



## Family Fordor

It has been a long time since so many horns have been so finely tuned and so extrovertly played on Route 47! It was glorious! Most of the praise for the cacophonous Elburn Day's parade goes to Carol and Bob, who stuffed their Blindback with younger generations who seem to love that Aoooooogga bellow! **Grampa HONKS!** However, the length of the parade could not be blamed on McMahon's. The Union Pacific put profits over public relations again! The annual celebration was delayed three times for the mile-long freights to get up to speed and across Elburn's Route 47 grade crossings.

## 2007 Calendar

- 9/1 Maple Park Parade
- 9/16 *Quad Meet - Westmont*  
*We'll meet at the Roger's for a Continental Breakfast before heading for Westmont. Judy promises lots of chocolate donuts! Arrive at 0N657 Brandon Blvd. Winfield before 9 AM for coffee.*
- 9/25 Meeting
- 10/? Fall Color Tour ???
- 10/19 Meeting
- 11/4 Turkey Roast
- 11/16 Meeting
- 12/21 Meeting



## Gamboling "A" bout

Kathleen and Harry Klimek hosted a Sunday picnic instead of driving to Union. A friend from Wales brought along his mother, brother, sister-in-law, and kids so they could experience *The American Life*. As you might expect, Harry's Rustoleum Restoration contributed the most genuinely Yankee touch to the summertime bash.

The Welch ladies LOVED to ride in the Model A. Harry reports that "Mom" was up front every time he took another group out for a drive. He snapped the picture, above, across from a famous bit of Fox Valley Americana – Al Capone's Hideaway. While the vintage car looks quite natural in front of the storied speakeasy, three grownups shoehorned into the rumble seat is unnatural ... if not impossible!

Harry could not explain how he got them all in – or out.

Only in America !



Phred reports that the 2007 Elgin National Road Race was cancelled due to rain. "Hansel," the Hollister's 1928 Phaeton, was unable to take to the track. That was disappointing to Phred, who had envisioned a close race between the open car and a '33 Ford V-8. In truth, the greyhound poised on the Hansel's radiator cap will never again stretch its legs!

## Clutch Master!

With the clutch pedal all the way to the floor and the transmission in neutral, the metal-against-metal sound was annoying at the least. Butch gave a listen, but couldn't hear it. He didn't doubt that something was wrong in there, though. He advised taking out the clutch disc to see what was going on Ken recommended pulling the engine to get to the clutch. Phred suggested yanking the rear axle out, instead, because there would be less chance of damage to paint and sheet metal. Since even half-a-dozen Fender Covers wouldn't protect against a bumbled engine, I took Phred's advice and used the back door.

Jack explained that, with the wheelsoff, the rear end won't roll because the brake backing plates will contact the garage floor. He described using 2X4's to make a little railroad for the brake drums. That way the axle, A arms, and drive shaft would roll right out from under the truck.

Without a transmission jack, the job was an OSHA safety violation poster ... and what a lot of #@%\*\*\*## cotter pins! The good news is that the transplant – flywheel, clutch disc, V8-type pressure plate, and throwout bearing – was successful. It works great. Not so, Homer's mechanic, who has had more than enough "creeper" time for many, many Model A months to come!

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## Charlie Will Bring The Chicken!



The **September meeting** will

begin *after* a Potluck and Chicken Chowdown, which will start at 6:30 PM on the 21<sup>st</sup>. The *inside* event will take place in the conference room on the lower

level of the Park National Bank, 808 West Main in Geneva. Bring your own table settings, a good appetite, and a favorite dish to share.