

**“Going Places”
Alabama Rambling A’s, North Alabama Chapter
July 2009**

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PRESIDENT’S REPORT

“HOT AS A FIRECRACKER!!” July is normally hot and everyone wants to stay inside where it is cool

Our fish fry on the 4th was a big success. We had over 25 members present and ate 30 lbs of fish!!! Many of our members drove their Model A’s and it was really a site to see so many Model A’s in one setting.

I think everyone is itching to have a tour so we can drive, fellowship and EAT! Sad News....Ken Sparks reports that “Fibbers” restaurant in Cedar Bluff has closed. We had planned to make a one day tour on July 24th to eat at that wonderful restaurant but now our scouts are searching for another destination for the end of July.

We have been getting some good tips from our members and from other clubs regarding driving and fixes for our cars and we plan to put them in our newsletters and on our website for all to read. More updates are coming to the website so check it from time to time for new information and any changes on planned tours.

Our touring committee will be getting together soon to plan our major tours for 2010, if you have a suggestion for a tour contact any committee member and he/she will bring it before the committee. The Committee will announce the tours at our general meeting and Christmas Party which should give you plenty of time to plan to be with us.

Coming up will be our seminars and ice cream social at Robert & Hilde Davis’ on August 1st starting at 10:00 a.m.

Ken Sparks has found the problem (oil leak) with the motor in his A, thanks to one of our members John Lingo, so look for Ken and his new bride Rachel to join us on upcoming tours.

See you at the ice cream social.

Cason Capps
President, Alabama Rambling A’s



A Look In our Cash Register

Ending Balance in bank June 30, 2009	\$2,220.70
Deposits	20.00
Expenses	- 4.97
Outstanding Checks	<u>- 20.00</u>
Balance in Checkbook June 30, 2009	<u>\$2,195.73</u>

Welcome New Members

Barbara & Wayne Mandeville
7705 North Lake Drive
Trussville, AL 35173

Margaret & Hop Hays
7794 N. Lake Drive
Trussville, AL 35173

Charlie & Susan Faulkner
1533 Eden View Circle
Hoover, AL 35244

How it was with the Ladies:

BY: Myra Womble

The History of 'APRONS'



I don't think our grandchildren even know what an apron is. In fact, I'm not even sure our children know what an apron is.

The principal use of Grandmother's apron was to protect the dress underneath it, because she only had a few dresses and it was easier to wash aprons than dresses. They also used less material but along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears...

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished warming in the oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.

And when the weather was cold grandmother wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brown, bent over the hot wood stove.

Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables and after the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.

In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandmother walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men folks knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that "old-time apron" that served so many purposes.

Send this article to those who would know (and love) the story about Grandmother's aprons.

Remember:

Grandmother used to set her hot-baked apple pies on the window sill to cool.

Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw.

They would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron....

I am very sure that I never caught anything from an apron.

Most of the above article was in the July 2009 "Traveler" that is published by the Gulf Coast Model A Club written by Martha Fuller who said she did not know where the actual text originated.

I thought this article appropriate because on a recent Eudora, KS Mission Trip, to help build a church, I found a very old apron in an antique store. I plan to use it as a pattern to make more aprons to go with appropriate Era day wear. I even found the apron before I saw the article in the Traveler.

Then yesterday I received my July issue of "Guideposts" which included an article on aprons too. Cynthia Wadell turned her dream of selling elegant (and expensive) aprons into a thriving business called Heavenly Hostess. I looked at a couple of her aprons and decided that I wanted one for myself and then I went to her website call heavenlyhostess.com. The aprons are beautiful but spending \$85.00 to \$100.00 for an apron that I would probably only wear a couple of times seemed a bit much. I guess my dream of owning one of those aprons will come to naught; however, my husband George looked at one of them and said "You can make one of those can't you?" Well, I guess I can and I am going to try.

Celebrate



Anniversaries

David & Carolyn Miller	11 th
Joe & Sue Mitchell	13 th
James & Rachael Foreman	21 st
Bill & Peggy Twilley	22 nd
Bob & Betty Parks	24 th
Gary & Teresa Dennis	31 st

Birthdays

Peggy Twilley	2 nd
Bob Wesson	3 rd
Dick Haldeman	9 th
Bill Slaton	11 th
Sybil Capps	12 th
Frances Smith	12 th
Eugene Glenn	13 th
Myra Womble	16 th
Bill Stocks	18 th
Barbara Mandeville	31 st

Don't forget to check out our website: alabamaramblingas.com The pictures are awesome. Just goes to show you what a great time the Rambling A's have when they go on tour.