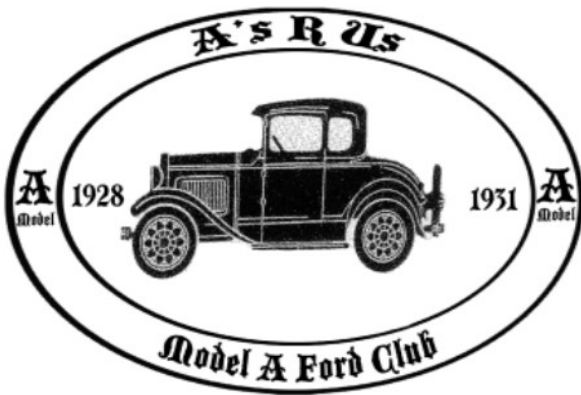


# October Happenings

## BACKFIRE



VOLUME#23, ISSUE# 10

OCTOBER, 2018



**The Corn and Shrimp Boil at Cedar Lake Yacht Club on September 2nd, was a success . Thank you Wally!**





**We enjoyed great weather, fantastic food and boat rides out on the lake.**



**Compliments to  
the chef, Tim  
Dionne!**



**A little birdie told me Allan and  
Diane skipped out on their bar tab at  
the end of the night. Ha ha**





**Overall it was a gorgeous day out at the lake.**





**The evening ended with a beautiful sunset cruise with Wally, as our captain.**



**Here is a cool fact about the history of Dairy Queen.**



A staple among the A's R Us car club members is the high regard for ice cream. We have visited a multitude of establishments that serve the icy treat but Dairy Queen certainly tops the list in frequency. Many of the members probably don't know the storied history of this American icon, so here are the facts.

In 1938, near Moline, Illinois, J.F. McCullough and his son, Alex, developed the delicious dairy product millions have come to know as Dairy Queen soft serve. The McCullough's' innovation was the beginning of today's system of more than 5,700 Dairy Queen and Dairy Queen/Brazier stores in the United States, Canada, and many other countries in Europe, Central America, the Far East, and the Middle East.

The McCullough's arranged to test their new product in an ice cream retail shop in Kankakee, Illinois, owned by Sherb Noble, Noble held an "All You Can Eat for 10 Cents" sale on August afternoon.

More than 1,600 people lined up to try the new treat, and the McCullough's knew they had an exciting business opportunity. All they needed now was an efficient way to dispense their soft serve product -- and they soon located a freezer, invented by Harry Oltz of Hammond, Indiana, which could produce a continuous flow of the product.

More than 1,600 people lined up to try the new treat, and the McCullough's knew they had an exciting business opportunity. All they needed now was an efficient way to dispense their soft serve product -- and they soon located a freezer, invented by Harry Oltz of Hammond, Indiana, which could produce a continuous flow of the product.

Today, there are over 5,700 *Dairy Queen*® stores throughout the world and Dairy Queen is much more than a single product. Dairy Queen is a place where a variety of products are sold.



## **Exposure Tour September 3rd to 12th..**

**I was fortunate enough to receive two different perspectives on the trip ,one from Ron and one from Phil.**

The A's R Us 2018 Exposure Trip was to Louisville, KY and the group left Smokey Joes restaurant in Crete on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. The 819 mile trip had many highlights and interesting points along the route, but the interactions of those attending was amazing.

The Model A's drivers/passengers on the trip were Steve Coe, Tim and Pat Bots, Phil and Nancy Serviss, Jon and Yvonne Lisota and Ron Bonneau. Accompanying the A's in modern iron were Jack Devorde and Karen Kolenda and Chuck and Linnea Fritz.

The day met us with hot (99 degrees) and humid (96%) driving and caused some overheating with Ron's car that slowed the speed of the drive considerably.

The first stop was Crawfordsville, IN where the group toured the Rotary Jail and museum. The rotary jail was an innovation in penal institutions in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century. The three-story jail was enclosed in the sheriff's home and consisted of three jail floors that rotated inside an outside core.



The individual cells were sealed from all sides with no exit unless the interior core of cells was rotated to the opening in the stationary side walls. The one we visited was one of 17 built in the US, with only 3 remaining, and only this one still capable of being rotated.

Following lunch at Allen Country Kitchen the group drove several miles before we encountered a micro burst of rain, that pelted the cars with copious amounts of rain and heavy winds before subsiding and turning back into a sunny and humid day. We drove antique covered bridges and traversed back roads to Turkey Run resort where we spent the night.

The next day featured beautiful drives through the countryside with a variety of twists and turns, ups and downs and lots of cows, sheep, goats and horses. We ended up in the quaint town of Columbus, IN, the hometown of Vice President Mike Pence.

In Columbus the group ate at Zaharakos Ice Cream and Sandwich shop that featured great food, wonderful ice cream treats and a museum featuring old soda fountain equipment and antique music boxes from the turn of the century.





The afternoon was a pleasant drive to French Lick Resort where the group met up with Tim and Carol Dionne, Bob and Penny Steinmetz and Wally and Kaye Ekstrom for a late dinner.

Wally was especially interested in the décor of the French Lick resort and the comfortable chairs that adorned the lobby of the famous resort from the 1920's.





The next morning the entire group explored the West Baden resort after a nice breakfast at Denny's and got the chance to see



several rooms at West Baden including the Wedding Anniversary room of the Dionne's. Unfortunately, Carol became ill forcing the Anniversary couple to return home to St. John.

While at the West Baden Bob and Wally were especially interested in the method used to shore up the limestone

foundation of the hotel during the restoration and found the answer to their questions in the restored barber shop of the facility. They spent a good deal of time making sure the engineers had done the supports correctly and gave them an A+ for their efforts.



The West Baden resort, which has been completely restored after a 400 Million investment by the Cook family now looks as it did in its heyday in the early 1900's. The feature of the largest unsupported dome in the US, a claim it held until the Superdome was built, with its intricate plasterwork and horse hair, reliefs encourage a group of hardy A'er's to gaze up their posteriors. The view reported to be spectacular as from the course see their other excellent features for the Phil, Pen-Karen and Wally!



After the French Lick resort, we lost the Steinmetz and Enstrom's as they returned home but we enjoyed seeing them and exploring the French Lick area.

On the way to Louisville the navigators chose wonderful scenic, winding roads with multiple switchbacks as the elevation rose towards the bluffs along the Ohio River.

We managed to find a wonderful little stop in Story, Indiana where one can spend an entire weekend staying above the hotel (three rooms) or in one of ten cottages in the sleepy village



Safely in Louisville, the group met with Ken and Dale Chamis who drove down to spend the



weekend with the group.

On Saturday the group spent the morning at the Louisville Slugger factory tour and museum

where we saw how the famous baseball bats are and each received a small souvenir bat. The museum had a special exhibit on the film "the Sandlot" which was enjoyable and reminded everyone of the origin of the phrase "you're killing me smalls".



After a wonderful lunch downtown, the group split into two with some going to the world-famous Churchill Downs museum and track while the others explored downtown distilleries and microbrew pubs with both reconnecting for a wonderful evening dinner downtown.

Sunday, we lost Ken and Dale as they returned home and the group took off for a drive along the high bluffs that run alongside

the Ohio River basin. Stopping for lunch at the Overlook Restaurant whose name describes where it is located, everyone had a nice lunch with a great view. Jon even explained how the river barges navigate the river below using physical and natural markers to guide their way around sharp turns and sand bars.

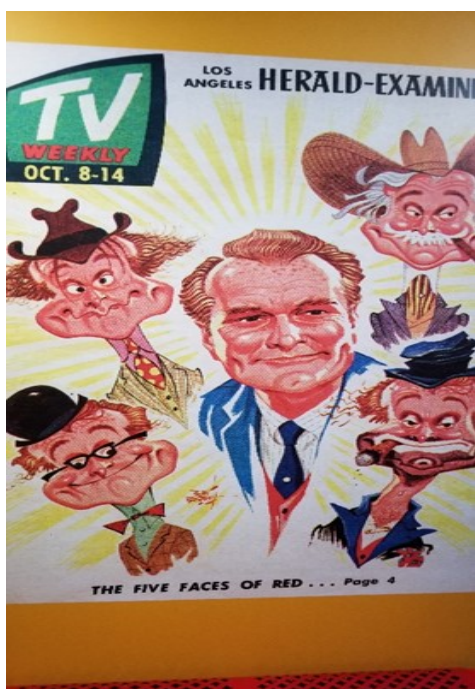
A highlight of the trip was the meandering drive through the woods to the town of Magnet, Indiana where just outside is the original one lane, railroad bridge that we have named the Abe Lincoln or Tumbling Nancy Memorial Bridge (take your pick) which always provides a magical moment for Model A drivers.



We stayed in Tell City, Indiana and the next day drove to Vincennes, Indiana where Phil experienced some severe car issues, with Moto Medic Jon after conducting some tests and taking an x-ray determined that the Model A needed a heart transplant (broken main bearing) and could not be driven. Luckily Chuck Fritz had a modern car with a trailer hitch and so after a quick drive to the nearest U-Haul store and some effort the unlucky lady was secured to the trailer for the ride back to Beecher (some said that Phil was trying to save on gas but that was not confirmed?).



The next morning, we visited the Red Skelton Museum of Comedy on the campus of Vincennes University. Red was born in Vincennes, one of four children whose father died when Red was one month old. The mother of the Skelton family worked for some time with the Wallenbach Circus which was from Vincennes, Indiana as she raised her children. Red left home when he was 15 to perform as a clown in the circus, went on to vaudeville and launched a successful career spanning many generations. The museum is a tribute to his life and career and contains many original artifacts that were donated to the museum. Very interesting to see the many things Red did with the USO, the Masons and other charity work in his lifetime.





The final two days saw sunny and cool driving from Vincennes to Danville where we had a great steak dinner at the Beef House and then on to Beecher where Phil's sick car went to the waiting room for Dr. Jon to return from Wisconsin and begin the preparation for heart surgery next week (please keep the car in your prayers).

Chuck and Linnea dropped off the trailer and went to Park Forest to celebrate her mother's 94<sup>th</sup> (I think) birthday and present cards that Dale purchased in Louisville for all the club members to sign to give to her (thanks Dale, that was very thoughtful).

All in all, again the A's R Us Model A club had a wonderful Exposure Trip and all arrived home safely with Miles of Smiles under their fan belts.

Phil and Ron are already planning the 2019 Exposure Trip with a destination of **NASHVILLE, TN**....the dates are September 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> which will include 3 nights in Nashville as well as a special guest from England who will be along for the tour, so reserve the dates and join us for another edition of Miles of Smiles!

Ron Bonneau

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

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2018**

**MEETING LOCATION: DIANE PARADISO WAS OUR HOSTESS FOR THE EVENING.**

**CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT JON LISOTA AT 7:10 PM.**

**MEMBER NEWS:** Marvin R. has had two strokes and a heart attack. He requests no visitors and will hopefully be discharged from the hospital on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Dale thanked the members for their prayers and kind gestures. Her mother is in a Memory Care Facility. Diane introduced her friend Sue to the membership.

**SECRETARY REPORT:** The minutes were read by Sandy, accepted and approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- \* **TEENBRIDGE:** Bob reported there has been no word from the auction. Ken stated the 2019 auction tickets are being printed.
- \* **EXPOSURE TRIP:** Ron stated they had a great time, however, lots of rain. It was fun when members joined them in Louville and French Lich.
- \* **JOLIET 66:** Was a good day. Chuck reported there was some miscommunication regarding the event scheduling, but Karen and Jack were great hosts and provided a lunch and refreshments.
- \* **SHRIMP/CORN BOIL:** Wally stated it was a nice event, food was great and we had 20 plus people attend.

## **NEW BUSINESS: UP COMING EVENTS:**

**MANTENO VA HOME:** Dale stated we needed 3 people to print & frame the pictures. Henry, Steve & Ken volunteered. Sandy suggested Dale contact David M. to take the photos. We are to meet Saturday at Manteno Mayberrys Restaurant between 8:00 & 8:30.

**FALL TOUR:** Ken C & Ken M gave a great description of the up coming event. October 19, 20, & 21<sup>st</sup>. Ken C stressed that if you haven't made your room reservations, please do so as soon as possible, as the saved rooms have been released. Ken M gave a short agenda of the tour:

Meet at Cedar Lake, Land Bar Grill. Then Go to Albanese candy factory, yard sales along the way, two museums, Industrial Revolution for Lunch/Dinner. Ken C discussed a Musical Play (Evil Dead-some nudity/language) at the Small Community Theatre. \$15.00 apiece tickets for Saturday night, also a Pumpkin Train Ride At \$12.00 apiece. An e-mail will go out to the Membership with detailed information.

**RIALTO CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Sandy gave an update re: December 12<sup>th</sup>

6:00 PM Theatre Tour, Buffet Dinner, Cash Bar and Organ Concert. This event will be for our club only. The Rialto is going out of their way to make this a most enjoyable Christmas Event. The cost is \$35.00 apiece for non- Members, members will pay \$20.00 apiece/A'SRUS will pick up the balance. Children of the members fees will be paid by the A's. The Rialto will close off the street next to the theatre for our parking. Al & I will need a head count and your \$20.00 by the November meeting. It has to be paid in full 1 week prior to the event. **PLEASE LOOK IN YOUR CLOSETS FOR YOUR PERIOD DRESSES, SUITS AND HATS.**

**OCTOBER HAYRIDE MEETING: OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:00pm.**

Hosted by Chuck & Linnea, 28340 S. Frontage Road.

Chuck stated there will be 2 hayrides this year. Please bring moderate

Quantities of treats, deserts, wine etc. They need a head count of adults



**BREAKFAST MEETING: October 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am,  
Peach Tree Restaurant.**

**NEXT MONTHS MEETING: OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>  
5:00pm, information above.**

**BADGE FINES: \$1.00, \$46.00 LINNEA, \$46.00  
CLUB.....**

**JON THANKED DIANE FOR BEING A GREAT  
HOSTESS AND THE MEMBERS WHO BROUGHT  
GOODIES.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: SANDY KALETA**

**Please see the attached PDF for Phil's  
perspective on the Exposure Tour.**