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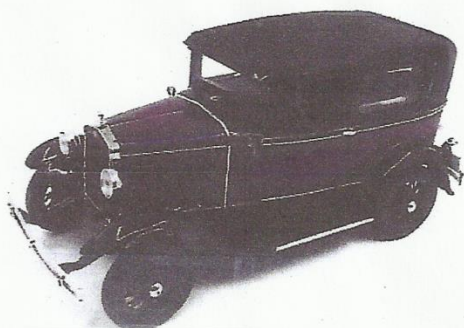
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EZ ON...

Would you like to see your Model A here,

Give me a small photo Jim...



Well as I write this, it is February 25th, and the Jordan Car Show is in full force. Don't forget the Glenwood Show on March 4th and the upcoming Late Model Iron Tour to Warner Robins on March 18th...

Paul Singer gave a great presentation on Model A Seat Belt Installation at the February 16th Members Meeting. IF you have not installed yours yet, PLEASE DO SO. Need Help or advice ? Available from several members. Want to see how easily the doors on your Model A will come open (even when properly installed), Be seated and put some weight on the inside door panel. Yeah! That did not take much effort!!

MATT is scheduled for March 3rd. Coffee, donuts, and sitting around that big cast iron stove, shooting the breeze as well as some good Model A info. Well, with this "Crazy" Winter weather, maybe the stove will not be needed...

Club Library update: A lot of progress is on-going behind the scene, sorting and placing some Fifty Three Years of Model A Literature and information takes awhile. Bobby and I try to make some progress every day...

SEE YOU ON THE BACK ROADS

Jim ...

JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: March 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

March 3	MATTS
March 4	Glenwood Car Show
March 10	Planning Meeting
March 16	Club Meeting
March 18	Tour to Warner Robbins Museum (Modern Cars)
April 7	MATTS
April 14	Planning Meeting
April 20	Club Meeting
April 22	Richland Beer Brewery Tour

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 (Stadium DrivePhenix City)
Every 2 nd Saturday	Opelika Home Depot Cruise In
Every 3 rd Saturday	Phenix City Home Depot Cruise In (Starts March 18)
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

Minutes for February 16, 2017

The February meeting of the River Cities Model A Ford Club was called to order by Jim Langley at 6:00P.M. Jim led the Club in the pledge of allegiance. Al Lugo said grace and the meal were served.

Members in attendance were, Howard and Barbara Ruddick, Wayne Kennedy, Paul and MaryNelle Singer, Joe Carter, Glenn Williams and Cindy, Jim Langley, Tommy Ellis, John Robertson, Joe and June Spooner, Al Lugo, Bobby and Connie Penney, Dexter Walden, Bob Smith, Lee Coxwell, Mickey Timbes, Louie and Gloria Willett, Sharon Webb, Bill Shirley, and Jason Conry.

Sunshine Report:

Russell and MaryAnn Lester were able to attend Church Sunday. Mike Alexich is recovering from surgery. Neil LaClair is home after surgery.

Old Business:

Minutes from our January meeting were approved. Treasury report by Joe Carter was approved.

MFCA Membership:

Any new member joining MAFCA paying \$40.00 dues is entitled to a second year membership at no cost.

Newsletter—Website report:

Bill Shirley reports that an updated website is in the works. Checking the website will be faster and sponsors ads will be easier to find in the Newsletter.

New Business:

Planning meetings have been resumed and will be held the second Friday of each month at the Burger King on Wynnton Rd. 9:00A.M. All members are encouraged to attend. The next meeting will be held March 10, 2017.

Next MATTS meeting will be at Bobby Penney's shop on March 3rd, 2017. Bobby passed out gas measuring rulers to all who wanted one.

Activities – Tours:

Paul Singer reported Ft Mitchell historic attraction had closed and the Tour is cancelled. There will be a cruise in on Feb 18th for Kyle Moye at the Roosevelt Baptist Church in Pine Mountain Valley from 12:00 noon until 3:00P.M.

The March Tour will be to Warner Robbins AFB (modern car).

Program: Paul Singer gave a program on seat belt installation for Model A's.

Respectively submitted,
MaryNelle Singer
Secretary

Celebrating Kyle Moyer's Birthday. His first car at 15 yrs old.

Just damp roads in the morning but a clear day and no rain. The club had 4 Model As and a 57 Chevy plus 2 new cars. Large group of locals were at the party, there and some brought their street rods for his enjoyment and memories. Good time.



Happy Birthday Kyle

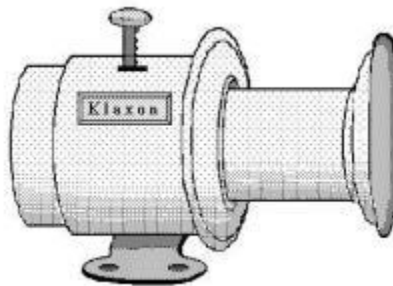
HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES



MARCH 7- Bobby & Carolyn Shackelford

MARCH 8- John & Friederilke Robertson

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



MARCH 4- Jim Langley

MARCH 5- Sherry Williams

MARCH 6- Diane Watkins

MARCH 16-Betty Fagundes

MARCH 22-Renate Shirley

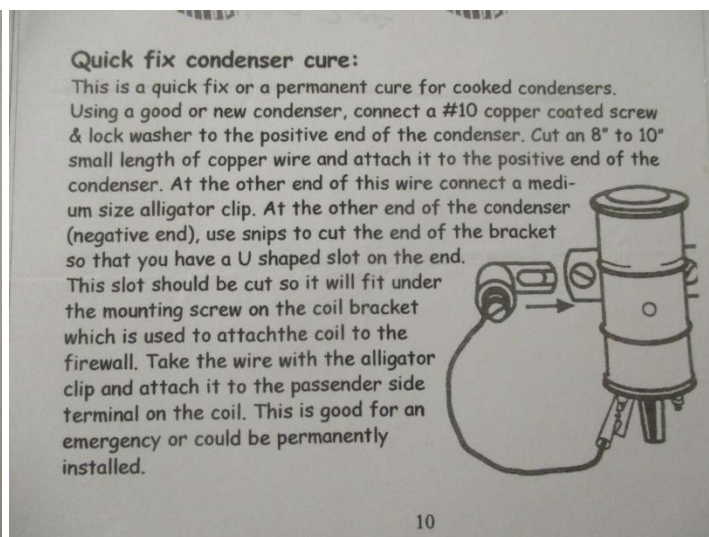
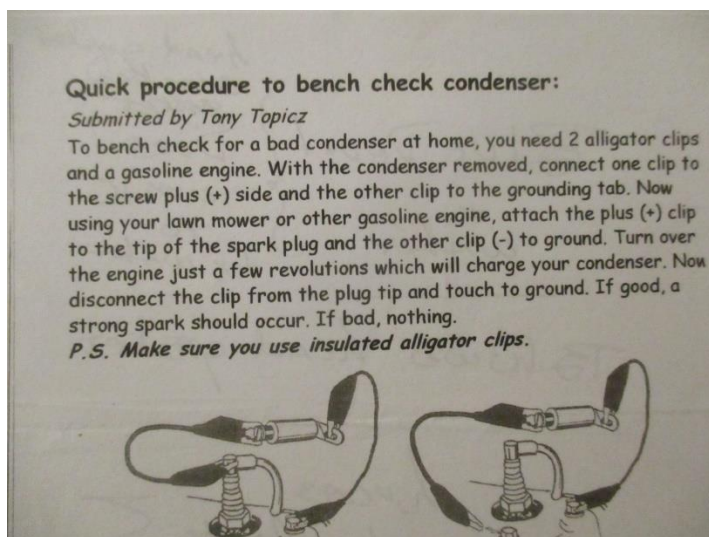


MATTS

February Meeting

By Howard Ruddick

Although several of our members were gone to the Moultrie swap meet we had a good turnout for the February MATTS meeting.



Bobby passed out an article by Tony Topicz describing a simple method to bench test a capacitor. Any gasoline engine can be used in this check. Be sure to use insulated alligator clips. Also from firsthand experience 5 mil blue nitrile gloves available locally do not give adequate protection against the high voltage produced by the ignition circuit of a gasoline engine. (Having a problem reading the article, just increase your size or zoom out)

Spark Plugs:

Club members present agree Champion W-18 spark plugs give the best all-around Model A performance. These plugs are available at NAPA stores.

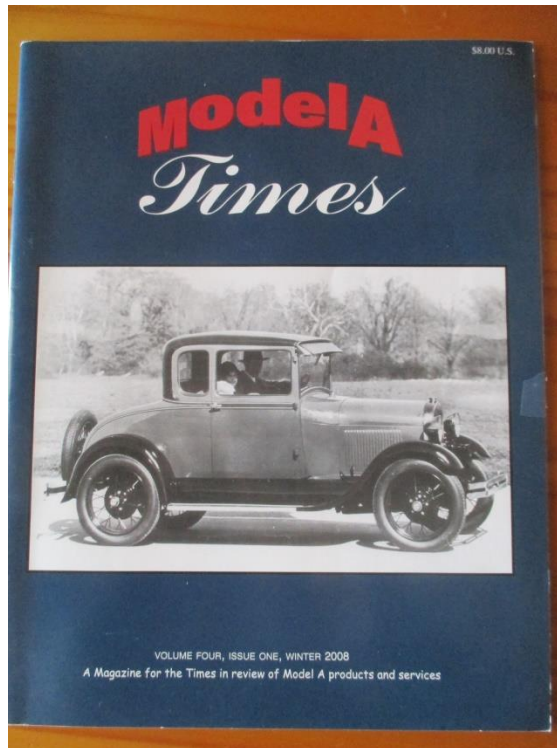


Joe and Bobby displayed homemade dipsticks that can be used to check the accuracy of '30 - '31 dashboard fuel gages. These dipsticks are also useful in measuring engine efficiency and gasoline used during tours, etc. An example is the results of a 74 mile tour by Motor Cities Region in 2007:

The highest MPG was 19.876 mpg for a 1930 Town sedan.

The lowest MPG was 13.638 mpg for a 1930 Tudor

Wonder how our cars would do on a tour?



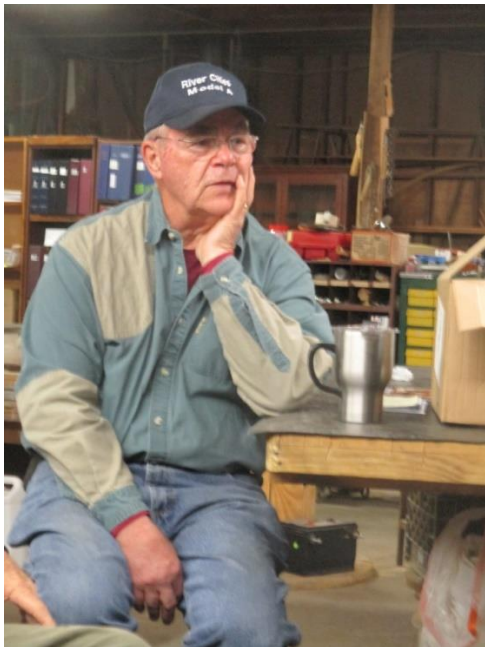
Bobby and Jim need past issues of The Model A Times. They will be appreciative of any of these magazines donated to the Club library.



Two pneumatic cutting tools were shown and passed around. The nibbler and small 3" diameter grinder with a thin .075" abrasive wheel are ideal for cutting light gage metal used in Model A bodies. The nibbler seems as if it would be ideal for non-flame cutting of access holes to be used for cleaning the inside of gas tanks.



An auto-darkening welding helmet was also passed around. This has been a great help in starting a new weld! Have you ever started a weld bead only to find it was not just where you wanted it?

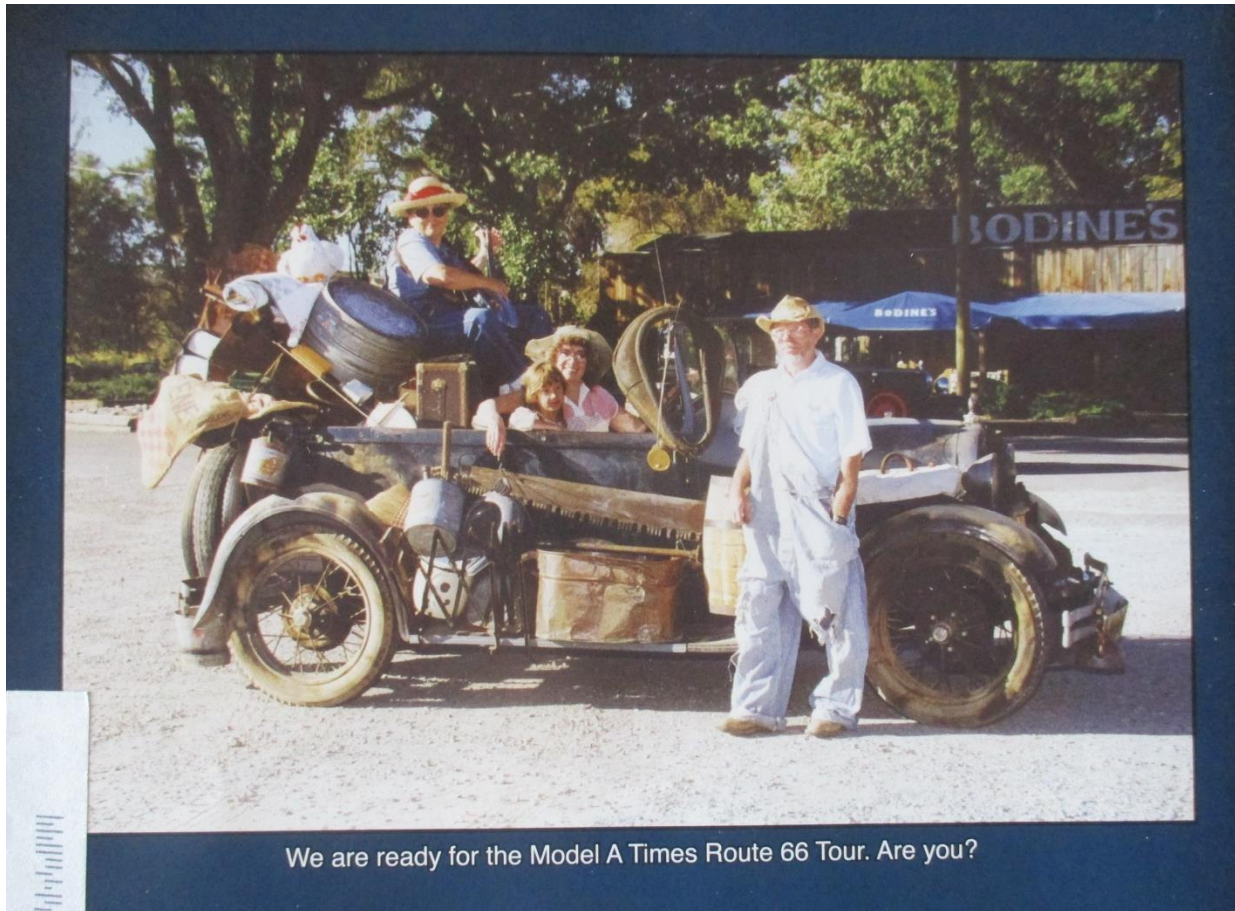


Bobby wondering where this Conversation is going.



We were glad to see Billy Quick join in.

See you at our next meeting on Friday, March 3rd. Come early for a good parking place and enjoy friendship along with coffee and doughnuts. Bring your project to the shop to show or a story to tell.



We are ready for the Model A Times Route 66 Tour. Are you?

Howard thinks that these folks may be his long lost cousins!



Our latest guest speaker on using a wrench on a carburetor.

See you at Bobby's!

The Planning Meeting



What is the Planning Meeting you ask; well it is actually two meetings in one. Board of Directors gather to plan out (planning part) the club's tours, programs and anything else that is pertinent to the Clubs operation and since it is open to all members, you can bring up ideas that you think the whole club would be interested in. We encourage you to come to the Burger King on Wynnton Road, have some breakfast and join in on the planning and a little fellowship.

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PART 2

LETTERS FROM HOME

SERVICE LETTER # 2 February 15, 1928 Page 4, Para Four

FRONT BODY BOLTS - The front bolts are left out intentionally on all Tudors and Coupes and will be emitted on Fordors. On account of the solid roof construction, it is necessary to provide for a slight flexing of the body when the car is driven over rough roads. The omission of these bolts distributes the strain so it is not all taken up in the body construction. The Phaeton, Roadster, and Sport Coupe have the front body bolts installed...

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Closed Body Assembly - The windows on closed cars have a tendency to slightly lower when the car is in motion ; it will be in order for you to remove the regulator handle and reassemble it on the regulator so that the handle is on a downward motion when windows are closed tight. This will prevent the weight of the handle from lowering the window when shaken by the motion of the car...

ASSEMBLY CHANGE AND SERVICE DEPARTMENT LETTER # 4 - Front Radius Rod - If necessary to reassemble a front radius rod, it is very important to see that the ball cap bolt sleeve A-3435 is in place on each bolt. This sleeve prevents the springs being fully compressed when the nuts are tightened. If these sleeves are not in place, the radius rod ball will be clamped very solidly between the ball caps, thus preventing it from having a natural motion with the action of the front spring. This condition can cause a possible fracture...

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 TRADE SCHOOL



A young trainee at the Henry Ford Trade School in Dearborn

Operating a machine in 1941.

- Most people did not realize that Henry Ford was also famous for establishing trade schools. These schools were started October 25, 1916, with six students and one instructor. These schools did a great job preparing youth for the work place, in particular in the automotive Industry, teaching them also classes in English, history, chemistry and physics.

- By 1931 the school's enrollment reached 2,800 students with 135 instructors. The first school opened on Woodward Avenue in Highland Park and later relocated to the Ford Rouge Complex in Dearborn. Ford also opened 54 other education facilities throughout the United States, Canada and Europe.
- The schools mission was to give boys an opportunity to help support themselves, learning a trade, that would be useful in their adult life.
- Henry Ford's objective was to make the students use their hands and their heads.
- At the Rouge Complex students worked in the die, gage, forge, carpentry, sheet metal, tool repair, nickel plating, wood pattern, and metal patterns.
- The schools were a non-profit enterprise. Scholarships were awarded and given to the young men and needy children. In 1935, 5% of the students were orphans and 40% of the students had father's that were not able to support the family. The cost for all the training was provided by Ford.
- These trade schools were also very critical during World War II and helped to win the war, when skilled tradesmen, trained by Ford, taught 200,000 army, navy machinists, airman and women at the factory that helped produced the B-24 airplane at the Willow Run plant.
- The schools closed in 1952, with more than 8,000 tradesmen trained during the 33 years of enrolment.



Studying drafting...



Working in the chemistry laboratory...



Young man working in the machine shop...