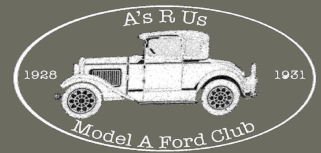


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*The Carp,  
Editor in Chief*

What a wonderful weekend (July 16-17) we had in Danville, IL. We went to Balloons Over Vermilion County, in Danville, IL. Nancy and I had seat belts put into the car by Jon Lisota, to be able to secure the car seat for our grand daughter, Morgan. It was fun having her with and she certainly brought a new experience to the weekend with her enjoyment of the car and our enjoyment of having her with us. I didn't realize that she had more baggage than both of us but that's why

we have a trailer. By the way, don't try to put her in her seat without letting her honk the horn. Grandma found out real quick it was much easier to get her in the seat with a quick Ahooooga.

*Phil*



Morgan French learning to drive the A in Danville, IL. At 2 years old she has the honking of the horn down pat!



- Balloons at the Danville airport
- Replica of the model T “Marmon wasp” racecar. Winner of the first Indianapolis 500 in 1911
- Not a good weekend without heads under the hood.



- Jim and Randy in Hoopston, IL
- Dales new camera. Take the lens cover off Dale.
- The new roadsides sign in Danville, IL.



# Presidents Comments

So we've just come back from a wonderful weekend in Danville. If you've never seen the balloons lit up at night you would really be amazed. And one of the treats that we received was the ability to go and see the balloons close up and talk to The navigators. I hope that everybody had a great time. We took a route back that we've never traveled as a club and ran into some rain but we have survived. Well it looks as if we're going to be having another engine Tech talk very soon. Steve Coe and his 4-door has some type of knock that appears to be in the number 2 cylinder. So hopefully we can take that apart and find just a minimal issue and get that car back on the road. He's been working on it and improving it and I know he enjoys it.



Right now we are into some blazing heat and it's going to get worse. I remember that we were at an event not too long ago and the guys came up from Texas and had air conditioning in their cars. That would be good right about now. Not that that will ever happen to any of our cars as it would be a waste of time and money for a half a dozen days of the year.

At this meeting on Wednesday there will be some dates to remember from the Grinders games to Camp quality to the Manteno veterans homes. So mark your calendars and come out and put some miles on your car.

*Ken*

# Fathers Day gift

**Al Ekstrom provided a surprise Father's Day treat, a ride in a Model A, to Paul Lucas of Homewood. Paul's wife Bonnie had made contact with the A's R Us at this year's Drivin' the Dixie and Al agreed to provide the ride the following day, Father's Day. Way to go Al, the ride was the surprise it was intended to be.**



# Sandy Kaleta Reporter on The Know

## FATHERS DAY CELEBRATION

Father's day as celebrated today is less than 100 years old. Thanks to the hard work of Ms. Sonora Louise Smart Dodd of Washington, we have a day to acknowledge the important role played by our fathers.



The idea originated in Sonora's mind as she listened to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Her mother died in childbirth when she was 16 years old. Mr. William Jackson Smart, a Civil War Veteran raised the newborn and five other children with love and care. Inspired by Ms. Anna Jarvis struggle to promote Mother's Day. Ms. Dodd began a rigorous campaign to celebrate Father's Day in Spokane Washington. As a result the first Father's Day celebration was on June 19, 1910. The idea gradually gained popularity across the U. S.



President Woodrow Wilson approved this idea in 1916. President Calvin Coolidge also supported the idea of a national Father's Day in 1924. President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day in 1966. In 1972 President Richard Nixon established this as a permanent national observance of Father's Day to be held on the third Sunday of June. Ms. Sonora Smart Dodd



was honored for her contribution at the World's Fair in Spokane Washington in 1974. She died in 1978 at the age of 96.

(Some Scholars believe that the origin of Father's Day traces back to the ruins of Babylon, nearly 4,000 years ago when a little boy carved a card for his father out of clay wishing him good health and a long life.)



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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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FYI to our members:  
Friday & Saturday, August 12 & 13, 2016  
9am-3pm  
637 S Fairfield, Lombard, IL

## Greetings:

I found your name on your club website.

I am writing in regards to Model A parts we are looking to sell. I am thinking of doing a garage sale and would appreciate your help in getting the word out and also your opinion on whether or not it is a good idea.

Attached are 3 pictures. There is too much to list such as 16 rims, some tires, 3 steering columns, 2 motors, generators, starters and coils. There is also a 1930 Cabriolet, which is unassembled. I can send more pictures, if you like.

I appreciate your response and please let me know if there is someone else you would prefer me to contact. I realize the website may not be up to date.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Chuck Bracker  
630.530.5712



**A'S R US MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 15, 2016**

**MEETING LOCATION: Bobs Garage in Frankfort**

**CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT KEN CHAMIS AT 7:12 PM. Minutes from the May meeting were read by Sandy and approved as read.**

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Driving the Dixie account: [REDACTED]. A'SRUS account [REDACTED] to date. Jim reported there are 28 pre-registrations to date for Driving the Dixie and bills were presented for payment at the meeting from Steve, Tim B, Karen and Bob. Report was approved as presented.

**FAMILY NEWS:**

Sympathy was expressed to Bruce and Tammy Smit on the death of her father. Linnea had her second Cataract Surgery and is very happy with her vision.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

- **Grinders Game, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Tim reported the Chuck Wagon will not work for this event.**
- **Manteno Veterans Home, September 17<sup>th</sup>**
- **St. James at the Sag, June 26<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Camp Quality, August 9<sup>th</sup>**
- **Fall Trip to Arthur, II October 14, 15 and 16<sup>th</sup> .**
- **Exposure Trip to Greenfield Village, September 9<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. Chuck reported they did a dry run and passed out Hotel information. Members attending need to make their reservations. Ken thanked Chuck and Linnea for all their work on this project.**
- **Danville Balloon Fest, July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Ken reported 7 rooms have been booked by members.**
- **DRIVING THE DIXIE UPDATE: Jim reported that 25 large shirts have been ordered for the event. No pre-registrants were sent an e-mail confirmation. Jim stated he would look into sending a response. Driving the Dixie Manning Sheet was reviewed, assignments reviewed and updated, all pre and event day registration packets were compiled. All information handed out for the Poker Run and all signage was handed**

- out for the event. Ken reminded the members to bring their phones and turn to channel 1.
- **JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> PARADES.** Homewood 8:30 AM line up/registration and 10:00 AM Parade. Beecher Parade 4:00 PM. Phil announced his home is open between the parades.

#### **NEW BUSINESS :**

**SPRING TRIP FOR 2017.** Ken announced the spring trip for 2017 will be May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at Lakeside Inn. Bob stated some events enjoyed this year may not be open due to the early May dates. Ken stated 4 rooms have already been booked. 269-469-0600. View remaining rooms @[www.lakesideinn.com](http://www.lakesideinn.com). We are again being given a 2 nights for 1 price. Phil suggested a 1930's event dinner for this trip. Ken stated a chairperson is needed and the topic was then tabled.

#### **MISC DISCUSSIONS:**

Ken stated he has been able to acquire Rear Window Films for our Model A's stating A'SRUS ON TOUR, for a nominal price. 10 members expressed interest.

#### **NEXT MONTHS MEETING:**

Steve Coe is hosting the July meeting at the **PARK FOREST VILLAGE BOARD ROOM. JULY 20, 2016**

**KEN** thanked Bob for hosting this meeting and the members who brought snacks and desserts.

#### **BREAKFAST MEETING**

is scheduled for Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:30AM Peachtree restaurant.

**Badge fines: \$1.00, 50/50 Winner: \$36.00 Dale, Club: \$36.00**

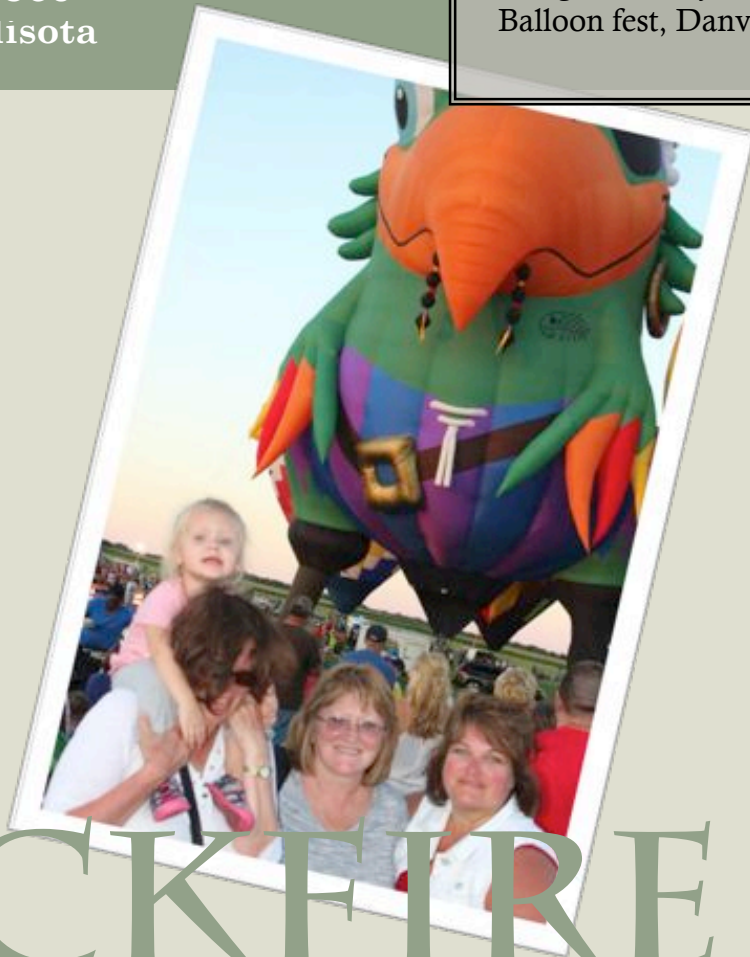
**MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:37 pm**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Sandy Kaleta, Secretary**

## A's R Us 2016 Officers and Staff

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- Vice President – Randy Senkpeil
- Treasure – Jim Wright
- Secretary – Sandy Kaleta
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- Web Page – Allen Betschart
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- Historian – Ken Chamis
- Sgt. At Arms Steve Coe
- Motor Medic - Jon Isota

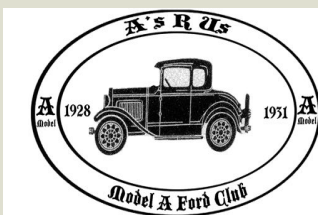
Morgan, Nancy, Dale, Gerry  
Balloon fest, Danville, IL



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