

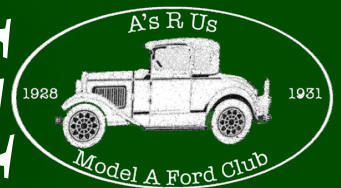


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# BACKFIRE



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"The votes are in and the dates selected are September 27-28-29. I will start planning details for the trip. Thanks, Ken McNeeley"

OK everyone the date has been set for the Fall Trip to Bloomington, IL this will be a relaxing drive down with plenty of time to socialize, as the miles we are traveling will be on the low side. This is the first time in 10 years that WSJ Tours hasn't been planning the trip for the fall and we truly are enjoying the break. Thanks' Ken we will enjoy the break this year.



***Header Picture:***

Parked for the night ready to go to Gilmore.

Phil

# Presidents Comments



The next big event at the Model A Museum is September 20-21 2013. Please include this information in your local clubs newsletter. We are moving to the next phase of the museum where we will be holding an annual meet at The Gilmore complex. This year we will have some seminars and a banquet on Saturday night. Attached is the registration form for the meet. It is also available at the [MAFFI.org](http://MAFFI.org) website to download for your member's convenience.

The MAFFI board is looking forward to seeing many of you in September. This is such a great location and time of year to come out with your Model A.

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# Spring Trip 2013







# “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



**Georgia** was a natural route for the Dixie Highway as it travels from the Great Lakes to the sunny climes of Florida. As in other states, Georgia communities lobbied hard to be included on the route and, as a result, both the eastern and the western divisions of the Dixie Highway pass through the state.



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By Jim Wright



A diverse state, the path of the highway offers motorists a variety of interesting scenery from the urban sophistication of Atlanta, the state capital, to rural areas known worldwide for Georgia peaches, cotton and peanuts to historic Civil War sites and battlefields like Chickamauga and Kennesaw Mountain. Arguably, like no other, Georgia is a state that truly represents the "Dixie" in Dixie Highway.

# Deep River Grinders Baseball

Tim & Pat Bots checked on the location for the July 28th game. It is at the Deep River Grinder Field in Hobart. The game is from 2:00 to 3:30PM. It was suggested we arrive at 1:00 for a picnic. This is an FYI for your calendar, more info to be discussed at the July meeting. SEE YOU THERE..... Sandy





## MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2013

**MEETING LOCATION:** Bob Steinmetz Garage

**CALL TO ORDER BY VP IRV DARNALL AT:** 7:10 pm.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The report was read and approved.

**FAMILY NEWS:** Ken McNeeley thanked everyone for all the cards and calls he received while ill.

Bob Steinmetz reported Joe had been fine over the weekend but Monday he had spent 15 hrs. in bed. Tuesday morning he was rushed to the hospital and isn't doing very well. They have Hospice with Joe. Marlene had hurt her bad back during all this.

Randy and Bonnie are grandparents again.

Phil and Nancy's daughter has started her residency at Christ Hospital.

Joey, Bob and Debbie's son, graduated High School.

**MINUTES:** Last month's minutes were read. It was incorrectly stated in the minutes that Bob Steinmetz had made a motion to NOT register for the Drivin' the Dixie event, it was corrected to read Randy Senkpeil had made the motion. The report was then approved.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

We received a letter from the Model A Ford Foundation stating that "The Museum is built and is celebrating with its grand opening, May 18, 2013. Over 800 Model A'ers cheered as the flag was raised. The "Dixieland Bank" played "Henry Made a Lady Out of Lizzie". Please give your members the great news. The foundation says there is approximately \$4,000 due monthly for utilities, maintenance and insurance. Your Clubs donation will assure that this prize museum will continue to be the most beautiful display of the Model A era in the country." The museum is asking for our A's R US Club donation for 2013. Phil will look into what the total number of clubs there are in Mafca and Marc Model A Clubs and divide that amount into \$4,000 to determine what a fair share would be for A's R US.

A notification was sent to our club from Arnold W. Alexander advertising a 1929 Model A Roadster for sale and a 24' enclosed Haulmark tandem trailer. If interested, notify Irv for details.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Bob and Penny Steinmetz and all those who were involved in planning the spring trip were complimented for a fine job. A bill will be forthcoming for the van rental of \$181.

**DRIVIN' THE DIXIE:** It was decided that Club members would be registering for the Drivin' the Dixie, by not registering, we would be taking away from the percentage of the towns profits. The DTD committee finalized all plans at their last meeting prior to our May meeting, so changing the not registering by our club members could not be changed at this time.

Bob noted they lost 7 or more signs, next year they need more help, and to put them out in the AM. Wally noted that the Grant Park and Momence maps were upside down.

Karen inquired, how many years should we go back for mailing addresses, for the pre-registration forms? .

Several DTD participants were asking if we had DTD T-shirts for sale. Karen suggested this might be a good idea. Irv suggested we sell hats, since one size fits all. It was tabled to future meetings.

### **UPDATE ON CLUB TRAILER:**

Sides are on but there is a hole in the roof. Repairs ongoing.

Next trailer work day scheduled for June 29th, breakfast at 8:30 at Peachtree Restaurant and onto Chuck's for working on trailer.

**CLUB PICNIC:**

The picnic will be held at the Monee Reservoir on Sunday, July 14th. It was decided that each family bring a side dish, a dessert and their own beverages. Meat, plates and plastic ware will be furnished by the club. Jon Lisota said we should spend no more than \$120 for prizes. The count from our club meeting was 10 kids, Al Engstrom 3, Steve Coe 3, Tim Botts 4, (I'm sure there will be more). Please let Irv and Char know if you are bringing children who would be participating in the games. Jon will give us a count on kids coming from the Highland Club. Set up will be 9:30-10:00 am. We will be eating around 1:00 pm. Tim Dionne will bring an amplifier and mike.

**CENTINNIAL DRIVIN THE DIXIE COMMITTEE:** Jim Wright reported they will schedule a date for a sub-committee meeting.

**FALL TRIP:** Mackinaw City Hotel reservations for Sept. 12th has been changed to the Hamilton Inn Select.

**The Crete Memorial Day parade** was reported as a good one.

**TEEN BRIDGE** is having 2 cruise nights this summer, July 10th and August 7th, one at Chick-fil-A and one at Oberweiss in Orland.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Sunday, June 23rd, Public Enemy Fest, 5K Run at the Lake County Fairgrounds. They've asked for 1930 era cars to be placed along the running route, they've asked that cars start arriving around 8:30-9:00 am, the cars will give the Fest it's atmosphere. There will also be a costume contest, people dressed as flappers and gangsters, and the public could have their photo taken with these cars that are parked along the running course. The invitation was sent to us by Tim Fealy, he would like to attend our meeting after the event so he can give our Club the results of our efforts.

The 41st Annual IOLA CAR SHOW AND SWAP MEET will be July 11th thru July 14th in IOLA, Wisconsin. The GRANDPA of all car shows and swap meets. Over 4400 swap meet spaces! Bob Steinmetz (our man on the street) will be there.

The PEOTONE CAR SHOW AND CRUISE NITE will be held Saturday, July 27th. Registration is 11 to 4 pm. For more information, call Todd at [708-828-2687](tel:708-828-2687) or e-mail [peotonecarclub@yahoo.com](mailto:peotonecarclub@yahoo.com).

**PARADES:** Homewood, lineup 10:00 am, 11:00 am start, July 4th, in St. Joseph's parking lot.  
Beecher: Register 2:00-3:30 pm. Theme "Great American History" Parade at 4:00 pm.

A suggestion was made, we have American flags and signs on each car for all parades. American and A's R US flags would be 12x18 each and \$17 per flag. The discussion on flags was tabled until next month.

Dale made a motion that our Club make a work contribution at the Ronald McDonald House at 93rd and Keeler in Oak Lawn. They are looking for volunteers to prepare and serve meals to the families staying there. The kitchen holds 8 people, we need to submit an application for date able to serve, Dale is looking into three possible dates. The motion was seconded by Bob Steinmetz and the motion was passed.

**NEXT MEETING:** July 17th at Tim and Carol Dionne's at 12339 - 107th Avenue, St. John, Indiana.

Badges Fines: \$4.00

50/50 Drawing; \$35 to Al Kaleta

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm

Thanks to Bob and Penny for treats and hosting.

Respectfully submitted: Char Darnall,



## Up and coming 2013 Events:

Meeting Wednesday July 17th: Tim and Carol's home  
12339 - 107th Avenue, St. John, Indiana.

Exposure Trip / Lake Michigan Circle Tour:

September 7<sup>th</sup> thru the 13<sup>th</sup>

Fall trip to Bloomington, IL.

September 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting	Tim and Carol Dionne's at 12339 - 107th Avenue	St. John, Indiana.
August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Meeting	Ken & Dale Chamis 4924 Timber Court	Oak Forest, IL.
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting	Al & Sandy Kaleta 5035 W. 171 <sup>st</sup>	Tinley Park, IL.
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting & Auction	Irv & Char Darnall 30461 S. 120 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	Peotone, IL.
November 22 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting	Chuck & Linnea Fritz 537 Lakewood Ave.	Park Forest, IL.
December 11 <sup>th</sup> & Christmas Party	Meeting	Beggars Pizza ??	New Lenox, IL.

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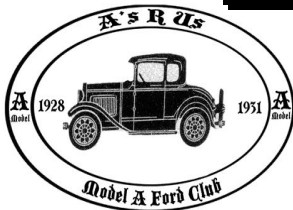
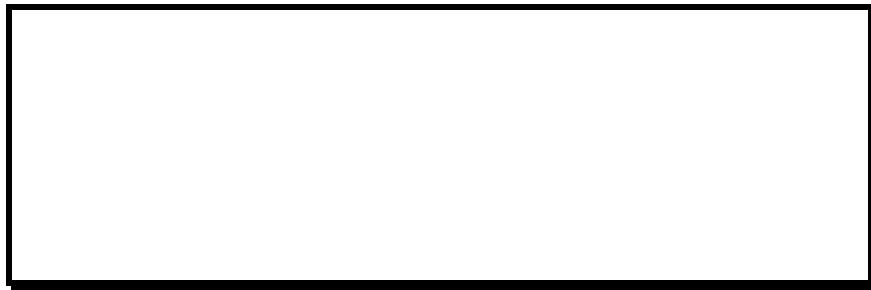
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