

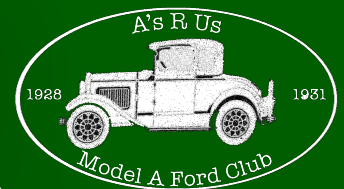


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What's in our History?

Well a quick up-date on the 1931 Tudor I purchased. I ran it around the country roads for 15 miles and she seemed to run like a top. It pulls very well and I had her up to 55 or so on Indiana Ave. So it looks like it's time to get her totally back together for the April 30th "Shake Down" run. *New to*

the Backfire Our club Historian will be on board now

and will be reliving past history in articles and

pictures for you for your enjoyment. See you soon,

Phil

Header Picture:

"North Capitol Tire Shop, 1919 or 1920."

Approaching the camera:
A two-horsepower bio-fuel vehicle. National Photo



DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE

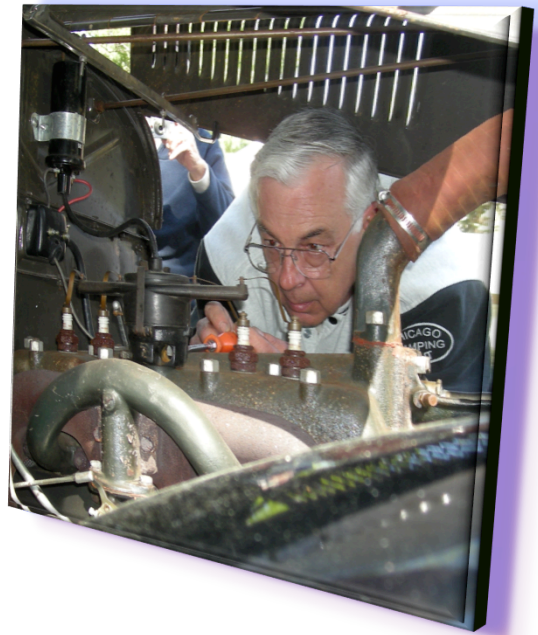
By Jim Wright



The Arche' Fountain was a gift to Chicago Heights from the Arche' Club of Chicago, one of the largest women's clubs in the city. Designed by sculptor George Ganier, the fountain was dedicated on October 13, 1916 and is located on the southwest corner of the Lincoln and Dixie Highways - the "Crossroads of the Nation." From the center of the basin rises a torch, the insignia of the club, and on the lower portion of the shaft is a relief portrait of Abraham Lincoln below the inscription of the Lincoln quote: "We find ourselves in the peaceful possession of the fairest portion of the earth." The fountain, recently restored, served as a refreshing stop for motorists along the two main highways for years and was the first stop on the A's R Us 2010 fall tour.

Jon Lisota:

Motor Medic



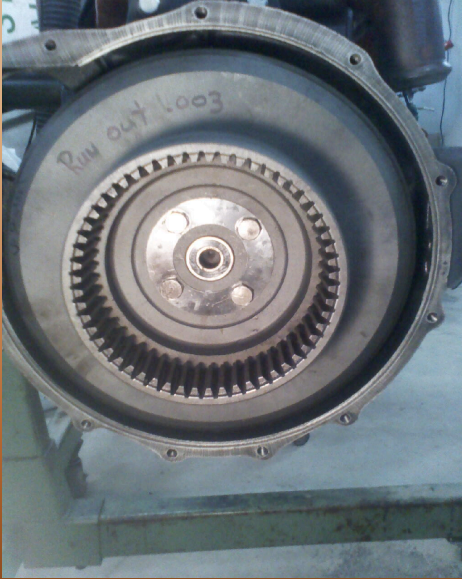
Lets talk about some of the differences between the early 1928 Model A and the later, 28 thru 31 Model A. Seeing as I have my engine and transmission out of my car I will use this for our tech talk for this month.

Differences between the 28 and 29's are:

- The transmission has its parking brake located in the front of the shift lever. It was later changed to the right side.
- 28's have no front bearing retainer as 29-31's. The bell housing is used as the front retainer.
- The input shaft to the transmission has threads located on the front side, just behind the pilot-bearing stub.
- The pressure plate, clutch plate, and throw out bearing. This is a multidisc pack of plates and discs. This is a self-contained unit that is slid onto the input shaft of the transmission. Then a thick washer and nut is used to hold it. It is also cotter keyed.
- The flywheel is much bigger than the ones used later. The later are surfaced for a clutch plate surface.
- The multidisc flywheel is extended rearward and is large enough for the multidisc clutch pack to get into it. The outside of the clutch pack is full of squared off teeth that must line up inside the flywheel. Also the throw out bearing, is part of the clutch pack. It does have it's own grease zert, which actually greases the throw out bearing. The later style only greases the front bearing retainer where the throw out bearing rides on.



1928 Flywheel



The transmission gears are the same in all years of the transmission. The early 28 needs to have two thrust washers installed, one in front and one behind the cluster gear. These were later done away with when a change was made in the transmission case.

The front engine mounts on the early 28 are, an extension of the front cross member. Two flanges are higher than normal. These line up with the holes in the front of the block. This result with the engine firmly connected to the front cross member. So more of the engine vibrations are felt in this model. The later cars use a yoke type mount, that is forward of the engine and goes through the valley part of the cross member. With the use of three springs, it then has the ability to dampen engine vibrations. The rear mounts are the same thru out all years of production.

The shift tower is the same as the later ones, except for the location of the parking brake. The only other difference is, that inside of the tower, there is a thick felt washer and a steel cover. These go onto the shift lever, and then the spring is put on just like the rest. This causes us to have to use a one-inch shorter spring. Five inches instead of the six-inch spring use since the changes were made to the single plate clutch and pressure plate used through the end of production. Now lets not to forget the little hole and the backside of our shift towers. This is a vent hole, to relieve pressure. Wouldn't hurt to check your towers and poke a wire through the hole to clean it out. Hope everyone learned something and enjoy seeing the differences.

Jon Lisota



Motor mount

Multi-disk clutch



History According to Chamis



Volume 1 Issue 1. March 1996. Fifteen years ago, our editor in chief Phil Serviss wrote the first Backfire. He wanted things to put in the newsletter, and says just put it on a floppy disk. What changes in a short time. I will be bringing you back in time with bits of our history. Such as, the Serviss family is the only active original charter members. And it was 32 cents to mail it. The female members decided on the club colors. An amusing list was on page 1, issue 4. This is directed to our motor medic Jon Lisota. Things to keep with you section. It was meant to have with you in case of a breakdown. Electrical tape, coat hanger, small diameter rubber hose, ½ inch wrench, 9/16 wrench, slotted screw driver, coffee can, and VISA card. So how have we evolved to taking soooooo many other items? It will be informative, humorous, enlightening, and other long words to describe us, and how we got here. I will look back every month and pick bits and pieces of us, who we are and why we are. Maybe we will find new old things to do, as I remember having a lot of fun over the years. Hey, another of our current members joined, the Dionne's in May of 1996. And they talk of an auction and high-speed rear ends. Below is the **TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR THE CAR COLLECTOR** stolen out of the August 1996 newsletter. Well it will be a fun "going back in time", so until next month, lets keep having fun.

Ten commandments for the car collector:

1. Thou shalt not store cars out-of-doors except for thy wife's iron.
2. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's car, nor his garage, nor his battery charger.
3. Thou shalt not love thy cars more than thy wife and children, as much, but not more.
4. Thou shalt not read thy Hemmings on company time, least thy employer make it impossible to continue thy car payments.
5. Thou shalt not despise thy neighbors Edsel, nor his Desoto, nor even his 1947 Plymouth.
6. Thou shalt not allow thy daughters nor thy sons to get married during the holy days of Hershey.
7. Thou shalt not deceive thy wife into thinking that thee is taking her for a romantic Sunday drive, indeed, thou art going out to look for another car.
8. Thos halt not tell thy spouse the entire cost of thy latest restoration, at least not all at the same time.
9. Thou shalt not promise thy wife a new addition to the house and then use it to store cars.
10. Thou shalt not buy thy wife a floor jack for Christmas.

A'S R US MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2011

MEETING LOCATION: Jon & Yvonne Lisota

CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT TIM BOTS AT: 7:06PM

Minutes were accepted as published

TREASURERS REPORT: Reported by Jim Wright

FAMILY NEWS: We are happy to have Tim D. back and healthy.

Phil and Nancy will have their new car ready for the Shake Down Cruise

Jon's car is a work in progress.

OLD BUSINESS:

SHAKE DOWN CRUISE: Meet at 7:45AM Commander Restaurant (W of Calumet) on 4-30-11 for a tour of northwest Indiana. If you opt to not join us for breakfast; cruise will leave by 9:00AM.

HEALTH FORMS: Ron reminded the membership, forms have to be completed and turned in before the cruise.

SPRING TRIP: Ron re-iterated some events for the upcoming spring trip. He reminded the membership the full brochure is on line. We will meet at the RASBERRY RESTAURANT in Steger and lunch break will be near the Studebaker Mansion. More to come.....

NEW BUSINESS: Joe passed out A'SRUS Bylaws. There was discussion regarding the status of our club (profit or non-profit). It was clarified we are a Non-for Profit organization; we have filed our Illinois tax form but not our Federal. Jim said he would take care of that. Ron proposed a committee be formed to review and revise the Bylaws. Ron and Tim JB will form the committee and report on progress.

Jon will order the revised edition for Model A Cars from Maafca from his source, which will save the club shipping, and handling costs.

FALL TRIP: was briefly discussed. An open discussion ensued and a committee was formed to organize another great event. Phil, Jim, Bob and Henry.

ON GOING BUSINESS: Phil, Joe, Tim B and Jim attended the meeting with the Dixie Committee. Elaine re-iterated the events of the meeting between her and A'SRUS. There was no vote taken regarding our request for sharing of the profits from 2009, 2010 and this year. Representation from Hazel Crest requested a meeting in June or July to iron out the finances (costs, income, profit & percentages). Phil stated the Dixie committee is talking of creating a Driving Dixie organization. He noted we are not a part of their committee, and stated that we are committed for this year, but the future how A'SRUS will be involved will be discussed in a July meeting. A'SRUS does fund raise with the 50/50 money and the Poker Run. Jim re-iterated that NO decision has been made regarding the money and entitlement for the Driving Dixie fund. It was clearly stated that Driving Dixie is a separate event, from our upcoming 100th Anniversary of the Dixie Highway in 2015. Joe stated there is a car club with a large membership that is interested in participating this year. Bob Steinmetz has met with this group in the past many times, however they want to start in Homewood. It was clearly stated that if each member bought and paid for their packet in advance, they could start wherever they want and hook up with our group along the route. Everyone seemed in accord with this proposal.

MISC. BUSINESS: Ken received an e-mail from the Social Co-coordinator of a Senior Residence (Roberta Kelly) She was proposing we put together a Car Event for May 21st.....50's theme. Discussion ensued, it was stated the date is too close to put together what she is proposing. However, Bob suggested we offer to do something like we have done in the past for the Veterans Homes. Ken will respond.

Joe stated the Bride and Groom are still interested in our club for their wedding on 9-24-11. More info will come.

Tim B. laid out incoming mail from different organizations for perusal.

Tech Talk: Was after the meeting. It was not decided for the April meeting.

Breakfast: Peachtree Restaurant April 2nd at 8:30AM.

Misc Discussions: 50/50 was \$61.00 and 1/2 went to Ron. There was \$3.00 collected for no badges.

Next month's meeting: Will be held at Chuck & Linnea Fritz.

THANKS TO JON & YVONNE FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY AND GOODIES.

Adjourn: 8:30pm

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: SANDY KALETA / SECRETARY

Return to Delavan Lake Wisconsin

Fall Trip - Friday October 7 through Sunday October 9, 2011
Delavan/Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

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\$110 per night for 1 bedroom/1 bath suite

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A's R US Confidential Medical Form

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It is understood that the information contained within this form is to kept confidential UNLESS a medical situation develops during the course of an activity being conducted by the A's R US car club that necessitates the release of this information to medical personnel.

Signature: _____

Up and coming meeting locations:

Up Coming Calendar of 2011 Events

Wednesday April 20th Meeting at the Home of *Chuck & Linnea's* / Park Forest

Sunday, April 30th: Shakedown cruise Meet at **Commander Restaurant (W of Calumet) on Ridge Road. Depart at 9:00am**

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, May 13,14,15: Spring Trip to Holland Michigan. Meet at Raspberry restaurant in Steger



Here is another blast from the past. Any guesses?

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Sgt. At Arms Steve Coe Motor Medic - Jon Lisota

Banquet Queen – Robin Rodriguez



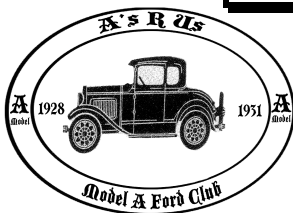
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