

Backfire

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Bob & Penny Steinmetz gave us the place to hold the May meeting. It was started by giving the Dixie Dash last minute job assignments, and filling the rank and file in with what's been happening. We are committed to this, and some will need to be committed after it's over. Phil Serviss has leaked a bit more info on the fall tour. Thornburg, who will not be running the Crete side of the cruise nights, gave us a brief run down on what to expect this year. A 50/50 raffle will still be ran, and Tom and I will be there too. We were informed that local code does not allow alcohol to be taken from the bar or the pizza place and brought outside, so Charlie Jenkins and Mary Senkpeil will have to do all their drinking inside this year. Bill also told us about the June 14th Crete Back Alley Car Show, starting at 11am, and located behind Aurelio's in Crete. Our own Tim Dionne has wrapped up production of his next film entitled "The History of Forensics", a recreation of the St. Valentines Day Massacre. Scheduled opening day is scheduled for August 5th or 6th on the History Channel. For those who don't know who Tim is, he is the guy behind the dark sunglasses, wearing the white scarf, and is driven to the meeting in his limousine. Please only speak to him if he speaks to you first. Charlie Jenkins has t shirts for \$10 and hats for \$7 available with our logo on it. See him for those items.

On August 3rd, the annual Unity Day Parade in University Park will kick off at 11am. Charlie Jenkins said that the town will supply candy for us to pass out, and we should have a red, white, & blue theme on the cars. What is a special treat for those who participate, is that lunch will be provided at McDuffers County Club. Mark your calendars now!!!

The first Cruizin' Sunday date is June 30th. We will meet 10am at 167th & Cicero, Twin Lakes Forest Preserve and will be traveling to White Fence Farm with a late lunch, early dinner at about 8 or 9 pm., and stops along the way. If you wish to come, and have no car to drive, hop in with another couple and be chauffeured for the day.

June 19th, Randy & Bonnie have volunteered to host the month meeting. As usual, expected start time will be 7pm.

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Dixie Dash plans are rapidly coming to the point of seeing...does it all work. By now, everyone who will be working has received their tasks, and it's looking great. We have also picked up friends of our members to help out for the day. The amount of registered cars is not as high as we hoped, but it still will be a fun day, and great club event.



There is a cruise night on Saturdays in Lombard, beginning June 1st for those who can't get enough of ours, or want to see what others do. Theirs is on St. Charles Road, from Main street west to Elizabeth, 6 - 10 pm, and they have either a d.j., or a live band along with all kinds of food vendors. Most of the merchants are also open.

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

The movie Road to Perdition will be released on July 12th. Plans are to make a free outing for the club with Bob Steinmetz and I making our cars available to the theater for publicity and allowing us to see the movie for free. If you wish tickets, call me and make your reservations now.

Phil Serviss, Jim Wright & Henry Jasaka are progressing nicely on the fall tour, and are keeping secret some of the details until the trip. What was released is the place that we will be staying. Jammers Inn in Peoria, with room rates at a very affordable price of \$69.00 per night have been reserved. 14 rooms are being held, so call today. Call 1-800-atjammers, and tell them you are with group # 941310.

Cruise nights have begun!!!

May 23rd was the first scheduled cruise night, and this year is expected to top all of our previous attendance records.




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Spring Trip 2002

What a nice weekend we had! The trip had perfect spring weather. It was meant to be a casual, easy going weekend, and all indications were it was just that. We also had non members join us on the trip. Al Kaleta, with his wife Sandy who would be joining us later at lunch. After a good breakfast, we headed east with Ellis Island in our sites.

We were greeted by John and Kathy. I am at a loss for words to describe the interior of their cottage. I was one of the last to enter, but as people entered, I heard a wide variety of "oh my goshes" , "wow", "unbelievable", and much more. What were they talking about? As you entered, you were transported to what could be the Disney warehouse. There was so much Disney, that words can't describe it. John was very proud of the items he has collected over the years. My words will not do the place justice, so you will have to see it to appreciate it yourself or ask someone else that went on the trip. We were treated to a variety of delicious cookies for our taste buds to enjoy, with what was left over given to us to enjoy the rest of the trip. But our visit there was not over yet. We had not been outside yet. Stashed away in his garage, we were shown his piano talents. As we scanned the garage, there were toys all around. They have a variety of 2, 3, and 4 wheel bikes. Some of us tried some of these unusual bikes. Definitely a fun time, as proved by all the laughter all around. Some even drove his 1948 Ford Convertible. Nice ride. After all that, we had to be on our way. John showed us where the local hidden ice cream parlor was, and he joined in on a group of guys who were playing in the band. We soon parted, on our way to lunch.

Kathy joined us for lunch, and Diana and Sandy arrived there too. After lunch, it was off to the mall for the girls, and to the Ekstrom condo for a quick meeting and to watch the Kentucky Derby. Back to the girls, and on to the lodge for the weekend. After getting settled in, it was on to a Mexican dinner, and then hot tub for some, and bed for others.

Sunday gave us another nice day, beginning with a walk of the grounds, and then on the road to Laporte. We visited the town antique shops, ate lunch, and toured the Door County Auto Museum. No trip would be complete without a stop at a place that serves ice cream. We then parted our different ways, tired from a great weekend, but it was a good tired.

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Presidents Message

Some of you missed a great cruise night. There were some great cars that showed up. The weather held out just for us.

Thanks to Bob and Penny for the use of their home for the May meeting. We will be at Randy and Bonnie's for the June 19th meeting. See you there.

The Dixie Dash is coming up fast. It will be a great time. I am looking forward to it. See you there.

Efton Elliott

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