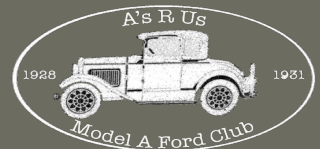


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*The Carp,
Editor in Chief*

AS you have probably noticed the newsletter has been missing for a few months. At this time I am going to step down and hand this off to another club member to take over. I have been the Editor since March of 2009 and need the time for other life endeavors. I have had a sense of accomplishment and have enjoyed sharing this with everyone. I still plan to contribute now and again. This is your newsletter so please contribute articles and help the next Editor share what you would like to see. That being said I will leave you with the headers off the newsletters for the last 8 1/2 years as a reminder of the many stories that were contained with-in this newsletter that you enjoyed in the past.

Phil

Here is the first issue after I took over the newsletter from Bob Steinmetz. March 2009 newsletter front



Presidents Comments

Hi everyone,

It has been a busy year for most all of us. With our sign dedications on the route of the Dixie highway, trip to Michigan, shakedown cruise, the Dixie Drive, Balloon Fest in Danville, parades, Soup Day, and a few things in between.

Coming up we have the Grinder's baseball game, The Exposure tour, the fall trip, and other activities.

A very important event is Camp Quality on August 9th. I hope as many of us as possible will

be able to attend to support these kids. Every time we think we have problems all we have to do is look around and realize how fortunate we are.

Our club picnic is Sunday, July 30th on Dutton Rd. in Beecher. Hope many will attend. Burgers, Brats, Hot dogs, Salads, and all the fixins. Come hungry and ready to eat at approx. 12;30 or so.

Please remember we have, once again, been invited to attend the Cedar Lake Yacht Club's annual corn roast on September 3rd. That is the Sunday before Labor Day.

There will be a charge for the roast but as in the past it is very nominal. Wally and I will have the "Party Barge" pontoon boat available for rides on the lake.



Tim Dionne | President

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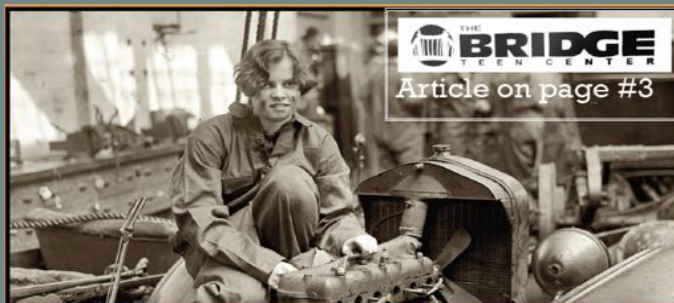
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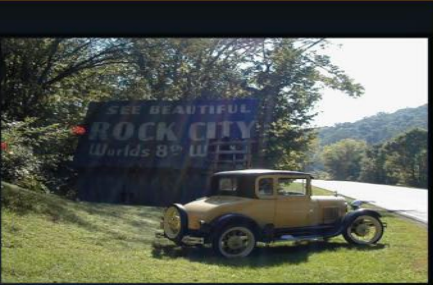
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Well a new year and a new look. Let

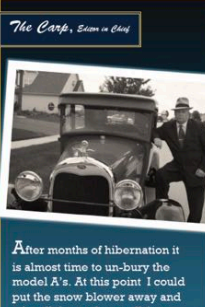
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After months of hibernation it is almost time to un-bury the model A's. At this point I could put the snow blower away and take all the carbage off the

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Volume#20 Issue#5 May 2015



I have finally opened both the rear and front doors of the garage to let the summer begin! First I need to get rid of a 1941 Ford Flat Head 8 from my to do list. I have enlisted Jon Lisota to encourage me and

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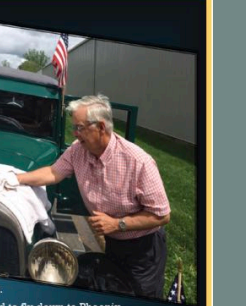
Volume#20 Issue#6 June 2015



We have just gotten back from a wonderful weekend with the ASRUS family to Le Clair Iowa. The weather was forecasted as a pretty wet weekend. We had no rain at all and the ride was getting

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Volume#20 Issue#7 July 2015



Despite the rain on May 25th Memorial Day we had a decent show of cars for the Crote event. The rain held off and the parade was held with full sun beating down on us all. Unfortunately for Nancy my wife, she had to fly down to Phoenix

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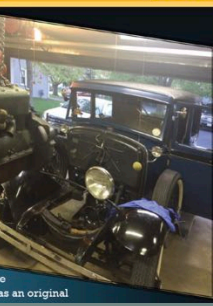
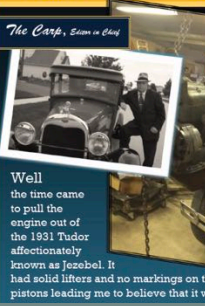
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It's been a very busy June/July for me. I just got back from Hastings, England to visit Andrew White. While I was there I had the great pleasure to help celebrate Peter Whites

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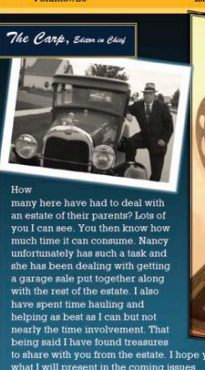
Volume#20 Issue#9 September 2015



Well the time came to pull the engine out of the 1931 Tudor affectionately known as Jezebel. It had some filters and no markings on the pistons leading me to believe that it was an original

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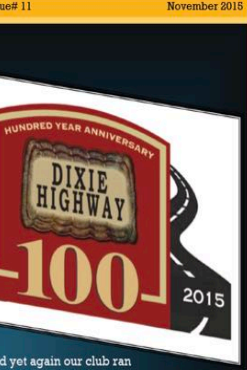
Volume#20 Issue# 10 October 2015



How many here have had to deal with an estate of their parents? Lots of you I can see. You then know how much time it can consume. Nancy unfortunately has such a task and she has been dealing with getting a garage sale put together along with the rest of the estate. I also have spent time hauling and helping as best as I can but not nearly the time involvement. That being said I have found treasures to share with you from the estate. I hope you like what I will present in the coming issues

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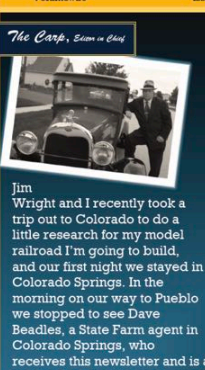
Volume#20 Issue# 11 November 2015



100 years ago a delegation of the Dixie Highway commission started the inspectional tour of the highway, and yet again our club ran

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Volume#20 Issue# 12 December 2015



Jim Wright and I recently took a trip out to Colorado to do a little research for my model railroad I'm going to build, and our first night we stayed in Colorado Springs. In the morning on our way to Pueblo we stopped to see Dave Beedles, a State Farm agent in Colorado Springs, who receives this newsletter and is a fellow model builder. If you go on our Facebook site you will see

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Volume #21 Issue #1 January 2016



The Carp, Editor in Chief

Unfortunately I needed to take some time off and I missed a newsletter. That being said I will make this one the January newsletter and you won't miss a thing. This month will be short and sweet and I will get back to a normal news rag to keep everyone informed with what activities are going on in the club starting with February's newsletter.

In Nancy and my busy life we will be increasing our stock in grand children by three more in February and I can't even imagine how life will change for us needed to say for our daughters and sons in law. Both girls are doing fine and the time is nearing fast. See you at the meeting.

Phil



100 years!

October 2015. The trip to Chicago to kick off the 100 years of transportation history was a great hit with our club and the people in downtown Chicago. Dixie Highway was the first interstate highway going north to south. Here are only a few of the club members that were in attendance for the trip.

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Volume #21 Issue #4 April 2016



The Carp, Editor in Chief

Summer is finally here. I found that I had minimally bled both cars under junk over the winter. It didn't take long and I opened the garage and took both A's out for a drive. Now it's time to wash them and change the oil. Clean the suspension, steering links and check fluids in the steering box and trans. I plan on taking the 29 on the spring trip in a few weeks and then the 30 will go for the long haul to Greenfield, Michigan. In the mean time I have to clean the garage.

Phil



Another project update. The engine is back into the Old Ford. This was Diamond's first fire truck brought back from John Feltz, IL.

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Volume #21 Issue #7 July 2016



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 Ahoogooga.

Phil



Morgan French learning to drive the A in Danville, IL. 2 1/2 years old she has the honking of the horn down pat!

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Volume #21 Issue #8 August 2016



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 babbed 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 took place led by Ray Schaefer on club and activities.

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Volume #21 Issue #2 February 2016



The Carp, Editor in Chief

We are counting the hours now for the 3 new grand children to arrive. It looks like this Thursday is the big day for our girls. This will be a great week for the Serviss household. That being said the winter is almost over and the time to get the cars out will be upon us. I for one am looking forward to this as I can open the garage again and get to work on my cars. I hope to drop the trans on the 29 this spring and get the thump out of 1" gear that's been there for years. See you



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Volume #21 Issue #5 May 2016



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 Coc article on Harold Lloyd in. You should be able to read it now.

Phil



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

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Volume #21 Issue #3 March 2016



The Carp, Editor in Chief

The grandchildren are here! Jennifer gave birth to two healthy babies. Brady 6.6 lb's and Mackenzie 6.0 lb's. Then 5 days later Sarah had Wyatt 7.8 lb's. All are doing well and Nancy and I couldn't be happier. I would say that this has been a busy month. Model A's? I hope to get them out soon. We will have to see how time allows as you can tell. Phil



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Volume #21 Issue #6 June 2016



The Carp, Editor in Chief

One of the few great accomplishments of Facebook is the ability to reconnect with old friends. I met up with a grade school / high school friend that I hadn't seen in 30 years. Eric and I along with Clare and Nancy spent a day together in Michigan on our club's spring trip weekend. There were lots of good times to catch up on and Eric brought a surprise for me. We both had dark rooms and processed film and printed pictures in our basements. Most of my negatives are gone to history but Eric had many to share. I was 16 or 17 in the pictures and what memories came back. He also took pictures during the day and I will be sharing pictures he took with a few of his antique cameras for all to enjoy.

Phil



Eric Bergstrom and myself after 30 years!

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Volume #21 Issue #10 October / November 2016



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

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Volume #21 Issue #9 September 2016



The Carp, Editor in Chief

I'm writing this newsletter on a new iMac today. I was successful in filling up my 500GB hard drive on my 10 year old Mac. I was getting the warning that my Desktop Disk Space was full. All I knew was the computer was slowooooooow. It was time for an update. I had no idea that when I went to get the computer at Apple that it was on the launch of the iPhone 7. I was lucky enough to not have to wait in the Q in the mall but was ushered in and out in an hour. Now with 2 T of hard drive and 8 G of ram I hope to have a better time of constructing this newsletter. First I needed to migrate my information from the old to the new. That was about 30 hours on the wireless WiFi. Then my pictures didn't want to load. 4 hours later and three different Help Desk people I was able to move my 44 thousand pictures. We will see.

Phil



Elis Island train room.

DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE

By Jim Wright



Watseka Sign Dedication

On Saturday June 10th, 11 cars and over 20 members motored down to Watseka to help the town celebrate it's 150th anniversary. The skies were perfectly clear and a brisk wind that blew helped keep the heat at bay. The cars were on display for most of the day on the south lawn of the Iroquois County Museum with other antique vehicles and a contingent of antique farm tractors from the "Slow Boys" tractor club. At 2pm, the A's R Us mustered at the Watseka Dixie Highway interpretive sign located in Kay Park on the west side of town for dedication ceremonies.



Jim Wright gave a brief history of the highway and the background of the sign project. Following this, Watseka Mayor Robert Harwood and Olivia Claire, Miss Iroquois County, spoke. Watseka has done a nice job of planting perennials under the sign and has also installed a cement walk around it. They are justly proud of the sign, which is a nice addition to their park grounds.

DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE

By Jim Wright



After the dedication, the A's did a "cruise" by a hot rod and monster car show the city was holding of the east side of town. The day ended with libation and a fine Mexican dinner in a nice and cool local restaurant. The Dixie sign project is still ongoing and future dedications this summer will be planned for Momence and Markham.



A's hold "hands-on" Tech-talk in Tinley Park, IL.



A busy week for the A's-R-Us club.

Sandwiched between two June Saturdays, the Watseka trip and the annual Drivin-the Dixie Event, A's members met at Sandy and Al Kaleta's garage in Tinley Park on Wednesday, June 14th for another crack at Steve Coe's green Fordor in an attempt to solve some engine "irregularities".



Lately, the green machine started to knock noticeably after several cold starts. Thanks to their vast collective Model A technical knowledge & experience, the group consisting of Bob S., Chuck F., Al K., Wally E., Ken C., Steve C. and Jon L. worked together to solve the problem. It took multiple attempts using Plastigage to correctly measure and adjust the engine main bearing clearances. With time, patience and a lot of Jon's muscle, the project was a success. No more knock! Since the engine was apart, the Ford got some new gaskets, a gas line and carburetor as well as an almost-new manifold (thanks Ray!). Thanks to all who participated. Now she's ready for more road miles-Mission accomplished!

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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".





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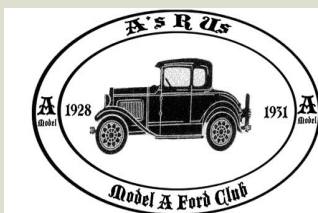
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