BACKFIRE

"That's the craziest thing I ever hoid!"

April 1997

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COME ONE.

COME ALL....

TO IRV AND

CHAR'S

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Map enclosed for new members.

President's Message

Our Club outing to Tommy Gun's Garage was a huge success. We had a great turnout, as all members enjoyed a fine evening of dining, entertainment, and fun. Tim Dionne did a super job of planning the evening and deserves our grati-

tude for producing yet one more great Club event.

The next event planned for our car club is one of our more amusing events,, the fund raiser auction. Please bring whatever turns your crank. It doesn't have to be car related. Bring as much as you want. Also bring your allowance with you so you can buy the treasurers you will be bid-

ding on.

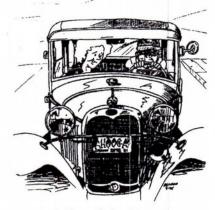
Before closing, I would just like to mention that the

support given by all our members and especially those that have volunteered to

organize group events and outings has been fantastic! I believe this volunteer program has worked well to increase attendance. And by the way, at our next meeting there is one more job we will need a volunteer for. So see you at the next monthly meeting.

"That's the craziest thing I ever hold."

Da Boss



All that girl said was, "Look at that cute old car with that old man driving it!"

Peotone Car Club Swap Meet

It was a frosty, but beautiful Sunday morning as our gang headed for the annual Peotone Car Club Swap Meet. The doors opened at 8:00 a.m. sharp. There were people in every corner of the Peotone Will County Atrium. Tables and displays covered every available space in the building. There was S—, well stuff for nearly everything. But if you were there for Model A parts, you could say you were up a creek without a paddle. The only items I spotted for Model A's were a pair of Ford pliers and a starting crank. But we

enjoyed looking at all the neat......JUNK!!! Maybe next time we might find that treasure we are looking for. Better luck next time gang.

Your man on the street,

Ricochet

TO OUR

MEMBERS

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APRIL 16TH MEETING

COME JOIN THE FUN!!!

Highlights of the March Meeting

We met at the Suellen and Steve Saller's home in Crete.

~~Discussed our upcoming trip to Tommy Gun's Garage on March 22nd. We're to meet at 6:30 when the doors open and dinner will be served immediately. We were given a password for our group, "Baby Jake sent me".

~~Our next Club meeting is planned for April 16th at Irv and Char's barn. All items for auction can be dropped off at Irv & Char's anytime. (708-258-3002)

~~The pavilion (which will hold up to 75 people) has been reserved on August 24th for our Club picnic.

~~\$250.00 donation was presented to the raffle committee for prizes. The committee will meet to decide what type of prizes are to be raffled off to raise money for our Club.

~~Orders were taken for jackets and T-shirts, and Phyllis will be inquiring about baseball caps with our logo also.

~~We welcomed two new members, Randy and Bonnie Senkfeil of Orland Park. They own a 1929 Tudor. ~Raffle tickets were sold for MAFCA's 1998 drawing of a 1931 Deluxe Roadster.

~Our Club now has it's own A's -R-US letterhead stationary and enveopes.

~A suggestion was made to put together a Club pamphlet about our organization for Model A enthusiasts.

~Our "Family Album" was brought to the meeting displaying "portriats" from our February banquet. Anyone interested in copies (50 cents each), please see Char.

~Charlene Darnall won the 50/50 drawing of \$42.

~Charlie Jenkins' car was the guinie pig following the meeting. John Ruppel had a Tech Talk and an actual hands-on, installing an electronic ignition.

We would like to thank
Suellen for sending us the minutes each month, enabling us to
share with our members who
might have missed the last meeting.

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UPCOMING CAR SHOWS

Mothers Day Fun Run Charity Car Show

Sunday May 11, 1997 South Island Park, Wilmington, II.

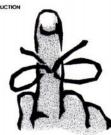
10th Annual Car Show & Swap Meet Sunday May 18, 1997 Manteno Sportsmen Club Manteno, II.

4th Annual Car Show Festival. June 13, 14, & 15 1997 Beautiful Bicentennial Park Joliet, II. 16th Annual Frankfort Car Show July 27, 1997 Frankfort, II.





TOY TIME WITH RICOCHET



Have you ever shined your "A" to the max for that special car show? Yeh, I I know we've all been there and done that.

Well, let me tell you about Ricochet's experience.....I remember the time when I spent days and nights cleaning every inch of that "A".. Then came the day when we were ready to depart. I stopped and thought for a few seconds, did I remember everything? Oops! I did forget one thing. I'd better check the coolant. Oh no, it's a little low. I put in about a quart and the coolant was above the core. Boy, am I glad I checked that, I wouldn't want to overheat this baby. Finally, I'm on my merry, merry way singing that special song.....

"You picked a find time to leave me loose wheel, or is that Lucille"?

So, with both ears down, we're on our way to the car show. After a few miles of travel, something appears on my windshield, what the sh-?, I mean, what the heck. Is that rain? No! Maybe that was bird pee, but it looks like foam or like somebody put Mr. Bubbles in my radiator. There goes my wax job.

Ricochet now knows what it was... Many Model A's have been blamed for overheating, just because a leaky radiator cap gasket permitted windshield spotting

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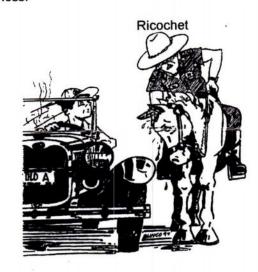
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from expanding coolant from a normal operating engine.

Air bubbles showing in the radiator neck may not be a sign of a leaky head gasket, but air pulled in through the water pump packing seal or air being pulled through the grease fitting on the pump base. Always use a capped type grease fitting with a gasket under the screw cap. A properly packed and greased pump should not leak air. Be careful not to over grease the pump, or the excess grease will be thrown to the underside of your hood, creating a big mess.



Young man, this horse doesn't understand AHOOOGA!

SERVICES OFFERED

Sand-blasting:

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Oh what a long winter season. Yes indeed, it seemed like the winter was never going to end. But lo and behold, it's time once again to get our trusty, or is yours rusty(?) Model A on the road again. So your pal Ricochet has put together a few helpful tips. So uncover your trusty "A" and check it over now, not the day you want to drive her. This pre-trip maintenance may save you embarrassment later.

CHECK LIST:

- a) Check your cars battery for proper electrolyte level.
 Also check it for proper charge. Clean and tighten battery connections.
- b) Check all tires for proper inflation, including spares. Proper pressure is 35 psi.
- c) Check all fluid levels: Coolant, engine oil, transmission, and differential. Don't forget the steering box if it leaks
- d) Check your fan belt for proper tension, also check for belt wear.

- e) Check all lights for proper illumination.
- f) Check your AH-OOO-GAH!!!!! Adjust to proper tone.
- g) Check wiper operation. Also look at blade condition.
- h) Fill gas tank with fresh motion lotion (gas).
- Make sure your tool kit is still complete and in the car.
 It doesn't do any good at all at home. Just take this advise from someone who knows from experience.
- j) As someone in our Club now knows, you must have a fire extinguisher in case of a backfire mishap. And it is also required at most car shows now.
- k) By now I think you must get the picture. It never hurts to have some extras with you. Like a set of points and condenser, for us that still have original Model A's!!!!!! Spare headlamp bulbs, tail lamps, a roll of friction tape, mechanics wire, electrical wire, connectors, and crimping pliers.

Ricochet