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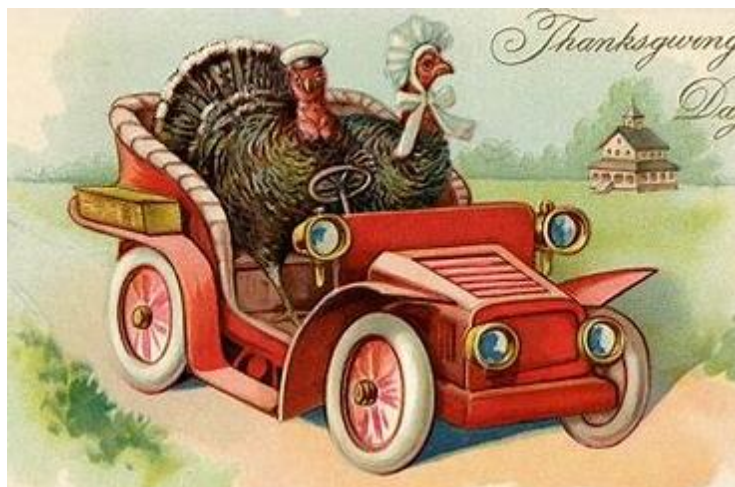


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This newsletter is the official publication of the River Cities Model A Ford Club, a chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America. It is mailed monthly to all members in good standing. Dues are \$25.00 per year per family. Membership in the MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA is a requirement for membership in the River Cities Model A Ford Club.

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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)

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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 October meeting of the River Cities Model A Club was held on October 20, 2022 at the Old Time Country Buffet in Columbus. There were 17 members in attendance. Bill Shirley, Joe Carter and Larry Farrar are under the weather. MATTS for October was cancelled because of Bobby Penny having surgery. He is doing well. There was a tour at Waverly Hall on October 8. We discussed getting suggestions from members about more tours that we can do with the whole club participating. Dick Noxon passed out the forms for the Road Runner Competition. They are due at the November meeting so please give them to Dick then. We discussed changes to the bylaws pertaining to MARC. The members voted to adopt these changes. We also voted to have the November meeting at the Woodman of the World Lodge. The Christmas party will also be at the Woodman of the World Lodge on December 17 at 12:00 pm. Robert will be catering the dinner. There was a tour to Spring Harbor on October 22. Some member met at Cracker Barrel for breakfast before going to Spring Harbor. We had five Model A's there and there was a good turn out from the Spring Harbor members. We also had a tour to Fort Mitchell on October 29 for the Fort Mitchell Festival. We had five Model A's for that also. Everyone had a great time. The November MATTS meeting will be on November 5. At that meeting, we will discuss where to have the meetings for next year. Please plan on attending MATTS so that we can get your input.

Tommy Ellis, President

River Cities Model A Ford Club

The October meeting of the River Cities Model A Club was held on October 20, 2022 at the Old Timers Country Buffet. The Following members present were Bob Smith, Mark Smith, Connie and Bob Penny, Mary Nell Singer, Scott and Lisa Singer, Al Lugo, John Robertson, Catherine and Robert Wharam, Keith Dixon, Joe Spooner, Brian Chin, Dick Noxon, Sharon and Tommy Ellis.

President Tommy Ellis called the meeting to order. After the Pledge of Allegiance and blessing the members proceeded to the buffet.

Under the Weather: Bill Shirley recovering from eye surgery. Joe Carter is feeling better and Larry Farrah is waiting for further treatment.

October birthdays and anniversaries were recognized.

Minutes: The minutes were approved as printed in the September newsletter by a motion from Bob Smith and second by Mark Smith.

Treasurer's Report: Dick Noxon gave the treasurers and it was approved by a motion from Brian Chin and second from Al Lugo.

Old Business: Matts for October 1 was cancelled due to Bob Penny's surgery. We are happy he is doing better and wished him well. The September 15 meeting was held at the China Buffet with thirteen members attending. There were several members who went on the Waverly Hall tour on October 8th. Members are asked to submit ideas for future tours to Bob Smith.

New Business: Forms for the Road Runner competition award are due at our November meeting. Please submit to Dick Noxon.

Changes to the by-laws pertaining to MARC were discussed. We have six members who have joined MARC.

Tour to Spring Harbor will be Saturday. Members will meet at Cracker Barrell for breakfast and proceed to Spring Harbor.

October 29 is a tour to Fort Mitchell. Members to meet at Phenix City Amphitheater at 8:30 .

December 3 will be the Bi-City Christmas parade. Bob Penny will bring registration forms to the November meeting.

November meeting will be held at the Woodman of the World building. The Christmas meeting will be on Saturday December 17th at 12:00 at the Woodman of the World building.

Having no further business 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, November 17, 2022-6:00PM (EASTERN) Our next Club Meeting will be at Woodmen Life Lodge on Highway 80, in Phenix City. NOTICE: THIS IS A LOCATION CHANGE FROM LAST MONTH

COMING EVENTS

November 5	MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday: 9:00AM)
November 17	Club Meeting (Program: Mark Smith)
December 3	MATTS & Planning Meeting (Saturday: 9:00AM)
December 3	Tri-City Christmas Parade
December 17	Club Annual Business Meeting & Christmas Party

NOTE: This is a Saturday-Meeting Starts at 12:00

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 5-8
Colorado

National Awards Banquet, Golden

ANNIVERSARIES



November 3rd Jeff & Phyllis Whaley
November 25th David & Joni Hoxsey

BIRTHDAYS



November 2nd Dexter Walden
November 8th Tom Penny
November 17th Donna Carter
November 28th Bobby Penny
November 28th William Shirley
November 30th Laura Penny

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MODEL A TINKER TIME SHOP

MATTs was cancelled for October due to an medical issue for our beloved Bobby Penny. It is hopeful that the November Matts will be a go.

In late November came the announcement that Americans had been waiting for: on December 2, 1927, the still-unnamed Ford automobile would be shown to the public, at locations revealed to each and every Ford dealer. Pricing was announced on December 1, the eve of the showing, and to the delight of potential buyers, the new Model A would be priced comparably to the Model T. On the day of the car's reveal, *Ford News* claimed that 10,534,992 people came to see the Model A, a number that represented 10 percent of the U.S. population at the time.

The Model A offered buyers elegant styling (described as a "downsized Lincoln" by some), four-wheel brakes, improved fuel economy, a laminated safety glass windshield, hydraulic shock absorbers, and a 200.5-cu.in. four-cylinder engine rated at 40 horsepower, enough to deliver a top speed of 65 MPH. Seven body types were offered at launch, including Sport Coupe, Coupe, Roadster, Phaeton, Tudor sedan, Fordor sedan, and truck, and buyers could choose from four colors (Niagara Blue, Arabian Sand, Dawn Gray and Gun Metal Blue).

Deposits from eager customers poured in, and in the first two weeks the automaker had reportedly accumulated 400,000 sales orders from dealers (adding to the thousands of orders that had been placed prior to the car's reveal). Though the Model A would only be produced from 1927 through early 1932, Ford sold over 4.3 million examples, and the car would help Ford transition from pioneer to modern automaker. The Model A would also go on to inspire generations of collectors, hot rodders and shade tree mechanics, helping to popularize the hobby that we've all come to know and love.





River Cities Ford Model A Club took a tour today, started @ Cracker Barrel, then off to Spring Harbor to display the cars for the residents. Great friends, great weather.

Waverly Hall Car Show

Five of us met at Waffle House to go to the Refuge Church Car Show in Waverly Hall. Very comfortable early Fall weather brought out 116 cars in the big field by the fire station in town.

John Gilson & brother brought 2 cars down from Manchester, Mark, John Robertson, Scott, Robert, Richard & Bob represented our car club. We met lots of old friends from all around the area to chat with during the day. Trophies were given out at noon exactly

and it was all over by 12:30.

Lots of food was a block away down in the center of town, live music and games, etc for kids.

Roving Reporter, Bob Smith

What in the world is that? A ghost Model A? A cool find in the woods?

Actually It is a shadow of Ronnie Pagan's car while he was out for a drive. As the sun hit his car you can see the shadow it made on the roadside.



Fort Mitchell Tour

Our short October tour was to Ft Mitchell for their special weekend just south of Phenix City, some met at RuthAnn's Restaurant for breakfast, the rest showed up at the amphitheater. We had Tom & Sharon, John Robertson, Robert Wharam, Mark & Laura, Bobby, Al, Bob and Chad with Mark's co-worker Jeeter & son along too. Chad brought a dozen donuts from Golden Donut to share with the group.

Bobby led us down Brickyard Rd to Rt 165 and into the Ft Mitchell Cemetery entry with barely any traffic that early in the morning. We parked along the driveway to all the sites so everyone had to walk or ride the tram past our cars. Lots of people looked and



had questions about the early Fords.

We walked down to where the cook fire was to try some biscuits and sausage baked over the fire, they came out nice and fluffy plus we had some good hot coffee done the same way. Then we toured the museum and other buildings. Much later we took the tram down to the Fort and wandered around. Since there was lunch being cooked we dined down there then took the tram back to our cars.

Lots of visitors remarked about our cars all day long and it was busy with people moving all around.

Late afternoon we caravanned back to Columbus and vicinities going home, a good day was had by all.

Roving reporter,
Bob Smith