

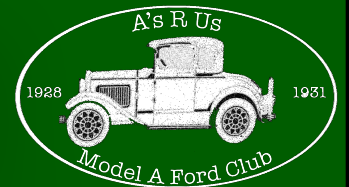


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Spring Trip Full?

At the writing of this newsletter I called for my room for the spring trip. Well the block of rooms are full and I got the rate but not on the original block. My feeling is that this group can't wait to get in the cars and drive. I hope to have a new addition to my stable on the road

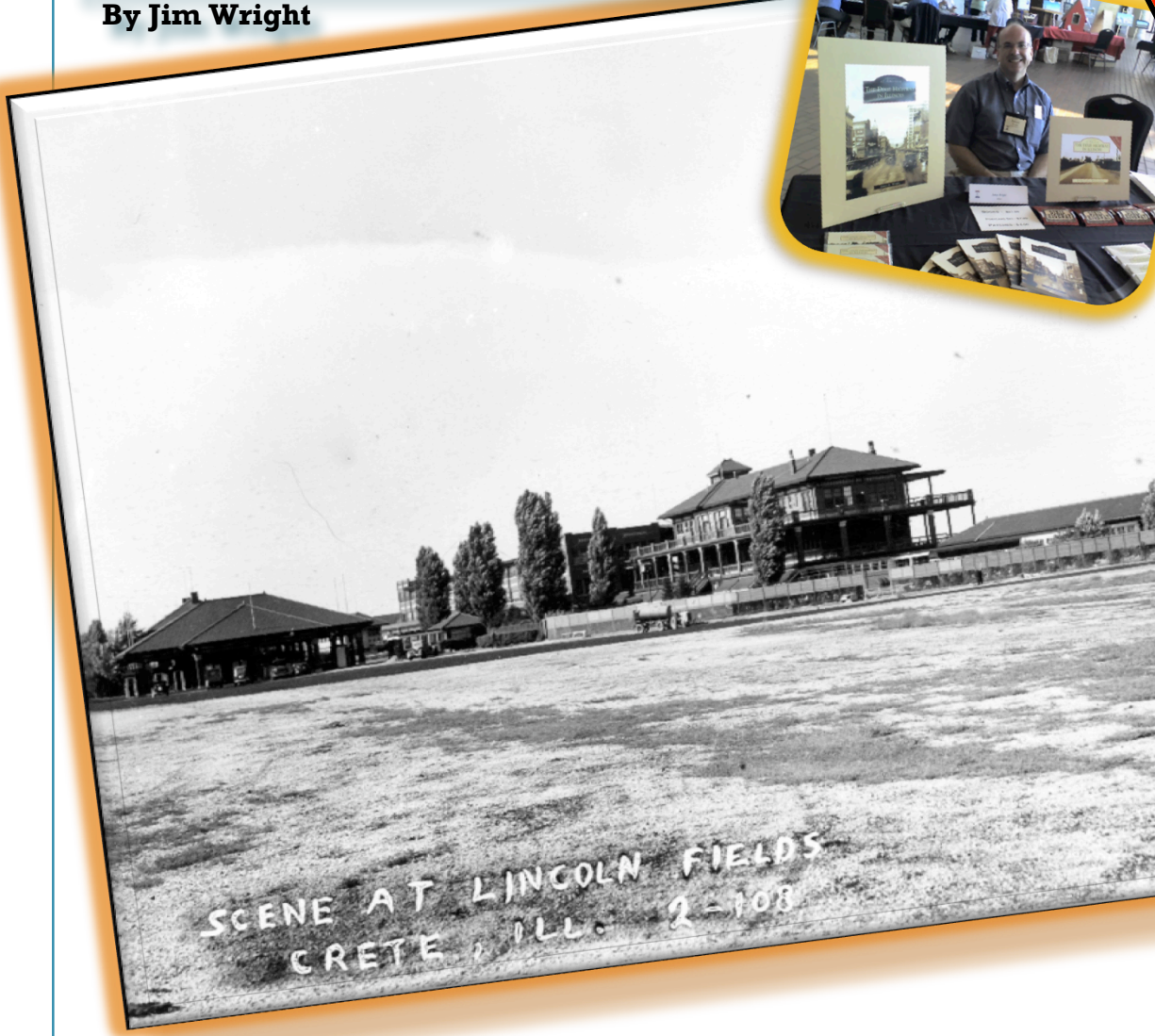


Header Picture: "Dome Oil Co., Takoma Park." In Maryland in 1921, a gritty diorama of the Petroleum Age.

for the trip, a 1931 Tudor. I need to finish a few things on the motor and when the weather breaks Jon and I will start road testing it. *Phil*

DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE

By Jim Wright



SCENE AT LINCOLN FIELDS
CRETE, ILL. 2-108

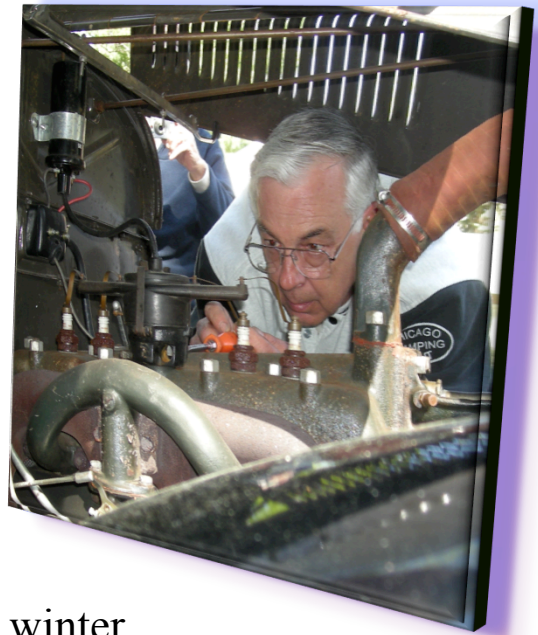
Lincoln Fields Race Track was a popular destination on the Dixie Highway south of Crete.

The track opened on August 9, 1926, for its inaugural meet of races. In addition to the Dixie Highway, race fans also traveled to the racecourse along a spur line of the C&EI Railroad.

The original clubhouse building (center) was the scene of a disastrous fire on January 30, 1952.

The clubhouse was declared a total loss, and a new building was completed in time for the start of the racing season in May 1954. The Balmoral Jockey Club purchased Lincoln Fields in 1955, and the track has been known as Balmoral ever since.

Jon Lisota: Motor Medic



Well, we have put away the Model A's for the winter.

But our work is not done. We all put in anti-freeze or drained our engine blocks. But if we want insure that, Ole Nellie fires up in the spring. We should check out a few things this winter.

First off, lets go take a look at our cars.

Are all the tires inflated and standing nice and tall?

Tires that are low or flat while sitting in storage, is not a very good thing. This will break down the tires sidewalls, weakening the cords, which leads to shorter tire life over all. So lets pump those tires back up to 35 lbs. of air. AND don't forget the spare.

One other thing we can do for Nellie is to check the battery.

I know it's hard to get to. But we need to check the fluid level and add **distilled water** if needed. But if you do need to add water, you also need to put a **battery charger** on the battery. Adding water and letting it sit, will lead to a dead battery. We must either use a charger or drive the car and have the alternator or generator charge the battery. Just a couple of tips you can do, to help insure a good start-up in the spring. Stay warm and we will see you at the tech talk.

We will be reconditioning a transmission shift tower.

Hope to see you then.

Feb. 12, 6 P.M. on a Tuesday.

Jon Lisota

A'S R US MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 19 2011

MEETING LOCATION: HOME OF PAT AND TIM BOTS (thanks for being Great Hosts)

CALL TO ORDER at 7:05PM and a welcome by our new President. Minutes of December meeting were read and approve. Tim introduced our guest Steve Pelke and extended an invitation of membership. Steve stated he has several vintage cars and offered his e-mail address for future mailings
Steve.pelke@kaymfg.com

TREASURERS REPORT:

FAMILY NEWS: Bob shared that Marvin is recovering from a recent stay in the hospital and that John R's health is declining and he wants to sell his sports coup. (1931 yellow, restored with original parts).

Dale shared that Shawn has completed his tour of duty and Cory will be home on leave soon. A Thank You card was received from the Granko family for flowers sent.

OLD BUSINESS: Al & Sandy's "BIG RED" was chosen as the winning car for the Homewood Christmas Parade and received a gift certificate to Bellagio's Restaurant, Homewood.

TIM OPENED A DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSED 2011 BUDGET:

D/O Insurance was questioned: Ken stated for all members to be insured MAFCA needs a copy of the membership roster with new officers listed. Jim stated he would handle that.

Driving Dixie insurance was discussed briefly and Bob stated we will have to get it somewhere other than MAFCA as they haven't offered it for a couple of years.

Tim B. discussed that Budgeted Incomes and Expenses are an average from 2010.

Bob requested the donation to Gilmore Museum be listed as a separate line item under expenses and stated that the commitment was 50%.

Dale motioned that the Budget for 2011 be accepted as amended, it was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS: Tim B. announced there will be a meeting Saturday from 10-12:00 in the Homewood Village Board Room for the 2011 DRIVING THE DIXIE COMMITTEE. Tim read a letter from Elaine Egdorf where she requested an expense estimate so they can determine registration fees. This opened an active discussion relating to past profits from Driving Dixie and a questioning of A's R Us continuing to administer the day without being paid a fee over and above expenses. Jim stated the money in the CD from 2010 and 2009 has been tagged for the Dixie Highway Committee. Bob stated we have been keeping it in interest bearing accounts as the committee has not determined the type of Brochure for Dixie Hwy, that was wanted (which was the original intent for the money). Tim JB, Steve and Ron proposed a line item for liquid cash to be added to the budget for the Driving the Dixie Fund and be funded by proceeds from the previous Driving Dixie event. Proposal was Unanimously approved by the membership.

Steve proposed a committee be appointed to attend the Saturday meeting: The following volunteered to be the 2011 Driving the Dixie Committee and to attend the Saturday meeting: Phil, Tim B., Tim JB, Joe and Jim

They were unanimously approved by the membership.

ON GOING BUSINESS: Ron discussed the **Spring Trip** May 13,14,15 to Holland Michigan. He questioned the possibility of changing dates. The club membership present requested he keep the dates as planned. He stated he and Jon L will be there and head up the trip as planned. Thanks Ron.

Shake Down Trip headed by Bob and Wally is still in the planning mode.

Club Picnic was discussed for July 17, 31st or 24th. It was proposed that Wally get the permit, that we invite the Highland Club as last year and that Jon L be in charge. All were in accord.

Sunday Outing: Tim B. proposed the possibility of attending a Lake County, Deep River Grinders Baseball Game in Hobart, Indiana as a club day. He suggested we drive our old cars, pull the chuck wagon and enjoy a game of baseball that follows the 1858 Rules of Play. This will be discussed further when we get the schedule.

MEETING PLACES FOR 2011:

February: Phil & Nancy March: Ron Bonneau April: Chuck & Linnea's
May: Jon & Yvonne

June/July: Steinmetz Garage August: Ken & Dale Sept, Oct & Nov are still available.

TECH TALKS:

FEBRUARY 15TH 6:00 pm JONS GARAGE TOPIC: SHIFTING FORKS—STEVES CAR

MARCH? POSSIBLE PULL REAR AXEL PHILS CAR

SATURDAY BREAKFAST: FEBRUARY 12TH 8:30 am. Peach Tree Restaurant.

JOE handed out the 2011 Membership Rosters to all present. Thanks Joe, great job!!!

BOB briefly mentioned 2 SWAP MEETS: **SUNDAY IN JOLIET: VINTAGE CAR CLUBS AND IN 2 WEEKS: KALIMAZOO: ANTIQUE RESTORER CLUB FOR THOSE INTERESTED. HE ALSO BRIEFLY DISCUSSED THE TINLEY PARK FUND RAISER B Y ROGERS TOWING.**

Tim B. put out incoming mail for membership perusal and presented sets of red/white LED lights for \$10.00 for those interested. **Tim JB** presented a video from a Model A Repairs web site, which he will continue to bring if the membership is interested.

THERE WAS A MOTION TO ADJOURN WHICH WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED at 9:00PM.

Thanks to Tim for his delicious bread and to Pat/Tim for the great refreshments and friendly conversation.

Respectfully Submitted: Sandy Kaleta, Secretary

'SPRING TRIP' HOLLAND MICHIGAN MAY 13, 14, 15

The name of the motel is the "Sunset Motel" in Allegan, Michigan. I am holding a block of twenty non-smoking rooms under our club name; 8 kings and 8 double bed rooms for May 13 and 14th.

All are second floor rooms as they are the ones that have been remodeled.

The rate is \$105 + tax for any room.

The phone number is 269-673-6622.

The block will be released on March 15th.

Name this trip and the year



Up and coming meeting locations:

Up Coming Calendar of 2011 Events

Saturday, February 12th : Peach Tree restaurant 8:30am Rt. 30 and Crawford.

Tuesday, February 15th : Jon's Garage 6:00pm

Wednesday, February 16th: Meeting at the Home of Phil & Nancy Serviss. Check your directory for the address.

Phil will have these at the meeting:

Motorola Radios w/new batteries and charger 50\$

5 lb commercial ABC fire extinguishers w/hanger for car or home \$10 all moneys go to the club

Wednesday, March 16th : Meeting at the Home of Ron Bonneau's

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A's R Us officers and Staff

President – Tim Bols Vice President – Tim Borchert Treasure – Jim Wright Secretary – Sandy Kaleta

Member relations – Joe Krygowski Web Page – Joe Krygowski Newsletter – Phillip Serviss

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Nat'l Rep. – Marlene Krygowski Historian – Ken Chamis

Sgt. At Arms Steve Coe Motor Medic - Jon Lisota

Banquet Queen – Robin Rodriguez



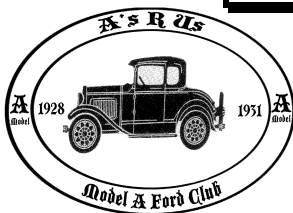
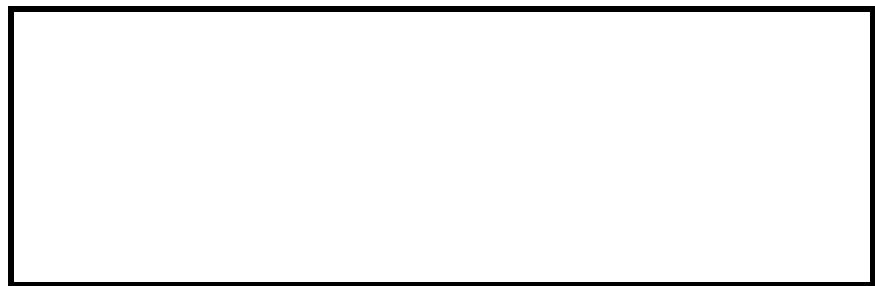
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