

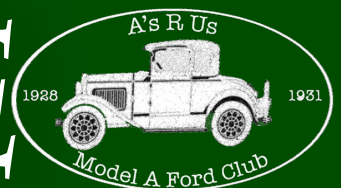


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"Gillmore"

"Be there or be square" as the old saying goes. And we were. I believe we had 21 cars for the trip and met Ron Bonneau up there. The weather couldn't have been better for driving, but a few of our cars decided to remind us that they are 80 years old and need a little TLC occasionally. If you wanted to see Model A's this was the weekend as there were 700 to 800 cars on the grounds of the museum. I personally loved the new FORD A Museum and felt that the displays were first rate. I will only touch on the trip this month and will continue next month with more to come.

As an side note the medical bag that I carry for the club was used for a visitor at the museum. Karen called me to get back to the new museum quick as she felt a visitor was in distress. I jogged across the campus grabbed the bag from my car and almost needed assistance myself when I got there. I did check her vitals out and she was suffering from slight heat exhaustion from standing in the sun for almost 2 hours. We got her water and cooled her down. The staff was grateful I was able to check her out and they thanked us for our assistance.

Header Picture:

Gillmore opening day.

Till next month, Phil



Presidents Comments

We did not make our final stop at the Woodmar Shopping Center where we could get together and thank those responsible for planning and making our spring trip such a success. If you have never planned a trip, you do not know how involved and how much time it takes to pull it off successfully. I want to thank Penny and Bob for all of the work they did in planning the event. The special trip planned for the girls was very thoughtful and made the trip much more interesting for the better half of the group. All of the restaurants did a great job in handling our large group and the food was tasty. I also want to thank Ron for coordinating the dinner at Martys. We thank and appreciate Marty again opening her home to the club.



Again - a big thanks to Penny and Bob.

Tim



Can you find our members?

Jon Lisota:



First off, what a wonderful trip! The weather was super and the destination could not have been better. We all arrived, with no major mishaps. We had only one overheating problem and that was due to running the spark not far enough advanced.

The next day was different though. Yours truly “The Motor Medic” was the one to have troubles this time. When leaving the Gilmore museum, my engine decided to run only on three cylinders. I limped it back to the motel and Bob Steinmetz helped to trouble-shoot the problem. With the head off it was easy enough to see what was wrong. One of the hardened valve seats had some how come out of place and was holding the valve from closing. After some work, it was finally reseated. We then had to wait until the next morning so we could purchase a center punch from Home Depot. I then staked the valve seat, and reassembled the engine with a new head gasket, just like new. Ken Chamis lost a bendix spring, but push starting took care of that small problem. Then we come to Phil Serviss. About four miles from home, it starts running real bad and has lost power. Did a quick check and it seemed liked the head gasket. He limped it home and we tore it apart on Monday night. The gasket was blown between the three and four cylinder. We cleaned it up and put it back together. When I was torquing the head studs between three and four it just didn't feel right. So using a box wrench, I wanted to see if the nut was stripped. As I turned the wrench and the head stud snapped right in two. When I pulled the head, as luck would have it, I was lucky to be able to remove the broken piece from the block. That's when I decided to replace all the studs. This took three hours and an acetylene torch and still one broke off. Had to drill it out and install a heli-coil. A new set of studs and the car is back, purring like a kitten. So once again we have had a wonderful trip with some minor mechanical issues.

Jon

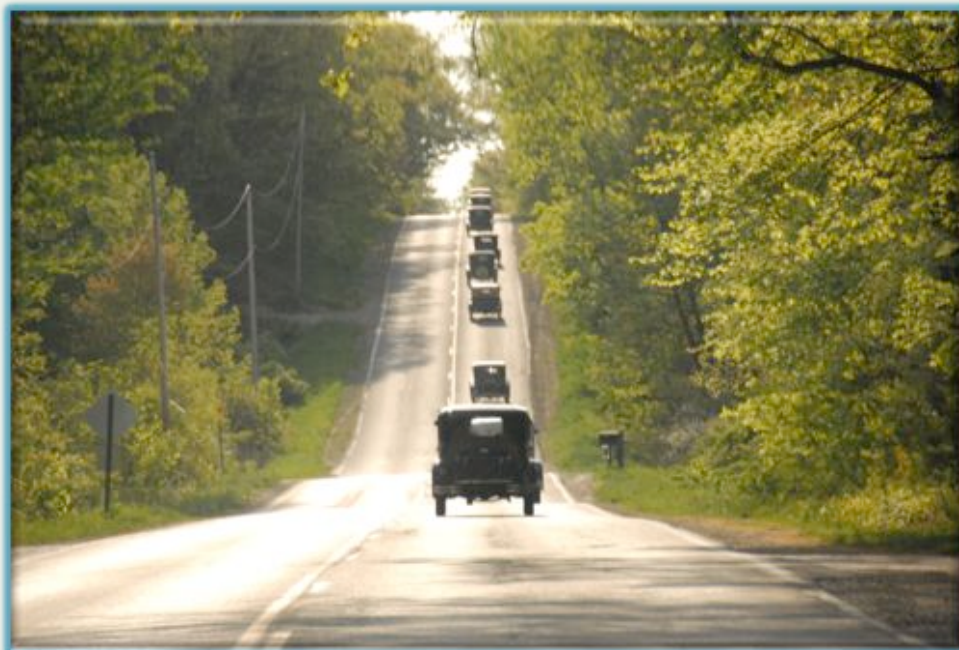
Spring Trip 2013

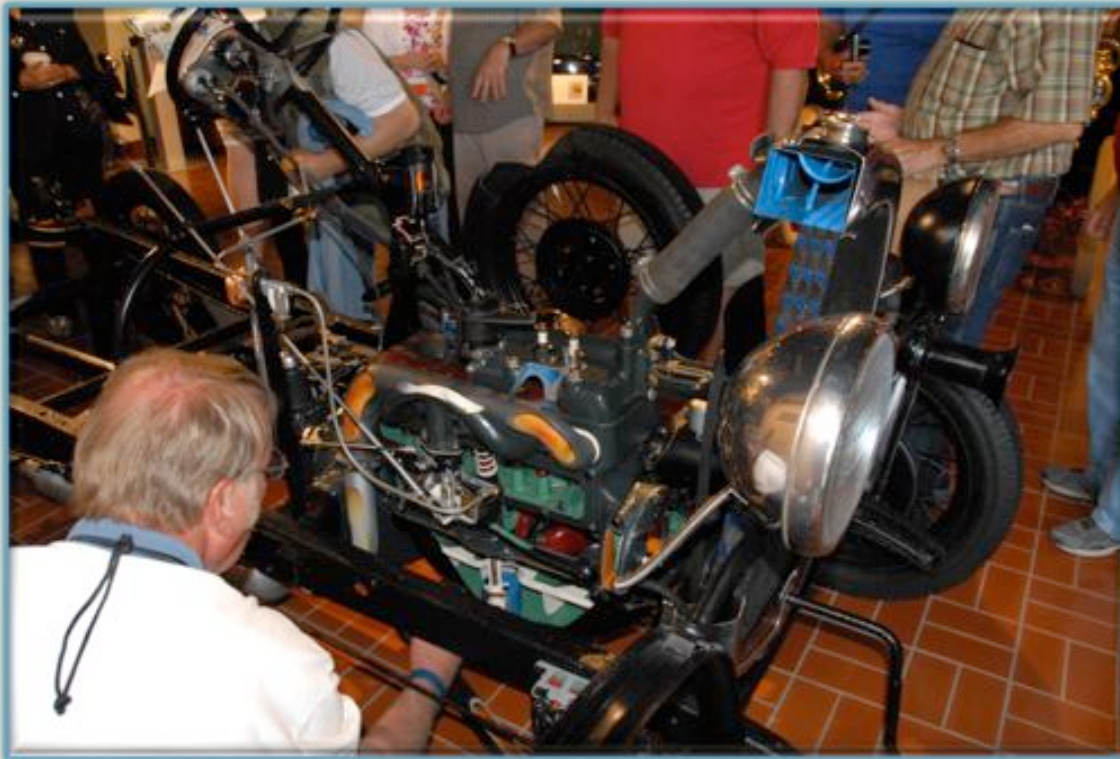


Dean's ice Cream



Herman our oldest member!





Cut away Model A



“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

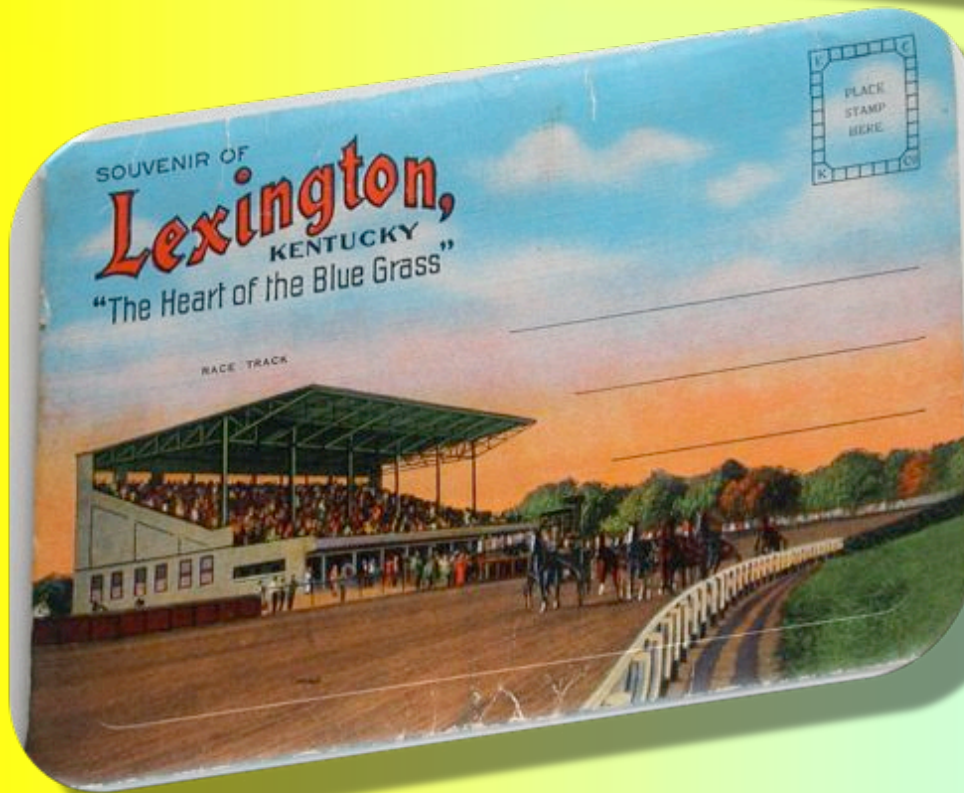
By Jim Wright



Kentucky residents were great supporters of the Dixie Highway. In recognition of this enthusiastic support, highway organizers routed both the eastern and western divisions of the highway through the state. The western division of the Dixie enters Kentucky at Louisville and travels through Elizabethtown, Cave City and Bowling Green before exiting the state into Tennessee.

DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE

By Jim Wright



Traffic on the eastern division flows through towns like Covington, Lexington and London on its way to the Tennessee state line also. The Kentucky routes provided not only some of the most beautiful scenery, but also some of the worst road conditions in the early years on the Dixie Highway.

Spring (Shopping) Tour
by Char Darnall

There was never a dull moment on our spring tour this year. We did split up on Saturday into two groups, one going to the Gilmore Museum, the other driving into Saugatuck to do some shopping. I was in the latter group and believe me, we did some power shopping and still did not cover all the stores.

We met up with Kay and Rosalinda who were dumped..er..dropped off by Al in Saugatuck. There were approximately eighteen of us girls roaming the streets, oohing, laughing and having a great time. Of course, we didn't all go into one place at the same time or we would have driven the shop keepers crazy.

We split into two groups for lunch, we all dined outside with a view of the lake and the day was perfectly beautiful and so was the scenery.

We returned around 4 pm, found out the guys had trouble with a car or two and they wouldn't be returning to the hotel for another hour.....so-o-o.....some of us got back into the van and drove uptown to a couple of antique shops. You can't keep a good shopper down.

We came away with a few treasures and lots of great memories.



A'S R US MEETING MINUTES
MAY 15, 2013

MEETING LOCATION: Bob Steinmetz Garage

CALL TO ORDER BY VEOP IRV DARNALL AT: 7:10pm The minutes from the April meeting were read by Sandy and approved as read.

TREASURERS REPORT: Jim: The report was read and approved.

FAMILY NEWS: It was good to see Joe, Marlene and Herman at our May meeting. Randy & Bonnie have another grandchild due anyday.

OLD BUSINESS: SHAKE DOWN CRUISE: Ken reported the day was very leisurely and enjoyable. The weather was nice, meals at the 2 restaurants were great and the people on the Barn Quilt tour were friendly. **SPRING TRIP:** Bob reported that 21 cars will **LEAVE** the Commander Restaurant (745 Ridge Rd. Munster, In) at 8:45AM. Each car will have detailed directions, we will not be caravanning, but will meet for the first time at the listed Gas Stop, then at lunch and then at Comfort Inn. It was discussed that it is NOT safe for 21 cars to caravan and slow drivers should be up at the front of the group. If you have a problem, Use your radio help will come. **Don't forget your updated medical forms, new forms will be sent by e-mail by Bob. DRIVING THE DIXIE: Maps** were approved at the May 1st D.D. Committee meeting. Jim presented a rough draft of a brochure for consideration. No further meetings were scheduled. Irv reviewed the assigned job list and there were still openings for workers. Bob noted that we had to designate stops for the SECRET STAMPS. An extra person is needed for each Secret Stamp to facilitate the POKER RUN. Karen sent out pre-registration forms and she stated she would send confirmation to these registrants when Jim receives their checks. Bob made a motion that club members DO NOT register for the Driving the Dixie event and therefore, DO NOT participate in passport prizes. They can however, participate in the POKER RUN/10 in a BAG as they are fund raisers for our club.. This motion appeared to have passed on a hand vote; however, Irv questioned the accuracy of the vote. **CLUB CLOTHING:** Tim D. brought everyone's shirts to pass out after the meeting and stated Corporate Threads didn't charge for the set up, as they were very pleased with the order. **CLUB TRAILER:** Chuck reported that the chassis is done, brake lines are on and that they are researching the materials for the sides. The trailer should be ready for the picnic. **CLUB PICNIC:** Jon stated we have the permit for July 14th. **CENTENNIAL DRIVING THE DIXIE COMMITTEE:** Jim reported that updates are forthcoming. **EXPOSURE TOUR:** Phil stated there is nothing new to report for this meeting. All the rooms for the trip are booked. **ROUTE 30 NATIONAL TOUR:** Jim stated there is nothing definite to report at this time.

Minutes Continued:

NEW BUSINESS: Teen **Bridge:** is having 2 cruise nights this summer, July 10th & August 7th. One at Chick-fil-A and one at Oberweiss. More info to follow.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE: Crete on Monday May 27th, 11:00AM service. IN MEMORY OF MANY, IN HONOR OF ALL..... Line up West of the tracks near the lumberyard. **Overview of CRUISE NIGHTS:** Mondays: Crete 5-9PM, June,

July, Aug. Blue Island (on York, east of Western) June 3rd & 10th 5-8PM.

Tuesdays: St. John & Manteno Wednesdays: Beecher at Buddy's Drive In and Steger at Bambinos.

Tech Talk: No Tech talk was scheduled at this meeting

Breakfast: June 8th, 8:30AM Peachtree Restaurant. Trailer work to follow at Chuck's Garage

Misc Discussions: Bob mentioned that John Jr. might be interested in selling his Babbeting Equipment for boring engines. A few members expressed an interest and Bob is going to investigate the possibility of purchasing the equipment. Bob further stated that the Ford Stamping Plant is having an Open House on July 14th and has extended an invitation to A'sRUS. It was noted, however, that this date presented a conflict with our club picnic. **Sharon, Wisc** is hosting a "Reliving the Roaring 20's Day" on June 2nd, from 9:00 to 2:00. Free dash plaques to those who drive their Model A. If interested contact: Bill Aupperie at 815-397-4059.

50/50 \$85.00.. \$42.00 to Jim \$2.00 in badge fines were collected.

Next month's mtg: June 19th at Bob Steinmetz Garage, Frankfort

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM. Thanks to Bob for being our host and for the munchies.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: SANDY KALETA
SECRETARY

Up and coming 2013 Events:

Meeting Wednesday June 19th: Bob's Garage

Exposure Trip / Lake Michigan Circle Tour:

September 7th thru the 13th

June 19 th	Meeting	Bob Steinmetz _____ Frankfort, IL 24356 S. Harvest Hills Rd
July 17 th	Meeting	_____
August 21 st	Meeting	Ken & Dale Chamis _____ Oak Forest, IL. 4924 Timber Court
September 18 th	Meeting	Al & Sandy Kaleta _____ Tinley Park, IL. 5035 W. 171 st
October 16 th	Meeting & Auction	Irv & Char Darnall _____ Peotone, IL. 30461 S. 120 th Ave.
November 220 th	Meeting	Chuck & Linnea Fritz _____ Park Forest, IL. 537 Lakewood Ave.
December 11 th & Christmas Party	Meeting	Beggars Pizza ?? _____ New Lenox, IL.

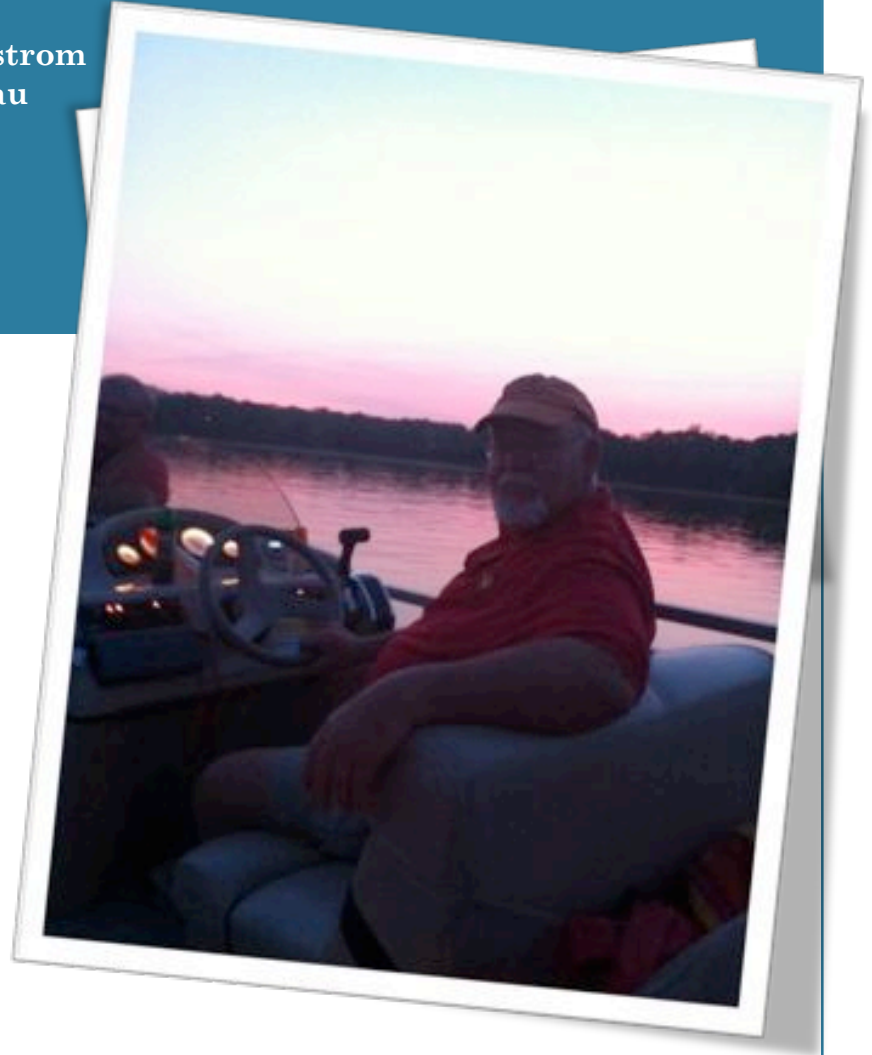
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- Member Relations – Joe Krygowski
- Web Page – Joe Krygowski
- Parade Coordinator – Wally Ekstrom
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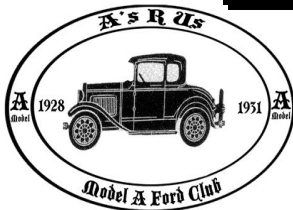
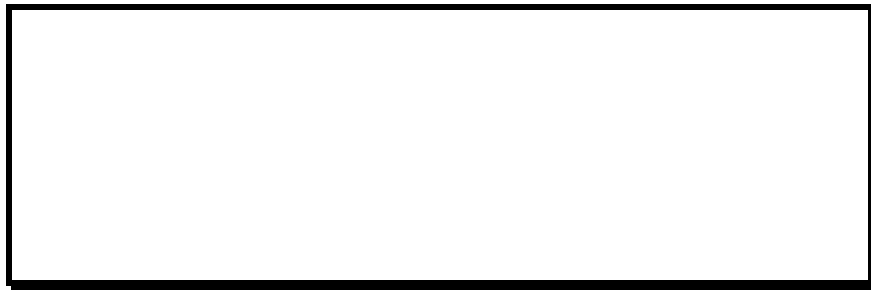
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Sunset cruise with Captain Ron.



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