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FOUNDING MEMBERS:

*Jim Timbes	Bob Smith	Bobby Penny
*Mildred Timbes	Al Lugo	*Robert 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...

November 2021

Welcome to our newest members Ronnie and Jessica Pagan. Ronnie came to our Club Meeting on October 21 and on the next Saturday he was participating on our tour to show our Model A's during the Ft. Mitchell Festival. They have a very nice 29 Fordor, 30 Pickup, 23 Model T and 66 Ford Pickup. Welcome to the River Cities Club family.

Thank you to Bryan Chin for another great meeting program, covering the LeMay America and LeMay Family Museum.

Also thank you to Bob Smith (Chair), Bobby Penny and Richard Noxon, our 2022 Officer Nominating Committee, for presenting the following Nominations:

President: Tommy Ellis

Vice President: Mark Smith

Secretary: Connie Penny

Treasurer: Richard Noxon

Elections will be held during the November Club Meeting and installed during the December Annual Business Meeting and Christmas Party.



Please note that this year's Veterans and Christmas Parade is cancelled.

The following members volunteered to be part of the Christmas Party Committee: Sharon Ellis (Chair), Jimmy Napier and Krystal Napier. Please help this great group.

We ask members to consider starting to pay their 2022 Club Dues (\$25.00 per family) now, to limit the number of dues collected during our Christmas party.

Richard Noxon currently has the forms for the Road Runner Award. He would like miles to be turned in by the November 18 Club Meeting.

We had a great tour to the Ft Mitchell Museum Festival on Saturday October 23rd. We had 8 Model A's, one modern car and 12 members.

See you on the road,

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"PARICIPATE,

DRIVE, HAVE FUN"

River Cities Model A Ford Club

The October 20, 2021, meeting of the River Cities Model A Club was held at China Buffet.

The meeting was called to order by President Al Lugo. After the Pledge of Allegiance,

Joe Carter led the members in a blessing, and all proceeded to the Buffet.

Member's present were: Tom and Sharon Ellis, Al Lugo, Bob Smith, Mary Nell Singer, Steve Inabet, Bob and Connie Penny, Brian and Theresa Chin, Scot Singer, Joe spooner, Joe Carter, Leroy and Krystal Napier, Jimmy and Angie Napier, Susan Peters and Skipper Barfield, David Napier, Mark Smith.

Ronnie Pagen was a guest who joined our club tonight. We all welcomed him to the club.

President Lugo welcomed all members to the meeting.

Members under the weather were: Leroy Napier who is recovering from kidney stones. He was at the meeting and is feeling much better. He is awaiting further tests. Bill Quick is recovering at home from a fall. Ricky Robertson is doing better.

Minutes: There were no corrections to the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Motion by Bob Smith and seconded by Joe Carter.

Treasurer's Report: Dick Noxon gave the treasurer's report, and it was approved as read. Motion by Bob Penny and seconded by Brian Chin.

Old Business: There were 14 members at the September meeting, and we had 22 members present tonight.

New Business: It was voted to hold our November club meeting at the China Buffet. Motion by Brian Chin and seconded by Bob Penny.

It was discussed and voted on keeping the P.O. box for our permanent address with the rate increase. Motions by Brian Chin and second by Mark Smith.

Bob Penny reported that the Veterans and Christmas parades have been cancelled.

Dick Noxon has forms for the Road Runner award to be presented at our December meeting. Please turn milage in at the November meeting,

Also please try to pay dues for next year at the November meeting, if possible,

President Lugo commented on the Hemmings Model A & Vintage Fords calendar. He was disappointed that only 2 Model A's were featured in the 2022 calendar.

The nominating committee consisting of Bob Smith {chairman}, Bob Penny and Dick Noxon have procured a slate of upcoming officers. Nominations can still be made from the floor at the November meeting. Nominees are Tom Ellis for President, Mark Smith for Vice President, Secretary Connie Penny and Dick Noxon for treasurer.

Program: Brian Chin gave a great program on the LeMay museum in Tacoma, Washington.

Thanks, Brian, for a great program.

Tour: A tour to Fort Mitchell will be held Saturday October 23. Members are to meet at the Phenix City Amphitheater at 8:00.

Check the newsletter for future meetings and activities.

The Christmas Party/ meeting will be held at the Woodman of the World building on Saturday, December 18, 2021, at 12:00. Robert and Margie will be catering the event. Thanks to Bob Penny for securing this location. Members are encouraged to drive their Model A's. Price of the meal to be determined by the November meeting. It was also voted on giving a cash donation to the Salvation Army for our Christmas donation. Motion by Mark Smith and second by Leroy Napier. Also, our annual gift to Robert and Margie was approved.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Connie Penny

Club Secretary.



Truck has been there so long a tree grew up the bed.

JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 18, 2021-6:00PM
(EASTERN) Our next Club Meeting will be at Buffet City at 2401
10th Street, in Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

November 6	MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday: 9:00AM)
November 7	Auburn Good Old Boys Restaurant Car Show (PM)
November 18	Club Meeting- Elections for 2022 Club Officers
November 19-21	Moultrie Swap Meet
December 4	MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday: 9:00AM)
December 18	Club Annual Business Meeting & Christmas Party

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

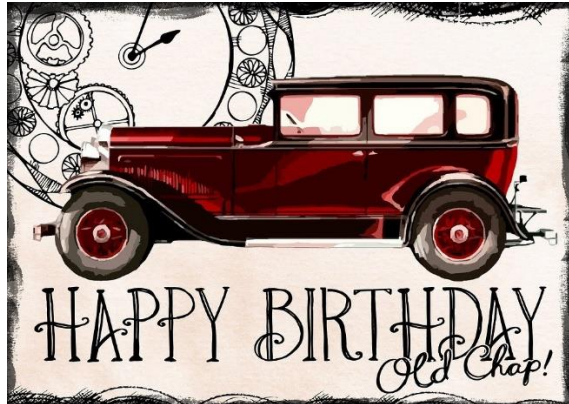
NATIONAL:

December 2-5	National Awards Banquet, Fort Worth, TX
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November 2nd Dexter Walden
November 8th Tom Penny
November 17th Donna Carter
November 28th Bobby Penny
November 28th Bill Shirley
November 30th Laura Penny

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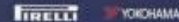
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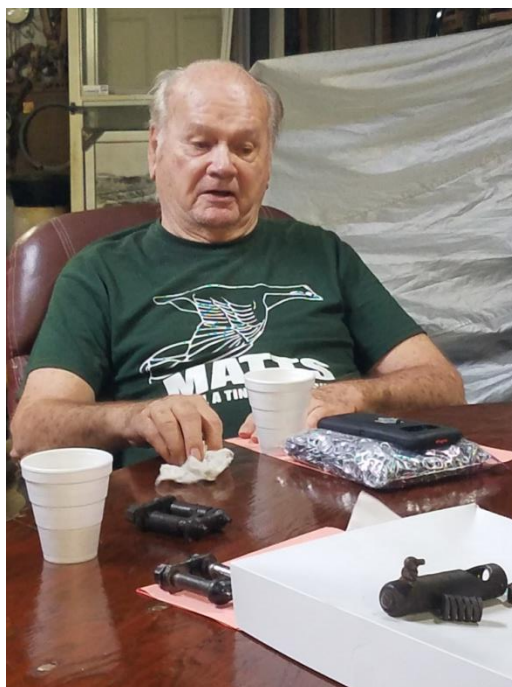
“Members met at Bobby’s shop on October 2, 2021” ...



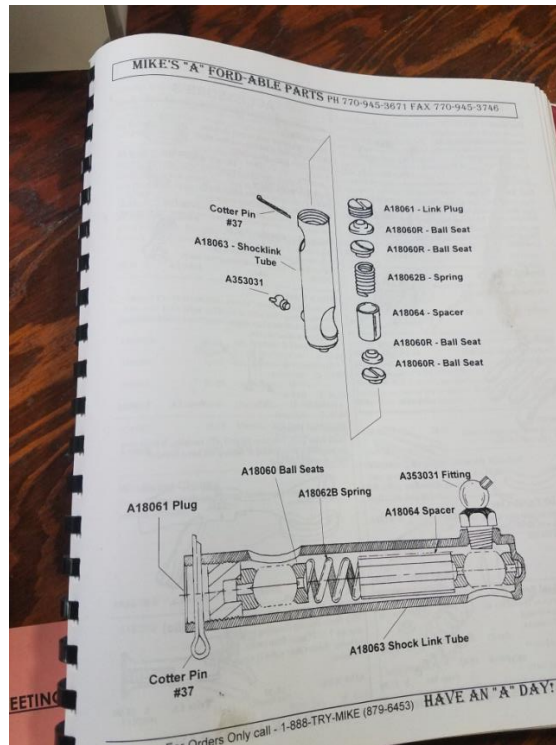
“Bobby talking to members about the Shock Links on the Model “A” Shocks”....



“Bobby shows the different parts of the shock links” ...



“Joe Spooner talking about things to look for in the Model “A” Shocks” ...



“Les Andrew’s book has a great illustration of the shock links” ...



“Another topic of discussion was the spring shackles” ...

Join us next month for another great MATTS!

Tech tips

Clutch Wear – Two indications of clutch wear are: Engine races, but the car does not pick up speed and the clutch pedal adjustment has been used up. Premature clutch wear may be due to: Riding the clutch, lack of pedal travel clearance, racing the engine, and slipping the clutch when starting.

Clutch Lining – Grease on the clutch lining is almost impossible to get out, there really isn't a good cleaner available to remove it. If grease becomes badly embedded, it is most advisable to replace the lining. A short term, emergency cure is to plug the opening in the bottom of the housing and pour in a gallon of hot water and detergent; idle the engine for two minutes with the clutch disengaged and then drain.

Radiator Water, I repeat WATER, NOT antifreeze during the driving months of your car. The Ford Model A engine is not a pressurized system therefore it does not need antifreeze. Use regular distilled water with a rust inhibitor and all will be fine, it is recommended to change 2x a year. however, if you are in a cold climate and will be storing your car in an UN-Heated garage. Antifreeze is used during the winter months to prevent freezing and cracking the block. Come springtime, drain your radiator of all antifreeze, run a gallon water through with a radiator cleaner and run the car for 5 minutes, drain and replace with clear clean water and radiator rust inhibitor.



Edsel Bryant Ford (November 6, 1893 – May 26, 1943) was an American business executive and philanthropist who was the son of pioneering industrialist Henry Ford and his wife, Clara Jane Bryant Ford. He was the president of Ford Motor Company from 1919 until his death in 1943.

He worked closely with his father, as sole heir to the business, but was keen to develop cars more exciting than the Model T ("Tin Lizzie"), in line with his personal tastes. Even as president, he had trouble persuading his father to allow any departure from this formula. Only a change in market conditions enabled him to develop the more fashionable Model A in 1927. Edsel also founded the Mercury division and was responsible for the Lincoln-Zephyr and Lincoln Continental. He introduced important features, such as hydraulic brakes, and greatly strengthened the company's overseas production.

Ford was a major art benefactor in Detroit and financed Admiral Richard Byrd's polar explorations. He died of stomach cancer aged 49. Henry Ford temporarily reassumed the presidency of Ford on Edsel's death, then Edsel's eldest son, Henry Ford II, succeeded Henry as president of Ford in 1945.



1934 Ford Model 40 Special Speedster

Collection of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, Grosse Pointe Shores, MI

Edsel B. Ford, President of Ford Motor Company of Dearborn, Michigan, asked his styling chief, Eugene T. “Bob” Gregorie, to build a “continental” roadster that could have limited production potential. Gregorie sketched alternatives and then built a 1/25th scale model that he tested in a small wind tunnel. Because of its 1934 Ford (also known as Model 40) origins, the roadster became known as the Model 40 Special Speedster.

Assisted by Ford Aircraft personnel, Gregorie’s team fabricated a taper-tailed aluminum body, mounted over a custom welded tubular structural framework. This car resembles the 1935 Miller-Ford Indianapolis 500 two-man racecars, but it was designed and built prior to their construction. This car’s long, low proportions were unlike anything Ford Motor Company had ever built. The Speedster weighs about 2,100 pounds. Its engine is now a 100-brake horsepower Mercury flathead V-8.

Club outing

By Bob Smith

Our club had 8 Model As tour down to Ft Mitchell on a Saturday. It was a county type Flair with lots of vendors and good food and sweets for everyone.

We met at the amphitheater in Phenix City very early in the morning to be down there by 8:30 as requested. New member Ronnie Pagan trailered his 4 door for a first tour, he had no problems and said he really enjoyed driving the A, which was his goal in owning one of these old Fords.

We had a good location to park to show off our cars to the public. And there were lots of pictures taken of the cars all day. It was a real advantage to our club for the publicity.

The food was fixed over burning logs and was it ever good, The Dutch Oven really made some good biscuits and cornbread. Red bean & rice, black-eyed peas were cooked in iron pots over the flames.

