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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
Dan Diener	Bill Buck	(*Deceased)

PAST PRESIDENTS:

Jim Timbes NOV 2000-DEC 2001	Bob Smith DEC 2001-2003
Mildred Timbes DEC 2003-2004	Jim Langley DEC 2004-2006
Joe Spooner DEC 2006-2008	Jim Langley DEC 2008-2009
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 2019-2021
Tommy Ellis Dec 2021-2022	



From the President...

We combined our Christmas party with the Business meeting which was on the 16th of December. As usual Robert and his daughter provided a great meal. The party was planned by Sharon Ellis her team of Krystal Napier and Jimmy Napier. After the meeting Al Lugo did a Model A card game that he created in Honor of Jim Langley, we also had a Christmas trivia game. Mary Springer was the Trivia winner. I would like to thank everyone who assisted with the party. Just as a reminder, the yearly dues were due on 31 December. Those who have not paid, please get them in.

Let's have fun driving our cars promoting the Club presence in Columbus and Phoenix City.

Tommy

River Cities Model A Ford Club

The December meeting of the River Cities Model A club met on December 19, 2021, at the Woodman of the Worlds building at 11:30 for our Christmas lunch. Before the Pledge to the flag, President read the names of the former members who have passed this year. They were: Jim Langley on April 12, 2021. Mickey Timbes on June 17, 2021. Jim Miller on September 15, 2021 and Kevin Adams on September 10, 2021. After a moment of silence Al asked members to view the Memory Table.

Members present: Mark and Laura Smith, Brian Chin, Krystal, Conner and Lee Napier, Angie and Jimmy Natpier, Bob and Connie Penny, Mary Nell Singer, Scott Singer, Richard Noxon, Lizbeth and Al Lugo, Sharon and Tommy Ellis, John Robertson, Joe and June Spooner, Joe and Donna Carter, Skipper Barfield, Bill Quick and family members, Bob Smith and Chad Smith, Wayne Kennedy and Ronnie Pegan and his wife and son.

President Lugo led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Al then gave our faithful caterers a Christmas presentation. Robert thanked everyone. Al then led the members in a blessing before our meal.

Call to order: A short business meeting before our Christmas festivities.

Minutes: Having no corrections to the minutes they were approved as printed in the newsletter. A motion by Brian Chin and second by Tom Ellis.

Treasurer's report: Richard gave a treasurer's report which was approved as given by Club members. A Motion by Joe Spooner and second by Wayne Kennedy. It was explained by the President that 15 members who were present at the planning meeting voted on the following items the treasurer Richard Noxon could pay. They were for Website in the amount of \$200.00 and MAFCA Directors and Officers Chapter and general liability insurance donation of \$75.00. A motion by Mark Smith and second by John Robertson motion was approved. This action was taken on December 4, 2021.

Old Business: We had 23 members present at our November meeting. Members present voted to have our January meeting at the Buffet City. Al gave Brian a thanks for the great program we had in November by David Pascal.

New Business:

42 members had paid for our Christmas meal. This is the most attending in a long time. Al mentioned that MAFCA is offering free 2022 MAFCA membership to brand new members. This is a \$50.00 value. Al thanked Margie and Robert for a terrific meal. Al thanked our Christmas decorating committee headed by Sharon Ellis. Thanks to Bob Penny for bringing his Christmas china. Al thanked members who donated cash for a contribution to the Salvation Army for

Christmas. Nancy Palmer gave a special donation. Reminder that 2022 dues are due by December 3, 2021.

Awards: Richard Noxon presented the Roadrunner award to Bob Smith for driving the most miles for the year in his Model A. Bob Penny presented Bob Smith the medallion to for winning this award this year.

The Jim Timbes award was presented to Bob Penny.

The Jim Langley award was presented to Brian Chin

Congratulations to all for a job well done for the club this year!

Installation of 2022 officers was presented by Joe Spooner. Officers are for President Tommy Ellis; Vice President Mark Smith; Treasurer is Richard Noxon and Connie Penny Secretary.

Coming events: Please check your newsletter for events coming. Matts and planning meeting will be held on January 1, 2022. And next Club meeting will be on January 20, 2022.

Sharon Ellis led the Christmas activities. All members had a great time. President Al Lugo gave a closing message for the year of 2021. Thank you Al for all your hard work.

Submitted by

Connie Penny

Secretary



JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 20, 2022-6:00PM (EASTERN)

Our next Club Meeting will be at Buffet City, 2401 10th Street, Phenix City (of 280 Bypass-same Street as the old El Vaquero).

COMING EVENTS

January 8, 2022

January 20

MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday: 9:00AM)
Club Meeting

CRUISE EVENINGS

Every 1st Tuesday

Every 2nd Tuesday

Every 3rd Tuesday

Every 4th Tuesday

Every 5th Tuesday

Every 2nd Saturday

Every 3rd Saturday

Every 4th Saturday

Last Saturday of month

Every Sunday AM

Cooks Hot Dog on Miller & Airport Thruway

Jim Bob's (By Hobby Lobby)

Jason Deli (Close to Sears)

Country's on Broadway

El Vaquero Mexican Restaurant (Stadium Drive)

Opelika Home Depot Cruise In

Phenix City Home Depot Cruise In

Steak and Shake (Bradley Park Drive)

Opelika Cruise In at the Tracks

IHOP Airport Thruway

NATIONAL:

June 12-17 2022

December 5-8

National Convention, Kerrville, Texas

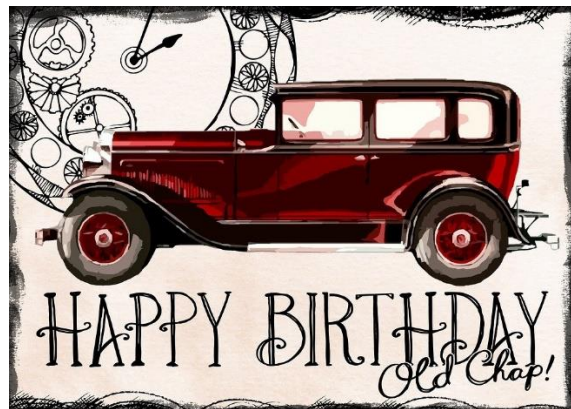
National Awards Banquet, Golden, Colorado

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January 17th Larry and Lisa Farrar

BIRTHDAYS



January 2nd David Laney
January 9th Bryan Chin

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MODEL A TINKER TIME SHOP

Tech tips

Is your Model A running a little rough with a lot of backfiring when you step on the accelerator?

Answer:

Back firing is usually caused by the condenser failing, or the points may not have sufficient gap. Make sure they are set at .018 to .020". Make sure they are not burnt.

Backfiring can be caused by intermittent firing of the ignition system or very lean fuel mixture. If the car has been setting for a while, the carburetor float valve may be sticking. Clean the float valve good and set the float level. Backfiring due to intermittent ignition can be caused by a frayed wire on the bottom side of the distributor plate or by intermittent connection of the ignition switch.

Potential Solutions:

1. Check point setting first.
2. Replace condenser next (unless you are using modern points). Make sure the condenser you buy is the right length, some are too short, and that it is good quality.
3. Check that the carburetor float valve is operating correctly.
4. Sometimes the pop out type ignition switches get intermittent. As a last resort, replace the ignition switch/cable.
5. Check the GAV to make sure it is not set too lean

Henry Ford called his first car the Model A. The next was the Model B and so on until he reached the Model T. In 1927, Henry Ford unveiled a new **vehicle** he called the Model A, rather than the Model U. This Model A often has something like “(1927–1931)” written after it to differentiate it from the earlier Model A.

Ford named his vehicles from Models A to T because every new model was a modification of the previous one until he hit gold with the Model T. The Model T was so successful that Ford wanted to continue building it forever. That changed when competition from other carmakers sent sales of the Model T into a decline in the mid-1920s.

Henry Ford ceased manufacturing the Model T in May 1927 and replaced it with the new Model A that November. The Model A was partly designed by his son, Edsel, who had tried to convince **Henry** to cease production of the Model T few years earlier. Henry refused, but Edsel continued working on his new car anyway. That car was the basis for the Model A.

Ford switched from the old naming system to indicate that the new Model A was designed from scratch and not a modification of the Model T. The Model A had unique features, including a speedometer, water pump, and gas gauge. The Model A was successful like its predecessor. Ford churned out 9,200 cars a day at its height.







CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY...

By Al Lugo

Photos by Mark Smith and Al Lugo.

On December 18, 2021, the River Cities Model "A" Ford Club held its Annual Business Meeting and Christmas Party.

Members met at the Woodmen Lodge, forty-four members signed up but several members cancelled because of the weather.

During the party President Al Lugo awarded Richard Noxon the MAFCA Service award for his long service to the Club.



Bobby Penny was presented the Jim Timbes President's Award for his outstanding service.



The Jim Langley's Spark Plug Award was presented to Bryan Chin for providing a "Club Spark".



Richard Noxon presented the "Road Runner" award to Bob Smith for driving over 1,000 miles in his Model "A".





Former President Joe Spooner presented the Oath of Office to the new elected Club Leaders.



Joe Spooner tells Tommy Ellis, our new elected President, the responsibilities of the Presidency and presented the oath of office.

Mark Smith, Vice President, Connie Penny, Secretary and Richard Noxon, Treasurer are read their responsibilities by Joe Spooner.



After the party Outgoing President Al Lugo presented a check for \$400.00 to the Salvation Army. This amount was donated by Club Members for toys for the needy children of the area.

