

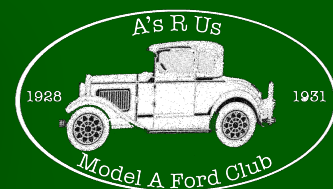


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BACKFIRE



Chicago Southland Chapter, Model A Ford Club of America

<http://www.drivingthedixie.com>
<http://asrus.homestead.com>



The time has come again to take to the road for our final Club weekend trip of the year. This may be an all time participation trip for our club. 22 cars and 50+ members and guests possibly! Again the rules we had for driving to Danville for a break down will be in affect. **Do Not Pull Over** with the affected vehicle. Our mechanic and safety car will attend to the mishap and get them going again. It is dangerous any other way. If they need help they will call for assistance. If nobody breaks down we will have a lonely



mechanic. I for one hope he's lonely. See you soon,

Phil

Header Picture:

February 9, 1927. Washington, D.C. "Miss Grace Wagner, Central High School," out from **under the car.**

Fall Trip Important information!

Meet at:

Anthony's Pancake House & Restaurant

1030 E 9th St, Lockport, IL 60441-3218

(815) 838-2445

We will leave at 9:00 am so if you want to eat; get there no later than 8:00am. We are expecting 50+ people and 22 cars.

- Bring your picnic lunch with you for Friday.**
- Bring your folding chairs.**
- Bring your drink for Friday.**
- Have a full tank of petrol.**
- Bring a side dish for Friday night dinner.**

A's R Us / Bridge Teen Center

Basics of the Automobile

Submitted by: Bob Steinmetz

September 20, 2011 was the beginning of an informational and hands-on presentation to the Bridge Teen Center in Orland Park, IL. put on by members of A's R Us, the Chicago Southland Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America .

The presentation is a one hour per session, six week orientation of the basics of the automobile centered around a 1929, Model A Ford. The first session began with the kids looking over a 1929 Ford Model A Ford Tudor and comparing it with a running chassis of another 1929 Ford. The Chassis was then driven into the Teen Center facility. Following was a twenty minute video presentation including the history of the automobile, " What makes a car go", How an engine functions and Identification of basic engine components. This was followed by the kids, supervised by A's R Us members, actually removing the engine from the chassis.

The objective in subsequent sessions is to describe in video presentation how the components of the basic automobile systems actually function, how the basic functions of a Model A relate to today's cars and instill an understanding of basic automotive principals. Additionally, the kids will be offered the opportunity to experience the hands-on experience of disassembling the engine, seeing the actual parts and understanding how these parts function. The reassembly of the engine, being a part of the reinstallation and witnessing the chassis drive out of the building, we hope, will be the big reward for the kids.

Pictures of the first session can be viewed on the Bridge Teen Center website. Details of each weekly session will be made available along with more pictures.

A footnote: Bob has related that after the first night word got out that the boys are doing hands on auto mechanics. Interest has now grown in the project and many more have signed up.



Here Bob is driving the chassis into “The Bridge Teen Center” to begin the first night.

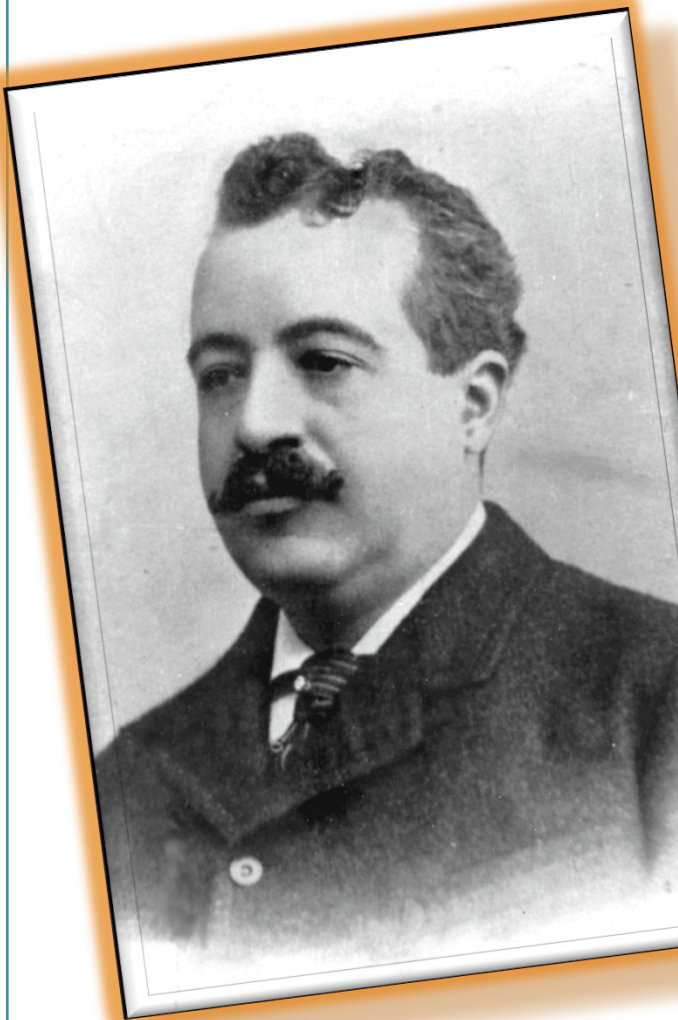
Bob Steinmetz, Wally Ekstrom and, Ken Chamis explain the basic workings of the Model A drive train to the Teens.



The teens dive into the extraction of the engine and before the night is through, it is on an engine stand ready for next week to take it apart.

DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE

By Jim Wright



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In 1893, John Valentine Steger opened a piano factory on 20 acres of land alongside the railroad in what was to become the village of Steger. Three years later, with a population of 324 residents, the town incorporated in 1896. John Steger agreed to pay \$400 toward election costs if the name Steger was used rather than Columbia Heights, which had been proposed. Steger won and the rest is history. By 1920, Steger was the "piano capital of the world," producing more than a hundred pianos a day. The company at two other plants in the village also manufactured phonographs. The company proudly touted its location along the Lincoln and Dixie Highways in its advertising. After Steger's death in 1916, the factories continued production until closing in 1926. In 1930 a macaroni factory started in one of the old buildings and several years later local craftsmen joined together to manufacture radio cabinets in another. At the height of activity, the Steger Furniture Company employed close to 700 people. After a major fire, the main manufacturing buildings were demolished in 1972–73 and today a large K-mart and a huge parking lot covers the site.

A'S R US MEETING MINUTES

September 21

MEETING LOCATION: Joe & Marlene Krygowski

CALL TO ORDER BY Chuck Fritz, who was standing in for both Tim's, called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. He started the meeting by thanking our host and hostess, Joe & Marlene for opening their home to us.

AUGUST MINUTES: Read and approved as read.

TREASURERS REPORT: Jim gave a thorough report at the meeting. Highland Club sent a check for their portion of the picnic. \$75.00 check is outstanding for the American Cancer Fund.

FAMILY NEWS: We received a thank you from the Poulsen family for our contribution and support. Herman is home and recovering. Wally thanked the membership for their cards and prayers. Jon announced that Irv's girl needed an emergency motor transplant, which she successfully received.

OLD BUSINESS: **Chuck** gave a report on the Grinders Baseball game we attended in Hobart, IN. The picnic area was well shaded; the rules to the game were quaint and interesting.... After all baseball was a Gentleman's game in 1858. It turned out to be a good time and a good game with a final score of 13 to 12, in the bottom of the 9th. The Grinders lost.

Bob reported he has not heard from Camp Quality, regarding fund raising.

Joe reported the bride is thrilled with the idea of period dress: We will have 7-8 cars to chauffeur the bridal party from St. Michaels Church, to Centennial Park (for pictures) and Wicker Park for the reception.

Joe reminded everyone to bring their Radios.

Teenbridge activity: was a success, 3 boys participated, so it was a one on one with our members. Because the boys have minimal mechanical experience Bob has decided to hold the group to 6 boys/girls. Wally recognized Bob for all the prep work he did and Phil requested an article for the newsletter. Bob stated the 1st session was to teach the components; next session will go into how they work. He has also decided to bring the Poulsen boys in at the last session with their truck.

Fall Trip: **Phil** filled in until the committee arrived. Jim and Henry reported there will be approximately 22 Model A's (52 people).

- **LEAVE FROM: ANTHONYS RESTAURANT 159TH STREET, LOCKPORT 9:00AM.**
- **BRING RADIOS**
- **LUNCH: IN SYCAMORE (BRING CHAIRS) BOB G. Jr. SUGGESTED EVERYONE BRING HIS OR HER OWN PICNIC LUNCH AND DRINKS. THE MEMBERSHIP WAS RECEPTIVE TO THIS IDEA.**
- **STOP AT KINGLAND HIGH SCHOOL TO SHOW THEIR AUTOMOTIVE CLASS THE MODEL A'S**
- **DINNER Friday: CHUCK WAGON, BRING A SIDE AND/OR DESSERT. AGAIN (BRING CHAIRS)**
- **OTHER INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW IN THIS NEWSLETTER.**
- **RON REMINDED THE MEMBERSHIP WE NEED AN EMERGENCY INFORMATION SHEET FILLED OUT ON EVERYONE ATTENDING.**

ONGOING BUSINESS: Wally reminded the membership of the Driving the Dixie meeting on the 29th of September @ 7:00PM, Homewood Village Hall at 2020 Chestnut. Discussion will include how the club will format the drive. How A'sRUS will achieve how the determined portion of this fund will be spent toward the expense of Historical Brochures etc. A question was raised by Elaine, regarding the Dash Plaques and who approved payment, A'sRUS or Homewood. Wally has requested membership attendance at this meeting especially the President and Vice President.

Bob reminded the members, we should start planning for 2015 now. It was also brought to the clubs attention that we have budgeted 50% of our "Driving the Dixie "proceeds to the museum building fund in Gilmore.

NEW BUSINESS: Chuck reminded the membership of the Newport Hill Climb on September 30th-October 2nd. Friday and Saturday with Time Trials on Sunday. Last year there were 85 entrants and Chuck placed 20th. Al stated his hill climbing days are over, with Big Red. Wally extended an invitation to the club to join with the Porsche/Ferrari Club, Armstrong Brewery, Oct. 1st from 8:00AM to Noon. (They serve great pastries and coffee). Ron stated that he and Jon are planning the Spring Tour and the 18, 19, 20th of May, 2012 was the weekend approved by the club. Where is to be determined.

ON GOING BUSINESS: The next meeting will be at Wally & Kay's, October 21st. Bring your goodies for auction. Contact Kay re: food contributions.

Christmas Party: Tim contacted Beggars Pizza: Date: December 14th from 6-9:00 PM. Deluxe package \$10.00 per adult and \$8.95 per child. \$20.00 limit on Grab Bag Gifts. The club as budgeted to contribute toward the expense of the food.

Tech Talk: THURSDAY October 13th at 6:00 PM. **JONS GARAGE:** Winterizing our cars unless there were problems needing attention from the Fall Trip.....

Breakfast: October 22nd @ 8:00 AM. Peachtree Restaurant.

Misc Discussions: A Thank you card was received from the American Cancer Society and also a request for a donation. Crete Township F.D. was looking for a donation. Model A Foundation was looking for a donation. Flyers were received regarding Hydraulic Equipment from Apple.

Chuck brought in an example of an OUTRAGEOUS RADIATOR CAP. He would like to propose that everyone create one for their car and we could then have a judging. These caps could be use when we are on tour.

50/50 \$77.00 Steve won \$39.00 1 Badge fine was collected.

Next month's mtg: Reminder of the Auction. Oct 21st at Wally & Kay's.

Adjourn: 8:55PM Thanks again to Chuck. Thanks also to Marlene for those spectacular desserts (which we won't talk about further).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: SANDY KALETA
SECRETARY

Extra rooms reserved!

Fall Trip - Friday October 7 through Sunday October 9, 2011

Delavan/Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

Block of Rooms Reserved under **A's R Us** at

Delavan Lake Resort (800-430-8164)

\$110 per night for 1 bedroom/1 bath suite, \$145 per night for 2-bedroom/2-bath suite

Up and coming meeting locations:

Up Coming Calendar of 2011 Events

October 7th, 8th, and 9th: Fall Trip to Delavan Lake

Thursday Oct. 13th: Tech Talk Johns Garage

Wednesday October 19th: Meeting, auction and hot dog night. Wally and Kay's 7:00pm

Saturday Oct. 22nd: Peach Tree restaurant 8:00 am

Tuesday October 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th:

Teen Bridge center in Tinley Park



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Quick links to Medical History forms online

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

[http://www.medids.com/Emergency Medical Form.html](http://www.medids.com/Emergency_Medical_Form.html)

Personal Medical History

(Please complete a form for each member of your family.)

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Physician: _____ Telephone _____

Dentist: _____

Eye doctor: _____

Other: _____

Your current medical condition: _____

List prescription and non-prescription medications you are taking

- _____
- _____
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Drug sensitivity and allergies

(describe): _____

Name of health insurance carrier: _____

Group no.: _____

Have you ever been told you had one of the following?

Lung disorder o yes o no

High blood pressure o yes o no

Heart trouble o yes o no

Nervous disorder o yes o no

Disease or disorder of the digestive tract o yes o no

Any form of cancer o yes o no

Disease of the kidney o yes o no

Diabetes o yes o no

Arthritis o yes o no

Hepatitis o yes o no

Malaria o yes o no

Any life-threatening conditions? (describe) _____

Any contagious disorders? (describe) _____

Complete and put in an envelope with your name on it.

This will only be opened by emergency personal in case of an emergency.

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



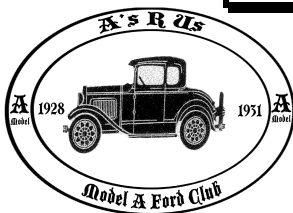
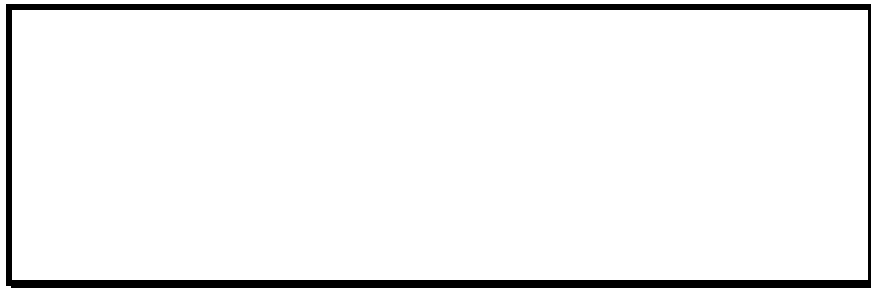
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Bridge Teen Center "Model A mechanics night."

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