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<b>Jim Langley Dec 2015-2017</b>	<b>Sharon Webb Dec 2017-2018</b>
<b>Jim Langley Dec 2018-2019</b>	<b>Al Lugo Dec 2019-2020-2021</b>

From the President...



## March 2021

**We** would like to welcome our newest members, Steve and Teresa Inabinet. Steve has already attended February MATTS and Club Meeting. Steve and Teresa own a beautiful 1928 Model "A" Phaeton. Welcome!

**O**ur February meeting was held again at Buffet City in Phenix City, and those that attended enjoyed the meal and the private meeting room. For those members that might not like Chinese food, remember they have a good selection of sea products. Since we do not know when the Woodmen will open again If any member knows of another location with a private room please let me know.

**D**o not miss the coming March tour. Jim Langley is already busy planning another great Model "A" Tour.

**"PARICIPATE,  
DRIVE, HAVE FUN"**

**W**hen you can check the new books the club purchased to update our Club library. Included are the three Les Andrews Model A Mechanic Books. Any member can check out any of the Library books. Just check with Bobby Penny for details.

**W**ayne Kennedy and Scott Singer conducted the Treasury Audit and found the Treasury Books in order. Thank you, Wayne, and Scott,

**O**ur next Al's garage Workshop will be September 11. If you have a suggestion of the topic to be presented, please let me know.

**See you on the road,**

**Al**

**"We pioneered on the**

**eight-hour day, the five-day week, and the minimum wage that was higher than the market rate, but we did not do this because of regulation and compulsion. We did it because we were free to do what we thought was right."** Henry Ford

June 16, 1933, New York Times

## River Cities Model A Ford Club

The February meeting of the River Cities Model A Club met February 18, 2021 at the China Buffet in Phenix City, Alabama. Members present were: Al Lugo, Bob Smith, Mary Nell Singer, Wayne Kennedy, Lee Napier, Bob and Connie Penny, Mark Smith, Jim Langley, and new member Steve Inabinet. {Hope I spelled your last name correctly}

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and blessing by Jim Langley. Members proceeded to the buffet line.

President Al Lugo welcomed all members to the meeting.

Under the weather were Scott and Lisa Singer. Hoping they are feeling better soon.

Minutes: There was one correction to the minutes about books the club members voted on purchasing. The books were purchased from MARC and MAFCA. After the correction was made the minutes were approved by Bob Smith and second by Wayne Kennedy.

Treasurer's Report: Richard Noxon gave the treasurer's report, and it was approved by a motion from Wayne Kennedy and second by Lee Napier. An audit of 2020 treasurer's book was audited by Wayne Kennedy and Scott Singer and after clearing one item the report was approved. Thanks, Richard, for doing such a great job.

Old Business: No tour this month. All books that were ordered have arrived and are available in our Club's library. Richard Noxon presented the Roadrunner award to Bob Smith for most miles driving in his Model A for 2020. Congratulations Bob.

Club Membership: 31 members are in good standing. Programs are needed for July, October and November. We have obtained status in joining MARC.

New Business: The Club will continue meeting at the China Buffet for March. We need a topic for the next Club Workshop at Al Lugo's house September 11, 2021. Call Al if you have a suggestion.

Program: Richard Noxon presented a Show & Tell program which everyone enjoyed. It is fun to see what members bring to show. Thanks for participating.

Coming Activities: Jordan Car Show February 27, Matts & planning March 6, Glenwood Car show March 6, Club meeting March 18, March Tour March 20 and a swap meet April 26-17 in Greenwood, South Carolina. Jim Langley will give details for March 20 car tour at our regular club meeting March 18.

Lee Napier shared a great new find on a Model A truck which he is extremely excited about putting back together. Congratulations Lee for finding this exciting project. We will look forward to your progress!

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Connie Penny Club Secretary

# JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 18, 2021-6:00PM (EASTERN)

Our next Club Meeting will be at Buffet City at 2401 10<sup>th</sup> Street, in Phenix City.

## COMING EVENTS

March 6	MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday: 9:00AM)
March 6	Glenwood Car Show
March 18	Club Meeting (Program: Al Lugo)
March 20	Club Tour
April 3	MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday: 9:00AM)
April 3	Mt. Zion Car Show
April 15	Club Meeting (Program: Jim Langley)
April 17	Club 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 Drive)
Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	Opelika Home Depot Cruise In
Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	Phenix City Home Depot Cruise In
Every 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Steak and Shake (Bradley Park Drive)
Last Saturday of month	Opelika Cruise in at the Tracks
Every Sunday AM	IHOP Airport Thruway

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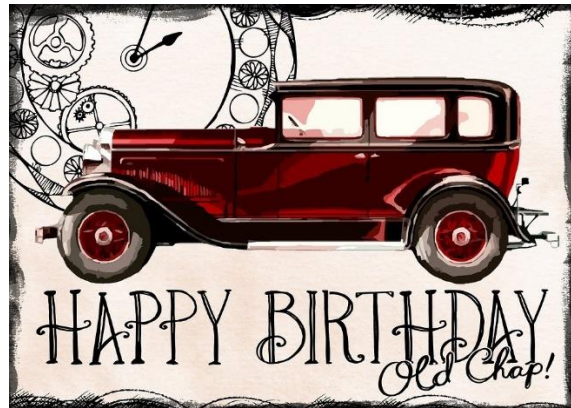
June 20-25	MAFCA National Tour- North Conway, New Hampshire
December 2-5	National Awards Banquet, Fort Worth, TX
June 12-17, 2022	MAFCA National Convention, Kerrville, TX

# ANNIVERSARIES



**March 8<sup>th</sup> John and Friederilke Robertson**

**March 14<sup>th</sup> Scott and Lisa Singer**



**March 4<sup>th</sup> Jim Langley**

**March 6<sup>th</sup> Kathy LaClair**

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> Renate Shirley**

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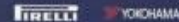
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**Information and photos by Al Lugo & Mark Smith**

**Members met at Bobby's shop on February 6, 2021...**



**"Bobby designed a screwdriver to repair wiper motors...."**



**“Richard Noxon was comparing the original vs. reproduction vacuum plate bolts. With the reproduction it was easier to keep it tight” ...**



**“Bobby stated this is the rust sediment after using Rust 911” ...**



**“Scott talking about the Memorial Day weekend car show” ...**



**“Bobby continues to ask and discuss mechanical issues experienced by members since the last MATTS “...”**

## Jim's Tech Tip

by Jim Cannon

**When installing a radiator, Ford's Service Bulletins reminds you:**

### DO NOT DRAW RADIATOR BOLT NUTS DOWN TIGHTLY



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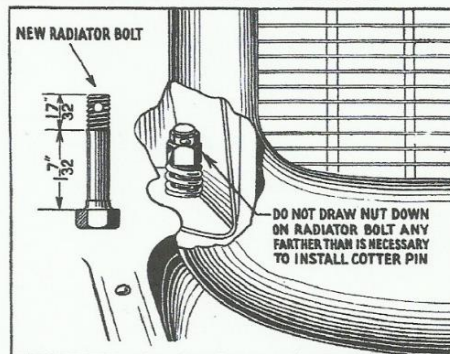


Fig. 764

When mounting a radiator do not draw the radiator bolt nuts down any farther than is necessary to lock the nut with the cotter key. If these nuts are drawn down tightly it compresses the radiator to frame bolt springs to such an extent that the flexible feature of the springs is defeated and damage to the radiator invariably results.

Recently the threaded end of the radiator bolt was reduced from  $5/8''$  to  $17/32''$  which makes it impossible to screw the nut down farther than the correct distance. See Fig. 764. However, as practically all cars are equipped with the former design bolts, constant care must be exercised when screwing down the radiator bolt nuts.

#### **Good advice. My Tech Tip is this:**

Before installing the radiator bolt, paint a thin white line across the end of the bolt to show the orientation of the drilled hole for the cotter pin. Later, when you are tightening the nut, it gives you a way to orient the drilled hole in the bolt "front to back" so that it is easy to slip the cotter key in and bend it over. Once the nut is on the bolt, it is hard to see the little hole and it can be very frustrating to put the cotter pin in.

I hope that helps get your radiator installed a bit faster and easier.

Have a Model A Day! Jim

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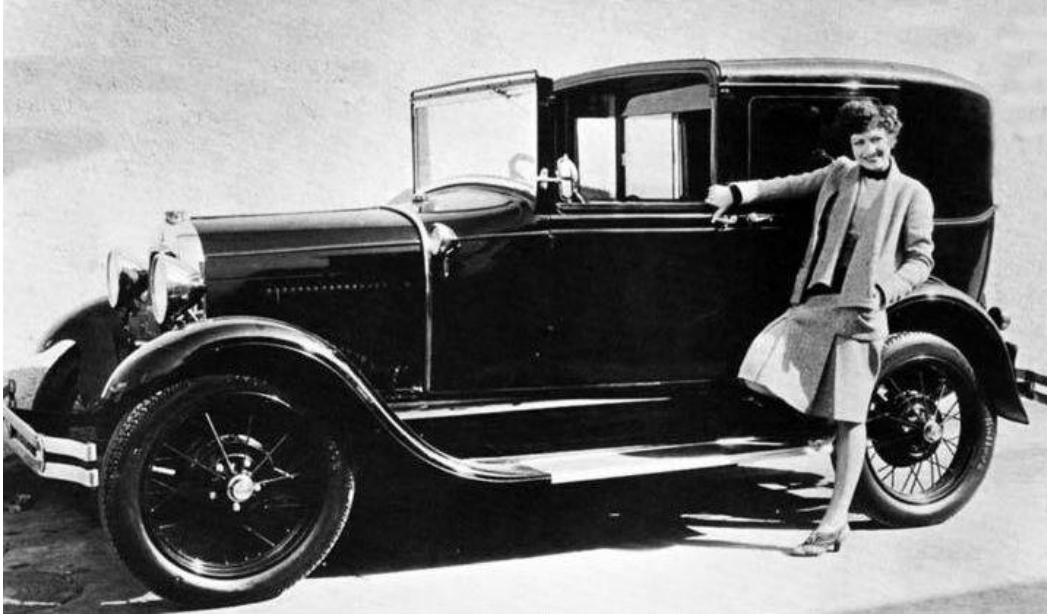


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## Traveling Along the Model A Highway

Actress Joan Crawford

First time in America and the world: the **world's first electric traffic signal** is put into place on the corner of Euclid Avenue and East 105th Street in Cleveland, Ohio, on 5<sup>th</sup> August in 1914.

Also, the first center painted dividing line appeared in 1911, in Michigan; the **first "No Left Turn"** sign would debut in Buffalo, New York, in 1916; and left-hand drive became standard in American cars in 1908.