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

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Jim Langley DEC 2008-2009  
Al Lugo DEC 2010-2012  
Joe Spooner DEC 2014-2015**



## EZ - ON

APRIL 2017

Billy Quick's 1930 Murray Fordor Thanks for the photo Billy....

The tour to Warner Robins AFB was a success and informative. Eleven members attended, enjoying both the Museum and the round-trip. For a recap, many photos will be shown in a 2-part program at the April Members Meeting...

Please check the upcoming EVENTS listed in the April Newsletter. Yes, it is "Pick & Choose" Season as to which event you will want to attend...

Plans are in the works for a forthcoming tour of historical sites in lower Russell County, with a BAR-B-QUE thrown in for good measure. Details to be announced soon...

If you are not attending both the MATT and Planning Meeting, you may not realize WHATS GOING ON. MATT is a very good place to discuss various Model A situations ( Model A's Do Not Have Problems ! ) while enjoying the good discussions as well as the coffee and Donuts. At the planning meeting you have a chance to express some of your good ideas for activities to share with other Club Members... BE THERE !!!

Bear Down, Try Hard and Never Quit. See you on the Back Roads...

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jim", located at the bottom right of the page.

# JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: April 20, 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 31	MATTS
April 8	Plains Car Show
April 14	Planning Meeting
April 20	Club Meeting
April 22	Richland Beer Brewery Tour
May 5	MATTS
May 6	Central Alabama Swap Meet-Montgomery
May 12	Planning Meeting
May 18	Club Meeting
May 20	East Alabama Old Car Club Show-Opelika

### CRUISE EVENINGS

Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday-	Cooks Hot Dog on Miller & Airport Thruway
Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	Jim Bob's (By Hobby Lobby)
Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	Jason Deli (Close to Sears)
Every 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Country's on Broadway
Every 5 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	El Vaquero Mexican Restaurant (Stadium Drive Phenix City)
Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	Opelika Home Depot Cruise In
Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	Phenix City Home Depot Cruise In (Starts March 18)
Every 4 <sup>th</sup> 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**

### **Club meeting minutes, March 16, 2017**

**The March meeting of the River Cities Model A Ford Club was held 6:00PM EST Thursday March 16, 2017 at the Woodmen of the World facility.**

**Attending the meeting were Paul and Mary Nelle Singer, John Robertson, Joe Carter, Bobby and Connie Penny, June and Joe Spooner, Jim Miller, Jim Langley, Mickey Timbes, Dick Noxon, Al Lugo, Wayne Kennedy, Bob Smith, Bobby Shackelford, Howard Ruddick, Sharon Webb, Pat and Mark Gamble and Bill Shirley.**

**President Jim Langley called the meeting to order at 6:00PM EST. and led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Joe Carter said Grace, members proceeded to the buffet line.**

**Sunshine Report: Dexter Walden has had his knee surgery, and is doing well.**

**Old Business: Minutes of the February Meeting were approved. The Treasury report was given by Joe Carter and was approved.**

**Newsletter/Website report: Bill Shirley asked each member to submit a picture of themselves with their car. They will be put in the E-Z column of the newsletter.**

**Activities and Tours: Paul Singer announced the time and place to meet for the Warner Robbins tour. Members are to meet at 8:15AM EDT at Al Lugo's office parking lot, rain date March 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**East Alabama old car show is May 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Workshop at Al Lugo's Garage has been changed to June 10<sup>th</sup>. The next MATTS will be April 7<sup>th</sup>. John Robertson won the free meal ticket. Social time at end of meeting.**

**Meeting adjourned.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Nelle Singer  
Secretary**

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE. The deadline for submission is JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications are available on the web site for down load.**

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES**

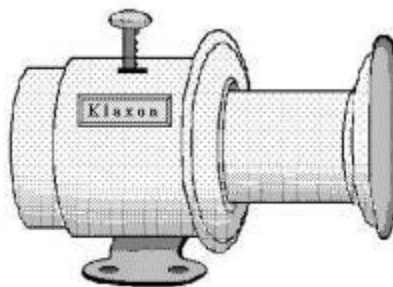


**APRIL 1- Bill & Louann Buck**

**APRIL 28- Lee & Becky Coxwell**

**APRIL 29- Paul & Mary Nelle Singer**

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**



**APRIL 16- Connie Penny**

**APRIL 26- Sharon Webb**

**APRIL 27- Joe Spooner**



By Howard Ruddick

Our March meeting was well attended. The full parking lot is evidence of the learning and good time being had inside Bobby's shop.



**Some of our group listening to Joe Spooner as he discusses the work he is doing to increase the camber of his front axle and wheels. He is using a 20 ton jack on the front axle to increase the camber.**



**Insulation of the Starter Rod with a length of hose to prevent accidental contact with it when connecting a battery charger to the "Hot" Starter Motor contact. (Info from Tiny Tips of the Restorer Magazine)**



**Shown here is Bobby checking the level and flatness of an exhaust manifold.**



**Larry Farr brought a disassembled water pump for us to see.**

**Various cutting tools were demonstrated by Howard. Always wear the proper safety equipment when using these tools.**



**A pneumatic nibbler is shown here cutting thin gage sheet metal. The nibbler was the fastest cutting tool.**



**A rotary grinder with a 3" x .062" cutoff wheel.**



**Pneumatic shear cutter. Note the metal rolling up as the shear cuts.**



**A sheet metal gage is a simple and quick way to determine the thickness of sheet metal.**



**Joe Carter paying close attention to the meeting.**

**Come join us for the next MATTS meeting on Friday March 31st at 9 AM. Bring a Model A part or story to share with the group. If Bobby's lot is full, park next door in the vacant lot. See you there.**

**See you at Bobby's!**



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## Letters from home 2 Continued (these are service memos sent to the dealers).

### PART TWO

### LETTERS FROM HOME...

**SERVICE LETTER # 2** February 15, 1928      Floorboard Battery Box Cover We refer you to the front floorboard and the metal plate A-35150. We have decided that the hole in the cover is not necessary and due to possibility of battery fumes escaping through this hole into the passenger compartment. We (FMC Engineering) have eliminated this hole in all cars now in production. Please check your demonstrator and if yours does have the hole, we will be happy to ship you the new type immediately. Do not fail to let us have this information immediately...

Front Body Mount Bolts The front body bolts are left out intentionally on all Tudors and Coupes and immediately will be eliminated on the Fordor. The elimination of these bolts will assist with flexibility of the models on twisting and rutted roads. The elimination of these bolts has no effect upon body to frame mounting...

Paint Color Change      **Service** Letter # 9 August 15. 1928  
We have discontinued the Copra Drab with Seal Brown mouldings and French Gray Stripe for the Fordor body. These colors are being replaced in assembly by Rose Beige for the body, windshield and window reveals with Seal Brown mouldings and an Orange stripe. We are also adapting Andalusite Blue for bodies, windshield frame and window reveals with Arabian Sand Dark for mouldings and an Orange stripe...

Hubcaps In assembling Hub Caps part number A1130 to the wheel, we crimp four of the lugs on the inside of the wheel to prevent the hubcap from coming loose...

# 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 the rich Ford Motor Company History.

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## 1928 Martin-Parry Depot Hack



This Martin-Parry Depot Hack is owned by Ben and Harriet Purkey

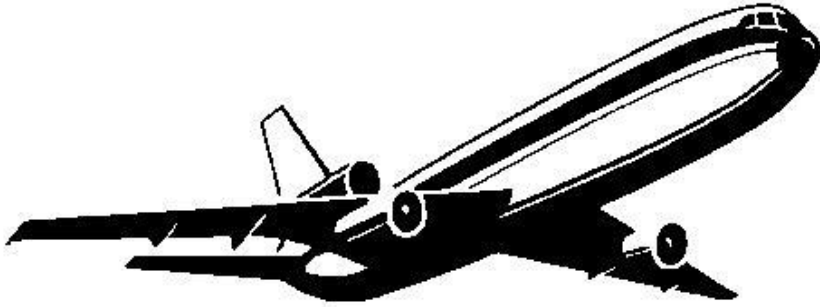
- When we talked previously about Ford Model “A” Station Wagons we said that Ford built production Model “A” Station Wagons from 1929 to 1931. We also said Ford built 5 prototypes Model A Station Wagons in 1928.

- In 1928 Ford built 42,612 commercial chassis. Many of these chassis were converted to many different uses. One of these conversions was the Martin-Parry body seen above.
- The Martin-Parry Company incorporated May 26, 1919, purchasing stocks from the Martin Truck and body corporation in Pennsylvania and the Parry Manufacturing Company of Indianapolis. It later had its facilities in Pennsylvania, Indiana and Mississippi and built bodies for all the different Marques including Ford Motor Company.
- As we mentioned in a previous “Did You Know” article the Depot Hack evolved from the Express body when they added seats.
- The need for a Depot Hack came from the need to transport passengers in small numbers from the Train Depot outside of the city to the city. The Train Depot later gave way to the Train Station, thus the name Station Wagon.
- The Martin-Parry Company was sold in 1930 to General Motors to build commercial bodies for the Chevrolet Truck Department; because of this no more Martin-Parry bodies were built after 1930.
- As far as we know there are only 2 Martin-Parry Model A built Depot Hacks known to exist. This makes the Martin-Parry Depot Hack a very rare Model “A”. The above example is body Number 218 and was completely restored using the original body wood as a pattern. The date on the Cowl is 10/10/28.
- It was purchased November 2010 in California. Originally sold as part of an estate sale in Pennsylvania in January 2008. The estate sale advertised it incorrectly as a “1929 Model A”.
- To see the complete restoration of this very rare Model A go to:  
[www.martin-parry.com](http://www.martin-parry.com).

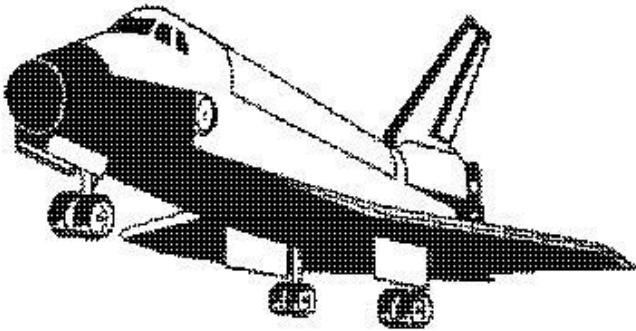


## Another Martin-Parry Depot Hack ...

### Air Force Museum Tour



Our Spring tour to Warner Robbins Air Museum went well on a cloudy Saturday morning. Leaving a couple cars at Al's office we joined together to drive over toward Macon, with Paul & MaryNell, Bobby, Jim, Al, Bob, John and Tom in a caravan. Bob was in the Vette with John. We met Howard and Barbara there at the museum. It rained a bit while we were at the museum then dried up.



We toured around the exhibits more than once till we found out there were 3 more hangers to see the planes. The movie with the history of Brig. Gen Scott was fantastic. He was instrumental in funding the Air Museum after he retired. And what a history he had, finally walking the Great Wall of China at 92 yrs. At 89 got to fly the B-1 – Wow.

After a late lunch we said goodbye to Paul, they headed to Atlanta. We headed to Lane's peach packing plant for some good ice cream. Nice way to tour.

We were back by 6pm with a sunny evening.

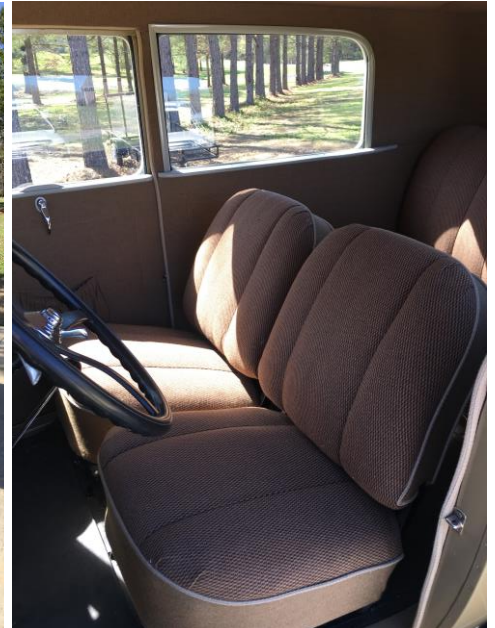
Roving Reporter,

Bob Smith



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Harry Mills 1930 Cabriolet is also for sale. He is asking \$32,500 for it.

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## WHO SAID THAT...

**A RETIRED HUSBAND is a wife's full time job...**

**OLD boys have their playthings as well as YOUNG boys; the difference is only in the price...**

**BUMPER SNICKER: If I had known how wonderful it is to have great grandchildren, I'd have had them first...**

**FIRST, you forget names, then you forget faces, then you forget to pull up your zipper up, then you forget to pull your zipper down. Leo Rosenberg...**

**YOUTH is in the mind, not in the condition of your flesh, Ginger Rodgers**