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Presidents Rattles for December 2016 EZ ON...

MATTS (which has grown) and Al's Garage have proven to be excellent programs to learn about the Model A and bring problems you are having for all to help solve and don't forget fellowship too. We have had a lot of functions going on in November and more are scheduled in December. Please try and attend some of these activities. Two very important activities this month are the Annual Columbus/Phenix City Christmas Parade and the Annual Club Christmas Party and Business Meeting. If you are attending, please contact Mary Nelle Singer as soon as possible for an accurate count of those attending.

If you have some ideas for club activities, please bring them to the next meeting. We need to expand our exposure to both sides of the River. Fresh ideas are always welcome.

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: December 15, 2016-6:00PM (EASTERN)
This will be our Annual Business Meeting and Christmas
Party at Woodmen of the World Lodge, on Highway
80, in Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

December 1	Mayors Parade
December 2	MATTS
December 3	Tri-City Christmas Parade
December 10	Xmas 4Kids Car Show-Cooks Hot Dogs
December 15	Annual Club Meeting & Christmas Party
January 6	MATTS
January 19	Club Meeting

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
October 1-6 2017	MAFCA National Tour (Pacific Coast Highway)
November 29-Dec 3	MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**River Cities
Model A Ford Club
Meeting Minutes from November 17th, 2016
Club Meeting**

The November meeting of the River Cities Model A Club was held 6:00p.m. EST, Thursday, November 17, 2016 at the Woodman of the World facility.

Vice President Mark Gamble acting in the absence of President Jim Langley called the meeting to order. The following members were present: John Robinson, Jason & Tiffany Conry, Mark & Pat Gamble, June & Joe Spooner, Wayne Kennedy, Joe Carter, Neil LaClaire, Paul & Mary Nelle Singer, Bob & Connie Penny, Sharon Webb, Bob Smith, Dick Noxon, Al Lugo, Louie & Gloria Willett and Bill Shirley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Grace was given by Joe Carter. Members proceeded to the buffet line.

Guests: Clayton & Janice Parrish, Shirlene & Dean George, and April Miller. Our guests presented a program on Flag Retirement. When our American flag is faded and tattered, our guests demonstrated the proper way to depose with respect and honor to our flag. Thank you Mr. Clayton from the Woodman of the World for this program.

Sunshine Report: Mike Alexia recently had a knee replacement and will be at the Rehab Center across from Wal Mart on Hwy. 280 in room 211 until November 23.

New Business: Jason Conry reported that during the Veterans' Parade no one knew who we were. He suggested that we needed magnetic signs on the cars. There was some discussion, and Jason is to get information on a better quality sign.

The nominating committee for 2017 club officers presented the slate of officers by Sharon Webb in Howard Ruddick's absence.

President-Jim Langley

Vice President-Al Lugo

Secretary-Mary Nelle Singer

Treasurer-Joe Carter

Vice President Mark Gamble asked from the floor any other nominations. There were none. The slate of 2017 officers were voted on and confirmed. They will be

sworn in at the December meeting. We want to thank the nominating committee, and we appreciate our new and returning leadership team.

Minutes from the October 29th meeting were approved by majority as reported in the newsletter.

Joe Carter, treasurer, gave the treasury report and it was approved.

Business: Dick Noxon reminded everyone that Annual Mileage Driven is due. The Annual Mileage Driven Award, Road Runners, will be presented at the Christmas Celebrate, December 15th.

Moultrie Swap Meet & Car corral is Friday, November 19th thru Sunday, the 20th. Jim Langley hopes to see you there.

Paul Singer has got his Model A up and running after having to drop out of the Veterans' Parade. Like true Model A people, Neil LeClaire gave him a hand.

Mary Nelle Singer discussed plan for the Christmas meeting. She suggested that everyone bring a toy to donate to the Valley Rescue Mission.

Al Lugo commented that the River Cities Model A Club was originated 16 years ago on November 16, 2000.

Bobby Penny said there was a record number of 16 participants at the November Matt's meeting.

Joe & June Spooner gave the club a run-down of all the activities and trips on the Sweet Home Alabama Tour, October 17 -29th.

Forthcoming Tours and Activities by Paul Singer:

November 25th, Bobby Penny invited everyone, who did not want to go shopping on Black Friday, to drive their Model A's to a new tire dealership at the Summerville and Riverchase Roads at 10:30. The dealership is going to provide lunch and an ad to our newsletter. For further details call Bobby Penny.

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

December 2nd Matt's meeting at Bobby Penny's garage.

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.

December 15th the monthly River Cities Model A Club meeting at Woodman of the World.

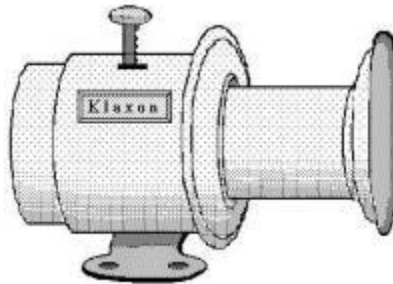
With no further business the meeting was adjourned by Vice President Mark Gamble.

Respectively submitted by Pat Gamble, secretary.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES



HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



DECEMBER 1- Kathleen Walden

DECEMBER 25- James F. Durfy

DECEMBER 27- Gloria Willett

DECEMBER 4- Joe Watkins

DECEMBER 27- Mary Ann Lester

DECEMBER 30- Maxine Williams

WOW! The parking lot at Bobby's was completely full and what a good crowd we had to learn about Model 'A's.

The coffee was great and the friendship super.



Some of our members.



Neil listening to Bobby.



Joe and Bobby. What is causing the armature in this generator housing to rub? Let's try the original parts again.



Who said rear ends were simple?



Keep a MAFCA and Club Membership Roster when traveling in the Model A. Help is always near if you break down.



Seats Belts installed in a 1929 Tudor.

The door latches on a Model A are not as secure as on a modern car. Model A latches may come open when you don't expect it! Seat belts will help prevent falling from or being ejected from your Model A during an accident.

Bobby Shackelford says if he had a seat belt when his 1930 Coup rolled over he would not have been hurt as badly.

Another member had the passenger door come open when giving rides to children. Fortunately no one was hurt.

Another topic discussed was prepping Model A wheels for painting. Be aware wires from rotary brushes will shed and fly.

Protect your eyes with safety glasses or goggles. Protect your body and arms with heavy clothing or a leather apron.

It is almost time for Bobby to light the wood burning stove. Come join us to be by the fire, enjoy friendships, and learn about the Model A. We will help you find a place to park. Mark your calendar! We meet at 9 AM the first Friday of each month. You will be home by lunch time.

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.

THE FORD QUADRICYCLE



- The Quadricycle was the first vehicle developed by Henry Ford. It was named Quadricycle because it had four bicycle wheels and the engine drove the back wheels.
- Henry experimented for over two years to develop his first automobile. On June 4, 1896 around 4:00 AM in the morning he took his car out for a drive going down Detroit's Grand River Avenue. His main assistant James Bishop was bicycling ahead to alert carriages and pedestrians. Later he drove to his father's farm that was located 40 Kilometers away. He only experienced one breakdown due to a faulty spring which he fixed on the road.
- This was the second car to drive in the streets of Detroit, since Charles B. King was the first. Mr. King's vehicle was made out of wood, with a four cylinder engine and could travel up to five miles per hour. This gave Ford the desire to build a lighter and faster vehicle.
- He had become obsessed with the gasoline engine when he saw an article in a November 1895 issue of The American Machinist magazine
- He built his vehicle in a tiny brick shed behind his house on 58 Bagley street, Detroit. This was a converted coal shed. It is said that when he was ready to take his car out of the shed he discovered it was too wide to go through the door. He then took an axe and made an opening on the brick wide enough to take the vehicle out.
- Later that summer he met Thomas Edison, the owner of the Company he worked for. Upon hearing of Henry's vehicle, Edison encouraged Henry to keep working on it.
- Henry Ford was 32 years old. At the time, Ford was working as Chief Engineer for the main Plant of the Edison Illuminating Company. Since he was on call 24 hours a day, he took advantage of this flexible schedule to work on his car.
- The Quadricycle had a two cylinder engine that could produce 4 horsepower and it was driven by a chain. The transmission had only two gears and no reverse. He had problems shifting into second gear because of lack of torque. It used a tiller to steer the front wheels. It did not have brakes and used a doorbell button as a horn. It had a 3 gallon tank under the seat and it was powered by ethanol. He was able to achieve a top speed of 20 miles per hour and the curb weight was 500 lb.
- After his first run he made many improvements to the Quadricycle.
At first it had wooden rails and he replaced those with iron. He installed brakes and converted the engine from air to water cooled. He made a buggy style seat and covered the engine with a boxlike wooden box.

- Because of this changes you can see period photos with different configurations. Ford built two more Quadricycles later, one in 1899 and another in 1901.
- As the vehicle started to attract attention Henry Ford incorporated his first company, the Detroit Automobile Company in 1899. This was the beginning of Ford's career as an automaker.
- Later Ford sold the Quadricycle to Mr. Charles Ainsley for \$200 dollars using this money to fund his next project. He eventually purchased it back and paid \$60 dollars. His first car now resides at The Henry Ford Museum, in Dearborn Michigan where you can also find several replicas. The original was used many times for promotional activities.
- The spot where Henry built his first car is now known as The Michigan Theater. There is a historical plaque on this building which has been re-numbered as the 200 block of Bagley between Park and Clifford. Later he had a replica of the shed built at Greenfield Village, now The Henry Ford Museum.
- This historical vehicle is important because it helped Henry Ford become one of the most successful stories in American business history.



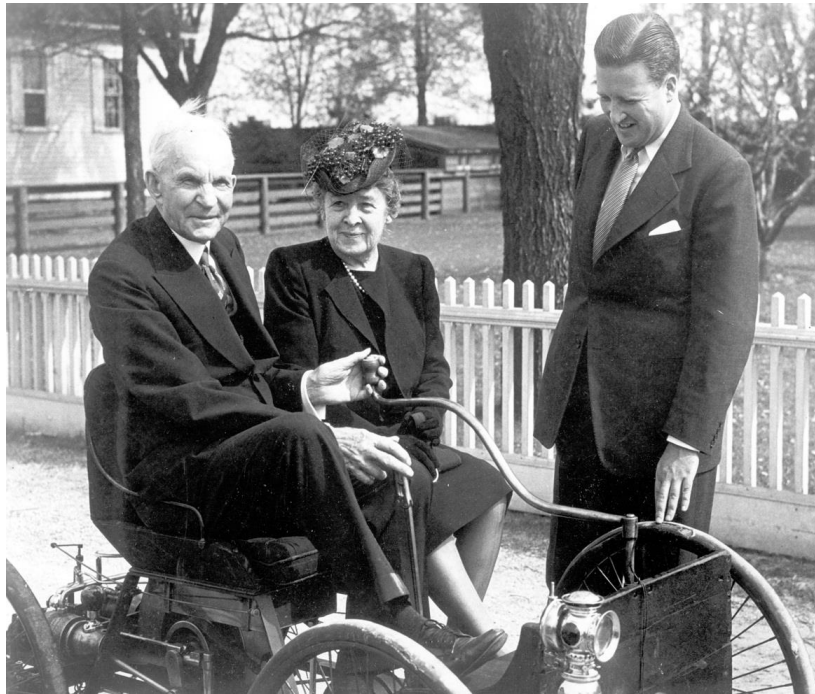
**Shed on 58 Bagley Street, a converted coal shed. The Quadricycle
was created here...**



The original Quadricycle at The Henry Ford Museum...



An early photo of Henry Ford driving his Quadricycle...



An older Henry Ford, Clara Ford and Henry Ford II...



Henry Ford with the Quadricycle. This shed is a replica built at The Henry Ford Museum, known at that time as Greenfield Village...



An elderly Henry Ford with his first automobile...



A promotional picture of Henry Ford, the Quadricycle, and the ten Million Model T...

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.

Large crowds of local residents and Veterans lined the parade route waving and cheering as the Phenix City/Columbus Veterans Day Parade passed by.

Members of RCMAFC who participated in the parade, enjoyed lunch at the Fife and Drum restaurant at the National Infantry Museum.

Officials say traffic in the area should greatly improve with the opening of the road.



Finally, Whitewater Avenue reopens in Phenix City

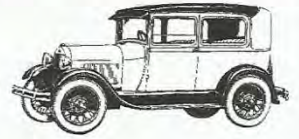
A year-and-a-half and \$3.2 million later, Phenix City reopens Whitewater Avenue on the riverfront.

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10 X 12 Vendor Spaces--\$15.00

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

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

Vendors Setup Beginning at 6am

Doors Open at 8am – 1:00pm

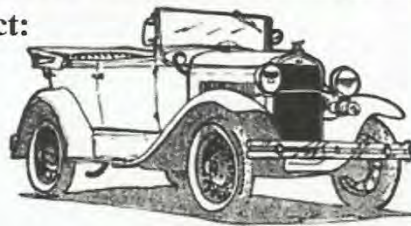
Breakfast & Lunch available at the meet

Raffles – you need not be present to win!

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\$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

On December 1, 1927, Henry Ford bought full-page ads in 2,000 newspapers to announce the 1928 Ford Model A automobile, the long-awaited replacement for the Model T.

12 Interesting, Amazing & Funny Ford Facts You Might Not Know



Ford has had a significant impact on the automotive industry since they first started rolling out cars 113 years ago. As one of the oldest car manufacturers, Ford has a rich history, filled with interesting facts that you may not know.

1. Ford is the second largest family owned company in the world. Henry Ford's great grandson, William Clay Ford, Jr. currently resides as the company's executive chairman.



2. The very first Ford sold was to Dr. Pfennig in 1903, for a grand total of \$850. The "Model A" had a 2-cylinder engine, and could reach a max speed of 30 mph

3. Ford's current CEO, William Clay Ford, Jr., or Bill Ford, currently owns the first Ford vehicle ever sold in 1903.
4. Henry Ford and Thomas Edison were lifelong friends. As requested by Ford, Thomas Edison's son captured Edison's last exhale in a test tube and sealed it with a cork. Ford kept the tube as a memorial to Edison's "life and breath."



5. Ford's signature blue, oval logo was not introduced until 4 years after the company had already been in production.
6. In 1914 Ford offered its employees double the current market average, creating Henry Ford's "\$5-a-day." The new salary, accompanied by a shorter working day and company profit sharing, minimized employee turnover, and was significant in growing the middle class and fair wages movement. Henry Ford was quoted saying he wanted to help his workers to a "life" not just a "living."
7. In 1964, after Ford debuted the Mustang, 94,000 pedal-powered toy mustangs were bought for children the following Christmas season.
8. In 1965, a Ford Mustang was transported in 4 separate pieces to the observation deck of the Empire State Building, using resident elevators, where it was reassembled and photographed by helicopter. The car was later reassembled inside the building, until it was eventually taken apart and removed from the building 5 months later.



9. The only car that Jim Morrison, legendary Doors singer, ever owned was a 1967 Shelby GT 500.

10. Chevrolet actually used a Ford SuperDuty to set up their Chevy Truck display at the Texas State Fair in 2012.

Cold Weather Storage Tips:

-Make sure your gas tank is full. This will reduce the amount of moisture that can be absorbed into your fuel system. This also reduces the rate at which gasoline will turn to varnish. Like I'm always saying, use "Ethanol Free" fuel, especially for storage.

-Use Anti-freeze. Not only will this keep your engine from freezing, but it will also keep rust from forming in your cooling system.

-Wash the car and apply a good wax. Don't forget to clean the interior too. Do this early in the day so it will have plenty of time to dry before you put it in the garage.

-If you have a convertible top, leave it up. Convertible tops can develop some nasty creases when stored in the down position. Also store your car with the windows up tightly to prevent any insects or varmints from getting inside. Don't forget to make sure your floorboards are in place for the same reason.

-Now, take the car for a nice drive, 30 minutes or so, to get all the moisture from the engine and exhaust system before it is put away for the winter. This will also help keep rust at bay.

-Change the engine oil before storage. Dirty oil is contaminated with acids and moisture which can cause premature damage to your engine. If you believe your car is going to sit for a year or more, then remove the spark plugs and pour some "upper cylinder lubricant" into the engine. I like Marvel Mystery Oil for this.

-If you are storing your car in the basement or other damp location, then I would recommend spraying some WD-40 on all exposed metal surfaces under the hood and chassis. Don't even bother wiping it off, just spray it on to keep the rust away.

-To keep flat spots from forming on your tires, over inflate them slightly, or put the car up on Jack stands if possible.

-Keep that battery charged. A fully discharged battery will go bad in just a few days. Use a low amperage "Battery Tender" if you have one, or charge the battery every few weeks. Keep the battery disconnected during storage by removing the fuse, or one of the battery cables.

-The best thing you can do for any car in storage is to visit it at least once per month and take it out for a nice drive. This will keep the battery charged and all your mechanical parts moving like they are supposed to. This is not only good for the car, but good for the owner as well.

Above Storage Tips provided by Bentley's Antique Auto Service, Inc.