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## The President's Report

And you thought December was cold!!! I cannot remember when we have had such freezing cold weather for so long. It seems that I took more care protecting my Model A's than I did with the pipes in some of the buildings in Capps Cove.

Our Bonnie and Clyde Valentine Party February 13<sup>th</sup> could best be described as a HUGE success!!! If you did not attend you missed one of the most fun parties that I can remember. The food was outstanding and the Country Band was great as always. Thanks to all who had a part in making this a party to remember! Pictures will be posted on our web site soon. Even George Womble had a great time. **IT WAS A FUN PARTY!**

We have added new members and I encourage you to pay your dues if you have not done so. Don't miss out on the fun and fellowship by not paying your dues; they are only \$20.00 per year. **We want you!!**

Our first tour will be the middle of March so start getting ready. Cabin fever has really set in and I am ready to go anywhere!!

Thanks for coming to the Bonnie and Clyde Party.

Cason Capps, President Alabama Rambling A's

**2010 Dues are due January 1, 2010**

**They are only \$20.00 and look at all the fun you will have!**

**They will be Past Due March 1, 2010!**

The Alabama Rambling A's Bonnie & Clyde Valentine's Party was a fabulous success. We ate, we laugh, we ate some more and then we laughed again and again.

I think Robert & Hilde Davis spent more time in jail than they did at the party. Too bad they didn't think about that before they got their faces on a wanted poster. I knew a little about what was going on before the party but not enough so that most of it was a complete surprise. Several other people ended up behind bars as well. Thank goodness some of them were able to pay their bail, however; Robert & Hilde aka Bonnie & Clyde were busted out by a couple of masked bandits that looked vaguely familiar. I am still trying to figure out exactly where they came from. I think I am going to talk with George and see if he knows who they could have been!

George is not a "party goer" but when he was talking to Lloyd Murrah or Dick Haldeman (I can't remember which) he commented that on a scale of 1-10 the party was a 10.

If you missed out on the fun maybe you could plan on attending the next one.

Myra L. Womble  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Temporary Editor

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

February 13<sup>th</sup>: Valentine's Bonnie & Clyde Party at Capps Cove. Come as your favorite Gangster!

March 15<sup>th</sup>—17<sup>th</sup>: Callaway Gardens, GA and Eufaula, AL Tour

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:**

Lyndol Hoaglin

Dick Haldeman (hip replacement) 1/25/10  
Dick is doing great & walking upright)

Bill Slaton

Frances Smith (better some days)

Jim Woodward

Lloyd Murrah (kidney/tumor removal and He is doing well)

## 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©](mailto:Bill.Slaton@charter.net)

## 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 your Model A with ease. They come in packs of 4 and cost \$15.00 per pack which includes shipping.

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

## Fashionably Speaking

By: Fern Davis

### Pearls—Always Correct (Except for Sports, of course)

Pearls, real and simulated, were very popular in the Model A era. Both were advertised in catalogs and magazines throughout our years. Pearls have been popular with nobility and the upper classes for centuries, and, as I'm sure you know are still popular today. The oldest surviving necklace is 2,000 years old. They only became available to the middle and lower classes when they became artificially made. This was accomplished in 1899 by Kokichi Mikimoto in Japan. Cultured pearls, which are produced by artificially stimulating them in mollusk, became more affordable, and became a popular import in the 1920's and 1930's.

Faux pearls are made of shell, coated glass and ceramic. To find out if your pearls are real, check them with your teeth. If they feel "gritty," they are real. If they feel smooth or slippery, they are not. Since they have been popular for so many years, and are still popular, the only way to tell if they are from our era is by the clasp. There are also "seed pearls," which are very small (less than 1 millimeter in size). These were often clustered together in a rope.

Pearls come in various lengths, the "Choker" is 14-15 inches long, the "Matinee" is 20-24 inches long, the "Opera" is 30-36 inches long and the "Sauteur" is up to 60 inches long.

Taken from the January/February 2010 of "The Restorer"

Magnets provided courtesy of: Eugene Glenn



## A Look in our cash register

Beginning Balance in bank on January 1, 2010	\$2,714.52
Total Credits	510.00
Total Debits	<b>(-479.29)</b>
Outstanding Checks	<b><u>(-45.00)</u></b>
Balance in Checkbook January 30, 2009	\$2,700.23

**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.**



### March Birthdays

Harry Collins	1
Jane Haldeman	4
John Burrows	13
David Miller	14
Teresa Dennis	15
Buddy Blakemore	16
Lloyd Murrah	19



### March Anniversaries

John & Rosa Lingo	12
Buddy & Sue Bailey	19
Hop & Margaret Hays	27

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. ©

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

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

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

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

Use caution when replacing or installing the reproduction electrical junction boxes of the firewall of your Model A. The electrical posts in the reproduction boxes are installed by inserting two bolts through the back of the box. The electrical posts do not have a lot of clearance between their bolt heads and firewall, and if they work loose the bolt heads can come in contact with the firewall and create a short circuit. This can blow a fuse or even cause a fire and/or burn up wiring. The original boxes have the bolt heads of the post cast into the Bakelite housing and they can not make contact with the firewall.

It is a good idea to minimize the potential of the short circuiting with the reproduction box. It is easy to do and just takes a little time. Remove the electrical bolt or post, and grind down the thickness of the head. This makes more space between the bolt head and the firewall after the bolt or post is re-installed in the box. Once this is done simply fill the hole where the bolt head is with some insulating material such as silicone adhesive. Presto, the reproduction box is now similar to the original boxes in the fact that the electrical post is now fully insulated. Now install the reproduction box and it should function and work as an original.

Hope this helps and keeps you on the road with one less thing to worry about. Safe traveling/touring and enjoy many trouble free miles.

Wayne

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**Dues are \$20.00 per year and are due!! Send your 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!**