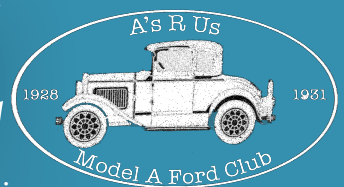




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## “Driving the Dixie” Reaction

Reaction is coming in on our last drive down the Dixie. There has already been some discussion on how to make the event even better next year. We will have plenty of time to discuss this at a later date. A couple of reactions from the web site are on pg.3.

I hope everyone had a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend I know the weather was great. See you soon, Phil

### **Header Picture:**

Ron Bono takes a picture in Beecher, IL

*The Carp  
Editor in Chief*

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- Spring trip

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# A Message from the Prez.



We have just completed two events, which have brought great satisfaction and pride to our club. The visit to the Manteno VA home brought something different and exciting to the Vets. The joy and excitement that was seen in their faces and eyes was a sight to behold. We as a club should be proud of their service to our country. Perhaps we can visit another veteran's home on our fall tour.

The next event that we should be proud of is the 2010 Drivin the Dixie. Many club members put in a great amount of time and effort to make this year's event a

success. The [tour guides](#), maps, signs, participants list, etc. and event staff all were of the finest quality. We are on the way to making the 100-year anniversary event in a huge success. Let's all volunteer to help create a memorable event.



The last item that I would like to talk about concerns the importance of having our Model A's in the best mechanical condition that we can. During the MARC [Grand Tour](#) in [French Lick, IN](#). two Model A's were damaged and people were injured due to inattention to driving and/or poor mechanical conditions. The accidents happened when the "rubber banding" of the line of cars occurred. We as a club sometimes have this happen and hopefully we will all learn from this tragic event.

As always, enjoy your Model A and stay safe.

Chuck



# DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE

By Jim Wright



Gas stations selling a variety of brands were a common sight on the Dixie Highway in Illinois. The Grant Park Service Station was located on the curve of Main Street, the Dixie Highway, on the south end of town. The station sold Barnsdall Oil products. The Oklahoma based company proclaimed itself as “The World’s Finest Refiner” and also touted the slogan “Be Square to Your Motor” on station signage. Today a modern Shell gas station and convenience store occupy the site.

# “The Survey Said”

**6/21/10**

Name **Carolyn Ray**  
Antique car owner? **Yes**  
Year and make of car **1968 Chevy Impala**  
How old are you? **50-60**  
Have you ever "drivin" the Dixie with us before? **No first time**  
How many times have you driven with us  
Who rides with you **- friends**  
Where do you start your day from **Blue Island**  
Starting in Blue Island where do you end your day **Momence**  
What did you think about your day with us? **Very enjoyable**

**Lots of fun**

Any suggestion(s) to make Drivin the Dixie a better event ? **no**

**6/21/10**

Name **Steve Scholefield**  
Antique car owner? **Yes**  
Year and make of car **1976 Triumph TR-6**  
How old are you? **30-50**  
Have you ever "drivin" the Dixie with us before? **yes**  
How many times have you driven with us **3**  
Who rides with you **- Wife**  
Where do you start your day from **Blue Island**  
Starting in Blue Island where do you end your day **Momence**  
What did you think about your day with us? **I enjoyed the whole experience We had a nice time running the Dixie**  
Any suggestion(s) to make Drivin the Dixie a better event ? **I wish we left all as a group like happened in the past and I think it was more enjoyable for the drivers and the spectators to be in a parade of old classic cars**

**6/21/10**

Name **Kathy & Michael Olson**  
Antique car owner? **Yes**  
Year and make of car **'59 Crown Imperial**  
How old are you? **30-50**  
Have you ever "drivin" the Dixie with us before? **No first time**  
How many times have you driven with us  
Who rides with you **- Wife**  
Where do you start your day from **Blue Island**  
Starting in Blue Island where do you end your day **Momence**  
What did you think about your day with us? **It was a very nice 1st time experience. Though for whatever reason we missed Pete's (?) Antique Car dealership and the turnoff for the Sears Homes.**

**\*The signs were a lifesaver\***

**The stop in Beecher was the nicest.**

Any suggestion(s) to make Drivin the Dixie a better event ? **I know it might be tough, but a drive around Dixie Mall wouldn't of been bad.**

**Maybe some volunteers at some of the odd intersections to direct folks towards the right direction.**



**A's R Us Meeting Minutes**  
**June 16, 2010**

**Meeting Location:** Steinmetz Garage

Call to Order: 7:00 pm - 30 members attending; 2 guests

Meeting was called to order by President Chuck Fritz. Chuck thanked Bob for providing us with a Summer Meeting Place. Minutes from the May meeting were read and approved.

**Member News:** Allan and Rosalinda Ekstrom will be leaving us as members in the near future. Their home is for sale as well as their Model A. They will be relocating to the city. Linnea Fritz is doing well, with her "numbers down." Chuck read a thank you letter from the Bridge Teen Center and Camp Quality for our recent donations, and Dale read a letter of thanks from Marlene and Joe for our donation. 3 Family Garage Sale in Crete for June 24, 25 & 26<sup>th</sup>, to be held at the Ekstrom home in Crete. Jon Lisota introduced our guests, Mike and Marlene DaViera, who are interested in joining our group. They have participated in the Dixie Dash for 3 years and are looking to join "some new activities."

**Treasurers Report** was read by Jim Wright. It was agreed to not renew the Dixie Fund cd, as the club is due reimbursement for expenses. A motion was made and accepted to obtain a Money Market account to make the funds more accessible.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**CORRECTION:** The event scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup> is at Cantigee, not Morton Arboretum.

**Driving the Dixie:** Wally thanked everyone for the hard work and efforts, as we have 3 days remaining till the event. Wally discussed "job assignments" for everyone. It was also suggested for members to wear their t-shirts from last year. After the dash is over, we will again gather at Aurelio's in Crete. .

**IL Veterans Home Outing:** 16 cars attended. Vets were very appreciative of the club's visit, photo op and gifts that were brought. Bob Steinmetz suggested we make this an annual event; all were in favor. Wally then acknowledged our very own "Vet: Herman Senkpeil. Dale talked about how our Vets are so appreciative over the "little things", and that we should also remember those currently serving our military. Dale's youngest son is in Afghanistan, and has asked for cards, letters to be sent to him as they are much appreciated. Corey received a couple of cards from our outing to Milwaukee and those "little thoughts" are greatly appreciated. Once again, the generosity of the A's members shined as members graciously volunteered to send care packages. Dale will provide a list of "suggested items to send."

**UPCOMING BUSINESS/EVENTS:**

**St. James on the Sag:** June 27<sup>th</sup>. Meet at 8:30 am at LincolnWay School, at Schoolhouse Road and Rt. 30. Breakfast will be served at St. James, as well as a picnic lunch.

**Homewood 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade:** Due to the Sunday Holiday, as to not conflict with church, the parade will be held Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 am, lineup at 10:30. More information to follow.

Beecher Parade: Will be held Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup>. Parade lineup is at 2:30. Phil Serviss has again opened his home to a "Pot Luck" bbq before the parade.

**Joliet Jack Hammers Outing:** August 21<sup>st</sup> 7:10 pm. Those interested in attending, please contact Chuck Fritz. Chuck would like list of those attending no later than July 4<sup>th</sup> so tickets can be secured. This is a “friends and family event, and Modern Cars only.”

**PICNIC:** July 25<sup>th</sup>: Arlene McNeely and Irene Rauch will be heading the kid’s games this year. Members will provide both a side and dessert to share.

**EXPOSURE TOUR:** Leave date is September 7<sup>th</sup>. The destination is French Lick, with a scenic river route. More info to come later.

**FALL TRIP:** 10/8,10/9, &10/10. Hotel info in newsletter.

**MOVIE IN THE PARK:** Olympia Fields Park District will be hosting a wine concert/movie in the park on August 13<sup>th</sup> and has asked for cars to be displayed from 3 pm to 5 pm.

**HOMEWOOD CRUISE NIGHTS:** Beginning Thursday June 17<sup>th</sup>, and then every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6 pm.

There were 4 No Badge Fines; and our largest split the pot of \$52 went to Randy Senkpeil.

## Danville, IL Fall Reservations

**Reserve now for the trip down the  
Exciting Dixie Highway!**

Days Inn  
77 N. Gilbert Street  
Danville, IL 61832  
217-443-6600

21 rooms Blocked under name **A's R Us** for October 8 and 9, 2010  
Mixed King and Double/Double rooms all at \$73.99 plus tax per night.

# Up and coming meeting locations:

**June thru Sept:** Steinmetz Garage in Frankfort

**Oct:** Wally & Kay Ekstrom

**Nov:** Ken & Dale Chamis

**Dec:** TBA

## Up Coming Calendar of 2010 Events

**Wednesday July 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting:** Bob's Garage in Frankfort

**Saturday August 21st: Joliet Jackhammers ball game**  
**7:10 start**

**Tuesday-Sunday September 6th-12<sup>th</sup>:** Exposure trip to southern Indiana.

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Fall Trip to Danville, IL

**July 2010**

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**August 2010**

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**September 2010**

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# A's R Us officers and Staff

President – Chuck Fritz Vice President – Tim Boltz Treasure – Jim Wright Secretary – Dale Chamis

Member relations – Joe Krygowski

Web Page – Joe Krygowski

Newsletter – Phillip Serviss

Parade Coordinator – Wally Ekstrom

Director of Safety – Ron Bonneau

Nat'l Rep. – Marlene Krygowski

Historian – Tim Boltz

Sgt. At Arms Steve Coe

Motor Medic - Jon Lisota

Banquet Queen – Robin Rodriguez



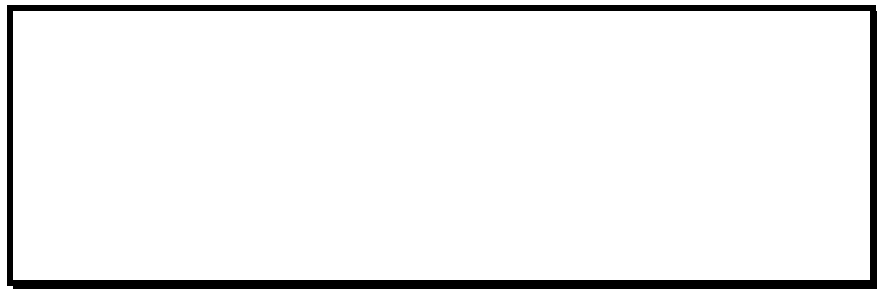
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“T Bird” on the route to Momence, IL Driving the Dixie

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