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BACKFIRE



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Here is a look back thanks to Ken

Chamis. Our newsletter dated April 1999... May 14, 15, 16 will be a trip to Greenfield Village, and August 27, 28, and 29th will be a trip to Turkey Run. Seems like not that long ago, but then again seems like a lifetime ago. Appears that we drove modern vehicles on that trip, and it was "sunny with just a sprinkle of rain" And those who remember, that's the first time we encountered our purchasing of the famous Oscar Mayer wiener whistles. June of that year also got us courtesy of Paul Hankowitz a private tour of the Schaff Museum. In that museum we saw an array of antique farm tractors back to 1910, cars, gas pumps, combines, and even a doll collection. And even way back when was a mention made of going around the lake during the fall. Been personally waiting for that and glad it's going to happen this year! July 1st was the first Crete cruise night, with 8 Model A's in attendance. We met a lot of nice people during that time.

Header Picture: April 1937. "Buttermilk Junction, Martin County, Indiana." Fill 'er up with Ethyl and Acidophilus. Medium-format nitrate negative by Russell Lee.



*The Carp
Editor in Chief*

Phil Serviss, Editor

Presidents Comments

Well, it doesn't feel so bad now that it is finally getting colder and there is a light dusting of snow on the ground. When it stayed warm for so long, I just wanted to get the A out of storage and drive it. But with so little heat coming off of the manifold heater, I'm ok now with keeping the A in the garage. I am putting together my list of items I wanted to add or change out this spring. New engine pans, LED taillights and work on the stain on the back seat. I'm sure that we all have a list of to do's. It will be long and we all will be checking off our lists. Every day that goes by is another day closer to driving time.



While digging through the parts catalogs, I came across an idea that sounded interesting. Last summer I used only water in my radiator and did not add any rust inhibitor. When I winterized the car in the fall I saw that the water was rusty. I know that some of this rust is probably clogging-up my radiator. The idea I came across was to use one of Connie's old nylon stocking to make a cooling system filter. Drain about a gallon of water/coolant from the system and remove the upper radiator hose. Insert the stocking toe down into the hose a few inches. Next lip the upper section of the stocking over the hose and reattach the hose to the radiator. Trim off the excess nylon material. And refill the radiator. When the car is started the water will carry the stocking up into the radiator and act as a filter. They tell me the filter will catch allot of junk. I am going to give it a try.

I am looking forward to our spring trip to the Gilmore Model A museum. I saw the agenda for the grand opening celebrations. Saturday is a full day and we, along with hundreds of other model A'ers, will get to park our cars near the Museum and enjoying the live music, garage works tours and historic lectures. I sounds like it will crowded but that will be half the fun. To see more about the museum campus and the other museums on the grounds take a look of their web site – www.gilmorecarmuseum.org . There is allot of good stuff going on that weekend.

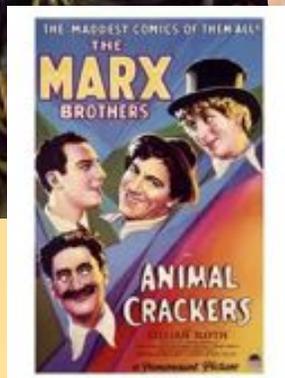
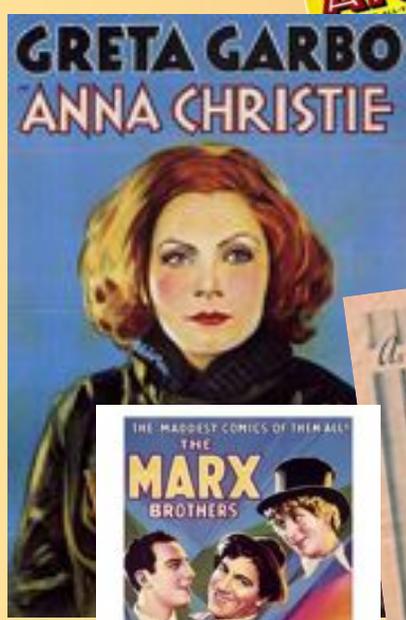
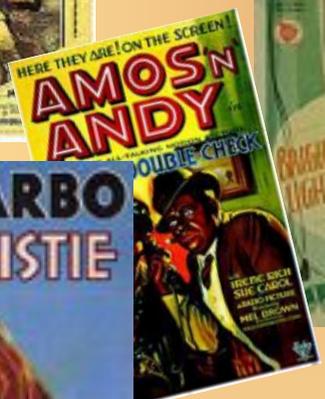
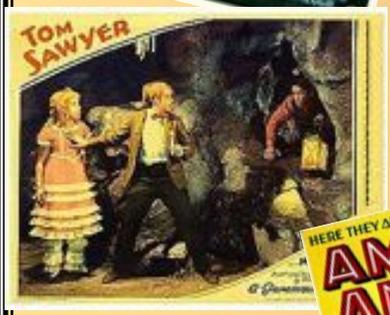
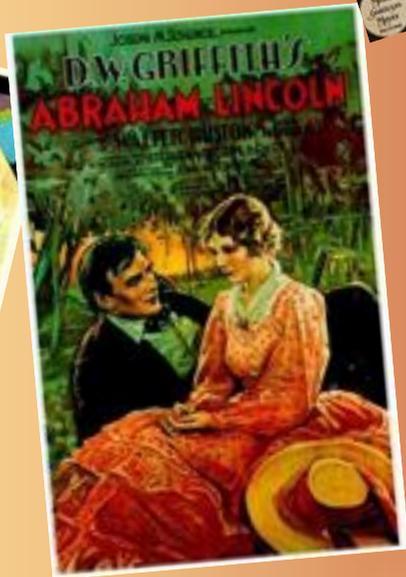
But for now, hunker down, stay warm and sit down in your easy chair – one of the few times in the year when you don't have to worry about leaving an oil spot on the furniture after sitting in you're A.

1920's-1930's Era Fashions

1930s Classic Hollywood Looks



1930 films



Jon Lisota: Motor Medic



Modern Parts numbers to use

Try these modern equivalents:

Electrical:

Motorcraft DC-1 Condenser

Motorcraft DP104 Point Set

Points CS30 Echlin (original style)

Points CS751 Echlin (new Ford style)

Condenser FA5 Echlin

Rotor FA3 Echlin

Condenser-Mallory Dist MA3 Echlin

Starter Brushes F502 Echlin

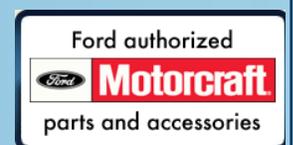
Spark Plug 561 Champion (W16Y)

Spark Plug 3X Champion (avail on special order)

Coil (6 volt) IC9 Echlin

Coil (12 volt) IC14 Echlin (w/built in resistor)

Generator Cutout CU1 Echlin



“Michi gami” Circle Tour

1,100 Mile Odyssey

September 7 – 14, 2013



The Lake Michigan Circle Tour route is the culmination of innovation and hard work by visionary Jack Morgan of the Michigan Department of Transportation. Just 14 months after Morgan introduced his Circle Tour concept in 1987, agreement to designate and fund it was reached between the governors of Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana. In 1998, the route was mapped and signs were posted along all 1100 miles of Lake Michigan's shoreline.



I am in the planning stages of the tour now and plan to split up the tour with a new lead car every day of the trip so everyone gets to enjoy the lead as well as following. The route will be finalized in the next few months as well as the stops for the night. As lead car you will have your route for the day well in advance of the trip and have the pleasure of finding attractions you may want to stop at along the way.

Phil



DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE

By Jim Wright



The Dixie Highway passes through 10 states. Indiana was the home to Carl G. Fisher, the man who first proposed the Dixie Highway at the end of 1914. Fisher, an entrepreneur from Indianapolis, was the head of the Prest-O-Lite Company, makers of automotive headlamp systems, and was also an organizer of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. In 1913 he was instrumental in garnering support for the Lincoln Highway and he used this experience to promote the Dixie Highway.

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By Jim Wright



In Indianapolis, the Dixie Highway follows Meridian Street downtown where it converges on Monument Circle, the center of town and the home of the city's Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument and the Indiana State Capitol building.

A'S R US MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2013

MEETING LOCATION: Phil & Nancy Serviss home

CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT TIM BORCHERT AT: 7:05 PM. Tim introduced the new board of officers for 2013. Minutes were read by Sandy and approved as corrected.

TREASURERS REPORT: Jim reported the following: Jim stated that only a few members have not paid their MAFCA dues.

FAMILY NEWS: Joe and Marlene were not physically up for the meeting, sorry guys we missed you. Linea was present and stated she is doing better. The Borcherts announced the arrival of their 5th grandchild; Titus was born over the holidays. Dale announced that Cory is now in Afghanistan and anyone wanting to send him goodies or mail can get his address from her. Dale further announced that the Senkpeil family is expecting 4 grandchildren between now and May.

OLD BUSINESS: Review of old business by Tim Bj: the Auction earned the club \$295.00. The December Crete Parade had a big turnout. The Homewood Parade resulted in damage to Al B's car and others from teens walking and bouncing on them while they were parked. There was discussion regarding the need for increased security in December of 2013.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion Topics: These topics were opened for discussion along with the presentation of the 2013 budget. **Items for consideration:** Club sponsored Car Show/ a Game Night/ Las Vegas night/banquet open for further discussion.

Club Clothing: the membership was in favor of more Club clothing and Dale offered to research colors and styles etc of available clothing. She also stated she would contact Nancy Poulsen re: embroidery. Dale said she hoped to have information available for our next meeting. It was stated that it would be very nice for the club to wear matching attire for the Gilmore Trip.

Chuck questioned the need of a bigger food trailer, 5x7 or 6x8, for better organization of the grill and food etc. Jon noted trailers of this size do not have brakes, but they could possibly work on that. Chuck is going to see what is available.

The Concept of Sponsorship was briefly discussed: eg: the club sponsoring a family, TeenBridge, Vets etc.

Phil reviewed our AED and emergency pack. It was discussed and approved to schedule another review of the equipment and a practice with the AED at an upcoming meeting. Phil questioned the need for more equipment and asked for membership input.

Minutes Continued:

2013 Budget: the budget committee met and did a great job with a proposed budget for 2013. Tim BJ did a line item review: D/O insurance \$50.00 was changed to \$75.00, and a designated amount of \$600.00 was budgeted for Donations. The budget was approved and accepted by the membership.

ON GOING BUSINESS: TRIPS: Jason proposed a day or overnight in Pontiac, IL. Pontiac is hosting a Prewar Festival on Saturday May 25th from 10:00-4:00. More discussion to follow, this event is the Saturday following our Spring Trip to Gilmore.

Exposure Trip: Phil briefly discussed the 1100-mile, 7-day trip around Lake Michigan. More information will follow in the next 2 months. He stated "if you are interested, call him."

Shake Down Cruise: Ken C. made stated it will be a Barn-Quilt tour prior to the Gilmore trip. More information to follow.

TECH TALK: Topic and date pending

Breakfast: January 26th, 8:30AM at Peachtree Restaurant.

Misc Discussions: 50/50 \$63.00 pot and Al Kaleta was the winner. \$5.00 collected in badge fines.

Irv made mention of: a Parts Swap on 2/17th 7:00-2:00; a Nostalgic Auto Show in Pekon, IL 3/30/13; Auto Restorers Club hosting a show 2/2 & 2/3; a Vintage Chevy Show on 1/20; and Peotone a Parts Swap on 3/17. Anyone interested can get more info from Irv.

Next month's mtg: February's meeting will be announced in the January Newsletter.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM. Tim thanked Nancy & Phil for the goodies and their hospitality. Thanks also to Diablo.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: SANDY KALETA
SECRETARY**



Gilmore Museum Grande Opening

May 17th and 18th 2013

Comfort Inn

622 Allegan Street

Plainwell, MI

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93.49 King or 2 Queens 99.10

Up and coming 2013 Events:

Meeting Wednesday February 20th: Steve Coe -

Park Forest Police station. 7:00pm 200 Lakewood Blvd. Park Forest, IL 60466

Gilmore MI, spring Trip: May 17th, 18th and 19th

Exposure Trip / Lake Michigan Circle Tour:

September 7th thru the 13th

March 20th	Meeting	Claude & Nancy Poulsen _____	Palos Park, IL. 11812 S. Glen Road
April 17 th	Meeting	Tim & Connie Borchert _____	Frankfort, IL. 22547 N. Pebble Lake Ct
May 15 th	Meeting	Bob Steinmetz _____	Frankfort, IL 24356 S. Harvest Hills Rd
June 19 th	Meeting	Bob Steinmetz _____	Frankfort, IL 24356 S. Harvest Hills Rd
July 17 th	Meeting	_____	
August 21 st	Meeting	Ken & Dale Chamis _____	Oak Forest, IL. 4924 Timber Court
September 18 th	Meeting	Al & Sandy Kaleta _____	Tinley Park, IL. 5035 W. 171 st
October 16 th	Meeting & Auction	Irv & Char Darnall _____	Peotone, IL. 30461 S. 120 th Ave.
November 22 nd	Meeting	Chuck & Linnea Fritz _____	Park Forest, IL. 537 Lakewood Ave.
December 11 th & Christmas Party	Meeting	Beggars Pizza ?? _____	New Lenox, IL.

A's R-Us free shipping offer from the Brassworks

Historically, The Brassworks has supported regional Model A clubs with advertising, gift certificates and raffle items for events or tours. We enjoy receiving newsletters, seeing photos from the outings and tours, & talking with club members & editors from across the country. These publications are a constant reminder of the fellowship of the hobby and great tool to bring new enthusiasts and members.

As the economy has changed and the scope of our work has grown, our ability to support smaller groups in this fashion has become increasingly difficult. To continue our support, the Brassworks will be offering your club a month of free shipping on Model A radiators placed directly with us. Your club can choose the month to coincide with a tour or special event. Contact The Brassworks after selecting which month suits your group for details.

Coupons will be issued through the www.thebrassworks.net website. Club members will be able to order online or call in with the coupon code. On the website there are photos of our radiators next to original Ford radiators and other useful information about our company and products. We look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks,

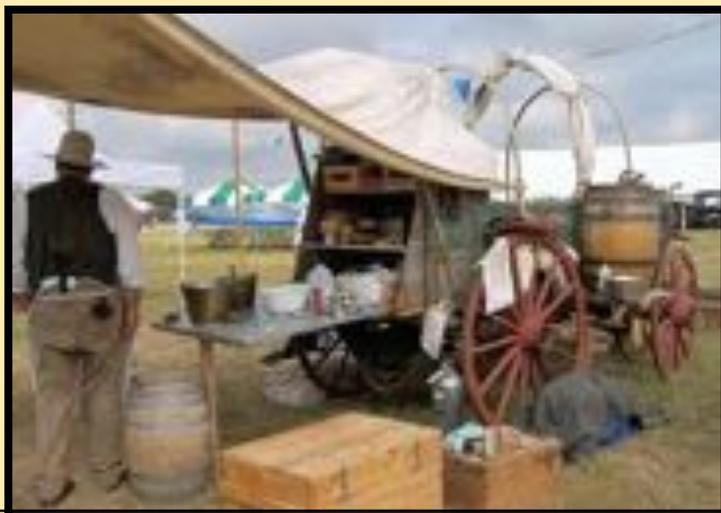
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New Chuck Wagon

A group of members have been talking and have may have secured a workable trailer to haul a grill, cooler, and supplies during our outings. At the



February meeting, we will be discussing the costs and be taking a vote on the desire to move forward, along with the budget for such a unit. The goal if approved will be to have it completed by the spring trip to Greenfield Village. This trailer would be able to be pulled by any Model A with a trailer hitch. I guess everybody but Wally

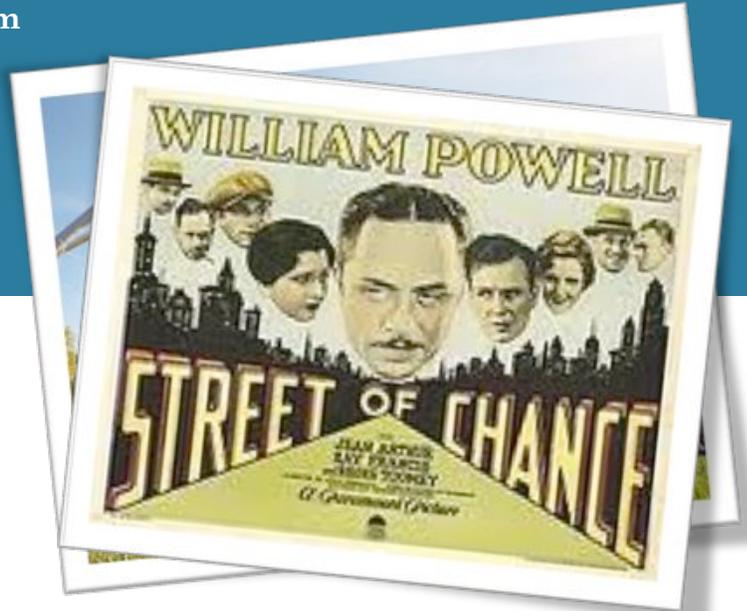
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- President – Tim Borchert
- Vice President – Irv Darnell / Treasure – Jim Wright / Secretary – Sandy Kaleta
- Newsletter – Phillip Serviss
- Member Relations – Joe Krygowski
- Web Page – Joe Krygowski
- Parade Coordinator – Wally Ekstrom
- Director of Safety – Ron Bonneau
- Nat'l Rep. – Marlene Krygowski
- Historian – Ken Chamis
- Sgt. At Arms Steve Coe
- Motor Medic - Jon Isota

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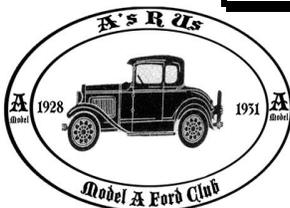
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Things yet to come.



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