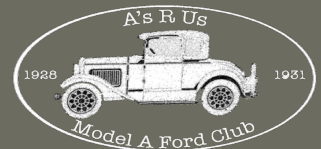


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*The Carp,  
Editor in Chief*

Since our last newsletter I've had both cars out and have driven them both several hundred miles. I believe they are both ready for the summer driving. I'm looking forward to going around the lake again at the end of the summer. If you are interested in going please make your reservations from the literary that has been provided in this newsletter. It looks like Galena, IL will be our next fall trip this year. It's a good drive and a great location. All sorts of Girl stuff to be had when we get there. Its going to be 90 I'm told this week so let summer begin!

Phil

Pioneer Farm Lowell,  
IN



# Presidents Comments

*Shakedown cruise was a success!*

*Our shake down trip to Hebron Indiana was a chilly but nice day to be out.*

*Meeting for breakfast I shared the rout and to where we would go and 9 cars and 12 members headed out for the day. Our objective was Stony Run Park in Hebron*

*to see the military memorial. It is a beautiful park and the flowers and trees were starting to bloom.*

*After a day of driving we stopped for lunch in Cedar Lake and we were hone by early afternoon. It was a great day had by all.*

*TimDionne | President*





Pictures from April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
shake Down



## DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE

By Jim Wright



In September 1921, Cook County had 12 deputies patrolling all of the roadways in the unincorporated sections of the county, which covered quite a substantial area at that time. This caught the attention of the Cook County board, which in short order authorized the establishment of the Cook County Highway Police under the direction of the sheriff. A force of 74 highway deputies was authorized and, by February 1922, thirty-one deputies were on patrol and by the summer of 1922 the remainder were patrolling the county's roads.



The highway police duties not only consisted of handling traffic violations, but they were also involved with investigation and handling of all criminal activity in the unincorporated parts of the county. This was no small task. The highway police were established after the enactment of Prohibition, and the rural areas of the county were rife with nefarious activity related to the "rum-running" gangs so prevalent at the time.



To provide coverage for the whole county, the highway police divided it into 3 districts. District 1 consisted of the northern

sections of the county and the district and highway police headquarters were located in a handsome 3-story brick building built for the purpose in 1923 on Milwaukee Avenue in Niles. District 2 deputies patrolled the central sections of the county and their headquarters were located in a small building that some say was once a bowling alley and was located on Archer Avenue in Willow Springs. District 3 covered the southern sections of the county and their headquarters were in a small frame building located on the Dixie Highway, a little over a block south of 175<sup>th</sup> Street in

Homewood. A converted rail car served as the lock-up and was located next to the station which was situated on the east side of the highway, just west of the rail tracks.





Homewood's highway police deputies worked out of their Spartan headquarters until 1937, when a new building was built for them on Ridge Road, just west of Halsted Street. The building still stands and is used as the E-COM 9-11 Dispatch Center. E-COM is the inter-governmental agency that provides police, fire and emergency medical services (EMS) dispatching to over 105,000 residents in the villages of Homewood, Flossmoor, Glenwood, Hazel Crest, South Holland, Riverdale and the city of Country Club Hills. The Cook County Highway Police became the Cook County Sheriff's Police in 1952 and the Homewood station closed at the end of 1975, with consolidation of operations into the sheriff's new headquarters building in Maywood.



# Balloons Over Vermilion July 14th, 15th 2017







## Witseka 150<sup>th</sup> 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





Recently there was four of our club members who participated at the bridge teen center showing the basics of the engine to some of the students. Bob Steinmetz, Randy Senkpeil , Tim Dionne, and Ken Chamis volunteered their time for several hours to try to help students learn how the engine actually operates and are put together. Two of students seem to have some basics of automobile skills already too. We have done this several times but this group of 10 students most energetic positive that we've ever had. It just keeps getting better and better every time. And we hope that this little tech talk with the kids is a spark for them to possibly enjoy our hobby in their future. Afterwards us guys were sitting around trying to figure out how we could take this to the next level and hopefully come up with something that will really continue participation from the up and coming generation.

*Ken Chamis*



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Registration information and materials are in the March/April *The Restorer* magazine or register online at [www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com)



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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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>.

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 Exposure  
Tour 2017**

**Reserve your rooms now**

Date	Day	Hotel	Hotel Cost	Block ID/Cut Off	Phone Number for Reservations
5-Sep	Tues	Ambassador Hotel	\$99	A's R US Aug 1	414-345-5000
6-Sep	Weds	Ambassador Hotel	\$99		
7-Sep	Thurs	Baymont INN at Manitowoc	\$89	A's R US Aug 1	920-682-7000
8-Sep	Fri	Greiner Motel Ludington	\$75	A's R US Aug 1	231-843-3927
9-Sep	Sat	Holiday Inn - Downtown Grand Rapids	\$135	A's R US Aug 1	616-451-8730
10-Sep	Sun	Holiday Inn - Downtown Grand Rapids	\$135		
11-Sep	Mon	Holiday Inn -Kazoo West	\$89	A's R US Aug 1	269-375-6000
12-Sep	Tues	Home			
			\$721		

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- Motor Medic - Jon Isota

Lexophile" is a word used to describe those that have a love for words...

... A will is a dead giveaway.

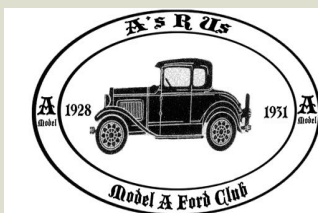
... With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

... A boiled egg is hard to beat.

... When you've seen one shopping centre, you've seen a mall.

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