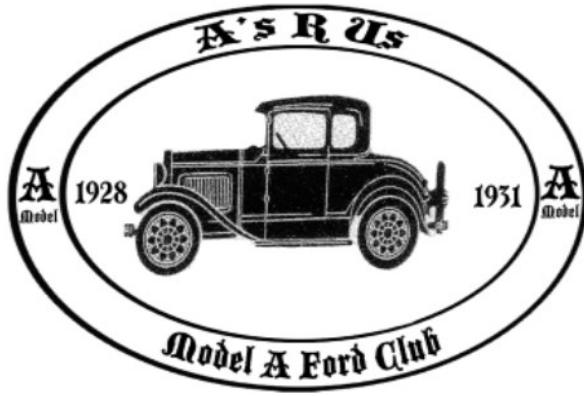


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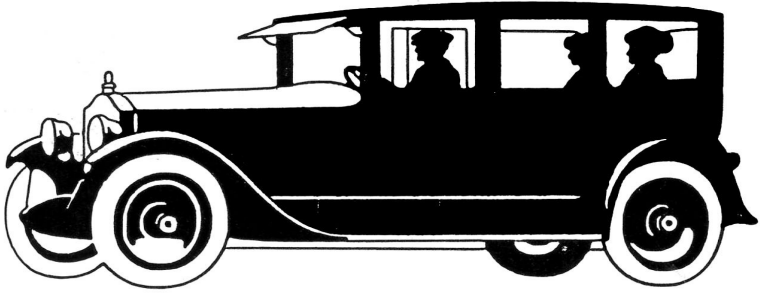
May 18, 19 & 20 was the clubs spring trip to the historic Lakeside Inn in Lakeside Michigan. The A's had rented almost all the rooms so we kind or took it over. Following is a brief history of the Inn.



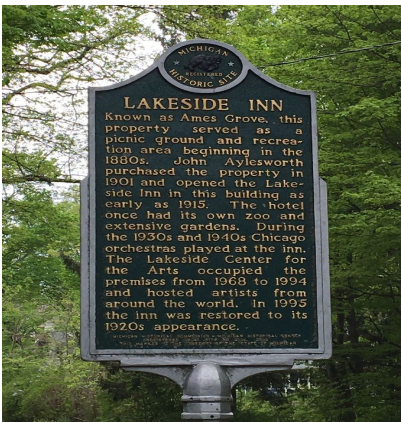


This area was first settled in 1844 by Vermont natives Alfred and Mary Ames, who purchased property that included the present site of the Lakeside Inn. A small settlement was established nearby in 1846; when the Chicago and Michigan Lake Shore Railroad was constructed in the late 1870s, a station was built at the site, then called Lakeside. By the end of the 19th century, the location around what is now the inn was a popular recreational spot. The site across the road, Ames Grove, was owned by Alfred and Mary Ames's son Fisher Ames, and was used for picnics and other local gatherings. At the same time, the area began to attract summer vacationers, and local families began taking boarders and building small resorts.

In 1901, John J. and Nancy E. Aylsworth purchased several tracts of land at Lakeside, including the property on which this inn now stands. The construction date of the inn is not documented, but was probably in the early 1910s for the Aylsworths. Along with the inn, several cottages were constructed. John Aylsworth died in December 1917; two years later Nancy Aylsworth transferred the inn to their son Arthur and his wife Grace. At about that time, a substantial addition was constructed on the inn. In 1922, the inn was turned over to the Lakeside Property Owners Trust, a local developer trust tasked with fostering appropriate development and keep out undesirables. The inn remained under Arthur Aylsworth's management, and in 1930 golf, tennis, and swimming facilities were added, and the inn was renamed the Lakeside Park Country Club, and membership was required. Although not explicitly stated, it is likely that these changes were instituted to prohibit Jews from patronizing the inn.



Arthur and Grace Aylsworth divorced in 1930, and Arthur re-purchased the inn from the trust. He continued to operate with his second wife Virginia until Virginia's death in 1953 and his in 1955. The inn declined over the next decade, until 1960's when it was purchased by John and Kay Wilson. Wilson converted the inn into the "Lakeside Center for the Arts," running his print business in part of the downstairs and taking in artists from across the country. In 1994 Devereux Bowly purchased the inn and completely refurbished it, reopening it as a hotel in 1995. As of 2017, the inn is still operating and is owned by Bowly.



Even through the overcast the lake shore is still beautiful.





On the way up we stopped at the Michigan City Outlet Mall. Our cars attracted some attention in the parking lot.

A few people wanted their picture taken with the cars. (hey, nice fenders on that first one.)



Happy Father's Day!



While there we were invited to a local flea market, where we got to show off the model A's once again.

Never let a little rain prevent you from barbequing . The food was delicious Chuck.



Happy Father's Day



**A heart felt toast and a round of applause for
Chuck the grill master.**



**While he's at it, might
as well grill breakfast
too.**

**And while Chuck
was cooking we
were all relaxing on
the huge front
porch.**





A little gasket leak can't stop the A's. So, while Randy & Ken & Ray fixed the leak.....

.....other people chose to eat ice cream.....in front of the liquor store.



Not to be outdone Nancy decided to have a breakdown of her own. Tell 'em how it's done Nancy.

All joking aside, there was a lot of pitching in to make sure any breakdowns got fixed right away

Happy FATHER'S Day



The Inn featured an exercise room in the basement. Not sure what to call this picture though. Baking Bob?



Yes, this is a picture of our Model A and yes we got the fenders painted. We are happy with the outcome, the whole car looks better.

I'd like to thank the guys at the Lincolnway Body shop in New Lenox for doing a nice job and getting it done just in time for Randy and Ken to do a break job to get it done just in time to take to the Lakeside trip. The breaks have never been better. We also have a more extensive break system rebuild planned for the near future, maybe as a club project.



We were talking one day about why rear opening doors, popular in the 1930's , were nicknamed

Rear-swinging doors showed up in the early days of the automobile's history and were popular through the 1930's. The Lincoln Continental and the Ford Thunderbird had them in the 60's.



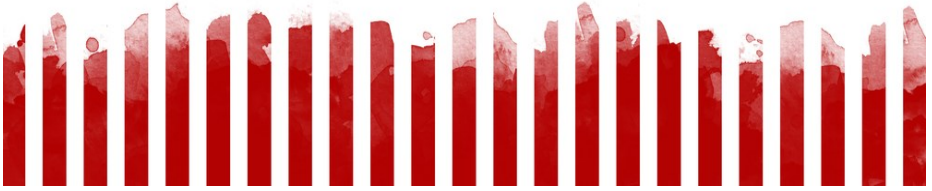
Exactly how and when suicide doors acquired their tragedy-freighted name is unknown, but the logic is apparent to Kit Foster, a past president of the Society of Automotive Historians. "I think it's obvious," Mr. Foster said. "If the latch is opened, the door gets ripped open by the air flow."

What happened next hardly needs to be said out loud. In the era before seat belts, if the passenger was leaning against the door, out he went.

The suicide doors appearing now are not nearly so perilous, since car designers have invented ways to make them safer. The ones on new models are only rear doors, generally with the front door overlapping the rear. The front door must be opened first, so that even an unlatched rear door cannot easily fly open.



Memorial Day



Although I have focused a little on Fathers Day in this newsletter I would also like to mention that Memorial Day was May 28th, to honor all the fallen service men and women. Their sacrifices have allowed us to live in a free country.



Back in September of 2017 I did my first news letter and my feature history article was on the Ford Trimotor Airplane.

Well, this July 12-18 there will be a Ford Trimotor at the Morris Municipal Airport. You can also ride in it. Tickets are:

Adults advance- \$70

At the gate \$75

Children \$50

We can discuss more at the upcoming meeting.



Time for business

MEMBER NEWS: Wally expressed his thanks to the membership for their prayers, cards and emotional support. Bonnie thanked the membership for the beautiful plant. Linnea told the membership she will be having surgery on June 6th and asked for our prayers.

OLD BUSINESS:

- * **MANTENO VETERANS HOME:** June 9th. Meeting at Mayberry Restaurant at 8:30 in Manteno. More information to follow.
- * **LAKESIDE INN** May 18 & 19th 2018. Bob stated we will meet at Commander Restaurant in Munster, In. and to plan on leaving there by 9:30. He presented an agenda to the members who were attending. Chuck reviewed the menus for the trip, he is planning for 45 to attend. If you have questions contact Chuck. He stated the charge per person will be tallied when everything is purchased for the trip.
- * **SHAKEDOWN CRUISE:** Chuck reviewed the events of the Shakedown Cruise and stated there were 12 cars. He stated pictures were taken and will be shared with the membership.
- * **TEENBRIDGE:** Bob reported there has been no word as yet from the winners of the auction. He further stated there is no information at this time re: The Engine Demo on August 2nd.
- * **WEDDING:** Bruce reported the Wedding was a success and the couple was very happy with the cars. The A'SRUS received a check from them as a donation for \$700.00



* **DRIVING THE DIXIE:** There was no report on the last meeting and Ken reported they have a new website. Event on June 16, 2018.

* **CALUMET SOUP DAY:** Jon reported it was a fun event and the food was delicious.

NEW BUSINESS:

* **PICNIC:** July 22nd at Isaac Walton in Homewood. 10:00 setup and 12:30-1:00 lunch. More information to follow.

* **EXPOSURE TRIP:** More information to follow.

* **BUDGET MEETING:** Jon reported there has been no meeting to date. A meeting is planned for when Jim returns.

* **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE:** Monday May 28th. 11:00 Memorial Service, 12:00 Parade. Line up by the Lumber Yard as in the past. 10 Members indicated they would be there with their cars. Thanks to Wally for obtaining the Parade Permit.

* **CAMP QUALITY:** Alan E. stated he will get the date and information for the next meeting.

* **ROUTE 66 RACEWAY:** August 18th. Jack stated he will have more information at the next meeting.

* **MEMBERSHIP HEALTH/EMERGENCY INFORMATION:** Steve asked that all members complete a New form (if there are changes) and turn it in to him. We need them on file for our trips. Alan B stated the forms are on the group website

* **FALL TRIP:** Ken Mc stated he is working on a Rochester, In. trip, including the Train Museum. Nothing definite to date.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Ray stated he is trying to set up a Tech Talk at the Machine Shop, more info will follow.

Jon stated Diane and Bert need a complete Brake job which will be done at his garage. More info to follow.

Ray stated that Eastwood at 123rd & Cicero would like to host a meeting.

Sandy stated she and Al would like to look into going to the Rialto Theatre, Juliet's Tavern for our Christmas Event. Members appeared interested.

Sandy read a nice letter from Elaine regarding Driving the Dixie.

NEXT MONTHS MEETING: Jon thanked Bob for hosting this meeting and the members who brought snacks. **JUNE 20TH MEETING;** will be at Bobs Garage. Meeting will start at 7:00 as usual, no dinner. This will be the Auction Meeting.

BREAKFAST MEETING: Postponed.

Badge Fines: \$3.00 50/50: \$96.00 \$48 for Linnea & \$48.00 for the club.

MEETING ADJOURNED: By Jon at 8:10PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Sandy Kaleta, Secretary

At the recent Spring Tour several A's members indicated they would like to return to the Danville Balloon Festival this summer.

So A's R Us members that are interested.

I have negotiated a great rate at the Hampton Suites in Danville. Our old hotel wanted \$150 per night + tax and the Danville Hampton is giving us 5 doubles and 5 king for \$111.65 + tax for either.

This is for Saturday, July 14th for the Danville Hot Air Balloon Festival.

As in the past we will drive down on Saturday morning and enjoy the day at the Balloon Fest and then drive back home on Sunday.

We only have a block of **ten (10) rooms** so if you are going reserve them fast. The release date for the A's R Us at the hotel is June 15th after which the rooms are \$139 per night plus tax.

The rate includes a hot breakfast on Sunday.

Contact the hotel directly to book your rooms under the A's R Us block

Hampton Inn & Suites

370 Eastgate Dr.

Danville, IL 61834

217-442-3300

Ronald Bonneau, ENP, CMCP/Sandy

OUR JUNE MEETING IS THIS WEDNESDAY JUNE 20TH AT 7:00 AT BOBS GARAGE.

THIS IS OUR AUCTION MEETING SO BRING YOUR ITEMS FOR AUCTION WITH YOU.

BRING YOUR MANTENO VA DONATIONS WITH YOU AND JON IS HAPPY TO DELIVER THEM, INCASE WE CANT SCHEDULE ANOTHER VISIT THIS YEAR.

GREAT NEWS FROM LINNEA, SHE IS HOME AND REALLY ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY. SHE IS THANKFUL FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND CARDS.. PLEASE KEEP THE PRAYERS COMING.

HAPPY FATHERS DAY TO ALL OUR DADS.....

SEE YOU WEDNESDAY. SANDY

MANTENO VETERANS HOME

MEMBER'S PERSONAL NEEDS LIST

Do not donate directly to a Unit or Department, but, please bring all items to the

Volunteer Office located in building S-2. If you have any questions, please call the

Volunteer Office at (815) 468-6581, x259

Personal Care- (Due to Infection Control Policies, all personal care items must be NEW.)

Hair Cream/dressing for Men Aftershave

Deodorant (roll-on) Pre-Electric Lotion

Electric Razors - New Only Cologne for Men & Women (Body Spray)

Body wash (men&women) Efferdent Tablets-dentures

Polident Denture - Cream Kleenex

Toothbrushes Railroad or Diabetic Socks

Combs/hairbrushes Sweatpants M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

Listerine/ mouthwash Men's T-shirts M, XXL, XXXL

IVHM cannot accept homemade or independently prepared refreshments for distribution to our

Veterans. Food items brought in for a party will have to be purchased through a commercial vendor

due to Public Health guidelines. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause

Snack Food

Small boxes of raisins small candy bars (no nuts)

Individual packaged chips, pretzels cookies - regular and sugarfree - no nuts

Soft granola /cereal bars Hawaiian Punch – gallons size

Coffee – regular & decaffeinated packaged crackers/cheese

Candy sugar free chocolate bars packaged crackers/peanut butter

Cases of soda: diet or regular sugar free gum

Individual package cookies & snack cakes (Little Debbie's)

Entertainment

Greeting Cards (New) Wireless Head Phones for TV use

Batteries: AAA, AA, C, D Men's coin purses

Men's wallet/change purses small flash lights

Postage stamps- Forever Value Pocket Talkers – Radio Shack !

Misc

Paper Plates (varied sizes) Six-ounce foam cups

Napkins Forks, Spoons, Knives- PIASTIC

Paper Towels - Rolls

Donated items first and foremost for IVHM Veterans. Excess items may be shared with other

charitable organizations that provide support to our Veterans.

