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# 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
Mickey Timbes	Al Lugo	*Robert Jackson
*Dan Palmer	Lawrence Farrar	*Bettie Jackson
Dan Diener	Bill Buck	(*Deceased)

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Paul Singer Dec 2012-2014	Joe Spooner DEC 2014-2015
Jim Langley Dec2015-2016	

## Presidents Rattles for March 2016

# **EZN - ON By Jim Langley**

Well what a great way to begin our club's touring season. The "Sweet Heart Tour" on February 20<sup>th</sup> with a drive around some interesting points in the Pine Mountain and Pine Mountain Valley area, beginning with a good and sociable breakfast at The Callaway country Store. You missed it, WELL your next opportunity is scheduled on March 19<sup>th</sup>, so join us for the "Spring Fling Tour...."

Remember ALL members are welcome to attend the Club's Planning Meeting where ideas are developed and planned and recommended to the general membership. Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> - Burger King on Macon Road....

NEVER ATTENDED MATTS (Model A Tinker Time) at Bobby Penny's Shop??? You are missing out on some good social discussion (Yakty-Yak), informative technical talk, FREE Donuts and Coffee, Too cold you say? You have not sat next to Bobby's wood burning cast iron stove. Always First the first Friday at 9am, Next one is March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Paul Singer is preparing an interesting program "Computer Safety for the March 17<sup>th</sup> membership meeting. BE THERE  
Plan now to attend the East Alabama Old Car Club Show in Opelika in May.

Start putting together your donations for the club auction to be held on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Remember all proceeds from the auction go to the club treasury.

See you on The Back Roads.....

*Jim*

# JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: March 17, 2016-  
6:00PM (EASTERN) Our  
next meeting will be at Woodmen of  
the World Lodge, on Highway 80, in  
Phenix City.

## COMING EVENTS

March 4	MATTS
March 5	Glenwood School Car Show
March 11	Planning Meeting
March 17	Club Meeting
March 19	Spring Fling Tour
April 1	MATTS
April 2	Little Texas Car Show
April 15	Planning Meeting
April 21	Club Meeting (Auction)
April 23	April Showers Tour

### 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	Fudruckers in the Landings
Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	Opelika Home Depot
Every 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Steak and Shake (Bradley Park Drive)
Every Sunday AM	IHOP Airport Thruway

### NATIONAL:

June 19-24      MAFCA National Convention, Loveland, Colorado  
December 5-8   MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Reno, Nevada

**River Cities Model A Ford Club  
Meeting Minutes from February 18th, 2016  
Club Meeting**

The February meeting of the River Cities Model A Club was held Thursday, February 18, 2016 at the Woodman of the World facility.

President Jim Langley called the meeting to order with the following members present: John Robertson, Wayne Kennedy, Don and Evelyn Carlisle, Bob and Connie Penny, Bob Smith, Joe Carter, Mary Nelle and Paul Singer, Glenn Williams & Cindy, Dick Noxon, Sharon Webb, Al Lugo, Joe and June Spooner, Louie and Gloria Willett, Jim Langley, Mark and Pat Gamble, and Bill Shirley.

Grace was given by Al Lugo. Members proceeded to the buffet line.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Sunshine Report: We are wishing Russell Lester, Howard Ruddick, and Cordarral Brundidge, who is Robert and Margie' son (our caterer), a speedy recovery.

Minutes from the January 21, 2016, meeting were approved as reported in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report by Joe Carter was given and approved. The yearly financial audit was completed and approved. The yearly budget was viewed by attendees.

Our caterer, Margie, thanked the club for the donation to her family to help with expenses due to her son accident.

**New Business:**

Clayton Parrish was available, and President Jim Langley expressed our appreciation for allowing our club to meet at the Woodman of the World.

Appreciation was received for participation in the West Georgia Hospital Authority event by members.

Paul Singer gave information on the Sweet Heart Tour, Saturday, February 20, 2016. Members will meet at Lowes on Veterans Parkway at 9:00 a.m. and have brunch at the Callaway Country Store.

The program: Several people brought items to show followed by Al Lupo's video from Diablo Model A's Technical Seminar Series on 38 areas to check on a model A prior to a tour.

President Jim Langley encouraged everyone to read the possible bi-laws and amendments printed in the February newsletter. They will be discussed and voted on at the March meeting.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned.  
Respectively submitted by Pat Gamble, secretary.

## **Attention Club Members**

**From the Agenda of the Club Planning meeting held on February 12<sup>th</sup> 2016,**

**Proposed Ammendment to the River Cities Model A Ford Club Bi Laws:**

**While discussing the recommended Club Budget for 2016, it was noted that a more precise and clearer understanding of how funds are distributed in the event of a death of a club member or his/her spouse. The Board of Directors recommended the following as an amendment to the club Bi Laws to become effective after discussion and approval at the April General Membership meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup> 2016**

- (1) The family of the deceased club member or spouse be allowed to choose:**
  - A. Club donation to the Family's coice of a charity in lieu of flowers OR:**
  - B. Club sending funeral flowers if family so chooses**
  - C. This distribution shall be limited to club members and spouses.**

A gentleman in Atlanta called Bentley looking for a Model A Fordor to be used in a wedding in Atlanta, early in April. He said they would gladly pay for a car and driver for this wedding, they want the bride and groom to have great memories and some good photographs.

If you are in the Atlanta area, and have a Model A Fordor, (or Phaeton?) this might be a good opportunity.

Contact him directly:  
Bill Roeck- 404-316-0281  
[b.roeck@comcast.net](mailto:b.roeck@comcast.net)

**Steak and Shake (Target Shopping Center in Columbus) Cruise-In has started back up. Usually starts gathering around 5-ish. Always a fun place to meet other car people and show off your ride.**



**MODEL A TINKER TIME SHOP**



Photos and information by Al Lugo

Bobby Penny conducted another great MATTS at his shop on February 5, 2016. As always this is a great opportunity to get important information on the operation of the Model A, to make it safe and keep it on the road.



Bobby talks about the new LED taillights available for the Model "A".





**Some of the Members attending listening carefully...**



**Bobby showing the “Model A Tool Book” that Jim Langley donated to the Club Library. Great Job Jim!**



**Working on your Model A? The best resource available for any Model A owner: The Judging Standards...**



Joe Spooner admires Jim's detailed Model A Tool's book  
Our next MATTS will be on March 4, 2016. Come Join us and  
Enjoy the great fellowship!

# DID YOU KNOW?

By AL LUGO

The Ford Motor Company has one of the richest histories of any Automobile Company. This was possible because of the preservation of documents, photos, and short films. It is my purpose in the coming months to bring you significant facts of Ford history presented in short "bullets". Please join me in honoring our rich Ford Motor Company History.

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## Fordlandia & Belterra

- For the longest time Ford purchased tires from Harvey Firestone. Mr. Firestone urged Ford to invest in its own supply of rubber. Ford decided to go to Brazil for his rubber tree supply. His objective: to create the largest rubber plantation on the planet.

- Brazil seemed the ideal choice considering that the trees were native to the region and the rubber harvest could be shipped to the tire factories in the U.S. by land rather than by sea.
- \* Firestone went to Liberia and West Africa for his rubber supply. Goodyear went to Costa Rica and Panama.
- On July 21, 1927 Ford made a deal with Brazil to obtain 2.5 million acres of property. After 12 years Brazil would receive 7% of the profits and Ford would be required to invest 2% of the profits in the local area. Henry Ford named this property Fordlandia.
- At the same time Ford, Firestone, and Thomas Edison partnered and tested several rubber trees.
- By going to Brazil, Ford faced several obstacles. The area was 3,000 miles away. At first they encountered a huge reef across the river near the property that kept them 20 miles away from his property. Ford also needed to clear land to build a town and the area to plant the seeds.
- They tried to clear the land by burning, but because of heavy rains the timber was very wet and difficult to burn. Heavy rains also caused massive erosion of the land after the timber was cleared.
- The new town was not well received by the locals, since they felt the houses he built were hot and stuffy. They did not like the food served in the cafeteria since the menu was American and locals felt it made them sick. Ford made an effort to transplant America and establish what Ford called the healthy lifestyle. He established American lifestyle and values. Ford established working hours and locals did not like it because they wanted to work before sunrise and after sunset.
- Building this large population caused short term sanitation problem and they had a large number of malaria cases. Vehicles brought for transportation could not travel during the rainy season due to poor road conditions.
- To keep workers happy Ford built a movie theater, a dance hall, a swimming pool and an 18 hole golf course.
- Another problem was that rubber trees took eight to twelve years to start producing latex and by then they would be affected by disease caused by the many insects in the area. Ford did not employ any botanist in the Fordlandia rubber fields relying instead on the company engineers. Having no prior knowledge of rubber raising, Ford engineers made their best guess, and planted about 200 trees per acre. There were only about seven wild rubber trees per acre in the Amazon jungle.

- \* In 1933, after conducting a study it was concluded that the soil was not good in Fordlandia. Ford then moved its operation 80 miles North at a town called Belterra.
- At Belterra the land was more flat and more conducive for rubber plantation. Ford hired 2,000 workers and built 5 schools and 844 homes at Belterra.
- In 1939 Ford established its own tire factory at Dearborn using the rubber produced in Brazil, but then shortly afterwards World War II started and the rubber was needed for the war effort. During the war many of the rubber facilities in other parts of world fell in enemy hands. When the war ended most rubber producing areas were in friendly hands. Also by then synthetic rubber was becoming very popular.
- By 1945 Ford sold its Brazilian operation to the Brazilian government and switched to synthetic rubber.



**Town built by Henry Ford in Brazil**



**Hospital was well staffed and equipped**



**Dance Hall in Fordlandia**





**Swimming Pool**



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**A typical home at Fordlandia**



A rubber field at Belterra, better suited for rubber planting

## Quick tips for your Model A

### Quick Fuel Check:

Crank engine fully choke for seven or eight revolutions. If gas leaks from the back of the carburetor your line of fuel is not blocked.

### If Fuel Line is Blocked

1. Use a stick to check the fuel level in the gas tank.
2. Repeat the above Quick Check for Fuel with the gas cap off.
3. Remove fuel line at carburetor. Test for fuel flow using the gas shut off valve for means of controlling flow. If blocked blow into fuel line to temporarily clear blockage.
4. If gas flows from the fuel line reattach it to the carburetor making sure the line does not extend more than 1/8 of an inch from the ferrule into the carburetor, repeat the above Quick Check for Fuel.
5. Detach the choke lever and remove the center bolt of the carburetor and separate the two halves. Check for fuel flow.
6. Remove valve and check for fuel flow. If no flow check screen for blockage
7. Clean and blow through float valve



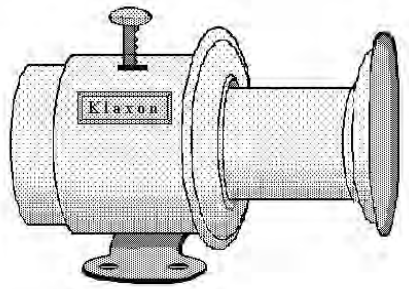
## HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES



**MARCH 7- Bobby & Carolyn Shackelford**

**MARCH 8- John & Friederilke Robertson**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



**MARCH 4- Jim Langley**

**MARCH 5- Sherry Williams**

**MARCH 6- Diane Watkins**

**MARCH 16- Betty Fagundes**

**MARCH 22- Renate Shirley**

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[RAIN DATE - MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>]

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## **FOR SALE**

### **David Black is Selling his Model A**

Since I can not drive my Model A I will sell it. A 30 Tudor (Touring Car). B inserted-Pressurized engine. High comp. head, Oil & Tem. gauges. 12 volt, Ford (83 Ford F100 trans) 4 speed overdrive.



**16" wheels with WW walls radials. Tires were \$1000 new and have 95 % tread. Pressurized radiator with over flow tank.**

**Ford 2 tone green with yellow wheels. Model A Looks (inside & Outside) and drives GREAT.... Not a show car but a proven Touring car. On a 0-10 scale.... It's an 8.**

**\$22,000 Firm.**

**David\_black@model-a-man.com**

**Lazyboy Wall-hugger light green chair for sale \$100**

**06 Titanium Gold Wing, ABS, Nav, Htd Seats/grips, Dunlop tires w/4000 miles,**

**new fluid in clutch & brakes; lots of lights and chrome, security alarm.**

**Pulsing brake lights & highbeams, garage dr opened built-in. CB radio. Full Maintenance Log, 100k Miles, \$10,000**



Two 1930 Model A Coupes for sale in thee  
Louisville, Ky. area

FOR SALE: 1930 Model A coupe with rumble seat.  
Blue with yellow wheels and white wall tires.  
Asking \$14,000 O.B.O. Contact Sue Sperry at  
502459-4133 (Louisville area) FOR SALE: 1930  
Model A Coupe with rumble seat. Maroon with  
black fenders. Rear mounted spare. In 2008 all  
wheels were powder coated and new tires  
installed. Also replaced water pump in 2008.  
Asking \$17,000 O.B.O. Contact Jan Cody at 502-  
964-0072 (Louisville area)

### **PARTS WANTED**

**WANTED; 1930-31 Model A Cowl with tank and Hood  
& related parts.**

**Mark Gamble 706-333-7586 (cell)**

**Ron Cummings is looking for a 1930 or 1931 4 door  
but he doesn't want a slant windshield. His phone is  
850-384-8024.**