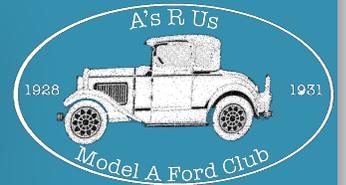




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Pictures in History.

As I look for things to put into this newsletter when the club is not so active I have come across some interesting stories, photographers, and pictures. As the time and the space permit I will bring you some history and occasional color to your life. I may even link you to sites for your enjoyment. Again remember contributions are more than welcome and needed to make this your newsletter.

Header Picture:

1931 Ford door at
Shulman's Market N and
Union Streets SW,
Washington D C. mid
1942 / Louise Rosskam.

Phil

*The Carp
Editor in Chief*

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Louise Rosskam



Lincoln Vermont July, 1940 /
Louise Rosskam

Louise Rosskam (born Louise Rosenbaum) (March 27, 1910-April 1, 2003) was a photographer for the Farm Security Administration (FSA) and the Standard Oil Company during the mid-20th century. Together with her husband, Edwin Rosskam (1903–1985), the pair documented American life during the Great Depression. The Rosskams were part of a group of talented photographers hired by Roy Stryker, the head of the FSA between 1935 and 1944, during what is often called the "Golden Age of Documentary Photography".

A Message from the Prez.

Chuck Fritz will catch up with us next month.

In the meantime remember with everyone's help "Driving the Dixie" event will be a fun day for everyone involved. Here are some pictures from the past.

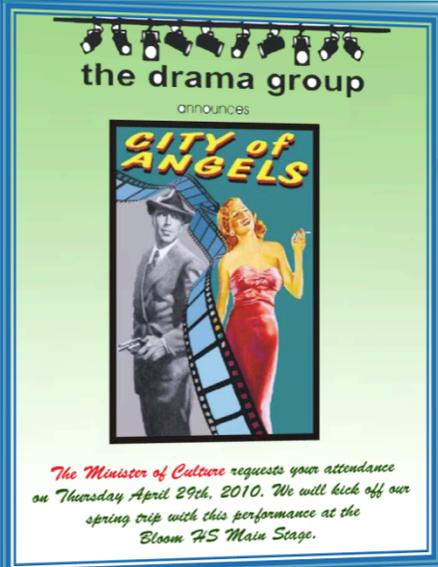


DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE

By Jim Wright



Danville is the southern most point on the Dixie Highway in Illinois. Founded in 1827, the city is one of the oldest in the state and served as an important post on the Illinois fur trade route between Vincennes, Indiana and Chicago of John Jacob Astor's American Fur Company managed by Gurdon Saltonstall Hubbard. This route became known as Hubbard's Trail and was later designated Illinois' first state road or Illinois Route 1. South of Chicago Heights, the Dixie Highway closely follows this historic route today. Danville became a major industrial and commercial center in eastern Illinois in the late 19th and early twentieth centuries as this photo from the mid-1920's of Main Street, the Dixie Highway, in the city's downtown illustrates. Today, the city is home to about 33,000 people.



The night before the Spring Trip we will have an opportunity to attend this event. It will be a chance to see Jon Lisota's first efforts in the field of Drama!

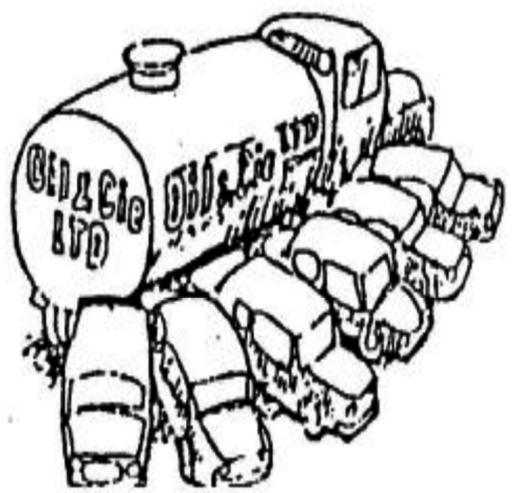
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"A" WORD SEARCH

Find the words, they may be forward backward, up, down, sideways, or diagonal.

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this puzzle was "borrowed" from The Sparton, Hangtown A's - Placerville, Ca.



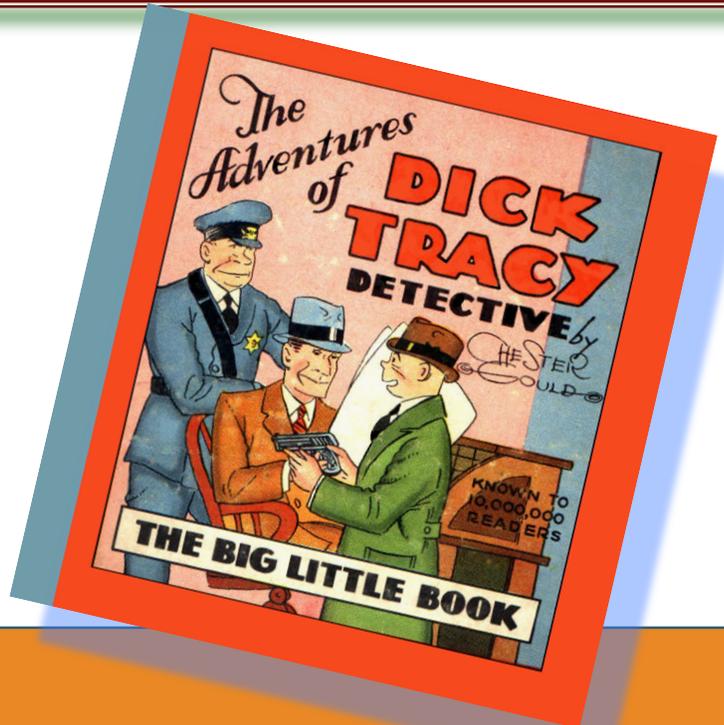
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Galena Illinois April 29th – May 2nd

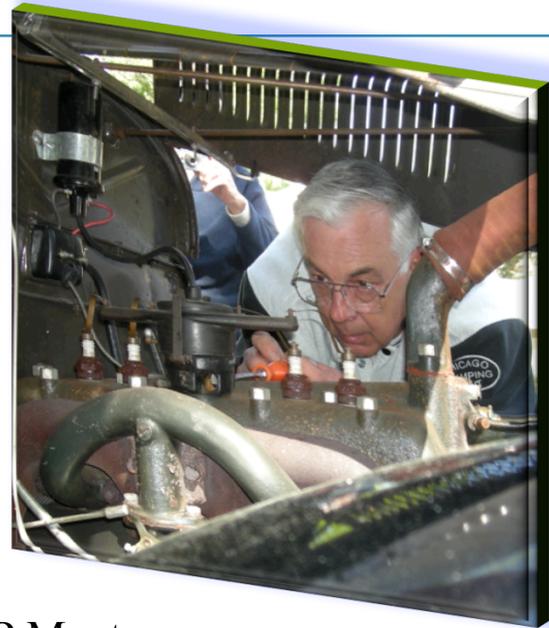
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Dick Tracy 1930 Strip #13



Jon Lisota: Motor Medic



Hi everyone.

The tech talk was held 3/9/2010, at 6 P.M. at my garage. We had at least a dozen guys show up. Thanks to who ever brought some of the snacks. We had Tim Borchert 2 dr. sedan, to use for a brakes seminar. Tim's car had been sitting in a museum for thirty some years. It was supposed to have been redone mechanically. Tim made the comment that he had to plan well in advance when he wanted to stop. We found that, even though it had new linings all around, it was really not safe to drive. But Tim drove a good 45 mph anyway. After removing the hubs. We found his front main brake levers were pretty much straight up and down. These should be at least fifteen degrees forward. Due to wear in the wedges and actuating rods, we needed to install, brake pills. These fit into the wedge and the rods sit on top of them. This takes the play out of the system. It pushes the brake-actuating rod back to the desired fifteen degrees. On Tim's car, it took two pills on each front wheel. We then had to readjust the brake rods. They now would not fit, due to the arm being moved forward where it belonged. Once this was done, we reinstalled the drums and adjusted the brake shoes. With a couple of re-adjustments, Tim now has brakes that lock up and have no more squeals. Thanks to Tim for the use of his car for the tech talk. Hopefully in the future we can do a rear-end. This will be a much longer tech talk, so we are thinking of, instead of breakfast, we would, meet on a Saturday and do a rear-end rebuild. Well let you know when this is all put together. Till next time.

Jon

A's R Us Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2010

Meeting Location: Home of Phil & Nancy Serviss
Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Meeting was called to order by President Chuck Fritz There was one correction to last month's minutes. Our scheduled outing for August 15th will be at Cantigny.

Joe Krygowski introduced our new club member Jim Leib. Jim is from Orland Park, and purchased Herman Senkpeil's coupe.

Treasurer's report: Jim Wright. A full detailed report will be available at our next meeting for those wishing to review. Motion to accept by Jon Lisota and second by Sandy Kaleta.

MEMBER NEWS: Bill Thornburg joined us tonight and is doing well. Linnea Fritz is doing well with her chemo treatments.

DRIVING THE DIXIE: The next meeting date is set for April 10th. Chuck will confirm the meeting time and location. Chuck expressed frustration with the progress, as the club has not received a great deal of information from participating towns. Joe Krygowski is updating the maps, and information. Karen Kolenda will re-create the participation list.

BANQUET: A big thank you to Bob & Robin Rodriguez for a great job. Bob Steinmetz expressed concern about having a bigger member turnout. We will revisit this at a later date.

SHAKEDOWN CRUISE: Tim Borchert and Chuck Fritz will finalize the plans. We may be returning home later than usual.

TECH TALK: The next tech talk will be April 6th at 6:00 pm. Meeting will be at Bob Steinmetz garage in Frankfort. The topic will be head light alignment.

BREAKFAST MEETING: The group will meet April 24th 8:30 am at the Peachtree Restaurant, Rt. 30 & Governors Highway.

EMERGENCY FORMS: Will be included with the April newsletter. Please update your form, put in a sealed envelope with your name on outside. Bring with you to the next meeting.

CHI TOWN CRUISE: Ken Chamis asked if anyone will be attending the cruise this year. The event will begin in Crestwood, traveling down Cicero Ave. The event is Sunday June 13th, with proceeds going to the Ronald McDonald House.

IL VETERANS HOME OUTING: Set for June 12th at 1:00 pm. Bob Steinmetz suggested going to the Antique Mall prior. Suggestion was made for breakfast meeting prior. Jim Wright will inquire and we will discuss further at our next meeting.

HOMEWOOD JULY 4TH PARADE: Due to the Sunday Holiday, as to not conflict with church, the parade will be held Saturday July 3rd at 11:0 am, lineup at 10:30. More information to follow.

JOLIET JACKHAMMERS GAME: August 21st 7:10 pm. Chuck would like a tentative headcount by our next meeting.

SPRING TOUR: All rooms have been reserved.

PICNIC: Dale asked if anything has been secured for this year's picnic. Nothing has been set as of yet.

CAMP QUALITY DONATIONS: Dale is still awaiting contact from Camp Quality. Nancy Serviss will provide a list of organizations with upcoming events.

This March meeting is the last meeting for Ben & Nettye Heppner. They will be relocating to Wisconsin. We wish them well, and hope to keep in touch. In closing, Ben won this month's split the pot of \$35.

There were \$3 in no badge fines.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Submitted by: Dale Chamis

Up and coming meeting locations:

April: Ken & Dale Chamis

May: Tim & Connie Borchert

June thru Sept: Steinmetz Garage in Frankfort

Oct: Wally & Kay Ekstrom

Nov: Ken & Dale Chamis

Dec: TBA

Up Coming Calendar of 2010 Events

Wednesday April 21 Meeting: Ken & Dale Chamis House
4924 timber Ct. Oak Forest, IL 60452

Tuesday April 6th: Headlight aiming at Bob's garage

Saturday April 10th: **Driving the Dixie Meeting.** Meet at Maxwells in Beecher around 8:30am and then the meeting is at 10:00am at the Washington Township Hall in Beecher.

Saturday April 17th: Shakedown Cruise

Thursday April 29th: City of Angles Play @ Bloom High School
Jon Lisota gets around in a play for the first time!

Friday thru Sunday April 30, May 1st & 2nd: **Spring Trip**

Sunday August 15th: Morton Arboretum Picnic

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April 15th will soon be here!

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