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A Message from the President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

As I sit down to write this, the first signs of spring are beginning to show. Warmer weather is coming our way, and the first robin of the upcoming season has graciously appeared. To all of us Model "A"ers, spring is a welcome sight, but even though it is still too early to uncover our cars and ready them for driving, pleasant thoughts of upcoming events bring a smile to our faces...On the other hand, some of us still need to finish our cars.



The first robin of the upcoming season has graciously appeared.

Our Club banquet appears to have been a huge success. All those that I have spoken with enjoyed the well planned evening of food, drink, and entertainment. Many thank yous are in order for all our Club members for helping to make the evening a great time.

Our next Club outing will be a trip to Tommy Gun's, a nostalgic night out on the town. At the next meeting we will finalize these plans, so until then...remember the password.

Bill

TOMMY GUN'S GARAGE

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Remember Saturday, March 22nd, we will be going to Chicago. 1239 S. State Street to be exact. This evening will be filled with dinner and a musical review, entertainment from the 30's.

Don't miss this opportunity to visit Chicago's original speakeasy. You'll have a blast.

Tim Dionne has made reservations for us already. Place and time to meet will be announced at the next Club meeting which will be held on Wednesday, March 19th at Steve and Suellen's, 24900 S. Western Avenue, Crete. A map is enclosed so there are no excuses for getting lost.



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A's-R-US First Annual Banquet

February 22, 1997.....

The members of the A's R Us Model A Car Club will remember their FIRST Annual Banquet something like this:

Ya see, dare was dis hide-a-way down in da cellar of dis joint. Da Guys and Da Dolls were dressed to the hilt in their finery and looked real good.

Booze was flowing freely as the "Happy Hour" became the "Social Hour" in which all were chattin' and laughin' with fellow members and guests.

Dinner was a delicious "big spread" and was served by two friendly and gigglin' waitresses who enjoyed the party as much as we did.

After dinner, a few door prizes were given out and a few games

played. A couple of Da Gang members, John and Phyllis, came up with a great game they called "FORD "A" which is played similar to BINGO. They made up squares consisting of Model A parts and members names. It was very inventive and lots of fun.

Another game was to answer 24 questions regarding events that had taken place within our Club in 1996. Prizes were given out to winners and more door prizes were given away.

We had a visit from "Roger, the Magician". He was very talented in creating all kinds of things with balloons. He made all types of hats for the ladies and the gents. Chuck Miller was his model for one of his best creations. He adorned him with a "wild and crazy" hat, belt, SWORD, and a RAY GUN (wierd

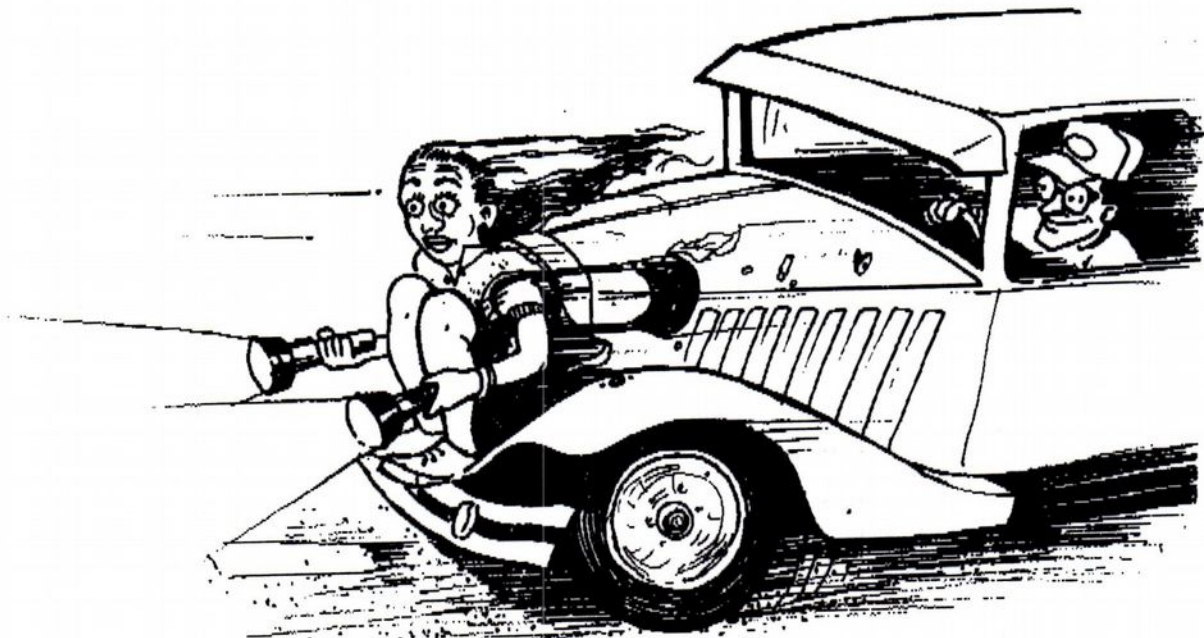
combination, don't you think?).

Another great creation of his was a prize he awarded to the gal who was the fastest and biggest blower of them all (from a tiny balloon, of course). Anyway, the prize was a beautiful large basket of fruit, made up entirely of balloons. Then there were more door prizes and everyone was a winner that night.

Displayed on the wall, was a unique arrangement of slides of Model A's which Wally had brought and set up for all to enjoy.

Charlene had also brought our "Family" photo album of Club members, outings, and activities we have enjoyed and shared throughout the past year.

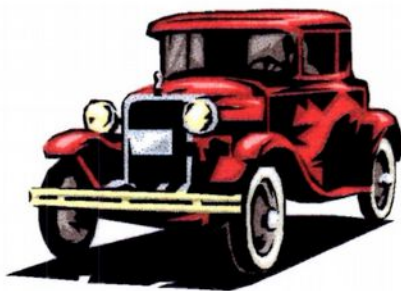
Da Gang was camera shy but we managed to SHOOT a few without getting shot ourselves.



JUST A LITTLE FARTHER AND WE'LL BE HOME!



A SPECIAL
THANK YOU
TO SUELLEN AND HER SISTER
FOR THE FANTASTIC MODEL A
CENTERPIECES



NOTES FROM OUR FEBRUARY MEETING

**The February meeting was held at John and Phyllis' in Monee, 17 members attended.

**Final plans were discussed for our banquet being held on February 22nd.

**A room has been reserved for us at Tommy Gun's Garage, in Chicago on March 22nd. Final details at March 19th meeting.

**Our next auction will be at our April 16th meeting. Pass the word and bring donated items to the March meeting, or call Irv at 708-258-3002 and arrange to drop off items at his barn.

**Flyers were passed out for the Peotone Car Club's Swap Meet to

be held on March 16th at the Will County Atrium.

**To raise money for our Club, the raffle committee has suggested we raffle a dinner for two at the Candlelight Dinner Playhouse for first prize and \$50 cash for second.

**We welcomed two new members into the Club, Dale and Jerry Massey who own a 1930 Tudor.

**Irv won \$29 in the 50/50 drawing.

**We will be placing another order for T-Shirts and Club jackets soon. Anyone interested, please see Phyllis. Have your order with sizes available by March meeting.

**A sign-up sheet for meeting places and refreshments was

passed around. We now have all of 1997 covered.....

Date	Place	Refreshments
Jan 15	Darnall's	Jenkins
Feb 19	Ruppel's	Saller
Mar 19	Saller's	Miller
Apr 16	Darnall's	Saller
May 21	Hankowitz'	Dionne
Jun 18	Ruppel's	Ruppel
Jul 16	Steinmetz'	Steinmetz
Aug 20	Elliott's	Darnall
Sep 17	Dionne's	Dionne
Oct 15	Darnall's	Hankowitz
Nov 19	Ruppel's	Ruppel
Dec 17	Seper's	Seper

CALUMET REGION MODEL A RESTORERS SWAP MEET

March 2, 1997, a few of Da Gang went to Da swap meet at Nives' Ford Garage in Tinley Park, Il. Da meet was sponsored by Calumet Region Model A Restorers Club (MARC).

The A's - R - US Gang were noticed at once. I heard Da other Gangs say, "Who the hells dose guys wit da Big Black Hats?" Then suddenly, the silence was broken. Da tall ex-boss says, "We're da A's - R - US Club". Then Da Gang

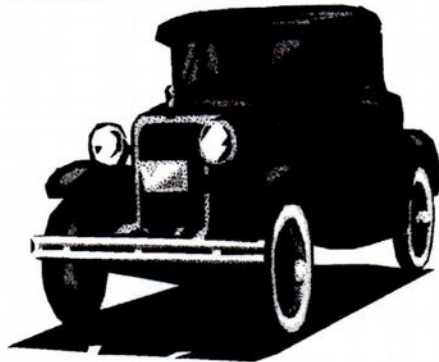
started to spread all over. They checked out everything on every table. Some of the boys were taking names and even taking notes. A few bargains were found and purchased. Da Gang talked to some old friends and also made some new friends.

After a few hours, we saw enough. So we loaded up and headed for the hideout.

Ricochet



CARE OF TIRES



Tires should never be run partially inflated, as the side walls will suffer unnecessary stress. The rims may also cut the tire bead. The tires on your Model A should be inflated to 35 pounds. Tire pressure should be checked during your regular maintenance, or whenever one looks low on pressure.

Never drive on a flat tire. Tire, tube, or rim damage could occur.

Hard braking, causing skidding, will shorten tire life.

Use caution when parking next to curbs, bumping or rubbing damages tire sidewalls. Keep your A's tires clean of all oil and grease. These are the main destroyers of tires.

If your A will be stored for a long period of time, you should jack it up to eliminate the weight on the tires.

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OUR BANQUET IN PICTURES

