

“Going Places”

Alabama Rambling A’s, North Alabama Chapter

March 5, 2009

President’s Report for March 2009

March came in like a Lion and so did the Rambling A’s. Our first tour in 2009 planned by our new officers started with just all heart. It was raining buckets and hey, you know what? Model A’s will run in the rain. When we arrived in Guntersville the rain had stopped and everything just seemed to go our way. We were able to check in at our hotel early where we met with Dick and Jane Haldeman. They had a packet prepared for us with points of interest and led a tour to a spectacular natural bridge. Fabulous rock formations with water falls in a panoramic view took our breath away. Everyone was amazed that something like this was right here in Alabama and most of us did not know about it. Many pictures were taken and a very friendly host explained the how and why of the natural bridge.

After a visit to the DAR school we returned to our hotel and an amazing transformation took place. Members donned vintage clothes to attend a welcome reception in the lobby of the hotel. Fancy ladies in elaborate hats, beautiful dresses, sailor outfits, men in gangster clothes, wearing suspenders, arm bands and caps but the first place winner was Lloyd Murrah from Mississippi. He was wearing a full Gulf Oil service station employee’s uniform. Cap with Gulf logo on the front, black bow tie, orange rag hanging out of his front pants pocket, tire gauge in his shirt pocket and of course black plain toed work shoes. He had everything except the old gas pump!!

Laughs and great fellowship continued as we made our way next door to Wintzell’s Oyster House restaurant. Full stomachs and the thoughts of visiting Fant’s and Mike’s tool store tomorrow morning led us back to the hotel and to bed!!

After a morning shopping where some real finds were purchased, we were led by Ken Sparks to Albertville for lunch at the Santa Fe Cattle Co. restaurant. More laughs as the men had no trouble throwing peanuts shells on the floor but the women could not break training and refused to throw shells on the floor!

We also had a first for the Rambling A’s...a bubble machine!!! Ask Robert Davis, (a.k.a. “Bubbles”).

We can have fun and it was proved beyond a shadow of a doubt. No mechanical troubles but we still looked under hoods and asked questions. This tour was just a small taste of what is in store for us on our next tour down the Natchez Trace, April 6th through the 10th. If you want to experience true friendship with other Model A enthusiasts we invite you to join us. The touring committee has blocked out rooms in hotels on our route so make you reservations now (see below). The activities committee has designed side trips and fun events all along the tour. I know you will enjoy this great experience of a leisurely drive in you Model A.

What’s next? March 14th the Rambling A’s social at Capps Cove where we have as our honored guests members from the MARC club in Birmingham.

See you on tour!

Cason Capps
President, Alabama Rambling A’s

We have secured a company to notify us of upcoming events by telephone. I have contacted many of you about updating your address, telephone number and cell phone

number so that our information on all members is correct. I would also like birthdays and anniversaries. If I haven't contacted you by the time you get this please contact me. If you have a number that you would prefer we use for contacting you please let me know. I can be contacted as shown below:

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Updated Bylaws have now been completed and a copy will be available at our next General Meeting on March 14, 2009 at Capps Cove at 12:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend please contact me and I will be glad to send you one by e-mail or snail mail. The General Meeting will be short we only have a few housekeeping duties to complete. It will be prior to our Social with honored guest the MARC club in Birmingham, which will start at 1:00 p.m. Our club will be providing the meat and each of you ladies are asked to bring a dish (vegetable or dessert). Pretend that it is Summer and cook accordingly. We have some really big eaters (my George is the leader).

I need proof of insurance! This is very important.

ATTENTION LADIES!!

You should have seen some of the ladies at the Lake Guntersville Tour. We dressed in ERA clothing (or as close as we could come) and had a great time. Everybody that saw us wanted to know what we were dressed for and why was everybody dressed differently. I must say that we were upstaged again by the guys. Especially Lloyd Murrah who was wearing a full Gulf Oil Service Station employee's uniform; however, **you should have seen Hilde Davis (in 1929 she would have been best dressed)**. We found out that part of Lloyd's outfit was something that his father had. Oh well, maybe next time. However, we did have a great time!

UPCOMING TOURS & EVENTS:

March 14th:

General Club Meeting & Social:

Capps Cove
4126 County Hwy 27
Oneonta, AL 35121
[General Meet \(Alabama Rambling A's\) @ 12:00 p.m.](#)
Social starts @ 1:00 p.m.
MARC Club (our guests)
(Club to furnish the meat and the ladies will bring a dish (vegetable or dessert))

March 26th—28th (3 nights):

MARC Membership Meet
Marietta, Georgia

The MARC Club, Alabama Region out of Birmingham has invited us to travel with them over to Marietta, GA They will be staying at the Fairfield Inn, Kennesaw, GA and will be going over on Friday the 27th and returning on Sunday the 29th. Contact Jan Evans at cty58894@certurytel.net if you plan to go with them.

April 6th—10th (4 nights):

Natchez Trace Tour

When talking with any of these motels please be sure to inform them that you are with the Rambling A's Model A Club. You will be provided with a map and a schedule as to where we will be and what we will be doing before the start of the trip. These rates are effective until April 1, 2009 so make your reservations soon.

April 6, 2009
Monday
Comfort Inn
1190 N. Gloster St.
Tupelo, MS 38804
(662) 842-5100
Rate: \$70.00 plus tax
Ask for Carol Moss

April 7, 2009
Tuesday
Comfort Inn
145 Soldier Colony Road
Canton, MS 39046
(601) 859-7575
Rate: \$59.79 plus tax
Ask for Ann

April 8, 2009
Wednesday
Best Western Inn
2445 N. Frontage Road
Vicksburg, MS 39180-5177
(601) 636-5800
Rate: 76.95 plus tax
Ask for Janice

April 9, 2009
Thursday
Days Inn
1000 Veterans Memorial Dr.
Kosciusko, MS 39090
(662) 289-2271
Rate: \$54.00 plus tax
Ask for Ken

April 24th-25th, 2009

Fiddlers & Fiddleheads 2009 Hill Climb
Unicoi, TN
(For those who want to go on their own)

May 8th – 9th, 2009

Mooresville Walking Tour:

1st day: For those who want an overnight stay the club leaves for Huntsville in order to be there before dark. We will spend the night in Huntsville so we can get an early start and be at Mooresville by 9:30 a.m. in order to set up. (No hotel decided upon as yet) Mooresville Walking Tour ends for the day at 5:00 p.m. and the club starts home. Mooresville open on Sunday the 10th but club will not participate.

June 10th – 11th, 2009

Eufaula, AL & Columbus, GA Tour
(details to follow)

June 21st – 26th, 2009

National MARC Meet
Merrillville, Indiana
(For those who want to go on their own)

July 4, 2009

Alabama Rambling A's Fish Fry
Capps Cove, Oneonta, AL
(details to follow)

August 15, 2009

Alabama Rambling A's Ice Cream Social
Robert & Hilde Davis' House
(details to follow)

September 11th – 12th, 2009

Cheaha State Park Tour
Cheaha Mountain
(details to follow)

Birthdays for March: (that I know about)

Ginger Blake 3/6
Gary Dennis 3/10
Bob Draper 3/11
Robert Davis 3/13

Reminder: ***If you need name tags please let Myra Womble know. (205) 744-7067***

For further upcoming events please go to our "Official Website":
www.alabamaramblingas.com/