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The President's Report

MAY 2010

GREETINGS FELLOW RAMBLING A'S. We have just returned from a wonderful tour to Savannah and even went to South Carolina. The weather was absolutely beautiful. There were so many things to see in Historic Savannah, we even saw "Forrest Gump". The film, as you know, was filmed in Savannah so who should we run into...Forrest Gump boarded our trolley, he said he was looking for Lt. Dan. The character looked so much like the movie version it was unbelievable, even down to the antique suit case. He answered a few questions he was asked in the halting Forrest manner then he tells the driver he sees Lt. Dan and gets off the trolley and starts running down the street. Of course, we all yelled, "run Forrest run"!!

This was just one example of things that pop up on tours so don't miss the Natchez Trace tour coming up May 3 through 7th. I can promise you some experiences you will not forget. **SO GET YOUR CARS READY!**

See you on tour,

Cason Capps
President Alabama Rambling A's

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

You guys have no idea what a wonderful time you missed! The trip to Savannah on April 12, 2010 so was beautiful! I don't believe I have ever seen so many azalea's in bloom. I think that every house that we passed on the way to Savannah had at least one bush in full bloom. When we arrived every place that had dirt had a blooming azalea on it. We hit the season "just right".

We left Birmingham at 9:15 a.m. on Monday, and drove to Opelika for lunch then on to Perry, GA where we spent the night.

On Tuesday we finally arrived in Savannah, GA. We were excited to get there and I was especially glad to just stop moving.

Robert Davis did a great job arranging our accommodations. I especially needed a king size bed. The guy that I live with takes up a lot of room.

I had arranged for us to dine at "The Lady and Sons" which is Paula Dean's restaurant. George can tell you about all of the food we had along the trip. IT WAS GOOD!

We were able to tour the city of Savannah on Wednesday and I can't even begin to tell you how beautiful it was.

All in all, the trip was really great and the scenery was spectacular. The food was good, the Model A's didn't act up, our sleeping arrangements was excellent and the companionship with other Rambling A's was great.

To put it bluntly, **THE TRIP WAS WONDERFUL!**

leaving on September 1st and will return home on the 3rd.

Tours & Events for 2010:

April 12th—17th: Savannah, GA Tour (a wonderful time was had by all who were able to go).

May 3rd—8th: Natchez Trace Tour (see attached for reservations).

June 18th—19th: RC Cola & Moon Pie Festival in Bell Buckle, TN Tour

August 7th: Ice Cream Social & Model A Seminar at Robert & Hilde Davis' house.

September 1st—3rd Stone Mountain & Social Circle, GA Tour

October 21st—23rd: Lynchburg & Fall Creek Falls, TN Tour

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

Please note the change of dates on our Stone Mountain Tour. We are

Recently Hospitalized/Sick:
Dick Halderman is having
problems with dizziness.

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,

Contact: Bill Slaton (256) 593-7688

For Sale:
**Model A Reflective
Magnets**

We have custom Reflective Caution Magnets for the back of your Model A. With diamond patterns that are 1" tall and 9" long, which will fit the back bumper of You're Model A with ease. The reflection is 6 times brighter than others and the light reflects up to a 90° angle. The magnets are red & silver

They come in
packs of 4 and cost \$15.00 per pack
this includes shipping.

Contact: George Womble
(205) 744-7067

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Magnets furnished courtesy of: Eugene Glenn

Wanted:

Antique Air Meter

Contact: Robert Sloman
(256) 605-9233



A Look in our cash register

Beginning Balance in bank on March 1, 2010	\$2,841.49
Total Credits	140.00
Total Debits	(-125.47)
Outstanding Checks	(-20.00)
Balance in Checkbook March 31, 2009	\$2,836.02



May Birthdays

Susan Faulkner

10th

May Anniversaries

None

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. ©

Tech Tips from Wayne Mandeville: Torque Head Bolts

There are as many different ideas on repairs for Model A's, but the following is essential in my opinion. After you have reached the final torque amount and have run the engine for awhile, always re-torque using the following method:

Starting at nut #1: Loosen each nut 1/8 of a turn and then in one uninterrupted motion, torque the net back to the final torque amount. Do this one at a time in the correct torque sequence. **DON'T loosen them all at once.** Always re-torque the engine when it is cooled off. If you re-torque when the engine is warm you are doing absolutely nothing because you are simply torquing against expanded metal. It must be in a relaxed and in a cool state to properly re-torque.

The purpose of backing off the nuts one at a time as stated above is simple. The torque reading includes the friction between the nut and the stud. When the nut takes a set it essentially gets "stuck" to the stud. If you torque the nuts to 65 lbs it could easily require 70 lbs or more to break loose the nut after it sticks. That even applies if the gasket had compressed and the true clamping pressure/torque is reduced---the reduced pressure/torque is why you re-torque. The result is a false reading if you simply set your torque wrench for 65 lbs and attempt to tighten further as the nut is "stuck". In contrast if you back the nut off SLIGHTLY you are breaking the bond between the nut and the stud which allows for a proper read as you re-torque.

If you want to see the effect, notice that the nut will often turn much farther when backed off and re-torqued, sometimes as much as ½ of a round or so, with the same torque amount than it will if it is just re-torqued.

Consider the following two pieces of information about the necessity for re-torquing. First, I think the greatest question these days is "What the heck is the filler material between the copper sheet stocks in the head gasket?" In the bad old days it was asbestos,--highly stable, and after a second tightening, immovable. These days I do not know what it is. Some have said Kevlar and some had said other materials. One thing for sure though, it "squishes" and it takes a long time to stabilize. This is a very good reason to re-torque. Second, today's head gasket is made for over bored engines and the head gasket has less sealing contact thereby making it easier to blow or fail.

Read this again in detail and really get the concept. If you disagree let's have a good discussion at our meeting. The discussion/idea is to keep our Model A's running. Please feel free to challenge so that we can always get the best results.

Wayne
