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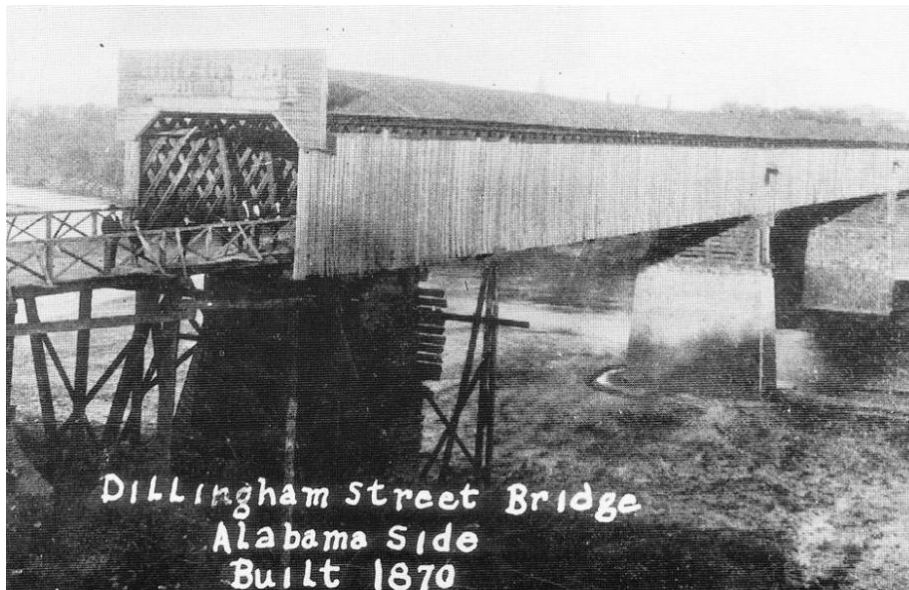


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## RIVER CITIES MODEL "A" FORD CLUB

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:

President	Al Lugo
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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
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<b>Jim Timbes NOV 2000-DEC 2001</b>	<b>Bob Smith DEC 2001-2003</b>
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<b>Jim Timbes DEC 2009-2010</b>	<b>Al Lugo DEC 2010-2012</b>
<b>Paul Singer Dec 2012-2014</b>	<b>Joe Spooner DEC 2014-2015</b>
<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... April 2021



**We had 20 members attend our March Club Meeting. Our best attendance since we closed for COVID 19. Many members are now vaccinated so they feel they can again participate in person. It was so great to see all of you!**

**It is great to see several new members finding new Model "A" s and immediately putting them on the road. Our latest, Jimmy Napier picked up a model "A" 1929 pickup that may have served originally as a telephone truck. Jimmy immediately drove it to the Club meeting and his first club tour a few days later.**

**Thank you, Jim, for planning another great tour in March, and Bob Smith for leading the tour to Crawford, Alabama. We had 6 Model A's and 11 people join us on the tour.**

**Members that want to add the anniversary logo to their Club Jacket need to bring it to the April MATTS. Bobby has arranged to add the anniversary portion at a cost of \$10 but needs to turn them in at the same time.**

During the meeting we had an incredibly special presentation. Bryan Chin presented a special recognition to our great Model "A" historian Jim Langley. Thank you, Jim, for all you teach us and for giving us the "bug" to research Model "A" and Ford history.

**"Bryan Chin presents Jim Langley a Ford gumballs machine in appreciation for his research help on the last model A"**



Photo by Al Lugo

**See you on the road,**

**AI**

**"PARTICIPATE,**

**DRIVE, HAVE FUN"**

# River Cities Model A Ford Club

March Club meeting was held March 18, 2021 at the China Buffet.

Member's present were Brian Chin, Joe and June Spooner, Al Lugo, Jim Langley, Sharon and Tom Ellis, John Robertson, Dick Noxon, Mary Nell Singer, Lee Napier

Jimmy Napier, Grover Barfield and guest Susan Peters, Chad Smith, Bob and Connie Penny, Steve Inabinet, Mark Smith, and Bob Smith

After the Pledge of Allegiance and blessing by Joe Spooner, members proceeded to the buffet.

President Al Lugo welcomed all members and welcomed back Joe and June Spooner and Brian Chin after a long Covid distancing. It was also great to see Jim Langley who has been diagnosed with stomach cancer. We are wishing him much healing power.

Minutes: There were no corrections to the February minutes, and they were approved as printed in the newsletter. A motion by Bob Smith and seconded by John Robertson.

Treasurer's report: Richard Noxon gave the treasurer's report, and it was approved as given by a motion by John Robertson and second by Mark Smith.

Brian presented a gift to Jim Langley for all his help researching information on his car. It was a Ford bubble gum machine.

Old Business: Club membership is 34 members in good standing and waiting for 2 members to renew for a 100% status. Program suggestions are needed for April, July, October, and November. If you have a suggestion, please let John Robertson know. Also, an idea for our September workshop is needed.

New Business: Club meeting for April will be at the China Buffet. If you want the 20th anniversary emblem monogrammed on your club jacket bring it to the April MATTS meeting.

Program: Al Lugo showed 3 short videos that everyone enjoyed. Thanks, Al, for a great program.

The March tour will be Saturday March 20th and members should meet at Idle Hour park at 9:00 AM.

Check the newsletter for future tours and meetings.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by

Connie Penny

Club Secretary

# JOIN US!

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 15, 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

April 3	MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday: 9:00AM)
April 3	Mt. Zion Car Show
April 15	Club Meeting (Program: NO PROGRAM))
April 16-17	Model A Swap Meet, Greenwood, South Carolina
April 17	Club Tour
May 1	MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday: 9:00AM)
May 20	Club Meeting (Program: Al Lugo)
May 22	Club Tour
May 22-23	Scumbugs Car Show

### 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

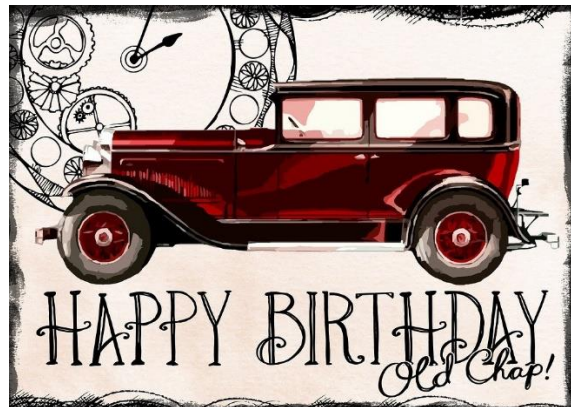
### NATIONAL:

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



**April 12<sup>th</sup> Leroy and Krystal Napier**



**April 16<sup>th</sup> Connie Penny**

**April 24<sup>th</sup> Mark Smith**

**April 26<sup>th</sup> Sharon Webb**

**April 27<sup>th</sup> Joe Spooner**

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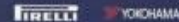
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# MODEL A TINKER TIME SHOP

Information and photos by Al Lugo

“Members met at Bobby’s shop on March 6, 2021” ...



“Larry Farrar talked about his experience cleaning his Model “A” oil pan”....



“Larry talked about the plate removal and what he used to hold the oil pump in place” ...



**“Chad Smith did a Show and tell presenting some original items from Columbus” ...**



**“This sign came out of the first Ford Dealership owned by a woman in Talbotton, Georgia” ...**



**“Some of the members attending MATTS “...**

## 2021 Barn Tour

Nice cool March morning for a club tour from Stadium Dr out to Crawford area. We had a good group of members and guests, that might just buy a Model A and join our group.

Attending were Bobby Penny with John Paul, Al Lugo, Bob Smith with Chad Smith, Leeroy Napier and brother Jimmy, Mark Smith, and friend Cheeter, Tom Ellis, new "A" owner David.

Tour started up Summerville Rd to Lakewood Dr crossing under Rt 280 to Dobbs Rd. Taking Auburn roadway out past Ladonia to pick up Rt 80W. Did not have to travel that busy road very far to Rt 27, a very scenic old road south toward our barn destination.



After a pitstop here and a lot of talking we headed to the beautiful horse ranch just a mile north from the wedding venue barn site. The sign on the fence showed several winning horses at this ranch. Looking at Google Maps on the satellite-view nothing is here the last time. they flew over this part of Alabama. All new fencing and buildings for a home, office, and barns.

Back at Crawford we took photos at an old business that has the whole side of the building with Coke signage painted the length of it. So, more photos were needed. Ha

We passed the city park that was a stopping point but someone else had it in use, so we drove on north on Rt 179 to Auburn road again then towards Smiths Station. Found Summerville road and went back to the stadium so riders could get their regular vehicles. Sun was out and it warmed up all morning so was quite pleasant by noon. Al and I went downtown to 13th street bridge instead of taking the four lanes across the river - too crowded at noon.

Looking forward to the next tour.

Roving Reporter,

Bob Smith

### Front page photo

The Dillingham Street Bridge links Phenix City, AL with Columbus, GA (River Cities). The bridge marks the location where the last battle of the Civil War was fought. In 1832, Horace King and John Godwin built the first Dillingham Street Covered Bridge, spanning the Chattahoochee River between Columbus, Georgia, and Girard Alabama (now Phenix City). The bridge was destroyed by flooding and fire during the Battle of Girard in 1865 and was rebuilt or repaired several times by King.

# MAFFI Minute

## Would You Like to Serve?

The Model A Ford Foundation is always looking for individuals who love the Model A hobby and are interested in the history of the Era to serve on the MAFFI Board of Trustees. Briefly, the MAFFI board has the responsibility of overseeing the Model A Ford Museum at the Gilmore and encouraging Model A'ers around the country to support the museum through membership in MAFFI and through additional donations to museum operations or the museum Endowment Fund.

The Board meets once a year on the Thursday before Model A Day at the Gilmore which falls on the third Saturday of September. Attendance at the meeting and Model A Day is strongly encouraged. Meetings and business are also conducted through email and conference phone calls so a trustee must have access to a computer for email. We like to have representation on the board from all areas of the country. We would like to also encourage women to serve on the board.

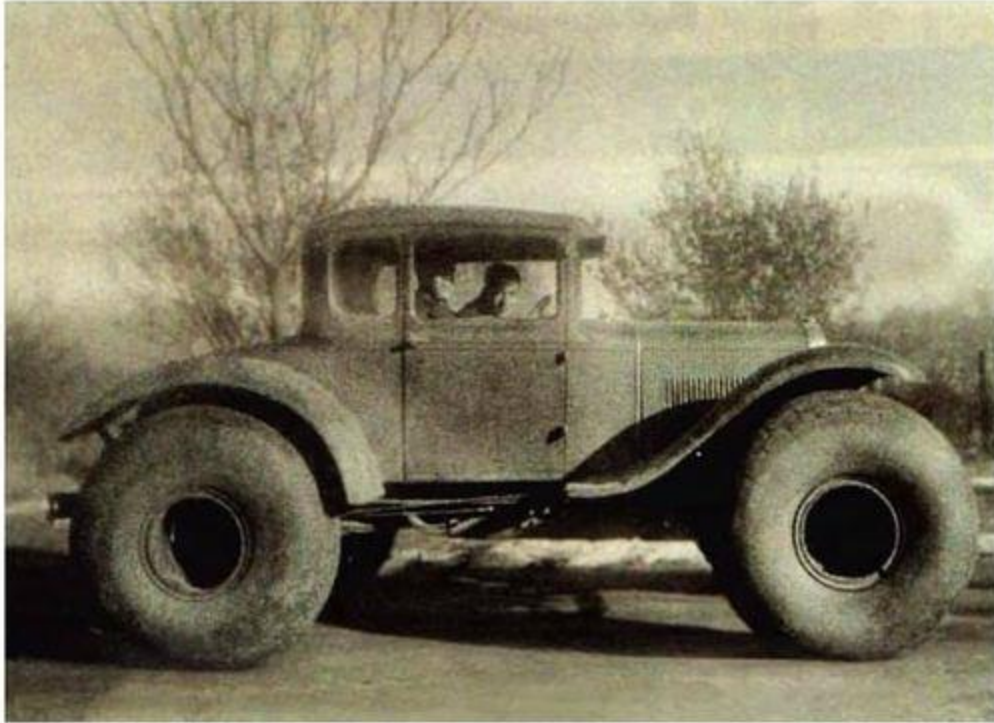
A trustee serves for three years and is eligible to serve a second consecutive term if he or she desires. Trustees must be a member in good standing of MAFFI and we strongly encourage each trustee to support both national clubs, MAFCA and MARC through membership as well. We ask that while serving on the MAFFI Board, you do not run for or accept positions on another national club's board. If you think you may be interested in serving on the MAFFI Board, please contact our Executive Director, John Marshall (ExecutiveDirector@maffi.org), or John Begg (President@maffi.org)



Talking Rock, Georgia. Right across from the old railroad tracks. (There is also a small brewery inside a couple of the rail cars that they renovated).

Photo provided by Kimberly King.

A cool piece of history.



### **Old Car With an Inflated Ego**

The vehicle in this photo from the winter of 1940 might have been the first monster truck! The Ford Model A body was put on a Model AA truck frame with airplane tires installed. The guy leaning forward is my brother Eugene Myers, who was on leave from the Navy.

Our dad put this modified Ford together to handle the snow on his rural mail route around Fullerton, Nebraska, and there was a lot of snow in the 1930s and '40s. Dad said the Ford would run over anything, but it was so high that the wind sometimes would blow it off the road.

*Leland Myers, Plattsmouth, Nebraska*

Photo provided by Mary Singer



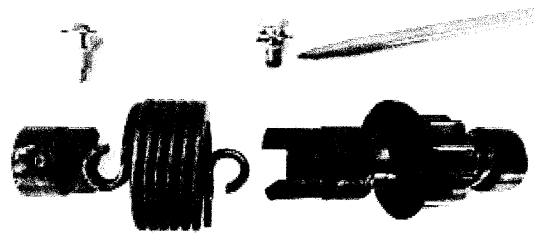
## Jim's technical tip

by Jim Cannon,

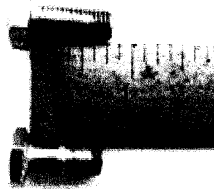
### Installing the Starter "Bendix Drive"

The small Bendix Drive gear that's bolted to the starter motor puts up with a lot of use (and abuse when you forget to retard the spark before starting). Eventually you will be working on yours and I have a tip for you about installing it back on the starter shaft.

The Bendix is bolted to the shaft with 2 special bolts and lock washers, as shown in the photo below. One bolt has a specially-shaped end that goes down into a hole in the starter shaft. This is critical, to lock the Bendix to the shaft; do not substitute a plain bolt for this.



The other bolt is "special" only because it is only 11/16" long. This allows the bolt to lock the spring in place, without having the bolt actually touch the starter shaft. Don't be tempted to use a 3/4" long bolt instead of the correct shorter one. See the comparison photo of a 3/4" bolt and the correct bolt.



When this longer bolt is used, it presses against the starter shaft when tight and it messes up the Bendix operation.

Don't forget to install the half-moon shaped Woodruff key in the shaft before slipping the drive on the shaft. You may also use 2 spring clips (optional). Be sure to lock the bolts down tight by bending the ear of the special lock washer up against the bolt head. If you don't, these bolts will work loose and fly out of the starter drive.

I carry a spare Bendix spring (they are known to break) and a set of these special bolts and lock washers with me in my parts kit on tours. If I don't need them, someone traveling with us might. This will help quickly get them back on the road to Have a Model A Day! Jim



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