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EXTRA!!! New Editor and Chief.

I'm back after many years:

I will be bringing a new look to the newsletter after Bob's multi year tenure. Believe me any format of a publication is a lot of work and Bob did a great job over the years. It was the first year newsletters that I did when the club was formed and now because of a brain fart some how I have it back. I need to remember to sit in the back of the room out of earshot. Please remember to submit things that you think our members would like to see. I can copy them if you don't have the ability to do it.

O.K. Here we go!

Header Picture:

Lincoln Avenue during filming of "Public Enemies" May 18th thru April 6th 2008



The Car's Editor and Chief

Inside this Months Issue:

- Jim Wright's New Book
- Calendar of events for April
- Relay For Life
- Meeting synopsis

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**RELEASE IN JUNE 2009 TO
HISTORICAL SOCIETYS NEAR
YOU!!!**

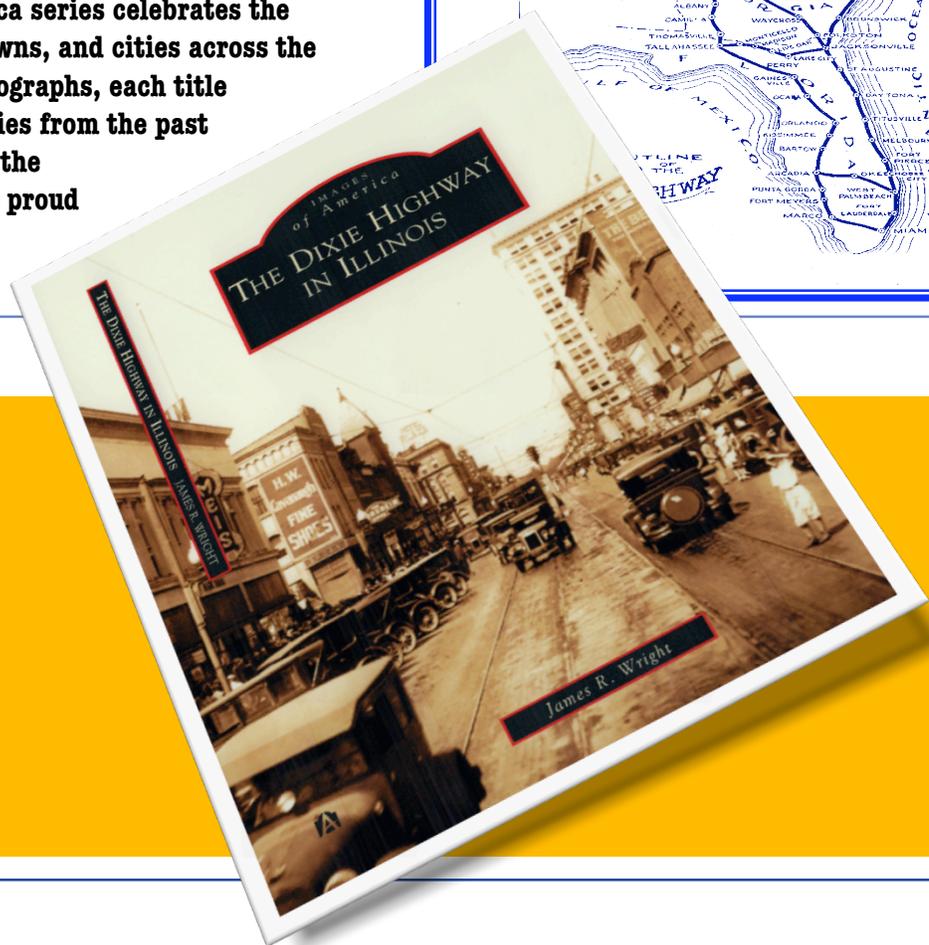
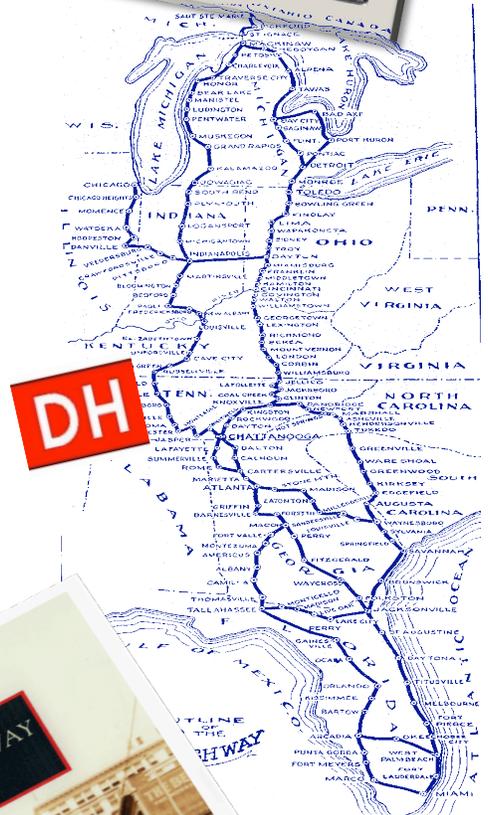
The Dixie Highway, once a main thoroughfare from Chicago to Miami, was part of an improved network of roads traversing the landscape of 10 states. A product of the Good Roads Movement of the early 20th century, construction on the highway in Illinois took place from 1916 to 1921. When completed in 1921, the Dixie Highway was the longest continuous paved road in the state. It ran through parts of Cook, Will, Kankakee, Iroquois, and Vermilion Counties, with service stations, roadside diners, and campgrounds sprouting up along the way.

With over 200 vintage photographs, *The Dixie Highway in Illinois* takes readers on a tour from the Art Institute in the heart of Chicago on Michigan Avenue to the Illinois state line east of Danville, exploring this historic highway and the communities it passes through.

James R. Wright is a local historian and author and has been a member of the Homewood Historical Society since 1983. He is a lifelong resident of the community, and the Dixie Highway has played an important role in his life. Hardly a day goes by that he is not “drivin’ the Dixie.”

The Images of America series celebrates the history of neighborhoods, towns, and cities across the country. Using archival photographs, each title presents the distinctive stories from the past that shapes the character of the community today. Arcadia is proud to play a part in the preservation of local heritage, making history available to all.

**IMAGES
of America
“The Dixie highway
in Illinois”
James R. Wright**



Up and Coming Calendar of 2009 Events

**Please Remember to Support
American Cancer Society's Relay
for Life**

February Meeting was held at the Serviss's house in Beecher. The *Dixie Dash* was discussed with details of the new format. This format should get rid of the parade and get the drivers into the neighborhoods of the participating towns. *Shake down tour* was discussed with the possibility of having a \$5.00 per car pot for a scavenger hunt during the trip. This should be a fun way to spend the day. *New Midland radios* will be tested on the next couple of trips to see how they perform. If they work well it will be a cost effective way to increase communications in the group

Saturday the 21st of February

Some Like it Hot Banquet. Sorry we missed you being there. We will have a report next Months newsletter



Tuesday 10th of March John Lisota's Garage for "Tech Talk".

511 West Stanton Ln. Crete, IL. 60417 Lets get those cars ready for the 2009 season.

Possible hands on with how to make your brakes really work. He will show you how to adjust the breaks quick and easy. Also a breakdown on how they are put together but most of all a night out with friends!



Wednesday 18th of March

7:00 pm meeting at Chuck & Linnea Fritz House
537 Lakewood Ave. Park Forest, IL. 60466

Wednesday 15th of April

7:00PM meeting at Bob's Garage in Frankfort.
24356 South Harvest Hills Road, Frankfort 60423



Saturday 18th of April

Shake Down cruise and scavenger hunt. Meet at the Wilmington House Family Restaurant in Wilmington, IL for breakfast early. We will be leaving at 9:00 AM sharp! It will be a fun day of driving the cars and shaking the bugs out for the season.

Friday 1st, Saturday 2nd and, Sunday 3rd of May

Spring Tour with your hosts Chuck Fritz, Ron Bono and, Jon lasota. Destination Dixon, Illinois. Hotel reservations @ Quality Inn – 1-815-284-0500. Call now to reserve a room. They have 20 rooms blocked for us and you need to call by April 1st then the rooms will be released. Breakfast is included in the room price.

March 2009

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