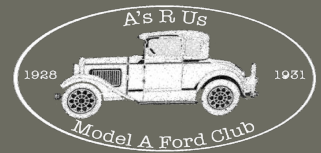


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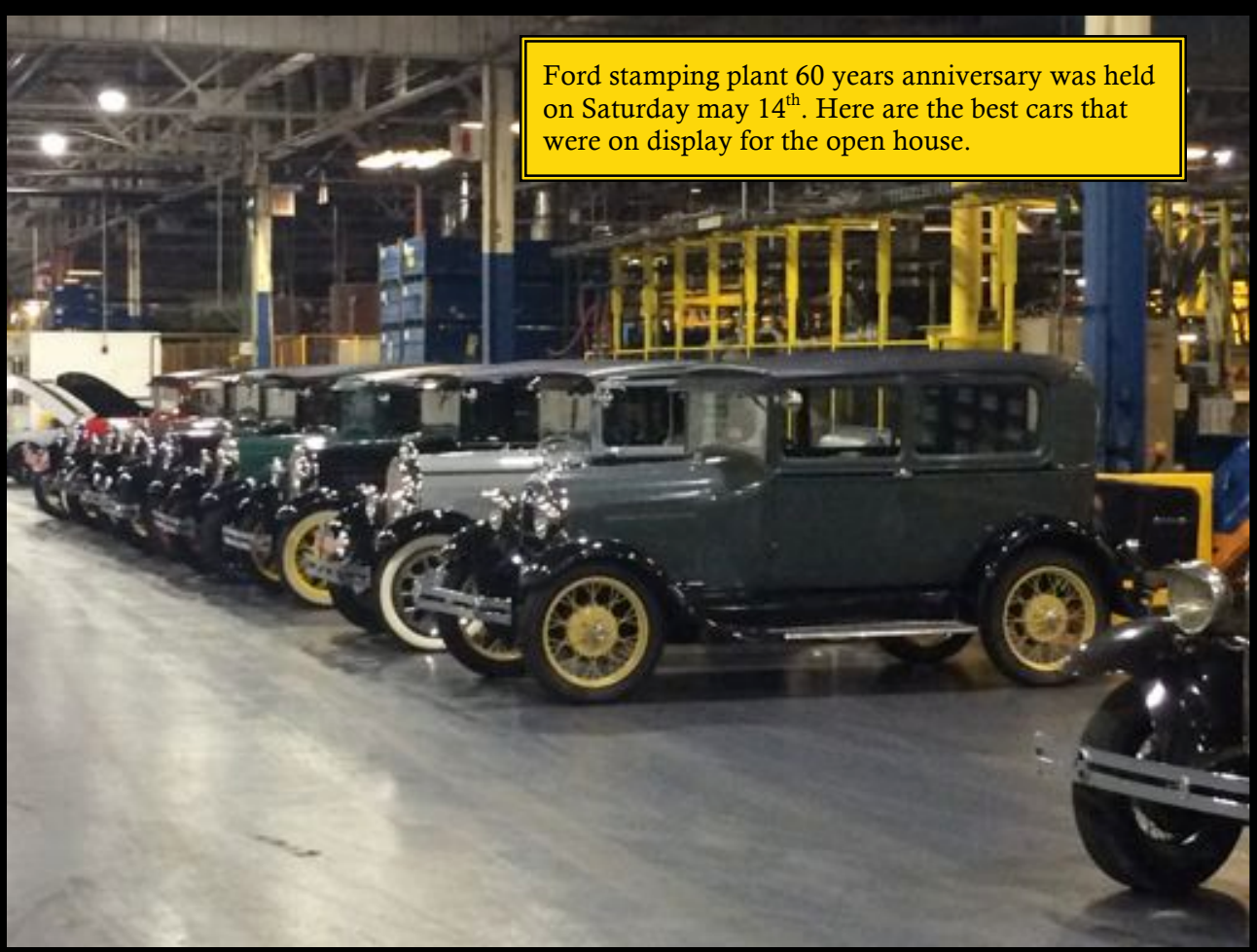
*The Carp,
Editor in Chief*

We are off and running this weekend to Michigan for our "spring trip" to Lakeside Inn. I certainly hope it warms up a bit as I don't have a heater in my car. I'm looking forward to relaxing with my model A family and I may be meeting up with a grade school friend from Homewood that lives in Holland MI. He said he will drive down to meet me and Nancy to say Hi. I'm ready to go, see you soon.

I also left the Steve Coe article on Harold Lloyd in. You should be able to read it now.

Phil

Ford stamping plant 60 years anniversary was held on Saturday may 14th. Here are the best cars that were on display for the open house.





Ford stamping plant 60 years anniversary was held on Saturday may 14th. Here are Sabine's photos from the day.



Presidents Comments

Okay, it's the middle of May, and I figured I would have had more time to get the car ready and have more miles on it. WRONG! It seems like it won't warm up. Where is Al Gore when we need him, Mr. Global Warming?

So as a club several events have recently taken place. The ride in the country, an annual benefit trip to the Old Country Mansion. It was not the warmest of days, however it was a great time, with good food, and a family birthday outing for the high bidder at the Bridge Teen Center fundraiser. And being it was combined as our shakedown trip, all went well. Not one hood was needed to be opened. All is well.

I have heard a bit of the Ford plant tour last Saturday. Reviews have been great. I am sorry I missed it again. Thanks to Jon Lisota for the initial setup. Maybe next year I will be able to attend if it's held again.

Wednesdays meeting will begin the final countdown to the annual Dixie event. Decisions will need to be made, and volunteers penciled in for the numerous job duties. Please attend this very important meeting. Tim Borchert has been working his fingers to the bone preparing the maps. A big job and a big thank you. Jim Wright, Bob Steinmetz, and Karen Kolenda have also spent many hours in pre Dixie mode. Their work is greatly appreciated too.



Ken

Shake Down 2016

The driving season has officially begun and the Spring Shakedown cruise on May 1st was a big success! Ten Model A's loaded with A's club members and eight guests (The Bridge Teen Center auction donation winners), journeyed south along old Route 66 for a ride in the country. Our destination was the Country Mansion Restaurant in Dwight, IL for a late afternoon brunch. We departed on our 60-mile trip from Tinley Park and motored to the Abraham Lincoln Cemetery in Elwood, IL for a brief tribute to our dear and missed friend, Joe Krygowski. Then we made a short hop to Wilmington for some antique shopping. Chuck Fritz towed the newly finished "chuck wagon" for a dry run in order to iron-out any bugs. Unbelievably, the trip went off without one breakdown and we encountered only gray, but clear skies. What luck! Brunch was delicious and one of our guests, April Holup, celebrated her 50th birthday with her family. She enjoyed a piece of cake while everyone sang happy birthday! Steve drove with his boys and Matt Coe said that he and his brothers loved telling jokes on the portable radio and that the meatloaf was magnificent!



Shake Down 2016



Born: April 20, 1893, Burchard, NE
Died: March 8, 1971, Beverly Hills, CA
Harold Lloyd was an American film actor and producer,
most famous for his silent comedies.

Harold Lloyd in Safety Last



A standout contributor to the art of silent film comedy, Harold Lloyd (1893-1971) offers new generations a body of film work that is as fresh and entertaining as in its day. His roots were simple - born in rural Nebraska, product of a broken home, and initially destined for legitimate stage - yet by the 1920s Lloyd was, both at the box office and in the polls, the most popular comic actor in the world. His appeal was simple, yet legendary: the his Glasses Character, which formed the basis of roles from 1917-1947, Lloyd struck gold with a screen persona that forged new ground. The Boy, as he was most often called, had one trademark - lens-less horn-rimmed glasses- yet was able to reach audiences as no

contemporary could. He is regarded as the man who most greatly influenced eyeglass-wearing in America, and this single facet of Lloyd inspired youth worldwide. His screen normalcy - in look and demeanor - allowed moviegoers to relate to the Glass Character no matter what his label. Rich or poor, cowardly or flip, from film to film, Lloyd was a different Boy, and was able to create a cinematic legacy that remains both diverse and uniformly thrilling. Harold Lloyd might just be the funniest actor you've never seen - a silent screen comedian so often placed in the shadow of Chaplin and Keaton - but he continues to shine in some of the most enduring short- and feature-length comedies ever offered to audiences.

Contributed by: Steve Coe

Sandy Kaleta Reporter on The Know

THE HISTORY OF MOTHER'S DAY

Anna Jarvis was born in Grafton, West Virginia in 1864. Her mother a role model of domestic nurturing, gave birth to 11 children and endured the death of 7. In spite of this her mother never lost her faith in God and nurtured her remaining children and husband who was a lot older than her. When she died Anna organized a special service to honor her mother and all she had endured and done.

Eventually Anna decided she wanted to honor her mother by honoring ALL mothers with their own special day. She organized a committee known as "The Mother's Day International Association" to promote this new holiday. Anna wanted this special day to be close to Memorial Day, so people would remember the sacrifices there mothers had made as well as the sacrifices there sons had made for their country.



May 1908 was the very first Mother's Day observance.

President Wilson gave the day national recognition in 1914 and by the late 1920's Mother's Day became one of our countries most prominent holidays.

Mother's Day

In Honor of the Best Mother Who Ever Lived--
YOUR MOTHER



In Honor of MRS. ANNA M. JARVIS
The Mother of Mother's Day

West Virginia and Regional History Center

DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE

By Jim Wright



DIXIE SIGN PROJECT WINS STATE AWARD

The Illinois State Historical Society honored the A's R Us Model A Ford Club and Dixie Highway communities and organizations with a superior achievement award for the "Dixie Highway Interpretive Sign Project." The award was presented at the society's annual awards ceremony. This year the ceremony was held Saturday, April 23rd at the Old Illinois State Capitol building in Springfield. Jim Wright, A's R Us treasurer, accepted the award on behalf of the club and all participating Dixie communities and organizations. Elaine Egdorf, Dixie community chairman and a director of the Illinois State Historical Society, presented the award.

In conferring the award, the society indicated the Dixie Highway Interpretive Sign project was "an impressive effort that shows how historical interpretation can be used to not only raise awareness of a significant piece of state history, but can also pull together multiple communities and be a source of pride for local residents. An impressive number of communities participated, as did huge numbers of locals, from mayors and aldermen to local historians, chamber officials, business leaders, and civic movers and shakers."

Congratulations to the A's R Us Model A Ford Club and Dixie Highway communities for co-sponsoring this unique grassroots project, which will provide tangible evidence of their joint efforts promoting community and Dixie Highway history for many years to come!

DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE

By Jim Wright



“Spring Trip / lakeside Inn



The “Chuck Wagon” Lives!

After a couple years of building CW-2 it is now ready to serve us on our many adventures.

CALUMET REGION SOUP DAY APRIL 17TH Beecher, IL
Hubble car racing was the entertainment for the day.



A'S R US MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 20TH, 2016

MEETING LOCATION: Alan and Rosalynda's Homewood home

CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT KEN CHAMIS AT 7:08 PM. The March minutes were read and approved as read.

TREASURERS REPORT:

- A'SRUS account, \$ [REDACTED] and Driving the Dixie account \$ [REDACTED].
- There was a \$48.00 charge for the postal box.
- Jim reported we have received three registrations for the Dixie Dash. Report was approved as read.

FAMILY NEWS:

- Linnea shared that she is in Remission.
- Ken and Dale are expecting another grandchild, making two by August.
- Bonnie shared they are expecting another grandchild.
- Fran shared that her granddaughter Britney is engaged.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Ken reported that we had a nice time at the Calumet Regions Soup Day.
- CHUCK reported that the Chuck Wagon will be fully loaded and ready for a trial run on May 1st.
- BOB reported that 23 rooms are reserved at Lakeside Inn for the Spring trip, May 20th to the 21st. He further shared they are looking for a different winery option.
- JON will find out the particulars re: the May 14th FORD STAMPING PLANT OPEN HOUSE and an email will go out to the membership.
- STEVE AND RANDY SHARED there are 10 cars so far for the Shakedown/Auction Cruise. We will meet in Tinley Park at 9:30 AM to pick up our guests. More to follow...

TECH TALK UPDATE:

- Red is up and running. It was a very successful project. Al Kaleta thanked Jon, Ken, Ray, Bob S., Bill, Randy, Steve, and Tim B. for their part in rebuilding and installing her motor.
- Ken stated there are 2 more engines to be done. he is aiming for Saturday tech talks in the future so more can attend.
- TIM D. reported that Corporate Threads have a 3 button, no collar, Henley with no pocket for \$20.00. With a pocket is \$28.00. They also have the same shirt we presently have. There is a \$5.00 charge to add your name.

Light/Dark Blue Denim shirts are available. Short or long sleeve with our logo are \$23.00. plus \$5.00 for your name. A discussion followed re: colors. Bob reminded us the reason we chose red was to be different from the other clubs. Red was again unanimously chosen.

- Tim is going to get more information on jackets. A decision will be made and an order given to Tim at the May meeting.

DIXIE DASH:

- Jim reported there are 15 XXL and 10 XL Blue shirts left from last year. It was decided to get 25 Large blue shirts to also sell this year.
- Tim B reported that there will be 12 nice prizes given at the Dixie Dash this year.
- Momence is putting together a Scavenger Hunt with a \$250.00 prize. It was decided no A'SRUS members can be winners.
- Bob reported the towns need to coordinate their timing and we need to coordinate our part of the program.
- Phil stated he will have the Registration ready to go this week.
- Tim B. said he will have the passports ready. Ken said he will look up the program information from last year.
- Jobs will be assigned at the next meetings.

DALE: stated Chicago Ronald McDonald is booked for 2016, Oak Lawn has available dates. We suggested she look into the last 2 weeks in August for availability. They recommend we prepare for 30/40 people. Bob suggested we include ourselves in that number and go out to eat if there isn't enough food for the club members. Dale further stated, if you like to bake cookies, that can be arranged almost anytime.

EXPOSURE TOUR:

Chuck stated he is about ready to do the pre-run. The dates are September 8th to the 14th. He needs an idea of the number attending for hotel information. He further stated that the Greenfield Village event is on that Saturday and Sunday. They would like to plan to arrive on Thursday.

NEW BUSINESS :

GRINDERS GAME: August 28th was the chosen date. Chuck suggested we bring the Chuck Wagon. Tim B and Pat will have more information.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE:

Monday May 30th in Crete. 10:30AM line up on Lumber Street west side of the park, 11:00 Service, 12:00 Parade kick off.

MANTENO VETERANS HOME:

Jim is going to look into the date of September 17th. There was some discussion as to what else we can do while there, a bingo was suggested.

CAMP QUALITY:

Tuesday August 9th. Alan E to get this years information.

DANVILLE BALOON FESTIVAL;

July 16-17th Jim stated that Watseka, St Anns and Momence have signs which may be ready to dedicate. This could be done on the way down to Danville. Jim to contact Mr. Patel re: hotel reservations.

FALL TRIP:

October 14 -16th, Arthur Illinois an Amish community. Chairs will be Ken/Dale and Randy/Bonnie. More info to follow.

MISC DISCUSSIONS:

Ken announced that our club has been invited to attend the MAFCA National Convention. June 21st in LaHabra, California. If interested Contact Ken for more information.

BREAKFAST MEETING:

May 7th at 8:30AM. Peachtree Restaurant
Ken thanked Alan and Rosalynda for hosting the April meeting and for all the goodies.

Badge Fines: \$2.00 50/50 Winner: Jon \$50.00 Club \$50.00

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:40 pm

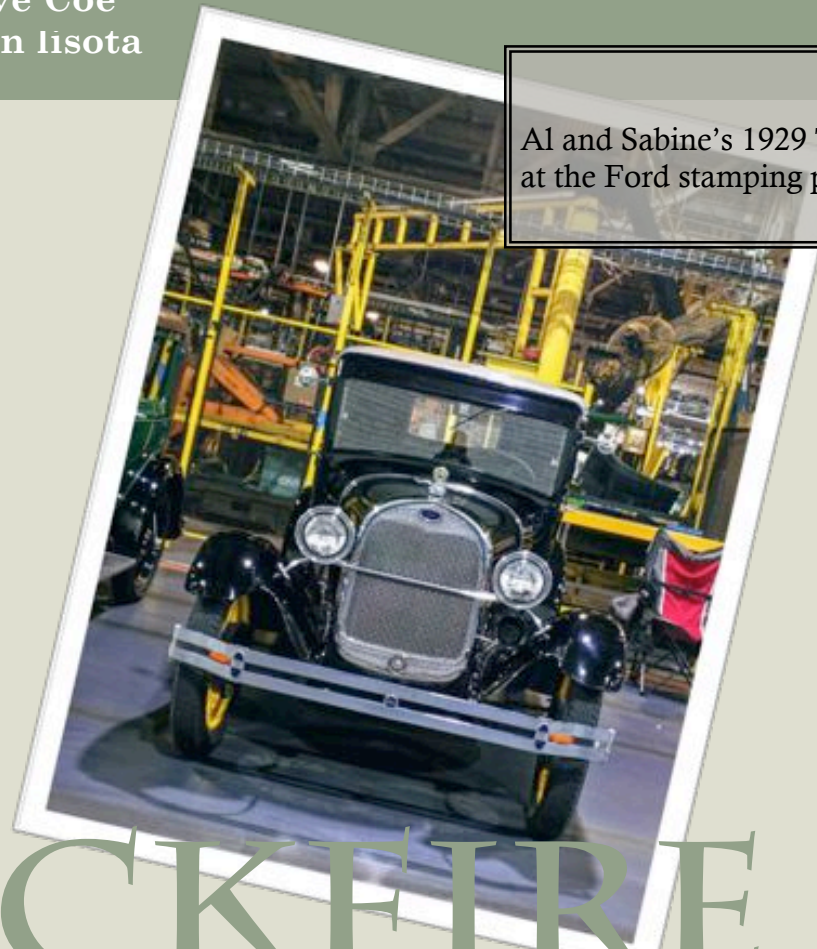
Next months mtg: May 18th in Frankfort, at Bobs Garage

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Sandy Kaleta, Secretary

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- President – Ken Chamis
- Vice President –Randy Senkpeil
- 'Treasurer –Jim Wright
- Secretary – Sandy Kaleta
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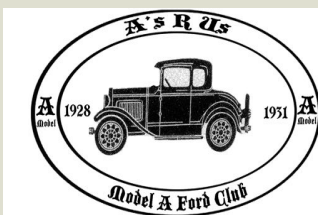
Al and Sabine's 1929 Tudor
at the Ford stamping plant



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