

BACKFIRE



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*The Carp,
Editor in Chief*

Another new year is upon us. With some luck our club will have a great traveling year with the cars. I'm in the process of coming up with an Exposure Trip. I've had a suggestion of going to the Shenandoah National forest. The other possibility would be to resurrect the Door County Trip. If you have an idea let me know Wednesday night and I'll put it in the hopper and see what is possible. Regardless of where we go we always have fun.

Phil



Fall trip 2016. Arcola, IL "copy link below"
<https://www.facebook.com/Arcola-Chamber-of-Commerce-174551395915069/>

Presidents Comments

HELLO FELLOW MEMBERS,
I HOPE ALL OF YOU HAD A
JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
NEW YEAR.
WE START OFF THE NEW YEAR IN A
DEEP FREEZE BUT THE WEATHER
WILL
GET BETTER.

I WANT TO THANK KEN CHAMIS,
SANDY KALETA AND JIM WRIGHT FOR
LAST YEARS SERVICE TO OUR CLUB.
THEY DID A WONDERFUL JOB.

OUR LITTLE CLUB HAS BEEN
TOGETHER FOR QUITE A LONG TIME
AND THAT IS A TESTAMENT OF
FRIENDSHIP AND CLOSENESS THAT
WE ALL SHARE. I DON'T KNOW HOW
MANY OTHER CLUBS ARE ABLE TO
SAY AS MUCH.

I HOPE THIS COMING YEAR BRINGS HEALTH AND
GOOD FUN FOR ALL OF US.

AS YOUR NEW PRESIDENT I AM PRAYING THAT I
WILL BE ABLE TO DO AT LEAST HALF OF WHAT KEN DID
AS YOU'RE PAST PRES.

THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR VOTE OF CONFIDENCE AND
LET'S HAVE A GREAT YEAR!

TIM DIONNE



Fall Trip to Arthur, Illinois



Arcola, IL

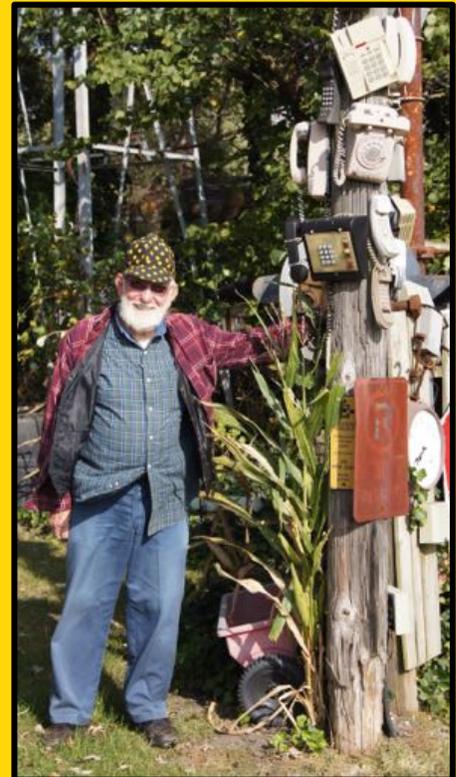
Always a way to get the treasures home.



**Wait,
wait,
wait,
wait,
wait...**



You never know whom you will meet along the road. A stop we made we had a nice visit with a retired telephone employee. Of course you need to have a telephone pole in your back yard if you did this kind of work.



Of course is not a fun trip without something braking.



Wally was having trouble with his brake lights and I lost a bolt on the bendix of the starter.



Watsaka, IL has installed their roadway sign for the "Dixie Highway"

The “Chuck wagon” was out for the trip again. We eat well on our trips!



Along the route another antique treasure stop.

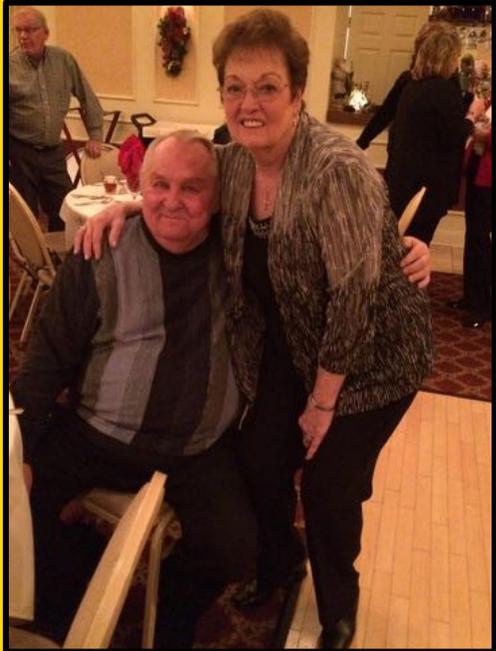


A'sR US Christmas Party

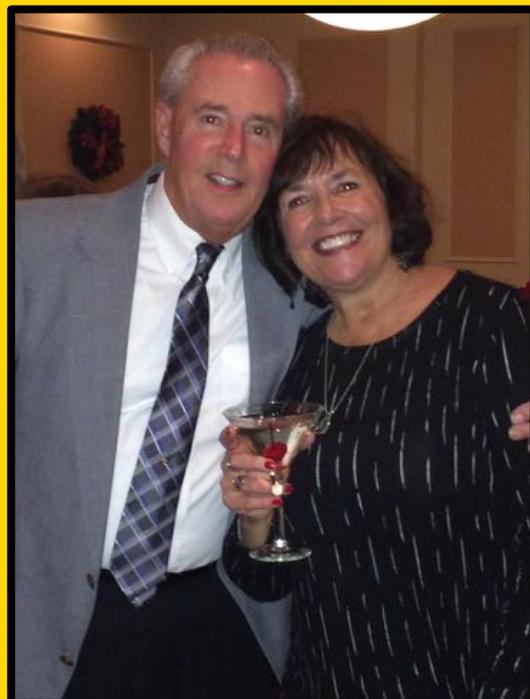
It was a wonderful Christmas party this year. Congratulations to Karen and her committee on a wonderful night out. Everyone enjoyed the A's calendars that were given out at the end of the night.



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A'S R US MEETING MINUTES

December 14, 2016

MEETING LOCATION: SCREMENTI'S RESTAURANT

CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT KEN CHAMIS AT 7:50 PM. Reading of the minutes was waived. Minutes were approved as submitted.

TREASURERS REPORT: A'SRUS account \$ [REDACTED] to date, Driving the Dixie \$ [REDACTED]. Checks for party expenses are to be submitted. A check for MAFCA D&O coverage will be submitted now. Reconciliation of the 2016 Driving the Dixie money is pending.

MAIL CALL: Some members are not receiving their minutes, etc via email. Ken requested all members send Sandy a current email addresses so she can update her list.

MEMBER NEWS: Bob S is having eye surgery on inverted eyelashes. Bill Seper was seen in the ER for chest pain. Karen is having laser surgery on her left eye and a stress test.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was great attendance at the Homewood and Crete Parades this year. The cars looked great. Unfortunately Tinley's parade was snowed out.

MISC DISCUSSIONS: Ken thanked his officers: Jim, Tim and Sandy for a great year. Tim B thanked the members who planned the 2016 trips and events. Ken and Tim and all members thanked Karen, Pat, Geri and other members who contributed to the great time we had at the Christmas Party/Meeting.

NEXT MONTHS MEETING: Will be at Phil and Nancy's home, 220 Poplar Lane, Beecher, Il Regular time: 7:00PM.

KEN PASSED THE GAVEL TO TIM D. WHO THANKED EVERYONE FOR COMING, CONGRATULATED KAREN AND HER COMMITTEE ON A GREAT JOB AND TOLD THE 2017 OFFICERS HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT YEAR.

MEETING ADJOURNED: BY TIM D AT 8:03pm

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Sandy Kaleta, Secretary

**A'S R US MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2016**

MEETING LOCATION: ERV AND CHAR DARNALL

WELCOME OF GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS: Diane and Bert Paradiso who have a 1930 Town Sedan.

MEMBER NEWS: Ken received a Thank You card from the Poulsen Family for our donation in Anna's name. Tim and Pat Bots thanked the membership for their thoughtful cards, calls and prayers regarding his brother's recent death. Linnea's mom is in rehab and doing well. It was Marie's birthday. Henry shared with the membership Jim Wrights newly diagnosed medical problems and asked for our prayers.

CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT KEN CHAMIS AT 6:26 PM. MINUTES were read by Sandy and approved as read.

TREASURERS REPORT: A'SRUS account \$ [REDACTED] to date, Driving the Dixie \$ [REDACTED] to date. All monies from October and November meetings were given to Henry for deposit on Monday.

OLD BUSINESS:

*** MANTENO VETERANS HOME: Ken stated he will deliver the chips during the next week.**

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LAKESIDE INN May 5th & 6th 2017. No rooms are being held, 8 members have already made reservations. If you want to make a reservation contact, www.gordonbeachinn.com at 269-469-0800. This is Lakesides sister Inn.

*** CHRISTMAS DINNER AND MEETING: December 14th at 6:00pm, dressy casual attire. Scrementi's Restaurant, 3760 Chicago Rd. Steger, Il Phone: 708-755-7200**

Please contact Karen if you haven't given her your dinner choice, kolenk@comcast.net. Phone: 708-231-6071.

*** CHRISTMAS PARADES:**

HOMEWOOD, FRIDAY DECEMBER 2ND. Meet at Ryan Funeral Home parking lot, be in place and decorated by 6:30 as the parade leaves at 6:55. We will return to this lot for parking and display.

CRETE, SATURDAY DECEMBER 3rd. Meet on Crete Blvd; arrive at 5:00 as the parade leaves at 6:00.

TINLEY PARK, DECEMBER 4th. Meet at 177th & Oak Park at 5:00.

*** 2017 OFFICER NOMINATIONS:**

PRESIDENT: Tim Dionne

VICE PRESIDENT: Chuck Fritz

SECRETARY: Sandy Kaleta

TREASURER: Jim Wright/Henry Jasica

Nominations: were accepted and unanimously approved. The above board of officers will take office in January 2017.

NEW BUSINESS: GATEWAY CLASSIC CARS December 3rd 10:00 to 3:00 at 8451 W 183rd Street, Tinley Park, Free food, drinks and admission with an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots.

***SIGN UP SHEETS FOR HOSTING 2017 MEETINGS: all months are taken except February. If interested let Ken or me know. We have to also confirm the following: Phil and Nancy for January and Ray and Geri for March.**

***SHIPPSHEWANA: Ken will look into an overnight stay after the holidays.**

MISC DISCUSSIONS: Bob reported that Teen Bridge would like our membership to provide another Engine Rebuild in May. This was approved and more info will follow.

BREAKFAST: This month's breakfast will be on DECEMBER 3RD AT OLYMPIC STAR ON 171ST, EAST OF HARLEM IN TINLEY PARK AT 8:30AM. A fun time at Gateway Classic Cars will follow. Don't forget your unwrapped toys.

NEXT MONTHS MEETING: CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING AT SCREMENTIS ON DECEMBER 14TH 6:00 PM. 3760 CHICAGO RD. STEGER, DRESSY CASUAL.

Badge fines: \$6.00 50/50 winner Alan E. \$40.00, Club \$41.00

MEETING ADJOURNED: at 7:15 and the Auction began. Ken thanked Erv and Char for hosting this meeting and for providing dinner. He also thanked those who brought goodies.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Sandy Kaleta, Secretary



Well another year has come and gone and this is my final president's message. First off I would like to thank the other members of the board, Tim Dionne as vice-president, Sandy Kaleta as secretary, and Jim Wright as treasurer. There's a lot of hard work that goes into their jobs and I just want to acknowledge all that they do for us. One person that I would like to single out at this point is Phil Serviss. As you're reading this he has spent a lot of time organizing and composing etcetera Etc to put out a fine newsletter helping to keep everybody informed of the past the present and the future. There's always many interesting articles and wonderful pictures to go along with our trips and excursions and the like. And with that I would love to say a great big huge thank you. I am writing this prior to the three Christmas parades that we have scheduled this year. I hope that the weather holds out and it's always fun to see our cars all dressed up about this time of year. So with that said I want to congratulate the new board members and wish them good luck for the upcoming year. And to the rest of the club members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thanks, Ken

A's R Us 2016 Officers and Staff

- President – Tim Dionne
- Vice President – Chuck Fritz
- Treasure – Jim Wright
- Secretary – Sandy Kaleta
- Newsletter – Phillip Serviss
- Member Relations – Ken Chamis
- Web Page – Allen Betschart
- Parade Coordinator – Wally Ekstrom
- Director of Safety – Ron Bonneau
- Nat'l Rep. – Ken Chamis
- Historian – Ken Chamis
- Sgt. At Arms Steve Coe
- Motor Medic - Jon Isota

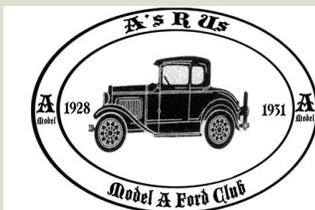
Ron Bonneau's 1931



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