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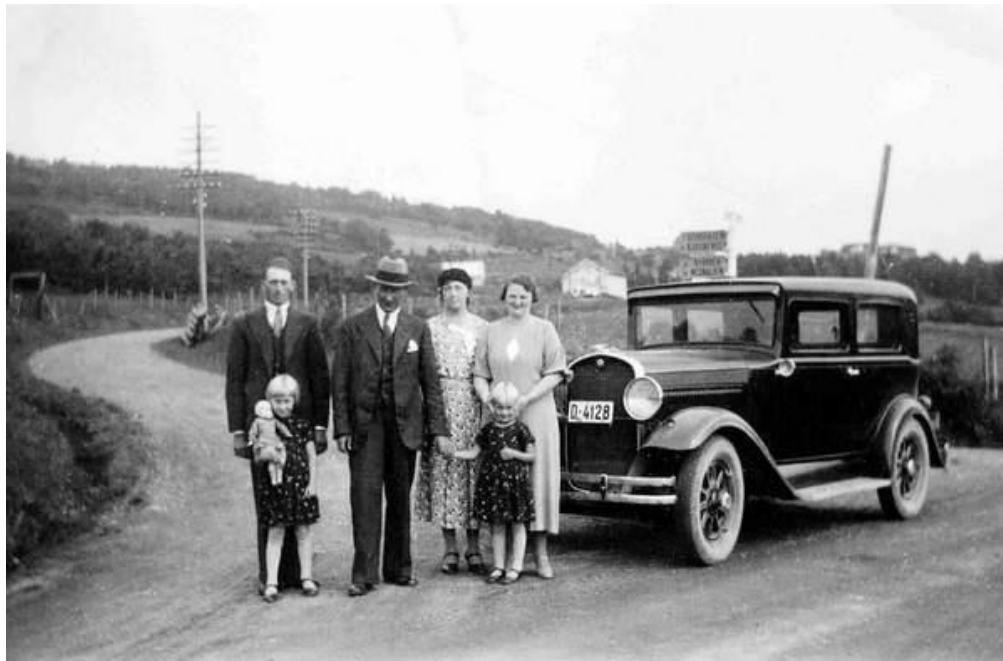
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This newsletter is the official publication of the River Cities Model A Ford Club, a chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America. It is mailed monthly to all members in good standing. Dues are \$25.00 per year per family. Membership in the MODEL A 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
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PAST PRESIDENTS:

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Jim Timbes DEC 2009-2010	Al Lugo DEC 2010-2012
Paul Singer Dec 2012-2014	Joe Spooner DEC 2014-2015
Jim Langley Dec2015-2016	

Presidents Rattles for October 2016 EZ ON...

As we set our clocks back, it is also time to turn the page....

If you did not attend the latest workshop at AL's Garage then you missed out. Bobby Penny did a excellent presentation on Model A starters, and as usual, Li and Al Lugo continued as perfect hosts providing sweets and coffee early (Liz made sure there was plenty of coffee since Al threatened every with his newly acquired "Gallon Coffee Cup.") For lunch the Lugo's provided a catered meal by Robert which everyone enjoyed. Louie Willett brought up an old tale of me, him, and a cotter pin which amused everyone. Maybe Louie will tell all at a future club meeting....

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Moultrie Swap Met: Another record number of pre-Registered vendors...

Veteran's Day Parade – Columbus/Phenix City November

Annual Mayors Motorcade – Columbus December

Annual Christmas Parade – Columbus/Phenix City December

Annual Club Christmas Party and Business Meeting December

PLEASE LOOK OVER THE "JOIN US" SECTION OF THIS NEWSLETTER FOR DATES/DETAILS

See you on The Back Roads.....

Jim

JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: November 17, 2016 6:00PM (EASTERN) and will be at the Woodmen of the World Lodge, on Highway 80, in Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

November 4	MATTS
November 12	Veterans Parade/Infantry Museum Tour
November 17	Club Meeting
November 18-20	Moultrie Swap Meet
November 19	Turkey Times Tour
December 1	Mayors Parade
December 2	MATTS
December 3	Tri-City Christmas Parade
December 10	Xmas 4Kids Car Show-Cooks Hot Dogs
December 15	Club Meeting
December 17	Saint Nicholas Tour

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 (Phenix City)
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)
Every Sunday AM	IHOP Airport Thruway

NATIONAL:

December 5-8 MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Reno, Nevada

**River Cities
Model A Ford Club
Meeting Minutes from October 20th, 2016
Club Meeting**

The October meeting of the River Cities Model A Club was held 6:00p.m. EST, Thursday, October 20, 2016 at the Woodman of the World facility.

President Jim Langley called the meeting to order. The following members were present: Dick Noxon, Al Lugo, John Robertson, Tommy Ellis, Howard & Barbara Ruddick, Joe Watkins, Joe & June Spooner, Bob & Connie Penny, Louie & Gloria Willett, Mark & Pat Gamble, Neil R. LaClaire, Glenn Williams & Cindy, Wayne Kennedy, Paul & Mary Nelle Singer, Jason Conry, Jim Langley, Sharon Webb, and Bill Shirley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Grace was given by Jim Langley. Members proceeded to the buffet line.

Sunshine Report: Jim Langley reported that Russell Lester fell and broke his hip. Dick Noxon reported that Bobby Shackelford is having problems with his blood pressure. We want to keep both members in our prayers for improved health.

The nominating committee members for 2017 club officers are Howard Ruddick, Barbara Ruddick, Sharon Webb, and Bob Smith. We will hear their slate of officers, nominate others, if we wish, and vote to confirm at the November 17th meeting.

Welcome new members: Jason Conry and Dexter Waldon

Minutes from the September 15th meeting were approved by majority as reported in the newsletter.

Dick Noxon acted as treasurer in Joe Carter's absence.

Business: Discussion on annual awards for club members. It was voted to discontinue all except Annual Mileage Driven Award and the possible nomination for the MAFCA Service Award. We appreciate members that take on the responsibility of club officers and team members.

Program: John Robertson introduced AL Lugo's video on "How to put a Tire on a Model A with a Plastic Bag." It was made by the Diablo Model A Club in Arizona.

Forthcoming Tours and Activities by Paul Singer:

November 4th is the Matt's meeting at Bobby Penny's garage.

November 12th is the Veterans' Parade in Columbus and Phenix City, and a possible tour to the museum at Fort Benning.

November 17th is monthly club meeting at Woodman of the World building in Phenix City.

December 1st Mayor's Parade, 1:30. West GA Regional Hospital

December 3rd Bi-City Christmas Parade starting in Phenix City, at the corner of Dillingham Street and Broad Street, 8:30 a.m. Deadline to sign up is Nov. 23rd.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned by President Jim Langley.

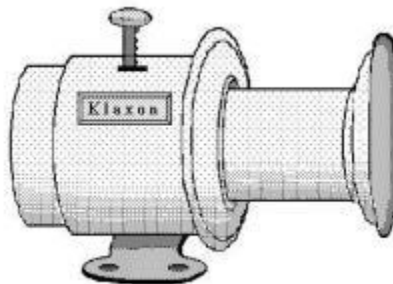
Respectively submitted by Pat Gamble, secretary.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES



November 6 - Jim & Linda Miller
November 16 - Joe & Betty Fagundes
November 19 - Thomas & Kathryn Foster
November 26 - Patrick & Pamela Tyler

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



November 8- Tom Penny
November 18- Joe Fagundes
November 25- Bobby Shackelford
November 28- Bobby Penny

November 17- Donna Carter
November 19- Kevin Adams
November 28- William Shirley
November 30- Laura Penny

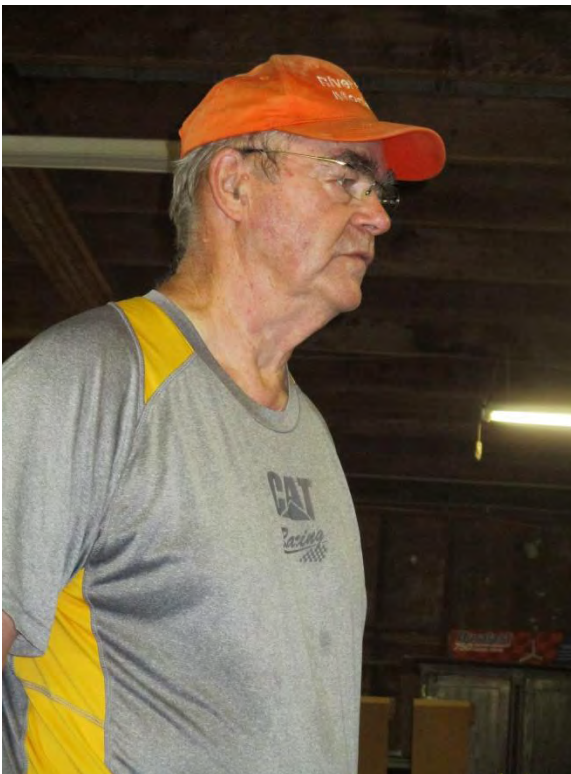
October MATTS finds the number of members interested in learning about the inner workings of the Model A continues to grow. Although the parking space at Bobby's shop continues to fill up, we have a parking spot for you.



Some of our group. We have coffee, donuts, and friendship before our meetings.



Al has decided to limit his coffee consumption to 1 cup at each meeting!



Our leader is Bobby. He always finds a topic of interest or a mechanical problem for the group to solve. Go Bobby, Go!



Dick brought his generator that was not turning freely. The Field Coil Mounting Shoes Field Coil Mounting Shoes were found not to be completely tightened to the case. This caused dragging of the shoes on the Armature.



All Model a engines should have an air filter. The wire screen also helps prevent a fire at the carburetor air inlet.



Hold Tight! Joe is about to apply voltage to test this starter.

ITS THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN!

As time closes in for West Central Georgia Regional Hospital's annual Mayor's Motorcade, I wanted to touch base with you to see if your club is still interested in participating our event. The details remain the same; Thursday, December 1, 2016 on our hospital campus located at 3000 Schatulga Rd., Columbus, GA. We are asking participants to arrive no later than 1:30 pm. The front gate will direct you on where to go for the parade line up. The parade typically begins at 2 pm and is completed by 3 pm or shortly after.

The above is from Tina Middleton to the Club asking for participation in their annual Mayors Motorcade. If you have never been there you need to participate. These folks don't get a chance to see much and this gives them (Staff and Patients) an opportunity to see some very wonderful items in the parade. Please consider joining the group from the club. Contact Paul Singer as soon as possible so he can get a reservation count to Tina.

STARTER WORKSHOP...

By Al Lugo

On October 22, 2016 the River Cities Model A Ford Club held our twelfth workshop. This time the topic was "The Model A Starter"

Members met at Al Lugo's garage and Bobby Penny served as the instructor, giving us a great presentation that included in-depth information on how the starter works on the Model "A" and how to properly take it apart, inspect it and put it together.



Members participating were Sharon Webb, Dick Noxon, Howard Ruddick, Bobby Penny, Neil LaClaire, Wayne Kennedy, Jim Langley, Louie and Gloria Willett, Joe Watkins and Al and Liz Lugo.

After the presentation members got busy, and Bobby showed how to troubleshoot, take apart, put together and test the starter.



After a good lunch catered by Robert, we worked on the starters and then went home.

Hope you can join us in other future workshops so we can keep our Model A's on the road...

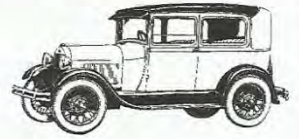


All photos provided by Al Lugo.

**Visit Gaslight Auto Parts at the Falls City Meet
January 14th, 2017 & save on shipping**



33rd ANNUAL



WINTER SWAP MEET

******* SHEPHERDSVILLE, KENTUCKY *******

Parts for MODEL "A" & "T" FORDS and OTHER VINTAGE CARS

Saturday, January 14th, 2017

Paroquet Springs Conference Centre

located at 395 Paroquet Springs Drive Shepherdsville, Ky. 40165

Admission \$5.00 Under 12 are Free

***** Free Parking *****

10 X 12 Vendor Spaces--\$15.00

Car Corral Spaces Inside-----\$30.00

Tables for rent-----\$2.00 each

Car Corral Spaces Outside-----\$5.00

Vendors Setup Beginning at 6am

Doors Open at 8am – 1:00pm

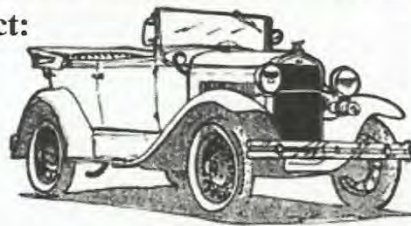
Breakfast & Lunch available at the meet

Raffles – you need not be present to win!

Sponsored By: Falls City Region Model A Ford Club

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Local Hotel: Best Western in Shepherdsville 502-543-7097

\$79.99 per night plus tax. For discounted room rate ask for "MODEL A FORD DISCOUNT".
We have rooms blocked for our swap meet but you must reserve your room by December 31st.

Directions:

From south bound I-65 take exit 117 for KY Hwy. 44 toward Shepherdsville / Mt. Washington. At the top of the ramp turn right onto KY Hwy. 44. At the first red light turn left onto Joe B Hall Ave. (Taco Bell is on the corner). Go about 0.2 mi. then Turn left onto Paroquet Springs Dr. and go about 185 feet. Arrive at 395 Paroquet Springs Dr. Shepherdsville, KY 40165

From north bound I-65 take exit 117. At the top of the ramp turn left onto KY 44 Hwy. At the second red light turn left onto Joe B Hall Ave. (Taco Bell is on the corner). Go about 0.2 mi. Then Turn left onto Paroquet Springs Dr. and go about 185 feet. Arrive at 395 Paroquet Springs Dr. Shepherdsville, KY 40165.

A LOOK BACK IN TIME



1928 Ford Model A Tudor Sedan 1927–1931

Historical context of Model A development

From the mid-1910s through the early 1920s, Ford dominated the automotive market with its Model T. However, during the mid-1920s, this dominance eroded as competitors, especially the various General Motors divisions, caught up with Ford's mass production system and began to outcompete Ford in some areas, especially by offering more powerful engines, new convenience features, or cosmetic customization. Also, features Henry Ford considered to be unnecessary, such as electric starters, were gradually shifting in the public's perception from luxuries to essentials.

Ford's sales force recognized the threat and advised Henry to respond to it. Initially he resisted, but the T's sagging market share finally forced him to admit a replacement was needed. When he finally agreed to begin development of this new model, he focused on the mechanical aspects and on what today is called design for manufacturability (DFM), which he had always strongly embraced and for which the Model T production system was famous. Although ultimately successful, the development of the Model A included many problems that had to be resolved. For

example, the die stamping of parts from sheet steel, which the Ford company had led to new heights of development with the Model T production system, was something Henry had always been ambivalent about; it had brought success, but he felt that it was not the best choice for durability. He was determined that the Model A would rely more on drop forgings than the Model T; but his ideas to improve the DFM of forging did not prove practical. Eventually, Ford's engineers persuaded him to relent, lest the Model A's production cost force up its retail price too much.

Henry's disdain for cosmetic vanity as applied to automobiles led him to leave the Model A's styling to a team led by his son Edsel, even though he would take credit for it despite his son doing more of the work.

It was during the period from the mid-1920s to early 1930s that the limits of the first generation of mass production, epitomized by the Model T production system's rigidity, became apparent. The era of "flexible mass production" had begun.¹

FOR SALE

ITEMS WANTED

Looking for an OLDER restored Roadster. Good driver, Paint not so important but a good running Model A. No SHOW CARS please. Contact: Ken Bernacchi 803-649-2710 jlq42056@aol.com Send a picture if you have one..

Bob Sloman, Rainsville, Al. is looking for a 30-31 4 door Model A. No Rust please or Show Car. He wants a

driver that looks good. Only a 4 door
please.....modelaman@farmerstel.com
256-605-9233

Please Help !!!! 30 Tudor Parts Car OR Project
Car Wanted. NO restored car please. Info below
Al Lugo, Columbus, Ga. alugo@mchsi.com

Need a "good" Model A Frame. Help him out if you
can. See below

Donny Patterson, Rainbow City,
Al. chevycarnut@comcast.net 256-442-8180

I would like to find a 1931 -1935 pickup truck.

- . Running / drivable
- . Clear title
- . Nice interior/exterior
- . Good glass
- . Stock (for the most part)
- . Nice to have.....
- . Overdrive
- . Misc. spare parts included
- . Service / historical records
- . Rebuild records

Jim Thompson in California

805.358.5770c

805.495.5269h

Raymond in Ontario, Canada is looking for a Model A Ford Coupe OR a Pickup (he's not specific on the body types). A good running vehicle, that is "turn-key" and safety inspected/certified, around the \$8 to 10,000.00 (US) range would be his starting point. Shipping and border details have to be worked out.

Contact Raymond

905-835-1904

Ontario, Canada