

# BACKFIRE

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## A's-R-US First Annual Banquet

**H A P P Y**  
**V A L E N T I N E ' S**  
**D A Y**.....  
 to all the lovers  
 (of the "A's").



**FEBRUARY**  
**19TH**.....  
 Our next Club  
 meeting will be  
 held at John and  
 Phyllis Ruppel's.



Remember.....  
 7:00 p.m. is the  
 starting time.  
 We have a lot to  
 cover in a short  
 amount of time.  
 Refreshments  
 will be provided  
 by Steve and  
 Suellen Saller.

Our First Annual Banquet will be held Saturday, February 22nd at the lovely Glenwood Oaks Restuarant located at 106 N. Main Street in Glenwood. We have a private dining room downstairs, with a fireplace, a bar, and a small dance floor. There will also be music provided by John and Phyllis Ruppel.



This will be a memorable,  
 fun filled evening  
 you will never forget.

"We're looking forward to  
 having a great time with  
 good friends "

The price for dinner, all drinks, gratuity and tax are approximately \$30 per person. The Club will pay for all members and spouses. The Club will pay half for new members. Guests are welcome, and need to pay by the February meeting.

We only have 32 people signed up at this moment, we need at least 40, but it would be nice to have 50.

We're looking forward to having a great time with good friends and we guarantee, you will too.

## GANGSTERS AND FLAPPERS

Don't miss da action at **TOMMY GUN'S GARAGE**, Chicagoland's original speakeasy, located at 1239 S. State Street, Chicago.

Saturday, March 22nd was chosen for our evening at da Tommy Gun's Garage, for dinner and entertainment. Dis is da musical comedy review wit da gangsters, da flappers and you.

Group rates for twenty or more, including da dinner and entertainment, ranges from \$36 for steak, lasagne, or chicken to \$41 for prime rib.

So's, if you want authentic Chicago Style food, hooch, and entertainment, make da reservations with Tim Dionne by February 22nd, (219) 931-7754.

Psssst.....  
**DO YOU KNOW DA PASS-WORD?**

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Did you ever wonder why....  
 they call a driveway where you park.....  
 and a parkway where you drive?????

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*Notes from January's Club Meeting*

**INCORPORATION.....**

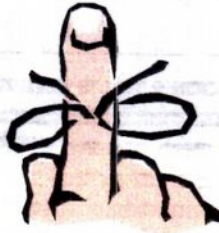
We are officially incorporated as of January 1997.

**PRESENTATION.....**

John Ruppel was presented with a gavel made from a piston in appreciation for serving as our first president. It was engraved with his name and the term of his presidency.

**REFRESHMENTS.....**

A refreshment sign-up sheet will be available at future meetings, this way everyone can share the refreshment responsibility.



**1997 DUES.....**

If it slipped your mind, (that never happens to you too, does it?), your 1997 Club dues are due now.

**BADGES.....**

Beginning at the February meeting, any member not wearing their MAFCA BADGE, will be fined \$1.00.



**50/50 RAFFLE.....**

Irv Damall was the winner.. \$27.00

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Why does an Eskimo take a bath in Tide???????????

Because it's too cold out tide.

**A's - R - US ACTIVITIES FOR 1997**

**\*\*DINNER\*\***

Dinner and Musical Comedy Review at Tommy Gun's Garage in Chicago.

**\*\*AUCTION\*\***

We had so much fun last year, that we plan on having an auction again this year. Irv and John will be the auctioneers. Any item will be welcome, it does not have to be auto related.

**\*\*RAFFLE\*\***

Phyllis, Suellen, Carol & Charlene will work on some ideas for this year's raffle.

**\*\*PICNIC\*\***

Steve Saller will check into a possible picnic at the Monee Reservoir.

**\*\*COUNTRY MANSION\*\***

Efton will be in charge of plans for a trip to the Country Mansion.

**\*\*CAR SHOWS\*\***

Irv will keep us informed of all upcoming car shows this year.

**\*\*ST. ANNE PARADE\*\***

Paul will keep us up to date on the St. Anne parade and festival.

**\*\*HAYRIDE\*\***

Irv will once again take us for a hayride in October.

**\*\*CHRISTMAS PARADE\*\***

Jim Mendoza will be in charge of the Crete Christmas Light Parade.

**\*\*VIDEOS\*\***

Charlie Jenkins will record our activities on video.

**\*\*PICTURES\*\***

Charlene will take pictures of activities also.

**YOU CAN'T BUILD YOUR REPUTATION ON WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO DO**

.....By Henry Ford

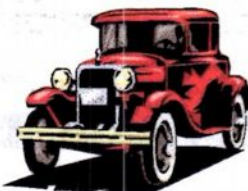
**1997 CAR SHOWS AND SWAP MEETS.....By Ricochet**

**SWAP MEET**

Peotone Car Club's 9th Annual Swap Meet. Sunday, March 16th, at the Will County Fairgrounds in Peotone.

**CAR SHOW**

The Frankfort Car Show will be held July 27th.



**Happy Valentine's Day!**

# JUST HOW COLD WAS IT?

By Irv (Ricochet) Darnall

Back in November 1996, I gave a new home to a "want-to-be" 1929 Model A Roadster. I picked the ole' girl up down south. You know, about 90 miles south, like Urbana, Illinois. Her owner was a retired U of I Professor.

When I first saw this ole' girl, I fell in love with her. I told the professor, "I'll buy 'er" After I loaded the "A" on the trailer, I asked if it had antifreeze in the coolant syste. The 'know everything' professor says "Sure, all of my cars have antifreeze". I replied, "very good".

I drove home with my prize and parked her in the barn. I put her right next to my 1930 Tudor Model A. Boy, they looked like they belonged together. Then I thought I would check the antifreeze with my hydrometer. Lo and behold, something must be wrong with my hydrometer. It indicated the coolant was only good for 20 degrees F. So I drained the questioned coolant into a bucket. I left the block and radiator drained.

On January 17th, I thought I'd better check on my babies, since it had been so...o..o cold. I pulled

the bucket out from under my "A's" engine and guess HOW COLD it was? Yes, colder than a well digger's "A". The coolant was FROZEN SOLID.

So heed Ricochet's past experience, NEVER take the word of a "know-it-all". CHECK YOUR OWN ANTIFREEZE or your "A" might crack it's block!



## THINK SPRING.....THINK SPRING.....THINK SPRING.....

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### FOR SALE

NEW...1 pr. 1930 to 1931 Front Fiberglass Fenders.....\$200 pr.

ORIGINAL...1 pr. 1930 Steel Front Fenders, Restored, Painted & Ready To Bolt On...\$550 pr.

1930-31 Complete Hood, Good Condition.....\$40

John Lucia.....(708) 709-0416  
507 Arquilla, Glenwood 60425  
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1962 T-BIRD Convertible  
John Ruppel.....\$9,800  
(815) 469-9063  
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**WANTED**  
1930 Model A Jack, Tire Iron & Tire Pump  
Irv Darnall.....(708) 258-3002

## >>>>>>>>>> HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY <<<<<<<<<<<<<<

### February 's Meeting

Don't miss 'Model A John's Tech Talk', at the next Club meeting on February 19th:  
Everything you ever wanted to know about Model A gas tanks:  
Gas Shutoffs  
Fuel Lines  
Sediment Bowls & Filters  
See the Model A Flick afterwards.

### NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Please send your stories, ads, quotes, jokes, articles, etc. to:

FAX.....(708) 258-0626  
PHONE.....(708) 258-3002  
MAIL.....Irv Darnall  
30461 S. 120th, Peotone 60468

DEADLINE: 1ST Wednesday of each month

### Did you know:

On February 14th, 1929, Al Capone and Gang were blamed for the St. Valentine's Day massacre of seven men in Chicago.  
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What has four legs and a back but can't walk?????????????

A Chair, of course.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ☆

Well, our New Year is off and rolling, as we begin organizing our calendar of events for the upcoming year.

With the assistance of our many Club members, our plans and festivities for 1997 are beginning to take shape.

The Club Banquet

planned for February 22nd is our next gala event (besides the monthly meeting on February 19th).

My thanks to Wally for his continued devotion of time in his dealing with the restaurant, to the decorating committee for their added touches, and to John, who plants to provide entertainment (hopefully not himself).

Hope to see you at the next meeting!

Da Boss,  
Bill

### MODEL A KNOCK & ROLL By Ricochet

Don't mistake a spark knock for a loose bearing.

Spark knock usually occurs when you suddenly accelerate or climb a hill with the spark fully advanced.

Slightly retard the spark and the knock should be eliminated.

A loose bearing knocks all the time when the engine is running regardless of spark advance position.