

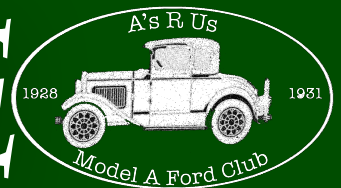


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# BACKFIRE



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*The Carp  
Editor in Chief*

What a great month September will be for traveling for our club members. 9 members and 5 cars just got back from a 740-mile trip down to Newport, KY. We had a little rain, the remnants of Irene on the trip but nothing to stop us from having fun. We had hills that put our skills to the test with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> gears being all you could muster. In two weeks we will be on the road again with 20+ cars and 40+ people to South Bend, IN. We will travel the Lincoln Highway on as much of the original alignment as possible. I look forward to seeing everyone and rolling down the road back in time.

*Phil*

***Header Picture:***

Downtown Carmel, IN has statues all over you can have fun with.

## President's Message – September 2012

Nothing beats getting behind the wheel but I don't know about you but I thought that August was a hot month. In spite of the heat we had some terrific events:

- The **tour of the Crown Point Jail** – thanks Tim #1, this was a great tour and what a history lesson. These days it is referred to as “The Old Sheriff's House” but the old jail is famously referred to as “The Escape Proof Jail that John Dillinger Escaped From.” I will watch the movie “Public Enemies” again not just to spot some of our cars but also to see the jail that appeared in several scenes from the movie.
- **We had the Driving the Dixie committee** wrap-up meeting in Momenca after participating in their **Cruise Night**. There were some great cars there and many cars that I have not seen before. While there was poor attendance from the villages at the meeting we did present many ideas to improve next years event. A special thanks to Jim and Phil for putting together a working draft of a Driving the Dixie brochure. Thoughtful planning will insure an even better event next year.
- **The Exposure Trip** is an event that I hope everyone can take. This was my first time going on the 6-day trip and there is no better way to enjoy the hobby than to drive. I put on almost 800 mile and it felt like we went back in time as we wandered the back roads of Indiana and Ohio. Unlike the spring and fall trips, the exposure trip allows everyone more time to enjoy each others company and to discover the unanticipated special points of interest along the way. A special thanks to Phil and Nancy for leading us on this adventure.



Latter this month we will have an event that I encourage everyone to attend. We are visiting the **Manteno Veterans Home which on Saturday 9/22<sup>nd</sup>**. We will meet at 9:00AM for breakfast at Mayberry's Restaurant. This is our chance to respectfully honor and thank the veterans for their service and sacrifice. Last year we added some excitement for a few hours in what otherwise is a pretty routine day for many veterans. Seeing their excitement and interest in our cars is rewarding. We again have that opportunity. Please make every effort to make this event and spread some joy to our hero's. Look for the list of special needed items that we can bring to give to the veterans.

Finally we are all looking forward to the fall trip. It looks like we may have a record number of people going on the trip this year and based on what I've seen of the agenda, we are in for a terrific event. I just need to tighten a few nuts and bolts that shook loose on the exposure trip, but I'll be ready.

Tim #3



# Exposure 2012

The Cincinnati Exposure Trip was definitely a success. We enjoyed lots of good eating. We stopped at Phil's sister's house in Carmel, Ind. on the first night where hamburgers, dogs and beer were the fair for the night. The Hofbrahaus in Newport, KY, (where John played the umbrellas), and The Golden Lamb, (the oldest hotel in Ohio) in Lebanon, OH. Parker's General Store, Richmond, Ind was a interesting place to eat at just to mention a few of the many places we ate.

Crossing the Ohio by ferry was such a treat. We crossed at Andersons Ferry established in 1817. This was something we may never be able to experience again and was a treat.

We spent time at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, the National Museum of the US Air Force, Dayton, Ohio, and the private tour of the Model T Museum, Richmond, Ind. kept us busy. We also rode the ducks and trolleys in Cincinnati and stopped at a few antique stores along the way.

Thursday evening we relaxed on a restaurant deck by the Ohio River, listened to great music, and enjoyed good company and a beautiful skyline.

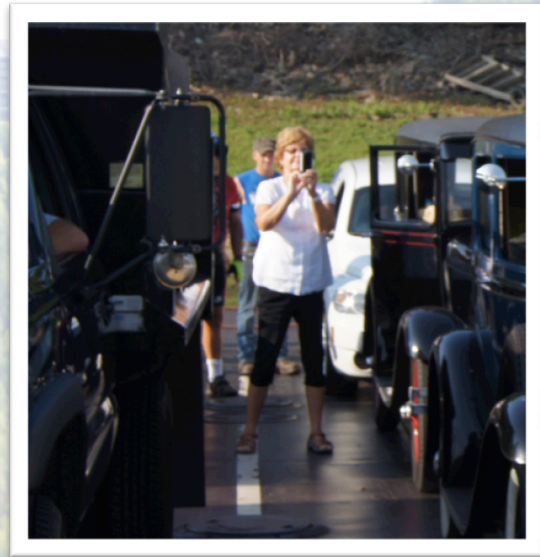
We tried to enter an observation deck in a high rise building in downtown Cincinnati. After taking two elevators and walking up a flight of stairs, we discovered the deck closed 10 minutes before our arrival. Ron and Yvonne didn't join us but were able to form a group of tourist to wave at us on the deck. While all along we were across the street at the trolley stop.

Of course we stopped for lots of ice cream. At the Chocolate Moose in Farmland, Ind, we met another group of A's from Richmond, IN.

A special thanks to Phil and Nancy for all their hard work organizing the trip!!!

The 740 plus miles were completed without any major problems and were enjoyed by all.

Submitted by, Pat Botts







To the right: Tim and Pat in line for the second crossing of the Ohio River, on the ferry.  
Below:  
In Monon, IN we stopped at the train museum and had lunch in the park there.



Riding the DUK on the Ohio River in Cincinnati, OH.



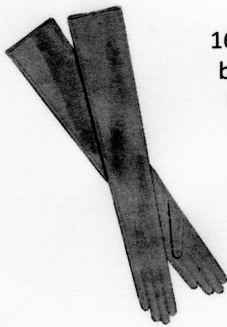
## The Princess Silhouette is Important for Winter

By Judy Lewis

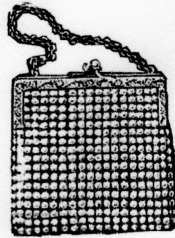
For all the ladies, including myself, who do not find the 1928 dresses, with wide girdles around the hips or belted around the hipline, flattering to their figure, *Delineator*, October 1928 featured the princess silhouette evening gown. The dress was a Butterick pattern #2257.

It outlines the figure and flares outward at the hem; it has the deep U décolletage in front and a deeper V in back and features a huge bow at the side. The hem in back flows to ankle length. This silhouette is very new and extremely smart.

The model shows spike heel pumps and a long single strand necklace; although you can't see them she would be wearing matching earrings. To complete the outfit, above the elbow evening gloves, evening bag and wrap would be appropriate.



16 to 22 button silk gloves with 3 gores. The button count is not about how many buttons it has but how long the gloves are.



Evening bag of white or black silk moiré with high grade imitation diamonds. *Sears S/S* 1928



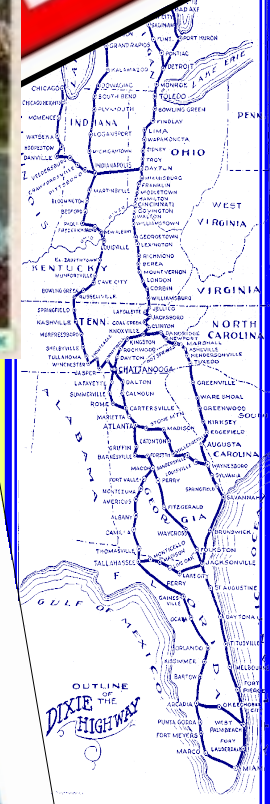
This evening wrap, Butterick pattern #2210 also featured in *Delineator*, October 1928, was made of metal cloth and featured a blue fox mushroom collar and cuffs. If the wrap were made of ivory velvet, sable would have been tremendously smart.





# DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE

By Jim Wright

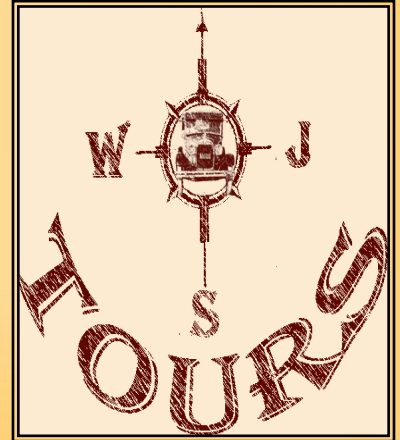


One of the best-known landmarks on the Dixie Highway in Indiana is Notre Dame University. Founded in 1842 by Father Edward Sorin, the university has grown to be one of the premier institutions of higher learning in the United States. The university has a student population of 11,000 undergraduate and post graduate students and the campus sits on 1250 acres containing two lakes and 143 buildings with a total property replacement value of \$3.3 billion. Notre Dame is a city unto itself. In addition to its own police force and post office, Notre Dame also has the oldest university fire department in the United States. During our fall trip, we will tour the campus and many of its landmark buildings including the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, the 14-story Hesburgh Library with its 132-foot-high mural depicting Christ the Teacher (touchdown Jesus), and the University's historic Main Building with its famed Golden Dome.



# Fall Trip meeting restaurant

Fall Trip 2012 will depart from the Egg and I Restaurant, 222 Dixie Highway, (Vollmer Road and Dixie Highway) Chicago Heights at 8:30 am on Friday September 28, 2012. The restaurant opens at 6:30 am and will have tables available for us. Their phone number is (708) 754-0909.



# Manteno Veteran's Home

The A's R Us have scheduled a trip to the Manteno Veteran's Home for Saturday September 22, 2012 arriving at the Veteran's Home at 10:30am. Breakfast is scheduled at Mayberry Junction, 390 S. Locust Street- Route 50 in Manteno at 9:00am. For those who would like to make donations, the staff suggests items on the attached list.



**MANTENO VETERANS HOME**  
**MEMBER'S PERSONAL NEEDS LIST**

**Do not donate directly to a Unit or Department, but, please bring all items to the Volunteer Office located in building S-2. If you have any questions, please call the Volunteer Office at (815) 468-6581, x259**

**Personal Care-** (Due to Infection Control Policies, all personal care items must be **NEW.**)

|  |                                |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Hair Cream/dressing for Men                        | Aftershave                     |
| Deodorant (roll-on)                                | Pre-Electric Lotion            |
| Electric Razors- New Only                          | Cologne for Men & Women        |
| Body lotion  | Efferdent Tablets-dentures     |
| Fixodent Tablets or Polident Denture cream Kleenex |                                |
| Toothbrushes                                       | Railroad or Diabetic Socks     |
| Combs/hairbrushes                                  | Sweatpants M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL |

**Snacks/Food-** (Please do not donate expired or nearly expired food items. They cannot be served to the Veterans.)

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Fresh Fruit, Bananas, & Grapes      | Small candy bars (No Nuts)                |
| Small Boxes of Raisins              | Cookies - Regular and Sugarfree - No Nuts |
| Individual packaged chips, pretzels | Hawaiian Punch                            |
| <u>Soft</u> Granola/Cereal Bars     | Packaged crackers/cheese                  |
| Coffee / regular or decaf           | Cases of soda: Diet or Regular            |
| Candy - Sugar Free / No Nuts        | Gum - Sugar Free                          |
| Cookies - Sugar Free / No Nuts      |   |

**IVHM cannot accept homemade or independently prepared refreshments for distribution to our Veterans. Food items brought in for a party will have to be purchased through a commercial vendor due to Public Health guidelines. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.**

**Entertainment**

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Greeting Cards (New)          | <u>Wireless</u> Head Phones for TV use |
| Batteries: AAA, AA, C, D      | Word Search/Cross Word Book            |
| Magnifying glasses            | Men's wallet/change purses             |
| Postage stamps- Forever Value | Stationary/Envelopes                   |

**Misc**

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Paper Plates (varied sizes) | Fabric Softener Sheets        |
| Six-ounce foam cups         | Napkins                       |
| Paper Towels - Rolls        | Forks, Spoons, Knives-PLASTIC |

**Donated items first and foremost for IVHM Veterans. Excess items may be shared with other charitable organizations that provide support to our Veterans.**



# Tech Q&A - Engine - Cooling System

## ADDITIVES

**Question:** I want to drain, and clean out my radiator - just because it looks so "messy ". After filling the radiator with distilled water do you recommend any additive to the water. I live in the coastal area of So. California and we are not exposed to any freezing weather.

**Answer:** I have been using a solution that I believe is called "Water Wetter". Check with your local Auto parts store. It is usually pink in color and it causes the water to dissipate more heat. It will help prevent over heating. Antifreeze or coolant will lower the freezing level and also raises the boiling level. The car actually runs hotter with coolant, but boils at a higher temperature. Water Wetter allows the engine to run cooler because it breaks the water down so it will dissipate more of the heat. -- **Les Andrews**, 1998 Technical Director

## WELL WATER

**Question:** In the Jan. '98 issue of The Restorer, Tech Q & A section you advise "Avoid well water at all costs", why? I'm on a well and presently using well water in my Model A pickup. My water goes through an iron filter and a water softening unit, will this be OK or should I go to distilled water? I just had my radiator gone thru and it's in perfect condition and I want to keep it that way.

**Answer:** The reason for the statement "avoid well water" is because most all well water contains heavy minerals that would leave mineral and calcium deposits in your radiator and engine. With the filters on your well, you are probably cleaner than city water as far as mineral deposits. I am also on well water so I know the problems with mineral deposits. Distilled water is still the best friend for your radiator. It is mineral free and should leave no deposits. Mineral deposits in the radiator tubes will cut down or prevent the transfer of heat from the water.



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## A'S R US MEETING MINUTES

August 14, 2012

**MEETING LOCATION:** Irv and Char Darnell's home

**CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT TIM BORCHERT AT :** 7:20 PM Minutes from the July meeting were read by Sandy and approved as read.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Jim presented the financial report for Driving the Dixie with receipts. Report was approved as read. **REMINDER: MAFCA DUES (\$60.00) DUE AT SEPTEMBER MEETING.**

**FAMILY NEWS:** Joe and Sandy were at the August meeting and doing well. Sandy thanked everyone for their prayers. Chuck reported that Linea is scheduled for 6 chemo treatments in the next 3 weeks. Debbie thanked everyone for their cards, thoughts and prayers.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Tim D. reported that the **tour of the Crown Point Jail** is confirmed for August 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM. The club will meet at Kohls parking lot 394 north of Exchange at 2:00 and will leave for the tour at 2:15. Reservations have been made for dinner to follow at Faustinos Restaurant.

**Jim reported: Mantino Veterans Home visit** is scheduled for 10:30 AM on Saturday 9/22<sup>nd</sup>. We will meet at 9:00AM for breakfast at Mayberrys Restaurant. A donation list will be found in the September Newsletter. Dale will purchase 50 frames and Tim BJ will bring a printer.

**Driving the Dixie committee** will have a wrap up meeting on Tuesday August 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00-PM at Momence old City Hall, 123 W. River Street. The membership will meet at 6:00PM in Momence to participate in their **Cruise Night**. We will park for the Cruise Night at then attend the 8:00 meeting. Tim asked members to think about ideas to improve future Drives (advertising, donor recognition, timing etc). Fran suggested that donors be recognized on the driving maps.

**Fall Trip** – Jim reported that all the blocked rooms are filled for the fall trip. Alternate hotels are:

Waterford Estates Lodge Ph: 574-272-5220 or 877-783-8496

Inn at St. Marys Ph: 574-323-4000 or 800-947-8627

Fairfield Inn & Suites Ph: 574-234-5510

We are scheduled to visit the Studebaker Museum, County Museum & Oliver Farm Mansion on Saturday morning. A Tour of the Notre Dame Campus is scheduled and dinner will be at the Tippy Canoe Restaurant.

Ken suggested that we increase the number of rooms we block for future trips. Membership was receptive to his suggestion.

**Exposure Trip** is meeting at Maxwells in Beecher at 8:00AM and will leave from there after breakfast on September 5<sup>th</sup>. To date there are 5 cars going and Phil reminded the touring members to make sure their cars are in order prior to leaving.

**Grinders Baseball:** everyone who attended, including Henry expounded on the good time that was had by all. Can't wait til next year.

**TeenBridge:** Bob reported that though we only had 4 cars present at Chick F Lete, the group made \$1200.00 this year. He also reported that Guys Night Out was fun for the members and kids and thanked the members who attended.

**Camp Quality:** Bob reported there were 4 A'sRUS cars this year. There were a total of 70 cars and 80 campers. He stated more cars are needed in the future, the new format was better, however the drive was too short.

**Balmoral Races:** Wally confirmed the date of October 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM dinner and a price of \$28.69 per person. Arrival at 5:45 for a ride around the track with our cars. We have to have a final count of attendance by 10/12. Money will be due at the October meeting. Sandy suggested we consider wearing period dress (1920's) for that night.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Ken McNealy discussed the **Private Collection** of cars from England, Australia and Italy and suggested we schedule a date to visit in September or October. He stated the collection is worth seeing and that it takes about 1 ½ hours. Ken Chamis will call the owner. Ken Chamis also stated that the Pontiac visit will probably take place in the Spring of 2013 and it was suggested that we encourage other clubs to join us.

**Spring Trip:** Gilmore Model A Museum May 17, 18 & 19<sup>th</sup>. Bob has reserved a block of rooms, but still has to check out the hotel before telling the membership.

September 15<sup>th</sup> MAFCA is having a Model A Day at the new Museum. Jon said he will try to co-ordinate a day trip or overnight. More to follow.

**Labor Day Parade:** Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup>. Tim stated more will follow re: the Frankfort Parade and Wally stated more will follow re: the cortege for his nieces wedding.

**Tech Talk:** Al Kaletas Tuesday September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM. Topic: Model A vs. Model T

**Breakfast:** Peachtree Restaurant on Sat. September 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30AM

**Misc Discussions:** November's mtg will be on 11/14<sup>th</sup> at Chucks new Building. Directions to follow.

Badge Fines: \$6.00 50/50 \$76.00 Winner: Wally

**Next month's mtg:** Al & Sandy's home

**Adjourn:** 8:35PM Thanks again to Irv & Char for their hospitality and goodies.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: SANDY KALETA  
SECRETARY



## Up and coming 2012 Events:

Meeting Wednesday September 19th: Time 7:00P

Al and Sandy's Home

Oak Forest, IL.

Manteno Veterans' home: September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Fall trip: South Bend, IN September 28,29,30

Balmoral Race Track: October 20<sup>th</sup> 5:30

### Meeting Places:

Oct 17 Wed Meeting & Auction at Wally & Kay Ekstrom Crete

Nov 21 Wed Meeting at Chuck & Linnea Fritz, Park Forest

December ? Christmas Party?

**Sign-up for meetings will be passed around soon. Please think about a date you can host.**