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# RIVER CITIES MODEL "A" FORD CLUB

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## CLUB OFFICERS:

President	Tommy Ellis
Vice President	Mark Smith
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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...

The September meeting of the River Cities Model A Club was held at the China Buffet on September 15 and was attended by 13 people. It was noted that Bill Shirley had surgery and was recuperating at home. Joe Carter, Bob Smith, and Larry Farrah are all recuperating at home after having been under the weather. There were 15 members attending the September MATTTS meeting including a visitor from the Alabama Model A Club, Robert Capps. The program for the September meeting was given by Robert Wharam. It was a great program about needing tools when working on older cars or motorcycles. There is a tour coming up on October 8 in Waverly Hall. A motion was made by Mark Smith to hold the October 20 meeting at the Ole Times Country Buffet at 1900 Manchester Expressway in Columbus. It was seconded by Al Lugo and approved and voted on by all members. Mark Smith will have more information on this at the MATTTS meeting on October 1. At the October 20 meeting, there will be a vote about returning the meetings to the Woodsmen's Lodge. For all new members, this is where are meetings were held before Covid. I have had some feedback from members saying that they are uncomfortable bringing up new ideas at the meetings. This makes me feel bad that people feel that way. This is a club for all members, and we appreciate any new ideas. New ideas are a way to keep the club fun and more interesting. The mileage for the Road Runner Competition will be due at the November 17 meeting. Richard Noxon will be distributing the forms at club activities. Please be sure to get a form from him no matter what your mileage is. There are proposed changes to the bylaws of MARC. There will be more information about this after the October 1 MATTTS Meeting. Six of our members have joined MARC. MARC membership is not required.

**Tommy Ellis, President**

# River Cities Model A Ford Club

The September meeting of the River Cities Model A Club was held at the China Buffet on September 15, 2022. President Tommy Ellis welcomed all members. After the Pledge of Allegiance and a blessing by Mark Smith, the members proceeded to the buffet line.

Members present were: Cathy and Robert Wharam, Mary Nell Singer, John Roberson, Bob and Connie Penny, Al Lugo, Mark Smith, Joe Spooner, Brian Chin, Keith Dixon, Dick Noxon and Tommy Ellis.

Tommy Ellis recognized two new members that had joined the club since our last meeting. They are Dave Guam and Jeff Whatley.

Under the weather. It was noted that Bill Shirley had surgery and was resting at home.

Joe Carter and Bob Smith and Larry Farrah are still recuperating at home.

There were several birthdays and anniversaries in the month of September. Check your newsletter for those listed.

Old Business: It was noted 14 members attended the September MATTS and one visitor from the Alabama Model A Club. Robert Capps.

At the August club meeting 17 members attended.

There was an event at the Naval Museum on September 3.

On September 5 five cars were at the annual Russell County courthouse.

Minutes were approved as printed in the August Newsletter. Motion by Brian Chin and second by Mark Smith.

Treasurer's Report: Dick Noxon gave a treasurer's report from August and September. They were approved by a motion from Al Lugo and second John Roberson.

New Business: Al Lugo needs members of MARC to bring in their membership number so we can fill out a request to become a region. There is a fee of \$10.00 for this request. A vote was taken by a motion from Al Lugo and second by Joe Spooner to proceed with this. Motion passed.

Program: Member Robert Wharam gave a terrific program about tools needed when working on older cars or motorcycles. Robert has a Harley he bought several years ago he has been working on. Tools are expensive to buy for some of the projects. He used his knowledge and wit and found something that worked that was laying in a junk pile at work. A good reminder to look around in your garage or junkpile if you are working on your cars and older vehicles. Thanks Robert!

October Tours are coming up. October 8 in Waverly Hall, Ga. and

Ft. Mitchell on October 29. Check your newsletter for further details on these tours.

Our meeting next month will be held on October 29 at a new venue. The Ole Timers Country Time Buffet on Manchester Expressway. Motion by Mark Smith and second by Al Lugo.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by

Connie Penny

Club Secretary

## **ROAD RUNNER COMPETITION NOTICE**

**Dear Members:**

**Remember we will be collecting your total mileage driven in a Model "A" Ford during our November Meeting on November 17, 2022.**

**Please report your mileage driven from November 18, 2021, thru November 17, 2022.**

**Richard Noxon will be distributing the 2022 Forms at every activity we have before November 17.**

**Please turn in any miles so we can see how much our Club drives.**

# JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

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

**Our next Club Meeting will be at Ole Times Country Buffet 1900  
Manchester Expressway, Columbus, Georgia**

## COMING EVENTS

October 1	MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday: 9:00AM)
October 1	AACA LaGrange Car Show
October 8	Waverly Hall Car Show (9-12:30 AM)
October 20	Club Meeting (Program: Fellowship)
October 29	Ft. Mitchell Festival
November 5	MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday: 9:00AM)
November 17	Club Meeting (Program: Mark Smith)

### 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:

**December 5-8                      National Awards Banquet, Golden,  
Colorado**

## ANNIVERSARIES



October 2<sup>nd</sup> John & Sherri Gilson  
October 19<sup>th</sup> Joe & June Spooner

## BIRTHDAYS



October 1<sup>st</sup> Bob Smith  
October 2<sup>nd</sup> Larry Farrar  
October 3<sup>rd</sup> Lizbeth Lugo  
October 3<sup>rd</sup> Phyllis Whaley  
October 6<sup>th</sup> Wayne Kennedy  
October 7<sup>th</sup> Sherri Gilson  
October 22<sup>nd</sup> Catherine Wharam  
October 26<sup>th</sup> Scott Singer  
October 29<sup>th</sup> David Hoxsey



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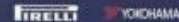
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Information and photos by Al Lugo & Mark Smith

“Members met at Bobby’s shop on September 3, 2022” ...



“Chad Smith shows a new head for a Smith-Gordon Air Compressor and how it works”....



**“Bobby showing an early nonelectric Ford built horn” ...**



**“Bobby showing a home built spring compressor for a Model A shifting tower” ...**



**“Al Lugo demonstrates how to mount a Model A tire using his feet” ...**



**“Bobby showing a different type of a wheel used in the Model A, a Kelsey Hayes Wheel “...**

**Some of the many things you can learn during MATTS!**

# NOTICE: PROPOSED CHANGES TO CLUB BYLAWS

By: Al Lugo

During a past Club Meeting, members voted to have our club become also a region of the Model A Restorers Club (MARC). As a result of this it is necessary to update our Club Bylaws. Our Bylaws were last updated June 17, 2021. The below changes are proposed:

## ARTICLE I

“a chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America” TO

“a chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America and a Region of the Model A Restorers Club”

## ARTICLE III

### SECTION 1. Requirements

“The Chapter and members shall be a member of the national organization, the Model A Ford Club of America” TO

” Shall be members of the national organizations, the Model A Ford Club of America and the Model A Restorers Club”.

“Members that only own vehicles other than a Model A Ford are encouraged but not required to join the National organization (MAFCA)” TO “~~not~~ required to join the National organizations (MAFCA) or (MARC)”

## ARTICLE V

## **SECTION 1. OFFICERS**

**“All officers or governing body shall be members of the National Club” IO “All officers or governing body shall be members of both National Clubs”**

## **SECTION 3. PRESIDENT**

**“The President will serve as the National Representative to the club. He shall act as a liaison between the Chapter and the National Club” IO**

**“He shall act a liaison between the Chapter, Region and the National Club”**

**As per our Bylaws, the above changes to the articles and sections will be voted on during the October Club Meeting. Please send any comments you have to the Club President.**

### A little history

The Ford Model A was the second biggest success for the Ford Motor Company after its more famous predecessor, the Model T.

First sold on December 2, 1927, it replaced the Model T which had been in production for 18 years. The new Model A was designated a 1928-year model and was available in four standard colors. By February 1929, one million Model As had been sold and by July of the same year, two million.

By March 1930, three million Model As were sold in nine body styles. Model A production ended in March 1932, after 4.8 million had been made in all body styles.

The Model A came in a variety of styles including:

- Coupe (Standard and Deluxe)
- Business Coupe
- Sport Coupe (Standard and Deluxe)
- Roadster Coupe
- Convertible Cabriolet
- Convertible Sedan
- Phaeton (Standard and Deluxe)

- Tudor Sedan (Standard and Deluxe)
- Town Car
- Fordor (five-window standard, three-window deluxe)
- Victoria
- Town Sedan
- Station Wagon
- Taxicab
- Truck
- Commercial

The Model A was the first Ford to use the standard set of driver controls with conventional clutch and brake pedals, throttle, and gear shift. Previous Fords used controls that had become uncommon to drivers of other makes and a rear-view mirror was optional! The Model A was also the first car to have safety glass in the windshield.



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