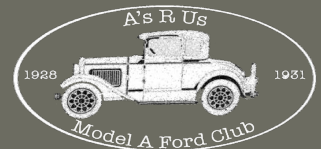


BACKFIRE



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*The Carp,
Editor in Chief*

I'm writing this newsletter on a new iMac today. I was successful in filling up my 500GB hard drive on my 10 year old iMac. I was getting the warning that my Desktop Disk Space was full. All I knew was the computer was sloooooooow. It was time for an update. I had no idea that when I went to get the computer at Apple that it was on the launch of the iPhone 7. I was lucky enough to not have to wait in the Q in the mall but was ushered in and out in an hour. Now with 2 T of hard drive and 8 G of ram I hope to have a better time of constructing this newsletter. First I needed to migrate my information from the

old to the new. That was about 30 hours on the wireless WiFi. Then my pictures didn't want to load. 4 hours later and three different Help Desk people I was able to move my 44 thousand pictures. We will see.

Phil



Elis Island train room.

Presidents Comments

This past month has been a flurry of activity if you wanted to participate in any of our club functions. From going to Pine Lake Indiana to visit John Ellis and Kathy Flynn to the Manteno Veterans Home to the exposure tour to Greenfield Village. And the weather is nice here in the middle of September but it definitely will be a fast drop off before our cars are going to be put away for the winter. That's pretty sad because I actually hate tucking them away. Dale and I do try to drive them to miscellaneous places putting the miles on them, to exercise them, and to enjoy them. But our Fall tour is still in our near future and is expected to be attended by many of our club members. We've never been to this area for some of our newer members and we hope that the planning that we have done gives a nice 3-Day weekend.

Ken



Ellis island

Recently John Ellis and Kathy Flynn invited us to Pine Lake Indiana. He's been a member for quite some time and they really wanted us to come out to enjoy their collection of Disney items. It's been numerous years' sense we were there and I believe there are many more items there now then there were last time. We made it a day trip and they provided some delicious meat meal items and we brought some things along also to have a nice picnic out by the lake. After that we toured their home and if you missed it I think they have more items then the Disney Store. Definitely many items are probably Collectibles and very unique items. Viewing the antique cars in their collection, which was very interesting to see, and to learn about their cars, followed that. In addition to that there were multiple railroads set up in the building across from their home. I have never seen that large of a gauge of rail cars, which circled all around the building. There were many Disney items and other collectibles also available to see and you definitely missed if you did not attend. John getting out behind his piano and singing many songs that were recognizable to us but also some of his own unique collaborations that he has been working on followed that up. You never know one day you may hear them on the radio. We have been invited back so we must have not scared him away so next year and if we can make it happen those who did not have the opportunity to go you want to make a point to head out there. I personally would like to thank both of them for the invitation and all definitely a fun time had it!



Manteno Vets Home

The Manteno veteran's home was our latest club function and we definitely brought a lot of items that the veterans can use. I have to say that it was probably our best year yet going there. I personally was able to talk to several people and in taking back to the room one of the veterans he kept telling me he can't remember anything but the only thing he couldn't remember was which room he was in. He was sharp as a tack on absolutely everything else and we had a good time together. I believe they printed over 100 pictures and put them in a nice frame. And definitely I think was the most we've ever done and with the help of our club members we were able to get them taken, printed, and given to the people in a very timely manner. The weather was absolutely perfect for this trip out there and I know that we probably made a nice memory for some of them. The staff there very well received us also. And there was one man there who was a homeless veteran that was living on the grounds and working there. Ken and Arlene Mcnealey invited him to lunch with us afterwards and they picked up the tab for him. He seems like a nice young man and was also going to college so hopefully it won't be too long before he can get on his feet. And as I watched there seem to be the most interaction from finding out each person's History to making sure that they could be brought out or back inside the facility and it was just a good day had by all. I want to thanks Jim Wright for once again setting up and being the contact Point person on this and I'm proud to have been a part with the other club members who participated in this annual event.

Jim's Dixie Highway

Flying on the Dixie-part 2

Last month a free fall parachute record at Markham's Dixie Airport was reported on in the *Backfire*. In this issue, a subsequent record-breaking jump at Markham's other airport will be covered. This jump occurred over Rubinkam Airport, which was located north of 167th Street and east of Kedzie Avenue. At one time, the east boundary of the airport abutted the western boundary of the Dixie Airport. Rubinkam opened about 1938 and officially shutdown on March 1, 1960.

On October 24, 1941, history was made over Rubinkam. That day, parachutist Arthur Starnes stepped out of a Lockheed *Lodestar* transport at 31,400 feet and was in a freefall for the next 116 seconds until pulling the rip cord on the first of 2 parachutes 1500 feet above the ground. In the nearly 6 - mile jump, Starnes fell at an average of 170 miles per hour. Starnes eventually landed in a pasture near the airport. The jump was conducted in conjunction with researchers from Northwestern University, University of Chicago and the Illinois Institute of Technology working on behalf of the United States Army Air Corps. Loaded with over 85 pounds of gear and scientific instruments to record the effects of the fall, Starnes' jump helped prove aviators could survive extreme delayed-opening ejections from disabled military aircraft. In fact, the only injury he suffered was to his lip, which he bit when his first parachute opened.

MAMMOTH AIR-SHOW
SUNDAY, AUG. 28, 12:30 P.M.

SPECIAL FEATURE
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Free Fall Record – Arthur Starnes (1941)



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A'S R US MEETING MINUTES

August 17, 2016

MEETING LOCATION: Tim and Carol Dionne's home.

CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT KEN CHAMIS AT 7:14 PM. Minutes were read by Sandy and approved as read.

TREASURERS REPORT: A'SRUS account \$ [REDACTED] to date; Driving the Dixie \$ [REDACTED]. Jim stated the final report on the Driving the Dixie is not available. There are still some checks and expenses outstanding. DUES are due by the October meeting, \$20.00 A's and \$40.00 MAFCA, totaling \$60.00.

FAMILY NEWS: Dale shared that Kens son and wife, recently had a little girl, Victoria James. Ken and Dale are also expecting a 3rd grandchild in 3 weeks. We helped to celebrate Carol Dionnes birthday, her sister Nancy joined us.

MAIL CALL: Ken received a thank you from Karen for the beautiful flowers and support given by her A's family, when her mother passed away. VOLO has invited us to enjoy their museum, Ken stated it could be a day trip or overnight. No decision was made.

OLD BUSINESS: Ken asked for a head count for this Sundays trip to LaPorte, In. He stated that John Ellis is looking forward to our coming. Remember to bring a dish to pass, drinks and chairs. We will meet at the Commander Restaurant in Munster, at 7:30 AM and plan to leave by 8:30.

* ST. DAMIANS CAR SHOW is August 27th, at 155th and Long. 11-6:00 PM

* GRINDERS GAME is August 28th in Hobart. Tim stated we are going to meet at 11:30, on Rte. 30 in the bank parking lot across from the Trailer Sales. Bring your own food, drink and chairs. Also bring a dish to pass.

* MANTENO VETERANS HOME is September 17th at 10:00 AM. Jim stated we will meet at Mayberrys Restaurant for breakfast at 8:30 AM as in the past. He has been told by the Home coordinator that what they would really appreciate is individual bags of PLAIN POTATO CHIPS and HERSHEY BARS... Dale stated she will find out the cost of cases of chips, it was unanimous that the club would pay for them. It was decided that we will take pictures again of the patients and our cars. Dale stated she will buy frames and arrange for printers.

* **FALL TRIP ARTHUR IL.** October 14,15 &16. You need to make your reservations now if you intend to go. **BEST WESTERN PLUS, # 217-268-5000** There are a block of rooms set aside, however, they will be released on September 14th. As Ken says, you can always cancel if plans change.

* **LAKESIDE INN** May 5th & 6th 2017. No rooms are being held, 8 members have already made reservations. View the rooms @www.lakesideinns.com. Make your reservation now at 269-469-0600.

* **EXPOSURE TRIP:** Chuck reported there are 5 cars going to date, if you haven't made your hotel reservations and want to go, please make them now. The group will leave from Raspberry's Restaurant on Tuesday **SEPTEMBER 6th** at 8:30 AM. Arriving in Shippshewana late afternoon. All hotels are providing breakfast. Thursday will be in Ypsilanti to enjoy the Firehouse Museum and leave for Dearborn around 3:30PM. 4 nites will be spent in Dearborn. Friday we will tour the F150 museum and others, Saturday is the Car Parade which is the big event. Sunday we will go to Sturges and Tuesday head home. Ken and members thanked Chuck and Linnea for all their work, preparing this trip.

* **A'SRUS APARELL.** Tim passed out ordered apparel. If you haven't ordered it is still available. Our present red shirts are \$18.00, a pocket added is \$5.00 more, a name added is \$5.00 more and XXL plus \$2.00. Linen/Denim Shirts are \$25.00 with the logo. A name is \$5.00 more. Jackets in black, lined with the logo on the back \$57.00. The company has asked for a 2 week lead time. To place your order, please call Tim Dionne at 219-365-8294 or 708-903-7407.

NEW BUSINESS :

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Karen and Pat offered to chair this years party. Tentative date December 7th (a Wednesday nite). More information will follow.

TIM BOTTS; stated he received information regarding a Vintage Car Museum on the NW side of Chicago. He suggested it would make a great day trip for February or March.

WALLY: stated he received information regarding Gateway Classic Museum in Tinley Park. He suggested it would make an great follow up on one of our monthly breakfasts. We should coordinate that with Chuck and Allen.

MISC DISCUSSIONS: TECH TALK for tonight's meeting to discuss the future of Ken McNealy's car. Steve thanked the members who participated in the Tech Talk for his 4 door at Als Garage.

BREAKFAST MEETING: September 23rd at 8:30 AM Peachtree Restaurant. Chuck requested the membership join him for good food and conversation. **KEN** thanked Tim and Carol for hosting the meeting and everyone who contributed to the refreshment table.

NEXT MONTHS MEETING: September 27th at Tim and Connie Borchert's 22547 N. Pebble Lake Ct. Frankfort, Il.

OCTOBER MEETING: will be a Hayride on **SATURDAY** October 22nd at 5:00. Hosted by Chuck and Linnea at their Barn.

Badge fines: \$4.00 50/50 winner: Chuck: \$30.00 and club \$30.00

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:45 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Sandy Kaleta, Secretary
Hi, summer is drawing to a close and so is our busy schedule.

SEPTEMBER 17TH MANTENO VETERANS HOME AT 10:30 AM. We are meeting at Mayberry's Restaurant at 390 N LOCUS, MANTENO, for breakfast at 8:30 AM as in the past. The home coordinator stated they would really appreciate individual bags of plain potato chips and Hershey bars for the residents.

SEPTEMBER 21ST MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT TIM AND CONNIE BORCHERTS. 22547 N Pebble Lake Ct. Frankfort

BREAKFAST MEETING SEPTEMBER 24TH AT 8:30 AM. Peachtree Restaurant.

REMINDER: If you are planning on going on the Fall Trip Oct. 14, 15 & 16th, please make your reservations now, as they are releasing the block of rooms on Sept. 14th, this Wednesday. Best Western #217-268-5000.

This is the hotel information for our fall trip.

The dates that we are going are October 14th, 15th and returning on the 16th. More information will be provided to everyone at the next meeting. We are going to Arthur, and Arcola Illinois. That is the largest Amish community in Illinois. The hotel has a wedding on that date, so if you have any desire to go, book a room today because you can always cancel.

We are going to be staying at a Best Western Plus and it's a new facility. Their phone number is 217 268-5000. The rooms are under A' S R Us. We have 25 rooms blocked for that date and you need to make your reservations right away if you have any desire to go as they will be releasing the rooms on September 14th. The price is 89 99 for either king or double Queens.

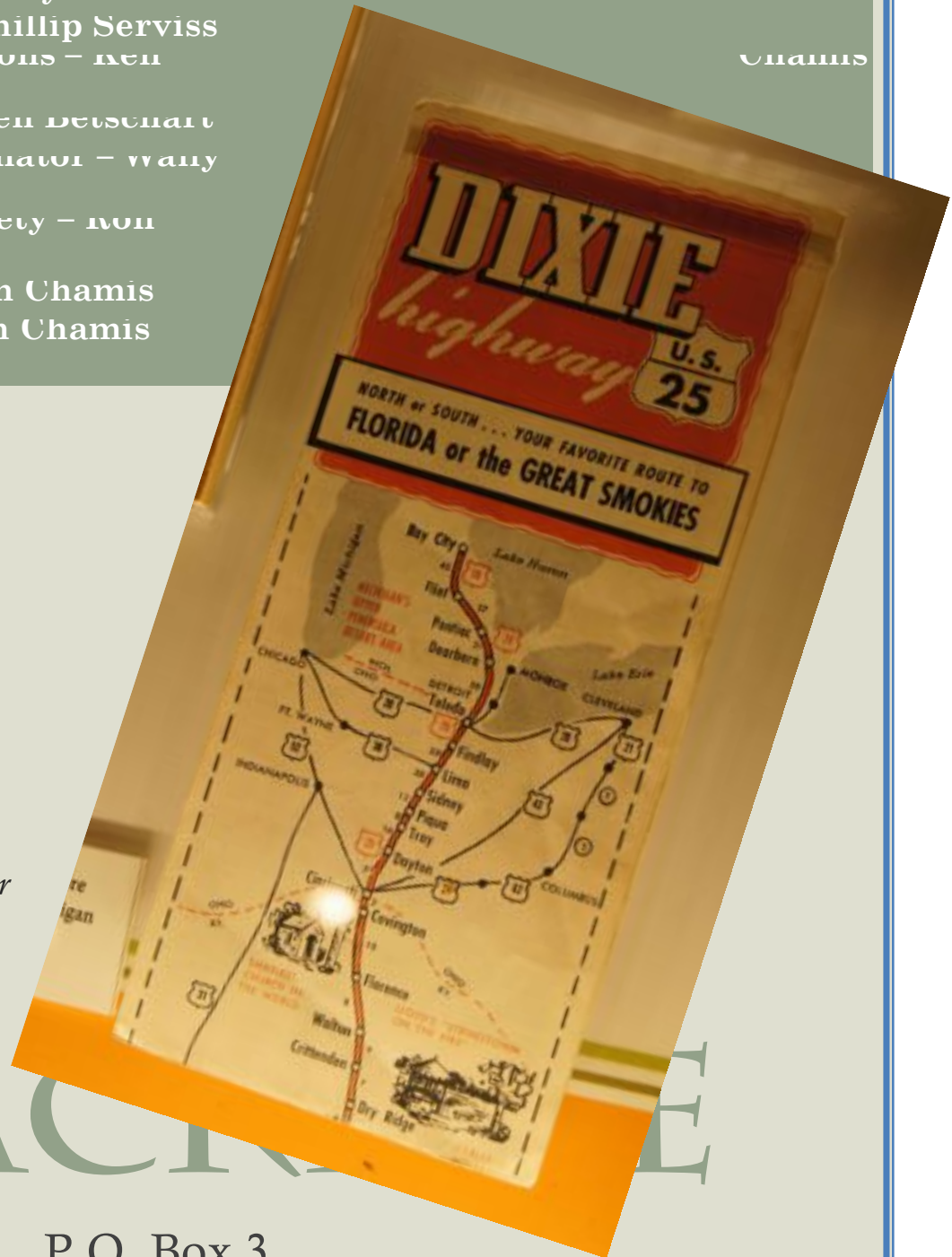
Thank You, Ken



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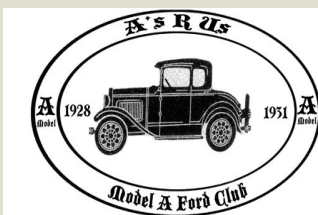
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