

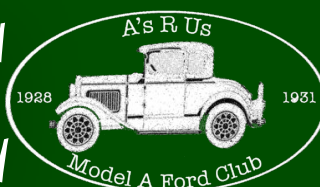


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"Barn Quilt Tour"

What a beautiful day we had on the shakedown cruise. Thanks to Ken and Dale for leading the tour in the farm land of Will and Kankakee County. The 9 A's that went preformed admirably as usual. This coming weekend we will be traveling up by Holland MI and this was your chance to get the mouse nest out of your carburetors and get the engine warmed up for the trip to Gilmore Museum.

We will have a couple of new members along on the trip and will be making a first long distance trip in their cars. I am expecting around 20 cars to make the trip. Charge up the radios if you have them and check the oil, as we will have a great time as usual.



Header Picture:

Quilt Barn Tour

Phil

Jon Lisota:



On Saturday, the twenty seventh of April, we held our spring check up for the model A's.

The weather was just great. We met at Bob Steinmetz's garage. It sure is nice to have so much inside room to work in.

Bob had the board set up for the adjusting of headlights. We found some coon hunters and some night crawler searchers.

We also lubed the point blocks and cams. The distributor also got some oil.

We then did visual checks for all the lights, front and rear, adjusted some horns.

Joe K. and his son Jeff showed up bright and early. It was great to see Joe. He can still drive his model a. But he had Jeff do the driving to and from home.

We also spent some time tightening loose items we found on the cars.

Bob had fresh coffee and dognuts. So snacks were had by all.

Jon

I grabbed a little history for everyone from the net as I was wondering when the barn decoration started.

The history of the American Barn Quilt can be traced back almost 300 years to the arrival of immigrants from the central regions of Europe; Germany, Austria and the Netherlands. It is widely believed that barn painting/quilting originated in Pennsylvania with these immigrants and then spread too much of the New England and Midwestern states. Paint was very expensive in those days and painting a decorative and distinctive quilt pattern on their barns was a wonderful way of allowing for decoration. It also became an excellent way for travelers to find particular families or cross roads as towns people would just tell them which pattern to look for.

Kankakee County, Illinois, is covered with barn quilts! Starting in the fall of 2008, visitors to Kankakee County, Illinois began seeing decorative quilt blocks on historic barns and corncribs around the county. This countywide project continues to showcase our rural heritage summer with more quilt blocks added each subsequent year. Barn Quilt #50 was hung in 2012.

We started out day in Grant park at the Commander restaurant with a hardy breakfast and we hit the road around 9 AM. Our first stop took us to St. Ann to a old factory that was full of a multitude of life time projects. The main collection of transportation was wheel chair and handicapped vehicles that were collected mainly in England. The next couple of buildings had quite a collection of cars from mainly England I believe but there were quite a few American beasts in his collection. After about an hour we were on the road again to look at the Barn Quilts. We met many friendly people along the way and had a great day of driving. The next couple of pages will chronicle the day.

Phil





Model A Snow mobile conversion



Airplane Snow Ski Mobile



"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

“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

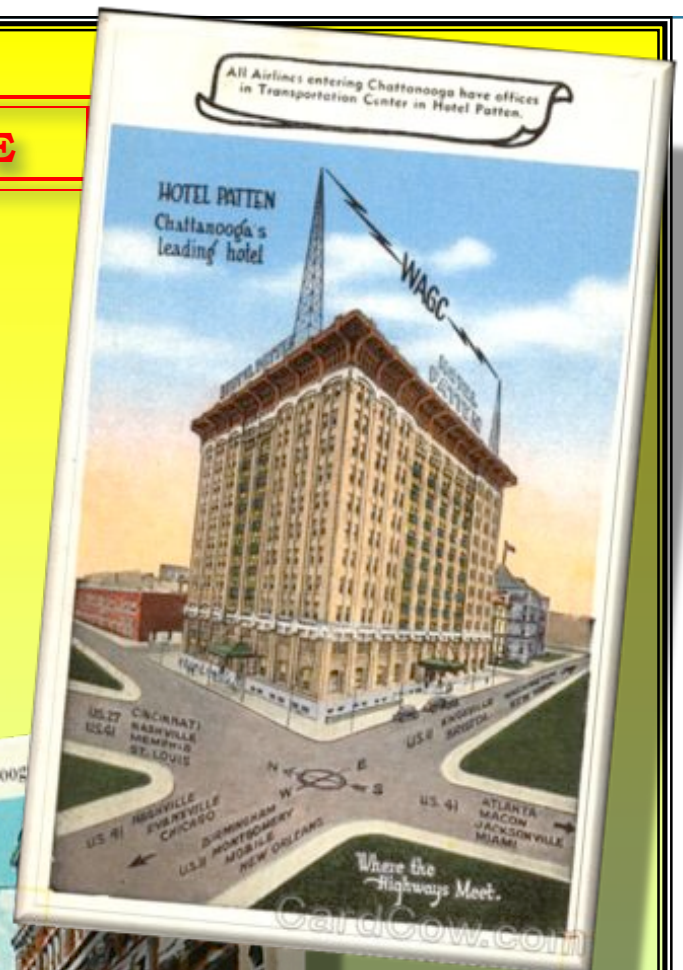
By Jim Wright



Tennessee has played an important role in Dixie Highway history from the beginning. In 1915, when the Dixie Highway Association was established, Chattanooga Judge Michael M. Allison was elected to serve as its president. Allison served in this role until the association disbanded in 1927. The Chattanooga Automobile Club, which was formed in 1914, was also actively involved in the establishment of the association. Five of its members and eight other men from Chattanooga pledged \$1000 each to help fund the association's early activities.

DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE

By Jim Wright



As a result of Allison's and the Chattanooga Automobile Club's involvement, the headquarters for the association were located in downtown Chattanooga in the Patten Hotel on Market Street-the Dixie Highway. The hotel advertised itself as Chattanooga's Leading Hotel-Where the Highways Meet, as U.S. Highways 11, 27 and 41 also passed by its doors. The Patten Hotel, now housing for the elderly and disabled, still stands as an important landmark in Dixie Highway

A'S R US MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2013

MEETING LOCATION: Tim & Connie Borchert's home

CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT TIM BORCHERT AT : 7:10 PM. The minutes from the March meeting were read by Sandy and approved as read.

TREASURERS REPORT: Jim reported and approved by membership.

FAMILY NEWS: We were happy Joe and Marlene were able to join us. Joe stated he feels stronger after 2 pints of blood. Herman was also able to be with us for the meeting. Prayers were asked for Ron & his family due to his father's death. Al & Sabine asked that we remember their 3 year old Odon in our prayers. He is scheduled to have his adenoids removed.

OLD BUSINESS: SAFETY CHECK, at Bobs Garage is a go for April 27th at 9:00 AM. A safety check list was passed out to the membership by Tim.

SHAKEDOWN CRUISE, May 4th BarnQuilt Tour will leave USA Restaurant in Grant Park (Dixie Hwy across from the Grainery) at 9:00 AM. If you want breakfast arrange to be there early. The tour consists of 50 barns of which we will see 12 in Kankakee County, we will be going to RYANS Restaurant on the river for lunch and end the day at the WWII museum in Kankakee. Ken Chamis thanked Ken McNeeley for helping to plan this tour though he and Arlene won't be back to join us.

SPRING TRIP, May 17,18,19 Bob will e-mail a revised version of the trip to members and requests a response re: dinner entrée choices for those attending.

EXPOSURE TRIP update: Phil reported there are 9 cars/18 people going to date. Ron has sent out Hotel notices to those signed up for the trip. Reservations need to be made ASAP.

DRIVING THE DIXIE: June 15th, sign up sheet was passed around to membership. Bob has the stamps and will arrange for new stickers 2013/2014. Tim & Jon will bring 3 canopys; Phil tables & chairs. To set up 3 separate areas with new signage. Signs will be placed by Wally, Bob, Ron, Ken Mc and Bob will pick them up. Secret Stamps: Chuck, Tim, Ron. It was decided we will do the Poker Run and 10 in a Bag again this year. Tim passed around a preliminary Guide of the route for D.D. and asked members to take signage to be posted in neighborhood stores. Karen is ready to send out pre-registration forms with a cover letter. It was decided we will only pass out 1 (one) passport per paid vehicle. Dale suggested all the forms be collated to make it more efficient at the registration table.

Minutes Continued:

CLUB CLOTHING: Tim D. has arranged for mens & womens Henley shirts to be purchased and embroidered from Corporate Threads. The membership has chose, red shirts with a yellow coupe and black embroidery as on our club Roster cover (left side) and members name right side. Sizes Small to XL \$18.00 XXL/Tall \$20.00. Names \$5.00. Sandy said she would e-mail the membership who were not in attendance so they could order their shirts That way the whole club should have them for our Spring trip to Gilmore.

CLUB TRAILER: Chuck reported that things are moving along.

NEW BUSINESS: CENTENNIAL DRIVING THE DIXIE COMMITTEE: had their first meeting and 2 proposals were presented for discussion: 1. Community Signage 4x5 feet with names/photos pertinent to each community, to be donated and mounted in a safe memorial area in each participating community
2. 2015 drive to start at the ART Institute in Chicago and continue down to Danville. It could be an overnight event and we could encourage other clubs to join us. More ideas were tossed around by the membership.

A REVISED ANNUAL EVENTS LIST was emailed to the membership by Bob.

CLUB PICNIC: will be July 14th due to forest preserve scheduling restrictions. Jon said more info will follow.

ROUTE 30 NATIONAL TOUR is June 27th and more info will follow.

Tech Talk: The Safety Check will serve as our Tech Talk for this month.

Breakfast: May 11th at 8:30AM. Peachtree Restaurant . Trailer work to follow at Chucks Garage

Misc Discussions: Tim D. discussed that he participated in a Crown Point In. night parade with his car being the only Model A and decorated for St Patty's Day. He said there is talk about a Dillinger Festival/Parade and stated he will keep us posted re: time, date etc.

Next months mtg: May 15th Bob Steinmetz Garage, Frankfort, Il

Adjourn: the meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM. Thanks to Tim and Connie for their hospitality and as always thanks for the delicious goodies.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: SANDY KALETA
SECRETARY**

Gilmore Museum Grande Opening

May 17th and 18th 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!



A's R Us

Spring Tour 2013

Plainwell, Michigan Preliminary Overview

Friday : May 17, 2013

Breakfast : Commander Resturant 745 Ridge Road;
Munster, IN. - 219/ 836-4009 - opens 6:00 am

Depart: 8:45 am CDT

Lunch : Dowiagac, MI. - 94.6 miles - **Arrive 1:15pm EDT**

Zeke's Resturant - 109 S. Front Street

Private room - separate checks - Order off the menu

Depart: 2:15pm EDT

Comfort Inn Motel - Plainwell, MI. - 62 miles - 156.6 miles total

6322 Allegan St. 269/ 685-9891 **Arrive: 4:30pm EDT**

Fellowship: **5:15pm** - Weather permitting, Garden area - Comfort Inn

Dinner : **Depart 6:45pm - EDT**
Sam's Joint - Plainwell, MI.

Saturday : May 18, 2013

Breakfast : Comfort Inn Lobby - limited seating

Option: Janna's Pancake House - next door

Depart for Gilmore Muesum: 8:30am EDT - 15 miles

Those wishing to attend the Model A dealership Grand Opening will caravan to the facility

Return to the motel approx. 4:30 pm

Saturday : May 18, 2013 cont.

Depart for Saugatuck, MI.: - 9:30am EDT - 38 miles

Those not wishing to attend the Gilmore event, a 15 passenger van has been reserved to carry you to Saugatuck, MI. for a day of shopping and enjoying the lake shore. Possibly a stop at the Fennville winery will be arranged on the return trip.

Return to the motel approx. 4:00 pm

Dinner: - Allegan Lake - Allegan, MI. - 14 miles

Depart: 5:30pm EDT

A catered dinner has been arranged to be served at the residence

Of Ron Bonneaus' friend, Marty. Please bring your own liquid refreshments as she has agreed to arrange this for our group for \$12.50 per person. We will collect the funds prior to our arrival at her home. She would like for us to plan to spend the evening.

Sunday : May 19, 2013

Breakfast : Comfort Inn lobby - limited seating

Option: Janna's Pancake House - next door

Option: For those who chose not to go to Gilmore on Saturday and would like to see the Mueseum - The 15 passenger bus will depart the motel at **8:30am EDT** for a brief visit and return by 10:15 EDT.

Depart : 10:30am

Junk Shop Stop - Cedar Bluff, MI - 35 miles - **Arrive 11:30am EDT**

Depart: 12:30pm EDT

Lunch: St. Joseph, MI. - 32 miles - 67 miles from start - **Arrive**

2:00pm

EDT

Papa Vinno's - private room - separate

checks

Depart: 3:00pm EDT (2:00pm CDT)

Go our separate ways - Woodmar Shopping Center -

Hammond, IN. - 75 miles

Split: 4:00pm CDT



Up and coming 2013 Events:

Meeting Wednesday May 15th: Bob's Garage

Gilmore MI, spring Trip: May 17th, 18th and 19th

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

May 15 th	Meeting	Bob Steinmetz _____ Frankfort, IL 24356 S. Harvest Hills Rd
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 22 ^{0th}	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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- Vice President – Irv Darnell / Treasure – Jim Wright / Secretary – Sandy Kaleta
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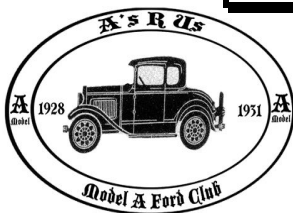
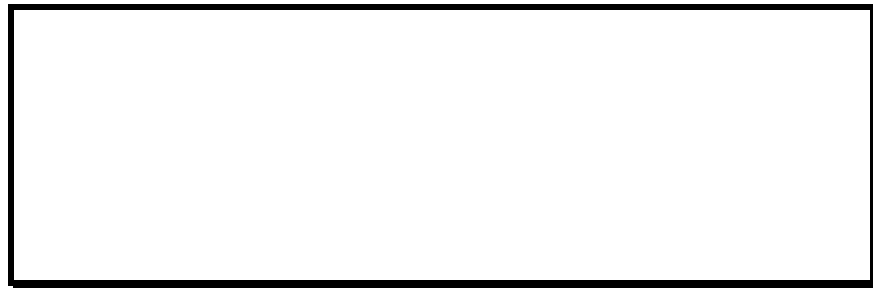
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