

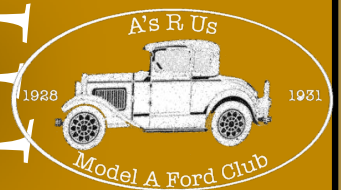


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*The Carp  
Editor in Chief*

It's been an incredibly busy and exhausting two weeks as I had a full house with Andrew White back in town from Hastings, England as well as a new friend Andy Bissenden from Hastings. They were with the Stables Theater Involved in an exchange with The Drama Group in Chicago Heights. I will report on the A's trip to Pontiac, IL down Rt. 66 next month. Our club put 12 A's on the road for them and they all commented that this was a high light of their stay in the states. Thank you ALL that were able to make a wonderful day for them!

Phil

**Header Picture:**

All I need are for Diablo's eyes to light when I step on the brakes.

# Presidents Comments

## LETTER FROM THE PREZ

Wow, how time flies. It seems like yesterday we were planning Driving the Dixie 2014, now only less than two weeks it will be DTD day. Don't forget to register and also invite some friends to drive along with you. Don't forget the fabulous lunch of "Dixie Dogs" in Steger.

On June 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Teen Bridge car show at Famous Dave's in Orland Park, 155<sup>th</sup> and Harlem Avenue.

Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, the BIG gala, A's R US annual picnic will be at the beautiful Goodnow Grove at the Meadow Lark Pavilion. More details at the June meeting.

Hope to see you all at the June 18<sup>th</sup> A's R US meeting at 7:00 pm. Bob and Penny Steinmetz at Bob's Garage in Frankfort/Green Garden will host this meeting.

Thanks go out to Steve and Karen for filling in for the Prez and Secretary at May's meeting.



## Ricochet

# Exposure Trip 2014 Nashville, TN September 3rd thru the 10th



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for more information



# DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE

By Jim Wright



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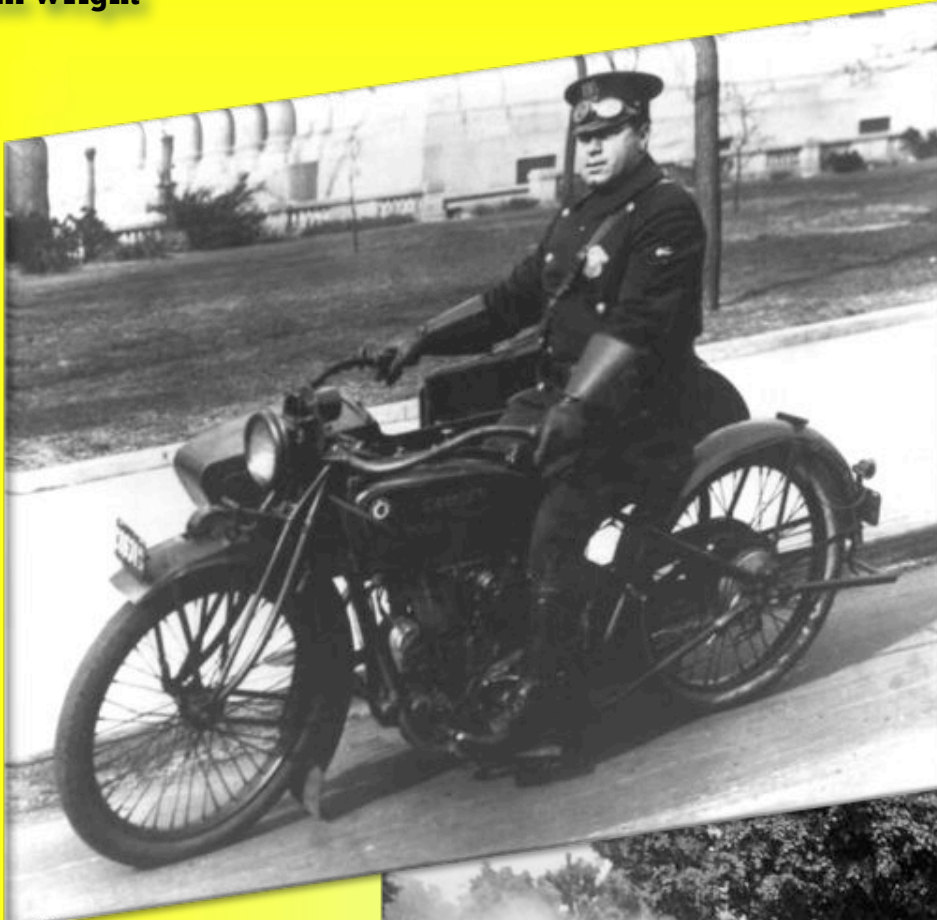


# Indian Motorcycle

Unfortunately the Dixie Highway figured prominently in the death of Homewood's first and only police officer killed in the line of duty. On October 18, 1920, Homewood motorcycle officer Paul Edward Buckley joined state patrolman Earl Kessner chasing a car on the Dixie Highway. Kessner had observed the car break through a road construction barrier and initiated the chase. Buckley joined the chase in Homewood and the two motor officers proceeded south on the Dixie Highway in hot pursuit of the traffic violator. As the chase neared "Al Sabbath's corner" (south of Holbrook Road), a delivery truck belonging to the Mandel Brothers Store of Chicago pulled across the highway. Overgrowth of trees and brush along the roadside obscured the motorcyclists' vision of the obstruction until it was too late. Buckley was unable to stop or swerve to avoid the truck and hit it broadside. Kessner, who was behind Buckley, swerved into a ditch and avoided any injury. The offender's vehicle escaped unscathed.

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Buckley was taken to St. James Hospital by a passing automobile and was initially thought not to be severely injured. He was conscious after the accident and appeared to be slightly bruised about the head. Looks were deceiving. Buckley suffered internal injuries and died the next morning. To compound the tragedy, village employees were not insured at the time. Donations were collected for Buckley's burial expenses and to help his widow and three young children. After his burial was paid for, excess funds in the amount of \$265.10 were given to Mrs. Buckley! As is the case so many times, the village board passed a motion after the accident to provide accident and liability insurance coverage on the village's police officers and workmen, to late to be of any help to the Buckley family.

# Sandy Kaleta Reporter on the Know!



## ***FASHION: Aah the roaring twenties***

*There hasn't been a decade since the Roaring Twenties that has loved sparkle and bling as much. Bead and fringe layered dresses; feathered hair clips, headbands and skull caps dressed up short hairdo's.*

There was not just one style of headband or one way to wear it. Day wear consisted of a ribbon or scarf that was rolled and tied around the head. For evening wear it would be made of continuous strands of pearls, rhinestones or beads wrapped around the top of the head to the back of the skull or a rolled scarf with a big fluffy bow tied on the side, peacock feathers and sprays of gold or silver. Day head wear was small and dainty where as evening head wear became bold and garish. This trend started in 1924 when King Tut's Tomb was discovered; soon after every woman wanted to look like an Egyptian Queen.





The favorite daytime headwear was the Cloche Hat. It was the invention of French milliner Caroline Reboux, who introduced it in Paris in 1923. It was made of velvet, satin, horsehair, straw or felt. The word Cloche meaning "bell" in French hid a woman's hair, by allowing her to tuck it up into the hat. Some variations of the standard cloche were the Gigolo hat with its wider brim with one side dipped lower than the other and a creased top. Another variation was called a skullcap or a brimless cloche with long sides and back, totally covering bangs and spit curls. The popularity of the Cloche had spread like wildfire from the streets of Paris to the American Catalogues enabling women of all financial brackets to be a part of the *FLAPPER REVOLUTION*.



## A's R Us Meeting Minutes

### May Meeting 2014

Location: Steinmeitz Garage, Frankfort, IL

Called to Order by Vice-President Steve Coe at 7:07 PM with 18 members present and five guests.

Minutes from the April meeting were approved after they were changed to read Teen Bridge Center will have dates in June, July and August for their car shows.

Treasurer's Report: [REDACTED] The report was accepted as read.

#### **Family News:**

Ken reported that Al Kaleta's bubble in his eye is dissipating but still has a ways to go, maybe a month or more. He can't lift or drive but watch out when he can!

Corey, Dale's son, is in good shape now and in school.

Linnea is undergoing chemo and her counts are down considerably and once again is being a trooper.

Phil and Nancy are grandparents. Their daughter had a baby girl on May 10 and she is growing rapidly.

Sabine is now a citizen of the USA and is ready to pay taxes!

Bob and Fran had 2 granddaughters graduate. One graduated from high school and one graduated from college with honors.

#### **Correspondence:**

Steve read a thank-you card from Karen thanking everyone who sent cars to her mom.

Tim Bots brought a flyer stating that Crown Point is looking for cars for the Public Enemies 5K Run on June 29 at 8:30 AM. This is the same day as our picnic, but we should be leaving there by 11 AM.

Letter was read from Model A Ford Foundation asking for donations of any size for endowment fund. We have already donated.

Letter was read from MAFCA inviting the President or a representative to the Presidents' Convention in Pallyup, Washington.

#### **Old Business:**

Comments were made that the Shakedown Cruise went well and thank yous to Jim and Henry.

The Spring trip was great and the women enjoyed the cocktail hours. The hotel people were great!! Phil commented that they visited the mancave and Phil coveted the '33 Ford and garage. A lively discussion followed.



Ken reported he has a Book of Rosters of all Model A clubs and it will be brought along on all trips just in case we are in need of help.

Karen reported that she mailed 60 registration letters and forms and she and Phil e-mailed 250 more for Driving the Dixie. We have already received 7 pre-registrations and Karen will send confirmations. Jim reported we will have the same format as previous years. Tim Borchert has the maps from the villages. We still need work assignments and a sheet was passed around for all to sign-up. Phil will get tables and chairs for registration. Bob S commented we are in need of job assignments and signage needs to be addressed as soon as possible. The sign committee will meet after the meeting.

**Exposure Tour:**

Looks like we have 10 cars signed up. There is a great WWII museum in Danville and other surprises. Phil will send out the e-mail again with hotels and events listed. Some need to be paid in advance.

**Picnic** is June 29 at Meadowlark Pavilion in Goodenow Grove.

**Veterans' Home** is scheduled for August 9 in Manteno

**Model A Day** in Sharon, WI is June 1

**Fall trip:**

There is a bidding war going on for our presence at their hotels. The trip is to Shipshewanna, IN on October 17, 18, and 19.

**New Business:**

Bob Steinmetz reported that he has an engine for educational purposes that has been made from donated parts. Frankfort has expressed interest in it for the July 3 rd Cruise night.

We were invited to Frankfort's Cruise night and Pinewood Derby on July 3 rd . This is a special event for Grandparents and Grandkids. The Cruise night committee saw an article about our work with the Teen Bridge Center and would like us to bring the engine Bob Steinmetz has in his garage.

No Tech Talk but Chuck will be working on the trailer in Monee on Saturday, May 24 at 9 AM if anyone can make it.

Bob S had parts for sale from Krygowski and Nelson garages.

Next month's meeting will be at Bob Steinmetz's garage in Frankfort on June 18, 2014.

Badge fines were \$2

50/50 paid out \$41 to Tim Bots

Meeting was adjourned by Steve Coe at 8:15.

## MEETINGS FOR 2014

**MAY: BOB STEINMETZ**

**JUNE: BOB STEINMETZ**

**JULY: STEVE COE**

**AUGUST: KEN & DALE CHAMIS**

**SEPTEMBER: AL & SANDY Kaleta**

**OCTOBER: IRV & CHAR DARNALL**

**NOVEMBER: CHUCK & LINNEA FRITZ**

**DECEMBER: TO BE DECIDED**

**Remember to up-date your medical form for next year. A new form is on page 14 of the newsletter.**

# A's R US Confidential Medical Form

Date Filled Out:

Last NAME: <span style="background-color: #C0FFC0; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></span>	First Name: <span style="background-color: #C0FFC0; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></span>
DOB: (mo/date/yr): <span style="background-color: #FFFFC0; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></span>	Age: <span style="background-color: #C0FFC0; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 60px; height: 20px;"></span>
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Name of Emergency Contact: <span style="background-color: #C0FFC0; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></span>	
Phone of Emergency Contact: (       ) <span style="background-color: #C0FFC0; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></span>	
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## List Medications and Dosage Below

	Name	Dosage in Mg	How Often Taken
#1			
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#3			
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#5			

## List any Allergies or Medications of Which You are Allergic Below:

#1	
#2	
#3	
#4	

## List Any Serious Diseases That You Have (Diabetes, Cancer, Heart, Thyroid, Etc) Below

#1
#2
#3

It is understood that the information contained within this form is to be kept confidential UNLESS a medical situation develops during the course of an activity being conducted by the A's R US car club that necessitates the release of this information to medical personnel.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## Up and coming 2014 Events:

### May Meeting @ Bob's Garage

Wednesday June 18th 7:00.

Green Gardens



## Looking forward into 2014

Ronald McDonald House

Teen Bridge Center

Shake Down Trip

Spring Trip

Veterans Home

Camp Quality

58th. Annual Hesston Steam & Power Show 2014

Labor Day Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>

Exposure Trip 2014

September 3rd through the 10th

Newport Hill Climb

October 3rd - 5<sup>th</sup>

Fall Trip



## ***'Illinois Largest moving car show!'***

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- \* Self Guided with passports to win prizes at the end of the run.
- \* Lunch Provided by Steger, IL with your entry fee
- \* Blue Island to Momence down Historic Dixie Highway
- \* Historic Homes, Historic business to Learn and explore at your leisure
- \*\*New this year the Thornton quarry will open its lookout with interpreters to explain the operation\*\***

**\$15.00 Pre registration cutoff June 10**

**Mail registration to: A'sRUS PO Box #3 Crete, IL 60417**

**\$20.00 the day of in Blue Island Starting at 8:00 am**

**Dixie and High Street downtown Blue Island rain or shine.**

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