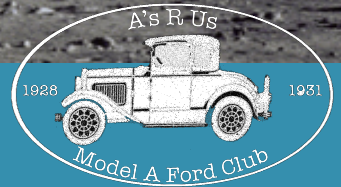


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Summer is Half Over!

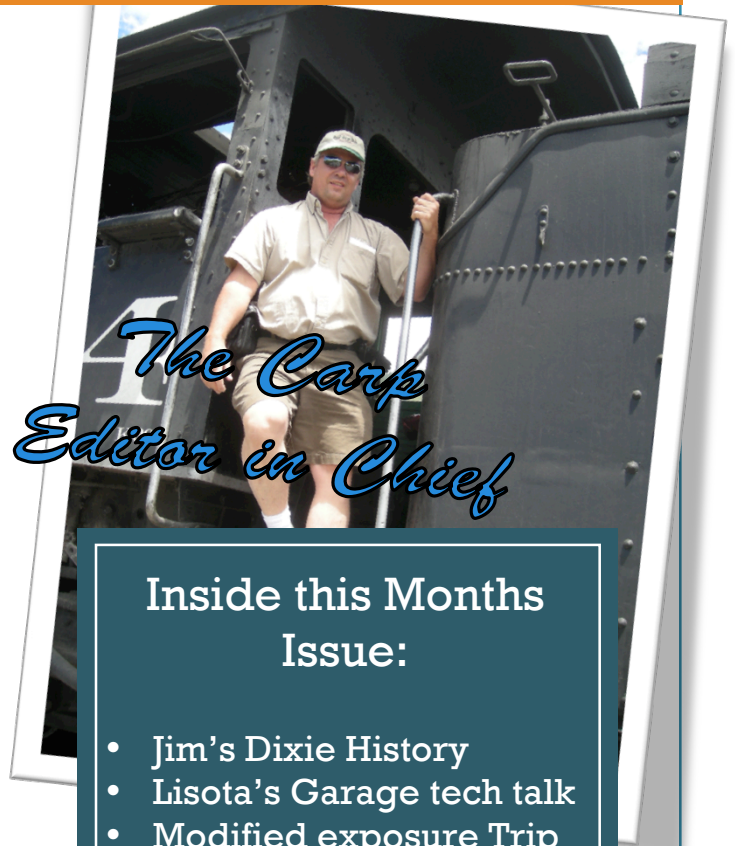
Well it's been a busy summer for me already. I went on vacation to Colorado with my buddy Jim after the 4th of July. We flew into Denver and in 5 days we drove 1000 miles and road 3 trains! The George Town Loop RR and the Royal Gorge RR and I finally road the Cumbres and Toltec RR 65 miles from Chama NM to Antonito CO. Needless to say a dream come true. Big news is our daughter Sarah was moved into her apartment so she can start medical school and Jennifer is now engaged to get married next July 17th, 2010. As a club we still have a full schedule of activities ahead of us so I will try to stay focused.

Phil

Header Picture:

Astronaut Edwin E. "Buzz" Aldrin Jr., Lunar Module pilot, is photographed during the Apollo 11 extravehicular activity on the Moon.

More inside!



Inside this Months Issue:

- Jim's Dixie History
- Lisota's Garage tech talk
- Modified exposure Trip to Bishop Hill IL.
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DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE

By Jim Wright

Since French fur trade days, Momence has always been an important crossing on the Kankakee River, which is relatively shallow at this point. After the arrival of the earliest settlers, a bridge, in one form or another, has crossed the north and south channels of the river here. *For decades, the Dixie Highway crossed the south channel of the Kankakee River on the two-span steel skeleton bridge (left) built by the Massillon Bridge Company in 1886. Prior to construction of the new*



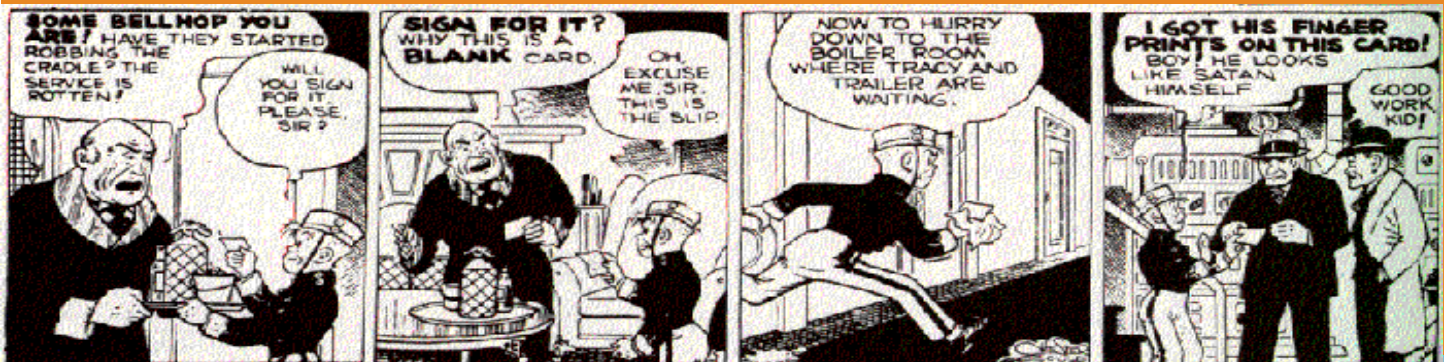
concrete (right) in 1938, the old bridge was moved slightly west and continued to serve as the temporary crossing for the Dixie Highway until the new bridge was completed.



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Dick Tracy 1930 Strip #5



Jon Lisota: Motor Medic



I will have a full report in next month's newsletter.

September 8,9,10,11 Exposure trip to Kewanee, IL.



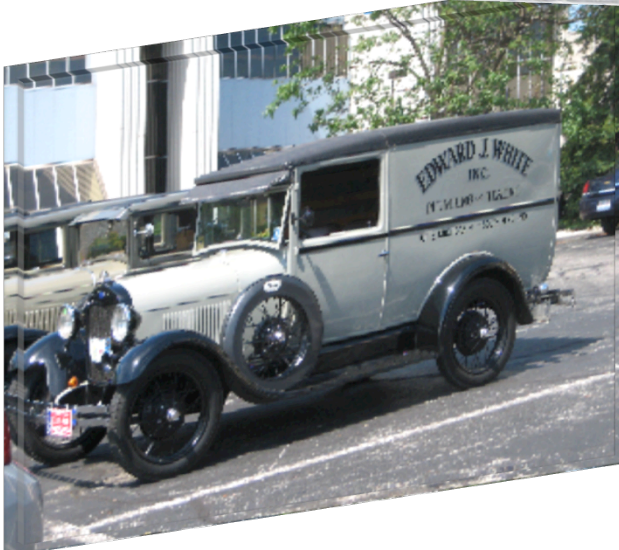
Nancy and I will be going on a shortened trip to this area of Illinois. We will leave on Tuesday and return on Friday and stay in Kewanee, IL for three nights. The trip is only about 135 miles from Wilmington, IL our starting point. A couple of leisurely drives when we are there and relaxation. If you are interested in this trip call me and let me know and I will reserve rooms for a group if there will be more than Nancy and myself.

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MARC National Meet 06/21/2009

Pictures courtesy of John Sailor of Homewood



July Meeting Home of Alan and Rosalinda Eckstrom **St. James on the Sag:** Our club was represented by several members, The Pastors Choice Award went to Bob (Jr) & Deb Granko; and the Deacon's Choice went to Bob (Sr) & Frank Granko! Bruce and Tammy Smit would have won the "Rooster Award", however they were unable to stay. **July 4th:** Participants joined in the Homewood Parade and Beecher (in the rain). Bob Steinmetz noted one of our cars was awarded \$25 from Beecher. **Labor Day:** Wally is securing permit for our group participation. **CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Bob Granko has secured Beggars Pizza in Oak Forest. The date is December 9

Ron Bonneau won \$45 in split the pot. A new record was set tonight with **7 no badge fines.**

Wednesday 19th of August Meeting

7:00PM meeting at Tim and Carol Dionne's house. 12339 107th Avenue. St. John, IN. 46373

WSJ Tours presents: Fall Trip to Milwaukee Wisconsin / Oct. 9,10,11



Individual Reservations Under A's R Us - Call the Hotel Directly at

414-345-5000 or 888-322-3326

For a King or double queen the cost will be \$109.00 per night.

You may cancel up to 2 days prior to the event.

There are only 20 rooms reserved so call now. There will be many things to see and do. This will be the first time the club has gone to this city.

Up Coming Calendar of 2009 Events

Tuesday August 4th Camp Quality in Frankfort, IL we will need cars to pick-up Koles volunteers at 4:30 at the store in Crete.

Sunday August 16th JOLIET JACKHAMMERS GAME: Meet at 4:00pm at the gate

Wednesday August 19th Club meeting Tim and Carol's house.

Saturday August 22nd 8:30 AM for breakfast at the Eggman 122nd and Pulaski

Thursday August 27th Drivin' the Dixie debriefing meeting in Crete time and place to be announced

Saturday August 29th 4 cars to drive wedding party guests from St. Louis DeMontfort Church in Oak Lawn at 2:00 pm to Chateau Busche in Alsip for Bob Granko.

September 8th – 11th Exposure Tour to Bishop Hill IL.

Fri, Sat, Sun October 9,10,11 Fall trip to Milwaukee WS

Remember: Crete Cruise Night is back 2nd and 4th and Beecher 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Young people now have a place to go and there should be many fewer problems.

Manhattan Car Club Cruise Night. 1009 W Laraway Rd. 2nd Mondays of June, July and August.

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Apollo 11 lunar landing mission. From left to right they are: Commander, Neil A. Armstrong, Command Module Pilot, Michael Collins, and Lunar Module Pilot, Edwin E. Aldrin Jr.

