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CLUB OFFICERS:

President	Jim Langley
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**The River Cities Model "A" Ford Club permanent address is: P.O.
Box 342, Columbus, GA 31902**

All mail should be sent to the River Cities Model A Ford Club address above. Matters concerning the newsletter should be sent to the editor to insure timely publication.

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:

Jim Timbes NOV 2000-DEC 2001
Mickey Timbes DEC 2003-2004
Joe Spooner DEC 2006-2008
Jim Timbes DEC 2009-2010
Paul Singer Dec 2012-2014
Jim Langley Dec 2015-2016

Bob Smith DEC 2001-2003
Jim Langley DEC 2004-2006
Jim Langley DEC 2008- 2009
Al Lugo DEC 2010-2012
Joe Spooner DEC 2014-2015

Presidents Rattles for May 2016

I am a member of MAFCA, and have been since 1964. I realize there are people reading this who have also been members for a long time, some for a shorter time, and others who are not members of the national club. I got involved because a good friend had an early 1928 Model A Roadster, and being around him and that car, I got the bug, and once you get the old car disease, there is no cure. You just take the medicine of “Buy, Sell, Swap,” for the rest of your life...Now, why join a local club and the national club? I am not a member so that I can get a magazine. THE RESTORER is great and I read and re-read it from cover to cover. I have written articles for it and have awards on my ego wall for proof. That is not the reason I am a MAFCA member. I am not a member of MAFCA and the River Cities Model A Ford Club so that I could one day become a club officer and be called upon to assert my ideas, opinions and control over a group of people. The line of work from which I retired demanded that every workday and it got boring...I am not a member of these clubs so that I could become a national and local car judge and argue the correctness of this and that as Henry built it. As a judge I can spend hours perusing a near 500 point Model “A”, but I am just as happy kicking tires with a group of hopped up four banger folks. I did not restore a Model A to show and “Gather The Gold”. I am truly happy to be with the “Back Fence Boys and Girls” at National and local shows. Then why am I a member? By now you may have guessed, IT’s THE PEOPLE. If I had not joined, I would have possibly not net so many-many wonderful people. I may not have met the Doctors, Lawyers, and probably the Indian Chiefs with whom I have had the pleasure of associating with. I would never met a Cowtown watchmaker who probably knew more of the Model A Ford than “Ole Henry himself”. My point: You should be a member of MAFCA and the River Cities Clubs for one reason – the joy of being around folks who love the Model A Ford and each other.....

See you on The Back Roads.....

Jim

JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: September 15, 2016-
6:00PM (EASTERN) Our
next Club meeting will be at
Woodmen of the World Lodge, on
Highway 80, in Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

September 3	Labor Day Car Show (Calloway)
September 9	Planning Meeting
September 10	Model A Day (Downtown, Columbus)
September 15	Club Meeting
October 1	LaGrange Car Show
October 7	MATTS
October 8	Club Picnic (Ruddick's Lake Cabin)
October 14	Planning Meeting
October 20	Club Meeting
October 22	Workshop (Al's Garage)
October 27-29	Sweet Home Alabama Tour (Tuscaloosa)
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:

**River Cities Model A Ford Club
Meeting Minutes from August 18th, 2016
Club Meeting**

The August meeting of the River Cities Model A Club was held 6:00p.m. EST, Thursday, August 18, 2016 at the Woodman of the World facility.

President Jim Langley called the meeting to order. The following were present: Glenn Williams & Cindy, Paul & Mary Nelle Singer, Jim Langley, Joe Carter, Mark & Pat Gamble, Bobby & Connie Penny, Joe & June Spooner, Mickey Timbes. Howard & Barbara Ruddick, Tommy Ellis, John Robertson, Chris Kennedy, Louie and Gloria Willett, Al Lugo, Dick Noxon, Wayne Kennedy, Neal LaClair, Sharon Webb, and Bill Shirley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Grace was given by Joe Carter. Members proceeded to the buffet line.

Sunshine Report: Howard Ruddick gave an update on Russell and Mary Ann Lester; they are undergoing rehab. Paul Singer suggested that a small group visit them next week. Richard (Dick) Noxon reported on Carolyn and Bobby Shackelford. Glad to report that Bobby Penny had a favorable tune-up.

Minutes from the July 21st, 2016, meeting were approved by majority as reported in the newsletter.

Treasurer, Joe Carter, gave treasurer's report for July and August. It was approved.

Appreciation: President Jim Langley expressed appreciation to Robert and Margie Brundidge, our caterer, for 10 years of preparing our meal on the 3rd. Thursday of each month.

Program: Al Lugo showed a video of the 2015 MAFCA National tour, June 7-12, 2015, hosted by the Pine Tree Model A's Chapter from Kennebunkport to Bar Harbor, Maine. Participants saw spectacular scenery as they drove their Model A's along the coast.

Forthcoming Tours and Activities:

August 20th, Breakfast, 9:00, at Howie's Café, Smith Station, Alabama, organizer Paul Singer.

MATT's meeting is set for September 2nd at Bobby Penny's shop. Saturday, September 3rd, Callaway Garden's 18th Annual Open Car & Hot Air Balloon Show For registration and information call Randy Keefe, 706 527 7373.

International Model A Day, Uptown Columbus, September 10th 9 to 11, coordinator is Bill Shirley. We will meet at Country's BBQ parking lot at 8:30 and parade over together.

Annual club Picnic, October 8th, at the Ruddick's Retreat, coordinators are Howard & Barbara Ruddick and Paul Singer. Bring pumpkin, carving utensils, and food will be catered by Robert and Margie, \$10 per person.

October 15 is our next club meeting at Woodman of the World building.

October 22nd – Al Lugo is planning a workshop on starters at his garage.

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

**Respectively submitted,
Pat Gamble, secretary.**

NEXT WORKSHOP AT AL'S GARAGE

The Model A Starter Workshop

Our next Workshop will be conducted on October 22, 2016. The topic will be the Model A Starter. The instructors will be Bobby Penny. The location will be at Al's Garage. Lunch will be provided, and starting time will be 9:00 AM Eastern.

Please sign up during the September meeting or please Email or call Al Lugo before October 7 (Last Day to sign up). This is very important to have an accurate headcount for the caterer. Come and Join us and learn more about keeping our Model "A"s on the road!

Al Lugo

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.

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THIS WILL RETURN NEXT MONTH

Breakfast on the Road. Some of the members when to Howie's on the 20th of August. Those attending were Al Lugo, Paul and Mary Nelle Singer, Jim Langley, Bobby Penny, Howard and Barbara Ruddick, and Chris who is a young man very interested in our Cars.



Visit the Club Members at Downtown Columbus (UpTown) on Broadway the 10th of September

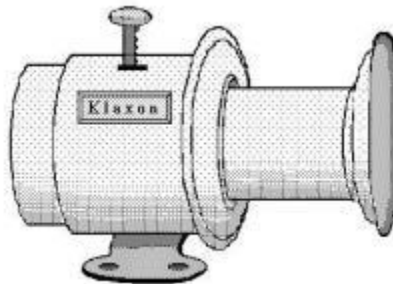
HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES



SEPTEMBER 19- Howard & Barbara Ruddick

SEPTEMBER 29- Mike & Laurie Durfy

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



SEPTEMBER 9- Dennis Morris

SEPTEMBER 13- Louann Buck

SEPTEMBER 19- Mickey Timbes

SEPTEMBER 24- Louise Morris

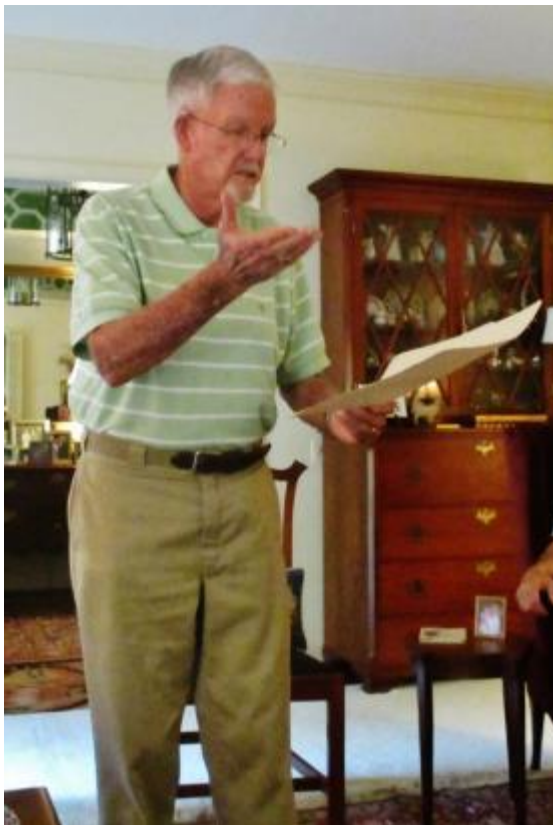
SEPTEMBER 26- Lee Coxwell

The club goes to those who can't come to the meetings

A group from the club had a very enjoyable visit with Russell and Mary Anne Lester yesterday (Sat. Aug. 27, 2016) in their home in West Point.



Club President Jim Langley is presenting a letter of appreciation to Russell and Mary Anne and a card from the club.



A LOOK BACK IN TIME

Ford Model A (1927–31)

The Ford Model A (also colloquially called the A-Model Ford or the A, and A-bone among rodders and customizers), was the second huge success for the Ford Motor Company, after its predecessor, the Model T. First produced on October 20, 1927, but not sold until December 2, it replaced the venerable Model T, which had been produced for 18 years. This new Model A (a previous model had used the name in 1903–04) was designated a 1928 model and was available in four standard colors.

By 4 February 1929, one million Model As had been sold, and by 24 July, two million. The range of body styles ran from the Tudor at US\$500 (in grey, green, or black) to the Town Car with a dual cowl at US\$1200. In March 1930, Model A sales hit three million, and there were nine body styles available.

Model A production ended in March, 1932, after 4,858,644 had been made in all body styles. Its successor was the Model B, which featured an updated 4-cylinder engine, as well as the Model 18, which introduced Ford's new flathead (side valve) V8 engine.

Prices for the Model A ranged from US\$385 for a roadster to US\$1400 for the top-of-the-line Town Car. The engine was a water-cooled L-head inline 4-cylinder with a displacement of 201 cu in (3.3 l). This engine provided 40 hp (30 kW; 41 PS). Top speed was around 65 mph (105 km/h). The Model A had a 103.5 in (2,630 mm) wheelbase with a final drive ratio of 3.77:1. The transmission was a conventional 3-speed sliding gear manual unsynchronized unit with a single speed reverse. The Model A had 4-wheel mechanical drum brakes. The 1930 and 1931 models were available with stainless steel radiator cowl and headlamp housings.

The Model A came in a wide variety of styles including a Coupe (Standard and Deluxe), the Business Coupe, Sport Coupe, Roadster Coupe (Standard and Deluxe), Convertible Cabriolet, Convertible Sedan, Phaeton (Standard and Deluxe), Tudor Sedan (Standard and Deluxe), Town Car, Fordor (2-window) (Standard and Deluxe), Fordor (3-window) (Standard and Deluxe), Victoria, Station Wagon, Taxicab, Truck, and Commercial. The very rare Special Coupe started production around March 1928 and ended mid-1929.

The Model A was the first Ford to use the standard set of driver controls with conventional clutch and brake pedals, throttle, and gearshift. Previous Fords used controls that had become uncommon to drivers of other makes. The Model A's fuel tank was situated in the cowl, between the engine compartment's fire wall and the dash panel. It had a visual fuel gauge, and the fuel flowed to the carburetor by gravity. A rear-view mirror was optional. In cooler climates, owners could purchase an aftermarket cast iron unit to place over the exhaust manifold to provide heat to the cab. A small door provided adjustment of the amount of hot air entering the cab. The Model A was the first car to have safety glass in the windshield.

The Soviet company GAZ, which started as a joint venture between Ford and the Soviet Union, made a licensed version 1932–1936. This served as the basis for the FA I and BA-20 armored cars which saw use as Soviet scout vehicles in the early stages of World War II.

In addition to the United States, Ford made the Model A in plants in Argentina, Canada, France, Germany and the United Kingdom and Denmark.

In Europe, where in some countries cars were taxed according to engine size, Ford in the UK manufactured the Model A with a smaller displacement engine of 2043 cc providing a claimed output of 28 hp (21 kW; 28 PS). However, the engine equated to a British fiscal horsepower of 14.9 hp (11.1 kW; 15.1 PS) (compared to the 24 hp (18 kW; 24 PS) of the larger engine) and attracted a punitive annual car tax levy of £1 per fiscal hp in the UK . It therefore was expensive to own and too heavy and thirsty to achieve volume sales, and so unable to compete in the newly developing mass market, while also too crude to compete as a luxury product. European manufactured Model As failed to achieve the sales success in Europe that would greet their smaller successor in England and Germany.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 1930 Model A Coupe.

A great example of a very Solid Unrestored Model A Ford.

This is Joe Dawson's old Coupe.

Looks good, runs and drives good.

Dual side mount tires, truck rack with trunk, good tires.

Great Car to restore or drive as is!

Asking \$11,000.00, for more info Contact Troy Minton 502-553-8295 (Louisville)

For Sale: 1929 Model A Sport Coupe

Owned for over 20 years – in excellent condition – believed to have original lacquer paint with some imperfections, especially on hood. Mechanically perfect, always garaged, maintained by Bob Craig Sr. Won Second Place at Silverado Country Club. Contact longtime club member Steve Karr directly at 415-244-2134.

2 Ford Model Ts: 1914 Speedster & 1925 Runabout



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Selling my two Ford Model Ts together along with the trailer, - a 1914+ Speedster; Fire Engine Red w/Gold Pin striping; monocle windshield, magnesium & kerosene lamps, red brake lamp, brass...

<http://slo.craigslist.org/cto/5750706480.html>

Antique running board mounted Boyco dual gas/oil tank set for sale.
It is in original condition and apparently came off a Model T.
For those interested contact-
John Grinsdale at jgrinsdale@aol.com.

