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### The President's Report

April 2010

March came in like a Lion but went out like a very nice Lamb.

After months of not driving our Model A's we finally had our tour to Callaway Gardens/Columbus, GA and Eufaula, AL. We had good weather for two days while we toured Callaway, the antebellum homes along Broadway and the Civil War naval Museum in Columbus. Then we toured the Shorter Home and Museum in Eufaula which was absolutely beautiful with very friendly hostesses. We departed Eufaula in the rain and it continued most of the day but did not stop the ladies from making several shopping stops.

The Touring and Activities committees met April 1<sup>st</sup> to put the finishing touches on our remaining tours and activities. You do not want to miss any of the great fellowship times for the remainder of 2010.

**GET READY !!!**

Cason Capps  
President, Alabama Rambling A's

**Dues are now Past Due!!!! Members please remit \$20.00 for your 2010 dues.**

The tour to Columbus, GA and Eufaula, AL was great, although the only blossoms we saw were tulip trees and Bradford pear trees.

My favorite was the Shorter Home & Museum in Eufaula. We arrived there late but they graciously opened their doors. One of the hostesses gave us a conducted tour then they allowed us to wander around on our own looking at the individual things that interested us. They have some of the most interesting antiques

Then we went over to Lake Point State Park for a fabulous dinner. We watched a beautiful sunset and did a lot of laughing.

The guys were nice enough to let the ladies stop for a little shopping in Alex City. What they didn't say was that George Womble did as much shopping and any of the ladies.

I am really looking forward to the tour to Savannah. I have always wanted to visit that town. I have see pictures of all of the beautiful homes, gardens and parks and I want to be able to take a few pictures myself.

George and I both have been down with "bronchitis" and that is why the newsletter is late. I had planned to have everyone out early this year but it was not that way this month.

Myra L. Womble  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Temporary Editor

### **Tours & Events for 2010:**

**April 12<sup>th</sup>—17<sup>th</sup>: Savannah, GA Tour**

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>—8<sup>th</sup>: Natchez Trace Tour**

**June 18<sup>th</sup>—19<sup>th</sup>: RC Cola & Moon Pie Festival in Bell Buckle, TN Tour**

**August 7<sup>th</sup>: Ice Cream Social & Model A Seminar at Robert & Hilde Davis' house.**

**September 13<sup>th</sup>—15<sup>th</sup>: Stone Mountain & Social Circle, GA Tour**

**October 21<sup>st</sup>—23<sup>rd</sup>: Lynchburg & Fall Creek Falls, TN Tour**

**December: Christmas Party & Annual Meeting (date and time TBA)**

### **Recently Hospitalized/Sick:**

Glenn Blake is in the hospital.

Lloyd Murrah & Dick Haldeman are both doing well. In fact Lloyd is going on the Savannah Tour.

## For Sale:



### 1930 Model "A" Ford Sedan Fordor & Trailer

**Car:** 4-door, 3 window Fordor, Murray body, beige/black, cream wheels, 2 spare tires, approximately 29K mil., hydraulic brakes, asking \$15,000. Nicely restored.

**Trailer:** New (less than 100 miles), tandem axels, ramps, storage, elec. Brakes, lights, break-away controls (battery), spare tire \$1,500.

**Contact:** Bill Slaton (256) 593-7688©

## For Sale:



### 1930 Model A Roadster

12 Volts, hydraulic brakes (needs work), Interior nice. NO RUST! \$11,000  
e-mail: [pbebop@gmail.com](mailto:pbebop@gmail.com) or  
(256) 764-2492

## Fashionably Speaking Rings

The classic engagement ring had a hexagonal basket setting. This had a six-sided disk which held the stone in place. A square prong setting, referred to as the new square effect, became more popular as 1931 approached, but was available all four years. This setting had four prongs and was said to give the appearance of a square cut diamond. A marquise shaped top and Tiffany setting were also available.

Settings were very ornate, engraved with flowers, leaves, wreaths, scrolls and hearts. Some filigree was also called lacy pierced design. Some settings contained a side step effect which could hold gems set on each step down the sides. These gems were sometimes synthetic or imitation stones. Wedding bands went from very ornate to plain. One interesting wedding band was squared shaped instead of the usual round ring. This was said to keep the diamonds on the top of the ring so they could be better seen.

Birthstones rings were popular in both imitation and synthetic stones as well a natural gems. In the Model A era birthstones were garnet, amethyst, bloodstone, moonstone, emerald, agate, ruby, sardonyx, sapphire, opal, topaz and turquoise. However some of these have changed since that time. The Romany ring had a swivel top; one side could be black onyx and the other a cameo. This made two rings in one. This was not a new concept but was found way back in history. Other popular rings were of onyx, cameo or blister pearls.

A German influence is seen in the scroll work on some rings. The orange blossom was the flower of love and therefore, carved in many wedding rings as a sign of everlasting love.

Article taken from the MARC-Model A Era Fashion Standards.  
1928 – 1931  
Published by the Model "A" Restorers Club, Inc.

**For Sale:  
Model A Reflective Magnets**

We have custom Reflective Caution Magnets for the back of your Model A: The reflection is 6 times brighter than others and the light reflects up to a 90° angle. The magnets are red & silver Diamond patterns that are 1" tall and 9" long, which will fit the back bumper of you're Model A with ease. They come in packs of 4 and cost \$15.00 per pack this includes shipping.

Contact: George or Myra Womble  
(205) 744-7067 or  
[womblemg@charter.net](mailto:womblemg@charter.net)  
Alabama Rambling A's

Magnets provided courtesy of: Eugene Glenn

**Dues are \$20.00 per year & are now due! Send you dues ASAP to:**

Alabama Rambling A's  
% Myra Womble  
536 Park Road  
Pleasant Grove, AL 35127

MAFCA & MARC Dues are now due as well! If you have a membership in either club I need your membership number.

**Officers must belong to both clubs.**



**A Look in our cash register**

Beginning Balance in bank on February 1, 2010	\$2,745.23
Total Credits	706.00
Total Debits	<b>(-609.74)</b>
Outstanding Checks	<b><u>(-20.00)</u></b>
Balance in Checkbook February 28, 2009	\$2,821.49

**Club Dues are due, please remit immediately. If not received by March 1, 2010 you will no longer receive the newsletter and you will miss out on a lot of great tours.**



### April Birthdays

Genevieve Cook	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Buddy Bailey	5 <sup>th</sup>
Hop Hayes	17 <sup>th</sup>
Robert Sloman	21 <sup>st</sup>
George Womble	26 <sup>th</sup>
Jerry Anne Bosworth	30 <sup>th</sup>

### April Anniversaries

Gary & Rebecca Thomas	5 <sup>th</sup>
Gerald & Diane Arrington	8 <sup>th</sup>
Gary & Teresa Dennis	28 <sup>th</sup>

Please remember that I am only human. If I have missed a birthday or anniversary it is because I either have the wrong information or I have recorded it incorrectly. Give me a call and let me correct the problem. ©

**Dues! Dues! Dues! Dues! Dues!**

### **Winner of the Dues Refund: Hop Hays**

**(You should have mailed your dues before December 31, 2009)**

### **Tech Tips from Wayne Mandeville: Electrical Junction Box**

From time to time all of us have had frustrations in getting paper gaskets to properly fit when working on our Model A's. I have experienced the problem, and just recently took the time to read directions as suggested by the gasket manufacturer. The solution was really simple. If the paper gasket does not fit properly or appears to be a little stiff, just soak it in water for a few minutes and with "will" stretch and conform to the shape of the piece you are trying to fit it to. When the gasket is wet it won't tear or self destruct as you might think it would. I was sort of skeptic but soon became a fast learner----soaking in water really does work.

Hope you are not as hard headed as I was about the gasket issue by failing to take the time to read manufacturer's directions or listen to others, because the lack of knowledge just made my life difficult. You have a lot to gain to get rid of the annoying oil leaks that frustrate each and every one of us. And just remember that if an oil spot is NOT on the garage floor or driveway, no one will step in it and track it into the house. No stained carpet or floors makes momma happy and you have just made life more pleasant.. Just think of it this way---you are getting an additional bonus for work well done on your Model A.

Please share ideas and solution to problems about our A's so that it makes our hobby more enjoyable. Keep up the good work and I will see you on the road.

Wayne