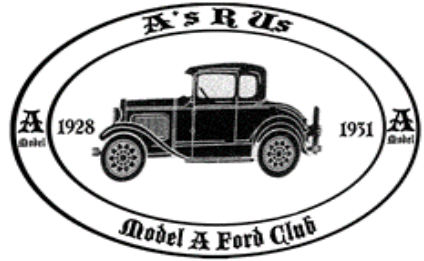
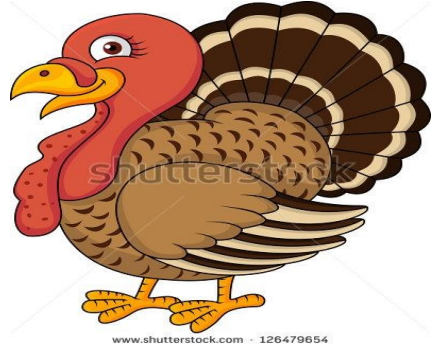


BACKFIRE

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With Thanksgiving just around the corner I am reminded of some food related fixes for Model A's.



A few problems became apparent with our Model A on the Danville trip: over heating and carburetor issues.



It was suggested that I run vinegar in the radiator. I put a nylon stocking over the top tube and then put the hose back on.

I then drove it that way for about 50 miles. The acidity in the vinegar broke down the deposits in the radiator and the nylon stocking caught it. I drained the vinegar, put in antifreeze and haven't had a problem since

We have a Tillotson carburetor that came with the car that needed a rebuild. When taken apart the top and bottom were warped.



Since they didn't seat properly something need to be done.

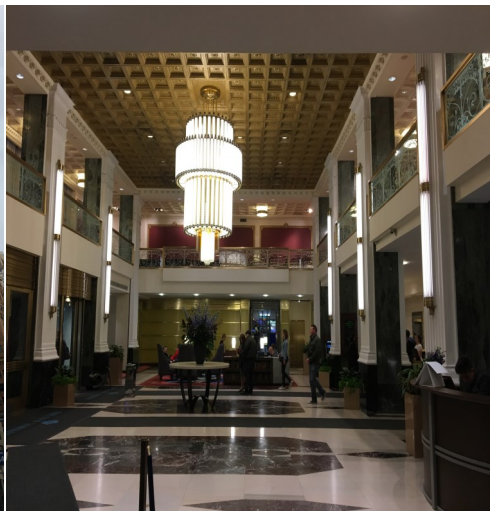
By clamping the two halves together with hose clamps and heating it on the BBQ grill we were able to unwarp the carburetor and get it rebuilt. (thanks Ken)



I wonder what other interesting solutions are in store? Peanut butter in the transmission?



I had an opportunity recently to tag along with Diane on a business trip to New York and we stayed at the historic New Yorker Hotel.



Photos taken October 2017

The New Yorker Hotel is one of the largest hotels in New York; it was conceived at the height of the roaring twenties but opened at the beginning of the Great Depression. Located at 481 Eighth Avenue, between 34th and 35th street, it was directly across the street from the majestic Pennsylvania Station, once the gateway for travelers coming to Manhattan. The hotel was built by Garment Center developer Mack Kanner and designed by the architecture firm Sugarman and Berger. When the project was announced in 1928, the building was planned to be 38 stories and approximately \$8 million. The hotel opened in 1930 and was larger and more expensive than the initial plan. The final product was 43 stories, 2,500 rooms, and cost \$22.5 million.



The building contains numerous Art Deco elements that were popular in the 1920s and 30s. The most striking feature of the hotel is its tiered setbacks, which resemble a giant wedding cake; it shares this feature with the Empire State Building. In 1941, the prominent red “New Yorker” sign was installed on the top floors.

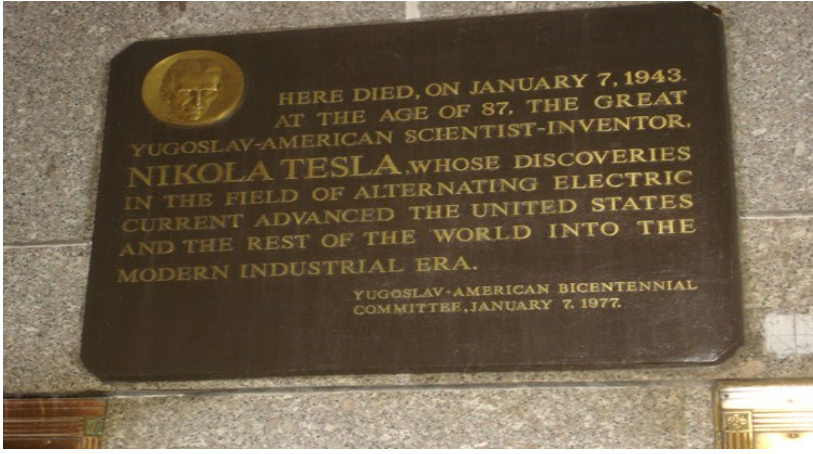


The hotel had ballrooms, private dining salons, restaurants, and one of the largest barbershops. There was even a small hospital with operating rooms. Single room rates began at \$3.50 and \$30 for suites. The hotel was popular with visiting celebrities such as, Joan Crawford, Nikola Tesla, and Fidel Castro. Big Band leaders such as Benny Goodman regularly performed at the hotel during its heyday.

I include this image of Nikola Tesla in particular because he went to the New Yorker in 1933 and lived there for 10 Years.



He stayed in room 3327 and committed suicide there in 1943. A plaque has been installed the in his honor. Some say the hotel is haunted.



I mention this because a strange incident happened to us while we were there. Diane's colleague Rachael also went on the business trip. While she was in her room using the bathroom she heard a mans voice, she thought the walls must be thin here and is hearing things from another room. But then the voice said "hey Rach". How would they know her nickname and it sounded like the voice came from her room. Was someone in her room? Not willing to come out of the bathroom she waited in silence for a short while. Finally getting up the nerve she opened the door a crack and found the room empty. She immediately phoned Diane to relate the weird goings on. True story.



**HOPE YOU HAD A HAPPY
HALLOWEEN**

WHILE WE ARE ON THE SUBJECT OF HALLOWEEN DID YOU KNOW THAT:

If the candy corn kernels sold each year were laid out end to end, they would wrap around the Earth 4.25 times. Americans purchase nearly 600 million pounds of candy each year for Halloween. Equivalent to the weight of 6 Titanic ships. Oct 28, 2013



Halloween spending will reach about \$6.9 billion, or \$74.34 per person in 2015, according to the National Retail Federation. And for every \$3 we spend on a kid's costume, \$1 will be spent on an outfit for the cat or dog. Oct 14, 2015



CLUB NEWS

JACK IS DOING BETTER AND HIS INFECTION IS RESOLVING. JACK AND KAREN ANNOUNCED THEIR ENGAGEMENT, AND SHE WORE A BEAUTIFUL RING. WE ARE SOOOO HAPPY FOR BOTH OF THEM. BOB S. HAD A SCARE AND WAS RUSHED TO THE ER. HE IS NOW HOME AND WILL BE SEEING HIS DOCTOR. KEN MC. IS HAVING AN INJECTION FOR SPINAL STENOSIS.

OLD BUSINESS:

REPORT ON THE FALL TRIP: Ron, Steve and Jon did a great job planning this trip, Dale stated everyone had a fun time.

Ron reported that Ted Griffin was deceased and buried the day of our meeting.

MAFCA: Dues are due... Please only send the A'SRUS dues to Jim and the MAFCA dues to MAFCA with the green card.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Sandy reported the dinner will be on Wednesday December 13th, 6:00PM at Cavalinis in the Tinley Park Train Station.

(174th and Oak Park). It will be a Cash Bar, Buffet Dinner and surprise entertainment. Please bring payment for dinner to our November meeting: \$15.00 apiece for members and full price for guests. If you are not coming to the November meeting and are planning on attending I need to know as we need a head count. Sandy said she will talk with Gerry regarding using the table center pieces from last year. More information to follow.

CHRISTMAS PARADES: HOMEWOOD, Friday December 1st: CRETE parade, Saturday December 2nd: TINLEY PARK, Sunday December 3rd

NEW BUSINESS: Dixie Signage was discussed. Flossmoor will be mounting their sign on November 7th, per Jim. Ron stated he will talk with Markham, Posen, St. Anne and Rossville to see when they will be ready.

CHUCK stated he would like to investigate a small PA system he saw at Sams Club. The members unanimously approved.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Was appointed, Bob S and Wally.

MISCELLANEOUS Business: Bruce S brought a \$150.00 donation to the club from the Bride and Groom he drove on their wedding day. Thank you Bruce.

SPECIAL NOTE

November meeting location has been changed to Randy and Bonnies, 16400 S. 89th Ave. 6:00 PM Wed. 15th.

Tim thanked Chuck, Linnea and their family for a great time. The kids loved the games, hayrides and food. So did the adults. As usual Chucks Chili was spectacular. Chuck thanked everyone for bringing drinks and desserts.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving



THE END

