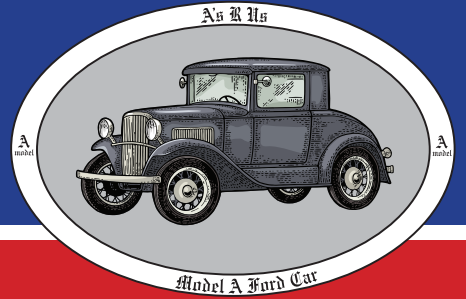


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HAPPY New Year 2019



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Christmas at the Rialto

One of the ten most beautiful theaters in the nation. The building reflects Greek, Roman and Byzantine architecture. Above the main entrance on Chicago Street rises the grand niche – 100' 1".

“When the doors of the new Rialto open tomorrow, Joliet will have one of the finest theaters in the United States, as experts say there is nothing to compare with it in any city of similar size, and it stands on even terms with the modern motion picture palaces of Chicago and New York.”

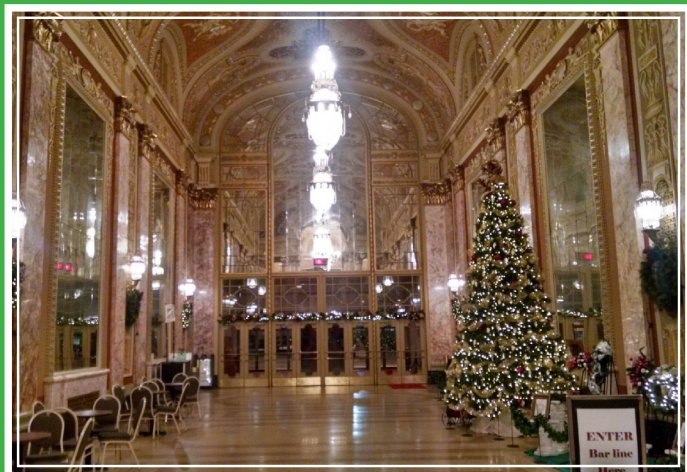
Joliet Sunday Herald News—May 23,1926



Take a look at these lovely people dressed for the Era!

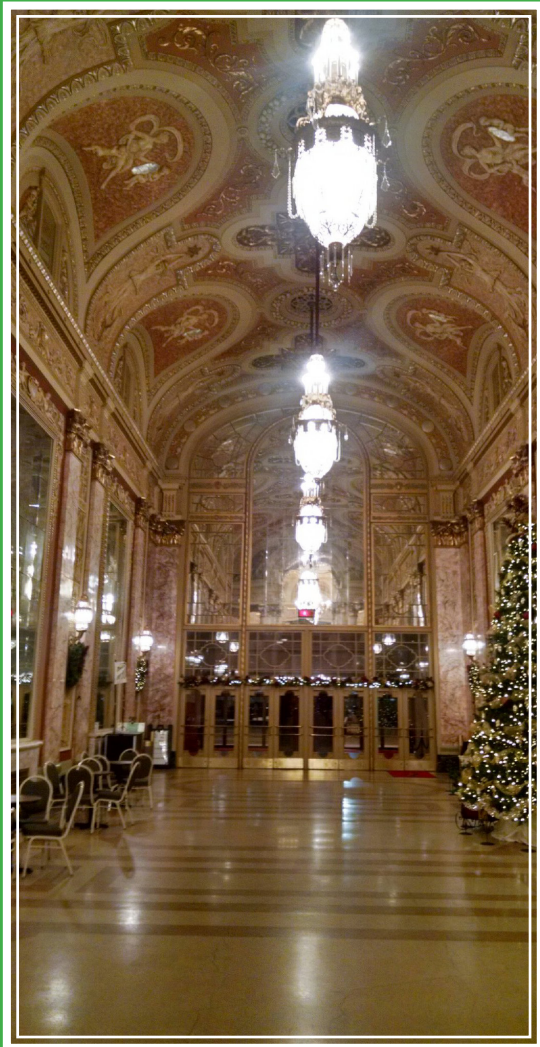


A passion for the beautiful organ.



Christmas at the Rialto

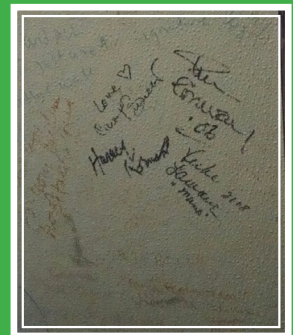
December 12, 2019



As \$ Us Members



Carol Burnett's signature
when she performed at the
Rialto on May 8, 2012.



A's-R-Us Meeting Minutes

MEETING LOCATION: *Home of Phil, Nancy (and Lucy) Serviss.*

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Chamis. 18 members were in attendance. Ken thanked the previous board for their service. There was no minutes to report for the December meeting. Sandy and Al Kaleta were commended and thanked for the fabulous event at the Rialto Square Theatre.

Ken read a Christmas card to the club from Elaine in which she thanked the club for their work with the Dixie Dash. Ken will provide information on Mafi to Steve Coe and Alan Betschart for their kids to become members.

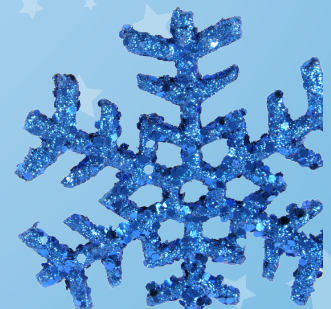
MEMBER NEWS: Linnea indicted her “numbers are good” and with a few more chemo treatments, she is doing well. 22 years as a cancer survivor! Ken spoke with Wally and Wally is doing better. Dale said there has been no change with her mom and also said their youngest grandson is doing better after being hospitalized at 3 weeks for RSV. Steve Coe announced his upcoming May retirement from the Park Forest Police Department after 24 years. Phil also started a new career after 36 years with Pronger Smith. Bob and Wally attended the Barrett Jackson auction in Arizona where Bob sold his 1941 Crosley.

There are a few changes to member contacts. Dale will send this out to the club via email and also make up labels to add to the directory. Due to printing costs, new directories will not be printed at this time.

TREASURERS REPORT: Jim presented a proposed 2019 budget. With the club no longer participating in the Dixie, we are at a shortfall of income. While some of the expenses are fixed, the Budget committee reviewed all expenses and made a few changes. The budget was presented for member approval. A unanimous approval was received. Ken Chamis, Dale Chamis, Jim Wright, and Chuck and Linnea Fritz comprised the Budget committee.

Al Kaleta presented a suggestion for a fund raiser. Members present at the meeting seemed interested, thanking Al for his suggestion. Details will be finalized and sent to the club membership via email.

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OLD BUSINESS/UP COMING EVENTS

- **FALL TRIP:** Dale said Ron Bonneau would like to plan the fall trip with Steve Coe to New Salem/Springfield. Dale advised Ron to contact Ken with information.
- **SHAKEDOWN CRUISE:** Henry had proposed a date in late April. Possible destination is a tour of the Joliet Prison. More information to come later.
- **PICNIC:** The picnic will be held 7/21/19, with a rain date of 7/28/19. The picnic will be held again in Homewood. Henry will secure the permit.
- **SPRING TRIP:** Destination – Gordon Beach Inn- Union Pier Michigan. 18 rooms are booked to date and there are no additional rooms available. There may be some openings at Lakeside Inn (just down the road) however that will not be known until later. Currently Alan Ekstrom is on a waiting list. Details of the trip will come later.
- **Bridge Teen Center Fund Raising Event:** *The event is sold out.* There was no availability for any club members to purchase tickets. The club will change up our donation this year, based on availability. It was suggested to propose a few dates of availability to take guests on a ride in the country.
- **Club Holiday Party:** Ken said he would like to go back to the pizza party/gift exchange party in December as a family event with a possible Christmas in July event. Dale would like to plan the holiday party for this year and is looking for volunteers!

UPCOMING MEETING LOCATIONS: Ken noted we are in need of hosts for upcoming meetings. We are in need of a host for April and September. *Please contact Ken Chamis if you are able to host either of these meetings.* Currently we have the following meeting locations set:

JAN	Serviss	JULY	Picnic location 7/21
FEB 20	Kathy Perewee	AUG 21	Alan Ekstrom (TBD)
MARCH 20	Pending – Al B to advise	SEPT 18	
APRIL 17		OCT 26	Chuck & Linnea (Hayride)
MAY 15	Bob Steinmetz (son's garage)	NOV 13	Randy & Bonnie Senkpeil
JUNE 19	Bob Steinmetz (son's garage)	DEC 11	Christmas Party TBD

Alan Ekstrom would like to host a meeting at his condo downtown. The meeting will be held on a Saturday to make it easier for more members to attend. Details to follow at a later date.

February 9th was set for a Breakfast meeting at the Peachtree Restaurant 8:30 am. Badge fines of \$10. 50/50 went to Henry Jasica \$31 with \$32 to the club.

While the meeting was set to adjourn, Nancy took the ladies on a field trip to a local business in Beecher. Details will be given at the February Meeting.

Ken Chamis—*President*

Merry Christmas



President's Corner

So now I am back after several years. I think everybody is a glutton for punishment. First I would like to thank the outgoing officers from 2018. There can be a lot of things that need to be done on a daily weekly or monthly basis and they did a wonderful job. John took president for one year and Sandy has had secretary for numerous years. If she's thinks she can retire now she's got another thought coming because it doesn't take long to get the job back. So myself along with all of the club members would like to say thank you for all that you have done. Now me along with Henry and Dale and Jim will to steer the ship on course for the year. I've got a couple ideas that I would like to see for this coming year and one of them would be to bring back our cruise Saturdays or Sundays. If you haven't been on any of those it would just be meeting around 10 AM and just find a close destination. Spend a little bit of time there maybe grab something to eat and head back. If you've got a reason to get your car out to the place to go then if you are afraid to go by yourself were just want to spend some time with other people you have the opportunity to do it. One of the things that we had I believe discussed at one of the previous meetings was to head back to Hickory corners which is where Gilmore is the Model A. car museum along with other manufactures cars to go and tour the place again. We have people in the club that I've never been there and it's constantly changes so if I am correct it's been five years since we were last there. Makes for a nice three day weekend. Please come with some ideas to the next meeting at every meeting there after and we'll see if we can implement some of them for the upcoming year.

Thanks Ken

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Fender Skirts



Curb Feelers



Suicide Knob



Continental Kits



Emergency Brake



Foot Feed



I came across this phrase yesterday. **'FENDER SKIRTS.'**

A term I haven't heard in a long time, and thinking about 'fender skirts' started me thinking about other words that quietly disappear from our language with hardly a notice like **'CURB FEELERS.'** And **'STEERING KNOBS.'** (AKA) **'SUICIDE KNOB,'** **'NECKERS KNOBS.'**

Since I'd been thinking of cars, my mind naturally went that direction first. Any kids will probably have to find some older person over 50 to explain some of these terms to you.

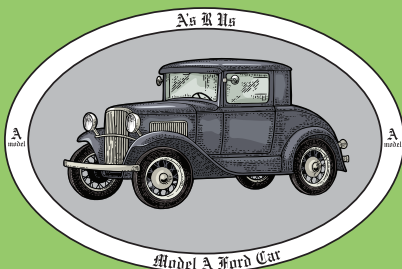
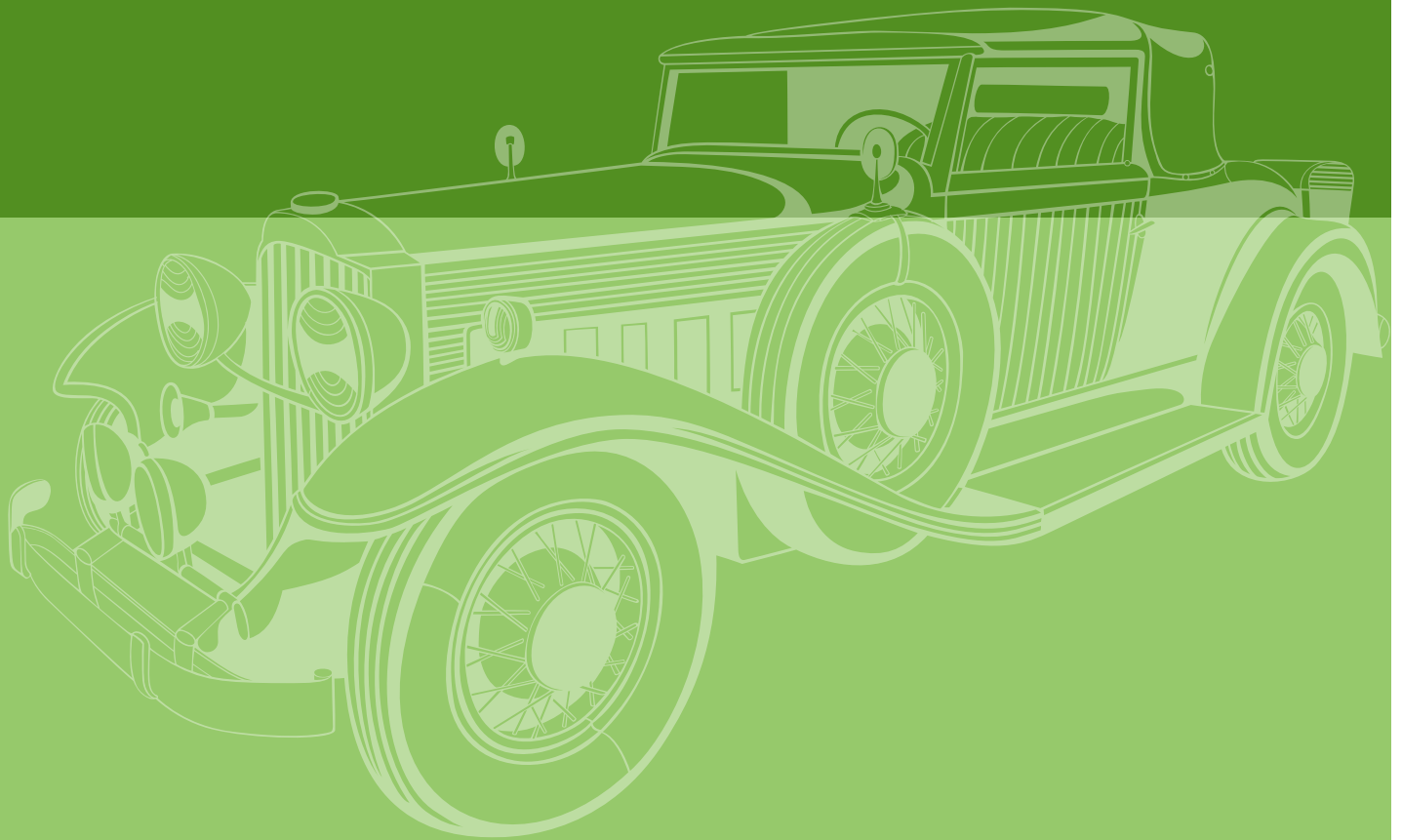
Remember **'CONTINENTAL KITS?'**

They were rear bumper extenders and spare tire covers that were supposed to make any car as cool as a Lincoln Continental. When did we quit calling them **'EMERGENCY BRAKES?'** At some point **'PARKING BRAKE'** became the proper term. But I miss the hint of drama that went with **'EMERGENCY BRAKE.'**

I'm sad, too, that almost all the old folks are gone who would call the accelerator the **'FOOT FEED.'** Many today do not even know what a clutch is or that the dimmer switch used to be on the floor. For that matter, the starter was down there too.

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