

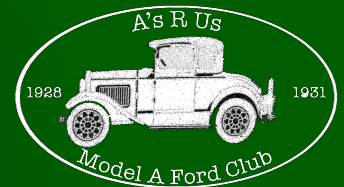


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November has come and gone and December is well on its way to being over. I plan on getting work done on both cars to get them ready for the spring trip this winter. This is something that everyone needs to look at so in the spring Jon isn't overwhelmed. I hope to have a couple of "Tech Talks" at my house to facilitate the projects. If you can make the talks it's a good time even if your there to cheer on the grease monkeys! I will see everyone at the Christmas

party so until then
"Merry Christmas!"



Header Picture:

Phil and Nancy's
1929 Tudor at the
Homewood parade.

Phil

DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE

By Jim Wright



The Dixmoor Golf Club was one of a number of golf courses along the Dixie Highway in the Homewood area. Located south of 175th Street and west of Dixie highway, the club was across the street from the Calumet Country Club and just north of the Ravisloe Country Club grounds. Although, incorporated in October 1921, the course celebrated its inaugural season in May 1923. The club was semi-private and the general public was welcome to use the course for a daily fee. Notable members included renowned amateur golfer Charles "Chick" Evans, Charles Comiskey, owner of the Chicago White Sox, and William Veeck, Sr., president of the Chicago Cubs. The club struggled financially and closed at the end of the 1926 season. The acreage was sold for development but only a dozen homes were built before the onset of the Depression. It wasn't until the post-WWII housing boom that the subdivision, now known as Governors Park, in tribute to another famous highway, was completed.

Jon Lisota: Motor Medic



Well, we almost made a trip with no breakdowns. But no, Joe and Mar, just had to take some time to sit along the highway.

Joe decided that he didn't want to drive any more. So it was time to find out why. As it turned out, that ole blue bomber just decided not to run anymore.

So we checked the gas. That was okay.

Then we checked for voltage at the terminal box nuts. We had voltage there.

So we then checked voltage at the points. (To do this we need to turn the engine over so that the points are opened up.) A HA no voltage here. This tells us that our key switch, or the wire feeding the points is bad. So we dropped the dash panel and checked the switch. We had voltage going into the switch. Turned the key and we had voltage coming out of the switch. So this tells us that the wire going to the distributor is grounding out or broken.

In Joe's case the wire broke where it attaches to the plug that screws into the distributor.

So into my little black bag I go and install a new switch and cable.

Joe and Mar were then on their way to eat pizza with the rest of the group.

Fall Trip Pictures





A's R Us Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2011

Meeting Location: Tim & connie Borchert's

Call to Order: 7:15 pm

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Tim Borchert. Thank you to Wally and Kaye Ekstrom for their hospitality last month, and for hosting our annual auction, which netted the club \$482! The club also welcomed special guests Charlie and Carolyn Gray. A very big thank you to our auctioneer Henry Jassica who provided us with a great evening of fun! The minutes from the October meeting were approved as read.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Bob Steinmetz announced the nominations for the A'sRUs Executive Board for 2012:

PRESIDENT: Tim Borchert

TREASURER: Jim Wright

VICE PRESIDENT: Ken Chamis

SECRETARY: Sandy Kaleta

The nominations were accepted.

MEMBER NEWS: Sadly, we announce the passing of Carol Dionne's mother. Services will be held Friday November 11th at 9:15 am. St. Anne's in Lansing. Chuck Fritz, Wally Ekstrom and Al Kaleta are all recuperating from surgeries and are doing well. Herman Senkpeil has had some medical concerns but is doing well. Priscilla Steinmetz is taking the media by storm with another article in a Frankfort newspaper featuring the Bridge Teen Center, and our very own Jon Lisota has the bragging rights for his grandson Ryan, who also made headline news!

OLD BUSINESS: Our annual Christmas Party is fast approaching and will be held at Beggars Pizza in New Lenox on December 14th at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$10 per person, and once again we will have our \$20 grab bag.

Bob Steinmetz has kept a roster of old events, and is looking for group photos from trips of yesteryears.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Homewood Christmas Parade December 2nd. Line up begins at 6:30 with the parade starting at 7:00. Crete Christmas Parade is Saturday December 3rd. Line up begins at 5:30; parade kick off is at 6:30. Wally will reserve tables for us at Aurelio's afterwards.

NEW BUSINESS: Members discussed having an Events Committee to made a pro-forma events schedule for the upcoming year. Committee volunteers are Bob Steinmetz, Phil Serviss, and Joe Krygowski.

Ken & Bob stated another group of young men from a scout group expressed interest for a mechanics badge. Bob is looking for volunteers 2 nights, 2 hrs each night.

EXPOSURE TOUR: Phil will be planning a 6 day trip for the week of Labor Day 2012.
CLUB PURCHASE: Phil announced the availability of an AED, which needs a new battery. This would accompany us on trips and be used in the event of an emergency. Chuck Fritz made a motion to fund the cost, and Phil will report back in December with the cost.
BUDGET COMMITTEE: Will meet and have proposed budget at our December meeting.
TECH TALK: on hold for December

BREAKFAST CLUB: November 19th 8:30 am Peachtree Restaurant
 Since they were such a big hit at our fall trip, Henry will be purchasing chinese lanterns and if anyone would like one, please let Henry know.

50/50 went to Nancy Serviss \$30, and there was one no badge fine.
 Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Submitted by:Dale Chamas

Up and coming meeting locations:

Up Coming Calendar of 2012 Events

Wednesday JANUARY 18th: Meeting at Phil and Nancy's home

Wednesday December 14th: Christmas party, New Lenox Beggars Pizza \$20.00 mans or woman's gift

December 2011

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<http://www.medids.com/free-id.php>

<http://www.medids.com/Emergency Medical Form.html>

A's R Us officers and Staff

- President – Tim Bots
- Vice President – Tim Borchert / Treasure – Jim Wright / Secretary – Sandy Kaleta
- Newsletter – Phillip Serviss
- Member Relations – Joe Krygowski
- Web Page – Joe Krygowski
- Parade Coordinator – Wally Ekstrom
- Director of Safety – Ron Bonneau
- Nat'l Rep. – Marlene Krygowski
- Historian – Ken Chamis
- Sgt. At Arms Steve Coe
- Motor Medic - Jon Isota

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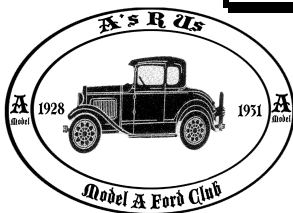
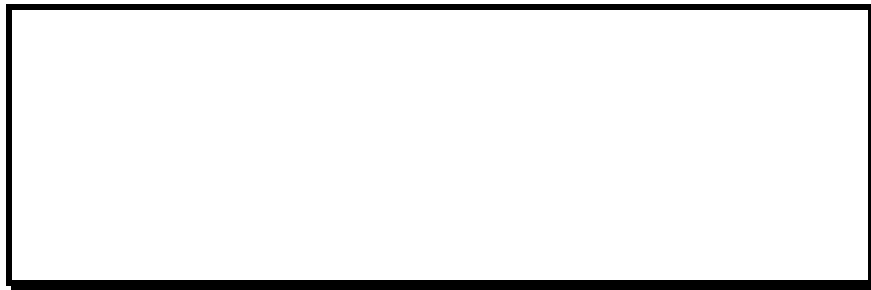
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