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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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**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
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PAST PRESIDENT:

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
Jim Langley Dec2015-2017

Bob Smith DEC 2001-2003
Jim Langley DEC 2004-2006
Jim Langley DEC 2008- 2009
Al Lugo DEC 2010-2012
Joe Spooner DEC 2014-2015



EZ ON...

Well the weather was a huge factor in cancelling the January Tour to Warm Springs and the Bullock House. But consider we in this area were very fortunate. We only lost a tour, think of the loss of life and property damage to the south of us. Yes indeed, we were very fortunate. Tours can be rescheduled, lives cannot...

Speaking of tours, Paul Singer has cooked up another good one scheduled for February 18th with a trip to Fort Mitchell. Full details and sign up at the February 16th Members Meeting...

Don't forget the Jordan High School and Glenwood School Shows. Check the activity calendar in the February newsletter for dates...

As I write this the Moultrie Winter Meet has come and gone. You were not there? You missed a good time buying "Stuff" you don't need. Your next chance at Moultrie is June, 2017...

MATT is scheduled for February 6th. Coffee, donuts, and sitting around that big cast iron stove, shooting the breeze as well as some good Model A info...

See YOU on the back roads

Jim ...

JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: February 16, 2017-
6:00PM(EASTERN) Our
next Club meeting will be at Woodmen of the World
Lodge, on Highway 80, in Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

February 3	MATTS
February 3-5	Moultrie Swap Meet
February 10	Planning Meeting
February 16	Club Meeting
February 18	Tour to Ft. Mitchell
February 25	Jordan Car Show
March 3	MATTS
March 4	Glenwood Car Show
March 10	Planning Meeting
March 16	Club Meeting

CRUISE EVENINGS

Every 1 st Tuesday-	Cooks Hot Dog on Miller & Airport Thruway
Every 2 nd Tuesday	Jim Bob's (By Hobby Lobby)
Every 3 rd Tuesday	Jason Deli (Close to Sears)
Every 4 th Tuesday	Country's on Broadway
Every 5 th Tuesday	El Vaquero Mexican Restaurant (Phenix City)
Every 2 nd Saturday	Opelika Home Depot Cruise In
Every 3 rd Saturday	Phenix City Home Depot Cruise In
Every 4 th Saturday	Steak and Shake (Bradley Park Drive)
Every Sunday AM	IHOP Airport Thruway

NATIONAL:

October 1-6	MAFCA National Tour- Pacific Coast Hwy
November 29- Dec.3	MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

River Cities Model A Ford Club
Meeting minutes from January 19, 2017

The January meeting of the River Cities Model A Ford Club was called to order by Jim Langley at 6:00PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Grace was given by Jim Langley followed by a buffet dinner.

Members Present: Paul and Mary Nelle Singer, Jim Langley, John Robertson, Tommy Ellis, Wayne Kennedy, Joe Carter, Neil LaClair, Joe and June Spooner, Bob and Connie Penny, Al Lugo, Glenn Williams and Cindy, Howard and Barbara Ruddick, Mickey Timbes, Bill and Renate Shirley, Dick Knoxon, Sharon Webb, Mark and Pat Gamble, and Jason Gamble.

Sunshine Report: Russell and Mary Anne Lester are still receiving physical therapy, No new news on Mike Alexi's condition.

Treasury Report: Joe Carter gave the treasury report which was approved by Members present.

Minutes: Minutes of the December Meeting were approved by members present.
MAFCA Membership: Dues of \$40.00 for 2017 are due now. New Memberships are good for two years.

Board Meetings: The Club will resume Board of Directors meetings beginning the second Friday of each month. The next meeting will be on February 10th 2017 at 9:00AM and will be held at the Burger King on Wynnton Overlook room. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

MATTS meeting will be held on February 3rd at Bobby's Penney's shop. Bobby presented Joe Spooner a Radiator Medallion to go with his Road Runner Trophy. Bobby also passed out 2017 calendars he had made for Club Members.

Paul Singer announced the Jack Frost Tour is cancelled due to bad weather. Next Tour will be to Fort Mitchel on February 18th

Glenwood School's car show is March 4th from 9:00 to 1:00
Jordan's car show will be held on 25 February.

Jim Langley presented Bill Shirley the MAFCA Service Award for his outstanding work as the Editor of The River Cities Running Board Newsletter.

Al Lugo gave the program on the History of the Ford Woody Wagon which included his progress on the restoration of his "Woody".

With no further business the meeting was adjourned by President Jim Langey.

**Respectively submitted,
Mary Nelle Singer
Secretary**



Bill Shirley, Club News Letter Editor, receiving the 2016 MAFCA Service Award from the club Awards Director, Dick Noxon. Thank You All for recommending me.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

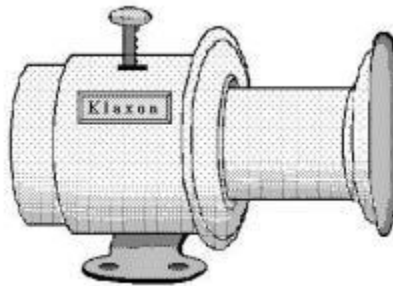


FEBRUARY 10- Mark & Pat Gamble

FEBRUARY 14- Bobby & Connie Penny

FEBRUARY 16- Russell & Mary Ann Lester

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



FEBRUARY 9- Ann Wright

FEBRUARY 12- Thomas Foster

FEBRUARY 16- Howard Ruddick

FEBRUARY 23- Louie Willett

FEBRUARY 26- Paul Singer

FEBRUARY 11- Mark Gamble

FEBRUARY 14- Friederilke Robertson

FEBRUARY 19- Becky Coxwell

FEBRUARY 24- Chris Kennedy



MODEL A TINKER TIME SHOP

Photos and information by Al Lugo

If you missed the January MATTS you missed a great opportunity to learn about many topics related to our beloved Model "A".



Bobby talks about the Road Runner Award radiator medallion...



Bobby presents Road Runner Award Medallion to winner Joe Spooner...



Bobby establishing order at MATTS...



Bill Quick shows the motor mounts he removed from his "A"...



Bobby shows some of the Budd Tools manufactured during the Model "A" era...



This is how the container with Paul Singer's Rusty Carburetor looked after some time in Vinegar and water...



When he took it out...



Bobby talks about different bolt grade ...



He also talked about bolt fatigue...



Mark Gamble discusses the problem with his Son in Law's, Jason Conry, generator...



Joe talks about the great manifold welding job performed by Larry Farrar...



Bobby discusses some of the issues on installing turn signals in his Model "A"...

So see what you are missing? Our next MATTs will be February 3, 2017- See you there...

TIPS FROM MODEL A TINKER TIME...

Do you question your fuel gauge??? Using a 12 inch ruler to "DIPSTICK" 1930-31 fuel tank, the following measures work. Placing a good piece of masking tape on the back side of the ruler helps to see the liquid fuel level. DO NOT OVERFILL...

<u>FUEL LEVEL</u>	<u>MEASUREMENT</u>
MT	0
1 Gallon	1 9/16"
2 Gallons	2 7/16"
3 Gallons	3 3/16"
4 Gallons	3 13/16"
5 Gallons	4 5/16"
6 Gallons	5 1/16"
7 Gallons	5 1/2 "
8 Gallons	6 1/16"
9 Gallons	6 3/4"
10 Gallons	7 3/8"
11 Gallons	8 1/4" - 8 3/8"

SEE YOU ON THE BACK ROADS...

The following series of Ford Facts are excerpted from the Ford Motor Company's Indianapolis Branch. These letters were sent to Ford Dealers in the Branch Zone on a regular basis during 1927-1931 with the intention to explain production changes of the Model A, as well as stating Warranty procedures and other information from Ford. BTW Model A's were fully warrantied for 90 days and mileage was not a factor.

Part One - Letters From Home...

Service Letter # 1 December 23, 1927...

We ask each dealer to maintain a separate folder for these letters and to assign the filing of these letters to your Service Manager. Therefore, you and your personnel will have at all times such information to serve you in answering any questions that may come covering the Model A...

Numbering of Model A Cars - Motors of the new cars will be stamped with serial number on the cylinder block above the lower water connection. The Motor Number will also be stamped on the unfinished surface of the left side member of the frame at a point which will be covered by the cowl and gas tank assembly...

Our Detroit Office is preparing a Service Bulletin which will go forward within the next ten days covering both minor and major service operations. These bulletins will be forward at the earliest possible time on a monthly basis...

COMPLAINTS: It is absolutely essential that dealers advise us immediately of any complaint received on the Model A Car. If you feel the matter is sufficiently serious, do not wait for mail or wire, use the telephone...

PART 2 Next Month...

Glenwood Gators

Cars
Trucks
Motorcycles
Tractors

"Top 30" Car Show

Presented by Glenwood Band Boosters

50/50
Drawing
Door Prizes



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017,
9AM - 1PM ET**

RAINOUT DATE IS MARCH 4TH

**GLENWOOD SCHOOL, 5801 SUMMERVILLE RD
SMITHS STATION, AL 36877**



REGISTRATION FROM 9 - 11 AM

\$25 REGISTRATION FEE

PRE-REGISTER VIA MAIL FOR ONLY \$20



AWARDS CEREMONY - 1PM EASTERN

TOP 30 FAVORITES RECEIVE TROPHY

SPECIAL AWARDS:

— BEST ENGINE — BEST PAINT — BEST INTERIOR
— PEOPLE'S CHOICE — BEST OF SHOW

PRE-REGISTER by returning form and entry fee to PO Box 1372 Smiths Station, AL 36877

Registration at Event is available

Name _____ Email _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
Year _____ Make _____ Model _____
Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Additional cars may be listed on the back

Liability: In consideration of the right to participate in this show, I hereby release and discharge the organizer, committee members, Glenwood School, and all people connected with the management of the event from any and all known and unknown damages, injuries, losses or claims to my vehicle, its occupants and myself.

Submissions of this form and registration payment are indication of acceptance of the liability waiver above.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

CONTACT: Bubba Copeland: (706) 442-2500 OR Tammy Childs: (678) 249-4984

A blue classic coupe car, likely a Chevrolet Camaro, shown from a front-three-quarter view. The car has a sleek, aerodynamic design with a prominent front grille and headlights. It is parked on a light-colored surface.



Contact: Charles Nixon @ 706-883-1616

By signing above, you acknowledge that you are responsible for your own insurance. Also, you will not hold the sponsors, promoters, Troup County, Troup County Sheriff's Office, James Woodruff, Pyne Rd .Park, US Corps of Engineers or any employees and volunteers responsible for any damage, injury, lose, judgment or claim(known or unknown) from any cause whatsoever that might be suffered by any entrant or his/her person or property. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages allowed at this event.