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FOUNDING MEMBERS:

*Jim Timbes
Mickey Timbes
*Dan Palmer
Dan Diener

Bob Smith
Al Lugo
Lawrence Farrar
Bill Buck

Bobby Penny
*Robert Jackson
Bettie Jackson
(*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 2013

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

Presidents Corner

RCMAFC members were deeply saddened by the loss of our Clubs first President and founding member Lt Col (Ret) James Howard (Jim) Timbes who passed away Wednesday October 15th 2014 after extended illness. Jim was interred at Ft. Mitchel National Cemetery. Jim will be missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are for Mickey and their surviving family.

Bobby Shackelford will be collecting Model A mileage driven reports for the 2014 Road Runner competition at the November Club Meeting.

Election for the 2015 Club President and Vice President will be held during the November Club Meeting. The Newly elected officers will be installed during the December Club Business Meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all there,

Paul



JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT MEETING: November 20, 2014-
6:00PM (EASTERN) Our
next meeting will be at Woodmen of
the World Lodge, on Highway 80, in
Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

November 1	Tour Steeple chase
November 7	MATTS Gathering
November 8	Veterans Day Parade
November 14	Board Meeting
November 20	Club Meeting- Officer Elections
November 21-23	Moultrie Swap Meet
December 5	MATTS
December 12	Board Meeting
December 13	Christmas Parade
December 18	Club Business Meeting and Christmas Party

CRUISE EVENINGS

Every 1 st Tuesday-	Cooks Hot Dog on Miller & Airport Thruway
Every 2 nd Tuesday	La Pareja Mexican Restaurant (towards Waverly Hall)
Every 3 rd Tuesday	Jason Deli
Every 3 rd Thursday	Harley Davidson on Williams Road
Every 4 th Tuesday	BoJangle's on Schomberg Road
Every 5 th Tuesday	Stevie B's Airport Thruway
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 3-7, 2014- MAFCA National Awards Banquet

In Memory of James (Jim) Howard Timbes October 14, 1936 - October 15, 2014



“THE PASSING OF THE “FOUNDING FATHER OF OUR MODEL A CLUB”

By Al Lugo

It is with extreme sadness that we report the passing of Jim Timbes, who I consider the “Founding Father” of the River Cities Model “A” Ford Club.

Almost 14 years ago several owners of Model “A”s in Columbus and Alabama often talked about the possibility of forming a local Model “A” Club. It was Jim who took the initiative to call a meeting of the local Model “A” owners on November 16, 2000. This meeting took place at the Burger King on Wynton Road, and on that day our club was founded. When we talked about who will be selected as our first Club President it was obvious that Jim would be that person, becoming our first President, a challenge that he willingly accepted.

Eleven founding members and later others, after obtaining a Charter from the Model A For Club of America, worked hard that year, under Jim’s able direction to form what is today the River Cities Model A Ford Club. In 2009 when no one wanted to accept the Presidency challenge, seeing the club in danger of folding, he again accepted the challenge and served as President from 2009-2010.

Many times when a monetary contribution was needed for a project, Jim and Mickey, would with no publicity, make that donation for the betterment of our Club. They were always instrumental in the many affairs of this great club.

I always remember how much Jim and Mickey enjoyed the Tri City Christmas Parade. Many times Jim would dress as a "Character of the 30's" and during the parade would get out of his Cabriolet, walk around his car, giving candy to the many children watching the colorful parade. This was a great way to connect with the future collectors of our beloved classic.

We always say that behind a great man there is always a great woman. We can never forget the many contributions that Mickey did helping Jim in the formation of our Club, serving in many club leadership positions and also serving later as President of the club from 2003-2004. Thank you Mickey for all you and Jim did for the club, and please accept our deepest sympathy for Jim's passing.

With Jim's departure from earth, I am sure he is now in Heaven, probably talking with Henry Ford, thanking him for giving us our beloved Model "A" Ford and telling him how much he enjoyed the ride. Jim, Thank you for all you did for the River Cities Model A Ford Club. We will never forget you...



River Cities Model A Ford Club
Meeting Minutes from 16 October, 2014
Club Meeting

Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2014

Opening:

The regular meeting of The River Cities Model A Ford Club was called to order at 6:00 pm on March 20, 2014 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 Jim Langley and all proceeded to the buffet.

Present:

Mary Nelle and Paul Singer, Russell Lester, Al Lugo, Dick Noxon, Bob Smith, Glen Williams and Cindy, Bettie Jackson, Joe Carter, Louie & Gloria Willett, Bill Buck. Jim Langley, Neil LaClair, Dayne Kennedy, Tommy Ellis, Skipper Barfield, John Robertson, Bill Shirley and Sharon Webb.

Paul Singer called the meeting to order @ 6:30p. He noted that Jim Timbes passed away at The Hospice of Columbus On October 15, 2014. Funeral arrangements are in process but according to Bettie Jackson the funeral will be October 20 in Phenix City. Paul asked that we keep Mickey and Jim's family in our thoughts and prayer. The club has sent a Sympathy Card at this time. The club will honor the wishes of the family regarding any memorial recognitions from the Rivercities Model A Club. Additionally Paul stated that Lee Coxwell's farther is ill at this time. He also reported that Connie Penny's Mother fell and cracked her skull and is hospitalized. Connie is there at this time. Sharon Webb volunteered to take the club minutes for tonight. Bill Buck's Mom and Dad are also in poor health at this time requiring much of his time.

Paul also reminded the club to check the last newsletter that reflects upcoming birthdays and anniversaries of club members.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Bob Smith to accept the minutes as printed in the last newsletter. Al Lugo seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report:

The treasurer's report was reported by Paul Singer. Al made a motion to accept the treasury report and Jim Langley seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: The club has decided to bring a toy unwrapped for either a boy or girl, costing between \$10 to \$15, to our Christmas Party. Members wishing to participate in delivering these to the Salvation Army need to let Paul Singer know.

New Business: Al Lugo Chairman of the Nomination Committee submitted to the membership the nominations for club officers for 2015. The vote for these will at the November Club meeting. Any additional nominations can be added at that time as well. The candidates for the 2015 officers are:

President: Joe Spooner (agrees to 1 year only)

Vice President: Bob Smith

Secretary: Connie Penny

Treasurer: Joe Carter

Tours and Parades are as listed in the newsletter. The next tour scheduled coming up Nov 1 is Steeplechase. A signup sheet was passed around. We will meet at the Front Door of the South at 8am and go as a group to Callaway Gardens.

Program: Al Lugo showed a slide show of unusual Model A pictures he has collected over the last few years.

Adjournment: A made a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bobby Smith. John Roertson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Webb

Here is a little something for the grey matter:

<http://www.jigidi.com/solve.php?id=NO8XYIVF&s=e>

Life is a puzzle. Make sense - solve the puzzle! Go to the above site and hold down control and left click your mouse.

'Coast to coast' is a phrase that once held all sorts of excitement and now means almost nothing. Now we take the term 'worldwide' for granted.

***Q:** When were seat belts first fitted to a motor vehicle?*

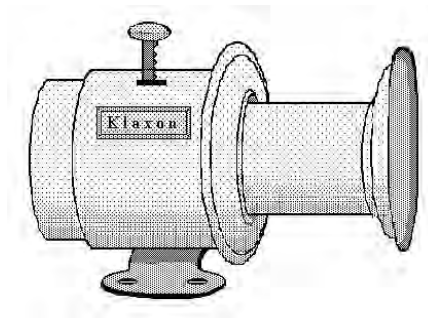
Answer at the end of the news letter

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES



NOVEMBER 6- Jim & Linda Miller
NOVEMBER 16- Joe & Betty Fagundes
NOVEMBER 19- Thomas & Kathryn Foster
NOVEMBER 26- Patrick & Pamela Tyler

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



NOVEMBER 8- Tom Penny
NOVEMBER 17- Donna Carter
NOVEMBER 18- Joe Fagundes
NOVEMBER 19- Kevin Adams
NOVEMBER 25- Bobby Shackelford

NOVEMBER 28- Bobby Penny
NOVEMBER 28- William Shirley
NOVEMBER 30- Laura Penny

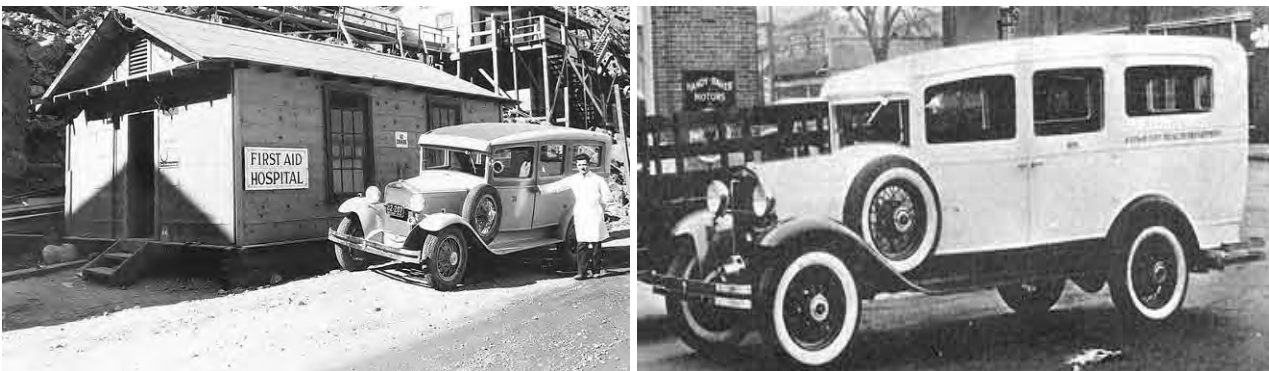
THE FORD COMMERCIAL CAR A & AA 1928 -1931

Part Two

By: Jim Langley

A Number of derivatives of the 300 Delux Panel were available soon after February, 1931, among them was the 270A Funeral Service Car available with/without side windows starting at \$1550. Standard equipment included casket rollers, side window covers, if needed, a removable flower tray, black leather seats, stainless steel trim and cowl lamps as well as chrome bumpers, front and rear. Although there are Ford Archive pictures of a proto-type with disc wheels all of the 17 270A's built featured steel spoke wheels.

Much more popular, and more expensive, was the type 275A funeral coach priced at \$1900. This is a four-door derivative of the 300A. Standard equipment included casket rollers with special flooring to hold the casket in place, removable center pillars for side loading, and green mohair upholstery. A total of 96 275A's were built including three with a combination Ambulance option offered at \$1950.



Introduced at the same time was the 1931 type 280A Ambulance. This unit used the Briggs-sourced side-door body shell of the 275A Funeral Car. The Triples safety glass \$1700 dedicated Ambulance included a glass partition, 2 attendant folding seats, and white lacquered rear compartment with built-in dome lights, heater and fan. Standard emergency equipment consisted of a medicine chest, folding stretcher, cot. Fixed bed with two mattresses, rubberized side curtains and folding rear steps. Ford Motor Company Archives revealed that not all of the 84 280A vehicles were used as ambulances. One was delivered to mid-west bandleader Red Wilson and his Zenith Rhythm Kings as a tour bus....



An additional Delux Panel truck derivative was the type 285A Deluxe Police Patrol. A 2 door body priced at \$1250. The companion truck, the \$975, 290A Standard Police Patrol was adapted from an entirely different body shell, the Murray-built type 85B Panel Delivery.

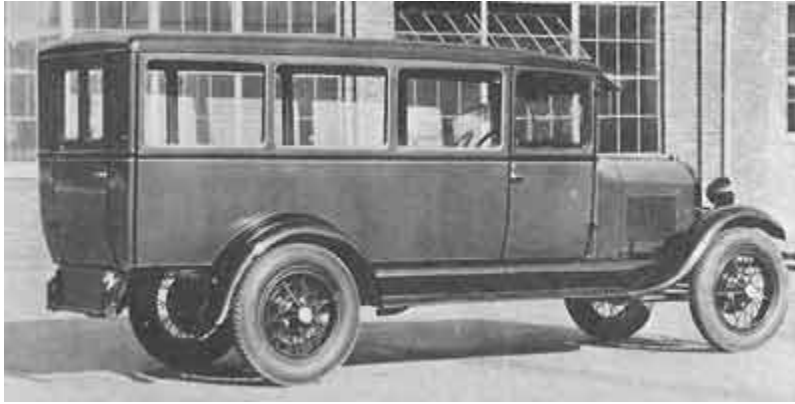
Proctor-Keefe reworked Briggs-built Ford 300A Deluxe Panel truck bodies for specialized service. One such conversion was the small Briggs-based insulated body that included locker type floors for transporting meat and other perishables. Proctor-Keefe also offered special light weight oversized van bodies serving as furniture moving vans and other municipal bodies including ambulances, hearses, service cars and small buses.



Finally Ford introduced a longer wheelbase Model AA chassis on June 9, 1930. The 157" chassis, which eliminated the need for aftermarket slip-on frames or cut-frame extensions proved very popular with freight haulers and movers.

In review, one must conclude that Ford furnished chassis with cowl, hood, radiator shell, headlamps and front fenders to many other body building shops

to build specialized bodies on both the Model A and Model AA Ford Chassis including Wood, Galion, Omaha, and Baker-Raulang to name a few.



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Before Henry, a two horse power school bus.

“Nothing is particularly hard if you divide it into small jobs”

— Henry Ford

A little Model A help needed

Larry Farrar is looking for some who can help him rebuild a model A starter.

Please call 706-718-0463 (Lisa Farrar's cell number)

Thanks

Larry and Lisa

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 1931 Deluxe Roadster, owned by the late Robert (Bob) Jackson, River Cities Club. Restored and a trophy winner many times. Nothing needed for pleasant miles of touring. All you need is the key. Contact Betty Jackson: jonanabray@aol.com

706-329-8935 (c) 334-298-3935

Located in Seale, AL



For Sale:

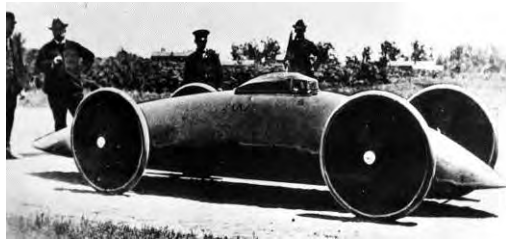
Hello Model A leaders,

I found your names as the heads of local Model A Ford Club of America chapters within a reasonable distance of Tallahassee (all of you are located in FL, AL, or GA). I am selling my father's Ford Model A 5 window coupe. If you know of someone in your club who might have an interest, please feel free to forward this e-mail.

I posted pictures and information on our local Craigslist site, but feel that this is a specialty item that probably requires outreach like I am doing here.

Thank you in advance for taking time to read my message, and I have posted both the Craigslist add and my phone number below.

<http://tallahassee.craigslist.org/cto/4735435697.html>



***A:** In 1902, in a
Baker Electric
streamliner racer
which crashed at 100
mph. on Staten Island
!*



A note from our friend Bentley

Here is a beautiful 1931 Deluxe Roadster we recently finished in the shop. The body and fenders were completely disassembled, stripped back to the bare metal and refinished. It really came out nice and the owner is very please with it. Some upgrades included conversion to 12 V, integrated turn signals, halogen headlights, and LED taillights so he can drive safely on modern roads. Let us know if we can help you with your Model A Ford. We now offer pickup/delivery service anywhere in the southeast.



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