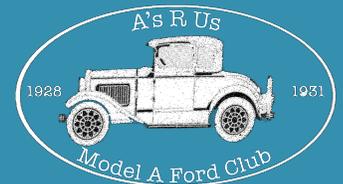


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It's been a busy August!

Picnics, Camp Quality, road trips and weddings have made a busy August. We also have had visitors back from England and they came to the last meeting at Tim and Carrols house. Dave and Pauline from Hastings England have been visiting the states for the last couple weeks and are very much enjoying themselves. A few club members even took a trip down Rt. 66 for a day with them and they and of course us enjoyed the Model A on the road for 200 miles. Above is a picture of the club members on the road along Rt. 66.

Phil

Header Picture: The flag of England beckon the arrival of our English members Dave and Pauline from Hastings this August.

More inside!



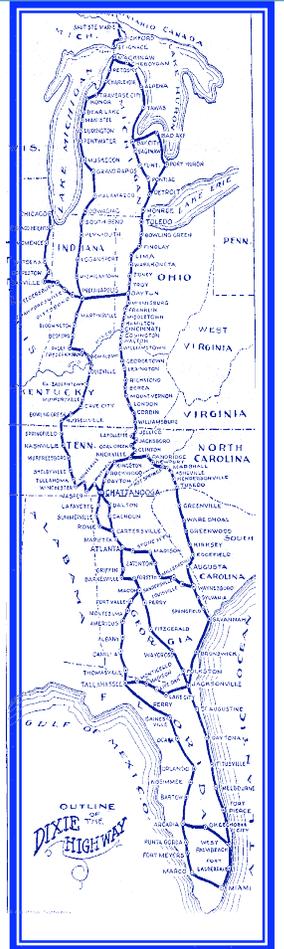
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DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE

By Jim Wright

Blue Island was an enthusiastic promoter of the Dixie Highway during the road's early years and the city continues to be a great supporter of Drivin' the Dixie today. Western Avenue, the Dixie Highway in Blue Island, has always been a thriving retail corridor. Pictured is the west side of Western Avenue just north of Vermont Street. Woolworth's occupied the white terra cotta building in the center of the photograph. Today, the building is home to Three Sisters Antiques, which figured prominently in this years

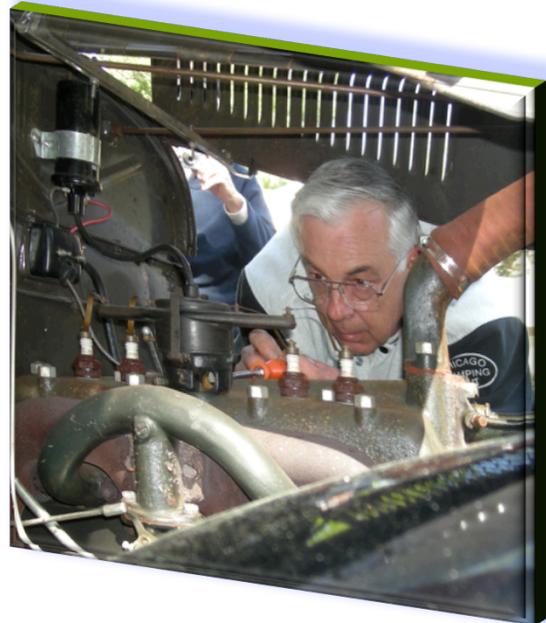


Drivin the Dixie event. The Montag building (left) was torn down in the 1940's and was the site of a Walgreens for years.

Dick Tracy 1930 Strip #6



Jon Lisota: *Motor Medic*



A quick reminder: For all of us advancing in age and seem to need a little help in getting into the car, try to avoid the use of the steering wheel as a grab handle. This pressure on the steering support yoke on the bottom of the tank will start cracking the solder in the tank covering the rivets and a gas leak will occur in your car. When this happens removal of the tank is necessary to stop the leak. Phil and now Al have had to remedy their leaks by first having the yoke re-welded and then sealing the tanks. Both of them have used this product and have had great results. In a future issue I will go over the steps to have a successful result.

Gabber at you later, Jon



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So far we have 5 A's going on this trip. We will gather at the Wilmington Family Restaurant in Wilmington on Rt. 66 at 8:00-am on Tuesday the 8th. Bring a chair for picnics weather permitting. The hotel has a swimming pool so guys don't forget you're bikini! We will be making a couple leisurely drives in the country, Let's get ready to kick back and have fun.



Camp Quality 08/04/2009

I believe we had 10 member cars for this event in Frankfort, IL. In all there were around 100 cars to transport the children and their escorts. The night was a great success as usual and lasted till around 10:30pm. Kohl's was our sponsor for the event that helps us continue supporting the American Cancer Society events and makes our donations possible for children fighting cancer.



Here are some of the Kohl's A Team members from the Crete store.



August meeting at the Dionne's home



RT. 66 TOUR WITH DAVE AND PAULINE



August Meeting was at the home of Tim and Carol Dionne. The meeting was a shortened event because of Tim's 60th birthday party that ensued. The meeting was highlighted by the presents of Dave Hooper and Pauline Ash from Hastings England! Needless to say this was a well-attended meeting and Carol brought in plenty of food for everyone. One minor mishap was the hole shot in the ceiling of Carols kitchen by a machine-gun wielding mad-man, AKA "Jim, the widow maker." The gun was wrestled out of his cold hands and the party continued long into the night.

Wednesday 16th of September Meeting

7:00PM meeting at Park Forest Police Department Court room, 200 Lakewood Blvd. Park Forest, IL 60466, *Steve Coe host.*

WSJ Tours presents: Fall Trip to Milwaukee Wisconsin / Oct. 9,10,11



Individual Reservations Under A's R Us - Call the Hotel Directly at

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For a King or double queen the cost will be \$109.00 per night.

You may cancel up to 2 days prior to the event.

Rooms may be reserved until 9/7/09. 3 rooms left.

Up Coming Calendar of 2009 Events

Frankfort Fall Festival Parade: **Sunday September 6th. Line up starts at 11:30 am; parade kicks off at 1:00. Theme is Wild, Wild Fest**

Tuesday September 8th - 11th: Exposure Tour to Bishop Hill IL.

Friday September 25th Mokena VIP Night: **6 - 8 pm @ Mokena Holiday Inn**

Tuesday Sept 15th **TECH NIGHT: Bob's garage in Frankfort**

Wednesday Sept. 16th: **Meeting at Park Forest Police Station**

Saturday 9/26 **A's Breakfast Mtg: 8:30 am Peachtree Restaurant**

Fri, Sat, Sun October 9,10,11_Fall trip to Milwaukee WS.

Blueberry Hill 183rd & Harwood in Homewood. Another possible for those who live north. We will all meet at 95th & Western; planning to leave at 9:30 am.

Rember: Crete Cruise Night is back 2nd and 4th and Beecher 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Young people now have a place to go and there should be many fewer problems.

Manhattan Car Club Cruise Night. 1009 W Laraway Rd. 2nd Mondays of June, July and August.

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Dave and Pauline from Hastings England in Pontiac, IL. with the A Model "Colleen" they drove for a 200 mile day!

