

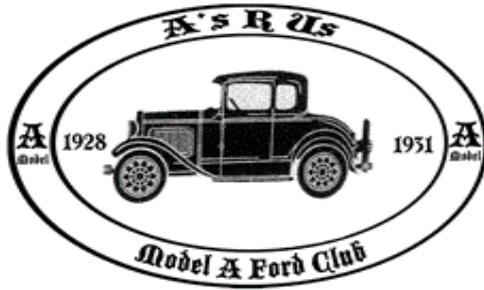


*Happy Easter!*

# BACKFIRE

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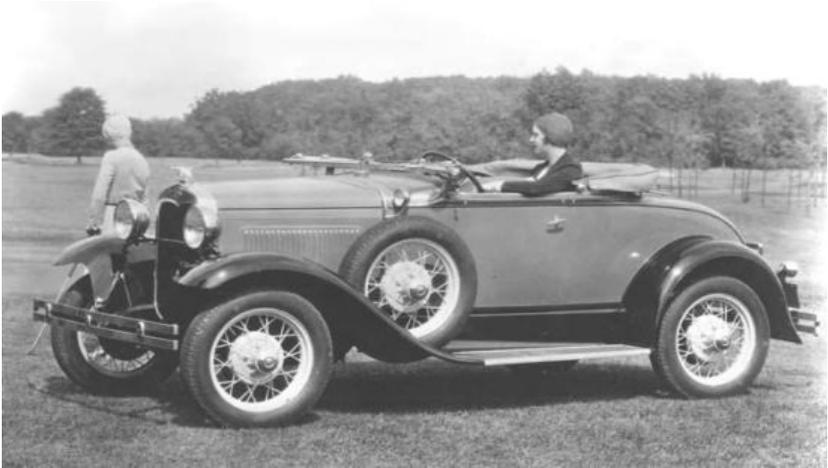
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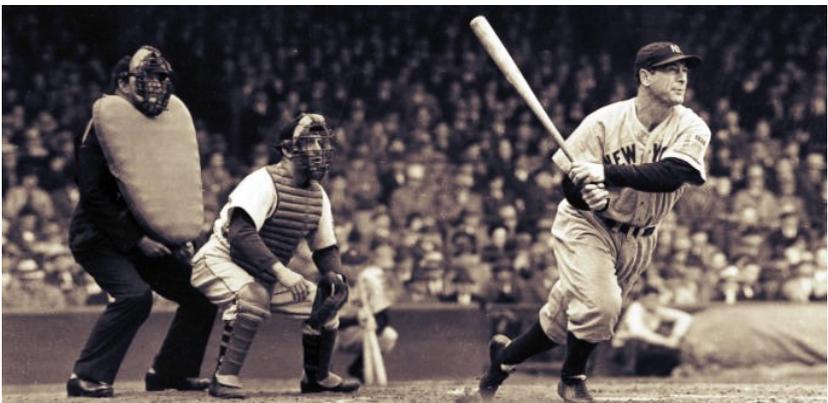
**I hope everyone had a pleasant Easter Holiday. For me, Easter is the start of spring. A time to look forward to warmer weather, flowers in bloom...**



**A time to get the Model A's out and enjoy...**



**Spring also means the start of a new baseball season.. ..**



**Ah yes, spring time in Chicago and the 2018 home opener at Wrigley Field.**



**Well, one thing that will definitely arrive in spring is the April 17th, deadline for filing your income tax returns.**



**Following is a brief history of our much beloved IRS and how it got to where it is today.**

**1862** - President Lincoln signed into law a revenue-raising measure to help pay for Civil War expenses. The measure created a Commissioner of Internal Revenue and the nation's first income tax. It levied a 3 percent tax on incomes between \$600 and \$10,000 and a 5 percent tax on incomes of more than \$10,000.

**1867** - Heeding public opposition to the income tax, Congress cut the tax rate. From 1868 until 1913, 90 percent of all revenue came from taxes on liquor, beer, wine and tobacco.

**1872** - Income tax repealed.

**1894** - The Wilson Tariff Act revived the income tax and an income tax division within the Bureau of Internal Revenue was created.

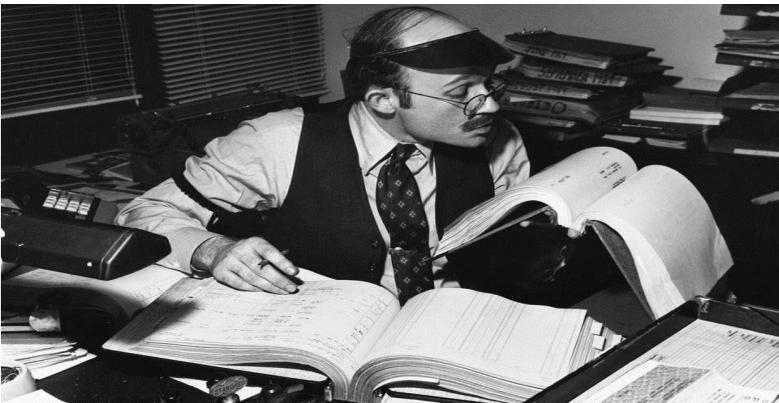
**1895** - Supreme Court ruled the new income tax unconstitutional on the grounds that it was a direct tax and not apportioned among the states on the basis of population. The income tax division was disbanded.





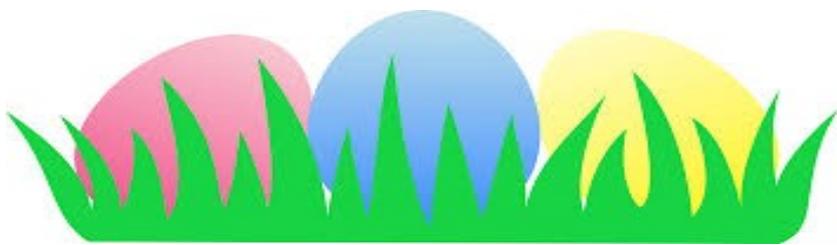
**1909** - President Taft recommended Congress propose a constitutional amendment that would give the government the power to tax incomes without apportioning the burden among the states in line with population. Congress also levied a 1 percent tax on net corporate incomes of more than \$5,000.

**1913** - As the threat of war loomed, Wyoming became the 36<sup>th</sup> and last state needed to ratify the 16th Amendment. The amendment stated, "Congress shall have the power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several states, and without regard to any census or enumeration." Later, Congress adopted a 1 percent tax on net personal income of more than \$3,000 with a surtax of 6 percent on incomes of more than \$500,000. It also repealed the 1909 corporate income tax. The first Form 1040 was introduced.



**1918** - The Revenue Act of 1918 raised even greater sums for the World War I effort. It codified all existing tax laws and imposed a progressive income-tax rate structure of up to 77 percent.

**1919** - The states ratified the 18th Amendment, barring the manufacture, sale or transport of intoxicating beverages. Congress passed the Volstead Act, which gave the Commissioner of Internal Revenue the primary responsibility for enforcement of Prohibition. Eleven years later, the Department of Justice assumed primary prohibition enforcement duties.



**1931** - The IRS Intelligence Unit used an undercover agent to gather evidence against gangster Al Capone. Capone was convicted of tax evasion and sentenced to 11 years.

**1933** - Prohibition repealed. IRS again assumed responsibility for alcohol taxation the following year and for administering the National Firearms Act. Later, tobacco tax enforcement was added.

**1942** - The Revenue Act of 1942, hailed by President Roosevelt as "the greatest tax bill in American history," passed Congress. It increased taxes and the number of Americans subject to the income tax. It also created deductions for medical and investment expenses.



**1943** - Congress passed the Current Tax Payment Act, which required employers to withhold taxes from employees' wages and remit them quarterly.

**1944** - Congress passed the Individual Income Tax Act, which created the standard deductions on Form 1040.

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**1953** - President Eisenhower endorsed Truman's reorganization plan and changed the name of the agency from the Bureau of Internal Revenue to the Internal Revenue Service.

**1954** - The filing deadline for individual tax returns changed from March 15 to April 15.

**1961** - The Computer Age began at IRS with the dedication of the National Computer Center at Martinsburg, W.Va.

**1965** - IRS instituted its first toll-free telephone site.

**1972** - The Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division separated from the IRS to become the independent Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

**1974** - Congress passed the Employee Retirement and Income Security Act, which gave regulatory responsibilities for employee benefit plans to the IRS.



# HAPPY EASTER

**1986** - Limited electronic filing began. President Reagan signed the Tax Reform Act, the most significant piece of tax legislation in 30 years. It contained 300 provisions and took three years to implement. The Act codified the federal tax laws for the third time since the Revenue Act of 1918.

**1992** - Taxpayers who owed money were allowed to file returns electronically.

**1998** - Congress passed the IRS Restructuring and Reform Act, which expanded taxpayer rights and called for reorganizing the agency into four operating divisions aligned according to taxpayer needs.

**2000** - IRS enacted reforms, ending its geographic-based structure and instituting four major operating divisions: Wage and Investment, Small Business/Self-Employed, Large and Mid-Size Business and Tax Exempt and Government Entities. It was the most sweeping change at the IRS since the 1953 reorganization.

**2001** - IRS administered a mid-year tax refund program to provide advance payments of a tax rate reduction.

**2003** - IRS administered another mid-year refund program, this time providing an advance payment of an increase in the Child Tax Credit. Electronic filing reached a new high - 52.9 million tax returns, more than 40 percent of all individual returns.



“The hardest thing in the world to understand is the income tax.”

**ALBERT EINSTEIN**



## **A'S R US MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 21, 2018**

**MEETING LOCATION:** Steve Coe hosted our March meeting at the Park Forest Village Hall.

**CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT JON LISOTA AT 7:02 PM.** Minutes from the February meeting were read by Sandy and approved as read.

**MEMBER NEWS:** Bob reported that Wally is very optimistic and will be meeting with the Oncologist. He and Kay thank the club members for their many prayers and cards. Dales mother will be residing in the Memory Care Unit at Peace Village.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

\* **CALUMET SOUP DAY** is April 22 at 1:00. 673 Penfield, Beecher, Il. Please notify Jon if you are intending to attend. 708-334-5920

\* **SHAKEDOWN CRUISE IS APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>.** Chuck stated We will be meeting at the Country Charm Restaurant, 101 Lincolnway Drive, Next to Lincolnway High School. **AGENDA:** Illinois State Prison in Joliet, Rte 66 Museum, Rialto Theatre, Lincoln Veteran Cemetery. Approximately an 80 mile drive. You can Lunch at Pops or Arbys on Route 53 or consider this the end of the cruise. If you need a Pre ShakeDown Car Check please let Chuck know. or 708-804-1320.

\* **MANTENO VETERANS HOME** date was changed to June 9<sup>th</sup> by the home and approved by the membership. Ken will purchase the frames and photo paper.



\* **SPRING TRIP: LAKESIDE INN** May 18 & 19, 2018. Chuck proposed he bring the Chuck Wagon for Fridays dinner and Saturdays Breakfast. This was discussed and approved. Need ideas for the menu.

\* **EXPOSURE TRIP:** Phil stated the goal is to drive to French Lick, follow the Ohio river to Richmond Indiana etc. He is talking with Bodden Hotel and will be giving more information at future meetings. Date: September 4 to the 11<sup>th</sup>.

\* **DRIVING THE DIXIE MEETING:** Jim reported that he attended the meeting in Crete. There will be a new couple from Blue Island, the Browns who will be in charge of registration this year. He stated they want data/stickers and registrants information from previous years. Karen stated she has that information, Phil stated he has already transferred the website to them.

JIM further stated he will be attending future meetings until the signage for communities and money is resolved. The posts are ready for Flossmoor, they are working on the sign for Posen and Markham is still a question mark.

Driving the Dixie this year will be July 16, 2018. Jim further stated we will keep the D/D money in our account for signs and will then be able to have direction on future spending. The next meeting is April 18th after which we should meet to discuss further dispersement of money. Jon, Bob, Phil and Ken as well as the attending membership were in accord.

**WEDDINGS:** Jon reported that 5 cars are needed for May 12<sup>th</sup>. The agreed upon donation will be \$750.00 to the A'SRUS. Volunteers are Jon, Bruce, Al, Bob, Chuck and Ken.



**TEENBRIDGE AUCTION:** Bob reported the auction was a success, reaping \$143,000.00. They thanked us for our participation and Bob stated we will need 5 cars for the drive and probable brunch. No date as yet.

#### **NEW BUSINESS :**

**FALL TOUR:** Ken stated he has been in touch with Ken McNeeley who is working on a trip to Bloomington, Indiana. More info to follow.

**CLUB PICNIC:** Jim and Henry suggested they chair this event which they proposed to be the Picnic/July meeting on Sunday July 22<sup>nd</sup>. More info to follow.

**BUDGET MEETING:** Our 2018 budget meeting date has been postponed.

Ken proposed the money from our wedding car income be added to the budget. He also suggested that we might want to make a donation to Mission Restore Bronze a group that restores Military Markers.

**JOLIET RACE TRACK OUTING:** Jack and Karen will be providing information at future meetings.

**MISC DISCUSSIONS:** There was discussion regarding the RESTOR magazine and club blurps and articles. It was stated that if you don't submit information on a monthly basis, occasional blurbs etc will probably not be printed. At best it takes two months.

**BREAKFAST:** The next breakfast will be April 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM. Peachtree restaurant.



**NEXT MONTHS MEETING:** The April meeting will be hosted by: **TIM & CAROL DIONNE, 12339 107<sup>TH</sup> AVE, ST. JOHN, INDIANA** on Wednesday the 18th. Jon thanked Steve for hosting this meeting and those who brought snacks and deserts.

**Badge fines: \$ 4.00 50/50 winner \$33.00 Chuck/ \$34.00 Club**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** by Jon at 8:15 pm.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** Sandy Kaleta, Secretary

**And now a few extra notes on the fall exposure tour.**

This is the 2018 Exposure trip summary that Phil and I are planning. Phil has obtained some good rates at the French Lick Resort; members may remember the last time we were there they were beginning a total restoration that is now complete. The rate Phil has are \$130 a night but he needs to secure a block as soon as possible due to the fact that the rooms fill up pretty darn quick.

We would like a preliminary count on the number of members that are interested in participating so Phil and I can set up room blocks at each hotel. We would appreciate a preliminary head count by Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

This trip is a wonderful driving trip with scenic vistas and great places to visit that we are sure those who can go will enjoy. Certainly, a route with Miles of Smiles.

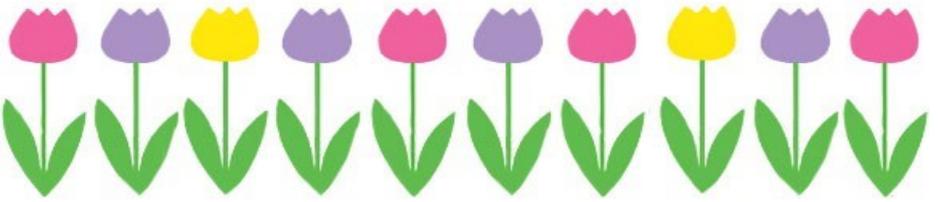
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Ron

# Happy Easter

		From	To	Mile s	Hotel	Attractions
Tues	9/4/ 2018	Beecher	Turkey Run	126	Turkey Run Resort	Covered Bridge Drive
Weds	9/5/ 2018	Turkey Run	French Lick	115	French Lick Resort	Bear Hollow Wood Carvers
Thurs	9/6/ 2018		French Lick		French Lick Resort	Elephant Encounter
Fri	9/7/ 2018	French Lick	Louisville KY	75	Hampton Inn Louisville	Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory
Sat	9/8/ 2018	Louis- ville, KY	Louisville KY		Hampton Inn Louisville	Churchill Downs, Ken- tucky Derby Museum
Sun	9/9/ 2018	Louis- ville, KY	Tell City	100	Holiday Inn Ex Tell City	Outlook Restaurant, Locks, Meinard Abbey
Mon	9/10 /201	Tell City	Vin- cennes	105	Hampton Inn Vincennes	Red Skelton Museum, Rogers and Clark
Tues	9/11 /201	Vin- cennes	Danville	125	Holiday Inn Ex Danville	
Weds	9/12 /201	Danville	Beecher	135		
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**I found some pictures of the French Lick Resort and surrounding area, looks awesome.**







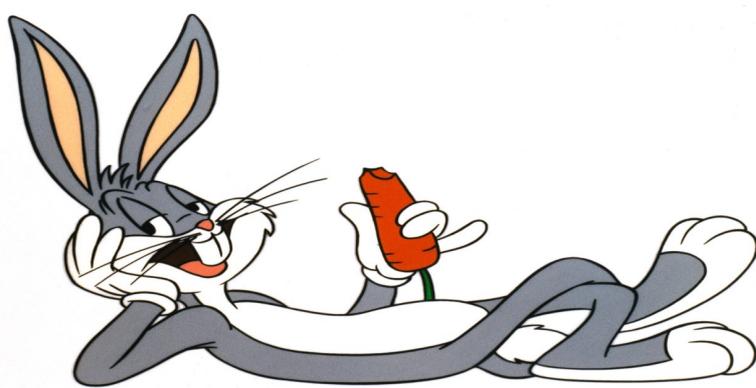
**That's going to be a great trip . I hope everyone can make it.**

**If anyone has anything they would like to put in the newsletter please send it to:**

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**albertparadiso@comcast.net**

**THANK YOU**



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