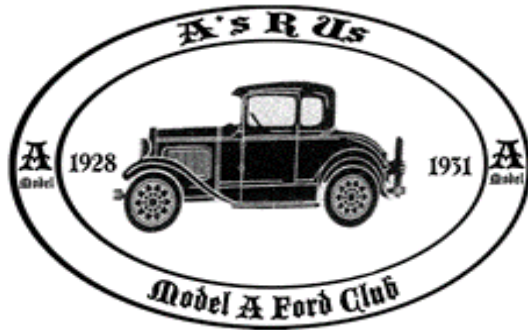


# BACKFIRE

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As you know May 13th, is Mother's Day. A day we celebrate our Moms and show appreciation for every thing they have done for us. This is something we should do every day, after all, we wouldn't be here without them.

## **A brief history of Mothers Day**

The earliest history of Mothers Day dates back to the ancient annual spring festival the Greeks dedicated to maternal goddesses. The Greeks used the occasion to honor Rhea, wife of Cronus and the mother of many deities of Greek mythology.



## Happy Mother's Day !

Early Christians celebrated a Mother's Day of sorts during the festival on the fourth Sunday of Lent in honor of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Christ. In England the holiday was expanded to include all mothers. It was then called Mothering Sunday.

The more recent history of Mothers Day dates back to 1600s in England. Here a Mothering Sunday was celebrated annually on the fourth Sunday of Lent (the 40 day period leading up to Easter) to honor mothers. After a prayer service in church to honor Virgin Mary, children brought gifts and flowers to pay tribute to their own mothers.

The idea of official celebration of Mothers day in US was first suggested by Julia Ward Howe in 1872. An activist, writer and poet Julia shot to fame with her famous Civil War song, "Battle Hymn of the Republic". Julia Ward Howe suggested that June 2 be annually celebrated as Mothers Day and should be dedicated



Anna Jarvis is recognised as the Founder of Mothers Day in US. Though Anna Jarvis never married and never had kids, she is also known as the Mother of Mothers Day, an apt title for the lady who worked hard to bestow honor on all mothers.



Anna along with her supporters wrote letters to people in positions of power lobbying for the official declaration of Mothers Day holiday. The hard work paid off. By 1911, Mother's Day was celebrated in almost every state in the Union and on May 8, 1914 President Woodrow Wilson signed a Joint Resolution designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.



**Thank You Mom For Everything**  
How did you find the energy, Mom  
To do all the things you did,  
To be teacher, nurse and counselor  
To me, when I was a kid.

How did you do it all, Mom,  
Be a chauffeur, cook and friend,  
Yet find time to be a playmate,  
I just can't comprehend.

I see now it was love, Mom  
That made you come whenever I'd call,  
Your inexhaustible love, Mom  
And I thank you for it all.

# HAPPY Mother's Day

"If at first you don't succeed, try doing it the way mom told you to in the beginning."

- Unknown



On April 22nd we attended the Calumet Soup Day. It was sponsored by the Calumet Region Model "A" Club. We met lots of fellow Model "A" enthusiasts. There was a huge variety of home made soups and salads to choose from and everything was delicious.



Dessert was also very good.



"A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take."

- Cardinal Meymillod

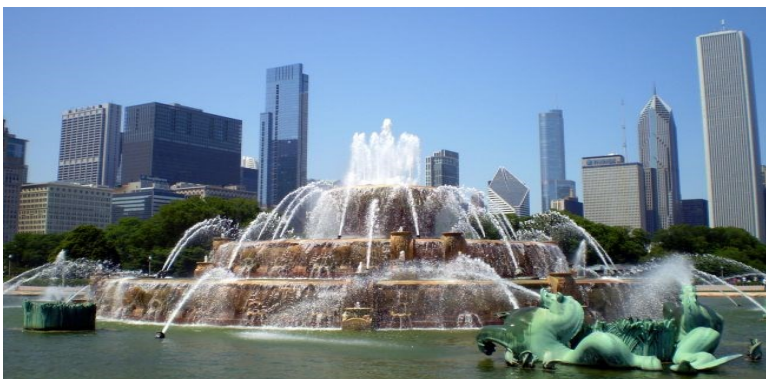


There were many items raffled off with the proceeds going to charity.

All in all it was a great way to spend an afternoon lunch.



Another local event occurred on May 6th, the opening of the Buckingham fountain in downtown Chicago.





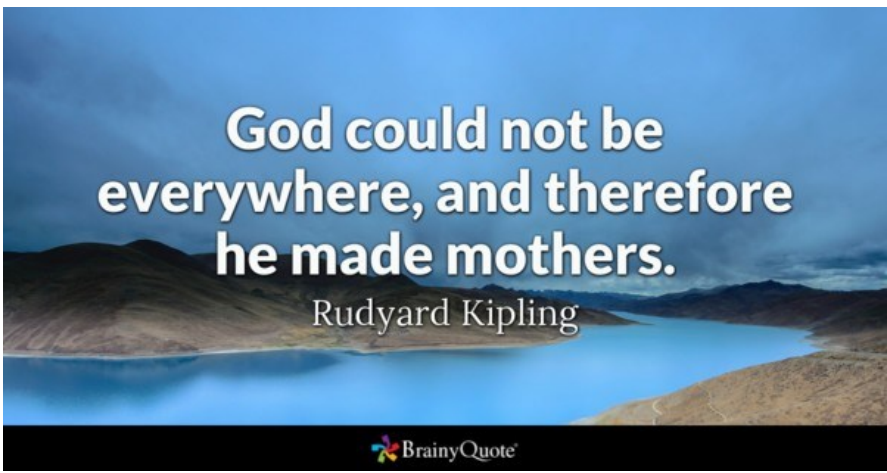
One of the city's most popular attractions, Buckingham Memorial fountain was dedicated in 1927. A gift to the city in honor of her late brother, Clarence, Kate Buckingham also established a \$300,000 trust fund so taxpayers would not have to cover the cost of upkeep.

Buckingham envisioned a fountain of "soft moonlight" and worked with the technicians and designers on the water and lighting.

The fountain, which is one of the largest in the world, was renovated for \$2.8 million in 1994 with the help of the Buckingham Fountain Endowment Fund, which is handled by the Art Institute of Chicago.

The fountain, designed by Edward H. Bennett, represents Lake Michigan and has four sea horses--which symbolize the four states that touch the lake- Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan. It is constructed out of Georgia pink marble.

The fountain has remained mostly intact, although two carved fish heads were stolen from the fountain. They were missing briefly before a salvage store discovered them.



The A's Are Us annual shakedown cruise was held on April 28th. Our car is in the shop getting the fenders painted and wasn't ready in time

Bob Steinmetz was kind enough, however to let us travel along with him, with Dale Chamis as co-pilot.



We met for breakfast at the Country Charm, in New Lenox.



# MOM

Happy Mother's Day

After breakfast we went to Pilcher Park Greenhouse in Joliet.



From the colorful beauty of the greenhouse we moved on to the more stark beauty of the old Statesville prison in Joliet.



The city of Joliet has taken over the old abandoned prison from the state with hopes to refurbish it and use it for special events.



# Happy Mother's Day

"It's not easy being a mother: If it were easy, fathers would do it."

—Dorothy, *The Golden Girls*



Now that's an impressive line up of cars.



We continued on from there to Rt.66 Museum in Joliet, where we learned a little more of the local history. We also met a few of the local characters.





"Mother is a verb. It's something you do. Not just who you are."

—*Dorothy Canfield Fisher*



Finally it was on to the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, where we visited the grave sit of Joe Krygowski, a much beloved member of the A's Are Us.

It was a sobering sight to see all the grave markers lined up in perfect rows. We owe much thanks to the men and women in our armed forces.

I would also like to thank Chuck Fritz for planning an excellent day trip and thanks to Bob Steinmetz for letting Diane and me ride along, I hope we weren't too annoying.

And now for some official club business

### **A'S R US MEETING MINUTES**

**April 18, 2018**

**MEETING LOCATION:** Tim and Carol hosted our meeting in St. John.



I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life.

— ABRAHAM LINCOLN

**CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT JON LISOTA AT 7:10 PM.** Minutes from the March meeting were read by Sandy and approved with this correction: Driving the Dixie will be on June 16, 2018 not July.

**GUESTS:** Bob and Erick Allen attended our meeting as they are interested in buying a Model A and finding an active club.

**MEMBER NEWS:** Tim read a moving letter from Carol "What Illness Can Not Do"

Sandy read a letter from Kay with an update on Wally. They thanked the membership for their prayers, letters and support. Dale reported that Bonnies Father-in-law died recently in Arizona and that Bonnie is in Florida with her mother who fell. Dales also reported that her mother is doing better

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

\* **CALUMET SOUP DAY REMINDER:** April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 Beecher, ll all funds and profits go to charity.

\* **SHAKEDOWN CRUISE:** Chuck stated he needs a head count for the Country Charm restaurant. Email to go out to membership.

\* **SPRING TRIP:** LAKESIDE INN May 18 & 19. Activities on Saturday, Farmers Market, Winery Tour and Heston Museum. Chuck is bringing the Chuckwagon and planning hotdogs and hamburgers for Friday night and Omelets for Saturday morning. Chuck needs a head count on those attending by the Wednesday before the May meeting. So far there appear to be 43 attending.



Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while,  
but their hearts forever.

– *UNKNOWN*

\* **EXPOSURE TRIP:** Phil reported that he and Ron were adding Locus Grove to the agenda. The trip will be less than 800 miles, fun and interesting. Email to be sent to membership.

\* **WEDDINGS:** Bruce stated the wedding is May 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:30, United Church of Christ in St. John Indiana, Photo shoots, then Frankfort, then Lemont. Jon, Bruce, Bob, Chuck, Ken and Al (extra) are the cars to be used.

\* **MANTENO VETERANS HOME :** June 9<sup>th</sup>. Meet at Mayberry Restaurant at 8:30 in Manteno, we will go to the Home at 10:00 and lunch at Bryans.

#### **NEW BUSINESS;**

\* **PICNIC:** July 22<sup>nd</sup> at Isaac Walton in Homewood. 10:00 AM set up and Lunch 12:30-1:00. Jim and Henry shared that Homewood is celebrating their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and are having an Ice Cream social from 1-4, which we are welcome to attend.

\* **AUCTION:** no follow up to date

\* **TEENBRIDGE ENGINE DEMO:** Bob announced the date will be August 2<sup>nd</sup>, time to follow. If interested in participating notify Bob.

\* **DRIVING THE DIXIE:** Phil and Karen reported that everything has been handed over to the Browns and that they have a new website.

HAPPY MOTHERSDAY.

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An ounce of mother is worth a ton of priest.

– *SPANISH PROVERB*

\* **ROUTE 66 RACEWAY:** August 18<sup>th</sup> Jack stated he has 20 tickets and trying to get more. He has the 2 private rooms again this year. More information to follow.

**NEXT MONTHS MEETING:** Jon thanked Tim and Carol for hosting this meeting and for the snacks and deserts. Also thanked the members who contributed. Club information and Membership Applications were given to our guests.

**Badge fines:** \$ zero 50/50 winner Linnea \$35.00/  
club \$35.00

**BREAKFAST MEETING:** May 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 Peachtree Restaurant.

**MAY MEETING:** May 16<sup>th</sup> at Bobs Garage

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** by Jon at 7:50PM

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** Sandy Kaleta, Secretary



All mothers are working mothers.

– UNKNOWN

## Exposure Trip 2018

## French Lick Reservations for A'SRUS

GROUP ROOM BLOCK: code 0918ARU

ROOM OCCUPANCY RATE DATE/ROOMS  
BLOCKED

Wed 09/05

Thu 09/06

Fri 09/07 Check-out

Single/Double: \$139.00

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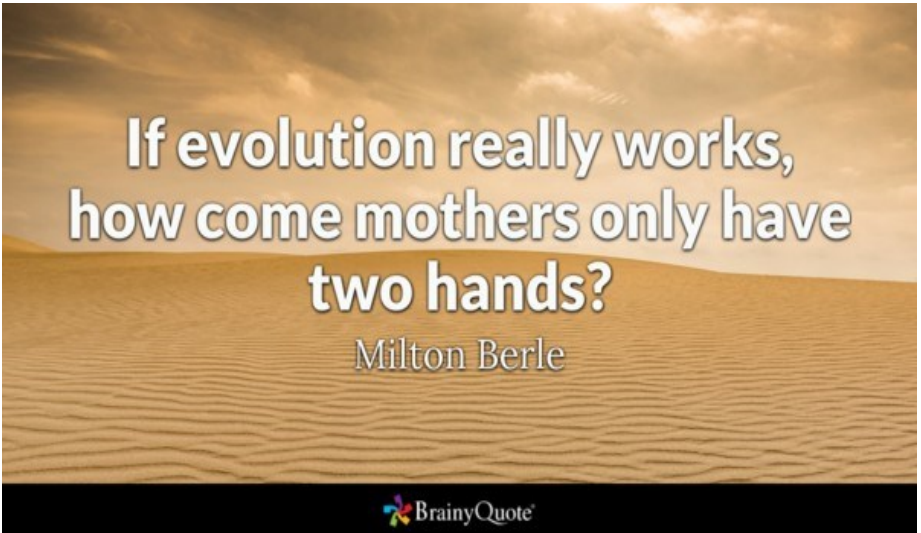
**10am-11am**

**OPEN HOUSE**

**11am-1pm**

**PROGRAM SIGN-UP LIVE ONLINE**

**2pm**



OK folks, that's a wrap.

