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FOUNDING MEMBERS:

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Jim Timbes- NOV 2000- DEC 2001
Mickey Timbes- DEC 2003-2004
Joe Spooner- DEC 2006-2008
Jim Timbes- DEC 2009-2010

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

Presidents Corner

THANK YOU -- Al and Lizbeth Lugo for hosting another of the now famous "Al's Garage" Seminars. Thanks also go to Joe Spooner for presenting a most informative program on Model A Distributor Rebuilding. Bobby Penny assisted by making available many parts (including a stripped down engine block). The seminar was well attended and appreciated by all.

THANK YOU – Howard and Barbara Ruddick for hosting a Club Party at their beautiful Lake House on Lake Harding. Club Members Celebrated INTERNATIONAL MODEL A FORD DAY by Touring to the Ruddick's Cabin for an "Old fashioned Picnic". The Picnic Lunch was catered by Robert and Margie Catering and was perfect! Robert cooked the food on site and provided all the "fixings". Connie and Sharon provided the Ice Cream (yum!), Muffins and Brownies provided by Liz and Mary Nelle (yum yum!). After eating, Howard took some for a Party Boat cruise while others played games or just relaxed and enjoyed the afternoon.

These type of Club activities are what make River Cities Model A Ford Club special, Thanks again to all who volunteered to make these activities possible.

Paul



JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: October 17, 2013-
6:00PM (EASTERN) Our
next meeting will be at Woodmen
of the World Lodge, on Highway
80, in Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

October 5	LaGrange Car Show (West GA Commons Mall)
October 5	Mt. Zion Fall Car Show
October 11	Board Meeting
October 17	Club Meeting
October 17-19	Sweet Home Alabama Tour
October 19	Tour Stewart County Historical Commission, Lumpkin
October 26	Buena Vista Car Show
November 2	Harvest Days in Old Talbot, Junction City, GA
November 2	Steeplechase
November 8	Board Meeting
November 9	Opelika Tour (Joe Spooner)
November 14	Club Meeting
November 22-23	Moultrie Swap Meet

CRUISE In's

A place where you can enjoy a meal and cars and good fellowship.

Every 1st Tuesday- Cooks Hot Dog on Miller & Airport Thru Way
Every 2nd Tuesday - La Pareja Mexican Restaurant (towards Waverly Hall)
Every 3rd Tuesday - Jason Deli
Every 3rd Thursday -Harley Davidson on Williams Road **(New)**
Every 4th Tuesday - Cooks Hot Dog on Miller & Airport Thru Way
Every 2nd Saturday- Opelika Home Depot
Every 4th Saturday- Steak and Shake (Bradley Park Drive)
Every 4th Tuesday- BoJanglels on Schomberg Road **(New)**
Every 5th Tuesday- Stevie B's Air Port Thruway **(New)**
Every Sunday AM- IHOP Air Port Thruway **(New)**
Cruise In's start gathering around 5PM



NATIONAL:

December 4-8 -MAFCA National Awards Banquet, San Antonio, TX

River Cities Model A Ford Club

Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2013

Opening:

The regular meeting of The River Cities Model A Ford Club was called to order at 6:00 pm on September 19, 2013 at the Woodman of The World Lodge by President Paul Singer. He then led the group in The Pledge of Allegiance. The blessing was given by June Spooner and all proceeded to the buffet.

Present:

Mary Nelle and Paul Singer, Jim Langley, Russell Lester, Howard Ruddick, John Robertson, Bob and Connie Penny, Joe and June Spooner, Bill Shirley, Al Lugo, Mike Alexich, Tom Perry, Dick Noxon, Bob Shackelford, Louann and Bill Buck, Neil LaClair, Bob Smith and Sharon Webb.

Paul Singer called the meeting to order. He stated several members have been under the weather: David Black and Wayne Kennedy. Jim Timbes has been moved to Heritage Hills Assisted Living on Weems Road. June Spooner shared that her 12 year old granddaughter suffered a ruptured appendix and has had some complications which caused her an extended stay in the hospital. She is stable at this time. We will continue to keep each of them in our thoughts and prayers.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by John Robertson to accept the minutes from the last meeting as they appear in the newsletter. Howard Ruddick seconded it and the motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report:

The treasurer's report was not available as Joe Carter was not able to attend tonight.

Program:

John Robertson introduced Jim Langley as the presenter of this evening's program: "How did we get here?" He passed out a "pop quiz" with several questions were raised about how MFCA and MARC were begun and by who. He explained how the clubs work harmoniously in an effort to bring notice to a very important era of the automobile...that of the famous Model A Ford. He shared similarities and differences. It was a very informative program!

Old Business:

The proposed bylaws changes were discussed at the last board meeting. Al Lugo made a motion making changes in the by laws requiring an annual registration requirement where the treasurer renews the club's status of non-profit with the secretary of state and the IRS. This proposal will

go in section 6 of the bylaws. In addition he presented a motion to increase the annual dues to \$25 starting Jan 1, 2014 and previously discussed in the past. He requested that it too be voted on to be included in the bylaws. The motions voted on by a show of hands and passed unanimously. Paul Singer announced that the picnic to celebrate "International Model A Ford Day" and picnic will take place at the Ruddicks on Lake Harding, We will meet at Glenwood School at 10 am and caravan to Howard's house. Robert will be catering the event and cooking on site.

New Business:

The 2014 Club Nominating Committee has been established with June Spooner and Connie Penny. Everyone is strongly encouraged to consider accepting a position in the club. Paul announced that Mickey Timbes has asked to be released of the responsibilities as the publicity chair as she is trying to manage her husband's illness. The present calendar of upcoming events was reviewed and realized that there were some overlapping. Bill Buck remarked that the folks at the Calloway Gardens Steeple Chase were asking if we were going to participate in the event this year. Some discussion concerning the pros and cons of participating pursued. The fall harvest is also that date in Junction City. We will take a count of participants for both at the next club meeting.

Officer's report:

Vice President: Howard Ruddick asked for a head count for the upcoming International Model A picnic.

Treasurer: Nothing to report

Secretary: Nothing to report

Newsletter: Bill Shirley stated that the workshop at Al's went well and they have some good pictures to submit to the newsletter. Bill also recognized Al Lugo for all his efforts in putting on the workshops by giving him a Model T part!

Recognition Awards committee: Bobby Shackleford states it is getting close to time to submit your miles for the Road Runner Award

Acting Tour Director: Jim Langley reminded everyone to read the newsletter for all the upcoming events.

Membership/Commercial Ad activities: Al gave out the latest club Roster and reminded everyone to let him know right away of any errors.

Adjournment: John Robertson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Howard Ruddick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm
Minutes submitted by: Sharon Webb

What does the A and W stand for in A & W Root Beer?

One hot day in June of 1919, in Lodi, California, an entrepreneur named Roy Allen mixed up a batch of creamy root beer and sold the first frosty mug of this delightful beverage for one nickel. Now, seventy years later, A&W Root Beer is the world's number one selling root beer and is still made fresh daily and sold at hundreds of A&W Restaurants.

Allen purchased the formula for his root beer from a pharmacist in Arizona. To this day, the unique blend of herbs, spices, barks and berries remains a proprietary secret.

With the success of his first root beer stand in Lodi, Allen soon opened a second stand in nearby Sacramento. It was there that what is thought to be the country's first "drive-in" featuring "tray-boys" for curbside service, opened up.

In 1922, Allen took on a partner, Frank Wright, an employee from his original Lodi location. The two partners combined their initials - "A" for Allen and "W" for Wright and formally named the beverage, A&W Root Beer. Three units were opened in Sacramento, then on to other northern and central California locations and to the states of Texas and Utah.

How many cars did Ford Motor Company, in peak season was able to manufacture ?

The amount of cars that Ford was able to produce per day still amaze people. By 1926 Ford Motor Company production lines, were able to produce 6,004 cars a day. Which means 240 cars per hour or 4 cars per minute; with a labor force of 80,000 employees, making \$5.00 a day.

“There are three things that grow more precious with age; old wood to burn, old books to read, and old friends to enjoy.”

— Henry Ford

Looking ahead

December 4-8 2013, MAFCA National Awards Banquet, San Antonio, TX

June 21 – 27 2014, MARC National Meet, French Lick Indiana

July 14 – 18 2014 MAFCA National Convention, Puyallup Washington.

Why Weren't Model A's Offered in Black in 1928-29?

Black was a special order color, not standard, at least when the Ford Model A was introduced. Most of the high end cars were black, as a luxury item. When the 1928's came out, each passenger car body style was offered in a minimum of five color combos, black not being one of them. (Yes, black could be ordered, but wasn't included in the initial releases). Often this myriad of options on a low-priced car was achieved by simply reversing the upper and lower body colors. Nevertheless, there were color combinations offered. Why wasn't black one of these options? What happened to black? To answer that, we need to look back a couple years in FoMoCo history before the Model A was introduced. Black had been the only color available on Model T's from 1915 to 1925. Green, red and blue had been available on Model T's up to that time, as well as black. Why then were Fords after 1914 painted only black for the next 11 model years? - The pigmented colors of the day took longer to dry than black. Until better, faster drying proxylin colors came out in the later 20's, black was chosen by Ford as the only color. A dry car body was a car body ready to mount on a chassis and sell! That meant it had to be black. Until the middle 20's when sales alarmingly slowed down, Ford couldn't make Model T's fast enough as it was to meet the demand without being saddled with slow drying colors.

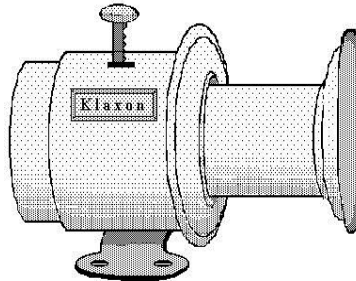
HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES



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 11 - Jim Miller

OCTOBER 12 - Bill Buck

OCTOBER 14 - Jim Timbes

OCTOBER 22 - Evelyn Carlisle

OCTOBER 24- Carolyn Shackelford

OCTOBER 25 - Kathryn Foster

OCTOBER 28 - Neil LaClair

OCTOBER 31- Harry Williams

Q: *What was the first car fitted with an alternator, rather than a direct current dynamo?*
Answer at the end.

Tours and Activities

By Jim Langley

October 5th, 2013 LaGrange Car Show

October 17th – 19th Sweet Home Alabama Tour to Mobile with CAMAFC

November 2nd Annual Fun in Old Talbot Festival @ Junction City

November 22, 23, 24, 2013 Swap Meet, Spence Field Moultrie, GA

December 19th Annual Business Meeting and Christmas Party

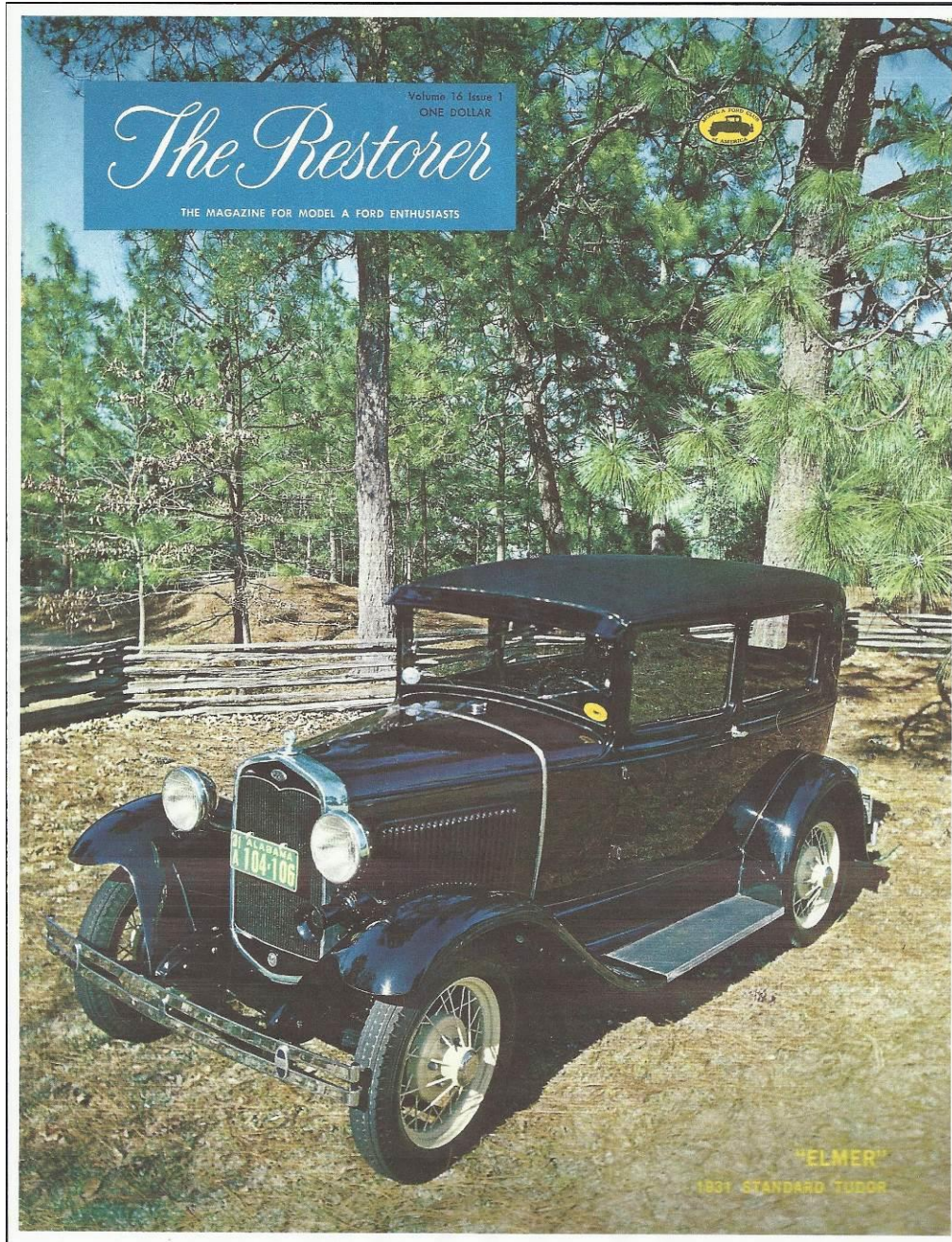
Dates as well as Activities might change, Keep a look out for these changes in the News Letter.

If you have an idea for a club activity, Contact Jim. He has put a lot of thought into the club activities but could use your help with new ideas. He also needs assistant coordinators. Tour/Activity sheet for 2014 is attached to the end of the News Letter. Please take a minute to think of a fun thing the club could do and turn it in to either Jim or Paul. It is hard for one or two guys to come up with something each year for each month.

Ladies & Gentlemen An update from the Sweet Home Alabama Tour Team.

We are now approaching 100 registered for the tour and more on the way, it's going to be a good one. The Holiday Inn will continue to honor the tour rate as long as rooms are available and at this time there are plenty. We ask that all registration forms be received by October 7th, attached is the weekly status report and registration form - Thanks the Sweet Home Alabama Tour Team

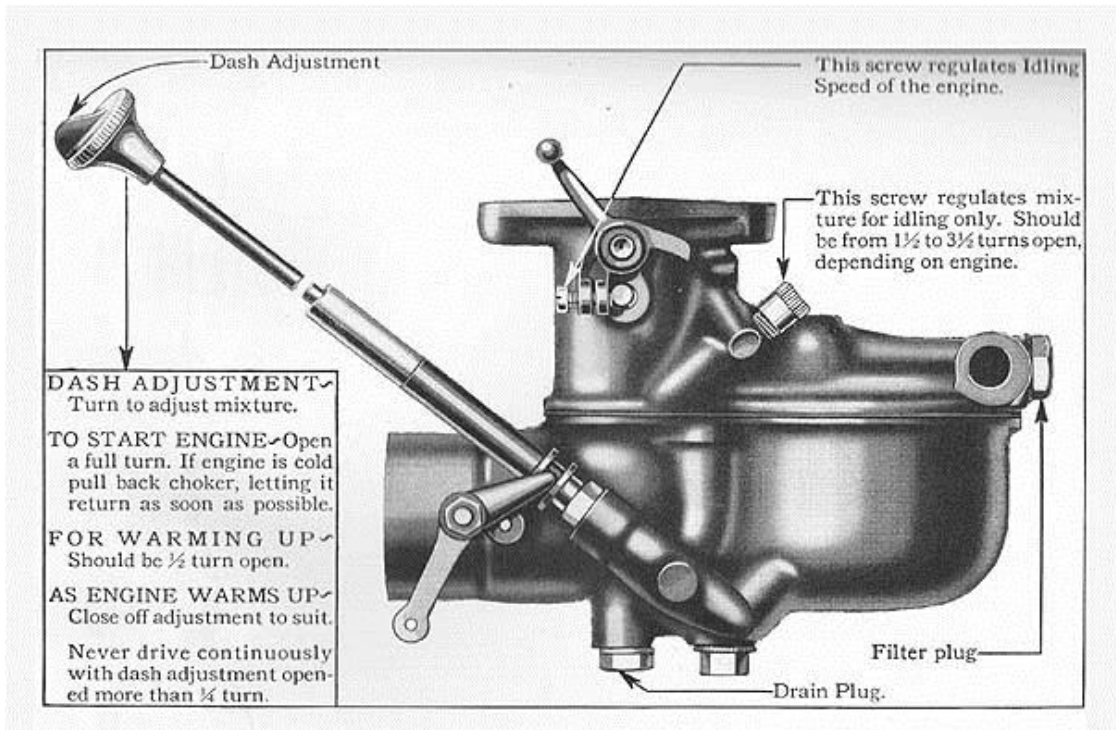
If you haven't registered for the tour and would like to, go to the web site and look under the August newsletter registration forms can be found at the end of the newsletter.



"Elmer"

Jim Langley's Model A as it appeared on the cover of the Restorer in the May-June 1971 issue. (Volume 16 issue 1). Jim is downsizing his collection of Model A items. He is offering club members a chance before he goes to the Moultrie swap meet. Give him a call! We are talking years of collection.

The 'PEANUTS' (comic strip) characters were first animated in a Ford Fairlane commercial.



November 22-23 2013

Yep! It is near that time again. Rest your weary feet and have a coup of java at Haggler's Corner, Building 2, northwest corner, Spaaces 20 – 25, Spence Field, Moultrie, Georgia – Haggler will be there, WILL YOU????

Flat-head V-8

Buyers paid an extra \$50 for a V-8 in the 1932 Ford models. Formally called the Ford 18 V-8 Series, it featured a 106-inch wheelbase and weighed a scant 2,398 lbs. But it was the engine under the hood that counted. The new flat-head V-8 displaced 221 cubic inches with a 3.1-inch bore and 3.75-inch stroke. Its compression ratio was 5.5-to-1 to help develop 65 horsepower. By 1936, the compression ratio leaped to 6.3-to-1 with a horsepower rating of 90 on the Ford Model 48s and 85 horsepower on the Model 68s.

DID YOU KNOW?

Have you ever heard of a 1932 Model "T"? In 1926 Ford rented a warehouse in Mexico City to build "T" Models. In 1932 the ribbon was cut on a new Ford assemble plant. Shortly thereafter the plant was producing 100 Model "T"s a day, even after the car was discontinued in the USA. Now you know!
From "Wheels of the World" Joe Spooner

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST A CLUB ACTIVITY/TOUR DURING 2014?

Based upon the recent survey of ideas/suggestions which could be possibly planned for 2014, and several members who have already stated they would like to host an activity or tour during the coming year, please contact Paul Singer or Jim Langley and state which month you wish and what activity/tour you would like to host.

January_____

February_____

March_____

April – Club Car Show - Bobby Penny

May_____

June_____

July_____

August_____

September_____

October_____

November_____

December – Business Meeting and Annual Christmas Party

Just print this page, fill in which month/s you would like to do, and give it to either Paul or Jim.

Also, if you have an idea for or would like to do a club meeting program, contact John Robertson. He would love to have some input.



A: The 1960
Plymouth
Valiant

Trivia Quiz - Ford Model T

In what year did the first Model T roll off the assembly line?

- ☐ A. 1900
- ☐ B. 1908
- ☐ C. 1918
- ☐ D. 1923

2. The Model T was the first automobile mass produced on the assembly line using what?

- ☐ A. interchangeable parts
- ☐ B. parts manufactured on site
- ☐ C. imported parts
- ☐ D. all of the above

3. What was the original price tag of the Model T?

- ☐ A. \$260
- ☐ B. \$850
- ☐ C. \$1,500
- ☐ D. \$1,840

4. What descriptive name did Henry Ford call the Model T?

- ☐ A. common man car
- ☐ B. universal car
- ☐ C. ordinary car
- ☐ D. family car

5. The Model T had several different body styles, all fashioned on the same chassis. How many body styles did it have?

- ☐ A. 5
- ☐ B. 9
- ☐ C. 12
- ☐ D. 17

6. Ford also produced a truck based on the Ford Model T, but with a heavier frame and rear axle. What was it called?

- ☐ A. Model TU
- ☐ B. Model TK
- ☐ C. Model TT
- ☐ D. Model TR

7. In 1909, Henry Ford told his management team that in the future, "any customer can have a car painted any color that he wants so long as it is what"?

- ☐ A. green
- ☐ B. red
- ☐ C. black
- ☐ D. grey

8. Who was the primary designer of the Ford Model T?

- ☐ A. Henry Ford
- ☐ B. Edsel Ford
- ☐ C. Henry Ford II
- ☐ D. William Clay Ford, Sr.

9. Henry Ford's initiated the mass production of vehicles on the moving assembly line and the Model T was one of the first cars to be built using this method. This led to lower car prices and the ability of Ford to pay his employees what salary?

- ☐ A. \$2 per day
- ☐ B. \$3 per day
- ☐ C. \$4 per day
- ☐ D. \$5 per day

10. Perhaps the most common nickname for the Model T was Tin Lizzie. What was meant by this?

- ☐ A. in the early 1900s, Lizzie was a name commonly given to horses, thus the name Tin Lizzie.
- ☐ B. in the early 1900s, Lizzie was a name commonly given to a horse carriage, thus the name Tin Lizzie

- ☐ C. named after Lizzie Ford
- ☐ D. all of the above

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2. A
3. B
4. B
5. B
6. C
7. C
8. A
9. D
- 10.A