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FOUNDING MEMBERS:

*Jim Timbes	Bob Smith	Bobby Penny
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PAST PRESIDENTS:

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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 2019-2020-2



From the President...

December 2021

First, congratulations to the following 2022 elected officers:

President: Tommy Ellis Vice, President; Mark Smith, Secretary: Connie Penny, Treasurer: Richard Noxon

Thank you to David Pascal for presenting a great meeting program, covering the early days of the Ford Motor Corporation. Also thank you to Bryan Chin for recruiting him for this presentation.

The Christmas Party Committee has selected a great menu for our meeting and Christmas party and they are now busy at work planning the decorations and activities for our party. Please remember to make your reservations for this activity. Your check or payment (\$15 per person) will be your reservation. The last day to pay your reservations is December 10 so we can give an accurate headcount to the caterer. You can pay at MATTS or send to the PO BOX (found in second page of newsletter).

Bobby has a great plan for the December MATTS. After MATTS and planning meeting, we will enjoy a PIZZA lunch for those that want to participate in the Cusseta Christmas parade. This should be fun.

Yes, Bobby is having MATTS on January 1, 2022. So, save some energy from your New Year's Eve celebration and let's start the year right with a Model "A" activity and fellowship.

We continue to 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. Please do not forget the \$10 per family for the children's Christmas gift to the Salvation Army

This will be my last "From the President" It has been a great honor to serve as your President for the last two years. I will continue to serve you in any capacity that the club needs me.

AI "PARICIPATE, DRIVE, HAVE FUN"

River Cities Model A Ford Club

The November meeting of the River Cities Model A Club was held at China Buffet November 18, 2021.

Members present were: Al Lugo, Dick Noxon, Bob Smith, Mark Smith, Bob and Connie Penny, Tommy and Sharon Ellis, Brian Chin, Lee and Krystal Napier, Jimmy Napier and Angie, Skipper Barfield,

Susan Peters, Robert & Catherine Wharam, Joe Spooner, Scot Singer, Mary Nell Singer, Ronnie Pagan and his daughter.

President called the meeting to order, and the members said the Pledge of Allegiance. Al Lugo said the blessing and members proceeded to the buffet.

We welcomed guest David Pascal, who is President of the East Alabama Old Car Club. David has come to host our program.

Under the Weather: Ricky Robertson fell at the Nursing home she resides in.

Al reported that Jim Miller had passed away.

Minutes: There was one correction in the minutes correcting our newest member's spelling of his last name. It is Ronnie Pagan. Minutes were approved by a motion from Tommy Ellis and second by Mark Smith. Treasurer's report: Dick Noxon gave the treasurer's report. Which was approved by a motion from Brian Chin and second by Bob Penny.

Old Business: Al reported 22 members attended the October meeting.

The annual business meeting and Christmas party committee are: Sharon Ellis, Jimmy Napier and Krystal Napier. A big thanks to them. A menu has been set and activities and decorations. The price of the meal to be determined in the next few days. Al will advise everyone so members can get it to Dick Noxon either at MATTS or mailing it to him. The meeting place will be the Woodman of the World Lodge at 11:30 on Saturday December 18. Members are encouraged to drive their Model A's.

Members had voted at the October meeting to Give Robert and Margie a Christmas gift from the club. Members also voted in October to give a cash donation to Salvation Army as our Christmas Give, A ten-dollar donation per family was voted on. Please remember to pay your 2022 dues.

Dick Noxon has extended the due date for miles driven this year until the December MATTS meeting.

Al thanked Brian Chin for a great October program. They are always great.

The Club had a great turn out at the Ft. Mitchell Festival on October 23,2021. We had 8 model A's and one modern car and 12 members attended

New Business: Al read a thank you card from Darlene Adams.

We aren't sure about meeting at the Woodman Lodge, so members voted on continuing to meet at the China Buffet.

MATTS will be January 1, 2022, at regular time.

Susan Peters gave out calendars for 2022 from State Farm Insurance. Thank you Susan.

Officers' nominations for 2022 are: President Tommy Ellis, Vice President Mark Smith, Secretary Connie Penny and Treasurer Dick Noxon. Nominees were voted by acclamation and were elected by a unanimous vote. Al thanked the nominating committee which consisted of Chairman Bob Smith, Bob Penny and Dick Noxon.

Program: The program was given by guest David Pascal titled To Early Ford Day. It was enjoyed by all.

Thank you, David.

Please check your newsletter for upcoming events.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Connie Penny

Club Secretary.



JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, December 18, 2021-11:30A (EASTERN)

Our next Club Meeting will be our Annual Business Meeting and Christmas party at Woodmen of the World Lodge, on Highway 80, in Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

December 4	MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday: 9:00AM) and afterwards Cusseta Christmas Parade
December 18	Club Annual Business Meeting & Christmas Party
January 1 2022,	MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday: 9:00AM)
January 20	Club Meeting (Buffet City)

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:

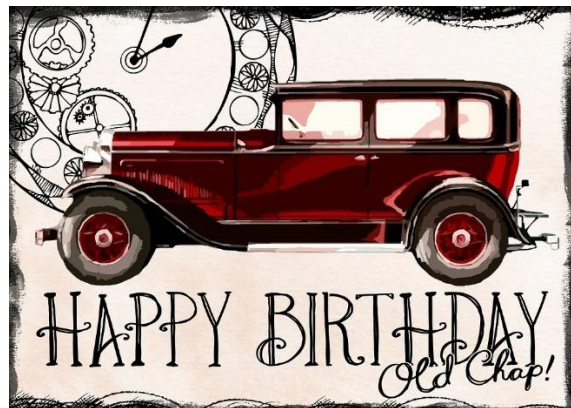
December 2-5	National Awards Banquet, Fort Worth, TX
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ANNIVERSARIES



December 7th Robert and Catherine Wharam

BIRTHDAYS



December 1st Kathleen Walden

December 3rd Krystal Napier

December 8th Lisa Singer

December 25th Chris LaClair

December 27th Gloria Willett

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MODEL A TINKER TIME SHOP

Information and photos by Al Lugo

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



“Bobby talking to members about the water pump on Bob Smith’s Model “A” engine” ...

“The water pump on a Model “A” B engine...



“Joe Spooner showing the different parts in the Model “A” Shocks” ...



"Bobby showing a 12-point crankshaft wrench" ...



"Bobby shows the difference between the 6 point and 12 point wrench"...

See what you are missing- join for our next great MATTS!

Tech tips

Engine Fails to Start, although engine turns over freely

Culprits include:

1. Ignition switch is off
2. No gasoline is in the tank
3. Gasoline line valve is off (needs to point down for on)
4. If engine is cold, mixture may not be rich enough.
5. If the engine is warm-Mixture is too rich, over choking
6. Breaker points too close together. The correct adjustment is .018 to .022
7. The spark plug gap is incorrect. The correct gap is .035.
8. Water in filter bowl or carburetor

Starter Fails to Turn the Engine Over

Culprits include:

1. Run down Battery
2. Loose or dirty Battery Connections.



Get a horse...

Edison Illuminating Company

Before Henry Ford became the great man, we all learned about in history class, he worked for Thomas Edison at the Edison Illuminating Company in Detroit, Michigan. He was Edison's chief engineer, and he considered Edison to be his mentor and an inspiration. While he was working at the Edison Illuminating Company, he became intrigued by gasoline-powered vehicles and was working on his dream of creating a horseless carriage. He was working for Edison before he left to go and pursue his dream of building automobiles. Edison was instrumental in Ford going on to be the man he became.



