

Backfire

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In February, we made our way south to the town of Glenwood, to be more precise, the home of Phil and Nancy Serviss. The meeting gave us more information on the upcoming spring trip to Tuscola/Arcola, Illinois. Discussion on ways to raise funds in Charlie Jenkins slush fund..er..I mean..A's R Us treasury were mentioned. A possible 50/50 raffle during cruise nights, or a Model A cookie that we would assemble during meeting nights and sell for \$1.00. Ideas also floated around for the banquet next year, and Bob Granko asked everyone to check out local restaurants for ideas. Phil Serviss fired up his computer so those who do not have access to one could see what our web page looks like. Ideas for upcoming tech talks were tossed around. After the meeting was adjourned, Nancy had a demonstration on painting glass that looked pretty cool to me. Phil took the guys out to his new barn and showed us how it was built, and the niceties he added to it. Thanks for hosting the February meeting.

Just a personal acknowledgment:

Diana and I would like to say thank you to the Banquet committee for devoting their free time to the planning and setting up of the banquet. We believe you did a great job, and we had a wonderful time. THANKS!!!



I have been on the phone several times today as I write this months newsletter with the people from Dreamworks, and Phil Serviss. More information is now available. They still are looking for alot more cars like ours. One big upcoming date is April 7th and 8th, a Saturday and Sunday, and they want to use 90 cars that day downtown. The other co-star of the film has also been named and it is Paul Newman. To be considered for the film call 773-248-3797 and ask for Tom.

Remember we are on the web at:

www.asrus.homestead.com/page1.html

If you haven't been there lately, you haven't been there!

INTERESTING FACTS...

1. Debra Winger was the voice of E.T.
2. Pearls melt in vinegar
3. It takes 3,000 cows to supply the NFL with enough leather for a year's supply of footballs
4. Thirty-Five percent of the people who use personal ads for dating are already married.
5. The 3 most valuable brand names on earth: **MARLBORO, COCA-COLA, BUDWEISER**, in that order.
6. It's possible to lead a cow upstairs... but not downstairs.
7. Humans are the only primates that don't have pigment in the palms of their hands.
8. Ten percent of the Russian government's income comes from the sale of vodka.
9. The sentence "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog." uses every letter in the alphabet. (Developed by Western Union to Test teletype communications)
10. The only 15 letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is uncopyrightable.
11. Stewardesses' is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand.
12. No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, and purple.
13. "I am" is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.
14. Average life span of a major league baseball: 7 pitches.
15. A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.
16. The reason firehouses have circular stairways is from the days of yore when the engines were pulled by horses. The horses were stabled on the ground floor and figured out how to walk up straight staircases.
17. The airplane Buddy Holly died in was the "American Pie." (thus the name of the Don McLean song)
18. Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history. Spades - King David, Clubs - Alexander the Great Hearts - Charlemagne, Diamonds - Julius Caesar
19. $111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321$
20. Gens of long ago that wanted to get rid of their unwanted people without killing them used to burn their houses down - hence the expression "To get fired."
21. Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.
22. Hershey's Kisses are called that because the machine that makes them looks like its kissing the conveyor belt.
23. An Ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
24. The longest recorded flight of a chicken is thirteen seconds.
25. The name Jeep came from the abbreviation used in the army for the "General Purpose" vehicle, G.P.
26. The highest point in Pennsylvania is lower than the lowest point in Colorado.
27. Nutmeg is extremely poisonous if injected intravenously.
28. If you have three quarters, four dimes, and four pennies, you have \$1.19. You also have the largest amount of money in coins without being able to make change for a dollar.
29. No NFL team which plays its home games in a domed stadium has ever won a Superbowl.
30. The only two days of the year in which there are no professional sports games (MLB, NBA, NHL, or NFL) are the day before and the day after the Major League All-Star Game.
31. The mask used by Michael Myers in the original "Halloween" movie was actually a Captain Kirk mask painted white.
32. If you put a raisin in a glass of champagne, it will keep floating to the top and sinking to the bottom.
33. Snails can sleep for 3 years without eating.
34. Actor Tommy Lee Jones and vice-president Al Gore were freshman roommates at Harvard.
35. The fingerprints of Koala Bears are virtually indistinguishable from those of humans, so much so that they could be confused at a crime-scene.
36. Months that begin on a Sunday will always have a "Friday the 13th."
37. James Doohan, who plays Lt. Commander Montgomery Scott (Scotty) on Star Trek, is missing the entire middle finger on his right hand (lost it on D-Day).
38. The Eisenhower interstate system requires that one mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies.
39. There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
40. All of the clocks in the movie "Pulp Fiction" are stuck on 4:20.

Only in America...

... can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance...

... do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while the healthy can buy cigarettes at the front...

... do we buy hot-dogs in packages of ten and hot-dog buns in packages of eight...

... do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters...

These wre submitted by our buddy John Ellis

Those in attendance to meetings as of late have noticed a discussion on the funds of the club. A plan has to be devised that will fix this problem. Your dues into this club are a whopping \$20.00 a year. Well, what do you get for it. You receive a monthly newsletter, which averages to a cost per family of \$9.00 per year. You also get a club picnic in August, which usually costs the club about \$5.00 per person. Then during the year, there are other administrative costs, etc. And let's not mention the things that don't get charged to the club, that some members donate. So, lets see, \$9.00 + \$5.00+ \$5.00+ \$1.00=\$20.00. Break even you say..but wait..how about the banquet that costs upwards of \$75.00 per couple. Thats where we have run into trouble. We all love the banquet, and that goes without saying. Fundraisers have occurred in the past, and thats where EVERYONE comes in. Ideas need to be brought up, and we need input from EVERYONE, as there is a simple solution. Let's solve this problem, and move on...and fast!!!.

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Please have any contributing articles to me prior to the first of the month. Thanks

The March meeting will be at Bob and Penny Steinmetz's home at 7pm, on March 21st. The topic of this months tech talk will be on the techniques needed to get your "A" out of storage, and make them road worthy after winter. Don't miss this one, it is important.

The trip to Arcola/Tuscola will be April 20th, 21st, and 22nd. I understand it is an Amish type town. Sounds like alot of fun, and that tech talk we will be having is just what we need. Contact Betty & Efton Elliott, or Charlie & Caroly Gray for more info and to make reservations.

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Our Presidents Message

As I sit here on my 40th birthday, I stop to think of how truly lucky I am to be where I am in life.

Debbie, Brittany and Joey are all healthy and everything is going well.

The banquet was a wonderful night. Fun was had by all, everything was perfect. Thanks again to the banquet committee. It was a perfect time for my Model A enthusiasts to meet some of my friends from outside the club and they got to see the great group that I hang out with during the summer. I was also recruiting for the club, (my buddy Warren has a 1931 Ford Model A pick-up.) It's never too early to think about next year and my assignment for everyone is to think of possible locations for next years banquet so that we can book early.

I'd like to take a moment to thank Phil & Nancy for hosting our February meeting. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our next meeting, which will be at Bob & Penny Steinmetz's home. We are going to give a tech talk about getting your car out of storage and ready for the summer cruise nights and day trips.

We are always interested in ideas for future tech talks. Until then,

Take Care

Bob