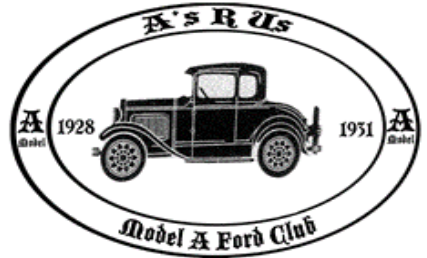


BACKFIRE

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Even the eclipse could not obstruct the turn out for The Blue Island Cruise Night on August 21st.



A's R us were the featured car club Seven model A's and their drivers made it for a night of cruising and pizza. Greg Lockow, Chamber of Commerce representative for Blue Island hosted the event.



The Grinders game, Sunday August 27th



You cant beat fun at the olde ball park. It was a perfect day for a ball game and we all had lots of fun. There was a great line up of cars to go along with the great line up of players.





Quite a few people turned out for the game with tons of good food.



Barn in the out-field ?

**Promises,
promises.
(Karen &
Jack)**



**More than one
game going on.
My money's on
Nancy. (Sorry
Jon).**

And now for a bit of history: The Ford Tri-motor Airplane



A total of 199 Ford Trimotors were built between 1926 and 1933, including 79 of the 4-AT variant, and 116 of the 5-AT variant, plus some experimental craft. Well over 100 airlines of the world flew the Ford Trimotor. From mid-1927, the type was also flown on executive transportation duties by several commercial nonairline operators, including oil and manufacturing companies



The impact of the Ford Trimotor on commercial aviation was immediate, as the design represented a "quantum leap over other airliners. Within a few months of its introduction, Transcontinental Air Transport was created to provide coast-to-coast operation, capitalizing on the Trimotor's ability to provide reliable and, for the time, comfortable passenger service. While advertised as a transcontinental service, the airline had to rely on rail connections with a deluxe Pullman train that would be based in New York being the first part of the journey. Passengers then met a Trimotor in Port Columbus, Ohio, that would begin a hop across the continent ending at Waynoka, Oklahoma, where another train would take the passengers to Clovis, New Mexico, where the final journey would begin, again on a Trimotor, to end up at the Grand Central Air Terminal in Glendale, a few miles northeast of Los Angeles. This demanding trip would be available only for a year.



Ford Trimotors were also used extensively by Pan American Airways, for its first international scheduled flights from Key West to Havana, Cuba, in 1927. Eventually, Pan American extended service from North America and Cuba into Central and South America in the late 1920s and early 1930s. One of Latin America's earliest airlines, Cubana de Avacion, was the first to use the Ford Trimotor in Latin America, starting in 1930, for its domestic services.



Franklin Roosevelt also flew aboard a Ford Trimotor in 1932 during his presidential campaign in one of the first uses of an aircraft in an election, replacing the traditional "whistle stop" train trips.



HI FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS,

THE PEOPLE IN TEXAS ARE IN A TERRIBLE SITUATION AND IT IS GOING TO CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME, LIKE YEARS POSSIBLY. THEY DEFINETLY NEED OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. DONATE TO THE RED CROSS OR ANY ORGANIZATION THAT MIGHT BE OF ASSISTANCE, THEY SURE NEED IT.

WE HAD A FEW EVENTS TAKE PLACE RECENTLY, THE GRINDERS BASEBALL GAME AND THE BLUE ISLAND CRUISE. I WAS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE GAME BUT DID AT THE CRUISE. NOT TOO MANY ATTENDED BUT ALL HAD A GOOD TIME.

THE CORN ROAST IS UPCOMING AT THE YACHT CLUB IN CEDAR LAKE IS ON SUNDAY THE 3RD. IT IS A NICE, RELAXING TIME PLUS WALLY WILL BE PILOTING THE PONTOON WHOMEVER WOULD LIKE TO GO.

I HEARD THAT THE RT 66 EVENT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS. THANKS JACK AND KAREN.

HOPE TO SEE ALL AT THE NEXT MEETING AT WALLY AND KAY'S.

TIM DIONNE

Since Tim sent the previous message another hurricane, Irma , is bearing down on Florida as I am typing this. I have relatives down there in the path of the storm. I hope and pray for their safe outcome.

Upcoming events

GILMORE MODEL A DAY IS SEPTEMBER 15 & 16. IF INTERESTED IN GOING CONTACT TIM DIONNE.

HISTORIC PULLMAN TOUR OCTOBER 7 & 8 AT 11:00 AM. THERE IS A \$20.00 ENTRANCE FEE.

Upcoming events cont.

FALL TRIP TO KEWANEE, IL. ON OCTOBER 20,21 & 22. KEN STATED THE A'S R US BLOCK IS STILL OPEN: AMERICANN INN IN KEWANEE. 102.60+ TAX, PHONE# 309-856-7200.

OCTOBER HAYRIDE MEETING WILL BE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH AT 5;00 PM. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW.



Moraine Valley
community college

Community Celebration Car Show

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16
1-5 p.m.

Cars allowed in lot starting at 10 a.m.
Registration closes at 2 p.m.

Registration: June-Sept. 5. \$15
Day of event \$20

Cars will be parked in front of Building F.
Enter from east entrance on 88th Avenue
Swag bags for the first 100 entrants
Registration fee supports automotive
technology student scholarships.

More details and registration forms available at morainevalley.edu/carshow

Community Celebration includes
Live music provided by Stars Karma and The Real Gone
Food vendors • Bounce house • Face painting • Children's activities • Drawings
College history memorabilia exhibit • Appearances by Chicago area sports teams mascots • **More**

For more information, contact Jessica Crotty
at **(708) 974-5281** or crotty@morainevalley.edu.

*In the event of inclement weather, funds collected will be used for scholarships.
Please note: Alcohol and smoking are not allowed on campus.*

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NEXT MONTHS MEETING IS ON SEPTEMBER 20TH AND WILL BE HOSTED BY WALLY AND KAY EKSTROM, 411 LINDEN CIRCLE, BEECHER, IL. AT 7:00 PM.

TIM THANKED DALE FOR ALL HER WORK ON THE ROSTERS

TIM ALSO THANKED EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH THE PICNIC PREPERATION. IT WAS WELL ATTENDED, A GOOD TIME AND GREAT LOCATION (THANKS TO JON).

CAMP QUALITY WAS A GREAT TIME FOR THE CAMPERS AND CLASSIC CAR DRIVERS. AURELIOS DONATED PIZZA, POP AND WATER FOR THE DRIVERS BEFORE THE START OF THE EVENT. WE ARE ALL LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR.

THE CORN ROAST WAS AT THE YACHT CLUB ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 3RD AND THE EXPOSURE TOUR IS GOING ON NOW, WITH PHIL, NANCY, RON AND STEVE.. CAN'T WAIT TO GET PICTURES AND WORDS FROM BOTH TO PUT INTO NEXT MONTHS NEWS LETTER.

PRESIDENT-TIM DIONNE

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DIRECTOR OF SAFETY-RON BONNEAU

NAT'L REP.-KEN CHAMIS

HISTORIAN-KEN CHAMIS

Please be patient as this is our first attempt at the news letter. I hope you enjoyed viewing it as much as we did working on it.

We hope to improve the look as we go along, but we are making no promises. We have big shoes to Phil. Please send any comments, pictures or anything else you want to put into the newsletter to dianeparadiso@comcast.net. If you don't we will fill it with baby pictures of our son.

Thanks

Bert & Diane Paradiso

