

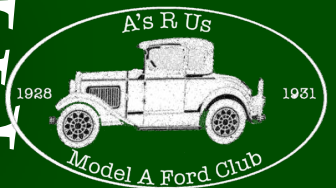


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BACKFIRE



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AS this summer speeds along I'm finding I have so little time and many projects with most I won't get to this year. One that I'm working on now though is a trailer for the trip around the lake in a few weeks. With help from Jon our motor medic the project is moving along. If you need Jon for any repairs you need to contact him now as he is quite busy and before you know it the trips will be on us. I will be doing a story on the construction and how I adapted a Harbor Freight trailer to fit my needs. See you soon,



Header Picture:

Along for the ride in Al and Sabine's car

Phil

Sandy Kaleta Reporter on the Know!



DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE ERA 1920 to 1930's

Population: 106,521,537 to 123,188,000 in 48 states

Life expectancy: Male 53.6 to 58.1: Female 54.6 to 61.6

Average annual salary: \$1236.00 to \$1368.00 Teachers made \$970.00

Unemployment: 5.2% rises to 25% after the crash of "29"

Dow Jones: before the crash of "29", High 100 Low 67

Era Fashions

The end of WWI brought radical changes in women's fashions. 1928/1929 saw the "College Man" and "The Flapper" as the new icons of all that was young and fashionable.

Women molded their bodies to be slimmer with flatter teenage shapes and waistlines

dipped to the hip. Hemlines got shorter and peaked just below the knee, the head hugging cloche hat was popular, rayon stockings became commonly available, short hair styles and long fingernails with colored enamel were the rage. A \$7.95 dress in 1928 would be equivalent to a \$97.00 dress in 2007.

1929 brought the Great Stock Market Crash, hemlines dropped to mid calf, fabrics changed and the 1930's brought a whole

SALE

Summer 1928 Apparel

Don't Send a Penny

Beautiful New Summer Hat \$1.95

Girl's Silk Pongee Dress \$1.89

All Silk Georgette Dress \$6.98

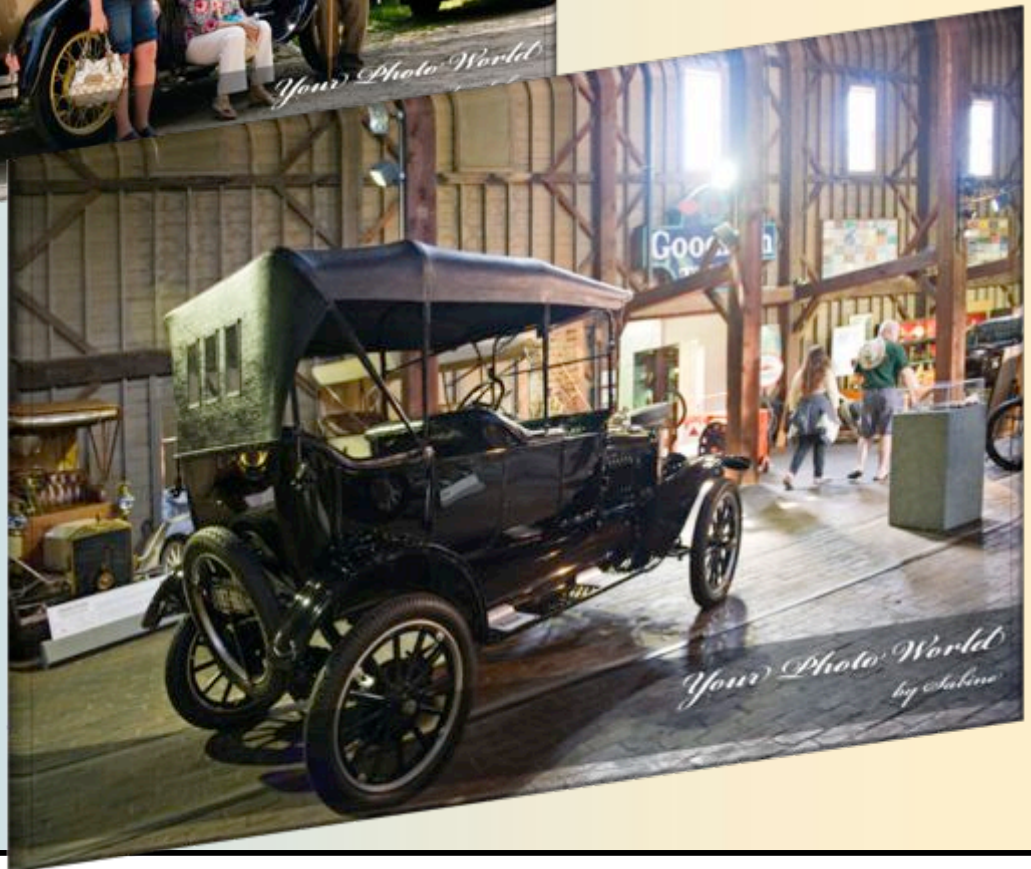
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Bernard-Hewitt & Co.
812-821 W. JACKSON BLDG., CHICAGO

Meanwhile in the automotive industry, the Model A Ford evolved (1928-1931). The College Man & Flapper couldn't wait to spend their money on this jaunty looking auto. The Model T had been know as the "Tin Lizzie", the Model A "The Baby Lincoln". Show rooms were packed with people wanting to buy this fresh new look, that was low priced and easy to drive. The Model A hit the market in December of 1927 and Ford managed to produce and sell 5,000,000 before the Stock Market Crash. This brief moment in automotive history 1928-1931 generated the largest gathering of enthusiasm around a single model vehicle and has made The Model A Ford the easiest vintage car to buy, understand & maintain. Henry had definitely made a Lady out of Lizzie.



“Sabine” and her Photography from the Gilmore trip.



DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE

By Jim Wright



Miami in sunny **Florida** is the southern terminus of the Dixie Highway. On its way from the "Great Lakes to the Gulf," the highway traveled two routes through the state. The western division of the highway was routed through Tallahassee, Ocala, Orlando, Fort Meyers, and Naples on the way to Miami.

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Motorists on the eastern division of the highway entered the state near Jacksonville and hugged the Atlantic coast passing through St. Augustine, Daytona, Melbourne and West Palm Beach before arriving in Miami. It was no coincidence that Miami and the Miami Beach area were selected as the southern terminus.

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Carl Fisher, known as the "Father of the Dixie Highway," had extensive land holdings in the area he was eager to develop and sell to tourists. Today many stretches of the road still bear the name Dixie Highway and the state remains a magnet for northerners looking to escape the cold of winter - just what Fisher envisioned almost 100 years ago.

A'S R US MEETING MINUTES
JULY 17, 2013

MEETING LOCATION: TIM & CAROL DIONNE's home in St. John, In.

CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT TIM BORCHERT AT : 7:08 PM Before the meeting continued, Carol lit a candle and there was a time of silence and prayer for Joe. Minutes from the June meeting were read by Sandy and approved as read.

TREASURERS REPORT: Jim gave a final report on Driving the Dixie. Report approved as given.

FAMILY NEWS: Ken McNeeley reported he is feeling much better. Al B. thanked Jon for all his help getting his car working properly, so he and his family could enjoy our Gilmore trip. Sandy read a nice note of thanks from Marlene.

OLD BUSINESS: CLUB PICNIC, everyone thanked Irv & Char for the great job they did with the games for the kids. Jim announced that an anonymous donor picked up the cost of the picnic.

CRETE: A letter was received from Crete, thanking us for our participation in the Memorial Day Parade.

HOMEWOOD 4th of July parade: displeasure was voiced regarding the clubs placement in the lineup. We have been assured that has been corrected for future parades.

TEENBRIDGE: the fundraiser at Oberweiss earned \$844.00; there were 40 cars, 6 of which were A's from our club.

August 7th is the next fundraiser at Chick Fil A from 5-8:00PM.

TRAILER: it was reported that the axle needs to be moved and at the last work event the top was being scraped. Further discussion was tabled till the next meeting when Chuck will be able to give more information.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE: Dale gave a nice presentation and it was decided we would wait for a January 2014 opening in the schedule for Oak Lawn facility. When notified of dates available, we will decide on a menu and workers can volunteer. It was stated that though Ronald McDonald House is a national organization, monetary donation from the club will go to the purchase of food to be prepared and served by us to the families of patients. A vote was taken and it was approved as a project for January 2014.

CENTENNIAL DRIVING THE DIXIE a committee meeting is to be scheduled and more info to come.

ROUTE 30 NATIONAL TOUR, the club has decided not to participate due to routing.

NEW BUSINESS: DEEP RIVER BALL GAME: will be on Sunday July 28th, meet at Tim & Pat Bots house at 11:30 AM to leave at 12:00. Picnic in Hobart ball field grove 1:00. Bring a dish to share, a desert, and drinks.

PEOTONE CAR SHOW & CRUISE NIGHT: July 27th, registration from 11am to 4pm on Second street. Call Todd at 708-828-2687 if interested.

BLUE ISLAND CAR SHOW/CRUISE NIGHT: Monday August 12th. The club will not be able to participate this year as we have already committed to Crete.

EXPOSURE TRIP: Our caravan will meet on September 7th around 7:00AM at DeMars Restaurant in Blue Island. Plan on leaving there between 8:30-9:00AM. Phil reported the route will be divided daily to give everyone a chance to lead and plan a day of events. The routes will be given shortly so members can pre-plan their day of lead. Be sure to bring Passports. More info, to follow.

FALL TRIP: Ken & Arlene announced the trip will be to Bloomington, Il on September 27,28 & 29th. They stated they are in the process of working out the details and more info will follow. Hotel information will be settled and e-mailed soon, so club members can call and make reservations.

Tech Talk: was tabled as Jon was unable to attend this meeting.

Breakfast: Bob suggested we take a break as the last few times there were only 4 people who attended, further discussion was tabled.

Misc Discussions: Dale questioned if anyone had received information re: Camp Quality for this years event. Tim stated he would look into it and get back to the membership.

Badge fines: \$2.00 50/50 \$67.00 and the winner of \$33.00 was Wally.

Tim thanked Tim & Carol Dionne and Weiner for their hospitality and goodies.

Next months mtg: August 21st at Ken & Dale Chamis in Oak Forest.

Adjourn: 8:20PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: SANDY KALETA
SECRETARY

Up and coming 2013 Events:

Meeting Wednesday August 21st: Ken & Dale Chamis
4924 Timber Ct, Oak Forest, IL

Exposure Trip / Lake Michigan Circle Tour:

September 7th thru the 13th

Fall trip to Bloomington, IL.

September 27th, 28th and 29th

September 7th- 15th Exposure Trip

September 18th Meeting Al & Sandy Kaleta 5035 W. 171st Tinley Park, IL

September 27, 28, and 29th Fall Trip to Bloomington, IL

October 16th Meeting & Auction Irv & Char Darnall 30461 S. 120th Ave Peotone, IL.

November 22th Meeting Chuck & Linnea Fritz _____ Park Forest, IL.
537 Lakewood Ave.

December 11th Meeting & Christmas Party Beggers Pizza ?? _____ New Lenox, IL.

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 –
- Web Page –
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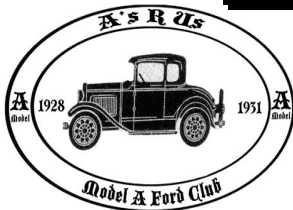
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Motor meter wind speed
for the boil-over's ☺



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