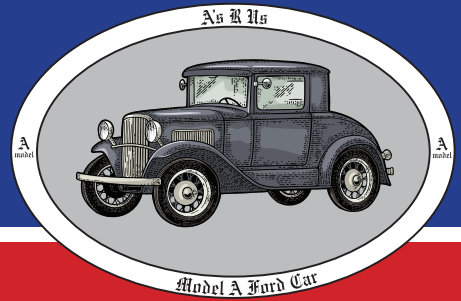


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## Celebrating our Veterans



**James Eagan**, First lieutenant in the army during WWII. Gerry Schmude's father.

Ray Schmude also has a brother his name is Robert Schmude who served in Vietnam. He was a helicopter mechanic



**Al Kaleta**, Army, 82nd Airborne, stationed in Germany during the construction of the Berlin Wall.



**Russell Serviss**, in WWII in the Royal Canadian Armor Corps 1945. Father of Phil Serviss.



**Thomas Edward Murray Jr.**, Father of Dales Murray Chamis.



**Roger Verbeeren**, in Pensacola Florida 1954 USN. Father of Nancy Serviss.



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# Celebrating our Veterans



**Ken McNeeley**, Served  
1970, 71, 72.



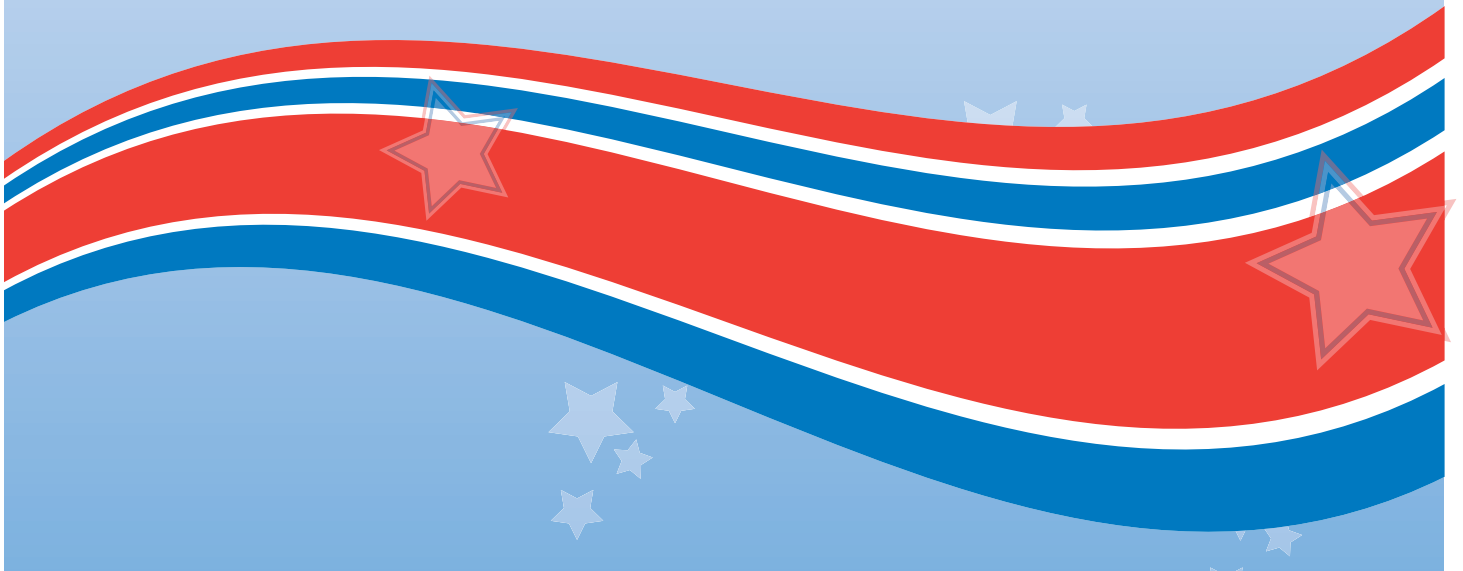
**Harold Patrick**, Army WWII.  
Father of Karen Kolenda.



**Richard O. Wright**, Lt. Commander in  
the US Navy and served:  
1943-45 World War II  
1951-53 Korean War  
1946-1966 US Navy Reserve.  
Father of Jim Wright.



**Gerald DeDore**, in the Korean War,  
1951-1953 He is in the back row.  
Father of Diane Paradiso.





## Blue Island Christmas Parade

Lineup is at 4:30 p.m. on **December 1st** at the corner of prairie and Western avenues in the town of Blue Island. Prior to that they will have a Kris Kringle Mart at 2pm in the parking lot on the corner of Western and high. They're also saying that they are going to have carriage rides and things for the kids to do, according to the city clerk there will be events for the entire family. Put that on your calendar if you think that this event interests you. **Any questions contact Ken at (708) 421-2777.**

## Tinley Park Christmas Parade

Here is the information for the Christmas parade in the town of Tinley Park. It will be **Sunday, December 2nd, 2018**. Lineup will be at the Tinley center in the parking lot at 177th Street and Oak Park Avenue. The parade kicks off at 5 p.m. What we have done in the past is that we represent the owner the Subway on Oak Park Avenue. Last year he provided free food for the participants. He also, with his employees, passed out cookies and coupons to the people up and down the street. So that's something that you can add to the calendar if it sounds like a good idea. **Any questions call Ken at (708) 421-2777.**

# *Saving Lives for 50 years*



The most recognizable number in America is **9-1-1**, but did you know that **9-1-1** service in America is only 50 years old this year?

As early as the late 1940's, with returning servicemen who had experienced three digit dialing for emergencies while in England, the concept of a three digit emergency number for police, fire and ambulance began to circulate in the USA.

Finally, in a report that Lyndon Johnson authorized about the status of law enforcement in America published in 1967 did the actuality of a three-digit emergency number start to gain momentum. When the report was distributed, AT&T which owned all the Bell systems nationwide jumped on the band wagon and late in 1967 announced that they would be using the three-digit number **9-1-1** in all Bell systems.

This announcement was made unilaterally by AT&T without consulting any other telephone company nor any of the large public safety associations, like the International Chief of Police nor the International Association of Fire Chiefs, which both filed objections with the FCC over this selection.

Nevertheless, the number stuck and AT&T began working the switching equipment their central offices would need to make **9-1-1** a reality.



However, a small independent phone company, Alabama Telephone company, smarting from AT&T making the announcement about the new number **9-1-1** and all the fanfare they were receiving decided that Alabama Telephone company would beat out AT&T to deliver the first **9-1-1** call in the USA.

On April 16, 1968 Alabama Telephone company succeeded in beating AT&T by delivering the first **9-1-1** call in the little town of Haleyville, Alabama. The first call was received on the red phone below:

**URGENT**

# *Saving Lives for 50 years*



AT&T followed a week later by delivering the second 9-1-1 call in Nome, Alaska but the press and fanfare was focused on the Alabama Telephone company and not AT&T.

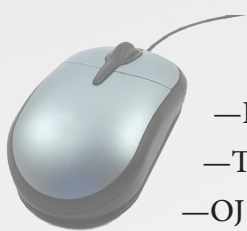
From the first single 9-1-1 call in Haleyville, Alabama, we now have over 325,000,000 calls to 9-1-1 each year throughout the USA. From that first 9-1-1 call center in Haleyville we now have over 6,000, 9-1-1 centers serving the US. We are seeing a host of new technologies coming forward for 9-1-1 which will allow centers to consolidate and allow them to accept text to 9-1-1, as well as video and enhanced data inquiries from a host of sites. 9-1-1 is moving to a high-speed fiber network using the new First-Net national network.

The new advancements will mean faster delivery of the 9-1-1 call as well as a host of new innovations that will help dispatchers process calls more quickly and with a lot more information and help first responders and citizens.

Each year Haleyville celebrates the “**Birthplace of 9-1-1**” with an annual festival in June of each year with proceeds going to the public safety agencies for new equipment. The festival has an antique car show (we should go), a picnic, awards banquet, parade, country AND western music, a flea market and many other activities including painted animals!

In addition to the 1st 9-1-1 call; 1968 also saw other events in America

- Pringles Potato Chips hit the market
- Amana introduced the Radar Range (Microwave for home use)
- The first 747 went into service for Pan American Airlines
- The first computer mouse was released
- Subaru began selling cars in the US
- Post It notes made their debut
- The first ATM was introduced
- OJ Simpson won the Heisman Trophy
- RFK and MLK were both assassinated in 1968
- “In the Heat of the Night” won the Oscar for Best Picture
- Hugh Jackman was born
- The TV Show 60 Minutes was televised for the first time
- Red Foley of the Grand Ole Opry died
- “Folsom Prison Blues” by Johnny Cash was the C&W song of the year
- The Beatles were hot on the charts with “Hey Jude”



## 60 MINUTES

Thank you, *Ron Bonnaeu*

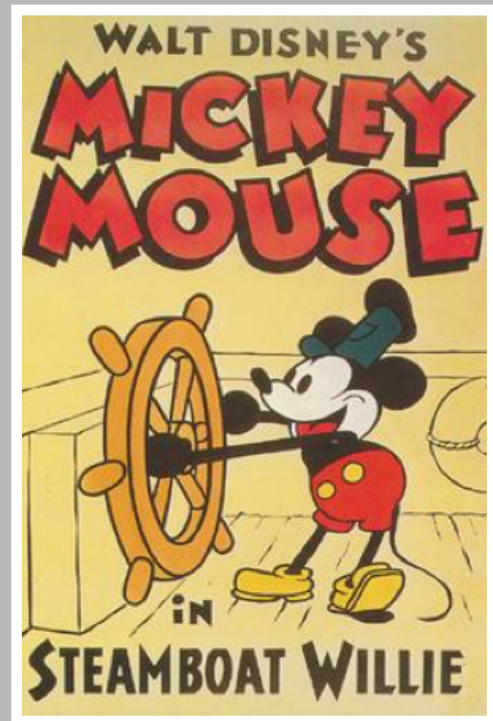
# YEAR 1928



The Ford Motor Company released the new Model A in 1928 which was the same year that Walt Disney released his first animated film featuring an obscure mouse that would make him a millionaire.

The Ford River Rouge Complex at Dearborn, Michigan, an automobile plant begun in 1917, is completed as the largest integrated factory in the world.

Eliot Ness begins to lead the prohibition unit in Chicago.



Mickey Mouse appears in Steamboat Willie, the third Mickey Mouse cartoon released, but the first sound film.

# YEAR 1928



Shirley Temple was born, child film actress and ambassador.



Aviator Amelia Earhart starts her attempt to become the first woman to successfully cross the Atlantic Ocean.

## *Some other interesting things happened in 1928 including:*

The first machine-sliced and machine-wrapped loaf of bread is sold in Chillicothe, Missouri, using Otto Frederick Rohwedder's technology.

Commander Richard Byrd leaves New York for the Arctic.

## A's-R-Us Meeting Minutes

**These are the minutes of the club meeting conducted at the Fritz Compound in Peotone, IL on October 27, 2018.**

- The regular meeting was called to order by Club President Jon Lisota at 6:50 p.m.
- The reading of the September 2018 meeting minutes was waived.
- Both Nancy and Phil Servis, and Dale and Ken Chamis reported the births of their respective grand children on October 26, 2018. The club sent Marvin and Irene Rauch a greeting and flowers. Marvin is continuing rehabbing at Smith Crossing following his stroke. Arlene McNeeley reported that husband Ken was in the hospital feeling very tired, but normal heart rhythm has been restored. Wally Ekstrom reported that he and trophy wife Katherine were departing for Arizona in November. He will be resuming chemo therapy upon his departure. Ken Chamis reported on the fall trip operating out of the Best Western Motel base in Valparaiso, IN. The accommodations were comfortable and moderately priced. Members toured the Albanese candy factory and store in Valpo on Rte. 30, toured the Porter County Museum housed in the old jail and sheriff's home, and attended a play Friday night. Saturday the club visited Bailey's in North Judson, rode in an antique train to a pumpkin patch in a small sleet storm and a enjoyed a fine Saturday night dinner at Kelsey's in Valpo. Naturally, we had the usual mechanical and electrical breakdowns of our cars, but these were quickly resolved.
- Club members attending the Christmas party at the Rialto Square Theater in Joliet December 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at \$20.00 per club member are reminded to get their money to Sandy Kaleta at once. Non-member guests are charged \$35.00 per.
- Wally Ekstrom reported the Crete Christmas parade is December 8. The Homewood parade is December 7. The Blue Island parade is December 1.
- Jim Wright won \$52.00 in the 50-50 drawing.
- The next club meeting is November 14, 2018 at Bonnie and Randy Senkpeil's home.
- We thank the Fritz family for their fine hospitality in hosting the Halloween meeting with hayride and recognize the significant effort that went into this event.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

HENRY JASICA  
*Secretarial Sub. For Sandy Kaleta*



# Happy Thanksgiving

*I hope everyone had a  
Happy Thansgiving!*



## **Parades:**

December 1st, (Saturday) BLUE ISLAND

December 2nd, (Sunday) TINLEY PARK

December 7th, (Friday) HOMEWOOD

December 8th, (Saturday) CRETE

## **Months available for 2019 Club Hosts:**

FEB, MAR, APRIL, AUG, SEPT, DEC.

## 2018 A's R Us Officers and Staff

- President: Jon Lisota
- Vice President: Henry Jasica
- Secretary: Sandy Kaleta
- Treasurer: Jim Wright
- Newsletter: Diane Paradiso
- Parade Coordinator: Wally Ekstrom
- Web Page: AL Betschart
- Director of Safety: Steve Coe
- Nat'l Rep.: Ken Chamis
- Historian: Ken Chamis
- Sgt. At Arms: Steve Coe
- Motor Medic: Jon Lisota
- Member Relations: Ken Chamis



### Jim's technical tip

by Jim Cannon, MAFCA Technical Director

#### Winter Storage of the Model A

Not all of us are lucky enough to be able to drive their Model A in the winter. I've been asked for tips on how to store the car for a few months.

Keeping the cooling system full of antifreeze that is strong enough for your expected winter temperatures is a good place to start. This is better than draining the cooling system, because all of the moisture in the block after you drain it will cause a lot of rust in the block over the winter. Then the rust goes into your coolant next spring.

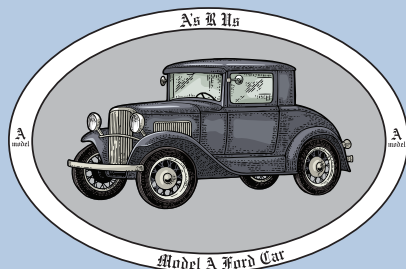
It is best to change the engine oil last thing before storing it. Bring it into the storage area after driving for at least 20 minutes, to get the oil good and hot, and drain it hot right where you plan to park the car for the winter. Refill with fresh oil and you will be ready to go next spring!

If you have an unheated garage, I recommend you remove the battery from the car and store it inside for the winter. Either keep a battery tender on it while in storage or connect a battery charger to it once a month for a few hours to top it back up. If you choose to leave the battery in the car, disconnect the ground strap or open any battery cutoff switch that you have, to avoid any parasitic drain over the winter. Put a charger on it once a month.

If you have 4 jack stands, put the car up on them to take the weight of the car off of the tires. Our tires will develop flat spots if they sit in one spot for a long time. The flat spots will eventually work out as you drive next year, but why not prevent them?

While the car is up on stands for the winter, you can adjust the brakes, grease the chassis, check under the car for good electrical connections, and check the status of all of your cotter pins under there. Adjust the clutch pedal. Take care of little things that you noticed needed attention while driving last season. Then you can start the spring driving season with a great **Model A Day!**

Jim



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