

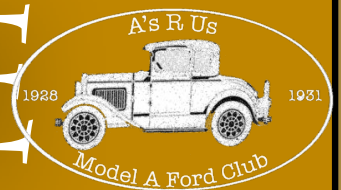


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BACKFIRE



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Announcement!

The "Exposure Trip" will be to Nashville TN. The Dates are September 3rd through the 10th. Back on the 10th. In order to go to the "Grand Ol Opey" we need to leave midweek. As always we will have a grand time. I hope you can make it the days are going to be shorter on the road than last year with an average 150 mile days. Hope you can make it. Phil



The Corp
Editor in Chief

Header Picture:

1930 A model ford project truck.

A Message From "The Prez"



Spring is peeking around the corner, two and a half weeks away chronologically. From my window I see snow and more snow. Keep on the happy face, and before you know it, yea, spring.

THERE ARE SEVERAL EXCITING TRIPS PLANNED IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

An annual shakedown cruise is scheduled for April 26, 2014. A trip to Morton Arboretum in Lisle, IL.

Our spring trip will be May 2nd – 4th 2014. We will be “A ing” to Rochelle, IL to see several historic sites.

2014 Driving the Dixie will be held June 21, 2014.

A’S R US Annual Picnic will be held at Meadowlark Pavilion, Goodnow Grove. June 29, 2014.

2014 Exposure trip will be September 3rd -10th to wonderful Nashville, Tn., hopefully attending the Grand Ole Opry Show. Mark your Calendar for a trip of a life time.

The Annual fall trip, strutting our A’s through Shipshewana and Nappanee, In., visiting the Amish Life, sometime in the month of October.

These are only a few of many planned events for our Club this year. Mark your calendars now.

Our March 19th A’s R US meeting, will be at Irv and Char’s, 30461 S. 120th Ave Peotone IL. 7pm sharp, see you there.

IRV

Decalb, IL.

May 2nd, 3rd, 4th



Our trip is May 2, 3 and 4th. We will be leaving on Friday, May 2nd at 8:30 AM from Little Joe's Restaurant in New Lenox (Cedar and Francis Rd).

The hotel we will be staying at on Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3 is a BRAND NEW facility in DeKalb. The Hampton Inn DeKalb is opening for business on March 1, 2014.



The hotel has offered us a block of twenty (20) rooms. The rack rate at the hotel is \$139/night but our block rate cost is \$109 per night for either a double bed room or a king room . The block expires on April 11, 2014.

Additionally, I am encouraging anyone that is considering going on the trip to make your reservations early. They will not expand the block until we get 15 rooms booked.

Additionally, the hotel will allow us the use of a meeting room for our Friday night get together and a hot breakfast is included each morning. The hotel has a fitness center and pool area. It is located on Anne Glidden Road in DeKalb, about 1 mile south of the NIU campus and Lincoln Highway.



That being said, since they are not open until March 1st, if you want to book room before then, you must call [815-748-4323](tel:815-748-4323) and leave a message and they will call

DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE

By Jim Wright



During the early years of the Dixie Highway, the road was minimally patrolled by local and county police forces. On June 24, 1921, the 52nd Illinois General Assembly authorized the Department of Public Works and Buildings to hire a "sufficient number of State Highway Patrol Officers to enforce the provisions of the Illinois Motor Vehicle Law." With this act, the Illinois State Highway Patrol, now the Illinois State Police, was born.

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The first director, John J. Stack, and the first eight men to serve as highway patrol officers were officially appointed to their duties on April 1, 1922. Their mission was to enforce speed limits and the weight laws of the state to protect the "hard roads" from damage caused by overweight trucks.

DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE

By Jim Wright



Early equipment consisted of surplus World War I motorcycles and uniforms. The force and mission has increased tremendously over the years and today over 3000 troopers and civilian employees are involved in all facets of law enforcement in every part of the state serving with "integrity, service and pride."

TECH TIP FROM RICOCHET



LUBRICATING THE VACUUM WIPER MOTOR

From the collections of Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village Research Center.

Editor's Note: At some point, the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village Research Center offered advice on maintenance of Ford cars. The text of this paper originally suggested that brake fluid was a good choice for lubricating the wiper motor. While brake fluid has all the features listed below, brake fluid will remove paint! MAFCA Technical Director Chuck Christensen recommends the use of 3-in-one sewing machine oil, Marvel Mystery Oil or other light machine oil, but suggests that you do not use brake fluid to lubricate the wiper motor.

The Trico type wiper motor does not operate properly without an internal lubricant. This is especially the case when a

rebuilding kit has been installed, since the reciprocating parts fit tightly resulting in high friction. An opposite effect occurs in the used motor where the reciprocating parts are worn. In this case, internal leakage of air past the seals occurs. Believe it or not, the performance of the engine is affected as leakage in the wiper motor lowers the intake manifold vacuum and leans out the fuel-air mixture.

In consideration of the above points, an ideal wiper motor lubricant must reduce friction and have a high enough viscosity to act as a sealant. Additionally, the lubricant must not congeal in cold weather, must not thicken with age, must not cause corrosion of the die cast and brass parts, and must not attack the leather or plastic seals. Marvel Mystery Oil works well, particularly on a rebuilt motor. It does have one drawback. The viscosity of the Mystery Oil is a bit too low. In a relatively short time, the oil is sucked out of the wiper motor by the engine manifold vacuum. On the other hand, brake fluid is excellent! It lasts longer than Mystery Oil due to its higher viscosity, and is especially effective on an old motor which has been idle for years. *See Editor's Note above.*

Here's how to lubricate the motor, which should be done three or four times a year.

1. Remove the vacuum hose at the wiper motor. Lightly hold your finger over the hose nipple on the motor and cycle the wiper blade back and forth. Note that in one direction the motor sucks in air, and in the opposite direction the motor expels air through the nipple. Place the wiper blade in the position such that the motor will begin to suck air at the nipple.
2. Attach a six-inch long piece of hose to the motor nipple and hold the open end up. Using a squeeze bottle, force one teaspoonful of lubricant into the hose. Place a rag on the cowl below the wiper motor. Hold another rag over the open end of the hose.
3. Cycle the wiper blade back and forth several times. Repeat the process again, adding a second teaspoonful of lubricant.
4. Start the engine and run the wiper motor. It should run well. If it does not, the wiper motor should be disassembled, cleaned, inspected and a rebuilding kit installed. It is normal for the wiper to slow down when the engine is accelerated, but it should not stop altogether.

One last point to note. If you test run the wiper motor on a modern car and it runs real well, it may not do so on the Model A. Always test the wiper motor on the car it was designed for, the Model A.

If the roof doesn't leak, now you are ready to run the Model A in the rain.



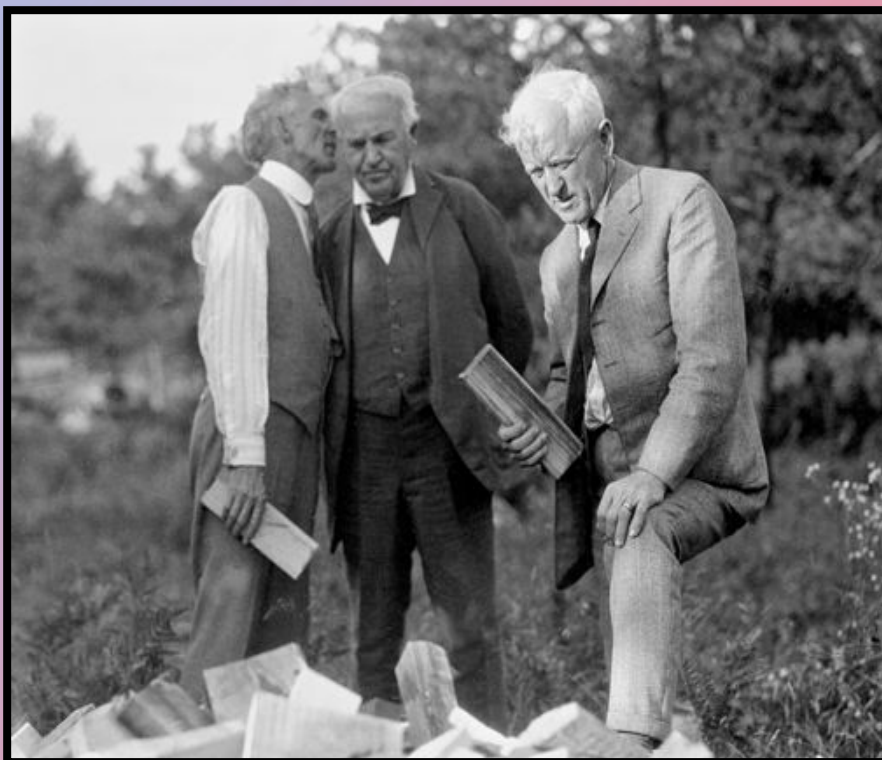
History of Charcoal

Charcoal has certainly come a long way since cavemen used it to write on walls. The etymology of the word charcoal is from the Old English charren, "to turn," plus cole, "coal;" hence, charcoal, "to turn to coal."



In the 1920s, Henry Ford developed a process for using wood scraps from his Model T's, which were in fact made of wood, to popularize briquettes (spelled briquet on the Kingsford bags). Briquettes, however, were first patented by Ellsworth B.A. Zwoyer in 1897. Kingsford was

originally called Ford Charcoal, and E.G. Kingsford, Ford's brother-in-law, helped broker the location for first factory, which was later renamed in his honor. Since Ford's mass production of the charcoal briquette, barbecuing with charcoal has become more and more popular.



Henry Ford
Thomas Edison
E.G. Kingsford

How Charcoal Is Made

The manufacturing of charcoal is a multi-step process. The main ingredient for a quality briquette is the char (the first syllable of charcoal), but charcoal briquettes are not pure charcoal. At the beginning of the charcoal-making process, that mountain of wood visitors see at the entrance of the factory glides onto conveyer belts and enters a



wood hog that feeds the retort for char. Afterward, it is dried and then packaged. The charring process occurs when the wood is burned in a furnace, creating a manageable material to form into a briquette. If the wood is too brittle, it will crumble. Once the



charcoal is warm and soft, it is put into a dryer set at 300 degrees. Two hours later, the once-soft briquettes come out hard and are ready to be bagged and shipped to stores across the country.

A's R US MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 19, 2014

MEETING LOCATION: Irv and Char's, Peotone IL.

CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT IRV DARNALL AT: 7:15 p.m., 11 members were present.

Minutes from the January meeting were read by the secretary and approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim stated Driving the Dixie account is now at [REDACTED]. A's R US account is at [REDACTED]. Treasurer's report was approved as read.

FAMILY NEWS: Tim Dionne has completed his cardiac therapy and is recovering nicely. He hopes to be back at the A's meetings in the spring.

Al Kaleta came home from surgery yesterday and is taking it slowly.

CORRESPONDENCE: Park Lawn sent a thank you letter for the gift of \$75 to their association in memory of Herman Senkpeil.

Received a letter from the "Model A Youth Restoration Award" requesting the need for our Club's financial support. These donations go toward exposing youths to the running and restoration of the Model A.... this is very important so as to keep the Model A alive in the younger generation. This is tabled until after the budget report.

OLD BUSINESS: Irv reminded everyone to update their medical forms and give to Ron to replace last year's forms. Ron will return the old ones to you or shred them, whichever you prefer.

Char explained the "Phone Tree" that Karen had put together to notify all members when there is an emergency contact needed such as, a Funeral or an emergency meeting. Copies will be e-mailed to all members. Please keep this list nearby in case you need it.

Al Bethschart has secured the web site AS-R-US for the next ten years (which he has donated to the Club). Al and Phil will meet and set this up.

Phil stated he would maintain "Driving the Dixie" web site (which he has also been donating to the Club).

Jon reported he has reserved the Meadowlark pavilion in Goodnow Grove, for the Club picnic on June 29th. It is a nice park with no hills to climb, cheaper (\$75 compared to Monee Reservoir \$100.00) and has flushable toilets.

Jim and Henry are working on the Shakedown Cruise and will be giving a report at the next month's meeting. Talked about inviting other car clubs to join us.

Jon, Ron, and Steve took a run to Rochelle, Il., there were a lot of attractions but the Hotel did not have a secure parking lot, so they are planning on staying at the Hampton Inn in DeKalb, they have set aside 20 rooms. Details will be sent out via e-mail.

Phil reported that he is still working on the Exposure Trip to Nashville but may have to leave mid-week if we want to visit the Grand Ole Opry. It will take us three days driving down and three days back, tentatively, leaving September 3rd and returning the 10th.

Bob and Wally are working on the Fall Trip to Shipshewana or Nappanee, Indiana sometime in October.

No news to report on the Ronald McDonald House.

Bob stated the purpose of meeting with the Teen Bridge Group is to expose them to the Model A, from turning the key on to start it, through the way it runs and operates, to how to repair one. He reported that He, Travis, and Claude held a welding school for the Kids. They taught them how to cut out and weld a butterfly out of steel. The kids were 12-17 years old. Hopefully, there will be pictures in the next Backfire. Thanks to these guys for spending time with our youth. Ron volunteered to write an article about this and submit it to the Restorer Magazine. Ron also volunteered to be our correspondent and report Club News to the Chapter News in the Restorer Magazine.

For the Veteran's Home visit it was suggested we go in warmer weather so the Veterans can enjoy looking at the A's. More discussion at next month's meeting.

Camp Quality will be discussed at next month's meeting also.

The Budget Report was submitted by the committee and reported by Tim Borchert. It was suggested we donate part of the Education Fund to the Model A Youth Restoration Award. It was moved to accept this, Committee will change and revise the Budget. An approved and corrected budget will be e-mailed out to members.

NEW BUSINESS: Tim Borchert brought up an event the Club might want to see. "Ring of Fire- The Music of Johnny Cash" is playing at the Theatre at The Center in Munster In., between February 20 - March 30th. Tickets are \$44 per person. They also have a **one day dinner** theater event (\$56), which is March 13th, 5:30 pm dinner, 7:30 pm performance. Let Tim know if you are interested. He will send more info via e-mail.

There was talk about forming a social committee to find different Social Events to attend. Will bring up at next meeting.

Visiting the Hesston Steam and Power Show will be discussed at a later date.

Ken mentioned that Randy had suggested “ A’S R US” purchase a National Club Roster of all Model A Club members Phone numbers, in case we are traveling and broke down on the road, we could look up a number near us and possibly get help or needed parts. The cost of the book would be approximately \$10 or \$15. It was voted on and passed to purchase a booklet and give it to our Clubs Safety or Motor medic to carry with when on trips.

The Chicago Fire Museum has a 1930 Model AA that was converted into a chemical unit at one time. They would like it restored, they have a budget for this. Needs to be looked at and reported back if we would want to take on this challenge. Jim will call the Museum and set up a time to visit, there will be several members going to look at this. (March 22nd, meet for breakfast in Blue Island first, see below.)

The next meeting of the Driving The Dixie will be in Chicago Heights, at the Union Fine Arts Gallery at 10:00 am, Saturday, February 22nd.

It was suggested, this summer, we drive our A's to “Buddy’s Drive In” in Beecher, maybe in August, just to show off our beauties and have an ice cream treat.

There is a swap met on March 16th in St. Charles. There will be a parts swap meet starting in May at the I-80 Drive In.

TECH TALK: None this month.

BREAKFAST: Will meet at DeMar’s Restaurant in Blue Island at 8:00 am on March 22nd. Those wishing to go to the Fire Museum, we will leave after breakfast to view the 1930 Model AA chemical unit that is to be restored.

NEXT MONTH’S MEETING: No one has volunteered to host the March 19th meeting, as soon as we find someone, we will e-mail the info.

BADGE FINES: \$1

50/50: \$40 \$20 to Jim

ADJOURNED: 9:15 pm

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Char Darnall, Secretary

MEETINGS			
MARCH:	IRV & CHAR DARNALL	AUGUST:	KEN & DALE CHAMIS
APRIL:	TIM & CONNIE BORCHERT	SEPTEMBER:	AL & SANDY Kaleta
MAY:	BOB STEINMETZ	OCTOBER:	IRV & CHAR DARNALL
JUNE:	BOB STEINMETZ	NOVEMBER:	CHUCK & LINNEA FRITZ
JULY:	STEVE COE	DECEMBER:	TO BE DECIDED

Remember to up-date your medical form for this year.

A's R US Confidential Medical Form

Date Filled Out: _____

Last NAME: _____	First Name: _____
DOB: (mo/date/yr): _____	Age: _____
SSN: _____	
Name of Emergency Contact: _____	
Phone of Emergency Contact: () _____	
Name of Primary Health Physican: _____	
Phone Number of Primary Health Physican: () _____	

List Medications and Dosage Below

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

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#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:

March: Meeting @
Char and Irv's home

**Wednesday March 19th
7:00.**

30461 S 120th Ave
Peotone, IL 60468



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. 1st

Exposure Trip 2014

Tentative / September 6th through the 14th

Newport Hill Climb

October 3rd – 5th

Fall Trip

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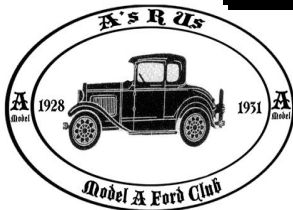
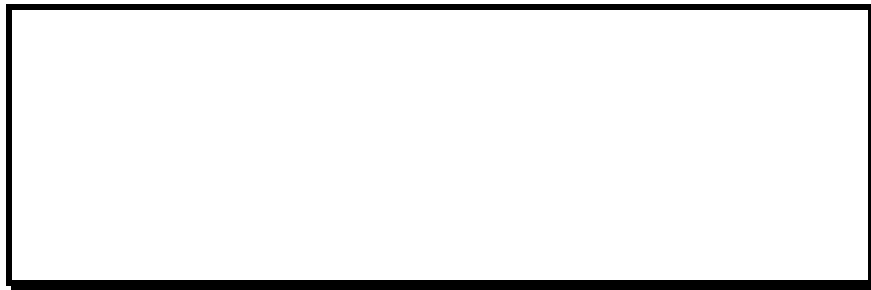
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Destination Nashville:
September 3rd to the 10th



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