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RIVER CITIES MODEL "A" FORD CLUB

This newsletter is the official publication of the River Cities Model A Ford Club, a chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America. It is mailed monthly to all members in good standing. Dues are \$25.00 per year per family. Membership in the MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA is a requirement for membership in the River Cities Model A Ford Club.

CLUB OFFICERS:

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The River Cities Model "A" Ford Club permanent address is P.O. Box 342, Columbus, GA 31902

All mail should be sent to the River Cities Model A Ford Club address above. Matters concerning the newsletter should be sent to the editor to insure timely publication.

FOUNDING MEMBERS:

*Jim Timbes	Bob Smith	Bobby Penny
Mildred Timbes	Al Lugo	*Robert Jackson
*Dan Palmer	Lawrence Farrar	*Bettie Jackson
Dan Diener	Bill Buck	(*Deceased)

PAST PRESIDENTS:

Jim Timbes NOV 2000-DEC 2001	Bob Smith DEC 2001-2003
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Joe Spooner DEC 2006-2008	Jim Langley DEC 2008-2009
Jim Timbes DEC 2009-2010	Al Lugo DEC 2010-2012
Paul Singer Dec 2012-2014	Joe Spooner DEC 2014-2015
Jim Langley Dec 2015-2017	Sharon Webb Dec 2017-2018
Jim Langley Dec 2018-2019	Al Lugo Dec 2019-2020-2021

From the President...

January 2021

Hope you all had “A” great Christmas and New Years and were able to spend some quality time with your families. We all hope that with the introduction of the COVID vaccine 2021 will be much better than 2020 and that we will get to normal times.

We had 21 members attend our Business Meeting and Christmas Party and by the comments I heard it seems everyone enjoyed it. Mary Nelle had some challenging games that challenged our mental sharpness. It was great to see fellow member and former President, Sharron Webb that drove all the way from North Carolina to attend.

Congratulations again to the following members that won awards during our Christmas Party:

Connie Penny- MAFCA Service Award

Bobby Penny- President's Award

Jim Langley- Spark Plug Award

Bob Smith- Road Runner Trophy

And thank you for all of you that helped our club in any way during the difficult past year.



Thank you to all that made a monetary donation for the Salvation Army in lieu of toys. You helped make a child happy during this incredibly special season.

See you on the road,

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“Club MEMBERS DONATE \$200 to THE Salvation Army”



Photo by Salvation Army Staff

“PARICIPATE, DRIVE, HAVE FUN”

“Celebrating the 20th Year of the Founding of Our Club”

River Cities Model A Ford Club

The December meeting of the River Cities Model A Club was held December 19, 2020 at the Woodman of the World Facility. Members present were: John and Ricky Robertson, Sharon and Tom Ellis, Bob and Connie Penny, Sherri and John Glison, Catherine and Robert Wharam, Jim Langley, Mary Nell Singer, Scot Singer, Sharon Webb, Wayne Kennedy, Bob Smith, Mickey Timbes, Richard Noxon, Al and Lizbeth Lugo, Mark and Laura Smith. President Al Lugo called the meeting to order with the Pledge. Before the Blessing Al recognized Members, who have passed away in 2020. Members who passed were: Bobby Shackeford, Louie Willett, and Russell Lester. Al then gave the blessing and members proceeded to the Christmas luncheon.

After members had dinner we continued with the meeting.

Members present were reminded we were giving a cash donation to the Salvation Army in lieu of gifts for the children. \$200.00 was collected.

Minutes were approved as read in the newsletter. Motion by John Roberson and second by Bob Smith.

Dick Noxon gave the treasurer's report which was approved by a motion by Wayne Kennedy and second by Jim Langley. Approved.

The Club presented Margie and Robert a Christmas bonus for being devoted caters and serving delicious meals. President Lugo thanked Mary Nell Singer and other members for the beautiful Christmas table decorations. Also a thank you to Bob Penny for bringing the Christmas China.

Reminder from President Al Lugo that the club dues are due by December 31, 2020.

Insurance for the National Insurance is due. This insurance provides members coverage for incidents involving Model A's. Our Club donated \$75.00 per year for this insurance. Motion by John Robertson and second by Sharon Webb.

Mafca is offering a 1-year free membership for new members. Dues for that are 45.00 per year.

The Road Runner award was presented to Bob Smith who drove 972 miles this year. Second was Bob Penny and third was Robert Wharam. Altogether they drove 3,591 miles. Congratulations to all who drove their Model A's this year.

President Lugo awarded the National Service Award to Connie Penny. The President's award went to Bobby Penny and the Spark Award went to Jim Langley.

Congratulations to all of them all.

Installation of new Officers:

Jim Langley installed President Al Lugo, President Lugo then installed Mark Smith as Vice President, Connie Penny as Secretary and Richard Noxon as treasurer.

Bob Penny reminded members he was still taking orders for Shirts and sweatshirts.

Having no further business meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Connie Penny, Club Secretary

JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 21, 2021-6:00PM (EASTERN)

Location: To be Announced.

COMING EVENTS

January 2	MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday: 9:00AM)
January 21	Club Meeting (Location to be announced)
January 23	Club Tour (Meet 1:00 PM St. Marks, Columbus,GA)
February 6	MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday)
February 18	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)
Every 2 nd Saturday	Opelika Home Depot Cruise In
Every 3 rd Saturday	Phenix City Home Depot Cruise In
Every 4 th Saturday	Steak and Shake (Bradley Park Drive)
Last Saturday of month	Opelika Cruise In at the Tracks
Every Sunday AM	IHOP Airport Thruway

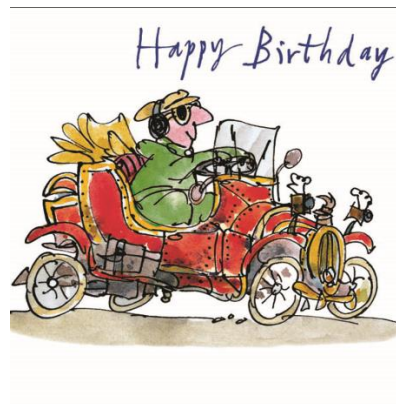
NATIONAL:

June 12-1	MAFCA National Convention, Kerrville, TX
June 20-25	MAFCA National Tour- North Conway, New Hampshire
December 2-5	National Awards Banquet, Fort Worth, TX

ANNIVERSARIES



January 17th Larry & Lisa Farrar



January 9th Bryan Chin
January 24th Mike Alexich

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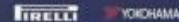
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MODEL A TINKER TIME SHOP

Information by Al Lugo - Photos by Mark Smith

Members met at Bobby's shop on December 5, 2020...



"Bobby talking about further adjustment of the Model "A" brakes...."



“Quasi, Larry Farrar’s service dog has become a regular at MATTS...



“Al helps John remove the spark arrester in John’s Model “A”...



“Other members helping John, the stuck spark arrester finally comes out” ...



“Before the formal part of MATTS, we conducted a short planning meeting “...

For Sale



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Not a show car but a Model A set for touring

Inserted engine, 4 speed overdrive transmission, oil filter, Guages-oil and tempertaure, 6 volt alternator, '29 Ala tag (if sold in AL) Seat-belts, car cover, trunk w;cover, Wind Wings, new 8 volt battery, New Coil.

Additional photos available.

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Circa 1934

"THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS"

(From the MAFCA Facebook page – Written by Von Wolfe)

T'was the night before Christmas and out in the garage,
there was not a trace of a Chevy or Dodge.
The presents were wrapped, and the lights were all
lit, so I figured I'd mess with the A for a bit.
I popped the hooks and lifted the hood when a
deep voice behind me said "Looks pretty good."

Well, as you can imagine, I turned mighty quick,
and there, by the workbench, stood good ol Saint Nick!
We stood there a bit, not to sure what to say,
then he said "Don't suppose that you'd trade for my sleigh?"

I said, "No way, Santa" and started to grin,
"But if you have the time we can go for a spin!"
His little round mouth, all tied up like a bow,
Turned into a smile and he said "Hey! Let's go!!"
So as not to disturb all the neighbors' retreat,
we pushed the A quietly into the street,
Then, taking our places to drift down the hill,
I turned on the key and let the clutch spill.
The sound that erupted took Santa by surprise,
but he liked it a lot, from the look in his eyes.
With the tires singing and headlights aglow,
We headed out to where old cars go.
Santa's grin widened, approaching his ears,
With every shift up as, I went through the gears.

Then he yelled "Can't recall when I've felt so alive!"
So, I backed off the gas and said "You wanna drive?"

O! Santa was stunned when I gave him the keys,
When he walked past the headlights he shook at the knees!

The 4-banger exploded with that Model A sound, as
Santa let out the clutch and the tires bit the ground!
He double clutched into second, and again into third! I sat
there just watching, at loss for a word,

Then I heard him exclaim as we cruised out of sight,
"Merry Christmas to all.....and to all a Model A good night!!!"



Original Art by Carmen C. Cerra 2020

Hello Model, A Ford Friends

As many of you know, I am serving as the Administrator for the MAFCA Facebook page. It has been a fun activity interacting with many Model A Hobbyists from all over the world. I would like to invite you to open your Facebook account and select the Model A Ford Club of America Page. then hit the Join button, answer the questions. and submit. I think you will have fun with this both as an observer and a contributor. This is a fun activity to do as we are spending more time at home currently. Please feel free to call me if you need help getting started.

I would also ask that you mark your calendars for September 11th, 2021 when we will hold our All-Ford Car Show in Old Town Orcutt.

Happy New Year

Jay McCord

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