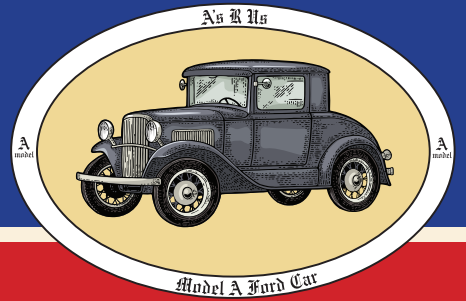


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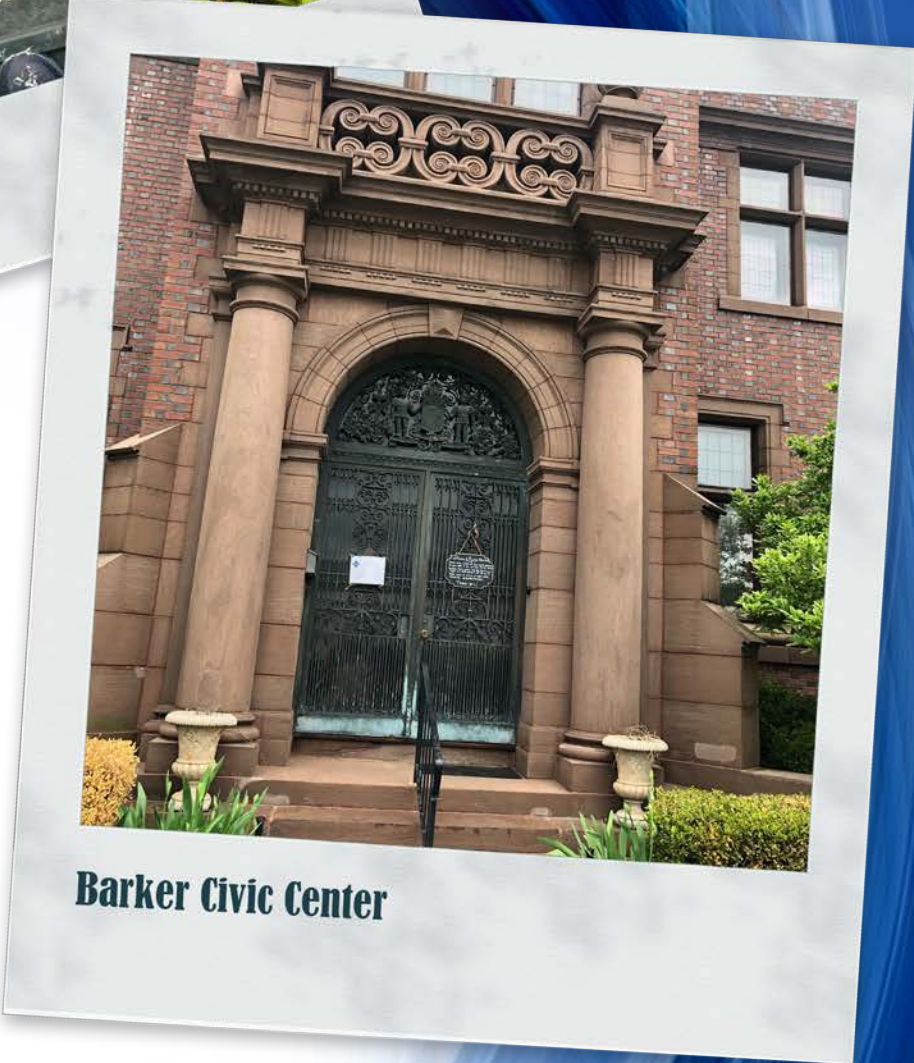
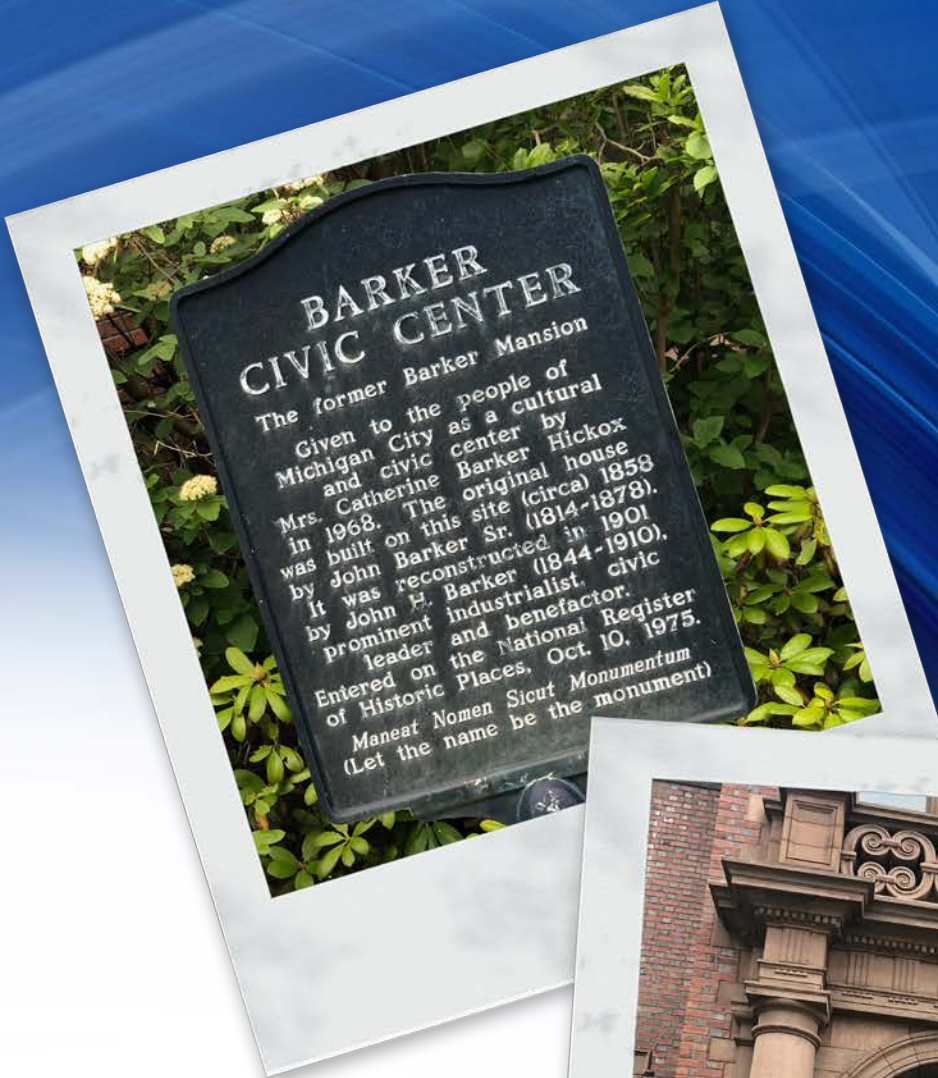
Spring Tour May 17th-19th, 2019 Union Pier, Mi



The club has been visiting this place for almost 25 years. Some of the club members are first timers and others have been making the trek from the very beginning. Always a relaxing time!

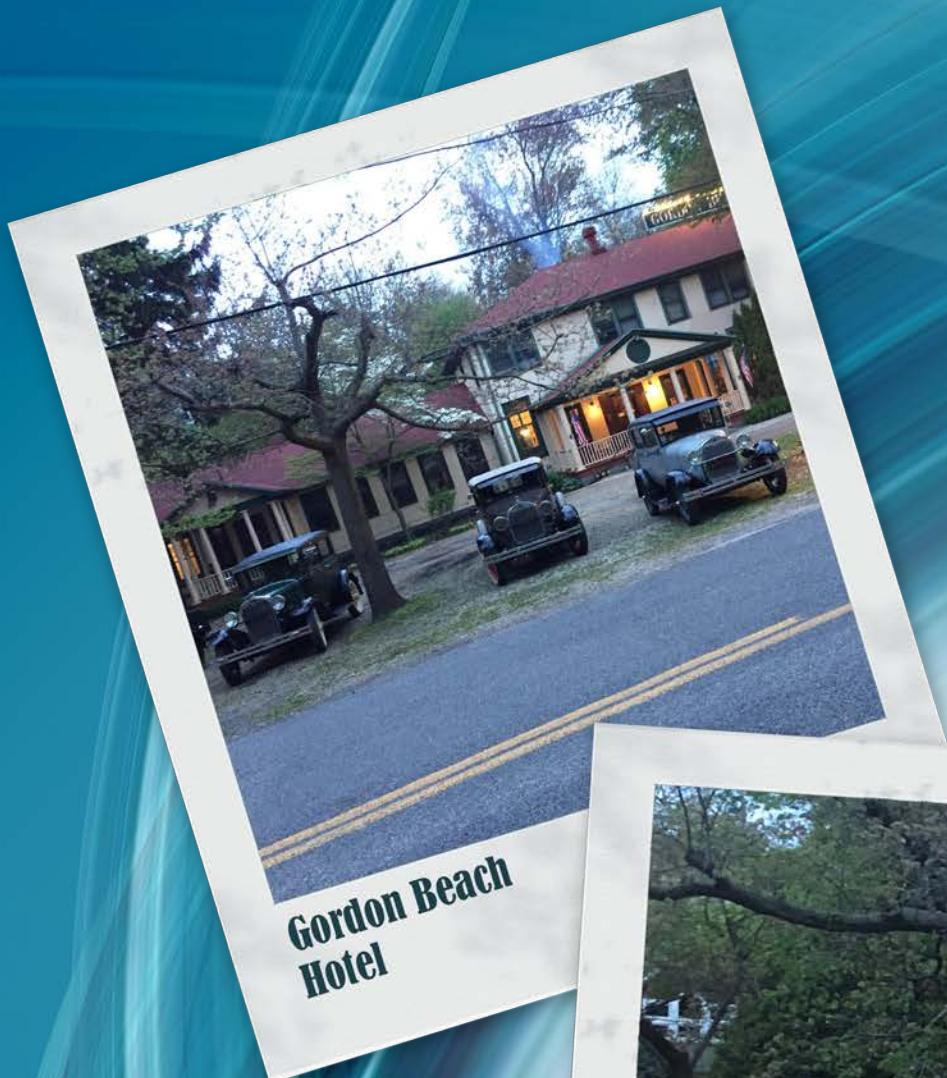


If you would like to submit a story for the newsletter, please send to dianeparadiso@comcast.net



Barker Civic Center





**Gordon Beach
Hotel**



Bonnie and Kay



Diane and Leesa



**Wally at
Gordon Beach
Hotel**



Leesa and Gerry



Gerry and Leesa



Tim, Steve, Kathy and Phil



**Linnea, Dale
and Pat**



Lunch Stop



Relaxing by the fire



Tim, Randy and Ken





Club members playing sequence

The weather was off and on rain most of the weekend. Dale, brought the game Sequence just in case people were trapped inside. The game was the perfect edition to the evening. There were three table of games set up. Both Bob and Wally picked up additional games for the next night. For the future we will continue to bring the games and possibly hold grudge matches. Aside from the occasional fist fights and swearing everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. (Just kidding on the fist fights).



A's-R-Us Meeting Minutes

These are the minutes of the club meeting conducted at the Bob's Garage in Frankfort, IL on MAY 15, 2019.

— The meeting was called to order by President Ken Chamis at 7:15 pm. 26 members were in attendance. Ken thanked Bob for hosting our meeting.

MEMBER NEWS: Penny had partial knee replacement surgery on May 6th and is mahhvalous! Al Betschart is having surgery on his shoulder 5/23/19. He is undergoing tests to determine the issue. Dale visited Marvin and Irene Rauch. Marvin is doing well and sent his greetings to the club. John Ellis says hello to all and has extended an invitation for us to visit him at Ellis Island.

HAMILTON FUND RAISER: Sales are doing great! Al thanked everyone for their participation. Al noted 500 tickets were printed and he is hopeful to sell all 500 tickets. Al will be at the Tinley Park Cruise Nights beginning 5/27/19 selling tickets. Anyone wanting to assist Al, please give him a call. Al will have a table set up outside the Subway on Oak Park Ave. Discussions were regarding a misunderstanding of some members believing there was an obligation to sell the tickets, and have purchased the tickets instead of selling them. If you do not wish to sell tickets, please let Al and Sandy know. You may return your tickets. Kudos to our top ticket sellers Ron Bonneau, Linnea Fritz and Kay Ekstrom. Ken asked Phil to do a Facebook live video the night of the drawing.

SHAKEDOWN CRUISE: Another successful Shakedown Cruise to Sunrise Nursery. Some of the club members met for lunch afterwards. Dale thanked the club for the warm welcome to her dad.

DRIVING THE DIXIE: Will be held June 15th. Registration is from 8 -9:30, or you may pre-register on the website www.drivingthedixie.com. The event will start this year in Momence ending in Blue Island. Steger will host lunch, Markham will have their annual festivities. The Grinders will be playing against Blue Island at the end of the drive. Markham is also hosting a cookout at the park on June 13th and has asked for a couple of cars. The event is at 157th & Richmond from 11 am to 1 pm. Anyone interested, please contact Bob.

FALL TRIP: No new updates. Jim Wright suggested a Milwaukee destination for the fall 2020 trip.

SPRING TRIP: Destination – Gordon Beach Inn- Union Pier Michigan. 3 rooms are still available at the Lakeside Inn. We will meet at the Commander Restaurant in Munster IN at 8:30 am for breakfast, leaving at 9:30.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE: The parade is in Crete. Wally will confirm details and the information will be provided to the club.

CLUB PICNIC: Henry noted in the event of a rainout we may not have an alternate date as the pavilion may not be available. We are in need of someone to facilitate games this year. Anyone willing to volunteer, please contact Henry and Ken.

EXPOSURE TOUR: No new updates.

GRINDERS GAME: Tim Bots will look into dates and let us know.

ROUTE 66: It does not look like we will be attending this year. A big thank you to Jack for having us as guests!

LAKESIDE INN WEEKEND 2020: Ken was contacted by the Lakeside Inn inquiring if we would like to make reservations for next year. Al Kaleta again questioned why a new destination is not selected. This is not considered the annual Spring Trip. Anyone wishing to plan a spring trip.....Volunteers are welcome! A suggestion to White Pines Resort in Mount Morris was recommended.

CEDAR LAKE YACHT CLUB SHRIMP BOIL: Tim and Wally have again graciously extended an invitation to the A's Club for this stellar event. The event is held Sunday September 1st. More details to follow.

JUNE MEETING: June 19th. Bob's garage in Frankfort.

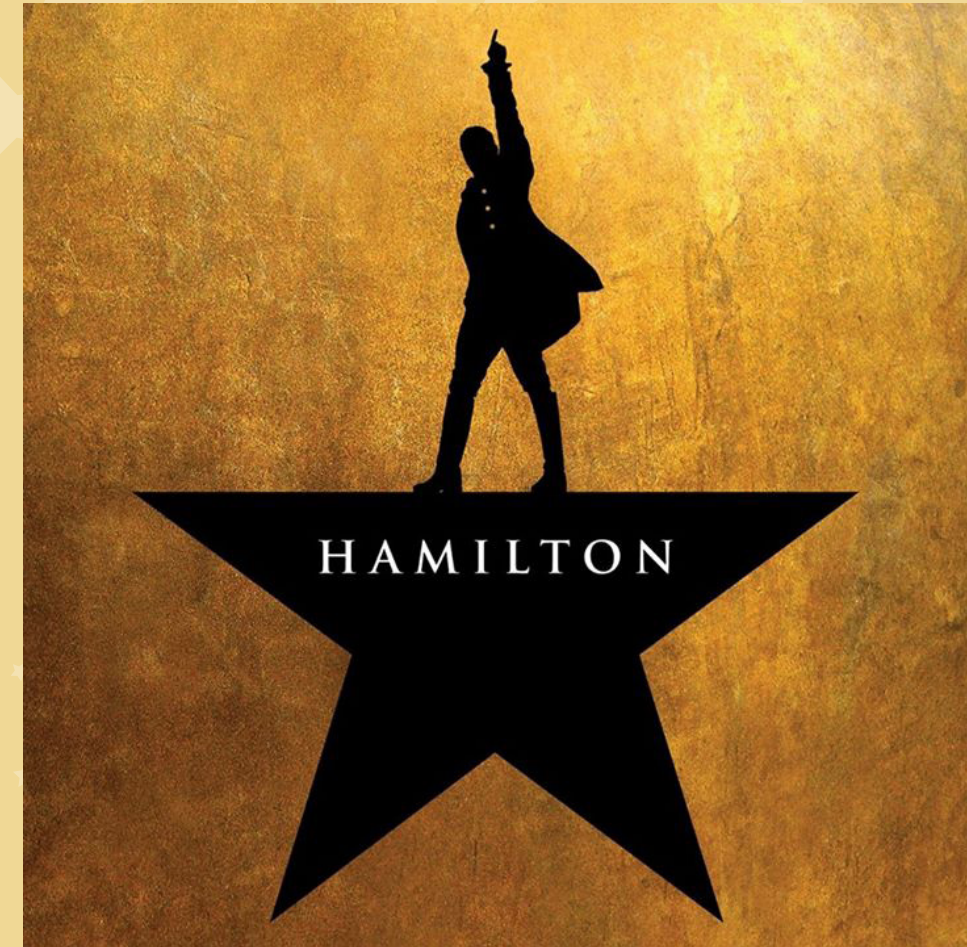
MEETING HOST NEEDED: We currently do not have a meeting location for September. Volunteers needed!

BREAKFAST MEETING: June 8th at the Peachtree Restaurant.

50/50: \$47 went to Linnea Fritz with \$48 to the club.

BADGE FINES: \$4 in badge fines

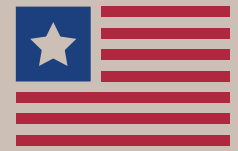
Motion to adjourn was made; approved by Chuck and Alan Ekstrom



I would like to take a moment here to thank Al and Sandy Kaleta for spearheading this year's fundraiser. In the past we have come up with different events but we have given up the driving the Dixie. And I for one greatly appreciate their taking the task to come up with something that is going to afford club to continue to give to worthy charities. They have been very enthusiastic about this from the beginning and they had high expectations. Well it looks like those goals are going to be reached which I thought personally were unobtainable. I'm glad he proved me wrong. With the help of the club members selling more than what was expected and the time spent selling them at different events with two weeks or so could go it's a good possibility that the goal that he has set will be reached. I think the club should applaud their efforts. And I've heard rumblings that he is already thought of something for next year. I just wanted to take this moment here to recognize their individual efforts.

Thank you very much

2019 A's R Us Officers and Staff



- President: Ken Chamis
- Vice President: Henry Jasica
- Secretary: Dale Chamis
- Treasurer: Jim Wright
- Newsletter: TBD
- 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.

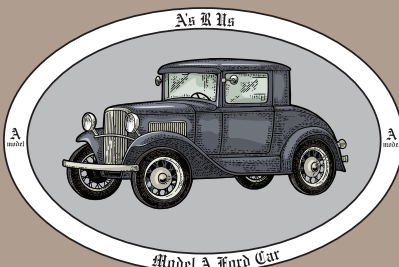
It is best to change the engine oil last thing before storing it. Bring it into the storage area after driving for at least 20 minutes, to get the oil good and hot, and drain it hot right where you plan to park the car for the winter. Refill with fresh oil and you will be ready to go next spring!

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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