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| Treasurer | Joe Carter |

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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:

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|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| *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 Dec2015-2016

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 October 2016

EZ ON...

The Fall Season is here! Perhaps the end of very hot days is near and looking forward there are some great club activities YOU might wish to join in. For instance: October the 8th - Pumpkin Patch Picnic – The Ruddicks Retreat – Good eats, fellowship, AND a Pumpkin Carving Contest. Cost is \$10.00 per person to be paid at the picnic.

October the 22nd – Club Workshop – Al's Garage – Model A Starters. Instructor will be Bobby Penny, AND a catered lunch by our Hosts Lizbeth and Al Lugo. Be sure your name is on the list for the lunch count.

Make sure to review the Upcoming Show schedules in this newsletter.

Again, looking forward – November is the Veteran's Day Parade – Columbus and Phenix City. December the 2nd is the Annual Mayor's Motorcade featuring the RCMAFC Model A's and the Annual Columbus/Phenix City Christmas Parade. Check your News Letter for Details.

As we approach the 16th anniversary of the founding of our River Cities Model A Ford Club, seek ut a founding Member, shake his/her hand and thank them for getting us together.

See you on The Back Roads.....

Jim

JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: October 20, 2016-
6:00PM (EASTERN) Our

next Club meeting will be at
Woodmen of the World Lodge, on
Highway 80, in Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

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|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| October 1 | LaGrange Car Show |
| October 7 | MATTS |
| October 8 | Club Picnic (Ruddick's Lake Cabin) |
| October 20 | Club Meeting |
| October 22 | Workshop (Al's Garage) |
| October 27-29 | Sweet Home Alabama Tour (Tuscaloosa) |
| November 4 | MATTS |
| November 12 | Veterans Parade/Infantry Museum Tour |
| November 17 | Club Meeting |
| November 19 | Turkey Times Tour |

CRUISE EVENINGS

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| 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 Cruise In |
| Every 3 rd Saturday | Phenix City Home Depot Cruise In |
| 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
Meeting Minutes from September 15th, 2016
Club Meeting

The September meeting of the River Cities Model A Club was held 6:00p.m. EST, Thursday, September 15, 2016 at the Woodman of the World facility.

President Jim Langley called the meeting to order. The following members were present: Dick Noxon, Howard & Barbara Ruddick, Jim Miller, Joe & June Spooner, Lee & Becky Coxwell, Sharon Webb, Bob & Connie Penny, Mark & Pat Gamble, Neil R. LaClaire, Glenn Williams & Cindy, Wayne Kennedy, Paul & Mary Nelle Singer, Jim Langley, Joe Carter, Al Lugo, Bill Shirley and Skipper Barfield.

Pledge of Allegiance

Grace was given by Jim Langley. Members proceeded to the buffet line.

Appreciation: A letter was received from Russell & Mary Ann Lester expressing their gratitude for the visit by club members, Mickey Timbes, Paul and Mary Nelle Singer, Howard Ruddick, and Jim Langley. Uptown Columbus Chairperson was appreciative of our participation in the September 10th event, and wants the club to participate in the spring. The club appreciates Bill Shirley coordinating this activity.

Sunshine Report: Bobby Shackelford had surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery.

The nominating committee is hard at work. Members are Howard Ruddick, Barbara Ruddick, Sharon Webb, and Bob Smith. We will get a report later.

Minutes from the August 18th meeting were approved by majority as reported in the newsletter.

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

Business: It was decided that the Friday planning meeting held before the 3rd Thursday of the month will be discontinued since it is a duplication of the regular club meeting. Al Lugo updated the roster and had copies available. The monthly MATTs meeting will continue at Bobby Penny's shop, the first Friday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

Program: A lot of socializing and discussion of unusual items were passed around. The most unusual was a Sears & Roebuck's catalog from 1927 and 28. President Jim Langley passed around the mail bag with club letters, pictures, and articles.

Forthcoming Tours and Activities:

September 24th is the 13th Chipley Town Fair from 10 to 5 p.m. at Pine Mtn. The parking is free.

October 7th is the Matt's meeting at Bobby Penny's shop.

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

October 20th is our next club meeting at the Woodman of the World building.

October 22nd at Al's Garage, a workshop on Model A's starters. The instructor will be Bobby Penny. Lunch will be provided by Al, and class starts at 9:00 a.m.

October 26 through 29th Sweet Alabama Tour

October 29th Opelika Halloween Activity

November 12th is the Veterans' Parade in Columbus and Phenix City, and a possible tour to the museum at Fort Benning.

December 1st Mayor's Parade, 1:30. West GA Regional Hospital

December 3rd Columbus Christmas Parade starting in Phenix City, 9:00 a.m.

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

Respectively submitted by Pat Gamble, secretary.

Club Picnic (Ruddick's Lake Cabin)

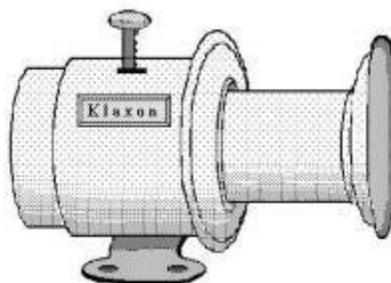
Bring your pumpkin and carving tools for the Annual Club Picnic by the River. Please be sure to bring some clean up materials i.e. newspaper and a few trash bags. October the 11th at around 10:00 AM or so.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES



OCTOBER 19- Joe & June Spooner
OCTOBER 24- Harry & Sherry Williams

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



OCTOBER 1- Bob Smith
OCTOBER 3- Lizbeth Lugo
OCTOBER 6- Wayne Kennedy
OCTOBER 12- Bill Buck
OCTOBER 24- Carolyn Shackelford
OCTOBER 28- Neil LaClair
OCTOBER 31- Harry Williams

OCTOBER 2 – Larry Farrar
OCTOBER 3- Lizbeth Lugo
OCTOBER 11- Jim Miller
OCTOBER 22- Evelyn Carlisle
OCTOBER 25- Kathryn Foster
OCTOBER 30- James R. Durfy

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

Our MATTS group met early to avoid the hot and sticky Georgia weather. Bobby led a general discussion concerning Model A's questions and problems encountered since our last MATTS get together.



There is always time to share stories.



Al showed the group his new Rear Hub Puller.



Dick and Bobby looking at a starter armature.



What a Beauty! Larry and Al posing near a 1931 Fordor Town sedan at Bobby's shop.

Come join us for fellowship and learning at Bobby's shop at 9 AM on the first Friday of each month for Model A tinker time.

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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THE FORD PIQUETTE PLANT



- The Ford Piquette Plant was the second home of the Ford Motor Company. After achieving success with the first Model A Ford, by 1904 the Ford Motor Company needed more space and Henry purchased and built the Piquette plant in a place called Milwaukee Junction.
- At first an isolated area, by 1910 it was the center of the Detroit Auto industry. It was 3 miles north of the Detroit River and located where two rail lines intersected. This was ideal to be able to move auto parts and cars in and out of the factory. This was the first company own factory.
- This plant was completed by the end of 1904. It was a three-story New England style mill. It was constructed of brick load bearing walls with timber post and beam framing and very

thick wooden floors. The building had 355 double hung windows to let in natural light in and ventilation.

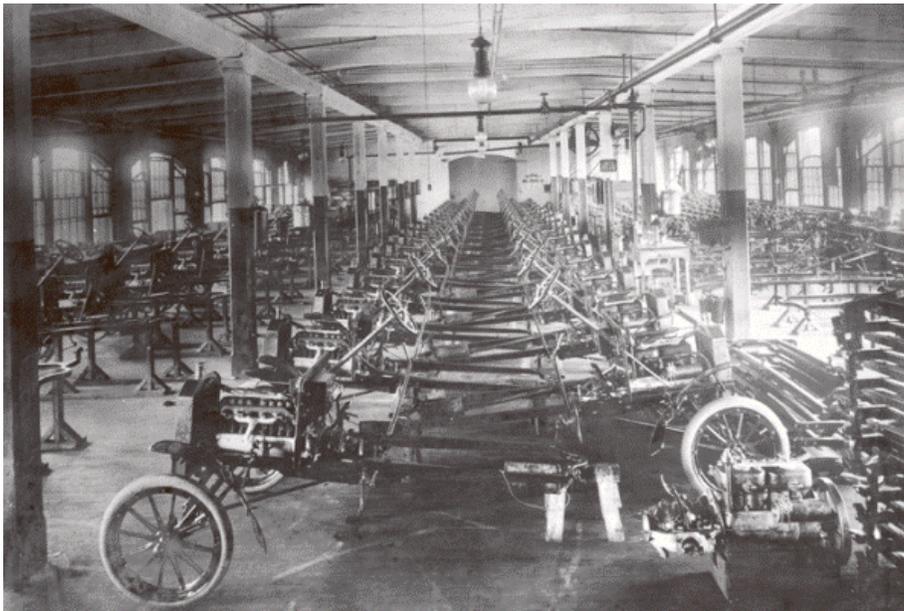
- Since the Oldsmobile factory had burned down in 1901, Ford had this building equipped with the latest fire prevention and control technology. It had three firewalls with double steel doors that divided the building into four sections, with fire escapes in each section and an automatic sprinkler system. It also had a fire resistant frame and floor construction. It included a vault to secure documents and drawings.
 - * Many of the early letter cars (B,C,F,K,N,R and S) were built at this plant. The Ford Piquette Plant is best known as the birthplace of the Model T. The Model T was introduced on October 1, 1908.
- It is believed that Henry designed the Model T in this building in secret, since his investors wanted him to produce expensive cars like the Model K and Henry had the vision to produce a car for the masses.
 - * In January 1907 Ford ordered an experimental room to be constructed in the northeast corner of the third floor. In this room a few very trusted and very gifted employees designed and developed the revolutionary Model T automobile, "The Car of the Century"
- During the 6 years that Ford occupied the Piquette Plant the Ford Motor Company grew from a mid-sized company assembling several car models to the largest automobile company in the United States.
- By late 1908 Ford was manufacturing most of its engines, transmissions, axles and flywheel magnetos at the Piquette Plant. This idea to become self-sufficient was an early goal that Ford had.
- It was at the Piquette Ford Plant that Henry began to experiment with the assembly line production. At this plant he first established a record with production of 110 cars in a ten hour shift.
- After assembling almost 12,000 Model T's at the Piquette Plant Henry Ford moved its production to a new complex in Highland Park, Michigan. At this new facility he introduced the moving assembly line in 1913-1914. The total production of Model T's between these two facilities were 15 million.
- The Piquette Avenue plant was sold in January 1911 to Studebaker, which owned it till 1933. Then 3M purchased the building and used it as a light storage facility until 1989. Because of this the building was kept in fairly good shape.
 - * In 1998 the Henry Ford Heritage Association made arrangements with the owner of the building to tour the facility. When they found out that the building was scheduled for demolition several of their members formed a group to purchase the building.
- In early 2000 the Model T automotive Heritage Complex was formed

to restore the building to its former glory. The front of the building was restored to its original appearance and since they have started to restore the many original windows.

- The Piquette Plant has been designated as a Michigan Historic Site and is listed on the U.S. Register of Historic Places and declared a U.S. Historic Landmark. It is now open for tours, they host regular events and is available for rental for special events.



The Piquette Plant during the years that Ford Motor Company owned the plant...



Assembly line at the Piquette Ford Plant...



The third floor Experimental Room...



Ford employees building cars at the Piquette Plant before the assembly line...



A shipping platform behind the Piquette Plant...



A 1909 Model T, one of the cars produced at the Piquette Plant...



This was the appearance of the Piquette Plant before it was restored by the Model T Automotive Heritage Complex...



This is how it looks after restoration...



Classic Car/Bike Show

OCTOBER 22, 2016

COME OUT AND ENJOY ALL THE FUN!

FOOD AND DRINKS

REGISTRATION STARTS AT 8AM, \$5.00

PRIZES AWARDED AT 2PM

VFW POST 5228

9810 LEE ROAD 240

PHENIX CITY, AL 36870

Vendors Contact

1-706-577-7407, ask for Alan

Proceeds for repairs on Post home

A LOOK BACK IN TIME



The first presidential limousine, a 1909 White Model "M" Steam Car used by William Howard Taft.

Story Highlights

- Taft popularized cars by riding in White steam car for his 1909 inauguration
- Taft encouraged his driver to hit 60 mph for fun and to impress people
- Taft could out run the press and if they got too close he would have the driver release a blast of steam to ward them off.
- Taft loved cars. The open-topped Model M could hit 60 m.p.h. Taft frequently encouraged his driver to use that speed to get a little time away from the public and Secret Service, or to impress or intimidate a recalcitrant member of Congress. He was an unapologetic early supporter of the auto industry.
- The steam-driven car built by White Motor Co., which was based in Taft's home state of Ohio, was much quieter than gasoline vehicles and had served well in the U.S. Army, all factors that contributed to Taft's choice.
- Yes, it was built by the same company that built the White Sewing Machine.

FOR SALE

ITEMS WANTED

Richard Kennelly of Santa Barbara, California is looking for a 1931 Model A Ford Town Sedan.

Call him at 805-565-3455

Bob Sloman, Rainsville, Al. is looking for a 30-31 4 door Model A. No Rust please or Show Car. He wants a driver that looks good. Only a 4 door please.....modelaman@farmerstel.com
256-605-9233

Please Help !!!! 30 Tudor Parts Car OR Project Car Wanted. NO restored car please. Info below Al Lugo, Columbus, Ga. alugo@mchsi.com

Need a "good" Model A Frame. Help him out if you can. See below

Donny Patterson, Rainbow City,

Al. chevycarnut@comcast.net 256-442-8180

I would like to find a 1931 -1935 pickup truck.

- . Running / drivable
- . Clear title
- . Nice interior/exterior
- . Good glass
- . Stock (for the most part)
- . Nice to have.....
- . Overdrive
- . Misc. spare parts included
- . Service / historical records
- . Rebuild records

Jim Thompson in California

805.358.5770c

805.495.5269h

Raymond in Ontario, Canada is looking for a Model A Ford Coupe OR a Pickup (he's not specific on the body types). A good running vehicle, that is "turn-key" and safety inspected/certified, around the \$8 to 10,000.00 (US) range would be his starting point. Shipping and border details have to be worked out.

Contact Raymond

905-835-1904

Ontario, Canada