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The President's Report

As I come to the end of my first year as president of the Alabama Rambling A's I can look back and see that our club has made huge strides forward. We ended our year with our Christmas party and annual meeting in December.

Our club collected enough money to give a family of four children that would not have had much of a Christmas, one to be remembered. Thanks to the Kind and generous members of the Rambling A's for this gift of love for our fellow man

We have a very exciting year ahead of us and what fun lies just beyond the next tour! Please go to our web site and view the tours for 2010 and make your plans to tour with us.

Thank you for letting me be your president again for 2010 and I promise to keep working to make the Rambling A's a club that you will be proud to be a member of. If you have not paid your 2010 dues please do so to continue the association with people that love Model A's.

See you on tour!

Cason Capps
President, Alabama Rambling A's

2010 Dues are due January 1, 2010
And will be Past Due March 1, 2010!

From Your Secretary/Treasurer

November and December were two of those incredibly busy/crazy months and on top of that I have been having trouble with my sight. I had eye surgery back in April for something called a "macular pucker" and was told that it would hasten the growth of a cataract. When I asked how fast it would grow, I was told maybe 4-6 years before something had to be done about it. Well, it only took 7 months for it to get to the point that I couldn't see well enough to drive or even do much on the computer. The good news is that I had surgery on November 3rd and am beginning to get my sight back. As I write this there is still some swelling that is causing my sight to blur but I am certainly better.

I can't even begin to tell you what a great time we had in October going on the Shiloh Tour. THE DAY STARTED OUT GREAT! George and I overslept! He was in a tizzy before we even got underway. We connected with Louis Resha in Warrior then headed toward Cullman. There we added Cason & Sybil Capps, Dick & Jane Haldeman, David & Carolyn Miller, Ken & Rachel Sparks, and Buddy & Sue Bailey. Then it was on to Moulton where we met Eugene & Rita Glenn. Just as we got into Tuscumbia/Muscle Shoals who should show up but Bob Parks and three of his friends. It was a shame but they couldn't go all the way to Shiloh with us but they did follow us over to Iuka, MS to Lloyd and Edna Murrah's. Lloyd met us in Tuscumbia too and lead us over to his place, if he had not done so I'm not sure that the rest of us could have found the place. Lloyd gave great directions but when you have 11 Model A's following you things can get a little mixed up.

I am planning on going back to the Murrahs' "soon" because they put on quiet a feast for us. Hamburgers, hotdogs, beans, chips, pie & homemade ice cream are just a few of the good things we had to eat.

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We had three of the most fun filled, interesting days that we have had in a long time. We ate catfish, toured the Shiloh National Military Park, saw a wild bald eagle, laughed, ate and made fools of ourselves all weekend long. I am pretty sure that I gained 4-5 lbs.

As we headed home it seemed like we were breaking up the family! Every time someone left the group we almost had to stop and dry everyone's tears.

December has been just as exciting as November. The Rambling A's had their Annual Christmas Party and Membership Meeting on December 12th and what a party it was. I can't even begin to tell you how good the food was and how much there was of it. If anybody went away hungry it was their own fault. We even had enough for members to take home what they wanted to and then Hilde & Robert Davis took the remainder to the Jimmy Hale Mission in Birmingham.

President Capps laid out our tours and events for 2010 and it looks like we are going to have a great year. I looked at the calendar the other day and began to tell George the tours I wanted to go on and by the time I was finished, I had listed all of them. Be sure to take a look at the coming events toward the last of the news letter.

I better stop and finish up with my Christmas shopping. I am sure that I am going to have a great time watching our grandchildren open their presents. I just really enjoy this time of year but my favorite time is touring time!

Myra Womble
Secretary©

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©



A Look in our cash register

Beginning Balance in bank on September 30, 2009	\$1,995.52
Total Credits	.00
Total Debits	.00
Outstanding Checks	<u>-20.00</u>
Balance in Checkbook October 31, 2009	\$1,975.52

Since we didn't have a Newsletter in November and December I am including September's and October's balance here and will do the other months later.

Beginning Balance in bank on October 31, 2009	\$1,995.52
Total Credits	182.00
Total Debits	.00
Outstanding Checks	<u>-20.00</u>
Balance in Checkbook November 30, 2009	\$2,157.52

Celebrations

November Birthdays

Zecora Sanders	2 nd
Wayne Hilliard	6 th
Kenny Branch	9 th
Gary Moore	11 th
Sue Mitchell	21 st
Nell Williams	24 th
Ruby Hyatt	26 th
Sam Williams	29 th

November Anniversaries

Louis & Ann Resha	7 th
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January Birthdays

Hal Hoaglin	1 st
Linda Young	8 th
Donald Blakely	10 th
Charles Wilson	11 th
James Foreman	13 th
Doyle Hyatt	19 th
Gerald Arrington	20 th
Brenda Sheehan	24 th
Charles Phillips	29 th
Martha Woodward	30 th

December Birthdays

Truett Guffin	3 rd
Douglas Cox	8 th
Harry Smith	23 rd
Jim Woodward	24 th
Marjo Gann	29 th
Thomas Gann	31 th

December Anniversaries

Robert & Hilde Davis	11 th
Mike & Kathy Hogg	11 th
Richard & Mary Nell Stanford	20 th
Cason & Sybil Capps	22 nd
Douglas & Sandra Cox	27 th

January Anniversaries

Harry & Olene Collins	1 st
George & Myra Womble	13 th
Lloyd & Edna Murrah	25 th
John & Carolyn McIntyre	31 st

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!

Members renewing their membership before December 31, 2009, will have their names entered into a drawing to have one lucky person's membership dues refunded for 2010.

HENRY FORD'S ARCHITECT ALBERT KAHN

The son of poor German immigrants, Kahn arrived in Detroit in 1880 at the age of 11. As a boy he had to take odd jobs to help support his family, so his formal schooling ended. The family's poverty also meant he could no longer continue his natural talent of playing the piano. His early ability was so exceptional that by the age of 7 he was considered a prodigy. Kahn then set his sights on becoming an artist, but that dream also ended when it was discovered that he was colorblind.

In 1884, at age 15, Kahn's life brightened. He got a job, without pay at first, at the architectural firm of Mason & Rice. It was the firm's 26 year old partner, George Mason, who took an interest in Kahn, encouraged him, and taught him to draft and sketch. This informal training continued when Kahn won a year's scholarship to study abroad, where he toured and sketched in Italy, France, Belgium and Germany.

Kahn founded Albert Kahn Associates in 1895. Soon after he designed Detroit's first large auto plants for the Packard Motor Car Company. It was on Packard's tenth building that Kahn gained recognition with his design of the first concrete-reinforced auto factory, with strong, fireproof, inexpensively built and with volumes of space unobstructed by columns.

This accomplishment with Packard brought him to the attention of the man who would change his life: Henry Ford. Kahn designed Ford Motor Company's famous Highland Park plant, where Ford consolidated production of the Model T and perfected assembly line mass production. With the four-story plant, Kahn created an environment that was worker friendly with good lighting and ventilation. The Highland Park complex was the first of more than 1,000 commissions that began the lifelong collaboration of Albert Kahn and Henry Ford. But Highland Park had its shortcomings. Production didn't flow because it moved between floors and even between buildings.

In 1916, Henry Ford contracted with Kahn to build the Rouge plant in order to build submarine chaser boats for World War I. After the war, the building was converted to a Model T body shop, then the Rouge site became the nucleus for the 2,000 acre River Rouge complex. The new plant was almost self-sufficient and a self-contained industrial city. Within 10 years the complex contained 93 structures, 90 miles of railroad tracks, 27 miles of conveyor, 53,000 machine tools and 120,000 employees. Coal ore and lumber arrived on Ford ships, was processed by steel forging and stamping for the manufacture of parts. To complete the assembly process, a power plant, glass plant, cement plant, oil storage and paint shop were utilized to produce Ford cars and trucks.

He also designed Edsel Ford's estate in Grosse Pointe Shores as a palatial English cottage-style mansion overlooking Lake St. Clair, one of his many non-factory design efforts.

After the stock market crash in 1929, automobile production declined and thus no new factories were built. Between 1929 and 1932 Kahn directed construction of 521 factories and directed the training of more than 4,000 engineers in the Soviet Union.

As World War II approached, Kahn's firm (now 600 members) was contracted to help build the "Arsenal of Democracy". They designed the majority of army airfields and many naval bases. One of his most famous buildings is the plant at Willow Run in Ypsilanti, Michigan. At that time it was the world's largest enclosed room and produced thousands of B24 Bombers and C119 Flying Boxcars. He also developed the Glenn Martin Assembly building, the Chrysler Tank Arsenal, the Dodge B25 engine plant, ---the list goes on.

Later in life he said, "When I began, the real architects would design only museums, cathedrals, capitals and monuments. The office boy was considered good enough to design factory buildings. I'm still that office boy designing factories. I have no dignity to be impaired". He was also quoted with, "I work fast, but I never hurry". (He probably told Henry Ford that several times).

With his day's work often stretching to the 24 hour point, the strain is said to have taken a toll. His long and prolific career ended in 1942 with his death at the age of 73.©

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**Dues count!! Be sure to get your name in the pot before
December 31, 2009.**

Tech Tips from Wayne Mandeville:

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 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 power you can 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 a 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 manufacturers directions or just listen to others, because the lack of knowledge just made my life more 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 solutions 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

Dues are due!! Send your dues ASAP to:

Alabama Rambling A's

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536 Park Road

Pleasant Grove, AL 35127

Cheaha Vintage Auto Club

Presents The 2nd annual

Cheaha Vintage Swap Meet & Car Corral

Location: National Guard Armory – Oxford, Alabama

Hwy 21 South of I-20 • Exit 185

February 13th, 2010

Featuring Model “A” Ford Vendors • Others Welcome

Concessions Served All Day • 50-50 Drawing

Car Corral Pre 1975 \$15.00 Outside Only

Vendor Spaces 10x10 \$25.00

Some Smaller Spaces Available @ \$20.00

Registration: Vendors Please Register Before Feb. 10th

Make Checks Payable to: Cheaha Vintage Auto Club

Send to: Roland Cook, P. O. Box 1074, Anniston, Al 36202

Vendor Set Up Friday Feb. 12th • 2:00PM till 6:00PM

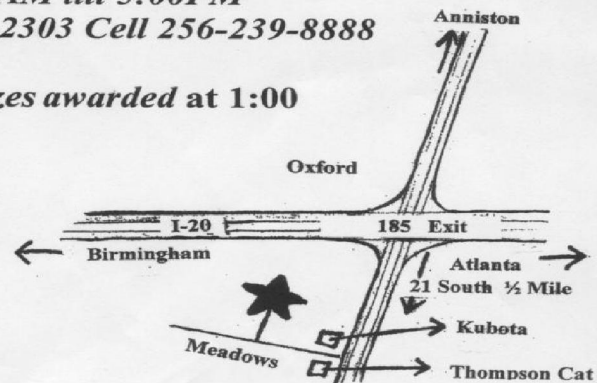
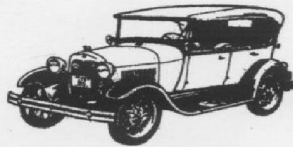
Swap Meet Saturday Feb. 13th • 7:00AM till 5:00PM

Info Contact: Ken Garrett 256-831-2303 Cell 256-239-8888

Or Email: ksgmodelanut@aol.com

Several Motels Available • Door prizes awarded at 1:00

Need not be Present for Drawing.



Registration Form

Please Print

Name _____ Address _____
Phone: _____ Email _____
Type Vendor: _____ Cheaha Vintage Club and All Associates
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This might be a good “Swap Meet” to attend. However it is the day of the Rambling A’s “Bonnie & Clyde Party”. But don’t miss the party. I hear that Louis Resha plans to come as some sort of a gangster, so come and check out who he is!

Bonnie & Clyde Party
February 13, 2010

Just a note about the party! Since this is a fund raiser for the Alabama Rambling A's tickets will be limited to 60 attendees. This could include invited guests but tickets will be required and the price per ticket is \$25.00 per person. If any of you were at the Christmas Party you know how good the food will be. The menu includes a grilled filet mignon, baked potato, salad, rolls, tea & coffee and desert plus entertainment by a country band (trio). More information will be sent to you at a later date but send the money for your reservations before all 60 tickets are gone. Reservations to: Myra Womble, 536 Park Road, Pleasant Grove, AL 35127 (205) 744-7067