

A's R Us Model A Car Club, chartered in Crete, IL is proud to announce an exciting new, classic car tour,

“A Day on the Dixie”

Saturday, July 29, 2023



A Day on the Dixie Classic Car Tour will begin at the park located at Rt 1 and Meadow Street in Grant Park, IL

Late and Day of the Event On-site registration, as well as check-in for paid, pre-registered vehicles will begin at 8 AM with the first cars being released at 8:30 AM. Registrations will close at 10:00 AM.

The Dixie highway, originally a footpath and cattle trail dating back to 1822, within Illinois from Danville to Chicago, was established as a state route in 1834.

Demand for roads for automobiles pushed the route to be designated Illinois RT 1 from Danville to Chicago Heights in 1915 and paving of the road began that year. By 1925 the paved roadway stretched from Chicago to Miami.

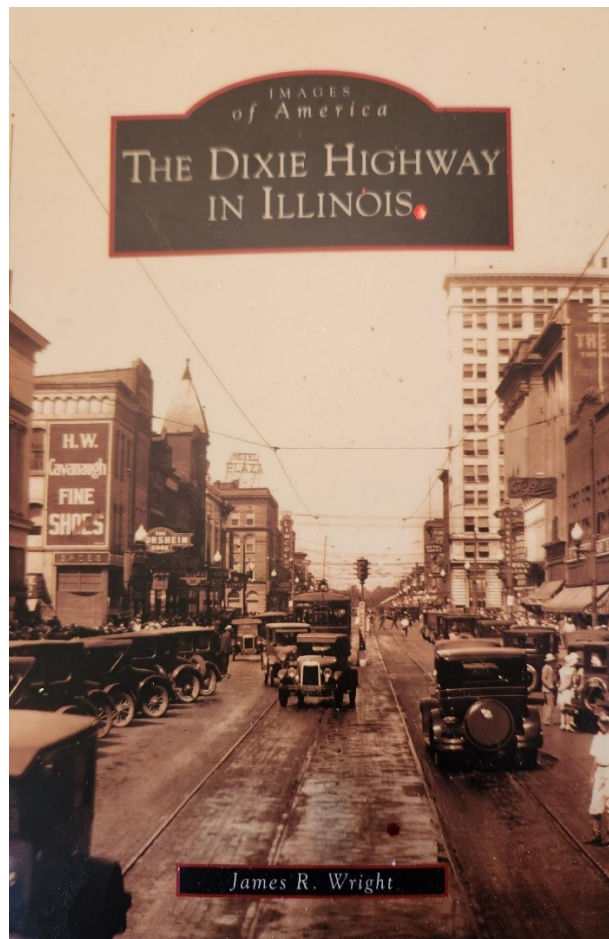
Since 2002, through various forms of celebration the A's R Us Model A Car Club has participated in promoting awareness of the historical significance of both the highway and the towns along its route.

This year we are offering a slightly different classic car tour than in the past.

On the 100th Anniversary of the Dixie the club and participating towns developed and erected large, laminated storyboard signs providing information on the history of each town along the route.



Our club historian, Jim Wright who authored the book “The Dixie Highway in Illinois” worked with local historical societies to research and plan each sign’s photo and narrative content. Sadly, Jim passed away this spring, the result of a long illness.



You will be asked to read the information on each sign, answer a few questions, turn in the completed form in Blue Island and receive extra raffle tickets for correct answers. Prizes will be awarded in Blue Island at the conclusion of the event.

There is a farmer’s market in Beecher right on Dixie that day and the City of Markham will offer refreshments to participants.

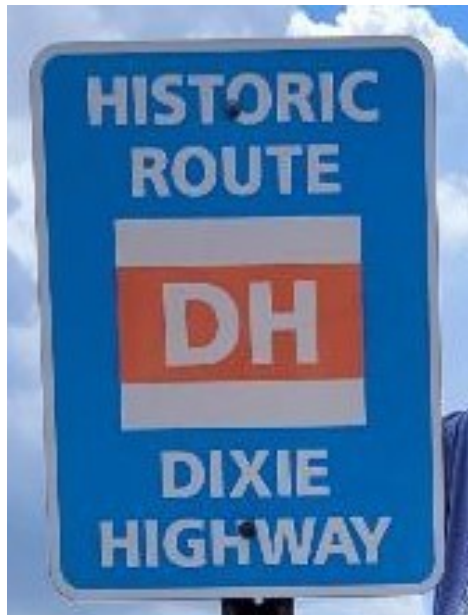
The tour will end in Blue Island, IL at the parking lot between York St and High St, one block west of Western Ave (Dixie Highway) which is behind the Lyric theater and across the street from the Blue Island library.

In Blue Island, the newly restored Lyric movie theatre will be showing films from 1 PM to 5 PM that are free to participants. Free popcorn will be available.

Additionally, the Blue Island Chamber of Commerce will provide downtown maps of restaurants and antique stores to explore.

Classic cars will be lined up in the Union Street / High St parking lot when they arrive in Blue Island for a car show. Trophies will be awarded for the People's Choice.

You can own a piece of history, an authentic metal Dixie highway sign. Through a Silent Auction in Blue Island at the Lyric theatre, you can bid on this sign.



You can own a signed edition of Jim Wright's book, "The Dixie Highway in Illinois". Through a Silent Auction at the Lyric theatre in Blue Island you can bid on this amazing book.

To guarantee your spot in this exciting new car tour, **A Day on the Dixie**, we encourage participants to register their vehicle now and pay the preregistration fee of \$20 per vehicle plus service fee, using a credit card through the secure Eventbrite webpage at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-day-on-the-dixie-tickets-630290725527> or search Day on the Dixie in your browser.

Online paid/preregistration will end at 5 PM CDST on Saturday, July 22, 2023. Only Late Registration will be taken after that time and date through the website above or onsite the day of the event.

Late (after July 22nd) and Day of the Event, on-site registration will be available at \$25 per vehicle plus service fee.

Those vehicles that have paid/preregistered will receive a tour goodie bag while Late and Day of the Event onsite registrations will receive a goodie bag as supplies last.

Those registered tour vehicles competing in the tour quiz and turning in the answer sheet with correct responses will receive additional raffle tickets for the prize drawings.

One game answer sheet per paid/registered vehicle.

At registration each driver will be required to show a valid driver's license and proof of insurance and each participant will sign a liability waiver as below:

Even with the best of planning and precaution, unforeseen events and situations can occur. Each participant agrees to assume and accept all risks and hazards inherent in the Day on the Dixie activities and agrees not to hold the A's R Us Car Club, its officers, members, or volunteer assistants liable for damages, losses, injuries or death to any person or property participating in A Day on the Dixie events.

The club uses your registration fee to pay for the event and a portion of any profit going to a fund to continue to maintain the 18 100th Anniversary story board signs and replace damaged and/or faded Dixie Highway metal signs along the route from Blue Island to Danville in Illinois as well as adding new signs.



In 2022, the club purchased and replaced over 34 metal signs along the route at a cost of over \$1,300.00 and maintained the 100th Anniversary signs with new wood stain, post caps and weather proofing for an additional \$950.00. In 2023, we hope to purchase and erect an additional 24 signs at a cost of over \$800.00.

Additionally, the club makes donations to other charitable organizations throughout the year. Past donations have been made to Ronald McDonald house, the Bridge Teen Center, the Model A Ford Foundation, Camp Quality, the Illinois Veterans home in Manteno and others.

Please join us on A Day on the Dixie