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FOUNDING MEMBERS:

*Jim Timbes	Bob Smith	Bobby Penny
Mickey Timbes	Al Lugo	*Robert Jackson
*Dan Palmer	Lawrence Farrar	*Bettie Jackson
Dan Diener	Bill Buck	(*Deceased)

PAST PRESIDENTS:

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Jim Timbes DEC 2009-2010	Al Lugo DEC 2010-2012
Paul Singer Dec 2012-2014	Joe Spooner DEC 2014-2015
Jim Langley Dec2015-2016	

EZ ON.....

Presidents Rattles for August 2016

By Jim Langley

WELL IT IS STILL HOT, BUT THE JULY FIRECRACKER DRIVING TOUR TO CAFÉ 431 FOR BREAKFAST WAS A SUCCESS. SIX MEMBERS DROVE THERE AND ENJOUED A GOOD BREAKFAST AND GREAT FELLOWSHIP....

So, we will repeat with a driving to breakfast tour on August 20th. Yeah, it will still be hot, but bearable at the meeting time of 9 a.m. We will either tour on your own with your "A" or designate a specific meeting place to gather. Final plans and sign-up will be finalized at the August 18th Members Meeting, Again HOT TIMES TOUR to Howie's Café, Smith Station (next to Terries Grocery)...

Looking Forward:

Whistle Stop Tour to Uptown Columbus Activities and to help celebrate International Model A Ford Day. September 10th.

October Annual Pumpkin Patch tour and Picnic at the Ruddick Retreat in the Backwaters....

See you down The Back Roads,

Jim

JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: August 18, 2016- 6:00PM (EASTERN) Our next Club meeting will be at Woodmen of the World Lodge, on Highway 80, in Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

August 5	MATTS
August 12	Planning Meeting
August 18	Club Meeting
August 20	Hot Times Tour
September 2	MATTS (VJ DAY)
September 3	Labor Day Car Show (Calloway)
September 9	Planning Meeting
September 10	Model A Day (Downtown, Columbus)
September 15	Club Meeting
September 17	Whistle Stop Tour

CRUISE EVENINGS

Every 1 st Tuesday-	Cooks Hot Dog on Miller & Airport Thruway
Every 2 nd Tuesday	Jim Bob's (By Hobby Lobby)
Every 3 rd Tuesday	Jason Deli (Close to Sears)
Every 4 th Tuesday	Country's on Broadway
Every 5 th Tuesday	El Vaquero Mexican Restaurant (Phenix City)
Every 2 nd Saturday	Opelika Home Depot
Every 4 th Saturday	Steak and Shake (Bradley Park Drive)
Every Sunday AM	IHOP Airport Thruway

NATIONAL:

December 5-8 MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Reno, Nevada

River Cities Model A Ford Club July Club Meeting Minutes

The July meeting of the River Cities Model A Club was held 6:00p.m. EST, Thursday, July 21, 2016 at the Woodman of the World facility.

President Jim Langley called the meeting to order with the following members present: Dick Noxon, Al Lugo, Neal R. LaClaire, Glenn Williams & Cindy, Bob Smith, Chris Kennedy, Kevin Adams, Mickey Timbes, Mark and Pat Gamble, Bob and Connie Penny, Joe and June Spooner, Tommy Ellis, Howard and Barbara Ruddick, John Robertson, Tommy Ellis, Joe and June Spooner, Louie and Gloria Willett, Wayne Kennedy, Skipper Barfield, Sharon Webb, Bill Shirley, and Jim Langley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Grace was given by Al Lugo. Members proceeded to the buffet line.

Guest, Chris Kennedy, a young fellow, who has a 29 2-door sedan was welcomed by President Jim Langley.

Sunshine Report: Howard Ruddick gave an update on Russell and Mary Ann Lester. Bob Smith said that Carolyn Shackelford is doing a little better. A real sunny report, two of our members, Neal LeClaire and Wayne Kennedy were attendees. We thank God for their recovery and pray for our other members.

Minutes from the June 16th, 2016, meeting were approved by Al Lugo and approved by majority as reported in the newsletter.

Acting Treasurer, Dick Noxon, collected money in Joe Carter's absence.

The program was an informal chat session with various members telling stories and showing interesting items. Bobby Penny showed an old picture of a family member standing in front of a 1939 Chevrolet with gasoline ration sticker attached to the front windshield. Also, Bobby had an old ruler that should have been recalled, as a section of the ruler had two numerical matching sections. Howard Ruddick modeled his shirt that his daughter had embroidered an image of his car with great detail. Barbara Ruddick discussed the "Back to the Blue" poster. Al Lugo, at 8 years old, reminisced about his uncle with a 47 or 48 Chrysler, and at that young age his interest in old car's was evident. Joe Spooner brought a set of vintage automotive mechanical books that he is donating to the library, and a miniature horseshoe that Jim and Mickey Timbes gave him. Joe passed it around and asked us to look for something unusual about it. So, Joe what was it????? Jim Langley told a story he and a friend piled old car parts in the back seat of a new 1955 Ford Fairlane in Texas unbeknown to the proud owner. The friend married the lady, and she found out so 50 plus years later. Sharon Webb shared with us paper work on the

restoration of her 31 Ford Coup named Phoenix which she had run across while preparing to pack for her upcoming move.

Forthcoming Tours and Activities

Saturday, July 23, 2016, "Firecracker" tour for breakfast at Café 431. Bob Smith said just show up.

Opelika Day, July 30th, at 5:00 central time, is featuring Model A's

MATT meeting is set for August 5th at Bobby Penny's shop. Come early to beat the heat.

International Model A Day, Uptown Columbus, September 10th coordinator is Bill Shirley

Annual club Picnic, October 8th, at the Ruddick's Retreat, coordinators are Howard & Barbara Ruddick and Paul Singer

Discussion on a possible tour of historic Russell County cemeteries and a cactus farm has been rescheduled later in the spring, 2017. Coordinators will be Paul Singer and Larry Farrar.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned by President Jim Langley.

Respectively submitted by Pat Gamble, secretary.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR, INTERNATIONAL MODEL A DAY, UPTOWN COLUMBUS ON SEPTEMBER 10th. Please let Bill Shirley know if you are going to bring you're Model A so he can give the uptown people a car count. If you are not bringing your car, just come down town and share some good stories and laughs with us. We will meet at the Country's parking lot around 8:30ish and head down Broadway to be staged by 8:50. We will be at our usual area in front of the River Center.

DID YOU KNOW?

By AL LUGO

The Ford Motor Company has one of the richest histories of any Automobile Company. This was possible because of the preservation of documents, photos, and short films. It is my purpose in the coming months to bring you significant facts of Ford history presented in short “bullets”. Please join me in honoring our rich Ford Motor Company History.

THE FORD ROTUNDA



The Ford Rotunda was built in 1934 for the World Fair in Chicago. It was also referred to as the Ford Pavilion and was built as the Century of Progress exhibition. It housed installations depicting man's development in transportation. This exhibit was seen by more than 12 million visitors.

The building was 900 feet long with a 12 story glass rotunda at its center. Since the emphasis was on the automobile, part of the tour of the Rotunda took place in automatically operated Ford Convertibles that rode in a special roadway. Many of the exhibits were designed by Walt Disney.

After the World's fair it was moved to Dearborne and re-opened in 1935 as a visitor's gateway for people coming for a tour of the Rouge Factory. Inside of the Rotunda you could find murals showing the Rouge assembly line.

* At one point, it was the fifth most popular tourist destination in the U.S. in the mid-twentieth century. To give you an idea of its

popularity this structure received more visits in the 1950s than did the stature of liberty.

Some of the Rides or exhibits included the Magic Skyway which took guests seated in convertibles for a ride through plastic tunnels around the outside of the Rotunda.

Also included the City of Tomorrow which was a futuristic city. Another exhibit was the Hall of Science which highlighted the Philco and Ford research projects. The Ford World was a 20 foot diameter rotating globe that highlighted the Ford Motor Company's operations around the world. The Drama of Transportation was a collection of vehicles arranged in chronologically order starting with an Egyptian chariot, horse drawn carriages and then the latest automobiles of the day.

During World War II due to gas rationing the Rotunda was closed to the public serving as office space for the Army Air Corps. There was a theatre inside the Rotunda that was used to entertain the soldiers. In 1946 Henry Ford II met with ten young Army officers that were later known as the Whiz Kids.

On June 16, 1953 the Rotunda was reopened to the public as part of Ford's 50th Anniversary celebration. It included 50 huge birthday candles mounted along the rim of the Rotunda.

Since the Rotunda was so popular it was used by Ford Motor Company to introduced new Ford Models to include photographs. They also held special events at this great facility.

In 1953 the annual Christmas Fantasy was held for the first time. It included a 37 foot tall Christmas tree. It also included a great Santa's workshop and a life size nativity scene that was considered to be one of the largest and finest in the U.S.

One of the vehicles introduced at the Rotunda was the 1958 Ford Edsel and the 1958 Ford Continental.

The Ford Rotunda was destroyed on Friday, November 9, 1962, due to a fire. Shortly after 1PM a fire began on the roof of the Rotunda. The fire started when workers were waterproofing the building in preparation for the year's Winter Spectacular.

Total damage was over 15 million dollars, the equivalent to more than 115 million dollars today. Also destroyed in the fire each of the 1963 Ford models which were on display. Also destroyed were several dream cars and 250 thousand dollars of Christmas decorations.

Saved during the fire were the Ford Archives which survived due to a special carbon dioxide fire protection system. A year later these archives were donated to the Edison Institute known today as The Henry Ford museum.

Recently the Early Ford V-8 Foundation and Museum restored the Rotunda sign. They are also currently planning a free standing structure as part of their Museum in the shape of the Ford Rotunda. The early Ford V-8 museum can be found in Auburn, Indiana.



Visitors to Rotunda during the 1934 World Fair in Chicago...



Ford Models for 1940 displayed in Ford Rotunda in 1939...



The Ford World exhibit...



The Christmas tree and doll display at the 1955 Christmas Fantasy...



Visitors view dolls from the Ford Motor Company Girls Club Doll Dressing contest in 1958...



The 1958 Edsel introduction at the Rotunda...



Ford Rotunda is destroyed by fire – November 9, 1962.

**8th Annual Model A Ford Parts Swap Meet
At Cofer's
3702 Lawrenceville HWY
Tucker, GA 30084
One Day – Saturday, August 13th 2016
8 A.M. to 3 P.M.**

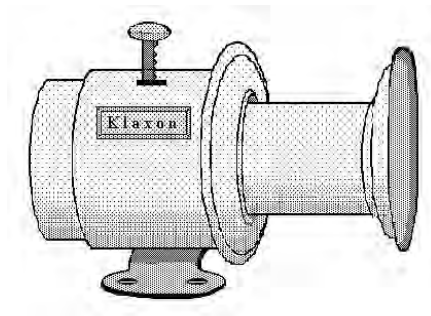
**"Hard knocks have a place and value, but hard thinking goes farther
in less time."
Henry Ford 1/15/26**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES



AUGUST 2- Donnie & Debbie Morrison
AUGUST 23-Brad & Joy Whitaker

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



AUGUST 4- Nancy Palmer
AUGUST 9- Patrick Tyler
AUGUST 12- Pamela Tyler

AUGUST 9- Joe Carter
AUGUST 10- Linda Miller
AUGUST 22- Burton Williams

FOR SALE

Offered "For Sale" by a friend in Southern Ohio.....beautiful car, and comes with either the red wheels or the black, buyer's choice. \$18,500. Contact seller, Bruce Johnson at bjoh1938@aol.com

Provided by David Black



1931 Slant Window Sedan. Very recent restoration with new engine with balanced crank and flywheel, insert bearings and counter balanced crank, modern rear main bearing seal, and touring cam. Electronic ignition, halogen headlights, turn signals, cast iron brake drums, original metal trunk, LeBaron Bonney interior.

Price \$15,000.

Call Neil @ 559-539-0604 Located in Porterville, Calif.

Unable to download picture, please give Neil a call and he will get you a picture.

Time to part with Nelly alas!

'31 roadster with Mitchell Overdrive and lots of extras (see photos and build sheet attached).
Good runner.

If you know of someone who might give her some TLC, have them write John Leydon in Aldie
(Virginia) at jkleydon@gmail.com \$16.8K. Thanks.



PARTS WANTED

I need a radiator, dash and gauges for a 1928 AA pickup.

John Gilbertson in Santa Barbara, CA

topolinoguy@hotmail.com

805-964-5609

Help needed down under.

Hi I have an early 1928 Tudor I have been restoring (Due to family and money problems I have started back on my project) My main problem is the roof getting it right with height of hood bows (we made them up copying of original ones)If I can get in contact with someone who has done this I would be appreciated . I live in the Maitland area.

Thanks, Neil neil_151@yahoo.com

FORD Facts,

1. Ford is the second largest family owned company in the world. Henry Ford's great grandson, William Clay Ford, Jr. currently resides as the company's executive chairman.



2. The very first Ford sold was to Dr. Pfennig in 1903, for a grand total of \$850. The "Model A" had a 2-cylinder engine, and could reach a max speed of 30 mph.

3. Ford's current CEO, William Clay Ford, Jr., or Bill Ford, currently owns the first Ford vehicle ever sold in 1903..

4. Henry Ford and Thomas Edison were lifelong friends. As requested by Ford, Thomas Edison's son captured Edison's last exhale in a test tube and sealed it with a cork. Ford kept the tube as a memorial to Edison's "life and breath."



5. Ford's signature blue, oval logo was not introduced until 4 years after the company had already been in production.
6. In 1914 Ford offered its employees double the current market average, creating Henry Ford's "\$5-a-day." The new salary, accompanied by a shorter working day and company profit sharing, minimized employee turnover, and was significant in growing the middle class and fair wages movement. Henry Ford was quoted saying he wanted to help his workers to a "life" not just a "living."
7. In 1964, after Ford debuted the Mustang, 94,000 pedal-powered toy mustangs were bought for children the following Christmas season.
8. In 1965, a Ford Mustang was transported in 4 separate pieces to the observation deck of the Empire State Building, using resident elevators, where it was reassembled and photographed by helicopter. The car was later reassembled inside the building, until it was eventually taken apart and removed from the building 5 months later.
9. The only car that Jim Morrison, legendary Doors singer, ever owned was a 1967 Shelby GT 500.
10. Chevrolet actually used a Ford SuperDuty to set up their Chevy Truck display at the Texas State Fair in 2012.
11. When former President Gerald Ford was describing his no-nonsense, style of governing, he was quoted as saying, "I'm a Ford, not a Lincoln," comparing President Lincoln's eloquence with Lincoln, the luxury car company owned by Ford Motor Company.
12. Ford F-Series has been consistently ranked as the #1 selling car in America as of 2013.