BACKFIRE

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We want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very HAPPY, HEALTHY, PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

We will strive for a most informative Newsletter but, it will take ALL of us contributing to make BACK-FIRE a huge success.

Don't hesitate to call us when you have a bit of news, statements, questions or remarks. Nothing is too big or too small for BACKFIRE!

Sincerely, Irv & Char

PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL

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It's been an enjoyable year working with all of you to get the A's - R - US Chapter on it's feet. The Club is well on its' way to a great future, thanks to the participation of ALL of its members. No one was afraid to take on a task, whether it was volunteering their home for a meeting,

"The Club is well on its way to a great future."



We salute John Ruppel as our FIRST PRESIDENT!

putting together a newsletter, donating snacks for a meeting, ordering T-shirts or hats, making phone calls for information on something or organizing a Club outing. EVERYONE did SOMETHING!!

My thanks to Paul, Irv and Charlie for keeping me in line at the meetings, (letting me know when I was going into new business before old and keeping me on track).

Congratulations to our new officers....Bill, Chuck, Suellen and Charlie. If everyone gives them the same help and support we've had this past year, 97 will be even better.

Thanks again for a great, fun filled year.

John

A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

President's Message......

I would like to wish a HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our members. With the coming of the New Year, also comes new leadership in the Club. All of our new officers will strive to promote our common hobby,

as well as encourage fellowship and derive enjoyment. We have big shoes to fill as last year's officers depart; a warm thank you to them all for a job well done.

I, and all our present officers, plan to provide the leadership and organization necessary to make our club flourish; as any group of people is only as good as the individual people themself. We must keep in mind that it is everyone's collective contributions that will make the A's - R - US activities informative and enjoyable. We will need your participation!.....

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NOTES FROM DECEMBER'S CLUB MEETING

Our last Club meeting was held on December 18, 1996.

Old Business:

Discussed going to dinner at Tommy Guns in January, will discuss details at the January 15th meeting.

Anyone wishing to order a Club hat, should see Sandi Hankowitz.

1997 Club dues of \$15.00 is now due. Please see Charlie Jenkins.

1997 MAFCA dues of \$30.00 is also due at this time, this is for one year.

Our Club Incorporation pa-

pers have been signed and sent in to State of Illinois to be registered.

Banquet committee to meet at Glenwood Oaks Restaurant on Monday, December 30th to scope out our banquet facilities, to be held February 22nd.

New Business:

MAFCA raffle tickets for Roadster on sale now. \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. Raffle to be held at 1998 National Convention in Reno.

Committe for our Road Rally to be set up by Wally and Bob.

Steve Saller won our 50/50 drawing of \$40.00.

An election of 1997 Club officers was held at the December annual meeting. The election results as follows:

President - Bill Seper
Vice President - Chuck Miller
Secretary - Suellen Saller
Treasurer - Charlie Jenkins

There were 19 voting members present.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS FOL-LOWING THE DECEMBER MEETING.....

OUR FIRST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Christmas Party made history as it was our FIRST.

A visit from Santa left all Club children, that were present, with gifts and stockings. The children were so excited and their faces were all glowing with big smiles. There was so much excitement in the air.

A gift exchange among Club members was held afterwards. A number was attached to

each gift, then members drew numbers out of a hat. In numerical order, they claimed their gift, one at a time.

Before opening your gift, you had a choice of keeping your unwrapped gift (of which you had no idea what it was) or exchanging for someone else's gift that had already been opened.......there is only one regret regarding this tradition......this was not video taped, because......we've never laughed so hard at "grownups??"

taking gifts from one another. Some of the gifts were exchanged over and over again until the last gift had been taken.

If you missed this meeting, whatever you do, try to make the December 1997 meeting for a great time.

A WONDERFUL TIME WAS HAD BY YOUNG AND OLD(ER).

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At our first meeting of 1997, we plan to continue with plans already started, but will enlist a few new wrinkles for the coming year. We are going to have a technical talk on "Timing, Ignition, and Distributors", and are being requested to bring along our spark plugs. That's right, John is requesting us to bring along our SPARK PLUGS.

See you Wednesday night. Bill 

ANNUAL CLUB BANQUET **FEBRUARY 22ND BAN

Our first Annual Club Banquet will be held at the Glenwood Oaks Restuarant in Glenwood on February 22nd.

We need the number of members attending the banquet, by our January 15th Club meeting. This count is needed to determine the cost.

Guests are welcome. Non-members attending will be required to pay full cost of dinner.

Time and details to be announced at January meeting.

If unable to attend January meeting, please call with your attendance count before January 15th.

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NEVER AGAIN!!!

Why will a man get up at the break of day?
Mess up his clothes, without any pay?
Waller in grease
'til his hair turns grey, to try to redo an ole' "Model A"?
I guess it is love of a different kind.
But if that is love, then love sure is blind.

When I finish this ole' car, I know what I'll do.

I'm gonna' take it real easy my whole life through. Postively no work, no old parts to sand. Just ridin' around, and look at the land. Lucille, pull over and stop! No, back up a way. that old Yeah....you see phaeton by that big stack of hay? That ole' man's comin' out, "how y'all doin' today?" "Say friend, how much you want, for that ole' unrestored

By Doyle Chapman, Austin, Texas

"A"?"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHARLENE

We want to give a great big "THANK YOU"

to Bill and Mary Ellen Seper for letting us share their home, for the December Club meeting and our Christmas party. They really put us in a holiday mood with their Christmas decorations and hospitality.

We also want to **THANK** the one and only **SANTA** for taking the time out of his busy schedule to visit us. We never did see Rudolf, he must have been deer sitting.

ATTENTION

The January 15th meeting will start at 7 p.m. at the DARNALL'S 30461 S. 120th Avenue Peotone

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MODEL A TUNE-UP VIDEO AT JANUARY 15TH MEETING

TIP FROM RICOCHET

If the ammeter shows discharge with the engine off or at idle.

The generator cutout is probably stuck in the closed position. Tap it lightly with a screwdriver handle or a piece of wood. Sometimes it will open up. If not, disconnect the rear wire from the generator to the cut out. If this clears up the discharge condition, then replace the cutout or leave the generator wire off and connect the generator terminal to ground. This will prevent burning out the generator and you can still drive the car until the battery goes completely dead.

Note: The car can be driven with a

shorted cutout and still charge the battery, but be sure to disconnect the battery or the generator wire when the ignition switch is off, or pull the main fuse if you have one installed.



DID YOU KNOW.....

That Ford used cutout relays from 1919 to 1938?

In 1939 Ford used voltage regulators, using vibrating contacts.

The quickest, but not the best, way to check the cutout is to place pliers across the cutout terminals and see if the dash ammeter is now registering a charge. If it is, replace the cutout. If there is still no charge, the trouble lies in the generator. The plier method is not the best because it allows battery current to surge through the generator windings which will heat up and possibly short circuit.