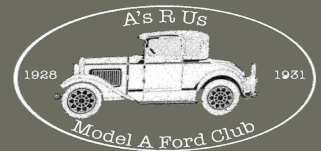


BACKFIRE



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*The Carp,
Editor in Chief*

I need to get going on preparing the model A for our trip to Dearborn Mi. I'm going to grease all the hubs and grease points on the car. Check trans and differential oil and change the engine oil. In fact at our last meeting we had a nice discussion on motor oil. Found out that we need to watch and make sure additives (zinc) are in the oil for our babbited bearings. If not we will have to add it on oil changes. The oil companies have been reducing the amount in oil because of catalytic converters getting destroyed by the high zinc content. That being said, I have lots to accomplish.

Phil



Last months meeting teck talk led by Ray Schmude on oils and additives.

Camp Quality Classic Car Night

Several of our club members recently participated in our annual "Camp Quality" charitable event. Tim Borchert, Steve Coe ,Wally Ekstrom, and Ken Chamis. It was the same event as the last few years. There were approximately 70 cars and I believe about 85 campers. We did a tour in the countryside with the campers and their companions and then headed back to camp for ice cream. I unfortunately had to leave right away as it appears I may have just been having some battery problems. This is an event that we've been doing for many years and unfortunately the cancer hits young kids too. And it's something nice to be able to do to help them. Giving them something different to do and a different and enjoyable time. Thanks you too Alan Ekstrom for being our go-between with the Frankfort car club and giving us the opportunity to participate in this also.



Presidents Comments

Well it definitely has been hot. The owners of the model A's and Texas have their air conditioners going right now keeping cool and we sweat. But that's okay as long as we're driving them and enjoying them that's all that really matters. There have been a few events this last month that a few of the members have participated in. One was the camp quality annual event and two was a cruise night in Blue Island. There were only a few of us at the cruise night in Blue Island and it was a gorgeous night. We had a little bit of fun with Wally Ekstrom and the Blue Island Police Department and I guess it's safe to say Wally was shaking a little bit over the situation. It was in fun and we had a great time watching the interrogation of him. The cop did a great job in his role of the "situation". Our monthly breakfast meeting was well attended and I believe we have solved the world problems. Ha. We had a tech talk Al Kaleta's house with Steve's 4 door and luckily it turned out that he did not have a rod knock. It appears as if it was just the new style float a motors for his engine and the rubber bushing had worn out which in turn was causing what sounded like a motor knock. So for a few dollars and a little bit of wrenching it's safe to say that is engine will live on for quite some time. And this coming Sunday we are going to head to LaPorte Indiana, Pine Lake. There we are going to visit one of our past club members, John Ellis, and he has a huge collection of Mickey Mouse items. We're just going to head out there for a couple hours and have a picnic and just make it a day trip. What's nice is that the kids and grandkids will also be able to attend this event. They get a ride in the model A and there's something for them to do which of course is very important. So if you got any free time on Sunday and want to go have some fun please contact me ASAP. See you at the meeting.



Ken

England joins "Driving the Dixie"

Steve Croft and 'Becks' Edwards from Plymouth, Devon, England joined us for the 2016 Drivin' the Dixie. The couple had been traveling the United States for several weeks and were working their way from the west to east coasts when they learned about the event and decided to join in. Here's a note from them, detailing the adventures they had in the US.

"We had a brilliant 3 more weeks after the Dixie Day with you guys. We travelled to Niagara Falls, up to Toronto and over to Plymouth to see Plymouth Rock. From there we headed to Washington DC for the 4th July fireworks and then up to New York for a few days before flying home from Newark.

In total we completed 10000 miles in the camper van and travelled through 31 states in 10 weeks. Had an amazing time seeing the country and obviously meeting some fantastic people like yourselves.



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Jim's Dixie Highway History

Flying on the Dixie

Airports were a prominent feature along the Dixie Highway in Markham during the 1930's through 1950's. The Dixie Airport was the first to be built and it opened in 1934. A small "port," it served the general aviation needs of the south suburbs. The airport was located on the west side of the Dixie Highway between 163rd and 167th Streets. The Dixie Airport gained notoriety in 1938 and 1939 when Willie "Suicide" Jones, an

MAMMOTH AIR-SHOW
SUNDAY, AUG. 28, 12:30 P.M.
SPECIAL FEATURE
WILLIE JONES
"SUICIDE"
Greatest Colored Professional Parachute Jumper, Fifteen Years Record, Will Attempt to
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African American wing walker and professional parachute jumper, used the airport to attempt to set a world record for a delayed parachute jump. After attempts in August and November 1938, Jones achieved an official air-leap record on March 2, 1939. His jump was measured at 24,468 feet by a barograph provided by the National Aeronautical Association and the U.S. Bureau of Standards certified the official results. Two years later, this record would be broken, this time by a jumper at Markham's second airport, the Rubinkam Airport, but more on that next month.



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We look forward to seeing you on September 19—22, 2016. Be sure to check future issues of the Model “A” News and visit our Website:

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**A'S R US MEETING MINUTES
JULY 20, 2016**

MEETING LOCATION: Park Forest Village Board Room

CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT KEN CHAMIS AT 7:10 PM.

TREASURERS REPORT: A'SRUS account [REDACTED] to date Driving the Dixie Information below in a Dixie Financial Review. Final report should be available for our August meeting. Report approved as presented.

DIXIE FINANCIAL REVIEW: See attachment at the end of the minutes.

MAIL CALL: Ken received a thank you from Elaine, re: Driving the Dixie A \$100 check was approved to be submitted as a donation to Camp Quality and a \$100 check to MAFCA Inc. Both were budgeted for 2016.

OLD BUSINESS: GRINDERS GAME is August 28th in Hobart. More to follow

* MANTENO VETERANS HOME is September 17th at 10:00 AM. More to follow

* CAMP QUALITY is August 10th, this was confirmed by Allen E. To meet at the Old Trolley Barn parking lot at 5:00 PM. In Frankfort, across from the Big Tower.

* FALL TRIP ARTHUR IL. October 14,15 &16. More info to follow by email.

* LAKESIDE INN May 5th & 6th 2017. No rooms are being held, 8 members have already made reservations. View the rooms @www.lakesideinns.com. Make your reservation now at 269-469-0600.

* EXPOSURE TRIP: Chuck reported that if you haven't made your hotel reservations, please make them now. He stated that the are trying to avoid Rte 30 and Rte 6. The 1st day will be the longest drive of 140 miles. The restaurants are close to the hotels. Breakfast is included in the Dearborn hotel and there is a block of 12 rooms. Ken thanked Chuck and Linnea for all their work setting this trip up for the club.

Steve reported that he attended the ST. JAMES AT THE SAG and it was a nice affair. He stated he attended Mass and breakfast followed.

Tim Dionne reported on the A'SRUS APARELL. Our present red shirts are \$18.00, a pocket added is \$5.00 more, a name added is \$5.00 more and XXL plus \$2.00.

Linen/Denim Shirts are \$25.00 with the logo. A name is \$5.00 more.

Jackets in black, lined with the logo on the back \$57.00.

The company has asked for a 2 week lead time. To place your order, please call Tim Dionne at 219-365-8294 or 708-903-7407.

BALLOON FEST: Ken reported it was a great day. Phil stated it was a nice trip to bring children on and that he will get his pictures to Allan for our website. Ron thanked Ken for arranging a great 2 day trip.

ST. DAMIANS ANNUAL CAR SHOW: Steve reported it is on August 27th, 11:00 to 6:00 at the St Damians Annual Block Party on 155th and Long.

NEW BUSINESS : Ken announced that John Ellis has invited us for a Pignic on August 21st at Pinelake in LaPorte from 12:00 to 3:00 PM. Email will follow.

BLUE ISLAND CAR SHOW: featuring the A'SRUS will be August 1st from 5:30 to 8:30 at YORK AND WESTERN

LANSING CAR SHOW: August 20th from 11:00 to 4:00 at 19043 Wentworth. Proceeds go to LARCS.

CHUCK REPORTED: the clubs DVDs and VHS videos were located at his home. Ken stated he is looking in to the programs MAFCA has for lease, to use for meeting Tech Talks.

MISC DISCUSSIONS: TECH TALK for tonights meeting was being presented by Ray Schmude, re: Zinc Additives for our Cars. Two bottles were raffled to the membership.

KEN thanked Steve for hosting the meeting and everyone who contributed to the refreshment table.

BREAKFAST MEETING: August 6th at 8:30 AM Peachtree Restaurant. Allen requested the membership join him for good food and conversation.

NEXT MONTHS MEETING: TIM AND CAROLE DIONNES. 12339 107TH AVE.

ST JOHN, IN. ON AUGUST 17, 2016

Badge fines: \$2.00 50/50 winner: Geri \$40.00 and club \$40.00

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:47 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Sandy Kaleta, Secretary

This is the hotel information for our fall trip.

The dates that we are going are October 14th, 15th and returning on the 16th. More information will be provided to everyone at the next meeting. We are going to Arthur, and Arcola Illinois. That is the largest Amish community in Illinois. The hotel has a wedding on that date, so if you have any desire to go, book a room today because you can always cancel.

We are going to be staying at a Best Western Plus and it's a new facility. Their phone number is 217 268-5000. The rooms are under A' S R Us. We have 25 rooms blocked for that date and you need to make your reservations right away if you have any desire to go as they will be releasing the rooms on September 14th. The price is 89 99 for either king or double Queens.

Thank You, Ken



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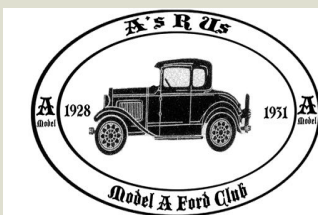
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Jim and his 1954 ford fire chief car.



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