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| Jim Langley Dec2015-2016 | |

Presidents Rattles for April 2016

EZN - ON By Jim Langley

First off, best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mary Ann Lester, Howard Ruddick, Neal LaClaire, Wayne Kennedy, and Bobby Shackelford. Get Well all, you are in our thoughts and prayers....

Now about April 2nd, 2016 – You will have to PICK AND CHOOSE since there are four (4) events scheduled for that day. Annual Car Show, Mt Zion Church, Lee County. Pine Mountain Down-Town Day – Car Show and Antique/Thrft Shopping Pine Mountain. Little Texas Antique Auto and Tractor Show Little Texas Methodist Church Pavilion (built in the 1840's) Baker County, and the Annual Car Show in Eufaula. Whew!!!

DON'T FORGET – The Spring Fling Tour to Richland, GA has been rescheduled for Aprin 23rd due to March 19th inclement weather...

AND...May 21st Tour and Car Show in Opelika (sponsored by the Old Car Club of Opelika, one of our Sister Clubs). Be there and perhaps you will learn a **NEW WAY** to travel from Phenix City to Opelika via the backs roads...

As you see, BZE tour season coming, **BUT**; “You Ain’t Seen Nothing Yet”... So, shake a leg, “Crank ‘er UP” and lets go...

Always Remember, Bear Down, Try Hard and Never Quit, NEVER!!!

See you on The Back Roads.....

Jim

JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: April 21, 2016- 6:00PM
(EASTERN) Our
next meeting and Club Auction will
be at Woodmen of the World Lodge,
on Highway 80, in Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

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| April 1 | MATTS |
| April 2 | Little Texas Car Show |
| April 2 | Mt. Zion Church Car Show |
| April 15 | Planning Meeting |
| April 16 | Eufala Car Show |
| April 21 | Club Meeting (Club Auction) |
| April 23 | April Club Tour |
| April 23 | Cataula VFW Car Show |
| May 6 | MATTS |
| May 13 | Planning Meeting |
| May 14 | Workshop- Al's Garage |
| May 19 | Club Meeting |
| May 21 | East Alabama Old Car Club Car Show (May Tour) |
| May 21 | SGM Association Car Show |

CRUISE EVENINGS

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| 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 | Fudruckers in the Landings |
| Every 2 nd Saturday | Opelika Home Depot |
| Every 4 th 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 March 17, 2016
Club Meeting

The March meeting of the River Cities Model A Club was held Thursday, March 17, 2016 at the Woodman of the World facility.

President Jim Langley called the meeting to order with the following members present: John Robertson, Jim Langley, Bob Penny, Joe Carter, Mary Nelle and Paul Singer, Glenn Williams & Cindy, Dick Noxon, Sharon Webb, Louie and Gloria Willett, Jim Miller, Lee & Becky Coxwell and Bill Shirley.

Grace was given by Jim Langley. 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. Wayne Kennedy is in St Francis, and Bobbie Shackelford is in the hospital too. Neil LeClair is still under treatment. Please remember these members and friends in our prayers.

The meeting this evening did not have a structured program but instead an opportunity was given to just have a social session for approximately 45 minutes then there was the business portion .

Old Business:

Minutes from the February 18,2016 meeting were approved as reported in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report by Joe Carter was given and approved.

The proposed Bi-Laws amendment as printed in the March Newsletter was approved by the Board of directors at the March planning meeting. If you have not reviewed it please do so as this proposal will be up for approval and adoption by the club members at the April 20,2016 meeting.

The annual budget approval was tabled as we need more members present to make an approval. Our attendance was down due to several members out of town or ill.

New Business:

Paul Singer spoke of the up coming tours and activities. There was discussion regarding the up coming tour called The Spring Fling. Due to the potential bad weather predicted for this Saturday and the low attendance available for this weekend the tour was postponed until

next month. Paul also showed a sample of a new car magnet with our club logo that is being developed.

Several car shows and other activities are coming up and it was suggested that we announce these and let those who want to go to them pick and chose rather than endorsing only one activity. On April 2 for example there are 3 activities: downtown Pine Mountain having a care show, Mt Zion Church in Smith Station is also having a car show; and in Little Texas there is an Antique Auto and Tractor show.

April 21, 2016 will be the club auction. Jim Langley encouraged all to bring their donations for this. Items do not have to be Model A related and remember our lady members. All proceeds will go to the Club treasury.

Jim Langley stated that it is the goal of the Board of Directors and his to reduce this business portion of our monthly general membership meetings to the very minimum time levels and to rotate formal programs with social activities to allow for more time for visiting with each other and enjoy good fellowship. Feed back from those in attendance was positive and this will be discussed more at the next club meeting.

Louie Willett had a show and tell item which stumped most of us in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Webb acting secretary

Attention Club Members

From the Agenda of the Club Planning meeting held on February 12th 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 21st 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.**

NEXT WORKSHOP AT AL'S GARAGE

Our next River Cities Model "A" Ford Club Workshop will be conducted on May 14, 2016 at Al's Garage. The Topic will be "Fashions During the Model A Era". Workshop will start at 9:00 A.M. with Coffee and doughnuts. Lunch will be provided at no cost. If you have not signed up please Email (alugo@mchsi.com or call Al Lugo (706-653-5396). Please reply by MAY 4, 2016. This is important so I can have a proper headcount for the catering. Please come and learn about the era of the Model A and enjoy the fellowship.

Dan Palmer Scholarship. It is time to apply for the Scholarship. Application is on the web site. This year we will award the scholarships in May. It has been brought to the Chair of the Scholarship Committee that High Schools have awards nights where Scholarships are awarded to the students. Please get your applications in to Bill Shirley as soon as possible.



MODEL A TINKER TIME SHOP

Photos and information by Howard Ruddick

Bobby Penny conducted another great MATTS at his shop on March 4th, 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.



Some of our MATTS group enjoying fellowship, coffee, and learning about the Model A.



We discussed different problems that occur with cutouts and amp meters.





Steering is hard when the Model A isn't moving. When working on the front end place some shopping bags under the front wheels. This is poor mans "power Steering"!



What is this Bobby has? Come join us the first Friday in June to find out. The coffee is hot, donuts good, and fellowship super.

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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HENRY FORD AND AVIATION

- Most people don't know Henry and Edsel's Ford influence in aviation during the 20's and 30's. Henry clearly saw the important role that aviation would play in the future. During these early days Ford spent 4 million dollars to promote aviation and the Ford airplane. In 1984 Henry Ford was enshrined in the National Aviation Hall of Fame as one of the greatest pioneers of commercial aviation in the United States.
- During World War I Ford mass produced Liberty aircraft engines, and engines for the Kettering's bug aerial torpedo. This was a pilotless flying bomb.
- At first Ford developed an interest on the dirigible and he set up an aircraft development corporation to build one with a metal skin of duralumin which a metal as light as paper and as strong as steel. When he opened his airport he built a dirigible mooring mast.
- Ford and others combined with Bill Stout in 1923 to build an all metal airplane. In 1925 Stout sold his airplane company to Henry Ford. Henry renamed it the Ford Airplane Manufacturing Division and started the development of a three-motor airplane to increase passenger safety and operating revenue. Henry Ford built a airplane manufacturing assembly line at the Ford Airport and also provided passenger air service. Ford became the first company to use an assembly line for aircraft production.
- In January 1925 Ford opened the Ford Airport in Dearborn, Michigan, one of the finest and most modern airports in the country. He purchased several of the airplanes and started the world's first regular-schedule airline service devoted to the business of his company.
- In April 1925 Ford started air service from Dearborn to Chicago and in July added air service to Cleveland, Ohio. Later he added another route from Dearborn to Buffalo, New York. He started this experimental scheduled airline service between his plants to develop public confidence in commercial aviation.

- The Ford Trimotor was introduced in 1926 and Henry became the world's largest manufacturer of commercial aircraft at the time. His production Trimotor was luxurious with wicker seats, cabin heating, carpeting and toilet facilities. The airplane had the latest instruments and deluxe Model T steering wheels.
- The first Ford plane was later sold to the Postal Service after Ford established the first commercial airmail service between Detroit, Chicago and Cleveland. He was the first to start this new type of mail transport.
- The Ford airplane could be purchased with wheels, pontoons for water landing and skis for landing in areas with a lot of snow.
- * Henry Ford built the Dearborn Inn, the first hotel to provide lodging to air passengers. It also had a restaurant.
- At one time Henry Ford said he would never fly, but in 1927 during an inspection of the Ford Airport by Charles Lindbergh invited Henry for a ride in his famous airplane the Spirit of St. Louis.
- In 1929 Henry Ford built a concrete runway. His airport provided the first concrete runway in any airport.
- One of the famous Ford airplanes was flown in 1929 by Admiral Richard Byrd in his flight to South Pole.
- Ford was one of the first to have a radio beacon at the Ford Airport and this permitted airplanes to fly in all type of weather. Ford shared the patent of this radio beacon with other airports at no cost. In June 1930 Ford inaugurated the use of a radio telephone ground transmitting station. This radio telephone transmitted weather reports regularly and during bad weather.
- After the success of the Ford Trimotor, Ford later built a Flivver airplane, that he called a "Model T of the air". The Flivver airplane was one of the smallest single seat airplanes ever built. This tiny plane had a weight of less than 370 pounds. Many also called this airplane the Ford flying car. Ford wanted to have a plane in every garage to go with the Model T in the garage. The Flivver would have a target price of 500 dollars and Henry's instructions was that it "fit in his office".
- The first prototype of this airplane was introduced to the public on Henry Ford's 63rd birthday, during the 1926 Ford National Reliability Air Tour. His chief test pilot, Harry J. Brooks flew the Flivver regularly from his home garage to work at the Ford Laboratory and later used a second Flivver to fly around the Ford properties.

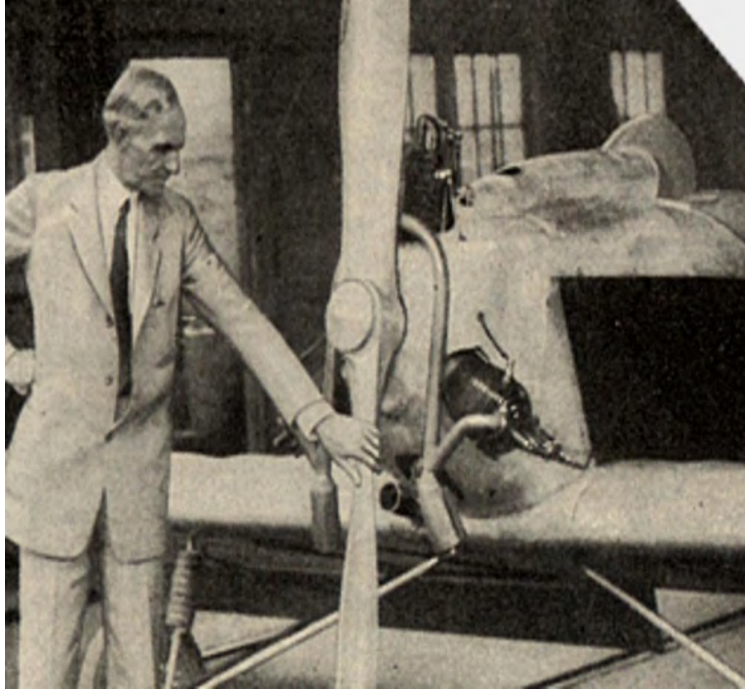
- After his friend and test pilot Harry J. Brooks died in a Flivver airplane accident, Henry Ford stopped development of this light aircraft under the Ford brand, but he never gave up the dream of a flying Flivver in every garage.
- Till 1932 Ford dominated aviation service but by the end of the year Ford terminated air service due to other commercial services been available at other airports.
- During World War II the Ford Motor Company mass produced the B-24 Liberator airplane.



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An example of an early Stout Ford Airplane



A Ford Trimotor that recently visited Columbus, Georgia



A prototype of the Ford flying Flivver



Will Rogers posing with the Flivver, while he was a pilot, he never flew this plane



This is a Ford Flivver replica at the EAA Air Venture Museum



A surviving Ford Flivver on display at the Henry Ford Museum

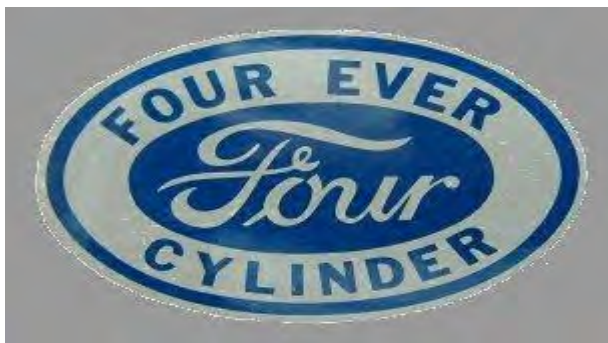


The Edsel B. Ford trophy was designed for the first Commercial Airplane Reliability Tour. It serves as a symbol of the aviation legacy of Henry Ford and his son Edsel. This trophy is on permanent display at the Henry Ford Museum.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR, September the 10TH Uptown Columbus. The Club will have our Static Display of Model A's to celebrate International Model A Day with Columbus Georgia. Please Sign Up so we can give them an accurate Car Count. This will be our Third Year so lets make it a good one.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

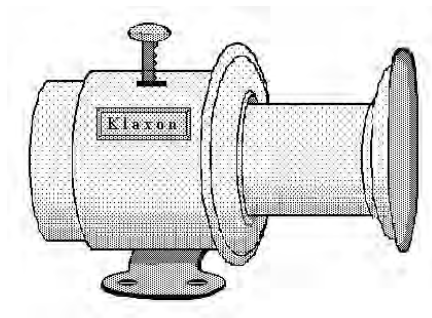


APRIL 1- Bill & Louann Buck

APRIL 28- Lee & Becky Coxwell

APRIL 29- Paul & Mary Nelle Singer

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



APRIL 16- Connie Penny

APRIL 26- Sharon Webb

APRIL 27- Joe Spooner

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APRIL 23RD

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Henry Ford's Wife Wouldn't Drive Ford Model T, Kept Her Electric Car

April 11th, 2014 by [Zachary Shahan](#)



To many, electric cars are a completely new thing. However, they actually have a long history in the United States. For some time, they were the top dog. However, due to battery limitations many decades ago, they got replaced with gasmobiles.

With recent advancements, electric cars are back. But it's important to note that many of their key benefits are the same today as they were back in the early 20th century.

For example, they are much simpler, cleaner, safer, and nicer to drive. Henry Ford's wife knew this, as did many women of the early 20th century. Clara Ford apparently wouldn't drive the Model T. She stuck to her electric car instead, a 1914 Detroit Electric. Here's more from [TIME](#) magazine;

"Girls dig electric cars. At least that was the marketing message back in 1915, when petrol-powered autos were beginning to decisively pull away from electric ones. Battery-powered vehicles retained popularity among female drivers in cities, who valued them for their reliability — they wouldn't blow up, as gas cars were known to do on occasion — and ease of use. Clara Ford, wife of

Henry, whose Model T all but decimated the electric car, drove a 1914 Detroit Electric. (What her husband made of the fact that she wasn't driving a Ford is lost to history.) The Detroit models could run 80 miles on a single charge, with a top speed of about 20 mph. Pokey, but this was before the age of Danica Patrick."

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.

2006 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



Contact Bob Smith for either the Lazy boy or Honda

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)

A MOTOR ROMANCE

Supply the missing word with an Auto Part (Prior to 1931)

Alice and her beau one day went riding in a _____.

Ane he was somewhat of a _____.

It was too bad he wasn't smarter, but he could not work the _____.

She showed him how, the little dear, and also how to shift the _____.

Away they went, but something broke, t'was just a little_____.

He fixed it with a piece of wire, then something popped, it was a _____.

Mended soon, but the next ker-plop, they struck a branch and broke the_____.

"Dear me," cried Alice, "that's too much, then something happened to the _____.

And next poor Frank, unlucky dub, had something happen to a _____.

They crossed a brook but missed the fiord, and sank down to the _____.

"Oh Frank, cried Alice with a squeal," I think we just lost a _____.

They climbed a hill and then it was seen, the tank had no _____.

They coasted down toward the lake, but Frank could not work the _____.

They struck a post a moment later, and that wrecked the _____.

T'was useless then to sweat and toil, nothing would run, not even the _____.

They journeyed home with Frank A' pushing, while Alice sobbed upon a _____.

ANSWERS at the April 21st Membership Meeting....