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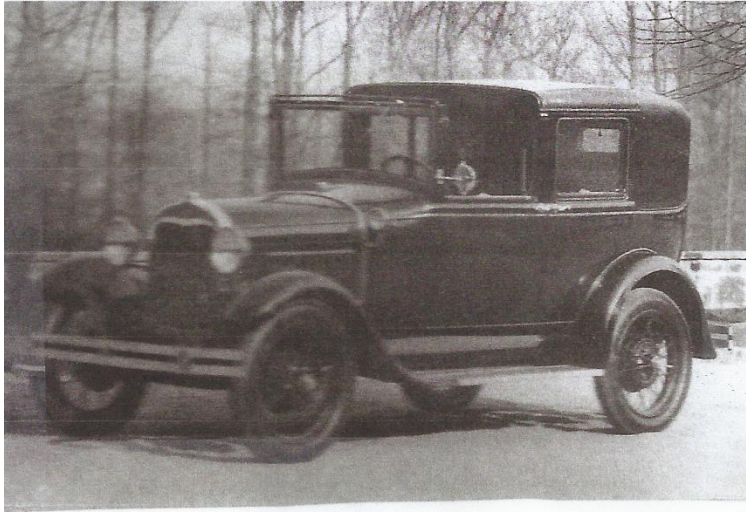
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Jim Langley DEC 2008-2009  
Al Lugo DEC 2010-2012  
Joe Spooner DEC 2014-2015**



## EZ - ON

MAY, 2017

Check the upcoming calendar in the Club Newsletter. Several good outings coming up and soon...

The Club Library benefited greatly with the donations of many issues of The Restorer, Model A News, Model A Times, and other Ford related publications thanks to our friend and former member, David Black... The library will open in the very near future for your looksee...

Looking for a great short tour in your "A". Paul Singer will have final details at the Members Meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>, for the East Alabama Old Car Show in Opelika on SATURDAY MAY, 20<sup>th</sup>...

Drive your Model A to the MATT meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup>...

You eat breakfast don't you? Why not with your Model A friends in July and August. Breakfast, tire kicking, and home with the "A" in the garage before 11 am, and you can then relax and "cool it".

See you down that Back Road...

*Jim ...*

# JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

**NEXT MEETING: May 18, 2017- 6:00PM (EASTERN) Our next Club meeting will be at Woodmen of the World Lodge, on Highway 80, in Phenix City.**

## COMING EVENTS

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
June 2	MATTS
June 2-3	Summer Moultrie Swap Meet
June 9	Planning Meeting
June 10	Al's Workshop-Generator-SIGN UP NOW
June 15	Club Meeting
June 17	Historical Tour

### 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 DrivePhenix 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  
April 20, 2017**

The April meeting of the River Cities Model A Ford Club was held April 20, 2017, at the Woodmen of the World facility, at 6:00PM EST.

Attending the meeting were Mark and Pat Gamble, Bobby and Connie Penny, Joe and June Spooner, Joe Carter, Sharon Webb, Glenn and Cindy Williams, Neil LaClair, Dick Noxon, Dexter Walden, Bob Smith, Al Lugo, Wayne Kennedy, Jim Langley, Paul and Mary Nelle Singer.

Jim Langley called the meeting to order and led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Joe Spooner said Grace; Members proceeded to the buffet line.

After dinner a visual program of the Club's recent tour to the Warner Robins Air Museum was presented.

**SUNSHINE REPORT:** Russell Lester has fallen again and broken his other hip, has had surgery and was in ICU. Larry Farrar is recovering from recent surgery.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Minutes of the March meeting were approved by club vote. Joe Carter gave the treasury report which was approved by club vote. Audit was done on the Club's books and found to be in good order. Bob Smith was the meal ticket drawing winner.

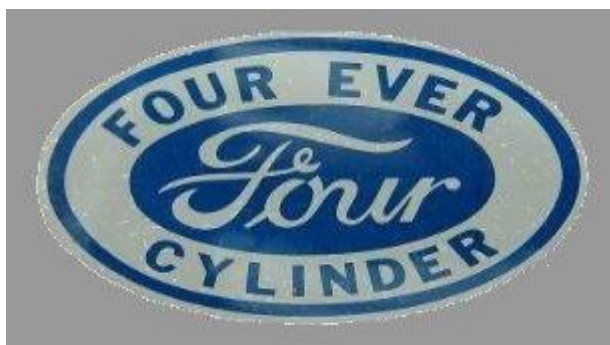
**MATTS:** Will get together on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Club members Al Lugo, Bobby Penney, Joe Spooner, Paul Singer and Jim Langley visited former member David Black in his home near Cullman, AL. David has donated many issues of The Restorer magazine, Model A News, Model A Times and other Ford publications to our club library.

**Activities/Tours:** Tour to Toomer Corner has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date. East Alabama Old Car Show will be held May 20<sup>th</sup>, in Opelika. Central Alabama Club will hold a swap meet on May 6<sup>th</sup> in Montgomery AL. The work shop on generators will be at Al Lugo's garage on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned,  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Nelle Singer  
Secretary

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES**



**MAY 4- Dexter & Kathleen Walden**

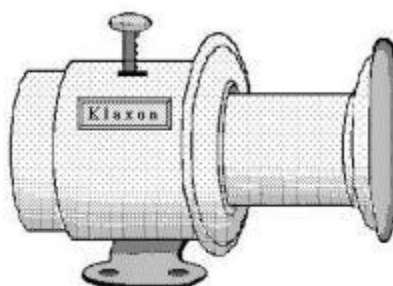
**MAY 14- Joe & Diane Watkins**

**MAY 20- Tom & Laura Penny**

**MAY 23- William & Anna Quick**

**MAY 25- Al & Lizbeth Lugo**

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**



**MAY 1- Al Lugo**

**May 15- Pat Gamble**

**MAY 18- Grover Barfield**

**MAY 27- William Quick**



## **The Model A Generator Workshop**

**Our next Workshop will be conducted on June 10, 2017. The topic will be the Model A Generator. The instructor will be Paul Singer. The location will be at Al's Garage. Lunch will be provided, and starting time will be 9:00 AM Eastern.**

**Please sign up during the May meeting or please Email or call Al Lugo before June 1, 2017 (Last Day to sign up). This is very important to have an accurate headcount for the caterer. Come and Join us and learn more about keeping our Model "A"s on the road!**

**Al Lugo**



**Photos by Al Lugo and Howard Ruddick**

**Again our MATTS meeting was well attended. The parking lot was full. The coffee was hot and donuts a hit.**



**Bobby shared an engine problem encountered with his 'A'. Only three cylinders were firing. There was no spark on the dead cylinder.**



**Close examination of the distributor revealed the points for the dead cylinder were not opening. A slight adjustment of the points was made allowing the points to open and provide spark to the dead cylinder. This adjustment did not affect the other three cylinders.**





**A simple measuring jig was made to check the rise of each cam lobe.**



**Close up of the dial indicator rod touching the distributor cam. As suspected variations in lobe rise were found. The cam was replaced.**



**A protective shield was cut from a plastic bottle. This shield prevents accidental damage to the distributor when working on the other engine components.**



Joe Spooner enjoying the meeting.

**Come join us for the next MATT'S meeting on Friday May 5th at 9 AM.**

## **A's on Broadway**

**Mark your calendar for the 16<sup>th</sup> of September when we celebrate International Model A day at Uptown Columbus. More information to follow the closer we get to the 16th**

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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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November 9, 1931

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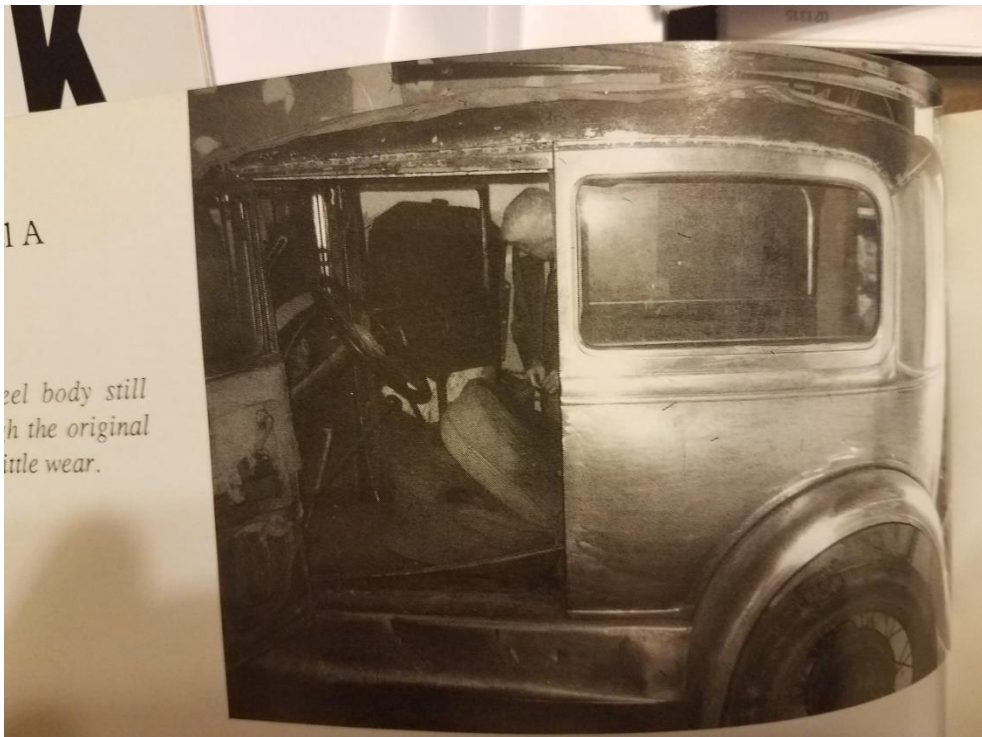
**A Stainless Steel Model "A"?**

- Many in the hobby know that several Fords were made out of Stainless Steel. But did you know several Model "A"s were built also?
- Fred Carlton, former editor of "The Restorer" wrote an article in 1995 in the Restorer, about the Stainless Steel Model "A" Ford.
- Historians say that 3 Stainless Steel Model "A"s were made. The company that made them was Allegheny Ludium Steel.
- Ford kept one car and later cut it in half and made a display with it. The Allegheny Metal Company melted theirs down during World War II. But where is the third Stainless Steel Model "A"?
- The stainless steel cars were built to raise awareness of the quality of the stainless steel metal.
- The Allegheny Company built six 1936 Ford Deluxe Tudor Sedans which they used for marketing purposes. Their top salesmen of the year would earn driving these Fords for one year. Only four are known to still exist.
- They also built two stainless steel thunderbird and three Lincoln Continental Convertibles. Because the metal did not rust there was no need to paint it. A set of these tree cars are on permanent display at the Crawford Auto Museum in Cleveland, Ohio
- In 1985 a person that worked for Allegheny Steel visited the lady that had the stainless steel Model "A" with the intention of purchasing it for the Company. Her husband purchased it in 1954 but never drove it and it had not run since 1942. The Company did not agree to the asking price of \$50,000.
- Fred Carlton was able to visit the lady in 1995. At that time the car sat in the exact spot the Allegheny Metal Company representative saw it. The body was made of Stainless Steel but the running gear was standard Model A and not made out of Stainless Steel
- At that time a collector from the West Coast offered \$500,000 but we do not know if the car was purchased for that amount.
- But the question is where this Model "A" now is and how much is it worth?





**A Stainless Steel Model A Tudor...**



**When the picture was taken, the body looked new, but the upholstery looked worn...**



**The body was stainless steel but everything else was standard Model A parts...**



**The three other Stainless Steel Fords produced by Allegheny Ludium Steel, 1936 Ford Deluxe Tudor, 67 Lincoln and 1960 Ford Thunderbird...**



## Nesting Falcon

**HELP**

Roy Armstrong: [royra@windstream.net](mailto:royra@windstream.net) Needs help with his Model A, "Do you know of anybody that might have a top rear panel (the one that has the rear window in it) for a 28 or 29 pickup"?

David A Black

Cull🧐man, Alabama