

BACKFIRE

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A Message from the President

The Motometer served a practical function in addition to being decorative. It contained a thermometer on the rear side which advised the driver of the radiator condition.

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An early Ford accessory was a welded fender lock which was said to be effective in reducing theft.

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Perhaps the most famous of all Model A cosmetic accessories is the quail radiator cap ornament. Greatly popular for its sculptured good looks, it aided appearance, but did little else.

The trip to **The Country Mansion** in Dwight, Il. has been postponed until June 22nd, so mark your calendars and come with us.... with your Model A, for a super breakfast brunch.

We will have a meeting prior to this outing, on June 18th.

We would like to form groups for the drive to and from The Country Mansion.



Raffle sales are off and running. Please bring out your salesmanship and let's get all 1,000 tickets sold. The raffle committee has done a great job getting everything organized, and the tickets look excellent.

Just a reminder, there are a couple upcoming events to take note of:

The picnic and the several upcoming car shows and swap meets.

Til the meeting,

Da Boss



1929 Complete Hood

(2) 1929 Roadster Doors

Irv Darnall

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Special Notes

A special thanks should go the Phyllis for organizing each members clothing order separately. It was a huge order and just about everyone left with items they had ordered. She had individualized bills for each order. We know this took a lot of time on her part.

Thanks Phyllis!!

Suellen was "volunteered" to organize our August 24th picnic. She would like to have a meeting with the ladies during the Tech Talk, to discuss ideas, food, and activities for this special event. So ladies, put your thinking cap on for this meeting.

John Ruppel is looking into organizing our own **A's - R - US Cruise Night**, possibly in Monee.

Good Luck John!

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OK, Whoever stole the **SUNSHINE AND WARM WEATHER..PUT IT BACK!**

President's Message

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Highlights of A's - R - US May Meeting

The May meeting was held at Paul and Sandy Hankowitz' home in Frankfort.

Sixteen members were present, along with two guests.

The date for the Dwight Road Trip was changed to June 22nd. We will travel in groups of four vehicles to allow others access to the highways also. We want to arrive in Dwight by 11:00 am. Details of this trip will be announced at the June 18th meeting.

The Raffle Committee has decided on four prizes:

1st Overnight package for two

at any Jurers Hotel. This package includes dinner, breakfast, wine and cheese.

2nd Two tickets to the Candlelight Dinner Playhouse, any date you choose.

3rd \$75.00 Cash

4th \$50.00 Cash

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

The drawing will be held at our August 20th meeting.

Club members are also eligible to win.

It was announced that our AUCTION last month made \$620.00 for the Club.

Our Club picnic will be August 24th at the Monee Reservoir.

Ideas were collected from members, for putting together an information pamphlet about our Club.

It was agreed upon that our 1998 A's - R - US Annual Banquet will be held on February 21st at Glenwood Oaks. The following members make up the Banquet committee:

Wally Ekstrom Arrangements
Ken & Dianna Chamis Activities
Suellen Saller Table decorations

Dudley Smith won the 50/50 drawing of \$33.00.

NORTH WITH RICOCHET.....Misadventures In The Ontario Bush

Yes indeed friends, it's a week of R&R for Ricochet. I trust that all my Model A friends filled in for me during the May meeting. It was about time I gave someone else a chance to win the 50/50 drawing (HaHa).

Ricochet and his fishing buddy arrived at beautiful Lake Matendenda, Ontario, Canada. We're looking forward to launching my fishing buddy's brand new \$24,000 bass boat in the water and harrassing the Indians and the fish. Are we having fun yet? You bet! Everyone at the boat launch stared in disbelief, this baby had everything but a Quail Radiator Cap!!! Our heads were swollen bigger than a Texas watermelon. It had 160 hp, more than my Model A. My "A" sounds like a weed-eater compared to the bark of this monster!

Finally, after the BS overflowed my boots, we were off like a flash of lightning. Only 15 miles and we'll be at our island camp. As I looked at the speedometer, I saw it registering 75 mph. So with my calculator mind, I estimated ETA at less than 14 minutes.

As we zoomed by some fishermen, they gave us a sign, I don't know if they meant the boat was #1 or maybe an obscene gesture to us. But being understanding, I gave the same back.

Soon after that, a surprise arose, the motor just quit, like maybe air bubbles in the fuel, Yeh, that must have been it. The motor started right back up again. Once again we were making a rooster tail about 6 foot high. Then like...right now, the motor locked up tighter than a pint of paint hardner with the lid left off all day. Believe me, that is tight. Luckily, one of our American friends came by and towed our boat to the island.

Broken hearted, Ricochet's friend asked, "What do we do now?". "We'll borrow a boat from Trapper Pete", replied Ricochet. That's Ricochet's ace in the hole. So indeed, the trapper loaned the fishermen in distress a boat and motor. Pete explained, "The boat is all gassed up and fishing legal (all safety equipment aboard). The boys thanked Trapper Pete and were finally on their mission, (to catch the big one).

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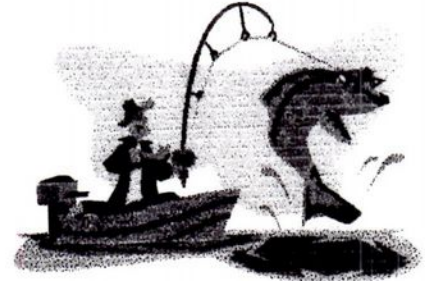
Recipe for the Best Fruit Cake Ever

1 c. butter
 1 c. sugar
 4 lg. eggs
 1 tsp. salt
 lemon juice
 1 c. brown sugar
 1/2 c. nuts
 1 c. dried fruit
 1 tsp. baking soda
 1 tsp. baking powder
 1 or 2 qts. whiskey

Before you start, sample the whiskey to check for quality. Good, isn't it? Select a large mixing bowl, measuring cup, etc. Check the whiskey again as it must be just right. To be sure the whiskey is of the highest quality,

pour one level cup into a glass and drink it as fast as you can. Repeat... With an electric mixer, beat 1 cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add 1 teaspoon thugar and beat again. Meanwhile make sure that the whiskey is still of the finest quality. Cry another trap. Open second quart if necessary. Add 2 arge leggs, 2 cups fried druit, and beat till high. If druit gets stuck in beaters, just pry it loose with a drowscriver. Sample the whiskey again, checking for tonscisticity. Next, sift 3 cups of salt or anything, it really doesn't matter. Sample the whiskey. Sift 1/2 pint lemon juicke. Fold in chopped butter and strained nuts. Add 1 babblespoon of brown

thugar, or whatever color you can find, and wix mell. Grease oven andturn cake pan to 350 degrees. Now pour the wholemess into the oven and cake. This is a relicious meceipe.



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They fished to nearly dark and the only thing biting was the black flies. Being so experience, they knew to leave before it became totally dark. If you've ever been in the Canadian Bush, you know what I mean by getting dark, and even darker than dark. So they were soon "anchors aweigh, fired and hungry.

This time, Ricochet was breaking the waves when suddenly, yes...once again plagued by boat failure. Oh SH—, I mean shoot, I think that sounds like lack of motion lotion! Yes indeed, out of gas this time. We look at each other and said, "That's life". Ricochet's friend asked him for the paddle. Guess what?? Yes, we were up a creek without a paddle also. Well, just to mention a few things, we didn't have a flashlight, no matches, no signaling flares, no whistle, no horn, and the radio didn't work because the trolling motor drained the battery power. But in all, we were in good shape for the shape we were in, if you understand what I mean.

Now Air Force Survival training must be put to the test. #1..Stay calm..(HELP). We both stayed real calm, and we were both muttering something to ourselves. Then suddenly, the sound of a boat motor echoes over the water. Ricochet thinks quickly, he lets out a whistle louder than a Model A wolf whistle, and believe me, that's loud. Yes, thank you Lord, they heard him. Both were undiscribly humble.

But this can't be happening, the boat suddenly turns away from our friends in distress. Quickly Ricochet reaches for the light switch, turns it on and off quickly several times. Again, thank the good man up above, the lights did work again. The rescuers saw the light and returned to aid our boys. They were once again towed back to the island.

You might get lucky twice, but I don't recommend #3, you could strike out. Ricochet says....."Be prepared for the unknown".

Your friend,

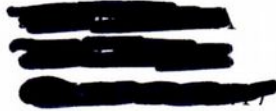
Ricochet

Next Meeting will be at John & Phyllis Ruppel's on June 18th at 7:00 p.m.



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UPCOMING CAR SHOWS

June 13-14-15th	4th Annual Car Show Festival	Bicentennial Park, Joliet
June 27th	Alsip Summerfest Custom Car Show	119th & Kostner, Alsip
June 29th	Gears and Ears Street Rod and Custom Car Event	DuPage County Fairgrounds
July 13th	4th Annual Vincor Ltd. Car Show	5130 W. Court St., Monee Monee Village Hall
July 27th	16th Annual Frankfort Car Show & Swap Meet	Historic Downtown Frankfort
August 3rd	Mustang & Ford Car Show	558 Latham Drive, Bourbonnais Court Street Ford
August 16th	36th Annual Antique Car Show	Island Park, Momence