of rain, the workshop was started at 11:30 with a delicious lunch catered by Robert. After a short presentation that included 2 videos on how to start the Model A and how to double clutch, each driver instructor paired off with a lady and covered the basics in the engine area and in the cab of the Model A.

The best part was what came after. The Ladies got behind the steering wheels of the shiny Model A's and went on a drive that consisted of back roads ideal to drive the Model A. As they took off and as you drove past them all you could see was the great smile of every lady driver.

After the drivers returned ice cream was served to complete a great afternoon of learning, driving and great fellowship.



Barbara Ruddick and her daughter Linda Wilson listen carefully as Howard Ruddick explains and points out the important parts of the Model "A" Engine.

Can you identify these tools shown at one of our MATTS meetings?

From left to right: _____, _____, _____,

Answers on last page



**MODEL A TINKER TIME SHOP October 2nd,
2015**

Photos and captions by Howard Ruddick

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



Sharon drove the Phoenix to Bobby's shop.



We really do have a popular coffee pot!



Dick, Bob, and John enjoying donuts with their coffee.



Bobby showing Sharon the rolling chassis.



What are Joe, Sharon, and Al laughing about?



Joe explaining the repair of brake rods in his Model 'A'

DID YOU KNOW?

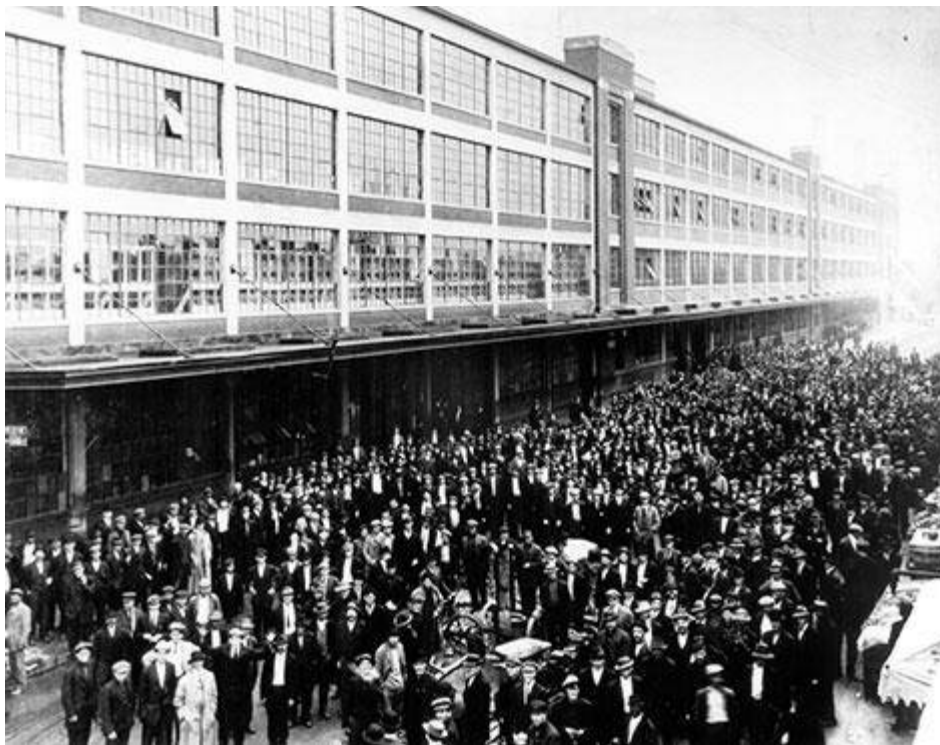
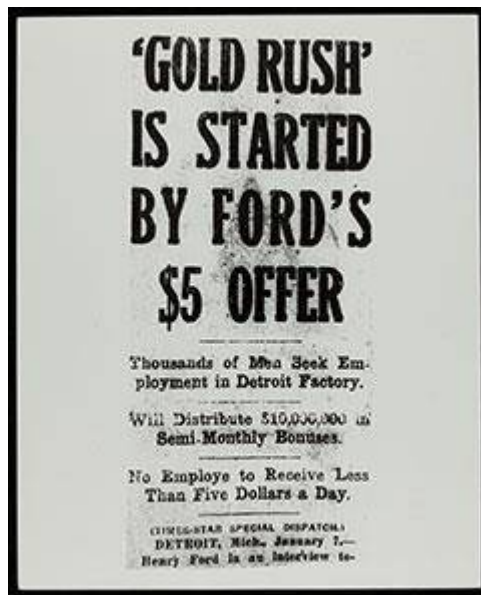
By AL LUGO

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 and the \$5.00 Day

- In 1914 Henry Ford increased wages to \$5.00 a day.
- This increase was about double the wage of the average automobile factory worker. He also changed the working day to eight hours a day.
- Many theories about this, the most popular that by increasing the wages his workers could afford the cars they were helping to build. By changing the work day to eight hours it gave his factories three eight hour shifts.
- Henry Ford said the \$5 day was his greatest cost-cutting move he ever made. Before this increase turnover at Ford factories was a large problem. He also had a large problem with absenteeism.
- He stated he would have to hire over 50,000 workers to maintain a workforce of 14,000. Absenteeism would hurt daily production. Turnovers would cost the company a lot since they had to find replacements and then had to train them.
- After the \$5 day, workers would rethink quitting, absenteeism fell dramatically since the \$5 day was far above the average pay a worker could earn.
- Keeping the majority of his workers in place did help to keep his cost down.
- The \$5 pay came with some strings attached. There was a six month residence qualification. There was a prerequisite of six months of service before they could earn the \$5 day.
- Married man had to be living with and taking good care of his family. Single men over 22 that had proved thrifty habits also qualified. Single men under 22 and unmarried women would qualified only if they were supporting family members like brothers, sisters and widowed mothers.
- Drinking, gambling, poor treatment of family members, unclean homes, failure to save money were all grounds for exclusion in the \$5 day. These requirements were investigated by a newly created department called the Sociological Department.
- The rest of the automobile companies were outraged by Ford's \$5 day. They thought Ford Motor Company would go bankrupt. Ford got a great amount of press with this \$5 day.



SOME OF THE MANY WORKERS THAT CAME TO THE HIGHLAND PARK FORD PLANT IN 1914 WHEN THEY HEARD THE NEWS OF \$5.00 DAY

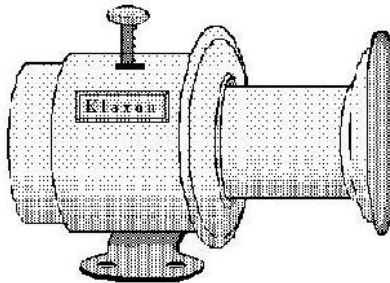
HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES



NOVEMBER 6- Jim & Linda Miller
NOVEMBER 19- Thomas & Kathryn Foster

NOVEMBER 16- Joe & Betty Fagundes
NOVEMBER 26- Patrick & Pamela Tyle

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



NOVEMBER 8- Tom Penny
NOVEMBER 18- Joe Fagundes
NOVEMBER 25- Bobby Shackelford
NOVEMBER 28- William Shirley

NOVEMBER 17- Donna Carter
NOVEMBER 19- Kevin Adams
NOVEMBER 28- Bobby Penny
NOVEMBER 30- Laura Penny

By Jim Langley

WHO SWAPS AT SWAP MEETS...



Years ago a common name for a gathering of like-minded old car buffs was needed to differentiate such gatherings from flea markets, yard sales, auctions and such. Someone(???) coined the phrase SWAP MEET. But who swaps? Maybe you say I swap money for parts, but if that is swapping, I go to a swap meet every time my wife sends me to Publix...

What makes you get out of bed EARLY on your day off, drive two-three hours to a place that has absolutely nothing you really need? It's a mythical deal you have been chasing all these years — You know, that NOS Quail for \$25. , a cherry fender for \$50. or a Green Bible free for the asking if you need it. It is the deal that everyone seems to find other than you and me...

The worst thing you can do is miss a swap meet — the one you missed was loaded with bargains. Then, there is the weather — in getting up early to go to the event, you discover it's raining. So what do you do? Drive through the rain, believing that everyone else stayed home and convince yourself that you will plow through the mud and find that bargain — the item you didn't need anyway, remember?

Vendors, you gotta love them. An odd bunch whose life's goal seems to be traveling all over finding, cleaning, repairing, painting, polishing and hauling those items for display in hope YOU gotta have them. Some of these pieces have been to more swap meets than you and me. On the other hand — some vendors haul parts that even I would throw away. Well maybe there is a market for a bent, rusty tail lamp housing with a broken lens, I don't know... Then vendors have to deal with "Customers," who are not looking for anything but price everything on display. I have encountered one whose T Shirt front read: WHAT'S YOUR BEST PRICE, while the rear of the shirt read: BE BACK LATER.

There are those folks, both male and female, young and old, who attend and walk around all day with that look on their face — What am I doing here? Yep, you know the one, that nice looking young lady in the short skirt and high heels walking around on forty acres of concrete and dirt...

I have been to Hershey, Charlotte, Daytona, Pomona, Moultrie and Pate, love 'em all, but never miss a small one, that may be where the bargain is. Well, later when you return home, dry off, get some sleep, then examine that find, you realize, you already had one or you really did not need it. Oh yeah, then comes that question from Mama,, WHAT DID YOU BUY? See you at Moultrie.....

HAGGLER

SWEET HOME ALABAMA TOUR 2015

Guntersville, Ala. was our central point for this year's tour, 200 miles from Columbus, but much further for the members that came from other states. The 3 cars from Ft Wayne, Indiana took 3 days to drive down here.

100 people with 52 Model "A"s, plus a '25 Cadillac showed up on Sat. Lots had toured with us before but many new people heard how much fun these tours were so they registered and plan to come again next year to Tuscaloosa. No date set yet.

Wed. evening there was a welcome bonfire several miles away with Smores for any wanting a snack. In the Goody Bag was a bright flashlight but hardly anyone remembered to bring it to that dark field. Next time, right?

Thur. morning we headed to Guntersville Dam 20 miles; back to town and the Senior Center, then up the mountain to the State Lodge, good food and beautiful view down to the Tennessee River. Very steep decent on the backside of the mountain but everyone made it down. Next was a back road trip to Buck's Pocket State Park with a nice hike out to the viewing area down to the Pocket. Guess there was a paved road down there but no room to park 52 cars. Ha Made for a 120-mile day.

Friday morning we headed south toward Cullman, Ala. where we would stop at the Shrine to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Wow A nice new building for a monastery for the Nuns, a few priests live out by the barn on the 400 acres at this site. The reception area was a fairly new castle that is being expanded as a conference center/gift shop. The monastery was just spectacular with the marble and gold inlay. Quite a history on how it got built at this area.

We left there for downtown Cullman and the Ava Maria Grotto with all the miniatures depicting buildings from all over the world. One man built all this during his lifetime. Leaving there we went to the small town of Arab with a historic village. The local mayor and several others met us with refreshments and cake; several old cars were parked there for us to see. Each building was unique and

locals were there to explain things to us. This was a 100-mile day with strong north winds blowing.

Saturday we went to Cathedral Caverns, a natural cave that was really something, discovered in '54, sidewalks and lights made for a nice tour back inside the cave. Well worth making a trip to sometime. After a lunch stop we traveled to the Kate Duncan D.A.R. School, founded in the '20s in the poorest county in Ala. They now have a football & tennis teams, nice grounds with 14 buildings, their own church, too. It is a privately owned public school system; DAR gives over \$100,000 in scholarships each year.

Final day was only 82 miles with the banquet that evening, giving away lots of gifts and a 50/50 drawing. A fun trip for all of us on tour, next year's is in Tuscaloosa in Oct.

Roving Reporter,
Bob Smith

The Uptown Columbus Orginazition hosted the Interntnational Model A Day for the second year in a row. It was an outstanding success as we had individuals dressed in Period clothing plus many Model A's. Not only was it fun for the people who came down for market days but for us as well.



FOR SALE

Gentlemen: You do not know me; I got your names from the GA Model A Chapters on the website. My friend's husband' (in the picture) died of cancer. She would like to sell his car, but does not want to be bothered with visitors, etc. I have offered my assistance to

her to act as a go-between. I am by no means any type expert on Model A's. I thought your chapters would be a good place to begin the process. If you have specific questions and/or would like to see it, I can obtain the answers and make the arrangements with her. She wants \$10,000 for it; she appears to be firm on the price.

Might add; car was driven regularly until cancer treatments; has been about a year since cranked.

My name is G. Frank Cannon
478-808-9287
The car is located in Macon, GA.



1928 Model A coupe
Interior restored by Shadburn 2 yrs ago.
Exterior - good
Extra tires.

Contact Don Minkler at 989-871-2988 or 989-553-541 for more info.



**1929 Model A Ford closed cab pickup, Rock Moss Green, Tacoma
Cream wheels, oak stock racks on the bed.
Body off restoration in 2004.
Running condition. \$12,000**





Jim Fletcher 419-536-2505

1930 Fordor for sale for \$16,500. It has been nicely restored and here is a list of updates:

Brassworks Radiator

Radiator Rock Guard

Leakless Water Pump

New Timing Gear

Rebuilt Distributor

Spark Plugs

Rebuilt and Flow Tested Zenith Carburetor

New Syders 5.5 to 1 High Compression Head

“Float a Motor” Motor Mounts

New Cast Iron Brake Drums and Brakes

New Flat Head Ted Brake Energizers

Modern Shocks

Rebuilt Steering Gear with Needle Bearing Sector Shaft Bushing

New Shorter Pitman Arm

Rebuilt Speedometer

New Headlights

LED Turn Signals

Newer Tires (5000 Miles)

Contact Mike Youngblood in Des Moines, Iowa (515) 491-8321

Fred Hoffman has his 2 Model A's for sale.
'29 Roadster \$16,500 7,000 miles since restoration
'31 Tudor \$6,500 needs restoration
Fred's C# is 757-871-9536 if interested
Cars located in Gloucester, Virginia

1929 Tudor Sedan - Project car - Completely disassembled
Frame has been sandblasted, primed, painted
Hood, tank, cowl, primed , painted
Floor board and wood rail replaced
Speedometer rebuilt, New motometer
Tires and tube new a few years ago
Generator rebuilt
Engine cranks and runs good but not in a while
All four steel fenders in good shape
Body, fenders, and doors sand blasted but were not primed
Will need battery, upholstery kit, roof kit
All parts are available
Asking \$4,000 Call 1-256-825-5664 or cell - 1-334-329-0472
Located near Opelika, AL

PARTS WANTED

**WANTED; 1930-31 Model A Cowl with tank and Hood
& related parts.**

Mark Gamble 706-333-7586 (cell)

Need a 1931 rear bumper for a `31 Coupe.

Call Maynard Ellman

**Santa Barbara, CA
805-845-0333**

I had a customer contact me today. Looking for a Model A rearend.

If anyone has a rear end. Please contact him directly.

His name is Larry, email address is

staytuned2004@yahoo.com;

phone number is 239-645-1950

From BentleyBohanan

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

Mr. Selwin Spalpwin of Gardendale, Al. (Birmingham, Al. Suburb) [205-631-2887](tel:205-631-2887)

Wanted: A 30-31 Model A Tudor to restore. 95% complete please. No basket cases please and no other body style. NO restored cars...

Answers to the name those tools quiz.

Wire cutter from US Military 1945

Pencil grease gun

Pipe coupling wrench by AC Filter Service

Piston groove cleaner