



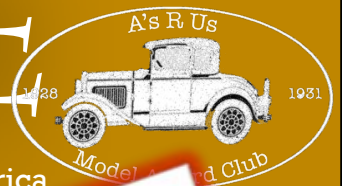
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*The Carp
Editor in Chief*

One of our fun events that we have attended the last few years is “Deep River Grinders Baseball” played in Holbert, IN. Rules written in 1858 govern the play. Cranks (the fans) can enjoy an ice-cold sarsaparilla. It's the gentlemanly behavior of the players and the rules they play by. The men portray players of the mid-1800s, when courtesy prevailed on and off the playing field. There is no swearing, no spitting and no ungentlemanly behavior anywhere during the games. They also can and do make themselves at home sampling the picnic baskets of the fans. As desperation set upon the team (as they were losing by quite a margin to the “**Champion Hilltoppers**”) they pulled in from the bullpen a secrete weapon. Me! Unfortunately the deficit was too big and my crack pitching was to no avail. We had around 30 from our club there and it was a great afternoon. If you have never been to a game bring a picnic basket and your chairs for a fun afternoon.

Header Picture:

Stopped for lunch at Forest Glen nature preserve in Vermillion County on our way to Nashville, TN.

Phil

Presidents Comments

Letter from the Prez

October 2014



WOW, how time flies when we are having fun, cruising with the A's. It seemed like yesterday we were planning the Shake Down cruise. Now we are going on our Fall trip in only one week, strutting Our A's through Shipshewana and Nappanee, Indiana, visiting the Amish way of life.

Once again, it's time for the A's R Us annual auction. Bring all of your unwanted treasures to our October 15th meeting. Come at 6:30PM for mostaccioli dinner, salad, and dessert. Short business meeting and auction to follow. Don't forget to invite your significant other, and bring some extra bidding cash!

Don't forget that nominations will be accepted next month for our 2015 Officers. Start giving thought to who you might want to nominate.

*See you at the Auction,
Ricochet*

Deep River Grinders Baseball



Nancy and I enjoying a picnic lunch, along with around 30 members and a few ball players.



The Carp called from the bullpen to pitch.

DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE

By Jim Wright



One of the major landmarks on the Dixie Highway in Crete is Lincoln Fields, now Balmoral Park Race Track. *The following is an excerpt from the August 5, 1926 issue of the Beecher Herald and provides a description of the track's facilities on what the paper proclaimed was the "world's greatest race course."*

Lincoln Fields, the world's greatest race course, which has been in the course of construction the past several months, and which is located just south of Crete on the Dixie Highway, is ready for the thirty day racing event, starting next Monday August 9th.

Lincoln Fields has been constructed at a cost of more than \$2,000,000, The grand stand, executive building, jockey club house and auxiliary buildings are all stately and substantial structures and with its 27 stables already constructed, the place has the appearance of a little city in itself. Col. Matt Winn of Kentucky Derby fame is the chief promoter of Lincoln Fields and, with his vast experience, the success of the venture is assured without question.

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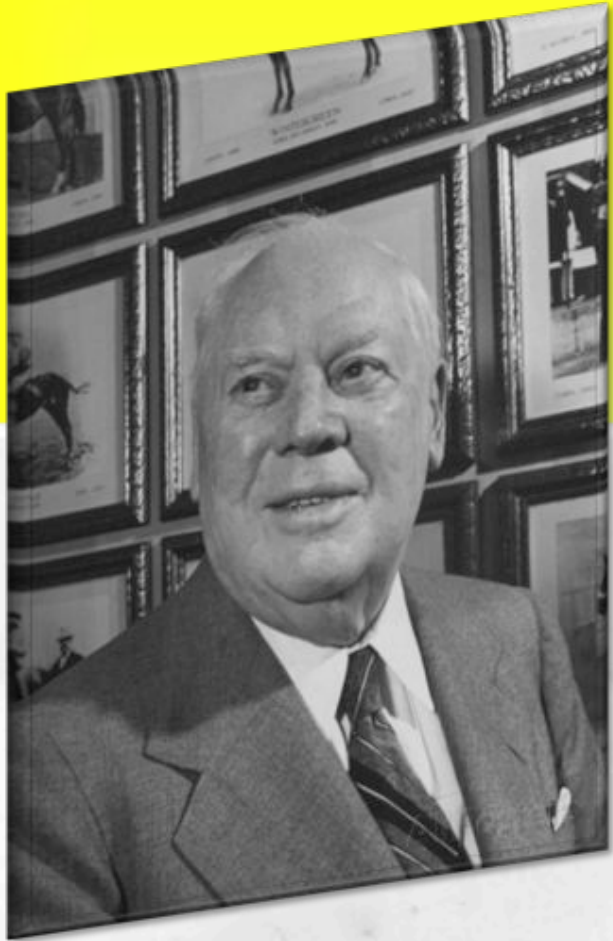
Next Monday the field will open with a bunch of good races. There are about 1500 horses already here for the season, 1200 being housed in the stables already built and the balance being cared for at Washington Park.

That the racing starts next Monday does not mean the work on the fields is completed. More stables will be built, an extension to the grand stand will be made and a large hotel, clubhouse and a hospital is contemplated for next season. Besides this, we understand a golf course will also be laid out on the fields in which a large membership will make it one of the foremost golf courses in the country.

DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE



By Jim Wright



Col. Matt Winn



SCENE AT LINCOLN FIELDS
CRETE, ILL. 2-103

Shipshewana, Indiana will be October 17, 18 and 19.



There are 25 rooms reserved (double queens) at the Van Buren Hotel at \$89 per night. Saturday night there will be a play and dinner at the Gateway Theatre for \$39.

Phone for hotel reservations: 1-260-768-7780.

Attention fall trippers;

We have made contractual obligations on behalf of those participating in our Fall Tour. Wally and I have done our best to negotiate what we believe to be a good deal for everyone. It has been necessary to pay in advance as a group for some of the activities. These include Friday lunch, Friday dinner, Saturday dinner and the Saturday night play. The cost for each person will be a total of \$74.00. Please be prepared to have these funds available at either our October meeting or Friday morning of the Tour. Either cash or a check payable to Walter Ekstrom is acceptable.

**A's R US MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2014**

MEETING LOCATION: Al & Sandy Kaleta's

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By President, Irv Darnall at 7:15 pm, 17 members present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from the August meeting were approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Dixie Account balance is [REDACTED]. The A's Account Balance is [REDACTED], approved as read.

FAMILY NEWS: Jacob (Al & Sandy's grandson) is doing real well and will soon be playing volley ball. Bob Steinmetz read a note from Marlene stating she is continuing to get better and hopes to go on some trips with us next spring.

CORRESPONDENCE: Received a copy of The "A" Preserver to pass around. It was suggested that we (or possibly Ron) should sent a thank you to Dralle's in Watseka for providing a safe haven for his car until Bob could pick it up and trailer it home.

OLD BUSINESS: Thanked the Wally Ekstrom's and the Dionne's for inviting the Club to the Cedar Lake Yacht Club for a shrimp and corn boil. A great time was had by all who attended including the rides on the pontoon boat with Captain Wally. Wally stated that the Yacht Club members really enjoyed our Model A's. Sandy wrote an article about the outing and sent it to Phil along with pictures for our "Backfire" Newsletter. The planners for our Nashville trip made it a memorable one. If you didn't make this trip, you missed out on a lot.....It was a great trip.

Ken Chamis gave us an update on the Waterford Estates Open House. We had a good showing of six cars and the residents loved seeing them.

October 17th, 18th. & 19th is our Fall Trip to Shiphewana, it looks like it's going to be a good turnout with approximately 16 cars. Bob passed the itinerary's out and it's going to be another great trip.

There was a motion for Bob and Wally to continue working on the details of our Club's Christmas Dinner, possibly at Balagio's on 175th & Dixie, motion carried.

Al Kaleta and Ken Chamis will be looking into business cards for our Club.

A Driving The Dixie meeting was held August 28th which Jim and Steve attended. Only five communities were represented. Blue Island will be the first of the communities to erect the signs commemorating 100 years of the Dixie Highway. There was no representative from Momence therefore, no plans were discussed regarding the end of the Driving The Dixie.

For our Fall Trip next year, it was discussed that we plan our trip to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the Dixie Highway in October 2015 and possibly meet at the Art Institute in Chicago.

NEW BUSINESS: Wally suggested the Club ask Henry to join Irv in auctioneering the items at next month's meeting and auction.

Our November meeting will include a hayride to start at 5:00pm, then a chili supper, followed by our Club meeting. Chuck has changed the date to SATURDAY, November 8th. Bring a dish or salad and dessert to pass.

It was suggested that when passing close to Frankfort, that we stop and visit former members of our Club, Marvin and Irene. They miss the people in the Club but he has no interest in driving the Model A anymore.

Al & Sandy's son has invited our Club to the old historic Plainfield area. The Chamber of Commerce holds a car show every Tuesday starting at 4:30 pm. There is anywhere from 250-350 cars. If we came as a group, arrangements could possibly be made with the Ford Dealer in the downtown area to sponsor us and we would have an ideal spot to park. These shows run from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Dan from the Frankfort Car Club is looking for vintage cars for the House Walk in Blue Island this Sunday 11:30 – 4:00.

COMING EVENTS: Newport Hill Climb – October 3rd thru 5th.

St. James Church 107th & Kedzie, Lemont, is having their Open House on October 12th, food will be provided, hours 9-3, drive your Model A's.

Bridge Teen Center will be taking apart a Model A engine and putting it back together on October 9th and October 16th. Travis and Claude had 11 kids that finished welding school.

A's R US AUCTION will be held October 15th at our regular monthly meeting, which will be held at Irv & Char's in Peotone. Make sure you bring some things to auction off.

TECH TALK & BREAKFAST: None scheduled for this month.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING: Irv & Char Darnall's, 30461 S. 120th Avenue, Peotone.

BADGE FINES: \$2.00

50/50: Bob Steinmetz was the winner of \$35.00

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Char Darnall.

1940s Hangar Swing Dance

USO Fundraiser, admission \$12

Presented by



Saturday October 25th 7:30-11:30

Free Swing dance lesson provided by Carl & Karrie, starts at 7:30

Lakes Area Swing Band fires up the music at 8:30

Best dressed contest



All proceeds go to support the USO

DeKalb Taylor Municipal Airport

3232 Pleasant St

DeKalb, IL 60115

MEETINGS FOR 2014

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: _____	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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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:



Looking forward into 2014

Ronald McDonald House

Shake Down Trip

Veterans Home

58th. Annual Hesston Steam & Power Show 2014

Exposure Trip 2014

Newport Hill Climb

Fall Trip

Teen Bridge Center

Spring Trip

Camp Quality

Labor Day Sept. 1st

September 3rd through the 10th

October 3rd – 5th

• A's R Us 2014 officers and Staff

- President – Irv Darnell
- Vice President – Steve Coe / Treasure – Jim Wright / Secretary – Char Darnell
- Newsletter – Phillip Serviss
- Member Relations – Ken Chamis
- Web Page – Allen Swicago
- Parade Coordinator – Wally Ekstrom
- Director of Safety – Ron Bonneau
- Nat'l Rep. – Ken Chamis
- Historian – Ken Chamis
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