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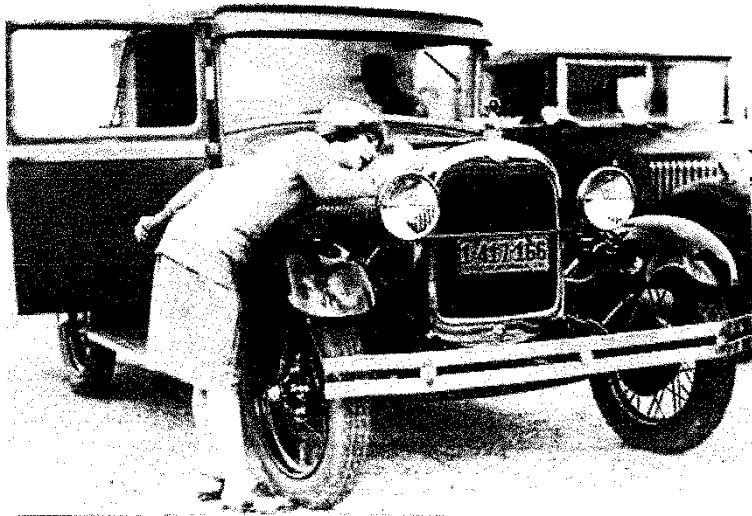
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JUNE, 2017

Do you read the River Cities Running Board? Then you are missing a lot of good and timely information.

Drive your Model A to the MATT meeting on June 2nd Priority Parking for "A"s...

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".

How about our members at the Opelika Car Show. Three members, AND, five trophies. Congrats to all...

Summer is upon us. Why not drive you A to the Members Meeting on June 18th. If so, park you "A" in the front parking lot...

Appointment of Nominations Committee to survey and select new officers for 2018 coming up soon. Yes, it is June already. When asked to serve in a particular club position, WHY NOT say YES...

See you on that back road:

JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: June 15, 2017- 6:00PM
(EASTERN) Our
next Club meeting will be at Woodmen of
the World Lodge, on Highway 80, in Phenix
City.

COMING EVENTS

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	Ice Cream Tour
July 7	MATTS
July 14	Planning Meeting
July 20	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 (Stadium Drive, Phenix 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
Meeting Minutes May 18th, 2017

Club Meeting

The May Meeting of the River Cities Model A Ford Club was held at 6:00PM(EST) Thursday, May 18, 2017 at the Woodman of The World facility. Members present were Mickey Timbes, Joe Carter, Paul and Mary Nelle Singer, Glenn Williams and Cindy, Dick Noxon, Joe Watkins, Bob Smith, Tom Ellis, Al Lugo, Joe and June Spooner, Jim Langley, Neil Laclair, Kevin Adams, Sharon Webb, Bobby and Connie Penney, and Mark and Pat Gamble.

Jim Langley called the meeting to order and lead the members in the Pledge of allegiance. Grace was given by Al Lugo. Members proceeded to dinner.

Sunshine Report: Russell Lester has been moved to another rehab center at Arbor Springs, Room 506, Opelika, Ala., 36801. Mary Anne is still recovering at home with rehab sessions. Larry Farrar is progressing from recent surgery. Bill Shirley is recovering from recent surgery.

Old Business: Minutes of May meeting were approved.

Treasury Report: Joe Carter gave the treasury report from April which was approved by the members. Bob Smith won the Meal ticket drawing.

The next MATTS meeting will be held June 2nd.

The Club library is almost ready for members to observe and check out books.

The next workshop will be at Al Lugo's Garage on June 10th, and will be on the Model a Generator.

Pat Gamble was recognized for her article that was in the recent Restorer.

The program was given by Al Lugo. It was a film on the life of General Robert L. Scott. A movie on his life, God is My Copilot, can be seen at the Aviation Museum at Warner Robins, Ga.

Meeting Adjourned.

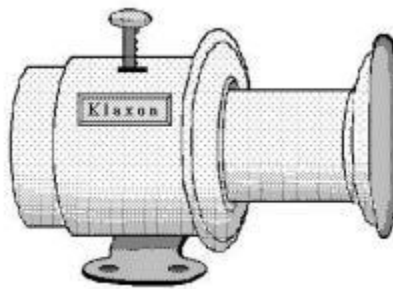
Respectively submitted,
Mary Nelle Singer,
Secretary

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES



JUNE 16- William & Renate Shirley

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



JUNE 3 - Russell Lester

JUNE 6- Anna Quick

JUNE 15- June Spooner

JUNE 25- Barbara Ruddick

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!



Photos by Howard Ruddick

Even with threatening rain Bobby's parking lot was jam packed! One of our best groups yet. However, we still could have found a parking place for you!



Thanks to a generous literature contribution by David Black, who is one of our former members, our library is coming together.

To David, a big "Thanks"



Here Bobby is explaining how to rebuild a Gas Gage.



Part of the group. Note the empty Doughnut boxes on the table.



A totally rusted wrench has been reclaimed by immersion in a vinegar and water solution.



A heavy discussion near the library between Jim and Larry.



**Bobby Schackleford is attending again.
Good to see you Bobby!**



**Our president Jim Langley is paying
complete attention!**

Come join us the first Friday of each month at Bobby's shop for fellowship, Model A talk, doughnuts, and hot coffee. Also Bobby says it is okay to park next door on the vacant lot next door. We look forward to seeing you.

A's on Broadway

Mark your calendar for the 16th 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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ABREVIATED DID YOU KNOW?

By Bill Shirley and Jim Langley

Al's "Did You Know" will return next month.

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Imagine This - Reversing Uphill!

The very first Ford Model T's employed a gravity-fed fuel system. This means that there was no fuel pump, so when a driver would attempt to climb a steep hill, the fuel in the rear-mounted fuel tank couldn't flow to the engine, and the vehicle would either stall or run out of fuel before making it up the hill. "Tin Lizzie" owners soon solved the fuel-delivery problem by backing up hills!



Why the Name "Tin Lizzie"?

In the early days of the American automobile, the public was suspicious of the need for a motorized vehicle that often scared horses and damaged roads by creating deep ruts in wet weather.

As more and more Ford Model T automobiles began occupying the roads, the dissatisfied public began giving Henry Ford's new automobile the nickname "Tin Lizzie" because "Liz" or "Lizzie" was a common name for a horse in the early 20th century America.

Eventually, the name was seen as a term of endearment and some owners began referring to their own Fords as a "Tin Lizzie," a nickname still in use today.

1914 The first electric traffic light was installed in Cleveland.



An example of a slick Ford car advertisement

Henry Ford was a survivor but a shrewd one. He held car buyers in suspense, not letting the press know what's up his sleeve. He imposed a "news blackout" that fueled speculation what his new car will be. Although many car buyers were going to Chevrolet showrooms, many others were waiting in the wings, not intent in buying any 20s cars in those showrooms. Speculation in the press fueled even greater interest, and soon rumors were rampant.

When the new car - dubbed the Model A - was introduced in late 1927, it was the most

significant launch in the history of the automobile industry. Never before had a car generated such excitement. Ford himself began the campaign with a series of five full-page advertisements in every daily newspaper in the country.

When the car was finally put on display, public reaction was overwhelmingly positive. People waited in line for hours to get a glimpse of the new Model A. The 1928 Ford Model A sported Lincoln-like styling and prices starting at \$460. It boasts an engine with 200.5 cubic-inch with 40 hp. 400,000 orders of these 20's cars were placed in the first two weeks alone.

The Model A was one of the biggest news stories of the 1920s. It was comparable to Lindbergh's flight across the Atlantic or the Dempsey-Tunney fight. It was one of the biggest industrial stories of the 20th century. It was the best-selling car in America in 1928.

That the original striping to Model A Fords was painted by hand at the Ford assembly plant using thick paint and brushes made from the hair of squirrel tails. It is amazing how precise and straight the lines could be made using this method. Men without previous experience were trained at the Ford plant to effectively use this method in two to three weeks.



DO YOU KNOW???

The first Ford Motor Company Assembly Plant was located in _____ and what was this plant's name?

- (A. Detroit, Highland Park; B. Detroit, Dearborn, The Rouge; C. Detroit, Piquette; D. Detroit, Mac Avenue.

Which of the following features of the 1926-1927 Model T Ford was carried over in the design of the new Ford for 1928?

- A. Steel Spoke Wheels and Open End Bumpers
- B. Wooden Spoke Wheels
- C. 20 Horsepower Gasoline Engine
- D. Two Wheel Brakes

The Model A Ford Body design was actually produced from the chalk drawings on a stand-alone blackboard in the Ford Engineering Department?

- A. TRUE B. FALSE.

The first 1928 Model A Ford actually produced was?

- A. Model 35A Phaeton B. Model 40A Coupe C. Model 55A Tudor D. Model 150A Station Wagon.

When were Model A fords and Model AA Trucks actually given Designated Body Numbers such as 35A, 55B ,150A, 54A etc.

A. 1927, B. 1928, C. 1929, D. 1930

Answers at the end of the News Letter

The 2017 Great Race

"THE GREAT RACE" is coming through Newnan, GA this year June 25 around 12pm. They will stop and park for lunch at noon around the Newnan, GA Court House. As another added story, Perry Swanson is in the race (#101) driving a 1930 Model A Ford truck with a produce bed. I would encourage everyone who has time on this day to come and see and experience The Great Race and all of the great cars in one place so close to us. Be sure to look for Car #101.



Always Remember This:

**"You don't stop laughing because you grow old,
You grow old because you stop laughing"**

HELP

Roy Armstrong: 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"?

Parts needed

Gerald gfireman52@aol.com Anniston, Al. Area. Needs a 2 tooth steering gear (A Complete unit) Help him out if you can.....

1. C; 2. A; 3. TRUE; 4. TUDOR; 5. 1930

HOW MANY DID YOU MISS? Better get to the Club Library and bone up.....

Our Annual Car Show and BBQ is THIS SATURDAY!!

Saturday June 3rd

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