

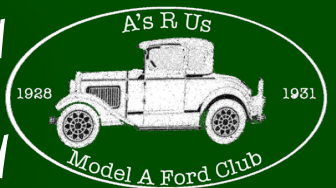


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# BACKFIRE



Chicago Southland Chapter, Model A Ford Club of A

<http://www.drivingthedixie.com>



## *“Dead Men Walking”*

Well my friends I have a script and am studying very hard for my starring roll to be presented at the “Sun Dance Film Festival”. I will be driving the 1931 A down a road to a given point and stop. At that point I’m to exit the car and light up a cigarette, which may be a problem, as I don’t smoke and will hack my lungs up. Then a whole bunch of stuff happens in a house and at the end I walk into a barn where a bunch of stuff is going on and then along with another guy things happen that I’m not allowed to divulge. So there you have it pretty much in a nutshell. I will be asking for a copy of the film so you all can see all the stuff that I can’t tell you about now. I’ll make the popcorn!

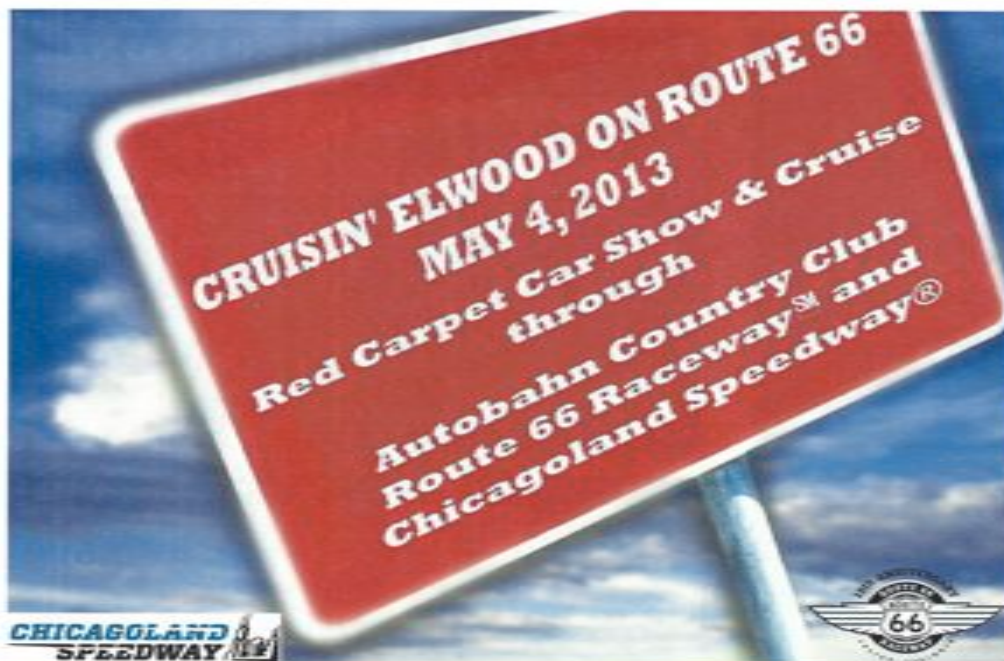


OK until later,

**Phil**

**Header Picture:**

“Public Enemies”  
Lincoln ave. at the  
Biograph



**\$10**  
Registration Fee  
Register at Gate

8:00 Gates open  
10:00 Voting  
11:00 Awards  
11:30 Cruise

**Trophies**  
1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Best Mustang  
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50/50 Drawing  
To Benefit  
Local Military  
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## ANNUAL SWAP MEET & FLEA MARKET

**SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2013**  
**ELWOOD VILLAGE HALL**  
**401 E. MISSISSIPPI AVE.**  
**7 AM-NOON**



**\$10 Per Space    No Preregistration**  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
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## Saturday, May 4, 2013 ONLY

Special offers for Elwood Red Carpet Car Show Cruise Participants only!



Purchase 179 Ride-Alongs (\$109 value) with Richard Petty Driving Experience when you mention "Elwood Cruise" at Chicagoland Speedway.

Offer not valid for gift cards, previous purchase, or special events. Rules and restrictions apply.

FREE Test & Tune Spectator Gate Entry at Route 66 Raceway®\* Dragstrip following cruise!



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July 21

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\*Events subject to change

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# Presidents Comments

Wow, I can't believe it is April already. Soon it will be warm enough to get your "A" out of mothballs. So, if you haven't already done so, now is the time to take care of any maintenance issues you made "mental notes" on last fall to take care of before this summer. Our April 27<sup>th</sup> Safety Clinic at Bob's garage would be a good time to take care of these items, if your don't get to them before then. We have a lot of touring to do this year. This is a heads up for new members.



We use radios to communicate during our travels and you need to be in the loop by having one in your Model A. If you should have trouble or get lost this works great, sometimes, cell phones are out of range. So do yourself a favor and buy one. There are some club members that have extras and may be will to sell you one with our bands already programmed. When on tours be sure the person following you sees you turn. If they are out of sight wait till they see you before driving on after you have made your turn. Remember to always keep a safe distance between cars so others can pass.

Be sure to check the schedule for upcoming tours and activities, and then attend the meetings so you can be a part of the camaraderie.

I must admit I am a little anxious this year about the Driving the Dixie. Last year we had just enough people to cover all of the jobs needed to pull of a successful event. I have already herd that a few people will not be able to make the event so we need to make sure that everyone that can make it does. Here is a list of the jobs we need to fill. At a minimum we need 19 people. We will send around a sign-up sheet at the next meeting so think about what you would like to do.

Go to Person (1 Person)  
Secret "Stamps (3 people needed)  
Western and union Street Traffic (2 people)  
Memorial Park traffic (1 person)  
Parking (2 people)  
Registration (2 people)  
Cashier (1 person)  
Poker Run (2 people)  
Poker Run Promoter (1 person)  
Greeters (2 people)  
Sign Sweep (1 person)  
Fill in Guy (1 person)

# Jon Lisota:



*Q: Who wrote to Henry Ford, "I have drove fords exclusively when I could get away with one. It has got every other car skinned, and even if my business hasn't been strictly legal it don't hurt anything to tell you what a fine car you got in the V-8"?*

*Q: What was Ford's answer to the Chevy Corvette, and other legal street racers of the 1960's?*

*Q: What was the first car fitted with a replaceable cartridge oil filter?*

*Q: What American luxury automaker began by making cages for birds and squirrels?*

*Answers on the next page*

*A: Clyde Barrow (of Bonnie and Clyde) in 1934.*



*A: Carroll Shelby's Mustang GT350.*



*A: The 1924 Chrysler.*



*A: The George N. Pierce Co. of Buffalo, who made the Pierce Arrow, also made iceboxes.*



# "Driving the Dixie"

Est. 1915



**June 15th, 2013**

**\*Registration and starting @ AM in Blue Island, IL\***

**\$15 pre-registration cut off June 8th, 2013**

**Mail registrations and check to**

**"A'sRUS @ P.O. Box 3 Crete, IL. 60417**

**\$20 day of the event**

**You must start in Blue Island to get passport for prizes.**

**Drive at your leisure down the Dixie**

**Lunch in Steger, IL**

**Learn the history of the towns along the Dixie**

**A great day to meet new friends and start the driving season**

**More information at, [www.drivingthedixie.com](http://www.drivingthedixie.com)**

# “Michi gami” Circle Tour

## 1,100 Mile Odyssey

### September 7 – 14, 2013



The Lake Michigan Circle Tour route is the culmination of innovation and hard work by visionary Jack Morgan of the Michigan Department of Transportation. Just 14 months after Morgan introduced his Circle Tour concept in 1987, agreement to designate and fund it was reached between the governors of Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana. In 1998, the route was mapped and signs were posted along all 1100 miles of Lake Michigan's shoreline.



***If you don't have your rooms booked you may be out of luck. It looks like we have 9 cars and 18 members going at this time. Bring your passports as we are going to Canada for a day.***

***Phil***



## DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE

By Jim Wright



Ohio is part of the route of the eastern division of the Dixie Highway. The highway entered the state from the north at Toledo and followed a path along the western part of the state traveling through cities like Findlay, Lima, Dayton and Cincinnati. In Cincinnati motorists crossed the Ohio River into Kentucky on the Roebling Bridge, which had been completed in 1866. John Roebling, the bridge's architect, would go on to design the Brooklyn Bridge. The Lincoln and the Dixie Highways also cross in the state in the town of Beaverdam, just north of the city of Lima.



## DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE

By Jim Wright



Today, Interstate 75 closely follows the historic route of the Dixie Highway in the Buckeye State.

## A'S R US MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2013

**MEETING LOCATION:** The Poulsen Family home

**CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT TIM BORCHERT AT :** 7:15PM. Minutes were read by Sandy Kaleta and approved as read.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Jim reported on the Driving the Dixie fund and the A'sRUS account. The report was accepted and approved as given.

**FAMILY NEWS:** Joe Krygowski had a recent MRI revealing metastatic changes. Please Keep Him in your prayers. Ron's dad had open-heart surgery to replace a faulty aortic valve. He is recovering and Ron thanked all for their concern and prayers. Phil reported that his daughter had an eventful trip getting to the Serengeti Plains; keep her safety in your prayers. She has been accepted for residency at Christ Hope Children's Hosp. when she returns. Dale reported that Herman is doing well; the families have had 3 new grandchildren and have 3 more to come.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The **Auto Safety Check** will be April 27<sup>th</sup> at Bob's Garage. Members discussed testing that should be done and Bob said a check list will be available. Burgers will also be served and Bob will be reimbursed for the food. Bob handed out a preliminary

**Review of the Spring Tour.** Some changes need to be finalized and a final agenda will be available to the membership next meeting.

**Denver Model A visit:** The clubs also will be visiting the Oakland Pontiac Museum in Pontiac, Il. Our club showed some interest and 6-7 members indicated they would like to join them for this Tour. More info to follow. It was noted by the membership that they would then no longer be interested in a follow up trip to Pontiac in May.

**Exposure Trip: Phil** announced that Ron would be helping him with the planning of the trip and the arrangements. More will follow.

## **Minutes Continued:**

**Dixie Sub Committee meeting:** The committee voted on meeting at 5:30, March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Fireside Restaurant, (the Old Maxwell's), prior to the Driving the Dixie Meeting.

**Driving the Dixie meeting will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00PM** at the First National Bank of Grant Park, 951 Dixie Hwy, Beecher, Il.

Tim announced that SIGN UP (job assignments/teams) sheets for Driving the Dixie will be available at the next meeting. All are encouraged to participate.

**Club sponsored events:** The Momence Car Show was discussed at length. Bob & Ron are going to talk to their Momence contacts regarding our club running the Car Show event this year. Bob indicated it was too late for our club to run the whole event.

**Club Clothing:** Tim Dionne brought 2 nice shirt samples from a company known as Corporate Threads  
The 65/35 blends was \$18.00, Poly blend was \$26.00. Set up \$45.00 and names on the shirt beside the Logo \$5.00. Dale remarked that the women would like a more feminine shirt. She is going to get back to the club at the next meeting. There is still a chance we can have them for Gilmore.

**Annual Events List:** Bob notified the members a revised list will be available at the next meeting.

**Picnic Dates:** The membership voted on July 28<sup>th</sup> or August 4<sup>th</sup> for our annual picnic. Jon will try to get a permit for either date. More to follow.

**Route 30 National Tour:** Will be June 27<sup>th</sup> more info will follow.

**Tech Talk:** Pending, Jon will notify the membership when and if he gets the necessary parts.

**Breakfast:** March 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM... Peachtree Restaurant.... Trailer work to follow at Chucks Garage.

**Next months mtg:** April 17<sup>th</sup> at Tim & Connie Borcherts

Adjourn: Tim thanked Claude & Nancy for their hospitality, the tour of their beautiful new home and garage, and for all the goodies. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: SANDY KALETA  
SECRETARY**



## **Gilmore Museum Grande Opening**

May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 2013

*Biggest Model A Ford exhibit in the world*

*If you don't have your reservations, you will*

*hear us tell you about it for years!*

*Over 500 Model A's expected for the  
opening!*

## Up and coming 2013 Events:

Meeting Wednesday April 17th: Tim and Connie Borchert's home in Frankfort, IL

Gilmore MI, spring Trip: May 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

Exposure Trip / Lake Michigan Circle Tour:  
September 7<sup>th</sup> thru the 13<sup>th</sup>

<b>April 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Tim &amp; Connie Borchert</b> _____ <b>Frankfort, IL.</b> 22547 N. Pebble Lake Ct
<b>May 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Bob Steinmetz</b> _____ <b>Frankfort, IL</b> 24356 S. Harvest Hills Rd
<b>June 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Bob Steinmetz</b> _____ <b>Frankfort, IL</b> 24356 S. Harvest Hills Rd
<b>July 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Meeting</b>	_____
<b>August 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Ken &amp; Dale Chamis</b> _____ <b>Oak Forest, IL.</b> 4924 Timber Court
<b>September 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Al &amp; Sandy Kaleta</b> _____ <b>Tinley Park, IL.</b> 5035 W. 171 <sup>st</sup>
<b>October 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Meeting &amp; Auction</b>	<b>Irv &amp; Char Darnall</b> _____ <b>Peotone, IL.</b> 30461 S. 120 <sup>th</sup> Ave.
<b>November 220<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Chuck &amp; Linnea Fritz</b> _____ <b>Park Forest, IL.</b> 537 Lakewood Ave.
<b>December 11<sup>th</sup> &amp; Christmas Party</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Beggars Pizza ??</b> _____ <b>New Lenox, IL.</b>

## A's R Us 2013 officers and Staff

- President – Tim Borchert
- Vice President – Irv Darnell / Treasure – Jim Wright / Secretary – Sandy Kaleta
- Newsletter – Phillip Serviss
- Member Relations – Joe Krygowski
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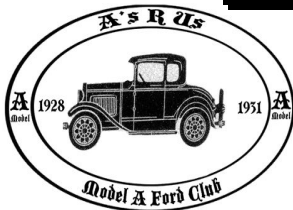
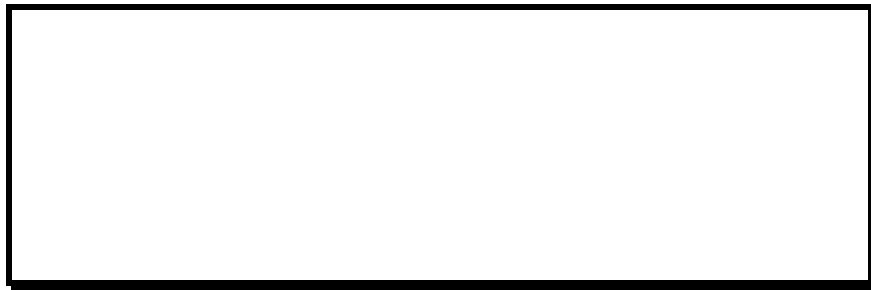
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Ken and Dales 1929 that has found a new home with other owners. Yes this is an original color



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