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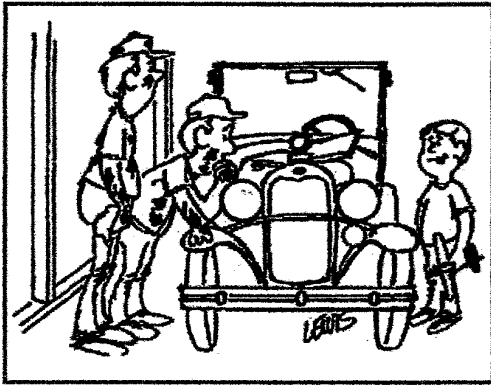
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PAST PRESIDENTS:

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Al Lugo DEC 2010-2012
Joe Spooner DEC 2014-2015**



Grandma says she sometimes gives Grandpa prune juice to help get him started!

EZ - ON

IMPORTANT that "U" be at the November 16th Members Meeting. The Nominating Committee will again announce candidates for the 2018 Board of Directors, and then the floor will open for any additional nominations...

DID YOU SIGN UP for the Veterans Day Parade on November 11th, Bi-City Christmas Parade on December 8th, and the Mayor's Motorcade on Friday December 2nd. (The patients there rarely see anything other than the hospital campus), Surly, Not a Model A. **NO ? Then call Paul Singer** and he will get you on board...

WHATS THAT SOUND ? Yes, you are correct. It's that Opera singer warming up in the wings, but I need to remind her that she will not be on stage on December 21st...

DID YOU FORGET THE TRICK OR TREAT CANDIES? Uh Owe, did the little spooks get you ???

SEE YOU DOWN THOSE BACK ROADS,

Jim ...

JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: November 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

November 3	MATTS
November 10	Planning Meeting
November 11	Veterans Day Parade
November 16	Club Meeting- Club Officer Elections
November 17-19	Moultrie Swap Meet
December 1	MATTS
December 2	Tri-City Christmas Parade
December 8	Planning Meeting
December 8	Mayor's Motorcade Parade
December 21	Club Annual Business Meeting & Christmas Party

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:

November 29- Dec.3 MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

River Cities Model A Ford Club

Meeting Minutes October 19, 2017

The October Meeting of the River Cities Model A Club was held at 6:00 at the Woodman of the World Banquet Hall. Members present: Paul and Mary Nelle Singer, Joe Carter, Bob Smith, John Robertson, Bob and Connie Penny, Dick Noxen, Neil La Claire, James Langley, Al Lugo and Bill Shirley

President Jim Langley called the meeting to order and after the pledge of Allegiance and Prayer members preceded to the Dinner.

Old Business

Members under the weather include Bobby Shackleford, Russell and Mary Ann Lester and Diane Watkins.

Minutes from the September Meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

New Business

Joe Carter gave a Treasures Report which was approved.

President Langley reported that MATTs continues to be well attended. The educational and social meetings get more interesting as we go along.

Paul Singer reported on the annual picnic which was held at Joe and June Spooners lake house. Many thanks for a great time.

Al Lugo reported selections for new club officers for 2018. Elections will be held at our November meeting. Those nominated are President - Sharon Webb, Vice President – Al Lugo, Secretary - Mary Nelle Singer and Treasurer – Dick Noxin

Al Lugo and Joe Carter gave a short program on Senior Safety. They advised all members to take care when working on cars and other tasks around the house.

Al Lugo presented a video on “A’s” around the world. We watched half of the video and will continue next month. It was very entertaining, Thanks Al.

Check the newsletter for upcoming events, such as the Christmas Parade, Veterans Parade and the Mayors Parade coming up this and next month.

Dinner winner was Neil La Claire.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted

Connie Penny

Why do they call it a running board?

The Model A offered buyers elegant styling (described as a “downsized Lincoln” by some), four-wheel brakes, improved fuel economy, a laminated safety glass windshield, hydraulic shock absorbers, and a 200.5-cu.in. four-cylinder engine rated at 40 horsepower, enough to deliver a top speed of 65 MPH. Seven body types were offered at launch, including Sport Coupe, Coupe, Roadster, Phaeton,

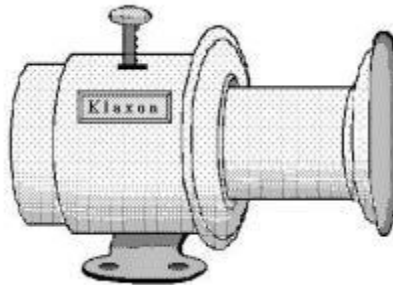
Tudor sedan, Fordor sedan, and truck, and buyers could choose from four colors (Niagara Blue, Arabian Sand, Dawn Gray and Gun Metal Blue).

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES



NOVEMBER 6- Jim & Linda Miller
NOVEMBER 16- Joe & Betty Fagundes
NOVEMBER 19- Thomas & Kathryn Foster
NOVEMBER 26- Patrick & Pamela Tyler

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



NOVEMBER 2 - Dexter Walden
NOVEMBER 8 - Tom Penny
NOVEMBER 17 - Donna Carter
NOVEMBER 18 - Joe Fagundes
NOVEMBER 19 - Kevin Adams
NOVEMBER 25 - Bobby Shackelford
NOVEMBER 28 - Bobby Penny
NOVEMBER 28 - William Shirley
NOVEMBER 30 - Laura Penny



Photos by Howard Ruddick

Come join us on the first Friday of each month at Bobby's shop for fellowship, hot coffee and doughnuts, while learning about the Model A

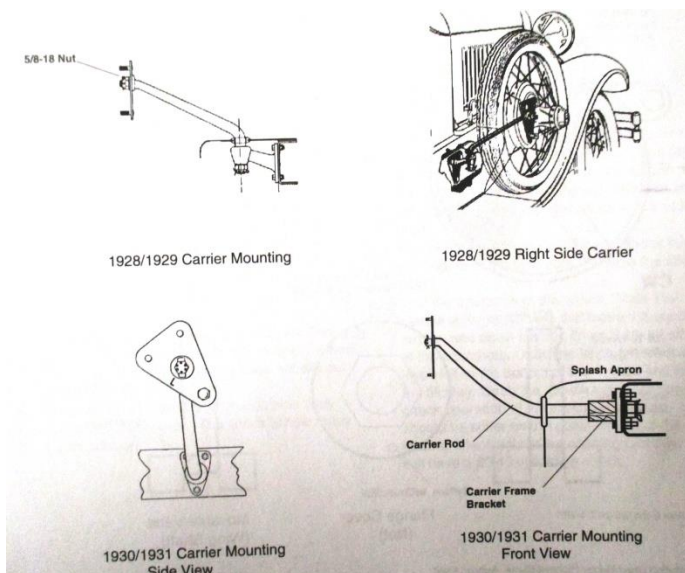


Our round table members enjoying fellowship with hot coffee and doughnuts as they learn about the Model A.

As winter approaches it is important to use conventional green antifreeze available at local auto parts stores. Use O'Reilly P/N AFZ GAL or equal.



Bobby discusses issues with spare tire carriers and their mounting.



Details of Spare Tire Carrier Mounting.
(Taken from Model A Mechanics Handbook,
Volume 1, Page 1-262 by Les Andrews)



**Joe Spooner discusses plans for the upcoming
Fall Picnic to be held at the Spooner's Lake
House on Lake Martin**

**Come join us at Bobby's shop the first Friday of each month at 9 AM EST for
fellowship, doughnuts and coffee plus information on keeping our Model A s on
the road. We are saving a parking place and chair for you.**

2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES

In accordance with our Bylaws our Club Membership Dues are due to our Treasurer Joe Carter by December 31. I would like to ask as many of you to pay in November to reduce dues collection during our Annual Business Meeting & Christmas Party. If you can't attend the November Meeting you can send dues to the Club P.O. Box.

Al Lugo- Membership Director



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By AL LUGO

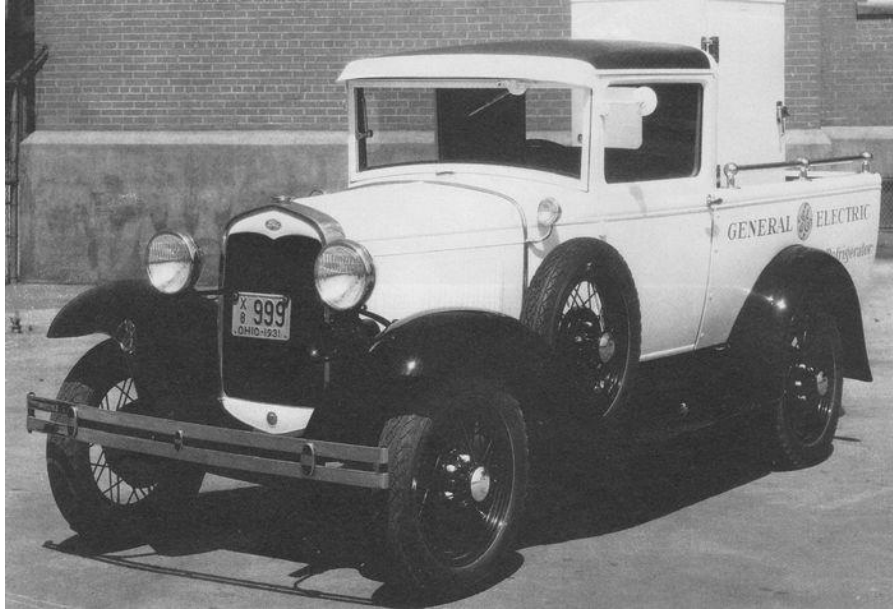
The Ford Motor Company has one of the richest histories of any Automobile Company. This was possible because of the preservation of documents, photos, and short films. It is my purpose in the coming months to bring you significant facts of Ford history presented in short “bullets”. Please join me in honoring our rich Ford Motor Company History.

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The Deluxe Ford Pickup (66-A)



- Last month we talked about a rare Model A, the Model "A" Ford Mail Truck. Even rarer is the 1931 Deluxe Pickup. Only 293 of these pickups were produced and only about 23 still exist and half of them are in running condition.
- In late 1930 the AA Service Car was produced. On May 1, 1931, Ford Motor Company announced a smaller version of this Service Car and called it the Deluxe Pickup.
- It was first developed by Ford Motor Company for use by the General Electric Company. Ford first introduced the Deluxe Pickup at the General Electric Refrigerator Dealers Convention in 1931. General Electric ordered 125 units and chose white for their Deluxe Pickups. These Pickups were also available in the other 38 standard commercial colors.
- The bodies were built by Briggs Manufacturing Company and after they applied primer to the bodies, they shipped the bodies to the Ford Assembly plants for paint and assembly.
- These bodies were mounted on regular Model "A" chassis, regular four cylinder engine and were only available with a standard closed cab. It is believed that all Deluxe Pickups had indented cowls since production started May 1, 1931
- The bed was longer, had deeper sides, and had a tailgate that opened the full width of the body and opened lower to make loading easier. The tailgate had hardware that was unique to this pickup. The Deluxe Pickup had a straight windshield and the running boards were the same as all commercial vehicles.
- Ford advertised the Deluxe Pickup as been well adapted for many businesses including electrical companies, service stations and garages, tire dealers, parts delivery companies, hardware merchants, grocery stores and public utilities
- While standard Ford Model A Pickups had standard trim (black), the Deluxe Pickup had rustless steel in the radiator shell, cowl band, headlights, windshield frame, tail lights, and outside rear view mirror. They came with single sidemounts. The Cowl lights and the rails mounted on top of the bed were chrome plated.
- By September of 1931 only 99 units had been sold. Ford Motor Company initially ordered 325 units but because of this Ford Motor Company canceled its contract with Briggs after only 293 Deluxe Pickup were produced.



General Electric Company ordered 125 of these Deluxe Pickups...



1931 Deluxe Pickup 66-A
John & Nancy Firth
Grants Pass Oregon

Note unique tailgate hardware and chrome rails

WANTED

A friend in Cullman, Al. is looking for a (Complete) Model A Basket case or a running car that needs to be restored. Give me details: Body Style, condition & price and Location of the car. Picture if possible..... Thanks

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David A Black

Cull[☺]man, Alabama

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MAFFI Newsletter Minute

Outside of North America.

What's new with MAFFI?

At this year's annual Board of Directors Meeting, we were excited to have Olle Bergstrom accept the position of International Liaison for MAFFI. This newly created position is intended to provide greater exposure for our museum and to

gain knowledge of activities in manufacturing and sales for the Model A o
This year we began building an exhibit we have titled “A-Round the World”. We have acquired memorabilia, a right hand drive Deluxe Phaeton and have produced signage to explain the history of Ford Model A production and marketing in Europe, Asia and South America. We are looking forward to having Olle help expand our exhibit content and generate greater international enthusiasm for our museum.

If you weren't able to be at Model A Day this year, plan a trip to see the Museum. There is something new to see and explore not only at our facility but at the Gilmore as well.

Thank you for your continued support of MAFFI!

John Begg,

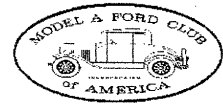
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