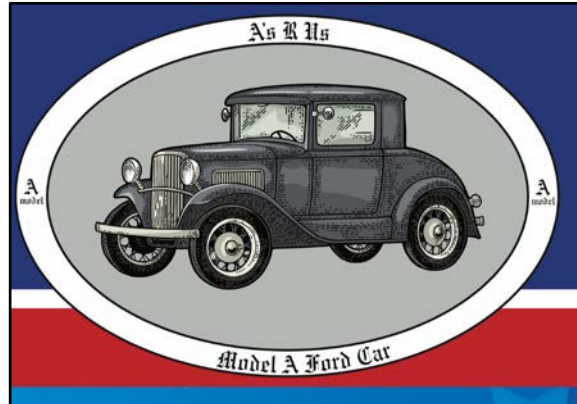

BACKFIRE



Well another month has gone by and we are still staying at home. Hopefully this will pass soon and we can get back to a life with our friends and family.

2020 has been a strange and challenging year for all of us. We have been itching to get into our A's but most of our outings have been canceled and understandable so. We miss it but I wanted to share with you another hobby, Ford dishes.

Ford dishes came from the plant cafeterias, ship dining rooms and anywhere Ford had employees. His collection was extensive and so amazing, but not for sale. When you google most anything on the internet you can find pretty much whatever you want. Not so with Ford dishes. I am not really sure why, but they are not plentiful.

Oh, did I mention they also had Ford flatware. I and some are white with a silver script. The white with silver would probably been in the executive dining room and the green and white in the employee cafeteria.

I am by no means an expert on these dishes, really I don't know much except that I think they are cool. Wondering if anyone has seen any or collected any. They came in blue and white, and green and white. Something for the ladies to keep an eye out for, when we get back prowling the antique shops.

FROM OUR SECRETARY

As Jon said, we are definitely in a challenging time. Not being able to see our families, our friends, go to work, or even get a haircut. This added “free time” at home has given us all time to purge, clean, work on projects and most importantly spend more time with our families. Working from home, my make shift office is my dining room table. I have a lovely view of my street! Living on a cul-de-sac we don’t get much traffic, although lately there is a daily traffic jam on my street from bikes of three young boys, ages 7 and 5 (twins). I watch as they ride, no race, their bikes up and down the street and sidewalk. They have been working hard to achieve a certain goal.....to ride their bikes sans training wheels! (Hey, there are some adults out there that can’t do that!) I am happy to say they have all achieved their goals. Now, as they ride up and down with their helmets and knee pads, I laugh as they “fall” purposely acting as if they crashed. Then I laugh with their mom as she comes home from Costco with 3 large “adult juice boxes” all for herself! My point is these are the simple things in life that we take for granted. My hope is that as humans we come out of this with a greater appreciation for the little things, a greater compassion for each other and a huge appreciation for teachers! Stay safe everyone. I look forward to being able to see everyone soon!



Linnea Fritz	5/2	Randy Senkpeil	5/13
Phil Serviss	5/3	Ken Chamis	5/18
Jim Wright	5/3	Mary Ellen Seper	5/25
John Ellis	5/9	Rosalinda Ekstrom	5/31

A'S R US MEETING MINUTES

April 8th, 2020

Virtual Meeting

The meeting was called to order by president Phil Serviss at 7:12 pm. In light of the Shelter in Place orders, we did a virtual meeting thanks to Vice President Ron Bonneau. 22 members participated, although Jon Lisota and Steve Coe were very quiet and could not be seen. A big thanks to Ron for setting this up. It was a lot of fun and really great to be able to get together this way. The February minutes were read and approved as read.

***MEMBER NEWS:** Dale went around the group to get an update on how we are all coping with being sheltered. Everyone is doing well with getting help from family. A few of us are working as we are considered "essential workers", and not retired! Dale is fortunate to work remotely. Kay remains in Arizona due to the travel ban, as does Ron. Jack and Karen went to TN since their kids weren't bringing them food! Dale's dad is doing better, his numbers are coming down, has a follow up appointment this Friday. Nancy Poulson's mom recently had knee replacement surgery and is doing well at home. Jim Wright's mom is celebrating her 97th birthday tomorrow April 9th! Al & Sandy were missed and Dale noted they are doing well. All is well with the Hankowicz's, and the last update on Arlene was she has deteriorated since being admitted to the hospital. Pneumonia treatment is not working and has undergone a bone marrow biopsy. She tested negative for Covid. Q1d`Tim Borchert noted he is on the board at Silver Cross Hospital. They currently have 92 + cases and have converted an area for non-exposure. Nancy Serviss works with post-surgical patients for physical therapy and has had no reported cases among staff and patients.

***TREASURERS REPORT:** Jim reported the A's checkbook balance of \$ and a balance of \$ in the Dixie account. Jim received member dues from John Ellis. Nothing as of yet from Paul Kress. Hopefully soon!

*** CLUB DONATIONS:** The club has made \$100 donations to Park Lawn, MAFCA and the Model A Youth Foundation. Further discussion on donations is tabled until May. Jim received the Camp Quality Newsletter with a thank you mention for our donation last year.

***CRETE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE:** The parade is cancelled for this year.

*** EXPOSURE TOUR 2020:** As of now, the trip is on. Ron has secured hotels in all but 2 locations.

***DIXIE UPDATE:** No update to report.

*** MICHIGAN:** The trip is on hold until we receive updates on the Shelter in Place. Dale contacted Lakeside Inn, and was advised we had until the end of the month to cancel without charge. The concern is whether or not restaurants will be open. Chuck and Linnea will not be going. Ray and Gerry have offered to bring the trailer as they will be coming in their truck. Anyone who is going to cancel, be sure to contact Lakeside Inn. Randy secured April 30-May 2, 2021 as that is the last weekend of the year for the BOGO rooms. If you are cancelling for this year, maybe consider booking for 2021.

***TRAILER:** The title and plates will be transferred once we are able to do so.

***BRIDGE TEEN CENTER:** Frankfort car club contacted Bob to participate at the Bridge Teen Center in June. The Bridge would like an interactive meeting with the group and asked if the A's could bring the demo engine. Ray, Chuck and Randy also volunteered to participate.

***MANTENO VETERANS HOME:** Visit is cancelled for now, although Dale noted we could do a “car parade” and will look into this.

***FALL TRIP:** Ron will get with Kathy to discuss options.

***GRINDERS GAME:** Tim and Pat provided scheduled game dates: 5/24, 6/14, 6/28, 7/12, 8/2, 8/23, 9/13, 10/4. Dale suggested 8/23. However, this is all tentative dependent on our current situation.

***DANVILLE BALLOON FEST:** Cancelled for this year.

* **25TH ANNIVERSARY CAR DECALS:** In recognition of the A’s R Us 25th Anniversary, Ron had window decals made. Anyone wishing to purchase one, payment can be made to A’s R Us through Jim Wright. Ron will bring the decals when he is able to return from AZ.

* **BREAKFAST MEETING:** May 30th at the Peachtree Restaurant. 8:30 am.

* **50/50:** N/A

***BADGE FINES:** N/A

Providing the Shelter in Place order is lifted, we will have our regular meeting at Bob’s garage on May 13th. Stay tuned!

Meeting Adjourned.

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