

Backfire

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Meanwhile, upstairs of Chuck's Place....It was standing room only at the March meeting. We had two guests, along with a speaker from State Farm Insurance. Alan Bartels spoke about the definitions of the types of insurance for our "A's". It was followed by a question/ answer period. We then proceeded to our regular meeting. We touched on the banquet finances a bit. So far Wally and Kay, and Randy and Bonnie have donated their personal expenses from the banquet to the club. Me being a cheapskate, I had already submitted my receipts. Bob Steinmetz gave an update on whats been happening behind the scenes of the upcoming Dixie Dash Road Rallye. Posters and flyers were available for all members to take and distribute. I mentioned the latest on the Fall tour that Phil Serviss and Jim Wright are planning. Mark your calendars, October 11,12,and 13. John Ruppel said the he will conduct a safety check on our "A" in late June, early July. More details to follow right here in your soon to be published BACKFIRE. Rooms are still available for the spring trip, May 4 and 5. Call Bob Steinmetz if you want to go with. Not much interest was noted on the upcoming Model A Days in Sharon, Wisconsin. But things might change.

*Wally Ekston wants to die peacefully like his grandfather did...in his sleep.
Not screaming like the passengers in his Model A.*

April 17th. 7PM. Chuck's Place.
A's R Us monthly meeting.

**We are on the web at: modelaford.homestead.com
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Here's the latest on the Dixie Dash

Bob Steinmetz gave an update to the rank and file of A's R Us. He asked that all members take a copy of the practice route and run it, then call him with your results. They also received posters and flyers to pass out promoting the event. This is a club function, and are counting on your help for that day. Mark your calendars for June 8, and get ready for work, and fun. If you have any questions, contact the Dixie Dash committee.

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Please have any contributing articles to me prior to the first of the month. Thanks

John Ruppel desired to put on a safety check for the month of June, and at the last meeting people seemed in favor of the idea. Other things will also be planned and announced, and will be leaked to the press soon.

John therefore says:

Things you "auto" check before the safety inspection.

Check the following for wear:

King pins

Shackles

Perches

Brake rods at anti-rattles

Cross shaft bushings

Rear backing plate shaft bushings (service & emergency)

Wheel bearings & races

Steering sector shaft for leaks

Rear axle housing for leaks

Measure inside brake drums

(should be 11" across, no more that 11 1/2" across)

Check fan for cracks

Check steering balls on tie rod & drag link

Be sure you have safety glass

Any questions call John @

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ARE STILL A FEW ROOMS
AVAILABLE FOR THE MAY
TRIP TO MICHIGAN CITY.
CONTACT BOB STEINMETZ
FOR MORE INFO!!!

PHIL SERVISS REPORTS THAT
THE PLANS FOR THE FALL
TOUR ARE BEGINNING TO
TAKE SHAPE, AND HE WILL
SHARE THEM WITH US WHEN
THEY ARE COMPLETE.

THE MOVIE "ROAD TO
PERDITION" WILL BE
RELEASED ON JULY 12TH.
ARRANGEMENTS ARE IN THE
WORKS TO VIEW THIS AS A
CLUB. MORE INFO SOON.

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The Obituary of Common Sense

ay we mourn the passing of an old friend, by the name of Common Sense. Common Sense lived a long life but died from are early in the new millennium. No one really knows how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureau ed tape. He selflessly devoted his life to service in schools, hospitals, homes, factories and offices, helping folks get jobs c hout fanfare and foolishness. For decades, petty rules, silly laws and frivolous lawsuits held no power over Common Sen credited with cultivating such valued lessons as to know when to come in out of the rain, the early bird gets the worm, a n't always fair. Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn), reliable parer strategies (the adults are in charge, not the kids), and it's okay to come in second (or even last as long as your best efforts v ren). A veteran of the Industrial Revolution, the Great Depression, and the Technological Revolution, Common Sense sur vival and educational trends including, body piercing, whole language and "new math". But his health declined with the "if helps one person it's worth it" virus. In recent decades his waning strength proved no match for ravages of overbearing ulations. He watched in pain as good people became ruled by self serving lawyers. His health rapidly deteriorated when sc ndlessly implemented zero tolerance policies. It declined even further when schools had to get parental consent to admini irin to students, but cannot inform the parent when the female student is in trouble. Finally Common Sense lost his will to the Ten Commandments became contraband, churches became businesses, criminals received better treatment than victim ral judges stuck their noses in everything from Boy Scouts to professional sports. And the Grand Daddy of them all, was oman who was stupid enough not to realize that coffee is hot, and was awarded a huge payout for stupidity, caused Comu se to throw in the towel. Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents Truth and Trust, his wife, Discretion, his de sponsibility, and his son, Reason. He is survived by two stepbrothers: My Rights and Ima Whiner. Not many attended his f because so few realized he was gone.

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with the request today!**