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Time to Exposure Myself!

Just seeing if you're reading the newsletter. Four A Models and a modern iron will be taking off for a six-day trip down to Tell City IN on Tuesday, the 8th of Sept. As all of you know the un-planned adventures are the best. Meeting new people along the way and seeing towns we have no other reason to go thru other than that they are off the beaten path. 80-year-old cars doing 800 miles in a week. Piece of Cake! See you when we get back,

Phil

Header Picture:

**Who is this feline?
Drive the Dixie to find
out. Oct 8,9,10**

*The Carp
Editor in Chief*

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- Camp Quality
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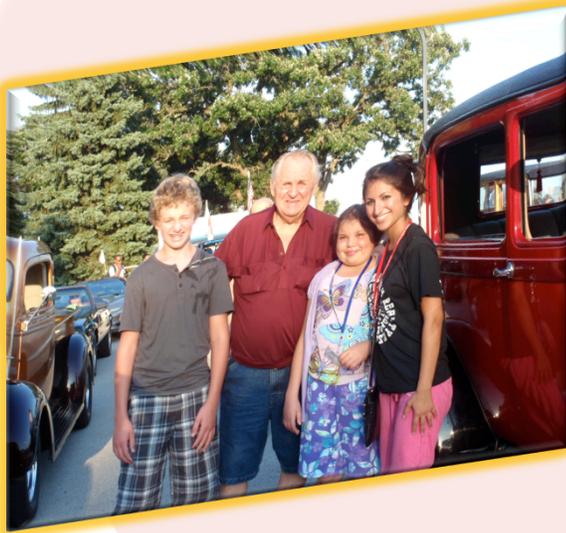
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Camp Quality

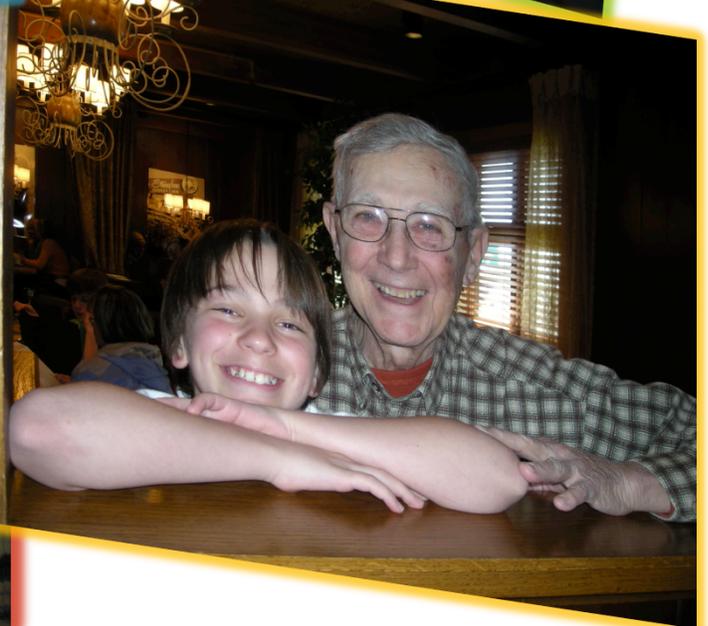
Camp Quality is all about fun. Cancer is NOT fun. So Camp strives to give children a break from the treatment and misery of the disease. The week of camp also gives a break to parents. Any child age 5 to 17 who has been diagnosed with cancer is

welcome to attend this one-week summer camp. Each child is assigned to a carefully chosen companion. This one-on-one relationship provides for excellent care and supervision, and usually develops into a close friendship, which lasts throughout the year. Doctors and nurses are at camp on a 24/7 basis. There is no charge to families.

A'sRUS participated in a night out with the kids August 3rd with 9+ A's in a group that totaled 87+ cars for a ride and ice cream in Frankfort, IL.



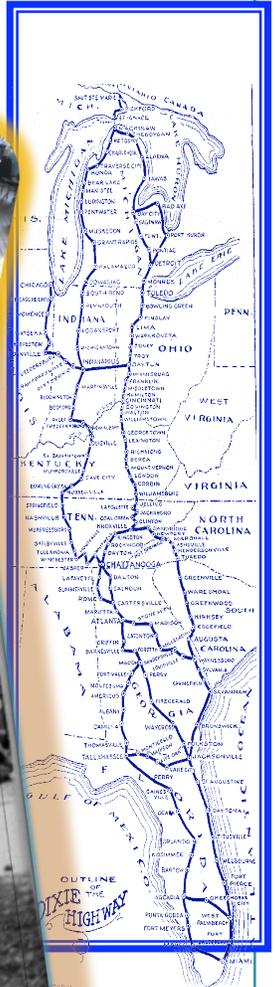
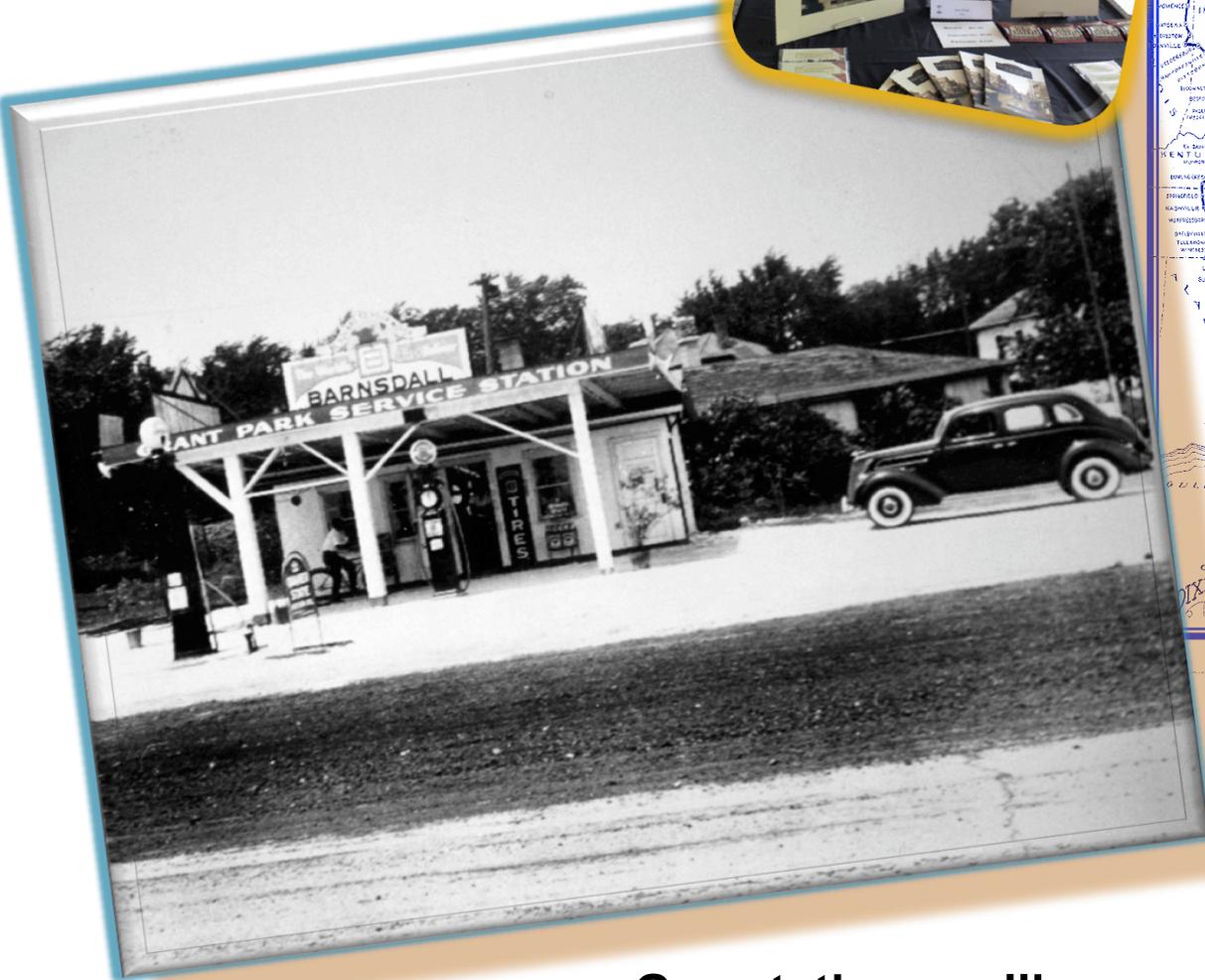
SHAKE DOWN PORTAGE IN. APRIL 17TH 2010





DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE

By Jim Wright



Gas stations selling a variety of brands were a common sight on the Dixie Highway in Illinois. The Grant Park Service Station was located on the curve of Main Street, the Dixie Highway, on the south end of town. The station sold Barnsdall Oil products. The Oklahoma based company proclaimed itself as “The World’s Finest Refiner” and also touted the slogan “Be Square to Your Motor” on station signage. Today a modern Shell gas station and convenience store occupy the site.



**Tuesday Sept
14th Time 6:00PM
At
Jon's GARAGE**

**We will be installing a new Motor in Steve's car
and or Lifting the body off a frame to check for VIN # on Ken's Car.
511 West Stanton Lane Crete, IL.**

Exposure Trip to Tell City, IN



Join us along the way

Sept. 7 th	Turkey Run	Reservations	765-597-2211
Sept 8 th & 9 th	Tell City, IN	Reservations	812-547-0800
Sept 10 th	Princeton, IN	Reservations	812-385-2400
Sept. 11 th	Terre Haute, IN	Reservations	812-232-6081
Sept. 12 th	Home		

A's R Us Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2010

Meeting Location: Steinmetz Garage

Call to Order: 7:05 pm - 23 members attending; 1 guest

President Chuck Fritz called meeting to order. Minutes from the July meeting were read; one correction was noted in reference to No Badge fines for July. Motion to accept by Bob S and 2nd by Jon Lisota.

Member News: Chuck is happy to report Linnea has completed her treatments, and recent tests showed no signs of tumor. Robin Rodriguez's mom is doing well.

Treasurers Report: was read by Jim Wright.

NEWSWORTHY: Thank you to Marlene Krygowski for your efforts with the article published in the Southtown Star featuring the Poulson family. The club is hopeful the article makes it to the Restorer. Jon Lisota put a thread up on the Ford Barn and to date there have been 130 views nationwide!

OLD BUSINESS:

PICNIC: Thanks again to Jon Lisota for providing a cooling station for our food. Games were great; thank you to Arlene McNeely and Irene Rauch for providing games for the kids.

CAMP QUALITY: A's R Us was represented by 7 model A's and one corvette. 83 cars total and 87 guests from Camp Quality.

CLUB FUNDING: Chuck Fritz presented to the club the need to establish a "budget" or guideline to be established for club functions. With further discussion, Phil suggested past expenses be reviewed as a starting point. Ken Chamis and Henry both suggested a committee be designated to do this and present to the club. Bob Steinmetz made a motion, which was unanimously agreed. The committee will be Ken Chamis, Tim Borchert, Jim Wright, and Tim Botts. Chuck Fritz and Dale Chamis as current board members will also be involved.

UPCOMING BUSINESS/EVENTS:

Joliet Jack Hammers Outing: August 21st 7:10 pm.

EXPOSURE TOUR: Leave date is September 7th. A small group of 4 are going and will meet for a leisurely breakfast in Beecher at 7:00 am. for a 650 miles roundtrip. Expect the unexpected! Bob Steinmetz suggests members check their wheel bearing!

FALL TRIP: 10/8,10/9, &10/10. Rooms are still available. This is the 95th anniversary of the original motorcade. Jim has several stops planned along the way. We will visit the veteran's home and provide photos. It was suggested to use the "Chuck Wagon" for our meals; which will include a picnic lunch on Friday. Some members will meet downtown at the Art Institute Thursday October 7th for publicity exposure with our friends at ABC 7, and hopeful FOX News. Ken McNeely is hopeful RFD TV will also be doing a segment as well. Jim Wright has a "special treat" planned for our trip home.

LABOR DAY PARADE: Sunday September 5th. Additional information will be sent via email. (Wally was out of town)

BREAKFAST MEETING: September 18th 8:30 am Peachtree Restaurant (Rt 30 & Pulaski)

TECH TALK: Jon Lisota's house Tuesday September 14th 6:00 pm.

Split the pot of \$37.50 to Jim Wright. Topic will be water pump rebuild.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Details to come later. Awaiting confirmation that Granko's will once again plan this event.

BANQUET: Details to come later. Awaiting confirmation that Rodriguez's will again plan this event.

MAFCA DUES: Ken Chamis reminded members to fill out the pink registration card, and give to our treasurer along with appropriate fee. All registrations will be submitted as a club through Jim Wright.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Dale thanked the club and everyone for their support and donations for her son and his fellow company. 10 boxes are packed and ready for shipment to Afghanistan.

Krabbe Disease Fund Raiser: Ken asked members to join us in November (details to follow later) at Gaelic Park for this event. Longtime friends of Ken lost a child to this illness. Cost is approximately \$20 per person, and all proceeds are used to assist families dealing with this disease. To learn more about the disease, the foundation and the Hammonds Family, go to www.liamsmemorialfoundation.org.

Split the pot of \$37.50 went to Jim Wright. Motion to adjourn made by Bob S/2nd by Joe K.

Danville, IL Fall Reservations

**Reserve now for the trip down the
Exciting Dixie Highway!**

Days Inn
77 N. Gilbert Street
Danville, IL 61832
217-443-6600

21 rooms Blocked under name **A's R Us** for October 8 and 9, 2010
Mixed King and Double/Double rooms all at \$73.99 plus tax per night.

Up and coming meeting locations:

June thru Sept: Steinmetz Garage in Frankfort

Oct: Wally & Kay Ekstrom

Nov: Ken & Dale Chamis

Dec: TBA

Up Coming Calendar of 2010 Events

Tuesday-Sunday September 6th-12th: Exposure trip to southern Indiana.

Tuesday September 14th: Tech Talk Jon Lisota's garage 5:30

Wednesday September 15th: MAFCA & Club Dues Due

Friday, Saturday, Sunday October 8th, 9th, and 10th
Fall Trip to Danville, IL

September 2010

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November 2010

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Banquet Queen – Robin Rodriguez



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Nancy showing kids the car at a Pre-school in Clay City, IN



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