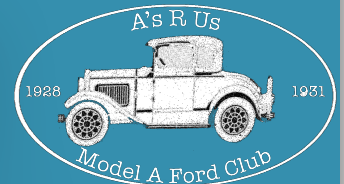




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On the road again!

My favorite time of the year is here again. We are driving the cars and escaping on the road to adventure. Lots of opportunities are coming so saddle up and hit the road partner. Danville IL is our fall trip on the same weekend as the Covered Bridge Festival. Our 6-day trip will be going to French Lick again so set the week of Labor Day on your calendar for this advent. There will be many other opportunities to get the car out and drive for the day. Hope to see you there,

Header Picture:

It's a three-generation family affair in this building project. Next month Claude will tell us about the Poulesn project.

Phil

*The Carp
Editor in Chief*

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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.

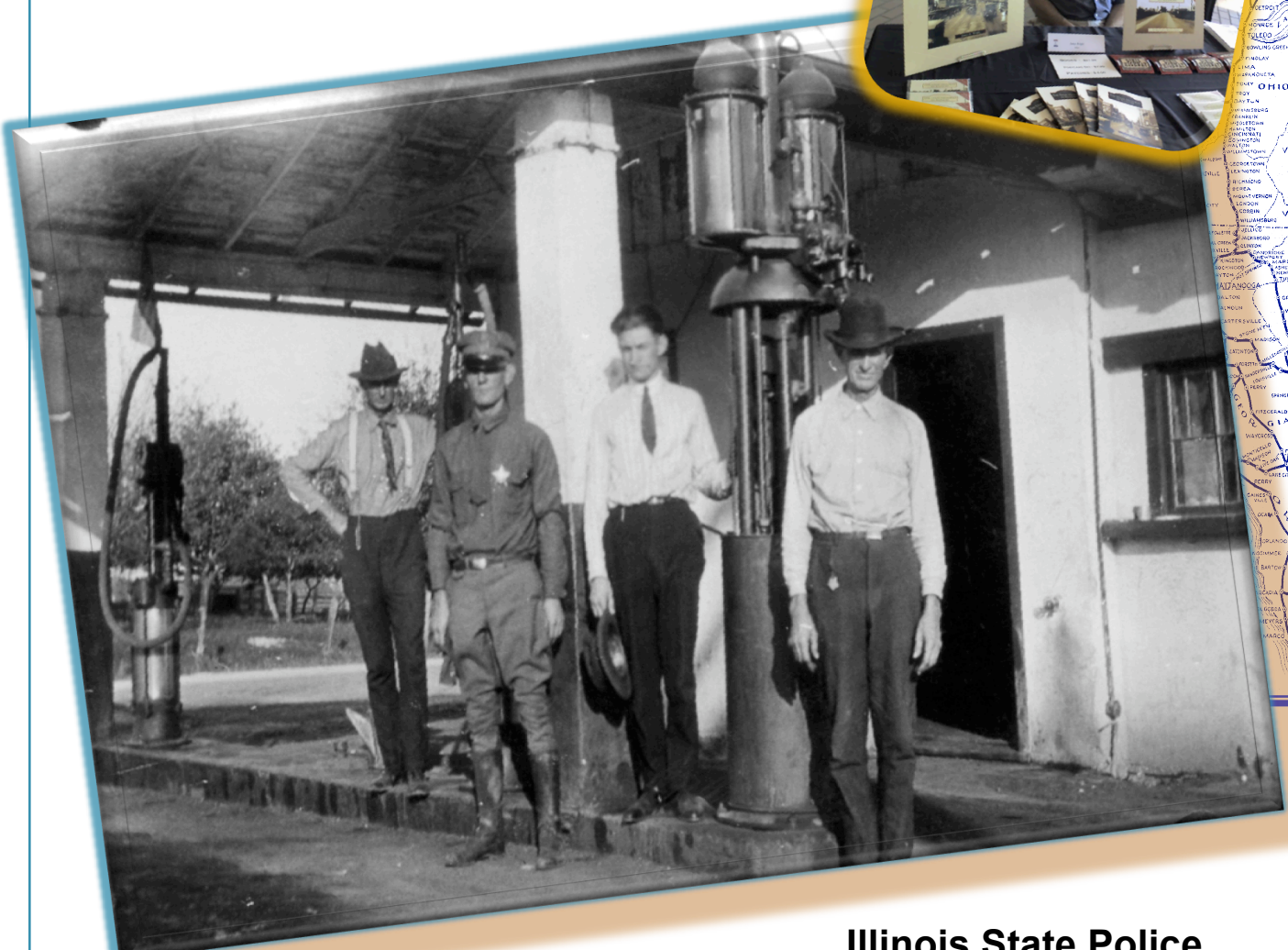
Jon's Theater Début



I gave the presentation of the **SG Construction** shirt for excellence in Theater Construction to Jon prior to the dress rehearsal of City of Angles on June 29th. A big thanks to all that could come out and see how quickly the scenes were changed using the turntable. Jon spent 4 days building the turntable and three days at Bloom HS helping with construction of the set for the play. Thank You!

DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE

By Jim Wright



Illinois State Police

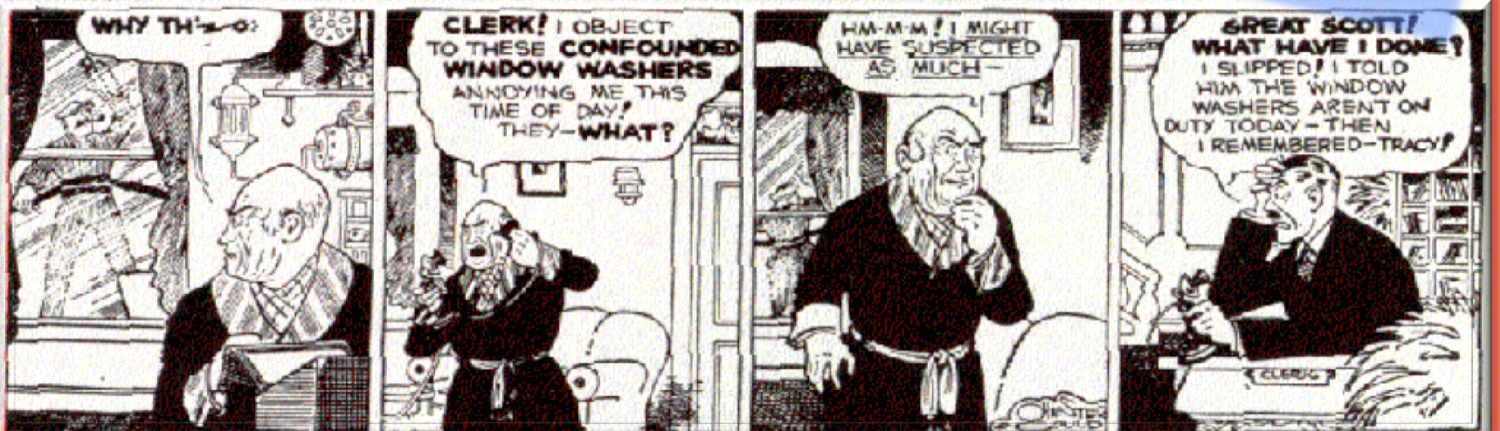
Trooper Robert Fisher poses with Albert and Paul Clem on his left at the Moore's Corner Sinclair filling station north of Danville. Trooper Fisher was well known patrolling the Dixie Highway in Vermilion County. Sadly, he was killed in a motorcycle accident on the highway while on patrol near Rossville on April 24, 1929. At the time, Trooper Fisher was following a bus crossing a bridge when an oncoming car sideswiped the bus. As the bus went out of control, Fisher was struck. Trooper Fisher was a 5 year veteran of the state police and he was the fifth trooper to be killed in the line of duty since the state police was organized in 1922. Previously he was employed as a railroad police officer and a sheriff's deputy. Trooper Fisher was survived by his wife and two children.

Shake Down Trip

La Porte, Indiana



Read the minutes for the story on the shake down cruise.



Jon Lisota: Motor Medic



Hi everyone.

This month, we worked on headlight adjusting and proper aiming. We had ten cars come to Bob Steinmetz's garage. Thanks to Bob. He has a nice long level surface. It takes 25 feet from the front of the car to the adjusting board, plus another 12 feet or so for the car. It sure makes it easy to work with all this space. We found night crawler hunters and raccoon hunters in our group. We even had one who did both. It's always nice to run into a sportsman. Bob furnished bulbs for the ones burnt out and missing. He also had some nice refreshments on hand. Tim Botts lights now focused and aimed very nicely. He had tried the repro reflectors. Last time we tried to focus and adjust his lights we had no luck at all. So he took his old ones and had them chromed. The difference was very dramatic. This is the only way to go if you want good lights. So if you have original reflectors, send them out to be re-silvered or chromed. Please don't waste money on the reproductions. The parabolic shape of these is not correct. Thus, your lights cannot be focused properly. And without focus, you cannot aim them where they should be. Chuck Fritz brought his illumination meter, and checked the lights before and after the adjustments. We showed great improvement on all the cars. The 50/32 candlepower bulbs make a great improvement. But you will need an alternator to run them. So now we have at least ten cars for the spring trip that will be able to drive nicely at night.

See ya all later.

Jon

Bob's Garage



Jon demonstrates the analytical inspection of the visible light wave emitter module. Micro-tuning the adjustment segment with a precision flat blade appliance to the light wave beam condensing and focusing module takes a steady hand. This will give results of upstream luminance's needed for efficient control of the motor vehicle in low luminosity conditions.



Note to self: You can only see $\frac{1}{2}$ as much with a box on one of the headlights.

A's R Us Meeting Minutes April 21, 2010

Meeting Location: Home of Ken & Dale Chamis
Call to Order: 7:00 pm - 26 members attending

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Tim Bots, who acted in Chuck's absence.

Member News: Chuck Fritz was admitted to the hospital today with what appeared to be a heart attack, but thankfully Chuck has been diagnosed with a virus, but remained in the hospital for observation. Tim Bots spoke with Linnea before our meeting and said Linnea was hopeful Chuck would be released tomorrow.

Marlene thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers during her absence. Dale Chamis welcomed Marlene Krygowski back to our meetings. It's been awhile (December) since we've seen Marlene.

Bob Steinmetz read a thank you letter from Penny, thanking us for our thoughts, prayers and plant when her mom passed away.

Treasurers Report was read by Jim Wright, which included a summary of our banquet expenses. Motion to accept

OLD BUSINESS

Shake Down Cruise: Our cruise began with breakfast at Raspberry Hill (great choice), with 20+ members. We were provided a "Scavenger Hunt" list to follow along the way. We stopped in Crown Point for some antiquing and shopping. After a small repair to Ken McNeely's vehicle, we were on the road again. We arrived at Strongbow Inn, Valparaiso for lunch and were met by June and Mick, (daughter and grandson of Joe & Marlene). After stuffing ourselves with delicious food, we headed toward Portage, to the car museum, where we saw a phenomenal display of vehicles, guns, and other artifacts. Tim Borchert provided us with baked goods purchased at Strongbow, and we headed out on our journey back home, with a stop in St. John for ice cream. Tim & Pat Bots were the winners of the scavenger hunt, winning a grand total of \$25. With only "two minor" car fixes, the day was anything but boring as we drove in sunshine, clear skies and country roads. Thanks to our tour guides Chuck Fritz and Tim Borchert, and to our assistant navigator Connie Borchert.

Driving the Dixie: A meeting was held on April 10th, and some information still has not been received by participating towns. Wally took the floor, beginning with a big thank you to Joe Krygowski for his work in putting together the tour guide and sending out to members.

Wally said a questionnaire would be provided at the end of the tour this year, which would give participants additional "prize tickets." A decision was made at the last meeting to provide Momence with a copy of our mailing list. Several members expressed concern about releasing private information. A suggestion was made to make a notation or "check off box" on the mailings letting participants know their information would be made public. Further discussion to continue at the upcoming breakfast meeting. Bob Steinmetz said mailings should have been done already, but due to a computer glitch, the list has been finalized, and emailed to Chuck. With Chuck being under the weather, Dale has agreed to print mailing labels. Karen will email her the list, and Wally will revise a new cover letter to be sent.

Breakfast Meeting: The group will meet April 24th 8:30 am at the Peachtree Restaurant,

Rt. 30 & Governors Highway. ***Dixie Dash to be discussed.***

Spring Tour: Dates are April 30th, May 1st and May 2nd. Bob Steinmetz passed out an overview of our tour. Departure is 8:45 am, after breakfast. We have been asked to display our cars on the grounds of the daffodil festival in downtown Galena. Bob will make placards for our vehicles, which can also be used in future events. We will dine on a Chuck Wagon Lunch along the way, so be sure to have cold beverages in your cars. Wally brought ice packs for everyone. All 20 rooms have been reserved.

Chi-Town Cruise: Sunday June 13th. The event will begin in Crestwood, traveling down Cicero Ave. All proceeds from this event will go to the Ronald McDonald House.

IL Veterans Home Outing: Set for June 12th at 1:00 pm. We will meet for breakfast at 9:00 am, allowing time to do some “antique shopping” before heading to the Veterans Home. A’s R Us will provide a “photo op”, for the residents of the Veterans Home, complete with framed photos. (Breakfast location to be determined at May’s meeting.)

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

Joliet Jack Hammers Outing: August 21st 7:10 pm. Those interested in attending, please contact Chuck Fritz.

Picnic: Wally has set July 25th as our event date. Members of the Highland Club are wishing to participate this year, being more involved in planning. Wally suggested a Picnic Chairperson, Jon Lisota to oversee this event. Jon graciously accepted.

Camp Quality: Dale finally was able to secure information regarding donations, and made a motion to donate \$500 to Camp Quality. This is the money we received last year for our participation in the Kohl’s A Team event. Bob Steinmetz seconded the motion, all were in favor. Jim Wright will send donation this week.

Fall Trip: Plans are still in the works. Information will be provided at our May meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Tim Bots provided members at the Shake Down Cruise a laminated card to be kept in our vehicles pertaining State Regulations of license plate display of antique vehicles. Two club members have been pulled over, happily avoiding citation. Tim will give additional cards to Jon Lisota to be passed out to other members at our next event.

Ronald McDonald House: Dale Chamis provided information for “Meals from the Heart”, where groups, or individuals come and cook meals for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House. There are many dates open, and it was suggested that we pick 2, maybe 3 dates, to cook and provide meals, and perhaps rides to children and their families. Anyone interested, please contact Dale Chamis. (A list of available dates will be sent out to members)

A’s R Us Communication: Joe Krygowski does a wonderful job emailing our members information about upcoming events, birthdays, member news, however, several members do not have email and miss out on receiving any information. Marlene has volunteered to be our “call person”.

There was \$5 in no badge fines, and split the pot (\$37.50) went to Tim Dionne.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

8 MAY MEETING TO BE HELD AT HOME OF TIM & CONNIE BORCHERT

Up and coming meeting locations:

May: Tim & Connie Borchert

June thru Sept: Steinmetz Garage in Frankfort

Oct: Wally & Kay Ekstrom

Nov: Ken & Dale Chamis

Dec: TBA

Up Coming Calendar of 2010 Events

Wednesday May 19th Meeting: Tim & Connie Borchert's house.
22547 N. Pebble Lake Ct. Frankfort, IL

Saturday June 12th: Veterans Home Outing at 1:00 pm. Manteno, IL

Saturday June 19th: "Driving the Dixie" Start in Blue Island

Saturday July 4th: Homewood parade

Saturday July 25th: Picnic at the Monee reserve with the highland Club

Sunday August 15th: Morton Arboretum Picnic

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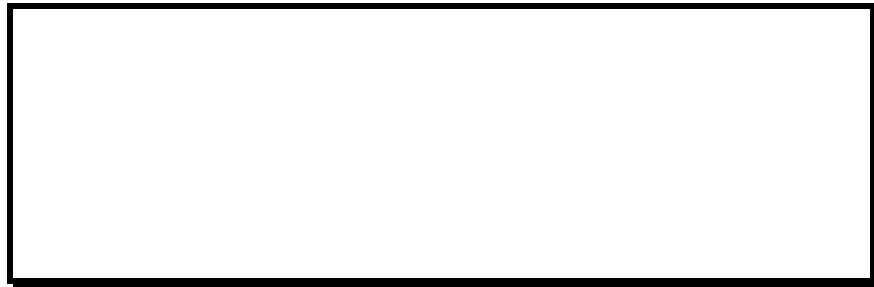
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Delivering the stage to the Drama Group in February in a 1931 AA Ford.

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