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"The Willinghams lunching at Newnan Country Club."

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**2011 Club Events**

**\*\*May Board Mtg.: Wed., July 6 at IHOP in Fayetteville, 705 N. Jeff Davis Dr. Meeting starts promptly at 7:00.**

**Southside A's 2011 Calendar of Events**

July 16	Summer Picnic at the Meyers'
August 20	Moonlight Tour - Restaurant TBA
September	Rome Tour
September 10	Int'l Model A Day
October 21-23	Sweet Home Alabama (CAMAFCA)
November 19	Business Meeting
December -TBD	Christmas Party

**2011 Events of Interest**

August 13	Cofer Collection Swap Meet - Tucker
Nov. 18, 19, 20	Moultrie Swap Meet

**Editor's Notes:**

Happy Birthday to our Country on July 4<sup>th</sup>!! We hope everyone has a safe and sparkling holiday. It's been another eventful month, but with a more relaxed pace than last month. Chattanooga was a blast, and we want to thank Jim Wingo for contributing wonderful photos for Larry Peterson's lively review.

**The Southside A's  
currently has 42 active families  
on our roster.**

## July Birthdays

8<sup>th</sup> Jason Carne  
8<sup>th</sup> Jackie Johnston  
9<sup>th</sup> Marilyn Bookwalter  
15<sup>th</sup> Patsy Riley  
15<sup>th</sup> Kim Wingo  
16<sup>th</sup> Julie Ellis Carden  
16<sup>th</sup> Lois Crisp  
18<sup>th</sup> Arlene Filippone  
24<sup>th</sup> Jim Wingo  
26<sup>th</sup> Ken Riley



## July Anniversaries

7/3/1976 Mike & Gwyneth Shotwell  
7/4/1954 Eugene & Kathleen Willingham  
7/23/1994 Tommy & Shirley Davis  
7/25/2007 Larry & Jackie Peterson



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## Notes from Our Director

It's Summer time --Summer time--Summer time -- Summer time !

Remember that great old 60's song ? It is a great time of the year but I do not remember my early years getting quite soooo hot !

If you joined in for the Chattanooga tour, you had a great time, in spite of the heat of the day. All of our cars earnedatta boys for performing well in the hot weather. The Model A car is a really tough machine when you consider how we use them and how much weight that we pile into them for a tour. All of our troubles were minor and only one car (from Alabama ) was unable to finish under its own power. The talented guys from Alabama even replaced a head gasket on one member's car, under the hotel portico one evening so that the car was ready to go in the morning! Good job, fellas!

If you think that you could never do a tour in your Model A, think again; with a little work and a few necessary repairs or maintenance, you will be good to go.

By the time you read this it will be July and time for our annual club gathering and Picnic on July the 16th. This year I will host this fun day at my Home in Fayetteville. My address is 205 Old Plantation Way -Fayetteville 30214. Our home phone number is 770 487 4220. This year's gathering will be a pot luck affair so bring a great salad, some kind of chips, a main dish, yummy finger food , or a finger lickin' good dessert! We will provide plates, cups, serving forks and spoons, ice and coolers and soft drinks. If you wish to bring a tasty beverage of your choice for you and yours, feel free. There will be plenty of cooler space for all. Since there is a pretty good chance that it will be warm this day, feel free to bring your swim suit and cool off with a dunk in the pool. Who will be the first in! Please send us an e-mail by July 9th so that we can plan and have enough seating for everyone and an idea of what we will need in party supplies. Send your RSVP e-mail to ----- [pkmeyers1@earthlink.net](mailto:pkmeyers1@earthlink.net). \*Also, please bring chairs for the patio if you can.

In early August ( the 13th ) many of us will be attending the Model A Ford Parts Swap Meet at Cofer Brothers in Tucker, Ga. This has become a fun meet to go to and look for those great deals and items that you have been hunting for. This meet is sponsored by the Georgia Chapter of M.A.F.C.A. To reserve a space or get additional info call Rob Powell at 770-925-8076.

The Southside A's club is for the enjoyment of its members, so bring out your car and join in on the fun with us!

# Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

June 1, 2011

The SSA's June Board Meeting was held on June 1<sup>st</sup> at the IHOP in Fayetteville.

Prior to calling the meeting to order a raffle was held for those present. Prizes were various Car Care items donated by Phil Meyers. Winners were Merle Bennett, Gwyneth Shotwell, Jim Johnston, Eugene Willingham and Jim Hunter.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20PM by Director Phil Meyers. The following members were present: Tom & Betty Miller, Jim Hunter, Lisa & Merle Bennett, Dick Carne, Eugene & Kathleen Willingham, Phil & Kathie Myers, Mike & Gwyneth Shotwell and Jim Johnston.

The May Board meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer Jim Hunter reported a balance of \$835.08. A Motion was made & approved to accept the treasurer's report.

## Committees:

Membership: There are 42 members. Jim Johnston will send an updated Roster to all members.

Corresponding secretary: Eugene has submitted two articles to the MARC National Newsletter. Eugene exchanges our Newsletter with several other Model A clubs and reports the feedback is always positive.

Fashion: No report. Teri has pre-submitted articles to the Newsletter through August to cover her and Ray's extended Model A tour to Alaska.

Newsletter: Mike Shotwell noted that the earlier contributions are received the easier it is to format the Newsletter. Mike & Gwyneth would like to see some 'new blood' to write articles covering our tours.

Recording secretary: No report.

Scrapbook: Ann is always looking for contributions to add to the scrapbook.

Tech: No report as Tom Romine was not in attendance.

## Activities:

June 4-5<sup>th</sup> The June tour to Chattanooga has been planned by Tom & Betty Miller. Paul Majerick & the AL group are participating in this event. "Horsing Around" is one of the outings planned along with a riverboat cruise and dinner. Coker Tire family has invited the SSA's to view their private car collection.

July event: Our annual social will be hosted by Phil & Kathie Meyers on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Phil & Kathie will be sending an e-mail to members with the details.

## Other Events:

Dick Carne is checking into the possibility of touring to Buckner's restaurant just south of Griffin for our August Moonlight tour. The tentative date is August 20<sup>th</sup>.

The annual swap meet at the Cofer Collection will be held August 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Goldmine Region is touring to Rome, GA in September. We will contact Butch Morgan for details.

The Sweet Home Alabama Tour this year will be held in Foley, AL. Tom & Betty Miller opined that this part of AL is very scenic and it should be a great tour. Several SSA's members are planning on participating.

Tom Miller noted that the 2012 MARC and MAFCA National Meets are within a week of each other and both will be held in a reasonable close proximity of each other. MARC in Oshkosh, WI, and MAFCA in Marquette MI. Tom will be taking the pulse of members to participate in a three week tour to attend both events - PLAN NOW!

## Old Business:

Eugene Willingham has agreed to organize this year's Ice Cream nights. He will send out e-mails accordingly.

Jim Johnston asked the Board what could be done to thank Greg Marshall and James & Ella Collier for hosting the Tractors, Roses and Chevy's Tour last month. It was agreed the all those attending this event will be encouraged to mail personal note to Greg & James & Ella. Jim Johnston will provide addresses via e-mail. The SSA's will also extend an invitation to Greg Marshall, James & Ella, and Donald & Cheryl Brookins to attend our July social at the Meyers'.

New Business:

Jim Johnston brought up the fact that the club should have something in place to remember, recognize, or otherwise show our sympathy for members that pass on. Tom Miller made a motion that 'at the discretion of the Director an amount not to exceed \$75.00 may be spent for flowers for the departed member. The motion passed.

Phil Meyers brought up the issue of Safety and insurance as it applies to our touring events.

His topic will be discussed at a future Board Meeting. In the interim Phil will check with MARC National to better understand the MARC insurance coverage.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

**Treasurer's Report**

Balance as of April 30, 2011	\$1,135.08
Deposits	\$170.00
Expenses	\$470.00
Balance as of May 31, 2011	\$835.08

Respectfully submitted,  
 Jim Johnston for Teri Besch,  
 Recording Secretary

**Featured Photo of the Month:** (Editors note: Each month we'll feature photos that glorify the Model A in all its varied styles, and enhanced by beautiful or intriguing settings. At the end of the year we'd like the members to vote for their favorite Month, and we'll publish the results in the January, 2012 Newsletter.)



JULY

## Chattanooga Tour

The weather was a bit warm for late spring, but made to order for 29 Model A's on tour...cool at first, becoming hot and steamy as the day aged, enough so that the air conditioned rooms of the La Quinta Motel provided a welcomed refuge at the end of the first day's trek – a long 150 miles for the Southside A's and



an even longer 250 miles for many of the Central Alabama Club. One

disconnected exhaust pipe here, a dry carburetor there, an electrical fray and a few vapor locks provided minor distractions.

Following a short rest we headed off to **Harold Coker's** farm to view his private antique cars, housed in his magnificent mortise and tenon, 19<sup>th</sup> century era barn, the pride and joy of the collection being his prized stable of rare Thomas Flyer automobiles. The Edwin Ross Thomas Company of Buffalo, New York



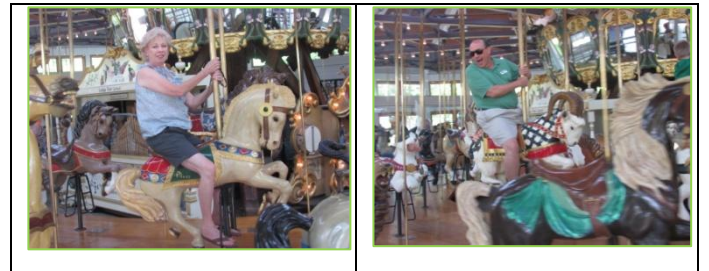
manufactured only a few thousand cars during its existence from 1902 through 1911, and these magnificent, handcrafted automobiles had the reputation for being "the perfect" car due to their attention to detail in every aspect.

On Saturday our group paraded en masse to the town of Soddy-Daisy, the home of **Bud Ellis's** Horsin' Around Workshop, where planks of two-inch-thick basswood are glued together then carved to life as all

types of carousel animals. The wonder of these intricate transformations is their lacquered finished state representing a myriad of childhood memories to the awed Model A crowd.

Mr. Ellis gave us his undivided attention as he described the creative process from conception to completion and entertained us all with his stories of fact and trivia from the golden era of carousel design and construction from the late 1800s to the modern day revival of this nearly "lost" art form.

From there we split up around Chattanooga, with most of us finding our way to Coolidge Park to ride the Carousel or to the Knitting Mills Antique Mart,



both in the North Shore district of our host city. A leisurely afternoon of eating, strolling and shopping provided a nice respite from our cramped car interiors and gave us an opportunity to stretch ourselves out and upright.

Saturday evening found us gathered aboard the Southern Belle Riverboat where we enjoyed a sumptuous buffet, toe-tapping music and unexpected entertainment from a few members of our own traveling troupe of good-natured birthday celebrators and dancers. The highlight of the evening will forever be known as "The Kiss," when **Eugene and Kathleen Willingham** embraced on stage to commemorate their 57 years of marriage.



What a joy it was to be with a couple whose love is as vibrant today as it was in the summer of 1954. At the end of the boat ride we disembarked and found our way back to our beloved cars and then to our beds.

One blown head gasket resulted in a few hours of entertainment for a handful of the drivers but the joy of fellowshipping over a hot engine made for the light spirited camaraderie that binds the antique car hobbyists to one another. The joy came just before midnight in hearing the familiar sound of a well-tuned four cylinder engine come to life.

Familiar faces were seen. Old acquaintances were revisited. New friends were made. Some of us are identified with an event while others are known for our mannerisms, but truth be told, most of us are known to one another by the car we drive. When we say "We'll see you down the road," we mean it. If you break down we'll be there to assist you. And if you're running well we'll be happy for you.

Each and every member The Southside A's that attended the tour wish to congratulate **Tom and Betty Miller** for their incredible, meticulous tour plan. Their love of Chattanooga was evident and inspired not only our group, but was also echoed in the abundant plaudits of our closely associated Central Alabama brothers and sisters.

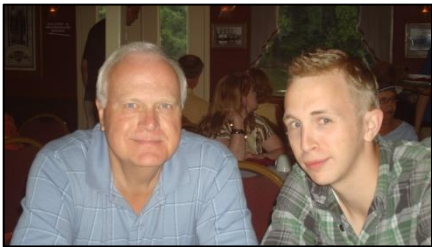
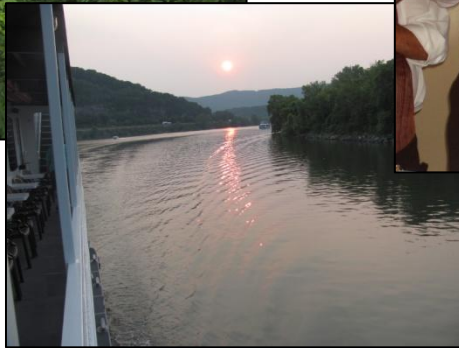


**Our esteemed Tour Leaders,  
Betty and Tom Miller.**

The Southside tour group included: **Eugene and Kathleen Willingham, Larry and Jackie Peterson, Tom and Betty Miller, Tom and Liz Romine, Phil and Kathy Meyers, Jim and Jackie Johnston, Tim Jones, Jim Wingo and his grandson Austin, Dick and Andrew Carne, Jason, Tina and kids, Mike and Gwyneth Shotwell, and Meryl and Lisa Bennett...**...incidentally, congrats to Lisa for driving their new Tudor on the past two tours!

**Larry Peterson**









## The Traveling Tool Chest

**By Tom Romine, Tech Editor**

Its touring season - I hope you will join us as we travel the back roads of Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee.

We got back from Chattanooga with very few problems. Phil Meyers had a Vapor Lock, or it appeared to be, however she started right up and made it to the hotel. CAMAFC didn't fare as well. Had a muffler clamp that would not hold to the muffler; one car just died (ignition trouble), towed back to the hotel and then they had a head gasket blow; replaced gasket at the hotel then back on the road. My total mileage was 395 miles. Great trip if you did not have a break down (I think you could say that, even if you had a break down, as there was plenty of help to fix whatever went wrong).

I'm sure most of you know that Ray & Teri left on their summer tour to Alaska, with some friends from Marietta, Jim and Rose Donaldson. With the minor trouble we had on the Chattanooga trip, what may go wrong on a 10,000 mile trip? A head gasket, ignition trouble? Who knows what else!

Let's see, Ray has already blown a fuse in his car. Jim has overheated (had to remove the Thermostat) and his battery went bad (found one at NAPA in the next town) and they are back on the road. Jim also had a fan belt start to separate, replaced at the next stop. These items in the first 3,000 miles, or so.

NEWS FLASH JUST IN! When you think things are going smooth, look out!

Just read where Ray's Left front wheel bearing froze (welded by heat) to the Spindle. They had to cut, drill and file to get the new bearing on. They're back on the road.

Now what would YOU take with you on a trip like this?? Well here is a list of what Ray and Terri took with them. Not in any specific order:

1 Set of W16Y Champion Spark Plugs	1 Set Points Old Style	Pill bottle w/misc. screws, nuts, etc.	1 New Leakless Water Pump
3 Sets Spark Plug Nuts	1 Set Points New Style	1 Aluminum Fan & Pulley Assembly	2 Ignition switches w/keys
1 Condenser New Style	1 Condenser Old Style	1 Brass Gasket for Exhaust Pipe	2 Sets Brushes for Generator
1 Distributor Spring between plates	1 Distributor Cam w/screw	2 Sets Timken Bearings w/race	1 Rear Hub Snap Ring
2 Farrell for fuel line	2 Glass Fuse 30 Amp	1 Set Manifold to Exhaust Pipe Clamp	1 Rear Hub Inner Seal
1 Set Spark Plug Wires	1 Set Distributor Snap Springs	1 Set Exhaust Manifold Gasket / Fiber	1 Timing Gear
Wire Butt Connectors	6 Pepper Packets	1 Set Exhaust Manifold Gasket / Copper	2 Water Pump Gaskets
Misc. Dist. Screws & Wire Ends	Light Bulbs Head/Tail/Interior	1 Sediment Bowl Cork Gasket	1 Set Sediment Bowl

3 Lug Nuts	1 Radiator Cap Gasket	1 Inside Gas shut-off Assembly	1 Hub Puller
1 Set Wire Junction Box Cover	1 Coil Tester	1 Box/Open end 1 1/8" wrench	1 Top Water Neck
1 Timing Wrench	1 Bottle Jack & Handle	1 Complete Re-Built Distributor	1 Shift Knob
1 Tube Patch Kit	1 Tow Strap	1 Complete Zenith Re-Built Carburetor	1 Coil Wire
1 Tool Box w/tools	2 Fan Belts	1 Tail Pipe Hanger Rear	1 Lower Pulley / Crank
1 Tube 19 inch	1 Roll Paper Towels, Rags	2 Carb. Float Gaskets	1 Jug Wash Soap
1 Heavy Gloves	2 Halogen Bulbs	1 Head Light Lens	1 Distributor Shaft
1 Fire Extinguisher	1 pair Rear Axle Outer Seal	1 Heater Top for Manifold	1 Tube Hand Cleaner
1 Zenith Carb. Re-built	Misc. Cotter Pins	1 Gallon Jug of Water H-2-O	1 Qt. Rotella-T 15w/40w
1 Box Tacks for Top/Upholstery	2 Axle Keys	1 First Aid Kit	1 Qt. 600 wt Oil
2 Sets Bendix Bolts w/tab washers	1 Fuel line fitting & Farrell	1 Small Tool Kit w/3/8" Ratchet Set	1 Coil 6 Volt
3 Exhaust Manifold Washers, Studs & Nuts	2 Woodruff Keys	1 Bottle Rain-X Glass Cleaner	1 Bottle Rain-X
1 wire w/eye ends 6 inch	3 Rotors	1 Bottle Spray Quick Detailer	4 AA Batteries for Hand Radio
2 Sets Spark & Carb. Rods	2 Blocks for Bottle Jack	1 Wisk Broom	1 Roll Duct Tape
1 Current GA License Plate	1 Vintage Tag on Car	2 Gas Lines	2 Wheel Chocks
1 Set Motor Re-build Gasket Set	1 "B" Head Gasket	2 Braided wire 12" - 1 black 1 green	1 Generator 6 volt w/cutout
2 Accelerator assembly springs	1 Radiator Cap 30/31	1 Starter Switch Assembly	3 Rear Axle Shims
1 Micro Filter for Sediment Bowl	1 Set Brake & Accelerator Pads	1 Thermostat	1 Amp Meter 20/20
1 Generator Cut-Out	1 Gas Cap 30/31	2 Radiator Hoses - Black w/red stripe	1 Set Radiator Hose Clamps
1 Distributor Cap & Top	1 Starter Bendix	1 Starter Bendix Spring	1 Clutch Throw-Out Spring
1 Clutch Shaft Arm	3 Rotors	1 Clutch Adjusting Arm & Trunion	2 Top Water neck gaskets
1 Stop Light Switch 30/31	1 Great Navigator		

And that's not counting what Jim took. I do not know everything Jim has in his car, but I do know he has a complete short block engine in his trunk (and Ray has the gaskets). I'm sure they took plenty of the normal stuff, water, oil, how about a 5 gal. Gas can. Do you think they took enough supplies? Well we shall find out, won't we? I'm not suggesting WE take anything like this on our normal 2 or 3 day trips, but it makes you think. Maybe we should get together, with those who normally tour, to get enough parts and supplies to get one of our cars repaired, if necessary. LETS THINK ABOUT IT !!

## Model "A" Fashions

Model A meets often have women's clothing. Usually the first question ladies ask is "What size is it?" The standards for sizes have drastically changed over the years. In 1931, the smallest Sears Roebuck dress size was a bust size of 32, which was a size 14. When you ordered a dress, you sent in your bust and hip sizes, no waist measurement. It is suspected that the small bust size is due to restriction of undergarments. The corresponding hip size for a 32 bust size was 37 inches.

In 1930, if your bust size was 34, waist size, 24 and your hip size 37 inches, you were a size 16. Bottom line, if you are looking at vintage



clothing, you can't go by size. You must try it on!

The four sketches to the right show how much the fashions changed from the start of the Model A years to the end. Two of the biggest changes were longer hemlines and a natural waistline.

Some of the information for this month's fashion article was from an old copy of The Restorer Magazine loaned to us by Tom and Betty Miller.

1928



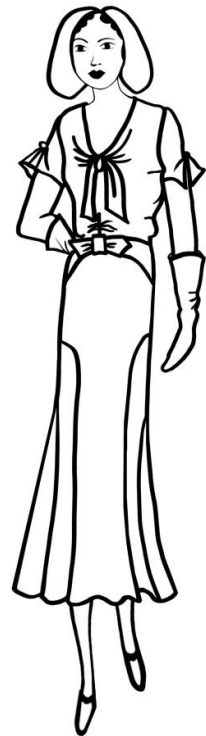
1929



1930



1931



*By: Teri Besch, Fashion Chair*

## Meet the Southside A's: Eugene & Kathleen Willingham



Venerable...reliable...thoughtful...loyal...well thought of...Christian...and last but not least...of good humor. These are the words that come to mind when speaking about Eugene and Kathleen Willingham. These lovely people were raised in Newnan, GA. Eugene was born in 1934, the son of a textile worker. Kathleen's father, Brown Payton, operated a 24/7 service station in Newnan, where he and his wife Nell both worked. Both fathers were WWII veterans.

During the depression, Eugene's family relocated to Carrolton, GA, for work in the mills, and later East Point, when his father entered the Army. During the Great War, they again relocated to the military base at Ft. Blanding, FL, where Eugene recalls firing a machine gun during an open house. Eugene and his Mother returned to Newnan, once his Father went overseas. Eugene was an athletic young man, playing high school football until receiving an arm injury. He continued to play high school basketball and baseball and later excelled in golf, playing principally at his home course, Newnan CC where he was the club champion for several years and senior champion for more than a decade. His golf background began as a caddy at NCC where he worked with and studied the game under some of the top players at the country club and an including an amateur state champion. (The editor, also a golfer, would like to add the comment that winning one club championship in any category is quite a notable feat, let alone 15 or 20. That is beyond being good.) He was really a player!

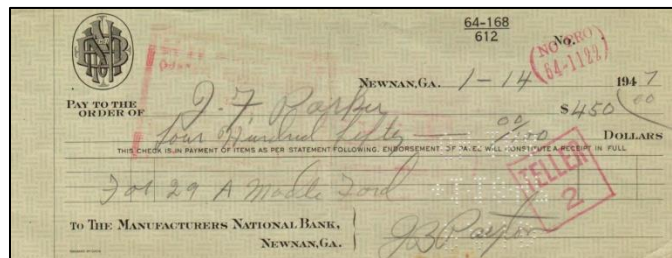
Eugene and Kathleen were acquainted with each other since the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. After high school graduation and her first year at Mercer College, Kathleen returned for the summer to Newnan. Eugene reports he "...passed Kathleen's house every day on his way to work and one summer day was struck by a lightning bolt as he stared at Kathleen working in the yard." He quickly determined to ask his future bride out on a date. They were married the following year...1954. They have two children, Alan, a Georgia Highway patrolman, and Kay (Roberts), a school teacher now married to a local pediatrician.

After graduation from high school, Eugene was recommended by his high school councilor for a job with the fledgling William L. Bonnell Company, manufacturer of extruded aluminum parts. Mr. Bonnell soon became a second father figure. The company was so solid and grew so fast that Eugene discontinued his original desire to go to Georgia Tech and remained with the company for 46 years, having risen from draftsman to production control supervisor to plant manager before retiring at 65.

Eugene's and Kathleen's history with Model A's began early. Eugene recalls that his father was not mechanically inclined, but he does remember the family's black Model A Tudor. Kathleen, on the other hand, grew up with a 1929 Model A roadster as a part of her life from 9 years old to the present.

Brown Payton, Kathleen's father, had noticed the Roadster, which often stopped by his Service Station. After several offers to Mr. J.F. Parker were turned down, Mr. Payton purchased the car for \$450.00 in January of 1947.

Through the years, Mr. Payton received and declined many offers to sell the car, which reminded him of his and wife Nell's car when they were married. At the time, the little roadster wasn't as sentimental to Kathleen as it came to be in later years, particularly when "Pops" would come to pick her up after school. "Yonder comes Daddy in that old car," was her embarrassed statement to her friends. Today, she bursts with



pride and her first words when seeing the car after the restoration was completed, were, "My Daddy is smiling in Heaven." Their son, Alan, also has memories of the old car, and would stand on the seat next to his grandfather, before he was two years old. After he began to talk, Alan called it "the baby car" and loved riding in it.

After Mr. Payton's death in 1980, the car remained in the family barn where it sat for 24 years, over painted in black to prevent further rusting. In Mama Payton's will, she left the Roadster to Kathleen in hopes that she and Eugene would "get it fixed." The "old car," was about to see a new life. After some attempts to make repairs, a complete body-off restoration was decided upon. On January 29, 2004, the car was hauled off and restoration begun.



Before



After!

Eugene and Kathleen often visited the shop during the one year's process. On their first visit, the car had been totally disassembled. "Where is my car?" asked Kathleen with a smile on her face. Jim smiled back and pointed to the frame standing against the wall, and the boxes and parts strewn all over the floor. The engine was confirmed as original (Sept. 1929) once they could see the number Ford had stamped on the frame. The final touch was the application of the orange pin stripe, which was done on the day it was delivered back home by trailer, July 18, 2005.

A few years later, the Willingham's added a beautiful 1930 maroon Victoria to their stable, which was recently featured in the epic movie about moonshining in the hills of Virginia during the 1930's, "The Wettest County in the World."



As of this article, both cars have been driven several thousand miles and are a credit to the Model A hobby. However, it is Brown Payton's beautiful little roadster that is the enduring pride of the family, a pride Kathleen hopes is nearly equal to her dear father's love of the car.

The Willingham's grandchildren enjoying the ride.

## The Southside Spy



**(Editor's Note: this section reports rumors, sightings and other miscellaneous pertinent data. Factual information is always sought, however, misstatements, distortions and outright fabrications will also be strongly considered).**

**The Spy Network insider** reports that Mike Foran made a bundle of greenbacks during the filming of the recent movie, "The Wettest County in the World." In fact, Mike became so enamored of the movie story that he's using his loot to secretly build a still, and is staking out a "holler" on the backside of Peachtree City for his manufacturing endeavor. He claims preliminary batches of his premium white lightnin' can run a Model A at "unnatural speeds." Whoa dude! This might lead to some serious funnin'!

**From the entertainment world:** Unverified rumors are that a prominent movie company is planning to film a new version of **American Graffiti**. According to sources, **Phil Meyers** has

been constantly badgering the producers for a leading role, but to no avail. He even showed up in his A-Rod with a duck-tail hairdo, and his T-shirt sleeves rolled up with a pack of Camels tucked underneath. "I've got the SoCal look and the car," he keeps insisting. "I'm a box office bonanza waiting to happen. I'm unstoppable." A group of SSA'ers has planned an intervention to be held on a Friday night at the Cracker Barrel. **Eugene Willingham** will preside. The menu...catfish & spuds.

**Confucius say:** "Man who drive Model A like hell, bound to get there."

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## Bits and Pieces

### Recovery Corner:

The Southside A's want to extend wishes for speedy recoveries to two of our Members, Tom Miller and Merle Bennett. For different reasons, they are both mending a hip, and proceeding with grace and good humor. Merle will be spending time in rehab at the Southland Nursing Home in Peachtree City. And Tom is looking forward to hearing from his doctor when he will be able to get back behind the wheel of Daisy. So let's keep in touch, visit, email and hold these two fine gentlemen in your thoughts and prayers.

### Alaska update:

The Citizen ran a wonderful article at the onset of Ray and Teri's trip. You can access the article at: <http://edition.pagesuite-professional.co.uk/launch.aspx?referral=other&refresh=yL08Q4j10gK5&PBID=9b436f08-0655-49e1-897f-2b56fb244607&skip>

As of press time they had just crossed back into the United States from Canada, heading for Washington State and their eventual return home. Their daily blog has been fascinating and the pictures add so much to our imagining their trip. What a saga. Check it out here: [beschdonaldson2011.blogspot.com](http://beschdonaldson2011.blogspot.com)



## **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Sweet Home Alabama Tour October 21 - 22, 2011**

The Fifth Annual Sweet Home Alabama Tour will highlight the beauty of Alabama's Gulf Coast. The Tour will be conducted as a hub tour from Foley, Alabama and will feature spectacular Gulf Coast scenery, country back roads, great seafood, the Naval Aviation Museum, and Historic Fort Morgan.

We plan to have an early bird get together Thursday evening (6p.m.) at the famous Lambert Café, "The home of throwing rolls," for some tire kicking, and renewing old friendships. The scenic tour will start Friday morning October 21st with a road trip along the gulf coast to the Pensacola Naval Station and a tour of the National Naval Aviation Museum. The museum and grounds displays more than 150 restored aircraft and 4,000 artifacts representing the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Aviation. Among the 291,000 square feet of exhibit space in the museum are an IMAX theatre and flight simulators. After the tour at the NAS and lunch we will proceed to Gulf State Park site #4 for tour pictures. At this point the agenda for the rest of the afternoon and evening will become free time. Attendees will be able, on their own or with friends, to enjoy the beach, visit shops in Gulf Shores, tour the "Hang out" and other tourist attractions. You will be able to top the evening off with a special meal at your favorite Gulf Shores restaurant. Also available will be evening shopping at the Tanger Outlet Mall in Foley (Open until 9). The activities for Saturday will begin with a tour of the Baldwin County Heritage Museum, and on to downtown Foley. The tour in Foley will feature lunch and a self guided tour through the city which has antiques shops, a railroad museum, a medical museum, Stacey's ole time soda fountain and more. In the afternoon we're off through the countryside to Fort Morgan. Fort Morgan was active during four (4) wars but is famous for its role during the battle of Mobile during the Civil War. The festivities continue Saturday evening with a "Seafood feast" at the Wolf Bay Lodge. Sunday morning we're off for home and the end of another adventure on the Model "A" highway.

The Holiday Day Inn Express, Alabama (251-971-1700) is our host Motel. A block of rooms has been reserved and will be released on September 22nd. When you make your reservations, mention you are attending the Sweet Home Alabama Tour to receive the tour special rate of \$79. Make your reservations early, we have only reserved 40 rooms and they will go fast. If you are towing your Model "A" Ford you will be able to park tow vehicles and trailers along the main entrance road and the turn around at the end.

If you have questions, give Paul Majerick a call at (334) 269-1309, or email him at paulmajerick@aol.com. Bring "Henry's Finest," your lawn chairs, beach hat, and get ready to do a lot of tire kicking, touring along the beautiful Alabama Gulf Coast and just plain having fun. No Street Rods please. Tour registration form is attached.

# FIFTH ANNUAL SWEET HOME ALABAMA TOUR OCTOBER 21-22, 2011

## REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: (LIST ALL ATTENDEE'S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY & STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL NUMBER (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Car:	Model of Car:	Trailerling:	Arrival:
		Yes   No (Circle one)	Thurs. Fri. (Circle one)

Insurance Company:	Insurance Policy Number:

**REGISTRATION FEE PER CAR** (\*This includes admission to Ft. Morgan, donation to the Heritage Museum, Door Prizes and Breaks\*)

**\$ 25.00 (Per Car)**

Friday – 11:00 a.m. Naval Air Museum IMAX Film (Hubble 45 mins)  
(\$8.00 Per Person) \_\_\_\_\_ people \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday – 6:30 p.m. Sea Food Feast at the Wolf Bay Lodge  
(\$25.00 Per Person) \_\_\_\_\_ people \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:** (No refunds after Oct 11, 2011)    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your reservations direct with the Holiday Inn (251) 971-1700 Make reservations by  
Sept. 20, 2011 to get the tour rate of \$79.00

Make Check Payable to: Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club and forward  
Completed Registration form with payment no later than October 10, 2011 to:

**Sweet Home Alabama Tour  
1309 Magnolia Curve  
Montgomery, Alabama 36106-2010**



## Items For Sale

**FOR SALE:** 1931 Victoria Leatherback. Older restoration. Good-to-excellent condition. Blue-ribbon quality. Low mileage; rebuilt braking system; rebuilt steering box and column; new tires; new clutch; mohair interior; wood grain; and much more.

\$26,900.00 Call Mike Shotwell: 805-890-5113 or email at [mdshot@aol.com](mailto:mdshot@aol.com)



**FOR SALE:** 1929 Cabriolet – Great looking car, runs very well. Changed to 12-Volt and has an F100 Modified Steering – Asking Price \$25,000.

Contact Mike's "A"Fordables - 706-652-3866



**FOR SALE:** 1930 Dlx. Roadster – This car was built by Mike @ Mike's 10 years ago. It is an all steel Brookville Body. The color is Bumper Clamp blue and has very little mileage since built. Asking Price \$25,000.

Contact Mike's "A"Fordables - 706-652-3866



**FOR SALE:** Several 17 and 18 inch Ford spoke wheels, sand blasted, powder coated, cream in color, \$135.00 each. Call James Stewart: 706-846-2157 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**FOR SALE:** 1931 Coupe – We know very little about this car but it looks good and runs very well. Asking Price - \$14,000.

Contact Mike's "A"Fordables - 706-652-3866



**MODEL A's FOR SALE:** Roadsters, Coupe, Sedans, Victoria's, even a T model.

[todayis@bellsouth.net](mailto:todayis@bellsouth.net) or Call Tommy Davis @ 770-634-6113 or email for photos.

**FOR SALE:** 1929 Fordor. Rare Model 170-A. Contact Richard Kiser at: 256-558-2229 or email at: [kiserr@charter.net](mailto:kiserr@charter.net)



**FOR SALE:** 1931 Model A Tudor with C engine, trunk rack, cowl lights, Pawnee tan with black fenders in good condition. Older restoration of car, engine and running gear by Harold Bennett --\$12,900 OBO.

Contact June Bennett 706-654-1683

**FOR SALE:** 1930 Model A Tudor. Well maintained; very dependable. Brass Works radiator; new brakes, alternator; Aries Muffler; high-speed rear end; seat belts, turn signals, and more. \$13,000.

Call Orville Booth - 803-261-2897

# Items Wanted

**WANTED:** 1930/31 Rumble Seat Lid wanted. Need the inter panel but will take any 30/31 rumble seat lid. A trunk lid might work also. Call Wayne Mandeville, River City Model A Club @ 205/655-8641.

## Club Items

**Name Tags** are available by contacting Teri Besch at 770-487-9215 or [besch105@comcast.net](mailto:besch105@comcast.net)

### Shirts and Hats

We have Vendors that supply embroidery for hats and shirts. If you are interested contact Eugene Willingham @ 770-253-6518 or [eewill@numail.org](mailto:eewill@numail.org)

**Note:** There is almost no limit to what you can have embroidered. Use your imagination, talk to Eugene and see what you can come up with.

**Club Banners:** We have designed a Club Banner to display on your car when touring or just to hang in your shop. Call Jim Johnston @ (678) 423-4344 or [john8191@bellsouth.net](mailto:john8191@bellsouth.net)



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