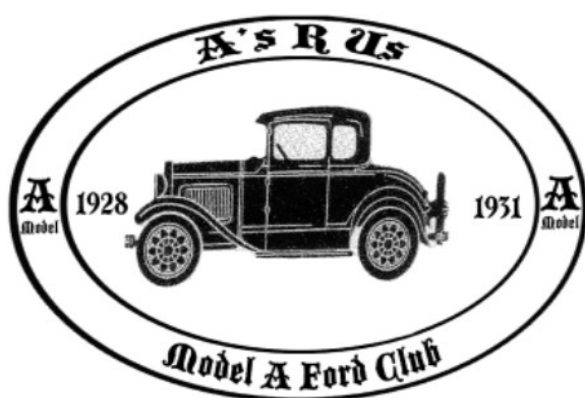




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A Special Heartfelt Message from Ken;

How do I begin? I have to say that I was overwhelmed with the people in our club who were concerned with my recent Health event. I received many cards and text messages and phone calls. Even people traveling far to come downtown to see me in the hospital. Now a month later I'm still getting people asking how I'm doing and offering to help do things if I need assistance. Over the years I have made it clear that we are more than just a car club that people have a common interest of a vehicle but we are more of a family and I really felt it this past month like I never have in the past. There's been a lot of things that have happened to the different club members from the good and the bad and looking back I can see how people have come together for each other. I have never been one to send a card to somebody but have tried to either say something in person or via a phone call. I guess we have our own way of conveying our feelings to somebody in a Time of distress. I do want to say that thank you so much for the fruit basket . It was very tasty and did not last very long. Ha . And some of the people even gave me little gifts which we're definitely unexpected but very much appreciated. So with that said I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the people who I am proud to call my family and friends. We are a special group and it doesn't get any better than this. Thanks to all, Ken



**Here are a few cuties from Camp
Quality on August 8th.**



We had a fun day at the races on August 18th, thanks to Jack and Karen at Route 66. Once again the club had access to the suite.



**Jacks granddaughter Taylor is at the lineup.
Way to go ! She SMOKED her competition!**



Tim Botts has a front row seat to all the action.



Grandpa is explaining to his grandson Cillian, that he's going to build him an engine when he gets older that's going to blow the doors off all other cars! Ha ha



**We finish out
the day with
Wyatt clap-
ping for the
winner!**



We had a few of the A's R Us cars on display!



This past Sunday the club took our annual trip to see the Deep River Grinders in Hobart Indiana. There were less people in attendance, but we still had a wonderful day. I was not aware this game was a double header as that was the first one we've ever seen with them. Unfortunately, they lost both games. It is a gentleman's game and it's always enjoyable to visit them. As usual we ran out of food. Why is it we never have enough food at these events? Ha. We had perfect weather and we found a nice shady spot and pulled up all the necessary picnic tables. As usual we had a fantastic feast. People bring enough to share with others whether it be food or desserts and it's nice that we can enjoy a variety. During the game I only heard of one fine and the fine is .25 cents and this time it was for lollygagging. The opening part was a treat for us. There was a band playing brass instruments and they came down and opened the game with The Star-Spangled Banner. The sound resonated across the field and was enjoyed by everyone. The other team came from Dayton Ohio and they kicked the butts of the home team. I forget how many years we've been attending. I know it's been more than six years but it's a wonderful family event. If you missed it, you should make plans to come next year. Unfortunately, as we were getting ready to leave Bob and Fran Grankos car would not start. It took some fiddling and some diagnosing of the situation. I believe it was more than an hour, but we brought it back to life. It turned out to be a different type of connection inside of the distributor that we have never seen before. But the best part about it is that we had an opportunity to learn something new and we leave no one behind.





A'S R US MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 15,2018

**MEETING LOCATION: GATEWAY CLASSICS,
CRETE, IL.**

CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT JON LISOTA AT 7:10 PM. JON INTRODUCED OUR RETURNING MEMBERS, BOB AND ROBIN RODRIGUEZ. HE ALSO INTRODUCED AND WELCOMED ATTENDING GUESTS GEORGE MAJOR, MASON MENARD, ROGER & STEVE DELKE AND GERRY VANCINA. JON THANKED OUR GATEWAY HOST AND HIS CHARMING WIFE.

MEMBER NEWS: It was reported by Phil that Ken will be discharged from the hospital and on his way home. It was also reported that Dales mother is now in assisted living. Prayers, cards and emails are greatly appreciated.

OLD BUSINESS: UP COMING EVENTS

*** MANTENO VETERANS HOME:** We will be visiting the VA on September 22nd and meeting at the Mayberry Junction Restaurant 8:00-8:30 AM. Jon reported he delivered the donations that were brought to the June meeting.

*** GRINDERS BALL GAME:** September 16th 1:00 game. We will meet in the bank building parking lot as in the past at 11:00am. Al K shared that Blue Island now has a classic ball club.

*** RTE 66 RACES:** Saturday August 18th, 10:00 meet at Pops (Laraway & 53). We will leave at 10:10 to line up for entry. \$20.00 to park our Model A's, Gate 13

REPORTS ON PAST EVENTS:

PICNIC: Henry reported that it was a great venue (thanks to Jim & Henry), excellent food (thanks to Chuck, our chuck wagon and member contributions) and great games for the kids (thanks to Geri & Ray). Look on our WebSite to enjoy club pictures in period dress (Plato Op).

CAMP QUALITY: It was reported that we had 6 cars present and that there was a great turnout from all the car clubs.

TEENBRIDGE: Bob shared that the Auto rebuild was a great time. There were 13 teens present. He extended thanks to all the members who helped.

BALLOON FEST: Was a fun Model A trip with 9 youngsters. There were no balloons due to a rain out.

NEW BUSINESS:

EXPOSURE TRIP: Ron reported that Breakfast will be at Smokey Joes to start the trip.

FALL TRIP: Valparaso, In. October 19,20,21. Make your reservations by September 19th at Best Western Motel, 219-850-1100. More info to follow.

CHRISTMAS EVENT: RIALTO/TOMMY GUNS. AL K proposed Rialto on December 12th at 6:00pm for a Theater tour, buffet dinner and Barton Grande Pipe Organ concert. Cost \$35.00/open bar. He also proposed that the cost be \$20.00 per person for members and the club pay the balance.

Discussion followed with Bob mentioning a return to our old pizza party.

Al proposed the Rialto as stated above, Henry/Ron approved and seconded. Majority vote ruled. It was also discussed that we attend the Tommy Gun Garage at another time.

SHRIMP & CORN BOIL: Wally reported that the Boil will be on September 2nd, this year. An invitation has been extended to our club and we have been asked to bring our Model A's. Cost will be \$20.00 per person.

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Next month's newsletter will cover the Shrimp Boil . The Exposure Tour will have two different perspectives, thanks to Ron and Phil.

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