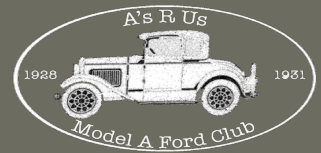


BACKFIRE



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*The Carp,
Editor in Chief*

Well I needed to take a month off writing this newsletter, as I didn't seem to have enough hours in the day. I'm going to have exposure trip details this month and next month I will have the Fall Trip details.

Those of us that went on the trip to Dearborn, MI had a great time. A big thank you to Chuck and Linnea Fritz for all the work that they did to insure we all had a good time for our 8 day adventure to Greenfield Village.

Phil



Ypsilanti Automotive
Heritage Museum

Presidents Comments

Well we've got a mixture of emotions. The election is over and no more of those degrading adds making us seem like we're a bunch of idiots. Yahoo. And then we've got for those who are Cubs fans the Elation of finally winning a world series. And finally it's time to start wrapping up the driving season so that's sad because we really won't be using our cars for the next for five months except for or annual Christmas parades. If you plan on putting your car away for the winter it would probably be a good idea to get it winterized and if you're not sure on how to do that I would bet Jon Lisota and several other club members would be more than happy to guide you but please don't forget it because you'll regret it next spring. The result could be a cracked head or a cracked block which is not cheap either way. The November meeting that she may have seen before has been changed to this Saturday starting at 5 p.m. which will incorporate our annual auction fundraiser for the club. I would like to thank you in advance for Irv and Char for hosting this event again for another year. Even though they don't have their model a anymore they have assured us that they will continue to participate in future events. I also understand that too Christmas committee is hard at work for our annual Christmas party in December so I know that they were looking for your menu choices and hopefully we'll have a tad bit more information. It's also that time of year for nominations in for the upcoming years officers. Do you wish to take on one of those positions or do you want to nominate somebody? Be at the next meeting and you could do so and if you're unable to attend please contact Bob or Wally as they are on the committee and will relay your desires. See you on Saturday!

Ken



Dearborne, MI



The day after Labor Day started out to be a beautiful sunny day and I had all intentions to get out of the house on time and meet everyone for breakfast. Unfortunately I went to the wrong place and was put back by over 30 minutes. No biggy as I still wasn't the last one to arrive. After breakfast we were on our way to Shipshewana, IN for our first day. Our first stop was in Watseka, IL for a quick stop at Ron's brother's work that just happened to be a Ford dealer.



The next morning we did a little shopping in Shipshewana before we headed off to Adrian, MI. Along the way there was an accident that held us up for quite awhile and we sat back had refreshments and waited for the police to clear things up.

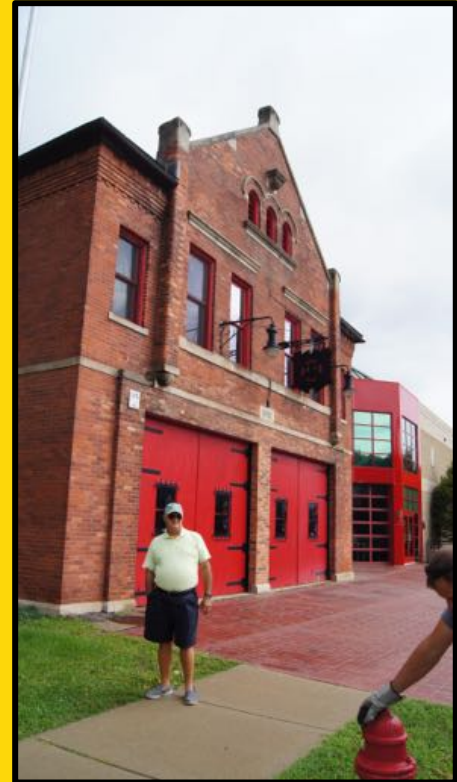


Just west of Alvordton, Ohio

**You never know what you will see along the way.
This is someone's man cave!
Fayette, Ohio**



We had a little rain overnight but that wasn't going to dampen the trip. We were off to Ypsilanti to visit the Fire Museum. Let me tell you, it is a worthwhile stop as it has a very nice collection of equipment and displays.





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Finally we arrive in Dearborn, MI to our main destination. This weekend that we arrive they have the Antique auto show 1900-1931. This was 3 days and was quite an experience to see. The pictures don't do it justice.



Here is Steve at the entrance to the museum where we lined our cars up every morning. Also Scooter joined us for the day.





Model A Snowbird conversion.



At dusk the driver road around the museum grounds and it was quite the display of early motoring sights and sounds.



On Friday morning Nancy, Dale Kay and Ken drove up to meet us at the museum and spend the rest of the week with us. Needless to say it was a great trip as always and I look forward to the next trip in the model A.

Phil



**A'S R US MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2016**

MEETING LOCATION: TIM AND CONNIE BORCHERTS HOME

CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT KEN CHAMIS AT 7:10 PM. Minutes from the August meeting were read and approved as read.

TREASURERS REPORT: A'SRUS account [REDACTED] to date, Driving the Dixie [REDACTED]. Miscellaneous bills paid and our deposit of \$631.00 was returned from Lakeside Inn. Report approved as given. Jim reported that there will be a final recap on the Driving the Dixie Account, when Elaine sets a meeting date.

FAMILY NEWS: Bonnie and Randy had their 14th Grandchild, a healthy baby boy. They stated they saw Marvin and Irene and invited them to the meeting.

MAIL CALL: Dale stated the Poulsen's didn't want flowers for Anna's wake. She asked for a suggestion for a charity donation. Randy suggested a donation be sent to Park Lawn. This was approved and passed by the membership.

OLD BUSINESS: Tim and Pat reported that the GRINDERS GAME was a good time, even though it was rained out in the 7th inning.

* Ken reported that 600 bags of Chips and paper products were donated to the MANTENO VETERANS HOME. We used 80 frames for the resident pictures, Dale noted that duplicate pictures were given to residents family. There was a great turnout. Dale stated she will try to obtain more chips (100 bags for \$5.00) around Halloween that can be taken out to the VA Home . KAREN stated she has several years of the RESTORER magazine that she would happily donate to the VA, if none of the membership wants them. Ken thanked Jim for arranging the date.

* FALL

TRIP ARTHUR IL. October 14,15 &16. Randy and Bonnie reported we will be leaving Mayberrys Restaurant in Manteno at 9:00 AM on the 14th. They stated we will be taking Rte 1 (Dixie Highway) out and Rte 45 to return (180 miles). To date there were 15 cars with 32 people attending. Friday Lunch will be in Hoopsten, and the Chuck Wagon will provide dinner. Saturday there are Crafts, Bluegrass Music, Farmers Market , BBQ competition and other events to enjoy. Saturday dinner will be at an Amish Restaurant. Breakfast at the hotel.

- * **LAKESIDE INN May 5th & 6th 2017.** Rooms are completely booked at Lakeside Inn, however, Bob suggested you call and ask to be put on a Cancellation list if you have decided to go. @www.lakesideinns.com. 269-469-0600. They also have a sister inn, Gordon Beach Inn and a block of 6 rooms has been set aside for our club. It is 1-2 miles away from Lakeside. If interested their phone # is 1-269-469-0800. They are offering the same deal, buy 1 get 1.
- * **EXPOSURE TRIP:** Ken thanked Chuck and Linnea for a great time. Dale stated there were 750 cars in attendance, High Wheel Bikes, Police in old time uniforms, it was a spectacular event.
- * Steve reported there were 15 cars at the ST. DAMIAN CAR SHOW and he won 1st prize.
- * Wally thanked Tim for all his hard work at the CORN/SHRIMP BOIL. It was a great time.
- * Karen and Pat announced that the Christmas dinner will be on December 14th, 6:00PM at Scrementis.
- * Ken reported that the Ellis Island trip was a great time. John Ellis has called to invite us back at any time. He was so hospitable and gave unexpected gifts.

NEW BUSINESS: CHRISTMAS PARADES. Ken asked Jim and Wally to take care of the applications for the Homewood and Crete Parades. He stated he and Al will look into Tinley Parks Parade.

LINNEA stated her school in Park Forest is having a Parade on October 4th at 9:30 AM. They have asked for 4 or 5 Model A's to participate. If it rains it will be cancelled. If you would like to participate please contact her. cfritz5@aol.com

KEN brought window signage to the meeting. Some to give and some to sell. "A'SRUS ON TOUR"...

Ken thanked Tim and Connie for hosting the meeting and for the wonderful food treats.

BREAKFAST MEETING: October 29th at 8:30 AM Peachtree Restaurant. Allen requested the membership join him for good food and conversation.

NEXT MONTHS MEETING: Fritz Barn, October 22nd at 5:00PM Bring a dish to pass. Menu is Chili and Hot Dogs.

Badge fines: \$2.00 50/50 winner: Dale \$43.00 and club \$44.00

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:26 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Sandy Kaleta, Secretary

**A'S R US MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 22, 2016**

MEETING LOCATION: CHUCK AND LINNEAS BARN

CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT KEN CHAMIS AT 7:40 PM. Reading of the minutes was waved by the membership and were approved as submitted.

TREASURERS REPORT: A'SRUS account [REDACTED] to date, Driving the Dixie [REDACTED]. A check for \$920.00 was sent to MAFCA and \$75.00 as our ParkLawn donation, from the A's account. Report approved as read by Ken.

MEMBER NEWS: Dale and Ken have a new grandson, Jack. Our member Jack had a recent Cardiac Stent, he is doing well and scheduled for a second one. Keep him in your prayers.

OLD BUSINESS:

* **LAKESIDE INN May 5th & 6th 2017.** No rooms are being held, 8 members have already made reservations. Make your reservation now at 269-469-0800, their sister hotel at www.gordonbeachinn.com .

* **CHRISTMAS PARTY AND MEETING: DECEMBER 14TH, 6:00PM AT SCREMENTIS** more information to follow.

* **VETERANS HOME: KEN** reported the in-expensive boxes of 50 small bags of chips are no longer available from the company. He stated he can get them from GFS for \$13 for 50 bags. A motion was made to spend \$130.00 for chips and for them to be taken to the VA Home in Manteno. Vote was unanimous.

* **CHRISTMAS PARADES:** Wally reported the Parades are December 2nd and 3rd. He will have more information at the November meeting.

* **NOVEMBER MEETING:** Membership agreed to change November meeting date to Saturday November 19th, 5:00pm at Erv and Chars. Start to gather your contributions to the Auction.

NEW BUSINESS

* **NOMINATIONS FOR 2017 OFFICERS:** Nominations will be made at the November meeting. If you are interested in holding an office please contact Wally or Bob.

*** BLUE GATE CONCERT SERIES SPRING OF 2017: Ken received a schedule and suggested a two day weekend this winter in Shishewana, staying at the Blue Gate and getting tickets for a concert. Membership showed interest, Ken and Dale will look into it further.**

KEN thanked Chuck, Linnea and the Fritz family for a fun hayride and meeting. As always the Chili and dogs were delicious. Thanks to the members for the goodies.

BREAKFAST MEETING SCHEDULED FOR : November 12th at 8:30am, Peachtree Restaurant, Allan Ekstrom and Chuck Fritz.

NEXT MONTHS MEETING/AUCTION: Erv and Char Darnall 30461 S 120th Ave

PEOTONE.... On SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19TH AT 5:00pm.

Badge fines: \$0.00 50/50 winner: Bob Granko \$22.00, Club \$23.00 total \$45.00.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:55 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Sandy Kaleta, Secretary



A'S R U S

Christmas Dinner Party!

December 14, 6:00 PM Cocktails, 7:00 PM Dinner
Scrementi's
3760 Chicago Rd, Steger, IL

Choice of Beef Tenderloin, Roasted Chicken, or
Lemon Cod w/Artichokes and sun-dried Tomatoes
\$10 per member and \$28 per guest
Cash Bar

RSVP to Karen at kolenk@comcast.net



Thanksgiving is next week and most families will sit down and eat and just enjoy each other's company. Timmy's Angels is still in need of coats and toys. If all my friends reached out to their guests and asked them to bring a coat they no longer use to the As r us meeting this Saturday or a new toy, do you know how many kids and adults we could help? Many people just have coats in closets they haven't used. **WE WILL PUT THEM TO USE!!** You might say, well I don't want them lying around my house, well you know what you don't have to, you can drop them this Saturday. Super easy, and your giving back. So what do you say, can you help us out? This is a very local organization that was started more than 15 years ago. Dale personally knew Timmy and her son Ryan were best of friends. He was killed on Southwest Highway in Hometown and in a way to give back and remember him this is just one aspect of the things that they do. Some of you may have seen one of the teddy bears when we cook at the Ronald McDonald House and they give teddy bears to families for the children to help Comfort them. I also understand that they will donate teddy bears to police departments to give the children when something may happen to their parents or if someone is being arrested and there's a little child involved. Just one-way to help Comfort the little kids.
Thanks angels.



