

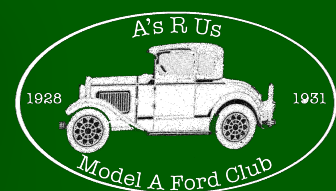


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BACKFIRE



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Shake down soon....

Get all the stuff off the car and clean it up. Warm weather is near and we will be on the road soon. If you have been putting off fixing something now is the time to do it. The spring trip will be to late and we have way to many cars to stop everyone as in the past. On the fall trip only the motor medic and the disabled car stopped and the rest kept going. This did work well and everyone arrived

safely to Danville, IL. If you need help just ask. If there's a open hood your sure to find a couple guys willing to fix it.



Header Picture:

1940
 Benton Harbor
 Michigan

Phil

DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE

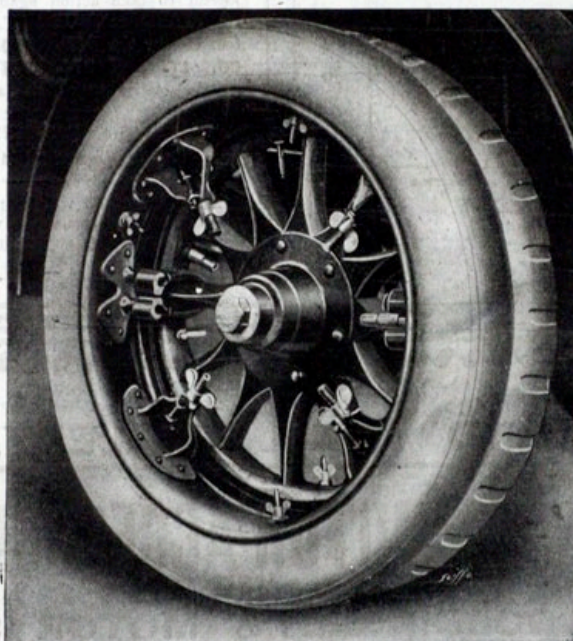
By Jim Wright



Early in the motor age, spare automobile wheels were made to clamp on the existing wheel and rim of a car when a puncture or other problem caused a tire to go flat. The Stepney Spare Automobile Wheel originated in Wales and the company had an American subsidiary which produced spare auto wheels in St. Anne just off the Dixie Highway from 1908 through the late teens. The company slogan was "On and Gone in Less than a Minute." There was no need to change the damaged tire, saving stress, annoyance and the loss of valuable time. There also was no special equipment or tools of any kind required to affix the wheel because it was secured by simple thumbscrews and the Stepney spare was always carried fully inflated and ready for use. By the late teens, as automakers began to supply their own spare tires with the cars they made, the Stepney company's business declined and the U.S. affiliate closed. The factory was later sold and became the St. Anne Foundry.

STEPNEY SPARE MOTOR WHEELS

**ON SHOW AT STAND No. 275,
The Gallery, Agricultural Hall.**



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Over 12,000
already in use,
giving
wonderful
satisfaction.

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Hundreds of
Testimonials
from
Hundreds
of delighted
Owners.

THE COMBINATION STEPNEY WHEEL IN USE.

A Combination Stepney Wheel can be adjusted to fit either Front or Back Wheels of a Car having smaller size wheels in front than back.

Stepney Wheels in stock at—

- Messrs. Maison Talbot, 1, Long Acre
 - „ A. W. Gamage, Ltd., Holborn
 - „ Harrod's Stores, Ltd., 87, Brompton Road
 - „ Argylls, Ireland, Ltd., 102, Grafton St., Dublin.
 - „ John Croall & Sons, Ltd., Castle St., Edinburgh.
- London.

Manufacturers—

STEPNEY SPARE MOTOR WHEEL WORKS (Dept. A), LLANELLY, WALES.
Also at BERLIN.

Jon Lisota: Motor Medic



Have you ever sat down, and out of the blue told your wife that your going to sell your 1931 AA, you have had for 17

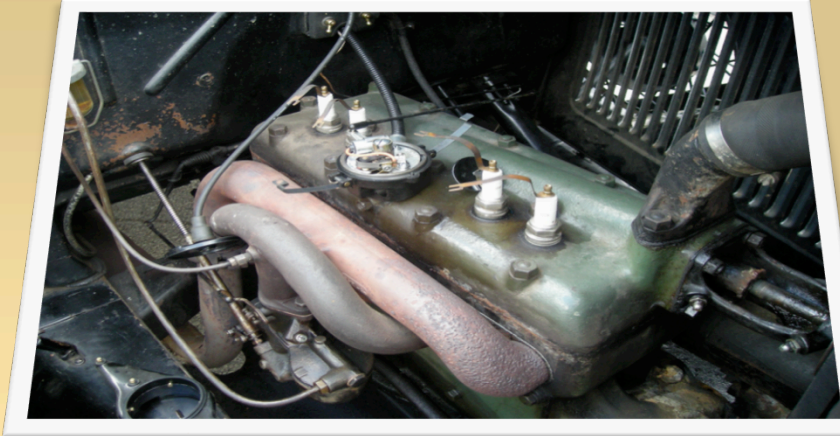


years? I found this creates quite a defining silence in the room. “What?” Then they ask you to repeat what you just said. I told her that I went with John Sailor for the day looking at a 31 and we got to talk. I told her he has more of a passion for restoring the truck than I do and over the years has asked if I would be willing to sell, so we have struck a deal. “But not to worry!” She now says “she’s

worrying.” I’m going to buy the 1931 Tudor so we have the ability to take our kids or parents with us on trips. How many of you guys know the look I’m getting now? Well anyway, a couple days later Jon Lisota and myself drove up to Highland Park with trailer in tow to pick-up the car. When we got there the car was outside and Mr. Curtis was standing there waiting for us.



As I went in to do paperwork I turned around and all that were seen were Jon's feet from under the car. When I returned Jon was finishing up so I stuck my head by him to see if the car was ready for the trip and we both herd the same noise. Click, Click, Click as the engine was running. We turned the motor off and found a cracked fan blade ready to



ram thru the radiator or hood. Mr. Curtis thought we were nuts to drive the car home anyway. Jon looked at me and said "Jezebel" going on the trailer home. I said that's fine but will we have room after we put the car on trailer? "Jezebel is the car" Jon said she told me so! I wasn't going to ask; so we loaded the car, and two milk cans on the trailer, and a 1938 Gilbarco pump in the Explorer. We arrived home unloaded the car and drove it into the garage. Nancy was quite pleased with the car but she was in for a surprise as I was going to dismantle the car in a couple days.



After I had taken the engine down to the short block I found that not only did I have a cracked original fan blade but also the timing gear was missing 16 teeth!



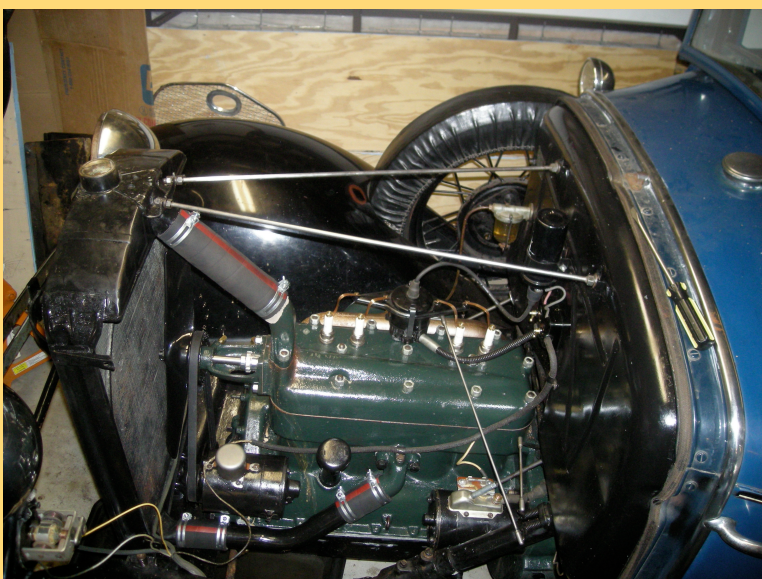
Here is another disaster that could have happened on the road. There was a 1/2 inch of sludge in the oil pan and the top end was carboned up. I scraped and steel wool the valves and piston heads. I cleaned; bead blasted, and repainted all the parts. I ran a coat hanger and air blasted the water jacket on the block getting all sorts of rust out. I had the radiator cleaned and pressure tested and scraped and painted the frame and firewall. I pulled the extra wiring a previous

owner had put in, and corrected miss-wiring that had been done. Re-placement of shorted headlight sockets and finally I have lights. Sometime you wonder how the car ran to begin with. On the starter I installed a new switch. A new AMP meter and stoplight switch, and firewall junction box. All the refurbished parts and gaskets were lined up for re-assembly. Jon came over to check out and re-assemble the engine and in a few hours she was running like a top. Jon had me



put a stocking in the top hose to catch the rust that I loosened up. I've changed this 4 times now and it seems like its almost gone. Soon I will have it on the road to shake out any other bugs Jon or I may have missed and I hope to drive it to Holland MI on the spring trip.

Phil



**A'S R US MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

MEETING LOCATION: HOME OF NANCY AND PHIL SERVISS

CALL TO ORDER was at 7:10PM and our vice president Tim JB led the meeting. (Tim and Pat were on vacation) Minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

TREASURERS REPORT: Jim reported

FAMILY NEWS: Tim JB shared that Tim D. is recovering and able to return to work. Bob shared that John R is having a difficult recovery. Dale stated that Shawn signed up for the reserves and that Cory is back in Afghanistan. Joe heard from Ken and Arlene McNeeley and they are looking forward to the spring trip and have bought another car in Florida.

OLD BUSINESS: Tim JB opened discussion regarding the Driving Dixie Committee Meeting on Saturday January 22nd and stated that the majority of the participating communities attended it. It was voted to increase registration fees to \$15/20.0 and attending communities stated they are feeling the pinch of the economy. Steger will have to charge for lunch this year, other towns are able to donate less and are looking for a way to retail more to the drive participants. The committee's focus is still on a Dixie Highway brochure and it is looking for more funds. Elaine requested a separate meeting for a detailed accounting of the monies A'sRUS is holding. That meeting was held, a complete accounting was given to Elaine, she stated she wasn't aware of the existence of the monies and responded it is the village committee that has to approve fund sharing with A'sRUS. Wally asked to be brought up to speed regarding the funds. Jim gave an accounting and there was further discussion about a March 16th meeting with the village committee. Tim suggested we present terms for the A'sRUS and the rest go toward the brochure or changes need to be made regarding how the Dixie Dash car run would be handled next year. He also suggested that the villages should consider this event as an income generator. Jim stated we are partners in the Driving Dixie event and consideration should be given in regards to fund sharing. It was recommended that a Tri-fold brochure also be presented at this meeting as an example. Tim JB was asked to be the club speaker at the upcoming meeting, he accepted and requested more membership attendance.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Spring Trip: Ron passed out Safety forms to be completed by all members and guests prior to the trip, in the event of an accident. He stated Joe will post a brochure on Holland Michigan events for the weekend of the trip, e.g.: a concert by Gary Puckett and the Union Gap, Saturday Tulip Parade etc) Ron further reminded interested members that they need to make their reservations now.

Shake Down Trip, April 30th will be a 5-6 hour day and more details will be forthcoming.

NEW BUSINESS: Joe presented a request for cars for a young couples wedding September 24th, they are willing to make a ---- donation to our club and the drive will be from Griffith to Highland In. The membership was interested in providing cars for this event and Joe requested that interested members please sign up. Joe also presented a NEW MEMBER PACKET, which he and Marlene put together which was well received by the present membership.

A flier from MAFCA regarding **Model A Restoration Guidelines** was discussed. A motion was made by Wally/second by Bob to purchase the Guidelines for \$13.58 plus tax and shipping. The vote was unanimous.

Wally was able to acquire registration on July 17th for our **Club Picnic**

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: Joe and Marlene Krygowski Oct & Nov are still available.

TECH TALKS:

March Tech Talk is to be determined. Joe will give further notice

SATURDAY BREAKFAST: March 5th at 8:30 am. Peach Tree Restaurant.

MISC. DISCUSSIONS:

Bob mentioned a Swap Meet on Sunday the 20th at Kane County.

Chuck won the 50/50 and donated his share to the club treasury.

Phil offered several fire extinguishers for sale and a radio with antenna/charger. All proceeds went to the club treasury. Thanks guys!

THERE WAS A MOTION TO ADJOURN THAT WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED at 8:30 PM.

Thanks to Tim for his delicious bread, to Nancy and Phil for refreshments and friendly conversation and to the smallest member of the family Diablo for his entertainment.

Respectfully Submitted: Sandy Kaleta
Secretary

OFFICERS: PRESIDENT: TIM BOTS
VEEP: TIM BORCHERT

TREASURER: JIM WRIGHT
SECRETARY: SANDY KALETA

Up and coming meeting locations:

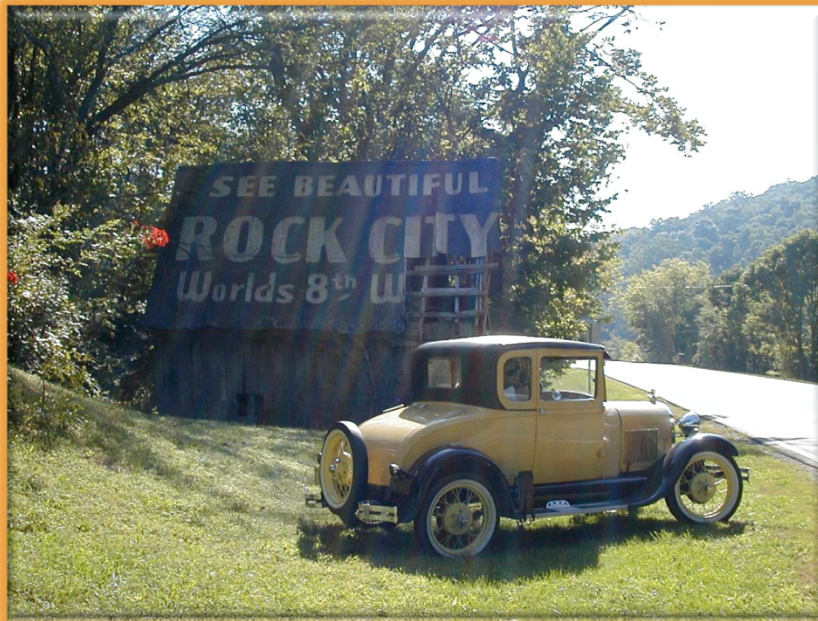
Up Coming Calendar of 2011 Events

Wednesday, March 16th: Meeting at the Home of
Ron Banneau / Crete

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

Sunday, April 30th: Shake-down cruise

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, May 13,14,15 : Spring Trip to
Holland Michigan



Here is another
blast from the past.
Any guesses?

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Banquet Queen – Robin Rodriguez



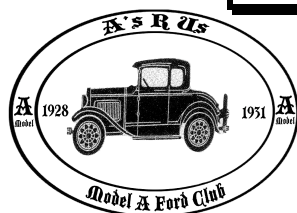
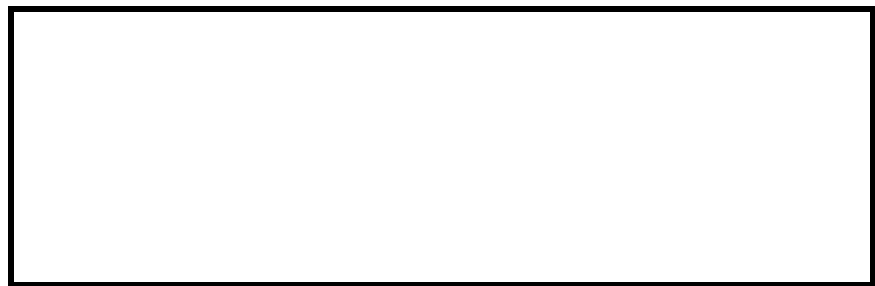
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