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FOUNDING MEMBERS:

*Jim Timbes	Bob Smith	Bobby Penny
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*Dan Palmer	Lawrence Farrar	*Bettie Jackson
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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...



October 2021

Our 19th Workshop at “Al’s Garage” was well attended with Twenty-one members with nine Model A’s and several modern cars and classics. See the Workshop page in another section of the Newsletter.

Only fourteen members attended the September Club Meeting. I would like to encourage all members to try to attend the monthly club meetings. A lot of good information is presented, and we normally have an entertaining program.

Thank you to Bob Smith (Chair), Bobby Penny and Richard Noxon for accepting to be part of the Nominating Committee for 2022 Club Officers. They are already busy talking to possible candidates. Nominations will be presented during the October Meeting and elections will be during the November Club Meeting.

During the October meeting we will be forming a Christmas party

and Annual Business meeting Committee. I encourage as many of you to take part in this committee. We always welcome ideas to make this important activity more interesting.

The Ft Mitchell National Cemetery has asked our Club to take part in the Ft Mitchell Museum Festival on Saturday October 23rd. We will have a prominent reserved space to show our cars. This should be a fun activity.

See you on the road,

Al



“The first Model A Ford; the 1903 Model “A”
Do you know the profession of the first person to purchase one?”

“PARICIPATE,

DRIVE, HAVE FUN”

River Cities Model A Ford Club

The meeting of the River City Model A Club met September 16, 2021 at the China Buffet. President Al Lugo called the meeting to order. After the Pledge of Allegiance and blessing by Al Lugo the members proceeded to the buffet.

Member's present were Sharon and Tom Ellis, Mary Nell Singer, Bob and Connie Penny, Bob Smith, Al Lugo, Joe and June Spooner, Joe Carter, Dick Noxon, Skipper Barfield and Susan Peters and Jimmy Napier.

No visitors or new members were present.

Under the weather: Condolences to Scott and Lisa Singer on the passing of Lisa's father.

Having no corrections to August minutes they were passed by motion from Bob Smith and second by Joe Carter.

Treasurer's Report: Richard Noxon gave the treasurer's report, and it was approved by a motion from Tom Ellis and second Bob Smith.

Old Business: 13 members were present at the August meeting. Car show at the Civil War Navel Museum we had 7 members attend with 4 model A's, 1 36 Ford and 2 modern classics. Seven members attended the Russell County Court House Festival. Workshop at Al Lugo's house was attended by 21 members with 9 Model A's and 3 other classics.

New Business: October meeting will be held at the China Buffet. Motion by Connie Penny and seconded by Tom Ellis.

Nominations for new officers for 2022 will be announced at October meeting.

Program: Al Lugo presented a great video about classic Model A's at the Gilmore Museum. It was enjoyed by all. Thank you, Al.,

Coming Activities: Check for activities in your newsletter.

No news about the Christmas Party. Information will be announced on it hopefully next month.

Having no further business meeting was adjourned.

Connie Penny,

Club secretary

JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

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

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

COMING EVENTS

October 2	MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday: 9:00AM)
October 2	AACA LaGrange Car Show
October 21	Club Meeting (Program: Bryan Chin)
October 23	Club Tour- Ft. Mitchell Museum Festival
November 6	MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday: 9:00AM)
November 11	Veterans Parade?
November 18	Club Meeting- Elections for 2022 Club Officers
November 19-20	Moultrie Swap Meet?

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

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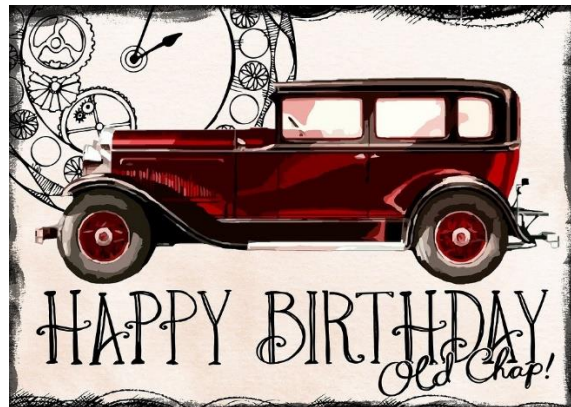
December 2-5	National Awards Banquet, Fort Worth, TX
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ANNIVERSARIES



October 2nd Howard and Barbara Ruddick
October 19th Joe and June Spooner

BIRTHDAYS



October 16th Bob Smith
October 24th Larry Farrar
October 3rd Lizbeth Lugo
October 6th Wayne Kennedy
October 7th Sherri Gilson
October 8th Lisa Singer
October 22nd Catherine Wharam
October 26th Scott Singer

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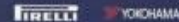
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MODEL A TINKER TIME SHOP

Information and photos by Al Lugo & Mark Smith

“Members met at Bobby’s shop on September 4, 2021”



“Members talking about some of the issues during the past month. The meeting was short since some of the members were attending a car show”....



“Bobby talking about some of the possible solutions to those problems” ...



“Members listening to the discussion” ...



“At the end of MATTS several members work on Bobby’s pickup”...

The Ford factory closed for nearly six months to retool for a new model. The new model was to be built at a Ford facility called *The Rouge*, which previously built parts for the Model Ts that were assembled at Highland Park. Early announcements for the car simply called it The New Ford but soon received the Model A name. It received this name because it was a radical departure from the Model T and Henry Ford felt the need to start the model alphabet over again (Ford had used the same name in 1904).

Ford introduced the Model A in October of 1927 as a 1928 model. The very first Ford Model A was sold on December 2, 1927. By February 4th of 1929, 1 million examples had been sold, and by July 24th, 2 million. It began with just two body styles but by 1930,

Model A sales hit 3million with 9 body styles available.

The Model A equipped with a larger, four-cylinder engine with a three-speed, sliding gear transmission which was completely different than the two-speed planetary transmission used on the Model T. The engine was loosely based on the Model Ts engine, but with an increased displacement size, a water pump, distributor ignition, and an updraft carburetor. It was a water-cooled L-head inline 4-cylinder unit with a 201 cubic-inch displacement and developed 40 horsepower, giving it a top speed of 65 mph. The Model A was the first Ford to use a conventional clutch, brake pedals, throttle, and gearshift. It had a visual fuel gauge and the fuel flowed to the carburetor by gravity. In cold climates, a special-order cast-iron shield could be placed over the exhaust manifold to provide heat to the carburetor and supply heat to the cabin, entering by a small window.

The chassis was designed by Henry while the body was designed by Edsel Ford. A variety of contemporary body designs were offered and catered to a plethora of needs and uses. Four standard colors were offered along with nickel-plated accessories. Prices ranged from \$380 for the roadster to \$590 for the four-door sedan. The top-of-the-line Town Car sold for \$1,400.

The Model T had a transmission brake, while the Model A increased safety by switching to four-wheel, internally expanding brakes. It was also the first low-priced production vehicle to be equipped with shatterproof safety glass. A rear-view mirror was optional equipment. The 1930 and 1931 models, known as Improved A's, came with a stainless-steel radiator cowl and headlamp housings.

Model A Tech Tip

Rags and paper towels...Leather gloves and latex gloves...Bailing wire & wire cutters...An old sheet to lay on if you need to get under the car...Old clothes...A flashlight...Jute twine...Small knife...3 collapsible safety triangles...Small block of 4X4 wood...Tire chocks...Starter & Bendix...Extra set of Bendix bolts & lock washers...Extra condenser...Cam wrench to adjust carb...Coil & wire...Spare lug nuts...Extra spark plugs...extra carb...Extra headlight, tail light and brake light bulbs...grease...600W oil...Dash to junction box wiring...Of course, if you put all that in your car, there may not be enough room for anybody to sit in it. But at least you won't get stuck.





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