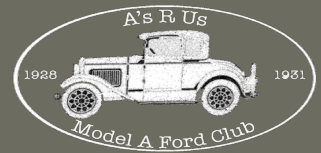


BACKFIRE



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*The Carp,
Editor in Chief*

OMG! Will I be able to get a model A out of my garage? Have no doubt they will be out quickly. But this could be the biggest question facing many of you in the next week. It is soooo easy to just pile up things onto the cars during the winter, but at some point they have to be unburied. This will be my quest in the next week, as I get ready for the shake down cruise next Saturday. Wish me luck and I will do the same for you. I will see you next Saturday on a most enjoyable trip as the season of driving is here.

Phil



A winter of laziness on my part has buried both my cars. I will make short order of getting the cars out and running.



Presidents Comments

- *Events so far scheduled*
- **SHAKEDOWN CRUISE,**
Ken suggested we go to Hebron, Indiana which is about a 65 mile drive and end up in Beecher or Crete. April 22nd was the date of choice. More information will follow.
- **LAKESIDE INN** May 5th & 6th 2017. We were able to make contact with Lakeside Inn and Gordon Beach Inn and our reservations are confirmed.
- **ANNUAL A'SRUS PICNIC** will be on Sunday July 30th.
- **2017 EXCURSION TRIP;** Phil suggested we do an opposite loop of the lake this year, spending a couple days in Milwaukee and taking a ferry to Ludington. It would be the second week in September, leaving on a Tuesday and returning on Monday. Ron stated he would be happy to help with the planning. The group was receptive to this suggestion and more information will follow.
- **FALL TRIP;** no information or suggestions to date.
- **MEETING: MARCH 15TH AT 7:00pm.**
HOSTS: Gerry & Ray Schmude, 8845 W. 103rd Place, Palos Hills



Volunteers needed. The bridge teen center had asked if anyone in our club would be interested in a Saturday morning or every other Saturday morning to do pickups of donated items. Several people could switch off too. Total time may only be an hour or too. Please call their volunteer coordinator at 708 532 0500 and ask for Jose or Jessica

Tim Dionne | President

So what's Bob up to?
Looks like another PBS
special. More to come later.



DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE

By Jim Wright

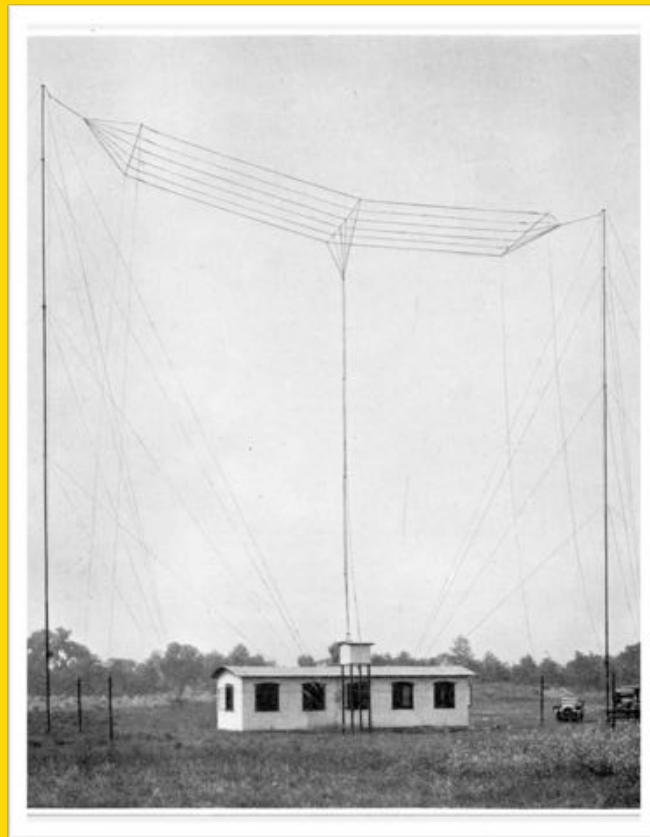


Radio Station WCBZ – *“Where the Lincoln and Dixie Highways Meet”*

Commercial broadcasting on today’s AM broadcast band, 450-1600KC, officially began in 1920 and within a few years, the band was flooded with fledgling stations. Some of these stations ran on several kilowatts of power and other “one-lungers” ran on only 100 watts or less. Many grew and prospered and many went out of business as their owner’s lost interest or lost money.

Typical of the time, many music and phonograph stores throughout the nation thought they should cover all bases and establish radio stations to help attract customers in neighboring communities. In 1924,

with only 50 watts and a dream, the Cappotelli Brothers Music House of Chicago Heights did just the thing and launched their modest radio station on the airwaves. The Cappotelli Brothers applied for and were granted a radio license on May 1, 1924. The store was given call sign WCBZ and with a whopping 50 watts they were broadcasting on frequency 1210 KC.





Located in Chicago Heights, they used the catchy slogan "Where the Lincoln and Dixie Highways Meet." WCBZ operated only twice a week. The station played records at 8:30 pm each Monday and Friday evening. By late April 1925, after only a year of part-time broadcasting, the station had spun its last wax platter over the airwaves and WCBZ signed off for good.

The station was sold to the Neutrowound Radio Manufacturing Company who moved the broadcasting facilities to their plant in Homewood on 183rd Street, just west of the Illinois Central rail tracks. Though only a few blocks from the Dixie Highway, the new broadcast facility was miles from the Lincoln Highway so the station dropped the Lincoln/Dixie slogan.

Neutrowound

Patented and Manufactured under Special License from Navy Dept., U. S. Government.

Has Revolutionized Radio!

The discovery—at our laboratory in Chicago—of the entirely new Neutrowound principle, created a sensation among Radio Engineers throughout the world.

This new principle—incorporated in the Neutrowound Radio Receiving Set provides maximum selectivity with no sacrifice of volume—enabling the operator to "tune in" distant stations as easily as those nearby—with the same volume, richness of tone—and with entire freedom from the usual howls and squeals, thus assuring consistent reception of distant stations the year 'round. The accomplishment of this result has been the goal of all radio engineers, ever since the inception of tuned radio frequency amplification.

All Metal Case Shields Against Outside Interference

The Neutrowound is the first receiving set ever made with an all-metal case. Radio engineers have endeavored to apply the shielding principle without obtaining satisfactory results. Our engineers have developed and perfected this principle, so that the all-metal case not only serves as a sturdy protection for the vital parts of the receiving set, but also acts as an electromagnetic shielding against outside interference.

Concert Volume on Distant Stations

Comparative tests in New York and Chicago demonstrated that the Neutrowound brought in distant stations—with concert volume and perfect reproduction—that could not be reached by other receiving sets which cost several times as much. Similar tests have been made in other sections of the country and in every case the Neutrowound has demonstrated its superiority in every test.

"All the Radio That You Can Buy at Any Price"

Price \$85.00

Without Tubes, Batteries or Accessories

In Canada Price \$115

A Year In Advance

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Neutrowound operated the station under call letters WOK and boosted the power to 500 watts. In 1927, WOK's license was acquired by the Trianon Ballroom which already

owned radio station WMBB (World's Most Beautiful Ballroom). In August 1927, the Federal Radio Commission authorized WOK and WMBB to merge and broadcasting was done under the unusually hyphenated call letters WOK-WMBB. Broadcasts were now coming from studios at the Trianon and both stations shared the transmitting facilities at the Neutrowound plant in Homewood.





1926 Miss Chicago at Trianon Ballroom, courtesy of and copyright Chicago Tribune

The combined station was to be short lived. Station managers routinely applied for a license renewal in late 1927 which was inexplicably denied by the Federal Radio Commission (FRC). The station appealed through the courts, but the FRC decision was upheld and the station went off the air. Likely the FRC was trying to eliminate the numbers of small stations that were beginning to jam the airwaves in the late 1920's.

(excerpted from *Popular Communications*, June 2000)



Unequaled for Range and Power

Here is Power to bring in the distant stations—power to build up the weak signals from smaller stations and make them into "radio"—super-power perfectly controlled, from a whisper to a roar.

It Tunes all Stations

Here's radio at its best—a Super-Power Radio Set that tunes the entire wave band—from the lowest to the highest—from 200 meters to 550 meters (the official wave band). The stations are accurately separated on the dial—there is no crowding of stations on one dial setting—you get them all—but just one at a time.

A Big Powerful 6-Tube Set

The 1927 Model NEUTROWOUND is a real six-tube super-power set. Six powerful tubes—every one effective, produce wonderful volume, pure and clear. All six tubes are used to produce radio, and not a one is put there for effect, or to neutralize a shortcoming elsewhere. When you buy a NEUTROWOUND you are not paying for six tubes

and getting five tube results—you get six tube performance—distance, volume, tone quality and selectivity. You get the entire range of the wave band—all the radio done is—noiselessly, and free from howls, distortion and interference.

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NEUTROWOUND has three tubes (three stages) of audio-frequency amplification. That tells the story—radio without a compromise—power with pure tone quality. You get the perfect balance between selectivity and volume which is necessary to meet the varying radio conditions.

All Metal "Shielding" Case

The Neutrowound is the first radio set ever made with an all-metal case. Radio engineers have endeavored to apply the shielding principle—without obtaining successful results. Our engineers have developed and perfected this principle, and have designed an all-metal case that not only serves as a sturdy protection for the vital parts of the receiving set—but also acts as an electro-magnetic shielding against outside interference.

NEUTROWOUND RADIO MFG CO., Dept. 612, Homewood, Ill.
Radio Division, ADVANCE AUTOMOBILE ACCESSORIES CORPN

Balloons Over Vermilion July 14th, 15th 2017





Watsaka 150th Anniversary

Hi Everyone

Those that were in attendance at the meeting last night heard about our invitation from the town of Watseka to come down to participate in their 150 yr anniversary of the town. They would like us to participate in their car show. There was some discussion briefly about even staying overnight in town. Randy and Ken have done some research and found out that they are trying to plan a very nice event for that weekend. On Saturday we would leave and head down there and we have a block of rooms reserved already at the Super 8 in Watseka. Presently there are 15 rooms reserved and the block will be released May 25th. However if the block fills up there may be an opportunity for additional rooms. So don't hesitate to reserve your room now as you can always cancel (Steve Coe).

The event is June 10th and June 11th. Let Ken know if you are planning on attending.

Thanks, Dale



7th Annual Model A Day

Swap Meet
Fashion, Seminars,
Food and Fun!

September 15th & 16th 2017 9-5pm

The Gilmore Car Museum
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Registration information and materials are in the March/April *The Restorer* magazine or register online at www.mafca.com



**MAFCA's
2017 National Tour
September 24-29
Pacific Coast Highway**

Starting on California's Central Coast in Paso Robles and heading north alongside California's spectacular coastline driving Highway 1, the world famous Pacific Coast Highway, to the city by the bay, where you will leave your heart, in San Francisco

Along the way visit

Hearst Castle
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World Famous 17 Mile Drive
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A challenge to our members

***Let's drive 100K miles in
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**Exposure Tour – 2017
September 5 – 12, 2017**

Join us on a wonderful, semi around-the-lake trip this fall as we explore the back roads of America.

The A's R Us exposure trip will begin on September 5th from Blue Island, IL, travel north to Milwaukee and on to Manitowoc, take the SS Badger car ferry across Lake Michigan to Ludington, then south to Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo and then home to the Chicago southland on Tuesday, September 12th.

Some of the interesting places that we may visit are:

Brat Stop in Kenosha, WI

Harvey Davidson Factory in Milwaukee

Mader's German Restaurant in Milwaukee

Maritime Museum in Manitowoc

SS Badger – National Historical Register (oldest steamship in operation in USA)

Train Depot Museum in Grand Haven, MI

Meijer Garden in Grand Rapids

The BOB (Entertainment Complex) in Grand Rapids

Gerald R Ford Presidential Library in Grand Rapids

Air Zoo in Kalamazoo

Hotel blocks of 12 rooms are being finalized and we are looking for a great time sharing our Model A passion with one another as we plan another trip full of "Miles of Smiles".



A's R Us 2016 Officers and Staff

- President – Tim Dionne
- Vice President – Chuck Fritz
- Treasure – Jim Wright
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Lexophile" is a word used to describe those that have a love for words...

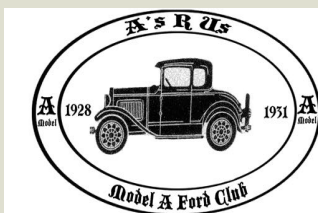
...When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.

... Did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off? He's all right now.

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