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FOUNDING MEMBERS:

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Jim Timbes NOV 2000- DEC 2001
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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 May 2016

EZN - ON By Jim Langley

Can you believe it, May with Spring in Full Blossom. WOW! Old Man Winter stayed in the upper part of the U.S. and much in our favor.

How about that auction last month? Thank you, John Robertson, Al Lugo, Bob Smith, and Joe Carter for such a great job. Many tour, programs and other activities during the coming year, both in our club and other activities of interest, and here is a small HINT: In May, a Club Work Shop at Al's Garage featuring Sharon Webb discussing Fashions of the Model A era, and Bobby Penny with Phase two of the Model A Steering Assembly. East Mlabama Old Car Club Cruise In and Show in Opelika: tours to interesting spots in East Alabama, Market Days at Uptown Columbus, SOOOO, Tune'er up, check'er over and lets go... By the Way, what do YOU think of Short, nearby cruise to a Breakfast, Garage Visits, etc. during July and August. As in the recent past, there will be no out-of-town tours during the hot months of July and August. The Boare of Directors would like to hear your opinion. Please Speak Up...

Goy an idea for some club activity or program? The options are open at this point. Got an interesting story about you and yur Model A or finding that long lost item? Pass it on and what better place than the lMonthly planning meeting on the second Friday at the Macon Road Burger King. YOU ARE INVITED...

See you on The Back Roads.....

Jim

JOIN US!

BY AL Lugo

NEXT Club MEETING: May 19, 2016-
6:00PM (EASTERN) and will be held at
the Woodmen of the World Lodge, on
Highway 80, in Phenix City.

COMING EVENTS

May 6	MATTS
May 13	Planning Meeting
May 14	Workshop- Al's Garage
May 19	Club Meeting
May 21	East Alabama Old Car Club Car Show (May Tour)
May 21	SGM Association Car Show
June 3	MATTS
June 10	Planning Meeting
June 16	Club Meeting
June 18	June Bug 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	Fudruckers in the Landings
Every 2 nd Saturday	Opelika Home Depot
Every 4 th Saturday	Steak and Shake (Bradley Park Drive)
Every Sunday AM	IHOP Airport Thruway

NATIONAL:

June 19-24 MAFCA National Convention, Loveland, Colorado
December 5-8 MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Reno, Nevada

**River Cities Model A Ford Club
Meeting Minutes from April 21st, 2016
Club Meeting**

The April meeting of the River Cities Model A Club was held Thursday, April 21, 2016 at the Woodman of the World facility.

President Jim Langley called the meeting to order with the following members present: Carol and Neal LaClair, Tom and Kathryn Foster, Paul and Mary Nell Singer, Bob Smith, Joe Carter, Bobby Shackelford, Bobby and Connie Penny, Mickey Timbes, John Robertson, Dick Noxon, Sharon Webb, Al Lugo, Joe and June Spooner, Jim Langley, Barbara and Howard Ruddick, Joe Watkins, Tommy Ellis, John Robertson, Jim Miller, Sharon Webb, Bill Shirley, Mark and Pat Gamble. Visitors, Tiffany Jennings and Jason Conry, were welcomed by President Jim Langley.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Sunshine Report: Good to have Howard and Barbara Ruddick, Neal LaClair, Bobby Shackelford back. Our thoughts and prayers go to Mary Ann Lester and Wayne Kennedy for a speedy recovery.

Minutes from the March 17, 2016, meeting were approved as reported in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report by Joe Carter was given and approved.

Congratulations to Curren Harris, great nephew of Howard and Barbara Ruddick, on being accepted at Mike Pearson College, a school of car restorations.

President Jim Langley proposed having short breakfast tours in the months of July and August for members to consider. It will be discussed later.

Old Business:

President Jim Langley read the proposed amendment to club Bi Laws pertaining to the distribution of funds on the death of a club member or his/her spouse. The family may choose: Club donation to a charity of their choice or flowers. This distribution shall be limited to club members and spouses. John Robertson accepted the motion, and Sharon Webb seconded, and the club voted and unanimously approved the amendment to the Bi Laws.

Paul Singer gave information on the forthcoming Tours/Activities.

Saturday, April 23rd- Tour to Rum Distillery in Richland, Ga. -We will leave Garrett Harrison Stadium at 9:00 a.m. to Florence Marina Museum

then stopping at Providence Canyon and continuing to distillery in Richland.

May 14th Workshop at Al Lugo's garage on "Fashions During the Model A Era" at 9:00 a.m. Sign up by May 4th.

Saturday, May 21st- Tour to Old Alabama club 42nd show at Opelika. We will meet at Glennwood School.

President Jim Langley suggested a 10 minutes break before the Auction.

John Robertson conducted the auction with the help of Jim Langley, Al Lugo, and Bob Smith.

With the conclusion of the auction the meeting was adjourned. Respectively submitted by Pat Gamble, secretary.

NEXT WORKSHOP AT AL's GARAGE

Our next River Cities Model "A" Ford Club Workshop will be conducted on May 14, 2016 at Al's Garage. The Topic will be "Fashions During the Model A Era". Workshop will start at 9:00 A.M. with Coffee and doughnuts. Lunch will be provided at no cost. If you have not signed up please Email (alugo@mchsi.com or call Al Lugo (706-653-5396). Please reply by MAY 4, 2016. This is important so I can have a proper headcount for the catering. Please come and learn about the era of the Model A and enjoy the fellowship.

Winners of the Dan Palmer Scholarship are:

Isabel L. Shirley, A Graduating Senior from Shaw High School who will be attending Columbus State and Grand Daughter of Renate and Bill Shirley and Shannon Emily Robertson who is continuing her education at the University of Mobile and is the Grand Daughter of Friederike and John Robertson



Ok, Mom, I will be back in a couple of minutes.



Dad, when I can reach the pedals will you get me one of these



Bill and two of his little buddies going for a cruise on Fort Benning.



MODEL A TINKER TIME SHOP

Photos and information by Al Lugo

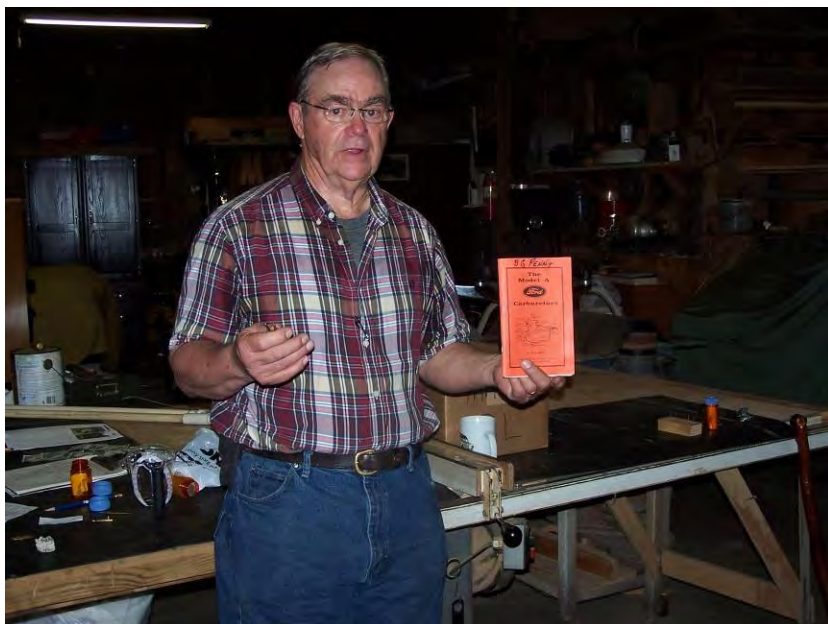
Another great MATTS was conducted at Bobby Penny's shop on April 1, 2016.



Bobby talking about his recent experience with a defective "cut-out"...



Bobby shows how a “cut-out” works...



Bobby talking about his recent project to test jets in Model A carburetor. Shows one of the best books to learn about your carburetor...



Here he shows the different jets in the Zenith carburetor...



Here Joe Spooner shows his jig to work on the carburetor jets...



Another view of Joe Spooner Jig to work on Jets...



Bobby showing his device to check jet flow...



Hoses connected to device to check jet flow...



Bobby checking Jet flow...

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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HENRY FORD AND EDUCATION

- Most folks are not aware that Henry Ford had a great interest in education. He realized early that education could be very important for future employment and success.
- During Henry's time most people were not educated beyond grade school. Henry quit school at the age of fifteen and only had a sixth grade education. He probably could have achieved a higher level of education, but he had a great desire to leave the farm and satisfy his desire for all things mechanical. This was more important to him than a high school or college education.
- Henry's education started at the Scotch Settlement School that was built in 1861 in the Dearborn Township District #1. This District included part of what is today Dearborn and Detroit. This school was a one room school. Children attending received a basic education in geography, writing, reading, math, American History and lessons in Christian morals. His Schoolmaster was John Chapman.
- Rumor has it that he was not a good student. Henry and his friend Edsel Ruddiman would often get in trouble. During this time two things left a lasting impression in Henry Ford, the first the McGuffey Readers and the teaching of his mother, Mary Ford. Both of these influences left life-long lasting impressions on Henry, teaching both reading fundamentals and moral principals.
- Henry later purchased the Scotch Settlement School that he and his siblings attended and moved it to Greenfield Village (now known as The Henry Ford) in what would become the Greenfield Village School System.
- Ford and his siblings also attended a school for two years called Miller School. The reason for this transfer was that they wanted to follow their favorite teacher John Chapman. He later built a replica of the school at Greenfield Village.

- At Greenfield Village he started an experimental School system that was design to be different by being more hands on. The approach was to learn by doing. The school had field trips, work and study programs, and arts and crafts. They soon had schools at Greenfield Village teaching Kindergarten, early and late elementary, high school, home economics and industrial arts. All of the schools were tuition free and were heavily subsidized by Henry Ford.
- Since many of his workers did not speak English he established a English School at his Highland Park factory.
- Ford was also famous for his trade schools which were started in 1916. These schools did a great job preparing youth for the work place, teaching them also classes in English, history, chemistry and physics. He also started a trade school at his Dagenham England factory.
- * Henry also started a Convalescent School in the Henry Ford Hospital. In doing this, children staying at the hospital were given the opportunity to continue their education while recovering or getting treatment at the hospital. This gave them credit for school work and also took their minds off their health issues.
- In 1925 the Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing was established and this very well regarded school has graduated more than 5,000 students.
- During World War II Ford also established a Naval Service School at the Rouge Factory where over 2400 Navy Machinists Mates were trained.
- Henry Ford's influence in education extends to many other parts of the country and the world. In Michigan there were schools at Ford's Village Industries. In Massachusetts the Wayside Inn Schools and in England the Henry Ford Agricultural Institute. Ford established also schools for Veterans of War.
- When Ford built a home in Georgia at Richmond Hill, he began the transformation of some of the poor education facilities. He was very concerned about the education systems in that community especially for the black community. Among the schools he built was the George Washington Carver School for blacks. This School was dedicated in 1940 by Dr. Carver.
- It is impossible to list on a limited space all of the contributions Mr. Ford made to education. As I read in an article, "If one took away all of Henry Ford's incredible automobile successes, we'd still have an equally incredible story of his contributions to education ", and all of those contributions were world wide.

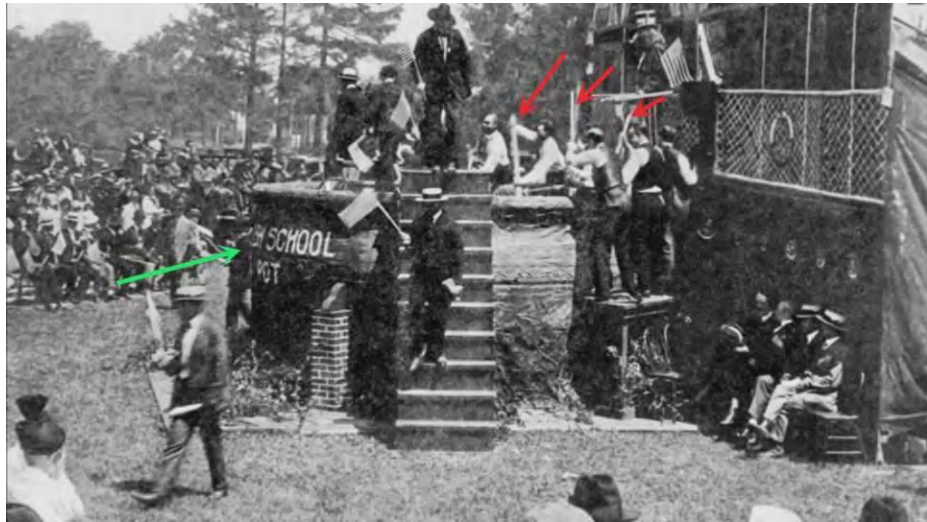


Photo of the Pageant of the Ford Melting Pot. Red arrow points to instructors stirring the pot. Green points to the name of the school. Graduates enter one area with native clothing and exit with suit, straw hat, and American Flag.



Scotch Settlement School



Inside view of the Scotch Settlement School



Guess who carved his initials in his desk...



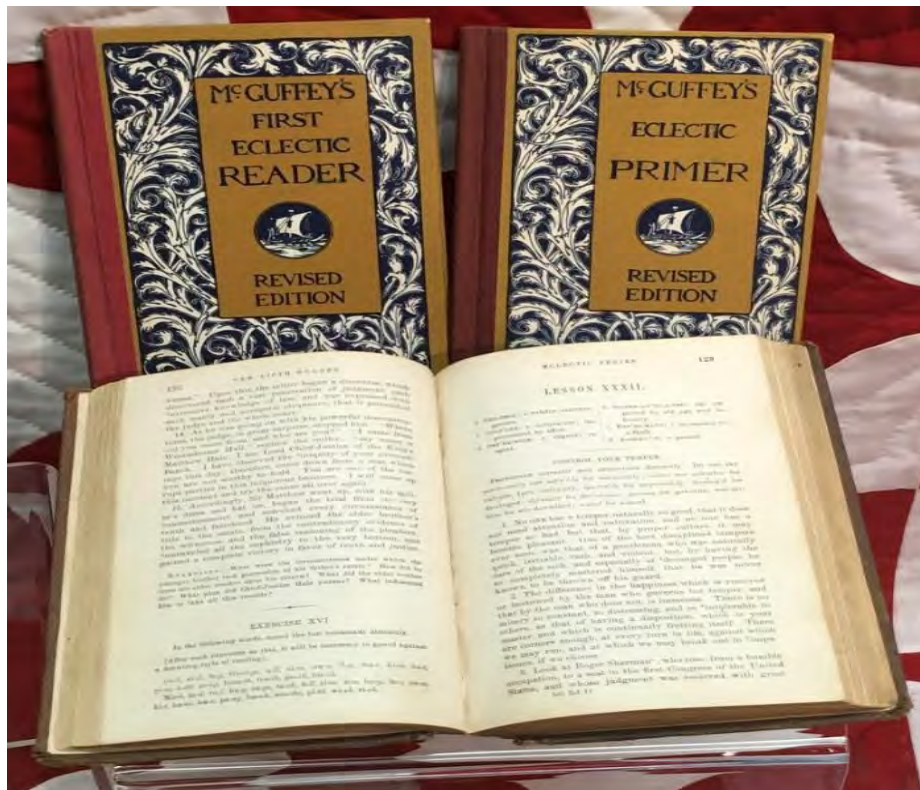
Miller School



A young trainee at the Henry Ford Trade School in Dearborn operating a machine in 1941. This school opened in 1916...



The Henry Ford Kindergarten in Richmond Hill now the Richmond Hill Historical Society & Museum...



The McGuffey Readers, These left a lasting impression on Henry Ford...

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

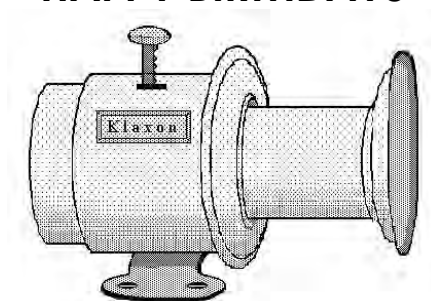


MAY 14- Joe & Diane Watkins

MAY 20- Tom & Laura Penny

MAY 25- Al & Lizbeth Lugo

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



MAY 1- Al Lugo

MAY 15 - Pat Gamble

MAY 18 - Grover Barfield

MAY 9 - Laurie Durfy

MAY 14 - Wayne Smith

MAY 26 - Melinda Durfy

Model A Quick Tips

Quick Check: Ignition (Secondary)

To check the secondary side of the electrical system, remove one brass spark plug connector from the distributor and position it approximately a $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch above its terminal on the distributor. Using the key turn the engine over and observe the gap to see if a bright yellowish-blue spark, with a loud snapping sound is being created

No spark/poor spark; Culprits include:

1. Failed condenser
2. Lower plate wire broke or shorted
3. Point gap closing up
4. Pop-out cable too tight and grounding out in distributor

FOR SALE

David Black is Selling his Model A

Since I can not drive my Model A I will sell it. A 30 Tudor (Touring Car). B inserted-Pressurized engine. High comp. head, Oil & Tem. gauges. 12 volt, Ford (83 Ford F100 trans) 4 speed overdrive.

16" wheels with WW walls radials. Tires were \$1000 new and have 95 % tread. Pressurized radiator with over flow tank.

Ford 2 tone green with yellow wheels. Model A Looks (inside & Outside) and drives GREAT.... Not a show car but a proven Touring car. On a 0-10 scale.... It's an 8.

\$22,000 Firm.

David_black@model-a-man.com

**Trailer with ball for hitch. Was Used to carry 20 foot canoe.
Was built locally by Trailer Hitch on Hamilton Rd. Price: \$ 125
(originally \$275)**



**Colorado Pelican Canoe (20 foot) Fiberglass, Middle seat
needs to be replaced, I have the original seat. Price: \$50 (
Originally \$250)**



Bike Rack Carrier for 2 bikes. Adjustable to fit sedan or hatch back. Price: \$30.



Contact Sharon Webb at (336)392-6725cell or (706)507-4051

Two 1930 Model A Coupes for sale in the Louisville, Ky. area

FOR SALE: 1930 Model A coupe with rumble seat. Blue with yellow wheels and white wall tires.

Asking \$14,000 O.B.O. Contact Sue Sperry at 502-459-4133 (Louisville area)

FOR SALE: 1930 Model A Coupe with rumble seat. Maroon with black fenders. Rear mounted spare. In 2008 all wheels were powder coated and new tires installed. Also replaced water pump in 2008.

Asking \$17,000 O.B.O. Contact Jan Cody at 502-964-0072 (Louisville area)

PARTS WANTED

Cars and Parts wanted. Clete Trimmer of Fort Myers FL is looking for project cars to work on. They don't have to be running but would like the bodies complete. Looking to need up to 15 cars by end of the year and needs 4 right now. He is also looking for parts for 28 thru 31 and needs fenders for 28 and 29. His Number is (239)229-9317.