



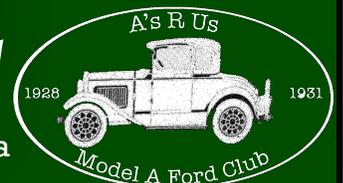
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# BACKFIRE

Chicago Southland Chapter, Model A Ford Club of America



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Our largest club activity has another year behind us. A lot of work goes into events like this with a few main drivers to keep direction and focus on the front end and a larger contingent of members on the ground to make a great event happen the day of. I would like to thank Tim Borchert (President), Joe Krygrowski (Maps), and Jim Wright (treasure). While their jobs were important in keeping the direction, the rest of the club filled-in other important jobs. Dale, Connie and Karen handled Driver's check-in, while the Poker run was by Sandy and Charlene. Other jobs that you may have thought as small had immense consequences in keeping the trip enjoyable for the drivers. From stamping to parking to greeting. The others in the club that had involvement are on the list is on the next page. I'm grateful for the help given by "All" to make this our most successful Drive Yet.



*The Carp  
Editor in Chief*

**Header Picture:**

The art of Richard Haas is at once entirely realistic and quite fantastic. Homewood is the home to this great Artwork.

*Phil*

Here are the people that volunteered, and the jobs they had.

Signs, stamps, and pads. Bob Steinmetz

Cash and change for registration table ..... Jim Wright

Canopies (3)..... Jon Lisota, Tim Borchert

Tables and chairs..... Phil Serviss

Signage placed morning of the event..... Wally Ekstrom, Bob Steinmetz and Ron Bonneau.

Signage sweep at the end of the day ..... Bob Steinmetz

Poker run and 10 in a bag ..... Al/Sandy & Irv/Char

Shirts ..... Bob Steinmetz

Go to Person: ..... Tim Borchert

Greeters:..... Wally Ekstrom and Ken Chamis

Secret “Stamps”: ..... Chuck Fritz, Ron Bonneau, and Tim Dionne.

Locations:..... Posen, Hazel Crest, Beecher (we need to know who will be taking each spot)

High Street Traffic:..... Steve Coe

Registration: ..... Linnea Fritz, Dale Chamis, Karen Kolenda

Cashier: ..... Jim Wright, Connie Borchert

Poker Run & 10 in the bag:..... Al and Sandy Kaleta, Irv and Char Darnall

Jebens Traffic:..... Chuck Fritz

Memorial Park Traffic:..... Jon Lisota

Chicago Heights Parking/Car show..... Jim Wright (We need at least two more people for this location)

**Besides our club, the coordination the towns made with venues and vendors is as big of a job along the 60-mile drive. Planning town events to coincide with the drive is another job of people we don't even know. The cooperation the “*Driving the Dixie*” town representatives had to get amongst their participants who opened their businesses or contributed their time or donations to make this all come together is *HUGE*. All for our Drivers to see as “seamless”, we hope. What a big job for a great event in the South Suburbs! Thanks everyone for the Effort!**



# Drivers



# 140+ "Driving the Dixie"



# A's On the Dixie



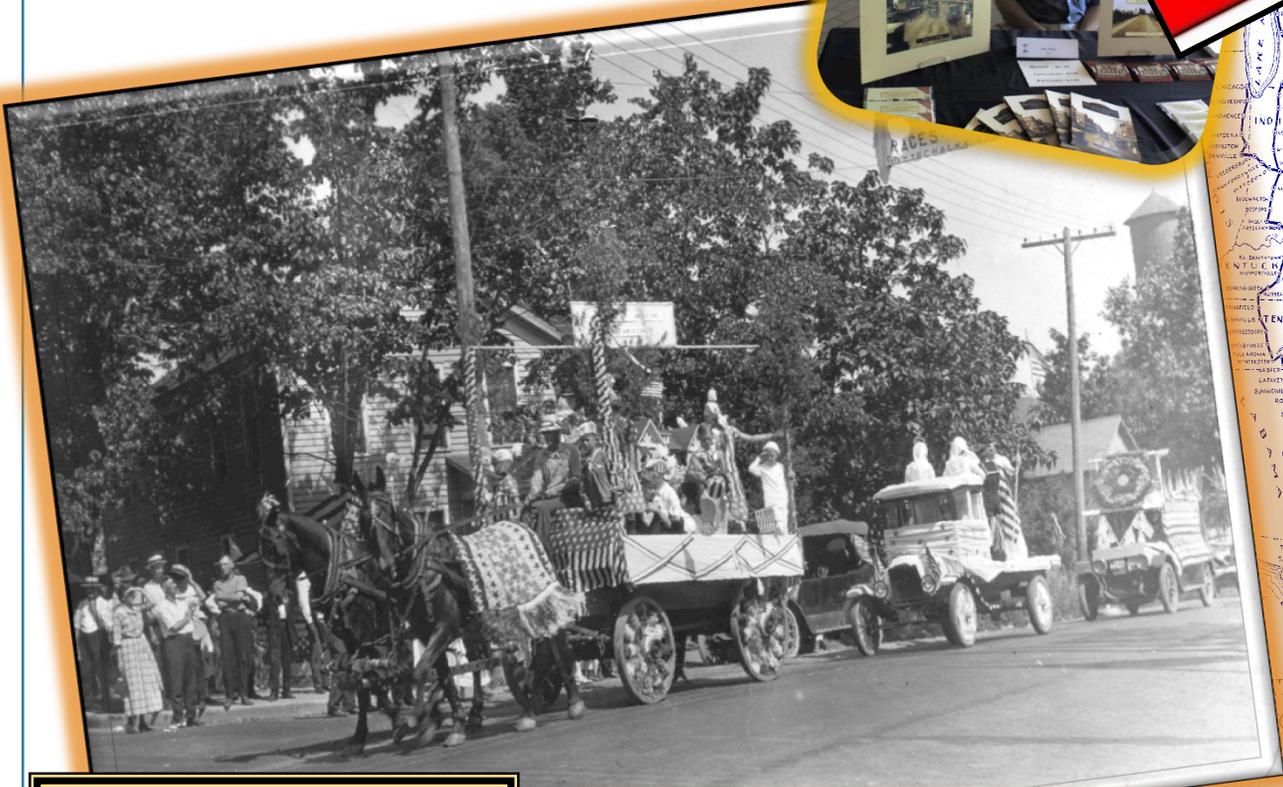


# Business



# DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE

By Jim Wright



This year over a dozen A's R Us Model A's paraded down the Dixie Highway in Homewood's annual 4th of July parade. The Dixie Highway is Homewood's "main" street and has been the scene of countless parades and other celebrations over the years. As with this years parade, a variety of vehicles and floats were present to help celebrate our nation's independence 91 years ago in Homewood's 4th of July parade on July 4, 1921. Like then, the parade is still followed by a community picnic with games and entertainment for all.



# Exposure Tour 2012!

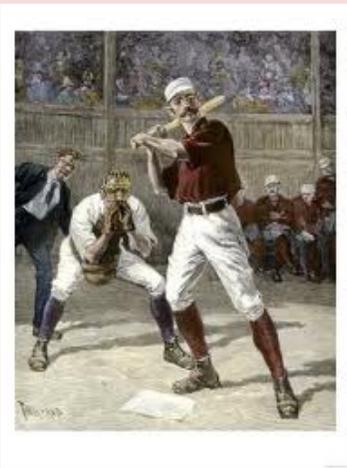
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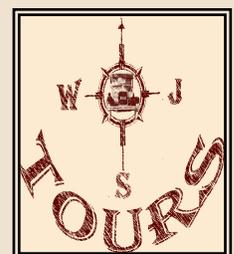
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## A'S R US MEETING MINUTES

June 20, 1012

**MEETING LOCATION:** Bob's Garage in Frankfort

**CALL TO ORDER AT:** 7:10 PM and meeting was chaired by Ken Chamis, vice president Jason Burton was introduced as a new A'SRUS member. Jason lives in downtown Chicago and works in conjunction with the town of Pontiac. The minutes of the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting were corrected to read Forever Forest Model A Club and approved as corrected.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Jim turned in a financial report comparing expenses/profits from 2011 vs. 2012 Driving the Dixie. He reported we had 132 registrants for the Poker Run/10 in a Bag. There was discussion regarding finding a new source to print future window stickers and Jim reminded the group to turn in any outstanding bills soon. Report was approved as presented.

**FAMILY NEWS:** Joe and Marlene attended this meeting and surprised us at the Lunch stop on Driving the Dixie. Both are improving. Linnea was diagnosed with MRSA and is still scheduled for surgery on June 28<sup>th</sup> to remove the tumor.

**OLD BUSINESS: Events Calendar:** Jim reported on the Manteno Veterans Home and the date of 9/22 was chosen for our visit. **Reminder:** the Deep River Grinders Baseball game is Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup> not as listed in the Newsletter Events Calendar.

**Recap of Drivin the Dixie event :** Bob reported there were positive comments from the participants, improvement in stops and flow of traffic was noted and Thank You's were received for a wonderful event. It was discussed that No fliers were handed out which listed the donors of the many gifts that were given away. The process of claiming the gifts and the need for everyone in the vehicle to have a passport were discussed at length. Wally suggested we attend a wrap up meeting with the Drivin the Dixie Committee. Date and time will be posted. Bob recommended a club meeting prior to the Drivin the Dixie Event for future years, to iron out the rough edges. Flossmoor Garage, Scotts Garage and Midwest Car Exchange were generous donors for this event. It was proposed that our president send letters of thanks and that the club members try to give them our business. Jon noted that Tim is very good about sending letters; Ken suggested we check with Tim to see if they have already been sent.

**Fall Trip: 9/28,29 & 30<sup>th</sup>.** Jim reminded the membership that rooms are blocked and they should make their reservations. Suites: \$109.00 / night, King and Queen rooms \$89.00 / night. More information will follow.

**Exposure Trip:** more information to follow.

**Picnic: July 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Jon & Yvonne will co-ordinate the menu, Membership will bring a Side and Dessert and Irv & Char will co-ordinate the games for the children. It is still unsure if the Highland Club is joining us, they have to be contacted.

**NEW BUSINESS: 4th of July Parade Homewood Parade** begins at 10:00PM (Line up at St Joe/Homewood Library parking lot 17949 Dixie Hwy), a **Pot Luck Lunch** follows at Phil & Nancys home and then the **Beecher Parade** follows around 4:00PM.

**Balmoral Races:** Wally proposed an evening for a dinner/race. October 20<sup>th</sup> was discussed, dinner (buffet) 6:30-8:30PM; we would have a race dedicated to our club and pictures taken. The price was \$28.69 per person (no alcohol included).

**Teen-Bridge** is having another **Cruise Night Fundraiser on Wednesday July 25<sup>th</sup> 5:00-8:00PM.** It will include dinner and a car show. Awards will be given at 7:00PM **CHIK FI LETE on 157<sup>th</sup> and LaGrange.**

**Ken proposed** a viewing of a private collection of cars from England, Australia and Italy. The membership expressed interested, he stated he will look into it further.

**Cruise Nights:** It was proposed that the club be more active in area Cruise Nights. It was accepted that we start with a cruise night in Crete, Monday July 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Weddings:** Wally reported that he would need 7 cars for the wedding on Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup>; The Cortege will meet at 7:30PM at the Faith United Church in Beecher and drive the bridal party to Bolt Field for the reception. Jim said he would come with his fire chief car to lead the cortege. The bride agreed to a donation.

A second Wedding was discussed, for September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Wally will have more information.

**Ken proposed** working with Jason to plan a 2-3 day event in Pontiac. Jason stated he will contact Tim from Pontiac and get back to us.

**Tech Talk:** July 5<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM Jon's Garage Misc. problems were discussed.

**Breakfast:** July 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:30AM Peachtree Restaurant

**Next months mtg:** July 18<sup>th</sup> at Jon & Yvonne Lisotas

Badges: \$2.00            50/50 \$62.00    Wally \$31.00

**Adjourn:** 8:50 PM Thanks again to Bob for his hospitality and keeping the garage COOL.....

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: SANDY KALETA  
SECRETARY

## **Up and coming meeting locations:**

### **Up Coming Calendar of 2012 Events**

**Meeting Wednesday July 18th: Jon and Yvonne's home. Crete**

**Exposure Trip to: Cincinnati, Ohio September 4<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Fall trip: South Bend, IN September 28,29,30**

**July 18 Wed Meeting at Jon & Yvonne, Crete**

***Aug 10<sup>th</sup> Friday Homewood wedding w/4-5 cars***

**Aug 7 Tue Camp Quality – Meet at the Trolley Barn, Frankfort  
15 Wed Meeting at Irv & Char Darnall, Peotone**

**21 Sun Grinders Ball Game led by Tim & Pat Bots**

***Sept. 2 Sunday Wedding Possible***

**Sept. 5-10 6 Day Trip to Springfield-Cincinnati led by Phil Serviss**

**19 Wed Meeting at Joe & Marlene Krygowski, New Lenox**

**28-30 3 Day – Fall Tour to South Bend, IN led by WSJ Tours**

**Oct 17 Wed Meeting & Auction at Wally & Kay Ekstrom Crete**

**Nov 21 Wed Meeting at Chuck & Linnea Fritz, Park Forest**

**December 5<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party?**

# A's R Us 2012 officers and Staff

- President – Tim Borchert
- Vice President – Ken Chamis / Treasure – Jim Wright / Secretary – Sandy Kaleta
- Newsletter – Phillip Serviss
- Member Relations – Joe Krygowski
- Web Page – Joe Krygowski
- Parade Coordinator – Wally Ekstrom
- Director of Safety – Ron Bonneau
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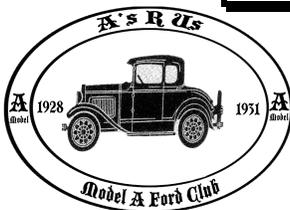
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