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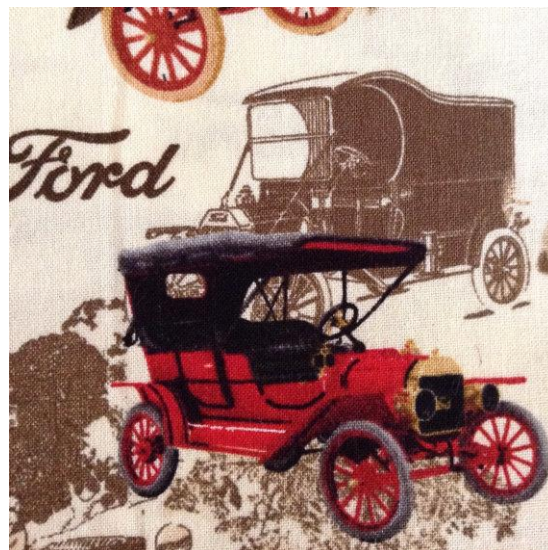
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Presidents Corner

Welcome Members!

If you missed our April club meeting you really missed a good one! We had a guest speaker from Hospice, Tesha Mack RN, CHPN. She spoke on the 5 Wishes, planning your health care advance directives. It was very informative!

Our next month's program should be equally good on self-defense. Hope to see you there for a fun time!

The MATTS team is continuing to work on the water pumps in preparation for the June workshop. It's not too late to join in. If sanding and painting is not to your liking, come anyway and look over the extensive library of books and magazines. We could use some help getting these cataloged.

REMEMBER you will gain so much from participating in our events not only from expertise but fellowship as well!

See you in May!

Sincerely,
Sharon Webb

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Sharon Webb**



JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: Friday, May 18, 2018- 10:00AM (EASTERN)

Our next Club Meeting will be at Woodmen of the World Lodge, on Highway 80, in Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

May 11	Planning Meeting
May 18	Club Meeting (Friday 10:00 AM)
May 19	Old Alabama Car Club Car Show
June 1	MATTS
June 8	Planning Meeting
June 9	Al's Workshop- Water Pump rebuilding
June 15	Club Meeting (Friday 10:00 AM)
June 16	Joint Tour/Picnic with Central Alabama MAFC

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:

June 24-29	MAFCA National Convention Reno-Sparks, Nevada
Nov 27-Dec 1	MAFCA National Awards Banquet- Tucson, Arizona

River Cities Model A Ford Meeting Minutes April 20, 2018

April meeting was held at the Woodmen of the World Lodge, Phenix City, Ala.

Club President Sharon Webb called the meeting to order at 10:00AM EST and lead the club in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, Robert Brundidge said the blessing, members and guest proceeded to brunch.

Members Present: Howard and Barbara Ruddick, Dick Noxon, Sharon Webb, Paul and Mary Nelle Singer, Joe Carter, John and Ricki Robertson, Joe and June Spooner, Jim Langley, Mickey Timbes, Bob Smith, Bobby Penny Bill Shirley and guest Tesha Mack.

Our program this month was, Five Wishes, presented by Tesha Mack.

Sunshine Report: Jim Miller home, Kevin Adams, Joe Watkins and David Black, remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Old Business: Club members approved March Club Minutes and Treasurers report by unanimous show of hands vote.

MATTS; Work Shop is on April 27th. Still working on water pump rebuilding.

Tour Activities: Picnic at Spooners' lake house on April 21st, East Alabama's Ole Car Show on May 19th, Al's Garage work shop June 9th and Central A's picnic on June 16th

Other: Toys are still being collected for Christmas season in December. Mary Nelle Singer won the Free meal ticket drawing for May.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Nelle Singer
Secretary

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MAY 4- Dexter & Kathleen Walden

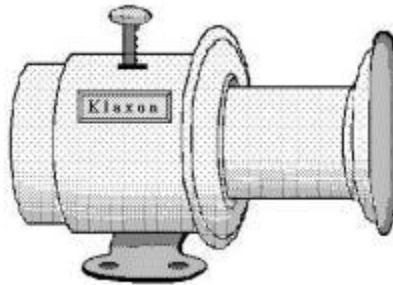
MAY 14- Joe & Diane Watkins

MAY 20- Tom & Laura Penny

MAY 23- William & Anna Quick

MAY 25- Al & Lizbeth Lugo

BIRTHDAYS



MAY 1- Al Lugo

May 15- Pat Gamble

MAY 18- Grover Barfield

MAY 27- William Quick



Photos by Howard Ruddick

We met on a clear Friday morning at Bobby's to continue cleaning and priming our Model 'A' water pump parts.



These are the castings and parts we are working with. There are tags to identify each member's casting.



Tray of castings we cleaned during our last meeting.



Joe Spooner examines a used pump shaft and impeller.



Sharon is cleaning and sand blasting her casting.





A jig to hold the castings during painting, made by Bobby.



Joe Carter is painting his casting with primer.



Water pump rebuild kits just waiting to be installed

At our next meeting we will apply a final coat of paint to our castings and get them ready for assembly at Al's work shop to be held in June. We offer hot coffee, doughnuts, a chair, and fellowship as we learn about how we can keep our Model 'A's on the road.

Important notice from Al Lugo

Rebuilding the Model “A”

Ford Water Pump

Our next Workshop will be conducted on Saturday, June 9, 2018. The topic will be the rebuilding the Model “A” water pump. The instructors will be Bobby Penny and Joe Spooner. The location will be at Al’s Garage. Lunch will be provided and starting time will be 9:00 AM Eastern. This is our 15th Workshop!

Please sign up during the May meeting or please Email or call Al Lugo before May 25, 2018 (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

Scholarships, it is time to submit your application. The application can be found on the Web Site. You must Submit them before the end of June, so they can be evaluated by the club Board. Scholarship point of contact is Bill Shirley.

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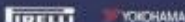
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**Spring Fling Picnic Tour at
Joe and June Spooner's Lake Home**





Getting ready to go at Glenwood School



Arriving at Joe and June's Lake House



After a delicious meal and fellowship, we drove home

Thank you, Joe and June, for a wonderful time!

Tech Tip from Bentley

Maintaining the Model A Ford Radiator and Cooling System Lots of people ask me about their radiators. There are several common problems that I thought we could address in this month's article. I will try to cover the basics, if you have any additional questions, call me anytime.

A Healthy cooling system: A well-maintained radiator and cooling system should be free of any leaks. The coolant temperature should remain within 100° of the temperature outside. In other words, on an 80° day the coolant temperature should stay under 180°. Measure with a temperature gage or laser thermometer at the upper water neck. Your coolant should never be a rusty color, and you should not have to add more than a quart of coolant during a normal drive. Keep in mind that a Model A cooling system is open to the outside atmosphere so you will lose coolant, you just shouldn't lose much.

Leaks: The most common leak is at the water pump. This can be corrected by rebuilding your water pump or replacing it with a "leakless" modern water pump. Another common leak is at the radiator cap. This will cause water to splash onto your windshield. This is not an overheating problem, just a problem with your cap sealing gasket. If you have a Quail or Moto-meter, you will have multiple gaskets, so you may have to spend some time making sure you have a good seal at the top of the radiator. If your radiator is leaking in the core, then a trip to the radiator shop or a new radiator may be in order. Of course hoses can also be a source of leaks. Just check everything carefully.

Rusty Coolant: Keep at least ½ gallon of anti-freeze in the car year round to prevent rust.

Flushing your cooling system: If you do have rusty water in your cooling system, you can try flushing it out with a garden hose. Make sure your engine is cool, then remove the upper radiator hose. Place a

garden hose and the top of your radiator and turn on the water at a medium rate. Allow your engine to idle, letting the freshwater flush down to your radiator and up through your engine and out onto your clean driveway. The rusty stains will remain there for years. There are also some excellent chemical flushing agents available at your local auto parts store which will really clean the system well. Just follow the directions on the container. More advanced problems: you can have more advanced problems such as a leak at your head gasket. If water disappears from your cooling system at an alarming rate or if you get water contamination in your oil then you can pressure test your cooling system to find hidden leaks. These pressure test kits are available at auto parts stores, sometimes they will even loan you the kit free of charge. Keep in mind you will need to plug off the overflow pipe before you can pressure test. Still having problems? If you had checked everything above and still have overheating problems, then I would recommend a new radiator such as a Brassworks. Your original radiator is almost 90 years old, and they do wear out. Let me know if we can help.

Did know this,

Henry Ford had Environmentally Friendly Ambitions,

Always eager to explore new ideas, Ford had a long-held interest in the possibility of developing plastics from agricultural products, soybeans. As a result, several soybean-based plastics were utilized in Ford vehicles during the 1930s for various features.

Furthermore, Ford's ambition to develop an environmentally friendly car led to the production of the concept car, the Soybean car, otherwise known as the Hemp body car, in 1941. Although it had several positive elements – it weighed 30% less than cars made of steel, had the ability to withstand impact better than steel vehicles

and ran on ethanol derived from hemp – the machine never caught the public's attention.

Henry Ford's Significance in Technological Pioneering,

Ford pioneered the use of engineered woods, as he felt that the best wood could be made rather than grown. He also experimented with the use of corn as a fuel.

Ford also played a significant part in the development of charcoal briquettes, which were originally marketed as "Kingsford", when his brother in-law E.G Kingsford, utilized wood scraps from Ford's factory to produce the charcoal.