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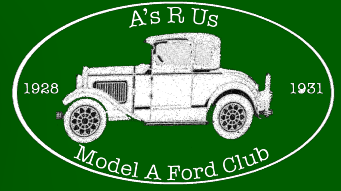
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BACKFIRE



Chicago Southland Chapter, Model A Ford Club of America

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What a great weekend for a trip! The weather was Great and the Company was even better! I thought we would get home without a problem but Joe decided to entertain our motor medic with a new problem I've not seen before. In the December backfire I'm sure Jon will relate the problem and fix. My daughter was thrilled to see everyone and says 'hello' if she missed you. Remember that the next meeting is a week earlier at Connie and Tim's

home, so see you there.

Header Picture:

February 9, 1927. Central High School, Washington, D.C. "High school girls learn the art of automobile mechanics. Grace Hurd, Evelyn Harrison and Corinna DiJulian, with **Grace Wagner** under the car."

Phil

PS> Look on the last page for Grace

DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE

By Jim Wright



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The Dixie Highway (Western Avenue) forms the eastern border of the village of Posen between 139th and 147th Streets. The village was incorporated in 1900, and the name of the community was selected because many residents immigrated from in and around Poznan (Posen), Poland. Early land subdivider E. P. Caldwell successfully marketed his real estate in the community as being in "the only exclusive Polish city in America." Caldwell used creative means to market his subdivision in Posen. In addition to handbills and flyers, he also sponsored a picnic in the community meant to show prospective buyers the quality of life they could enjoy in the village, which was within walking distance of many major employers in neighboring Harvey. Remarkably, you could buy a lot early on for as little as \$5 down with \$1 weekly payments!

A's R Us / Bridge Teen Center

Basics of the Automobile

Submitted by: Bob Steinmetz

September 20th was the beginning of our youth orientation of the basics of the automobile and we concluded on October 25th. We were able to expose seven different young men to our program but, on average we saw four boys each session. Our objective was ambitious and we possibly had too optimistic expectations but, we implanted the basics into at least four and ignited an interest in two. For that, it was definitely worth the time and effort.

Our first surprise was that most of the boys had never used any sort of a hand tool. On the first night, when we drove the chassis into the building and removed the engine, most of the instruction was "righty tighty - lefty loosy". The boys could not get enough of the hands-on use of the hand tools. We spent about 15 minutes of our hour each week covering visual aid material. We gave them some automotive history, basics of an internal combustion engine, the four cycles of the engine, carburetion, ignition, etc. Each night they had the opportunity to "wrench". They removed the carburetor, generator, clutch and pressure plate, starter, head, oil pan, valve chamber cover and a piston and rod. They were shown the valve operation, piston action and then they reassembled the engine. On the last night they reinstalled the engine and we drove the chassis out of the building.

No question we would do it differently if we were to do it again. So, we learned and again that made it worth the effort. There is much we can pass on to others especially the youth. It is in our own interest that we instill some level of curiosity or desire to own one of these cars into others. If no one is interested, we are all invested into scrap iron.

Many thanks to Ken Chamis who was there all six sessions, to Wally Ekstrom who was able to make four and to Travis and Claude Poulsen for bringing out their pickup and coming to our rescue us on the last night.

Bob Steinmetz

10/26/2011



Here Bob is directing the disassembly of the engine.

Inner workings of an internal combustion engine.



Success! The engine was out, taken apart and put back together then reinstalled on the frame. It was driven out of the building.

The words go something like... "there's a bright golden haze on the meadow, the corn is

as high as an elephant's eye, and it looks like it growing clear up to the sky! Oh, What A Beautiful Morning, Oh What a Beautiful Day! I've got a beautiful feeling; every thing's going my way. Those lyrics are from the musical Oklahoma but could not have fit any more perfectly for our three-day trip to Wisconsin. From breakfast at Anthony's to our final early dinner at Giordano's, it was indeed a most beautiful weekend.



We all got settled into our respective rooms at the resort and relaxed a bit. The parking lot became a usual gathering point for some liquid refreshment. . Although the pool area was closed, most of us ended up sitting around the "half closed pool" just enjoying the evening while we waited for dinner. How nice to see Sandy and Paul Hankewicz with Irv and Char Darnall lounging by the pool. The four of them are club "originals". Did feel sorry for the young men who were trying to put the pool cover on and ended up tearing it. There's always payroll deduction! Delavan Lake Resort had provided us with our own hospitality room that proved to be more important than first thought. Chuck and Jon were not allowed to use the chuck wagon at the hotel and ended up down the street cooking at the park in the dark. It all took a little longer than planned but, as usual, there was enough delicious food to feed a small army. Being hungry is never a problem with this group. Thanks again to Chuck and Jon who cooked the brats, chicken and burgers! Heard the Poulsen's stopped at the park on their way in thinking we were all there only to find our two lone cooks busy at work. After a good nights rest we met in the parking lot. Breakfast buffet was at The Waterfront restaurant. They were nice enough to open the place especially for our club. We took the time to take some group pictures outside the restaurant. One picture in particular made me laugh. It was a photo of Bob Steinmetz, wife Penny, sisters Marlene and Cheryl sisters in law Phyllis and Betsy. Group was named by Bob's nephew as, his "menopause Mafia". *We were off on day two.*



Everyone had the opportunity to seek their own adventure after a drive around the lake. Jim and Henry did a fine job with the tour. We did have a bit of a "Chinese fire drill" at one point but, as always, we



caught up with each other and headed off to wherever we wanted. One group stayed in town at the Autumn Harvest Festival and shopped. A large group of us went to The East Troy Electric Railroad for a train ride and visit to the farmer's market and the East Troy Depot and Museum. The trains were turn of the century. Two of the cars on our outbound trip actually

ran on the Evanston run of the Chicago El system. It had that unmistakable sound and rock/roll of the old El cars. We had some lunch at the market, battled the heat of the day, the crowds and anxiously awaited the train ride back to the depot. Eight of us sat in a private "room" of the old rail car which we later found out was the "smoking room". The wood paneling, lighting and architecture were unique. The rail car dated to 1907. What fun to ride that 10-mile journey in such a way.

Time to get ready for dinner at the Duck Inn. Joe and I had the very best fried shrimp I have ever had, they were the size of butterflyed prawns. Food was good and service great. Such a pretty restaurant and private room for us. It was then back to the resort to finish up the remaining desserts. The best part of the evening, for those of us lucky enough to see them, were the lighted Japanese lanterns as they floated above the lake. They were fascinating to watch as the lazily danced in the air. They only burn about four minutes, but how

beautiful those four minutes were. In Japan and other countries the lanterns are lit and sent aloft with messages and wishes of all kinds. A neat tradition and hopefully one we'll be able to do again provided there are no dry fields, buildings or the like in the area.



Bags are all packed, cars readied and waiting and off we go to breakfast at Millie's. That was the beginning of the only imperfect day. So far we had no car problems or breakdowns. Joe kept hearing things in his car be we, including his wife, thought Joe was just hearing things. More about that later. Anyhow back to Millie's where Bob S. ordered a German Apple Pancake (minimum 35 min baking time). I thought as long as Bob's having one, I'd have one too! It must have been a genetic flaw in our mutual DNA or just a bad idea to order that for breakfast. After everyone else was getting their checks, the two of us were still waiting for our pancake along with our family members at our respective booths. We had not made our loved ones very happy. It was actually worth the wait though. Shopping got cut short and the food was great. Sad to say goodbye to Paul and Sandy. Hope we get to see them again soon.

Onward to the Volo Auto Museum and antique shops. Lots to do there and a lot to see in a short time. Could have used more time there for sure. We met back at the cars having shopped, looked at more cars, had a beer or had some ice cream. Of course there were a few purchases. No cars, just antique purchases.

The Poulsen's, Granko's, Kaleta's and Darnall's headed on home and the rest of us met at Giordano's in Willowbrook just off Route 83. Ken and Dale ran into a problem with their car and pulled off to the side. Ron and Jon stopped. Our damsel in distress, Dale, Ron saved the day and brought her to the restaurant as the liquid intake from the day had suddenly filled her to the point her eyes were watering. It was a true emergency and the Safety Officer prevented an extreme emergency. Her issue was more severe than Ken's car's fan belt problem. Both were fixed and Ken and Jon finally got to Giordano's and were greeted with applause.

Joe was still hearing noises in the car. People said, what's wrong with your car to which I replied, "I don't know, Joe's hearing things I guess". We'll on the way home as we're tooling down Route 83 and the traffic is bad, it happened. The thing Joe kept hearing finally let go, and, we had no power. Fortunately, we were able to coast to a spot on the side of the road where it was safe to stop. Our Motor Medic, Jon and Ron, Chuck and Ken stopped and sure enough there was a big problem.



Yvonne, Linnea, Dale, my sister Cheryl and I pulled out the blankets and sat at the side of the road and watched. Too bad Bob and Wally weren't there. The man who lived in the house where we had pulled over drove in with an antique 1950's type burgundy and silver, Silver Hawk Studebaker. Don't know what year it was or, if that's the correct name, but it was pretty.

Our car's ignition wire was fixed after a couple of puffs of smoke came out of the engine compartment and we were back on the road. The Motor Medic does it again!

To WJS, Jim Wright, Henry Jasica and Phil Serviss, they also did it again. Thanks to Nancy and Marie too, it was such a beautiful weekend. We're all so lucky to be able to travel the back roads, laugh and see nature's colors change in such array. Oh, what a beautiful day!

A'S R US MEETING MINUTES

Oct. 21, 2011

MEETING LOCATION: Wally & Kay Ekstrom

CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT TIM BOTS AT: 6:50PM. Tim thanked Wally & Kay for being our host and hostess for this meeting. He also thanked Chuck for chairing the September meeting.

MINUTES: September minutes were read by Sandy and approved as read.

TREASURERS REPORT: Jim gave a total accounting of the Driving the Dixie from 2009/2010.2011. Jim also presented the final decision of the Dixie Communities Meeting on 9/25/11, A's R Us will be sharing 50% of the of the 2011 profits. A total of moneys were transferred to the Dixie Account from the A'sRUs regular checking account on 9/26/11. A deposit was made from the wedding courtage and \$254.00 was sent to Gilmore as per our 2011 budget. Jim reminded everyone they need to pay their dues. Report was approved as presented.

FAMILY NEWS: Ron thanked the membership for their cards, kindness and donations.

OLD BUSINESS: **Joe announced** that the Bride was thrilled with the 8 cars and our members who made up her wedding cortège. She generously gave each driver a gift as well as a donation to our club.

Thanks to Jim and Henry for a spectacular fall trip... The weather and the colors were outstanding.

Xmas Party: Dec. 14, 2011 6-9:00PM Beggars, New Lenox. Pizza, salad, ice cream, soda and coffee with a cash bar.... \$10.95 Adults, \$8.95 children Membership will pay \$10.00 each and the club will pick up the balance. **Grab Bag \$20.00 Limit.**

GUESTS: Guests were introduced by Wally. Charlie/Carolyn Gray, Paul/Sandi Hankowitz, John/Nance Beele, George Major. It was great to see old familiar faces.

NEW BUSINESS: Budget Committee: Tim, Tim, Jim, Ken and Dale will meet and propose a budget to the membership for 2012, prior to the end of this year.

CHRISTMAS PARADES: Homewood, Friday Dec. 2nd and Crete, Saturday Dec. 3rd. More news to follow.

Dale discussed dates for the 2012 Fall Trip and Ken asked for a committee to put together an **EVENT CALENDAR** for 2012, that Phil could enter into the newsletter. No decisions were made regarding this proposal.

Tech Talk: Date to be announced. Will be held at Phil's garage. **Breakfast:** To be determined.

Misc Discussions: 50/50 \$101.00 with 3 badge fines. Winner Joe \$50.00

Next month's mtg: NOVEMBER MEETING WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 9TH AT 7:00PM AT TIM & CONNIE BORCHERTS. THIS WILL BE THE MEETING FOR OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR 2012.

THE AUCTION WAS A BLAST AS ALWAYS, THANKS TO THE MANY DONATIONS AND HENRY'S EXPERTISE.. THANKS TO WALLY & KAY FOR A GREAT EVENING.... THANKS to the members who brought the great food and deserts. ADJOURNED: 7:40pm

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: SANDY KALETA
SECRETARY

Up and coming meeting locations:

Up Coming Calendar of 2011 Events

Wednesday November 9th: Meeting at Connie's and Tim's home

Friday December 2nd: Homewood Christmas parade

Saturday December 3rd: Crete Christmas Parade

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

January 18th: Meeting at Nancy and Phil's home

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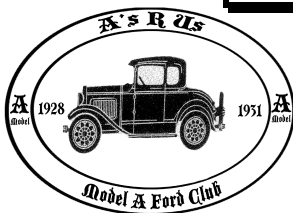
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