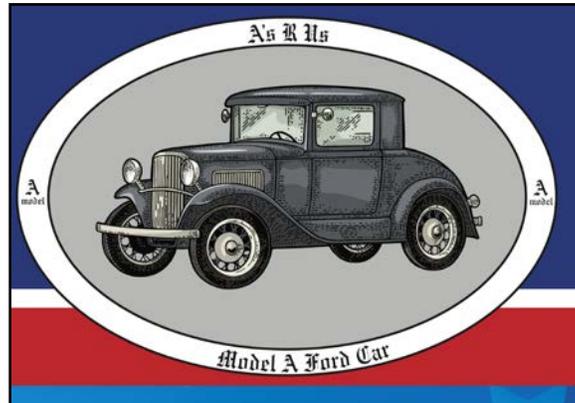


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# BACKFIRE

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August 2020



PRESIDENT's CORNER:

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Well another month has passed and it's time to get the 1930 A ready for the 900-mile trip to Kentucky. Destination - "Mammoth Cave National Park". Yes, your read right we changed the destination from Nashville to get away from the crowds. At this time, we will have 5 Model A's driving the trip. Nancy has been finding some interesting stops along the way in addition to what Ron has found. It will be a great trip as they all are, and the roads should be beautiful.

So far on the maintenance of our car I'm in the process of installing new rubber for the trip and I plan on all greasing, timing, plugs and general cleaning. I plan to be done a week before the trip so all I have to do is put the luggage in the trailer. Stop laughing, I can hear you.

In other news next weekend, we are planning a picnic trip to Perry Farm Park in Bradley so join us for the day driving your Model A!

Phillip Serviss





Our annual picnic was held at the Izaak Walton Preserve in Homewood. The picnic was enjoyed by 17 adults and 4 kids. Thanks to Henry Jassica for making it available to the club.

We practiced social distancing, and wore masks. We had gloves for the cooks and food servers. A nice time was had by all who showed up. We even had a little birthday celebration!



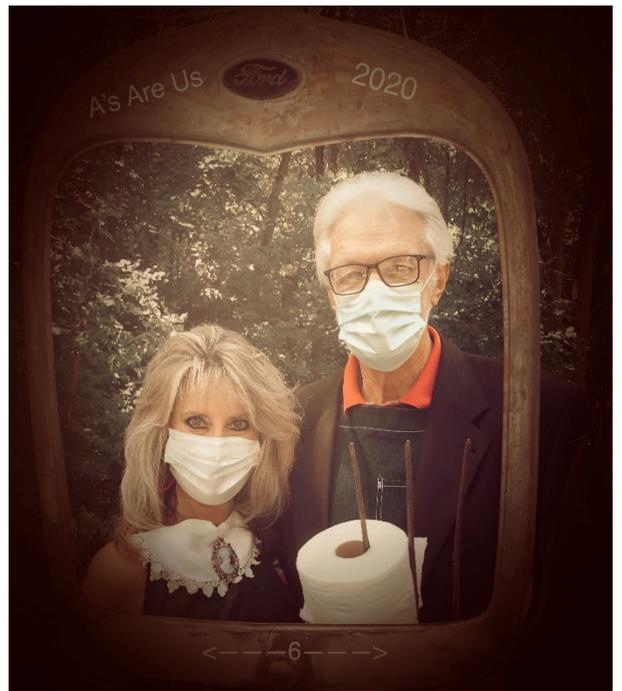
Our cooks grilled up some awesome burgers, brats and chicken which were served up with sides brought by everyone. It did get a bit hotter later in the day, so the picnic ended a bit earlier than usual.



Who are these masked people?!!









**A'S R US MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Izaak Walton Woods – Club Picnic**

The meeting was called to order by president Phil Serviss at 12:15 pm. 17 members were present, with one guest.

**\*MEMBER NEWS:** Pat Bots is doing much better and is out and about. Ray and Gerry are expecting their 6<sup>th</sup> grandchild in September. Dale's dad is doing well however his cancer is now progressing.

**\*TREASURERS REPORT:** In Jim's absence it was reported the A's checkbook balance of \$6720.03 and a balance of \$4995.29 in the Dixie account, earning .13 interest.

**\* EXPOSURE TOUR 2020:** Dates are 9/7-9/16. A suggestion was made to perhaps change the destination due to Nashville being a "hotspot". Phil suggested doing the IL route with a shift to Richmond, IN. Phil will provide an update in the next week or so.

**\*DAY TRIPS:** Nancy Serviss has suggested a couple of day trips. Suggested locations would be Kankakee State Park, or the Halsted Historical Society in Lowell IN. or Perry Farms. Any interest, contact Nancy.

**\*DIXIE UPDATE:** No update to report.

**\*BRIDGE TEEN CENTER:** No new updates at this time.

**\*JULY 4<sup>th</sup>:** Dale thanked Phil & Nancy for hosting a stellar BBQ at their home again this year. The parade to Manteno was well received and thanks to our members for their generous donations. Thanks to Jen Serviss for the photos.

**\*FALL TRIP:** Reminder: Hotel reservations – email link was sent out. Reservations can only be made electronically. Our destination is Peoria. Randy and Ron will provide more information as we get closer to the date.

**\*GRINDERS GAME:** We are tentatively set for 8/23. Tim and Pat will update as we get closer to the date as some of the teams have been cancelling.

**\* A'S ON TOUR DECALS:** Dale has extra decals if anyone would like one or two.

**\* BREAKFAST MEETING:** Postponed

**\*CAR PARTS:** Dale still has car parts available. Any interest, contact Dale.

**\*CLUB HISTORIAN NEEDED:** The club is in need of a historian. Anyone interested, please see Phil or Dale. Dale currently has all historical information and is needing to transfer by the end of August.

**\* 50/50:**

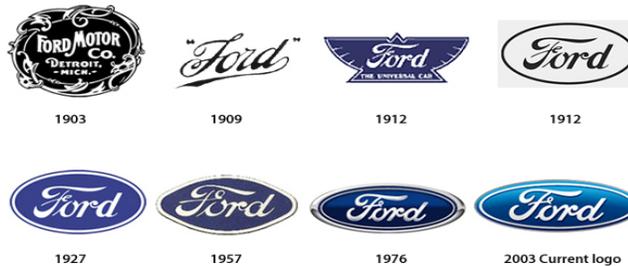
**\*BADGE FINES:**

**NEXT MEETING:** August 19<sup>th</sup> – Hosted by Steve Coe and Kathy Perrew at Kathy's home. 11618 S Ridgeland Worth. 7:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned.

## FUN FACTS ABOUT THE FORD MODEL A

1. Ford is the one of the largest family owned company in the world, ranking in the top 10. Do you know which company is #1?  
a) Volkswagon    b) Walmart    c) Berkshire Hathaway    d) ALDI Group
2. Henry Ford and Thomas Edison were lifelong friends. Ford requested that Edison's son capture his last exhale in a test tube and seal it with a cork. Ford kept the tube as a memorial to Edison's "life and breath." Do you know where their historic homes are located?  
a) Dearborn, MI    or    b) Ft. Myers, FL
3. Ford's signature blue oval logo was not introduced until 4 years after the company had been in production.

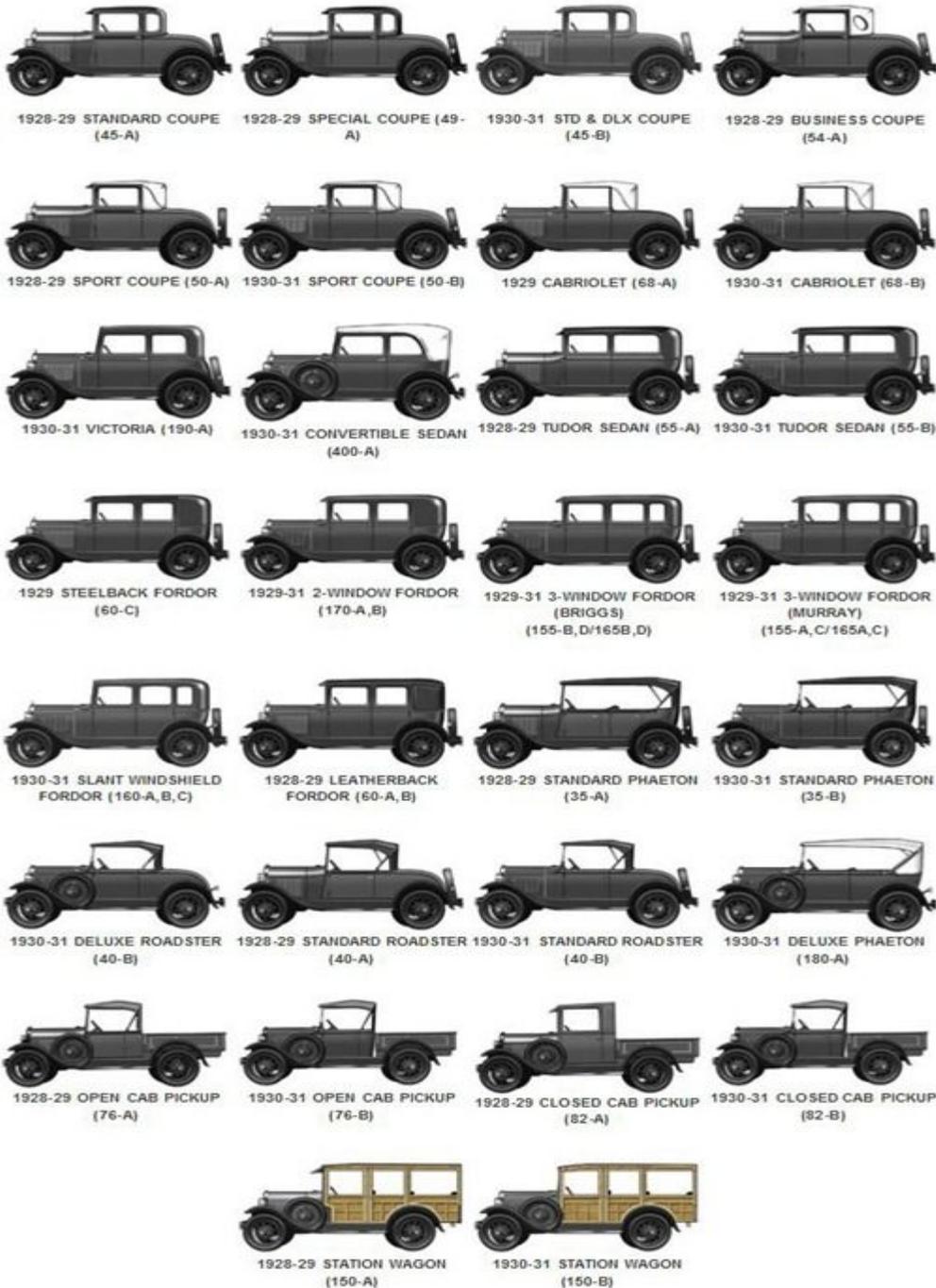


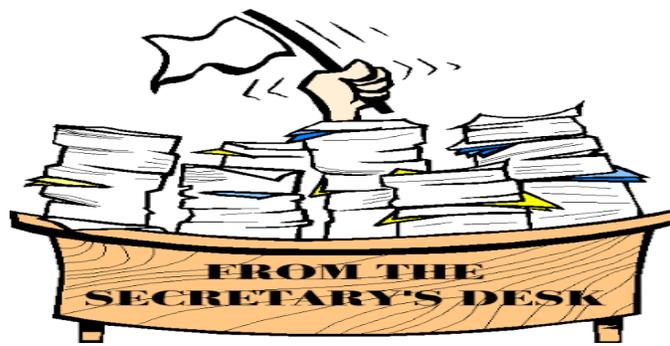
4. The first Model A ever sold was sold to Dr. Phenning, a physician from Chicago. Today, the vehicle is owned by William Clay Ford, Jr., current CEO and great-grandson of Ford.



5. In 1914, Ford created what is know as "Henry Ford's \$5 a day, which was DOUBLE the current market average. The new salary, along with a shorter work day and company profit sharing, was significant to the growing middle class and fair wages movement. Henry Ford was quoted as saying he wanted to help his employees to not just a living, but a life.

6. Did you know the Ford Model A was the subject of a 1928 song “Henry’s Made a Lady Out of Lizzie?” The song sang the praises of Ford’s newest edition to the road. *“Have you seen her, ain’t she great? She’s something you’ll appreciate. I’m sure you understand just what I mean. Ev’rybody, everywhere is falling for her now. I’m talking about the new Ford and boy it’s sure a wow! When you see her you’ll agree. She’s just the one for you and me. She’s everything that anyone could ask. Sittin’ pretty yes I am. With her I’m always found. You outta see her Chassis. It’s sure the best around.”*





## MEETING DATES/LOCATIONS

AUG. 19<sup>TH</sup>: Hosted by Steve Coe – Home of Kathy Perrewé  
SEPT. 16<sup>TH</sup> : Diane Paradiso (tentative)  
OCT. 21<sup>ST</sup>: Chuck & Linnea Fritz (regular mtg., no hayride)  
NOV. 18<sup>TH</sup>: Randy & Bonnie Senkpeil  
DEC: Christmas Party: TBD

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Perry Farms Day Trip:** August 22<sup>nd</sup>. More info to come at the meeting. If you are interested, contact Nancy Serviss.

**Grinders Ball Game:** August 23<sup>rd</sup>  
More details to come

**Wally Ekstrom Memorial Service:** August 29<sup>th</sup>  
1 pm to 3 pm  
Skyline Memorial Chapel  
24800 S. Govenors Highway Monee

**Interment:** **PRIVATE**

**Wally Ekstrom Life Celebration:** August 29<sup>th</sup>  
3pm  
Scrementi's Restaurant  
3760 Chicago Road Steger

PLEASE RSVP TO KAY DIRECTLY NO LATER THAN 8/21/20. THIS IS AN ADULT ONLY OCCASION.

**Exposure Tour:** Mammoth Cave Kentucky. - Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>

**FALL TRIP:** Peoria, IL – Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>  
Last day to reserve your room is 9/16/2020.  
<https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1591200170277&key=GRP>