

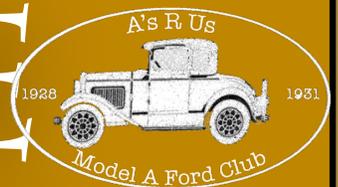


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BACKFIRE



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During this winter if you have the opportunity to help your neighbor with your snow blower please do. I have a neighbor that her husband works in Baltimore and his wife and mother are left home with the kids. So between Nancy and myself if we can we do help them out as they only have shovels. In other news the Exposure destination has been decided so look for more information to come.

Phil

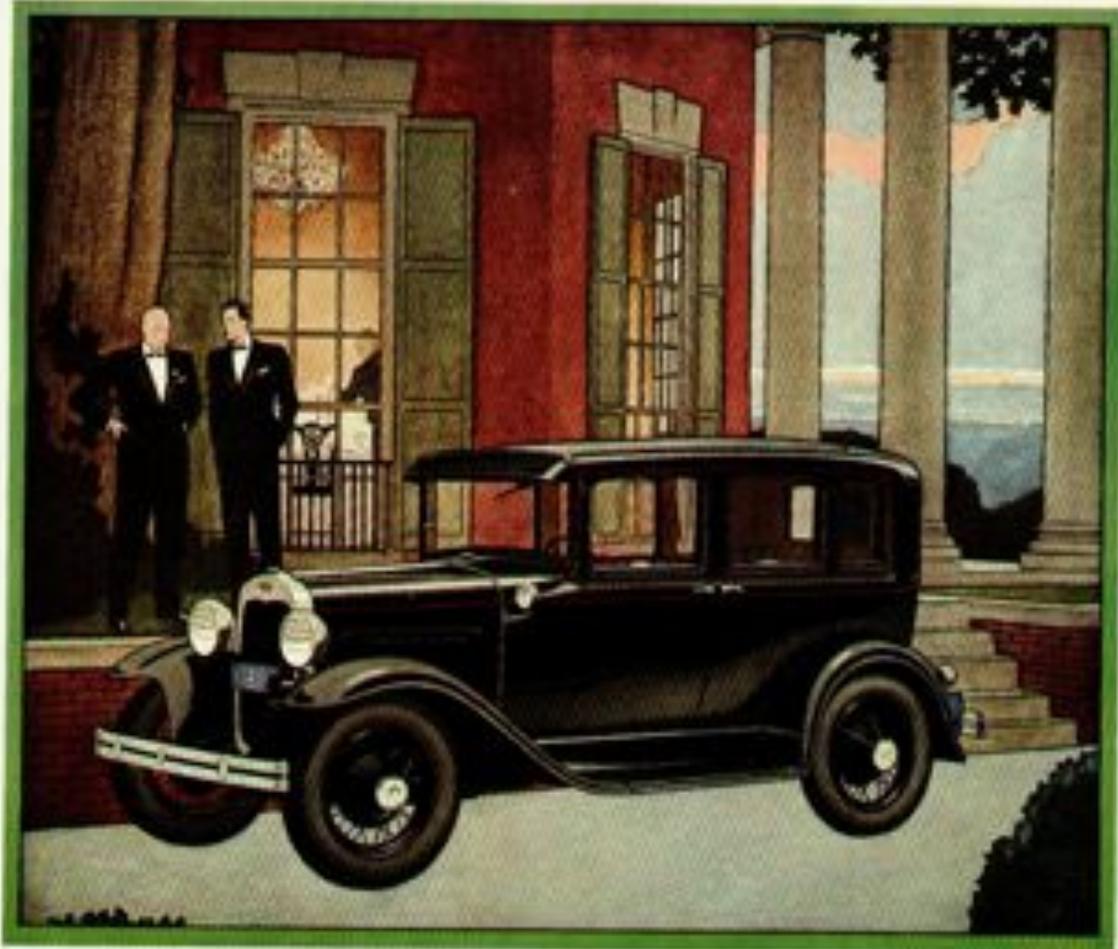


The Corp
Editor in Chief

Header Picture:

A model ford project car.

Beauty of line and mechanical excellence



THE NEW FORD TOWN SEDAN

BEAUTY has been built into the graceful flowing lines of the new Ford and there is an appealing charm in its fresh and varied harmony of color. Yet more distinctive even than this beauty of line and color is its alert and sprightly performance. * * * * *

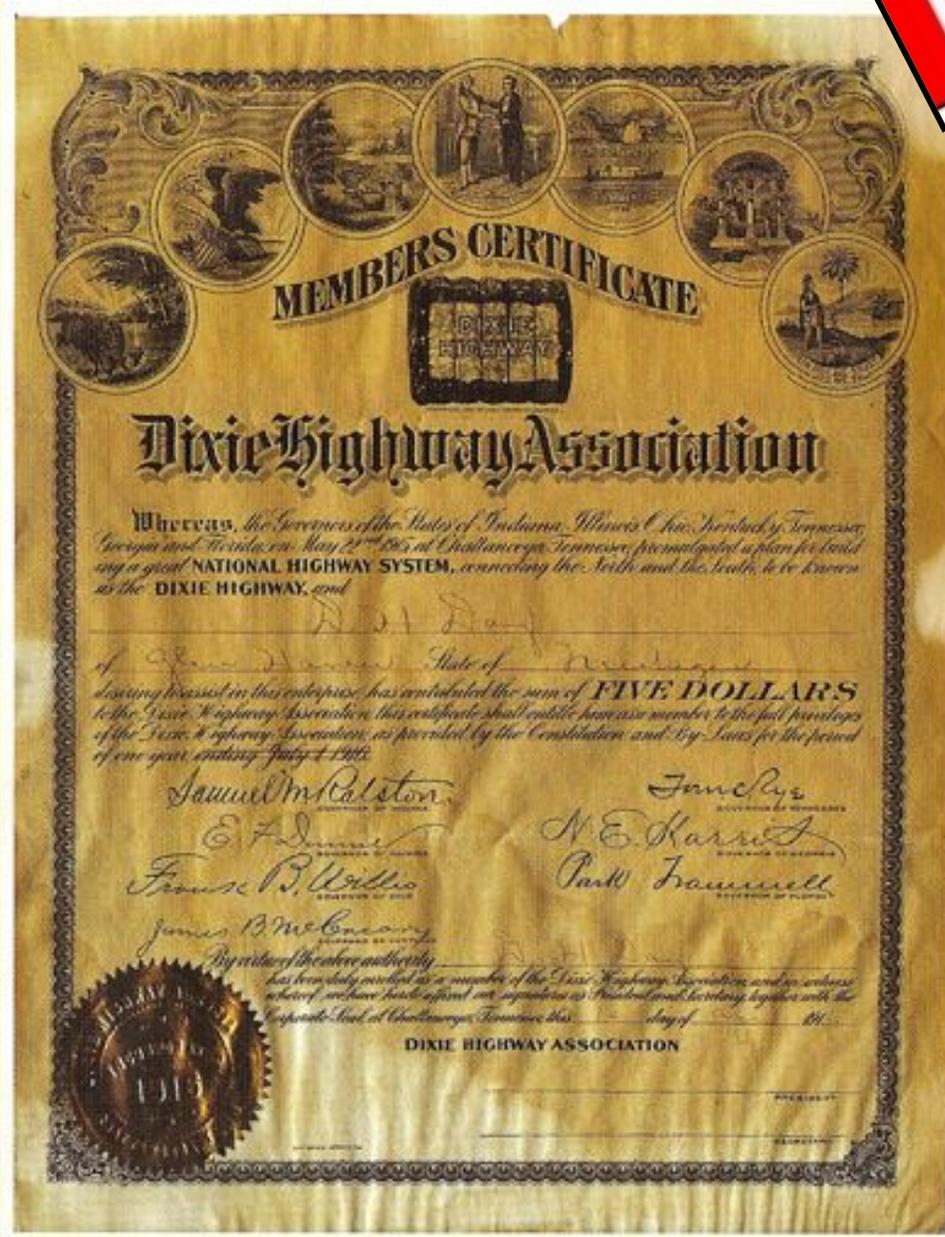
As days go by, you will find that it becomes more and more your favorite car to drive—so responsive, so easy to handle, so safe and comfortable that it puts a new joy in motoring. * * * * *

The city dweller—the farmer—the industrial worker—the owner of the spacious two-car garage in the suburbs—to all of these it brings a new measure of reliable, economical service. * * * * *

Craftsmanship has been put into mass production. Today, more than ever, the new Ford is "a value far above the price." * * * * *

DIXIE HIGHWAY HERITAGE

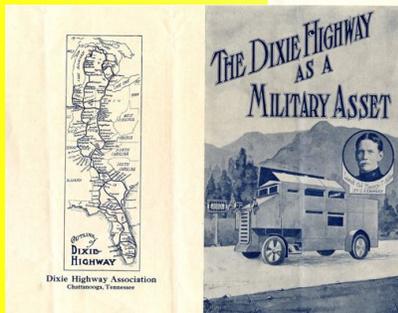
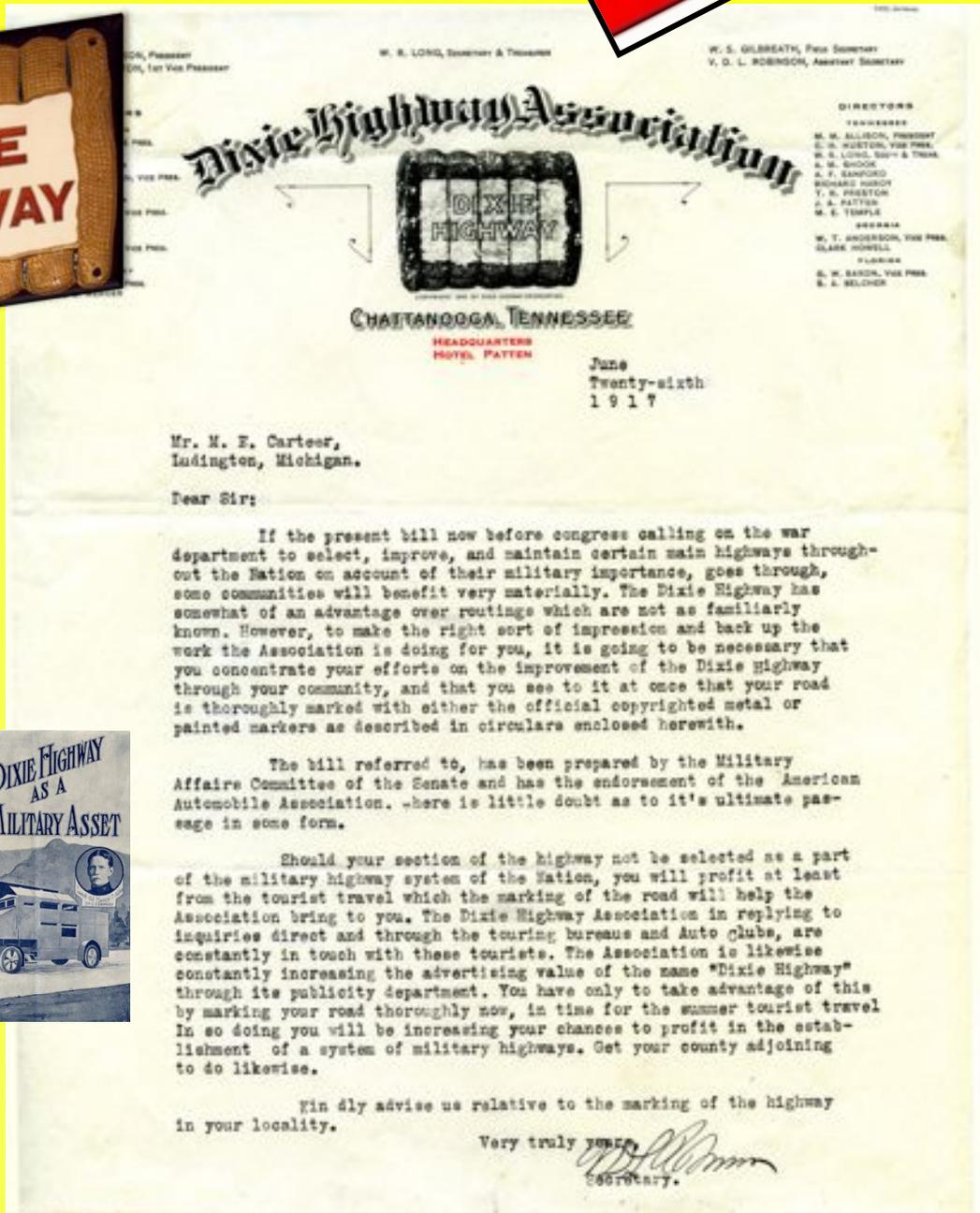
By Jim Wright



The Dixie Highway Association was organized in Chattanooga, Tennessee in April 1915, in an era before federal and state regulation and funding for road building projects. The association was responsible for routing decisions, set standards for road bed construction and signage and marketed the Dixie Highway extensively through its own magazine and the distribution of maps and other promotional materials. Membership was open to anyone and annual dues were \$5.00, which entitled members to a subscription to the association's monthly magazine, *The Dixie Highway*, a brass radiator badge and a membership card and certificate.

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The association also encouraged individuals, businesses and local governments to fund the highway's construction and improvements. By the mid-1920's, maintenance of the Dixie Highway was taken over by state and county governments and some sections became a part of the U.S. highway system. The Dixie Highway Association was disbanded in 1927.

Sandy Kaleta Reporter on the Know!



FASHION:

Let's step back in time and look at what affected fashion during the 1920's and 30's. 1918 was the end of WWI and young men were returning home with a "Live for today, for tomorrow you might die" philosophy. This major event affected all of society. The 1920's in America were great times of change. Coming out of the first World War, society exploded in a million different directions. There was an incredible burst of affluence for the middle class. Cars and appliances made their life easier.



There was an extreme fashion upheaval throwing traditional styles aside. The 20's brought prohibition which spawned the fashionable gangster, speakeasies, bootleg whiskey and entertainment. All of which brought on elegant, sexy styles for men and women. Young men no longer wanted to work the family farm, they were looking for jobs in the city. They were a part of the business culture that boomed all over the United States. Mens suits set the standard for fashion. Industrialization, however, brought the end of the small tailor shop and ready to wear clothing was on the rise due to department store catalogues. Popular city styles were now available to rural areas of the country.

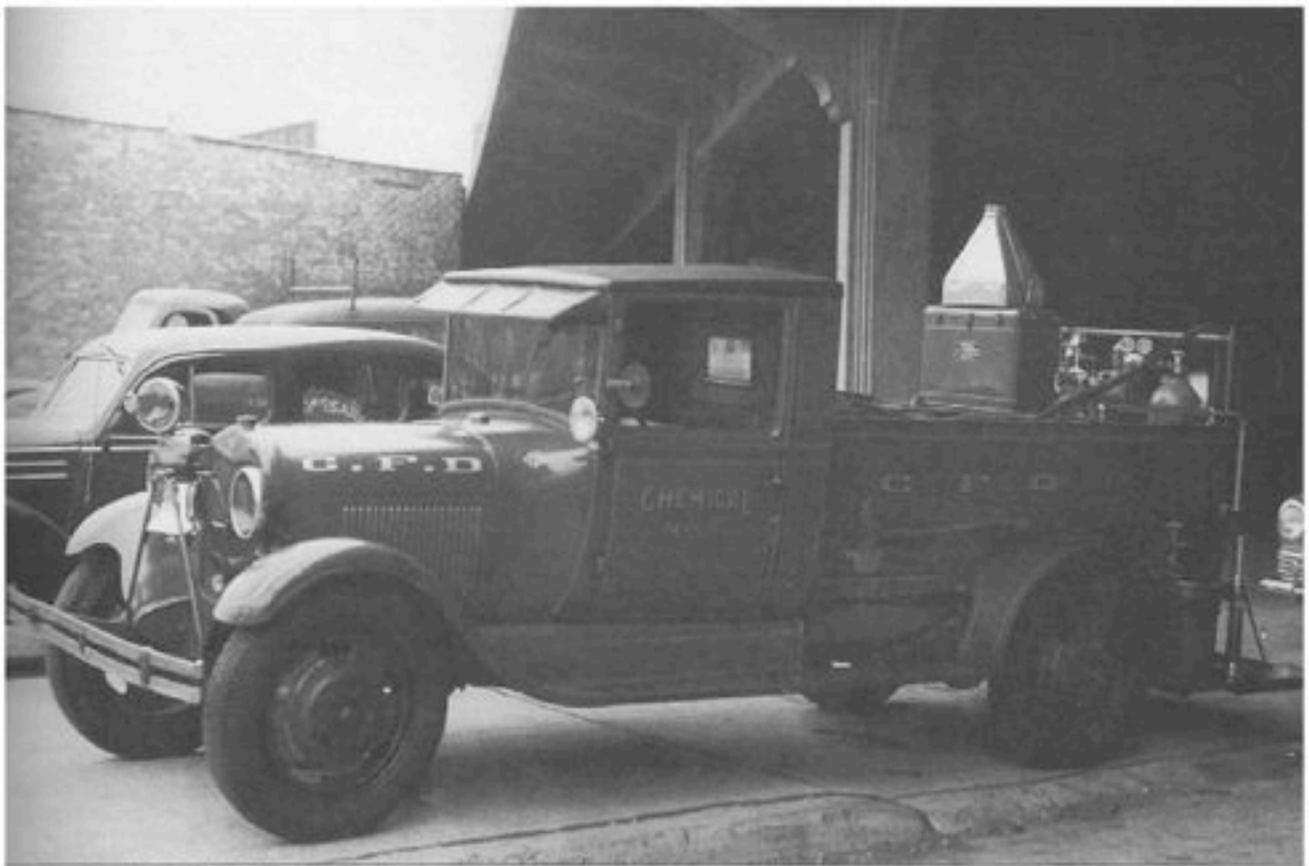


Stock Market Crash: A Man
Dressed in a Suit Selling
His Rolls Royce for \$100 (1929)

Wallstreet was charging ahead and inventions were A dime a dozen. The 1920's were the golden age Of business, music, movies and fashion.

In 1929 the stock market crashed. (more to come)

How about a club project?

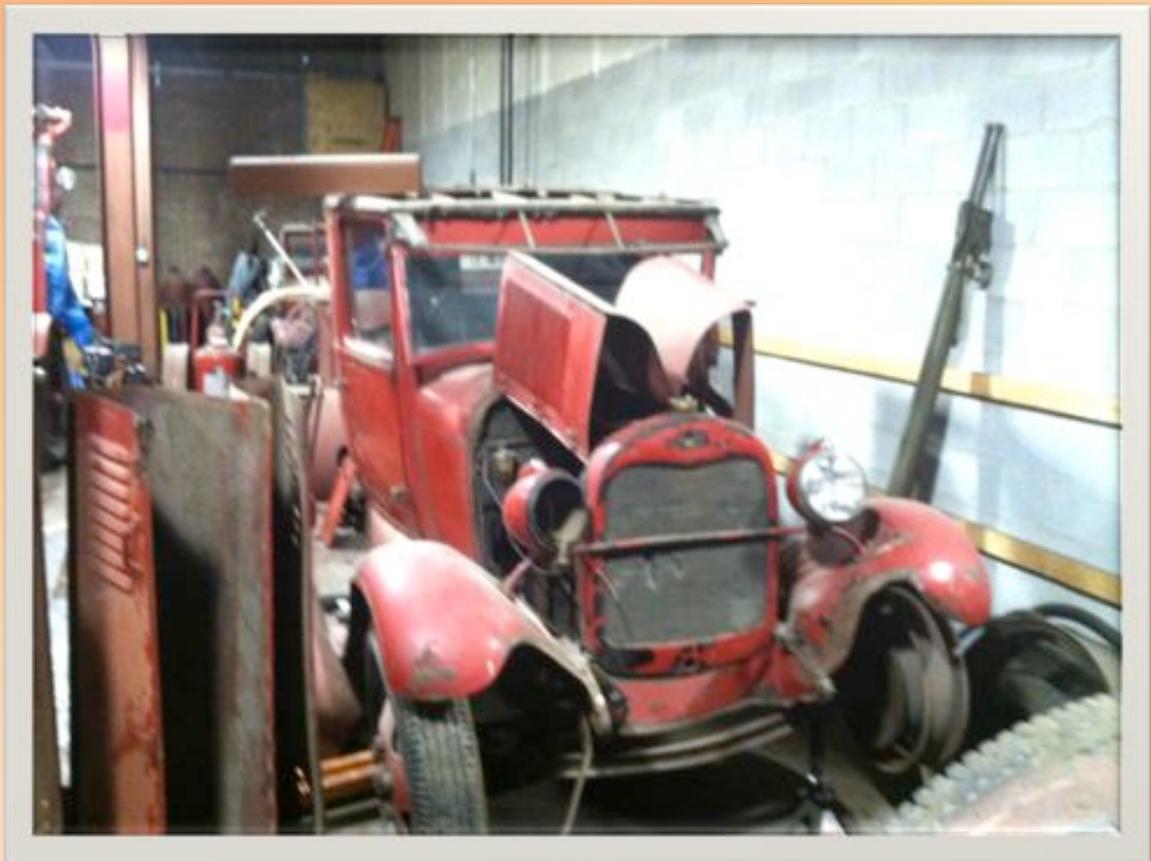
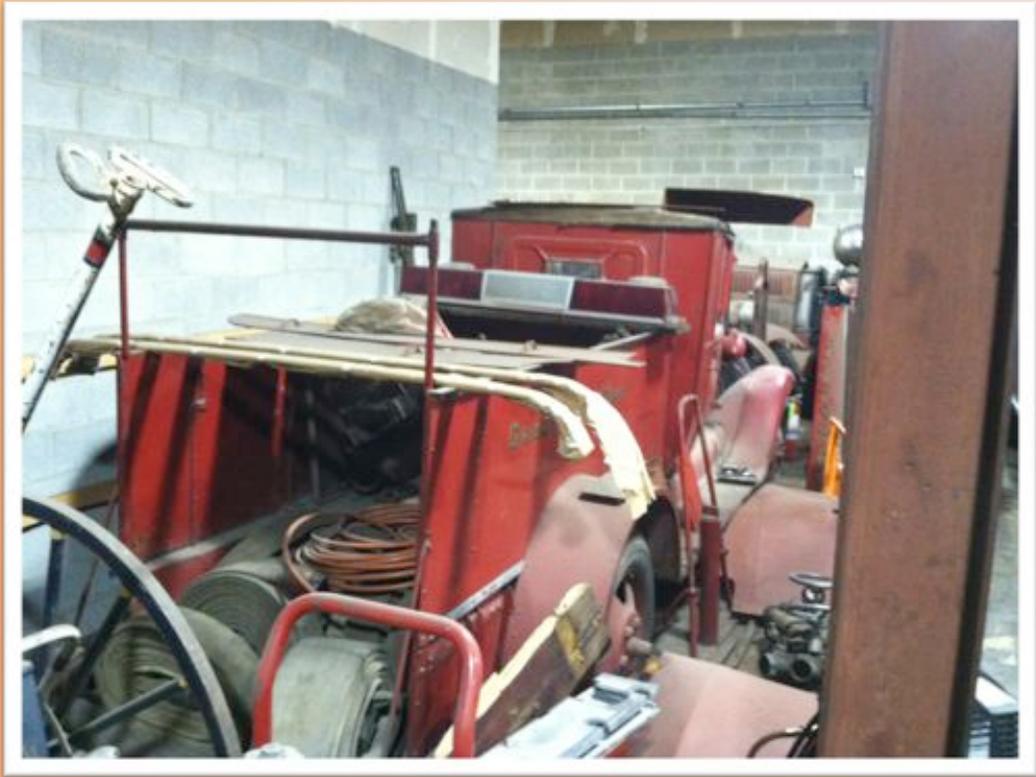


Chemical 2 1930 Model A Ford G-52 Photo taken in 1952 by Stan Helberg

This former shop rig was converted to a chemical rig at the Shops in 1937. The chemical equipment carried on this rig was used as a "foamite" and "DuGas System". The foamite equipment consisted of a foamite generator, hopper, and twenty to twenty-five cans of foam powder. The foam powder was dumped into the generator which was connected to a regular 2½ inch hose line. The foam powder, mixed with and propelled by the water, formed a thick foam blanket which smothered fires. The "DuGas System" consisted of dry powder chemical contained in vertical tanks propelled by nitrogen through 500 feet of one inch hose to the fire. After retirement this rig was used by the CFD Clowns for entertainment purposes, and is currently in storage at the Repair Shops.

This rig was delivered to the CFD August 2, 1930 and served the repair shops until 1937 when it was converted to a chemical unit. It was in service as a chemical unit until January 1959, when it was retired from active service. The Chicago Fire Museum would like to know if we would be interested in restoring this unit. It seems to be all there and if your interested as a club we can go take a look at the unit for a better assessment.

Phil



A's R US Meeting Minutes January 15, 2014

MEETING LOCATION: Phil and Nancy Serviss' home, there were 18 members present.

CALLED TO ORDER: Irv Darnall, President at 7:15 p.m. The minutes from the December meeting were read by secretary, Char Darnall, they were approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Wright reported that the Driving the Dixie has \$6,982.97 in the account. The A's R US' checking account has a balance of \$8,077.46. The report was read and approved as read.

FAMILY NEWS: Irv thanked everyone for the prayers, cards and flowers sent to his Mom during her illness and passing. Irv also acknowledged losing another one of our beloved and devoted members in December, Herman Senkpeil.
Phil and Nancy are excited about their daughter expecting their first grandchild.
Ken announced their son is getting married this year.

CORRESPONDENCE: Received thank you card, for the flowers, from the Lou Ann Darnall family.

We received acknowledgement from the Model A Ford Foundation, for the \$110.00 we sent them, for our share of their operating expenses for the year.

A flyer announcing that "The Early Ford V-8 Club of America" is having their 30th Auto Show, Saturday, April 19th in Pekin, IL.

Also a flyer with information about the 30th Annual Winter Car Parts Swap Meet, which will be held at the Kane County Fairgrounds in St. Charles, IL on Sunday, February 2nd, 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS: Irv reminded all of us, that Phil is always looking for articles, for sale items, want ads, recipes, anything newsworthy to put in the "Backfire" newsletter that would be of interest to any of our Club members, not only this month but every month. Let's all be reporters for our newsletter.

It was noted that we still need a volunteer to host the March meeting.

There was no update on the Ronald McDonald House, as Dale was ill and couldn't attend the meeting.

Jim reported they have had two meetings of the "Driving the Dixie", but some towns have not been present at those meetings and therefore, did not see the presentation of the sign proposal.

The Budget committee will be meeting, hopefully, within the next ten days and will give their report at next month's meeting.

TeenBridge will be held on April 15th and 22nd. Bob will have his car there along with three extra engines and stands.

The secretary stated she would like an updated e-mail address of all members.

As John Ellis does not have an e-mail address, Dale will be mailing his.

A's R US MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2014
Continued

OLD BUSINESS: Bob noted, he did not receive his December newsletter. He also stated, he did not receive information regarding Herman's funeral. We will check to see if we have the correct e-mail address for him. In the meantime, we are going to put a phone tree in effect, for urgent information, such as special meetings and emergency information, Karen will set this up.

NEW BUSINESS: Al Betschart mentioned he could set up a web site for A's R US. A motion was made and passed for him to secure the domain and service, Phil will work with him on this.

Club picnic reservations should be made soon, two dates were agreed upon, June 29th or July 20th, Jon will take care of this.

The Peotone Car Club's Annual Swap Meet will be Sunday, March 16th at the Will County Fairgrounds in Peotone.

Spring Trip - Ron and Jon will plan this trip with Steve Coe's help, tentatively, May 2, 3, & 4, possibly Rochelle and Dekalb, IL.

Shakedown Cruise - Henry and Jim will be working on a trip possibly to Morton Arboretum, tentatively, April 26th.

Exposure Trip - Phil is doing some research for a September 5th starting date, for a trip to possibly Nashville, Niagra Falls, Cass, WV, or some other destination.

Fall Trip - Wally and Bob have volunteered to plan this trip.

TECH TALK: Nothing scheduled - possibly some Model A videos in the future.

BREAKFAST: Meet at Marilyn's Restaurant in Monee, February 8th at 8:00 a.m. Afterwards, we will go to Chuck's barn and work on the trailer. Things to be done, are bleed brakes, grease bearings and lock nuts, pins in springs, possibly install ramp for back door, wire and hook up lights, etc.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING: February 19th at Irv and Char's in Peotone.

BADGE FINES: \$1.00

50/50: \$62.00 \$31.00 to Ken.

ADJOURN: 9:20 p.m. Irv thanked Phil and Nancy for hosting this month's meeting.

MEETINGS FOR 2014

FEBRUARY: IRV & CHAR DARNALL
MARCH:
APRIL: TIM & CONNIE BORCHERT
MAY: BOB STEINMETZ
JUNE: BOB STEINMETZ
JULY: STEVE COE
AUGUST: KEN & DALE CHAMIS
SEPTEMBER: AL & SANDY Kaleta
OCTOBER: IRV & CHAR DARNALL
NOVEMBER: CHUCK & LINNEA FRITZ
DECEMBER: TO BE DECIDED

Remember to up-date your medical form for next year. A new form is on page 14 of the newsletter.

A's R US Confidential Medical Form

Date Filled Out:

Last NAME:	First Name:
DOB: (mo/date/yr):	Age:
SSN:	
Name of Emergency Contact:	
Phone of Emergency Contact: ()	
Name of Primary Health Physican:	
Phone Number of Primary Health Physican: ()	

List Medications and Dosage Below

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List any Allergies or Medications of Which You are Allergic Below:

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List Any Serious Diseases That You Have (Diabetes, Cancer, Heart, Thyroid, Etc) Below

#1
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#3

It is understood that the information contained within this form is to be kept confidential UNLESS a medical situation develops during the course of an activity being conducted by the A's R US car club that necessitates the release of this information to medical personnel.

Signature: _____

Up and coming 2014 Events:

February Meeting @ Char and Irv's home

Wednesday Feb 19th 7:00.

30461 S 120th Ave

Peotone, IL 60468



Looking forward into 2014

Ronald McDonald House

Teen Bridge Center

Shake Down Trip

Spring Trip

Veterans Home

Camp Quality

58th. Annual Hesston Steam & Power Show 2014

Labor Day Sept. 1st

Exposure Trip 2014

Tentative / September 6th through the 14th

Newport Hill Climb

October 3rd – 5th

Fall Trip

A's R Us 2013 officers and Staff

- President – Irv Darnell
- Vice President – Steve Coe / Treasure – Jim Wright / Secretary – Char Darnell
- Newsletter – Phillip Serviss
- Member Relations – Ken Chamis
- 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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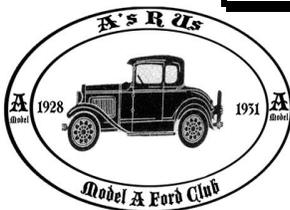
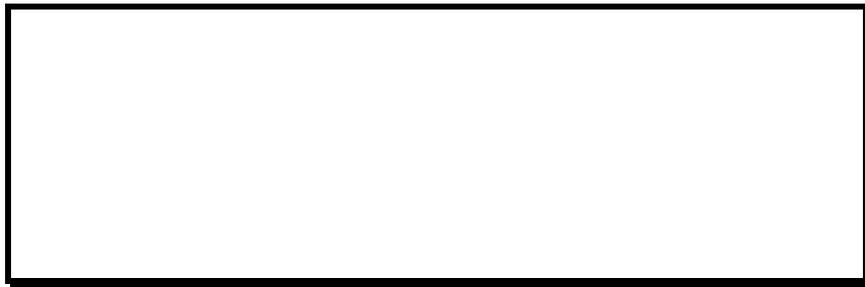
E Mail to: taxserviss@att.net

Radiator badge for the
Dixie highway
Association.



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