



# The Starter

JULY  
2019

Salt Creek Chapter Model A Ford Club of America

Bill & Mary Ann  
[redacted]'s 1928  
standard coupe all  
decked out for the  
Western Springs  
Memorial Day  
parade



Salt Creek Model A Club  
newsletter c/o M. Bernard



*See you at the Lemont car show on July 13<sup>th</sup>*

**Salt Creek Chapter  
Model A club of America  
THE SALT CREEK A'S**

The Salt Creek Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the Model A Ford. Dues are \$20.00 per year. Model A ownership is not required.

The Chapter business meetings are normally held on the third Tuesday of each month at Buck's Pit Stop 6501 Kane Avenue, Hodgkins, Illinois (708-588-0095). The meeting starts at 7:30 pm.

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Club website: [www.saltcreekas.org](http://www.saltcreekas.org)

MAFCA website: [www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com)

MAFFI website: [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org)

**SALT CREEK A'S 2019 OFFICERS**

President: Mike [redacted]  
Vice President: Jim [redacted]  
Treasurer: Ji [redacted]  
Secretary: Ilene [redacted]

**STARTER MAILING**

Mike [redacted] does the postal mailing of *The Starter*.  
If any issues arise, please call him at [redacted]

**CLUB MERCHANDISE**

Magnetic Signs are available with Club Name and Your Name imprinted on them. \$17.00  
Contact: Jim [redacted] 81  
Shirts with Canopy Express Logo are available from:  
Hildebrand Sporting Goods  
1809 Roosevelt Road  
Broadview, IL Phone: 708-344-0800

**TECH TALK:**

Jim R [redacted] will share with us about  
The Early Jeep

**Refreshment Schedule**

July August Sept



If you will not be able to bring a treat, please call Cynda [redacted] ahead of time so she can call someone else.

H: 8 [redacted]

**Newsletter Contributor Schedule**

August Sept October



This can be a favorite story, photo, reprint etc. Meet "A" Member. Share your story of your Model A. (All items returned, if requested.)

**Deadline for the next Starter August 2nd**

**Give or send your contributions to Ken Dust at [redacted] 7**

**Member Updates**

New members:

**Michael & Jan [redacted]**



1930 Coupe

Plus:

John & Sharon [redacted] are now the proud owners of a 1929 closed cab pickup once again. John G [redacted] had some surgery on his left leg making the Model A clutch difficult to operate. So unwillingly, he's handed it off to a fellow clubmember, and now John L. gets the pleasure of driving and maintaining it. He reports that the truck is in good shape and other than checking the points and timing, changing some oil and giving it a lube job he's ready to go.

## President's Message

- Summer appears to finally be here. Until my new shoulder is up to driving a Model A, all I can do is encourage the rest of you to get your cars out on the road and enjoy the season.
- Thank you, Tom P [REDACTED] and the rest of the volunteer crew, for a great brat cook out at last month's meeting. Looked like record attendance to me. (Tom help me remember to have Donna tell Buck's we need more seating next May.)
- Remember to check your Email before all club events to see if anything has changed. We plan to only call members without Email.

Mike B [REDACTED] [com](#)

## LEMONT HERITAGE FESTIVAL PAID CAR SHOW

**SATURDAY, JULY 13<sup>TH</sup> -- 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.**

(Note the hours we will display our cars.)

**THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL IS AGAIN BEING HELD AS A SINGLE EVENT.**

**We will display our vehicles as last year at the location on Front Street.**

**Your participation is definitely needed – a paid event to our club treasury.**

**THE LEMONT FESTIVAL COMMISSION REQUESTS THAT WE DISPLAY AT LEAST 12 CARS TO QUALIFY FOR A \$200 DONATION TO THE CLUB.**

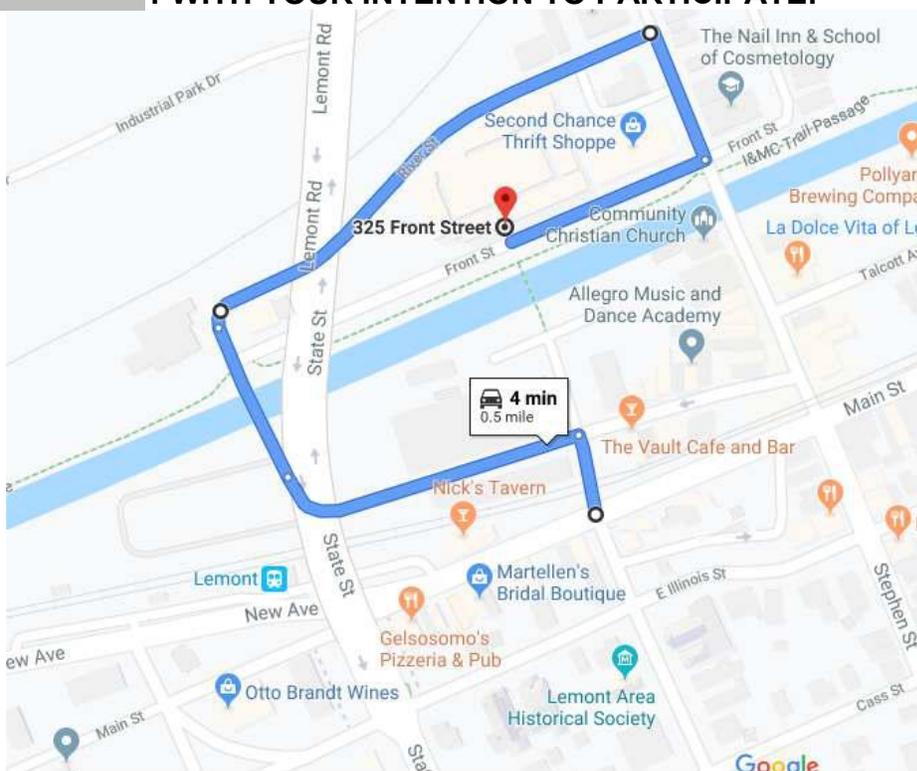
**PHONE JIM R [REDACTED] 1 WITH YOUR INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE.**

### Downtown Lemont Directions

Because of the fest, Stephen St. is blocked by the bandstand and Front St. is only one-way. Therefore, these directions will get you to our display location:

- 1) Whether you are coming into Lemont by either East or West you'll want to get to Main St. & Lemont St.
- 2) Turn North onto Lemont St.
- 3) After crossing the railroad tracks, turn left onto Canal St.
- 4) Continue onto Ed Bossert St.
- 5) Ed Bossert St. turns right and becomes River St.
- 6) Turn right onto Stephen St.
- 7) Turn right at the 1st cross street onto Front St.

We typically are lined up in front of the businesses at about 325 Front St.



# Minutes June 18th Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:42pm by President Mike Bernard, all officers were present.

A motion to accept the May Minutes as printed in the June Starter was made by Nancy Cooney, 2nd by Barb Weiser; motion carried

The Treasurer's report was presented by Jim Ruzicka, motion to accept by Tom Suffecool; 2nd by Jordon Beller; motion carried

## Announcements

A HUGE Thank You was given to Tom & Joanne Palmisano and their many other volunteers for organizing and putting on our annual June meeting cookout and tailgate swap.

## Sunshine Report

- Everyone is good.
- We had a good group for Lou's Memorial

## Committee Reports-

- Membership
  - Pat Ruzicka announced the membership is now at 90, last month's new members, Pat & Michele Murphy put us over
  - Pat has rosters and dues cards for people. Please find her, so she doesn't have to find you.
  - She announced this evening's guests Michael & Jan Wroblewski are joining the club now too
- Starter – Ken Dust
  - Thanked those who provided articles
  - Apologies for rushing the June issue and squeezing some of the pictures too much
  - Mike Bernard asked how **The Starter** is being received. He is going to try an extra piece of tape to help them travel through the mail without as much damage
- Refreshments – Cynda Stryck
  - A bunch of people brought stuff & Jordon helped with plastics
- Website – Nancy Cooney
  - Nancy noted that the site calendar is up to date
  - She also asked that if you send pictures in to Ken Dust that you also send them in to her for inclusion in the website
- Buck's Liaison – Donna Suffecool
  - The hall was crowded tonight, Donna will work on arranging more seating for next year's June meeting.
- Pie Wagon – Tom Cooney
  - Tom announced that the pie wagon was in the LaGrange Pet Parade
  - Had a little trouble at Little Joe's. Wondered if it was the heat. The battery seemed low. Some discussion ensued that perhaps we need an alternator. We will discuss at the next meeting.
  - Nate Dust drove it to display at Sharon Model A Day
  - Tom and Bob Voves went through and hit all the fittings with grease.
- MAFFI - Jordon Beller
  - This year's Model A Day open house is on 21 September and part of this year's theme will feature things made from Model A parts, Jordon is a big contributor of this stuff.
- Mileage awards – Ron Dust
  - Ron presented 500 mile and 1000 recognition patches to Steve Speakman.
- Policies – Nate Dust
  - No updates this month
- Raffle
  - No raffle tonight

## Old Business

- Jim Ruzicka reported more detail on the Pasadena High School Model A car raffle the club had donated money for 2 entries in. The car was won by a California man and the second prize went to a family in South Carolina.
- Salt Creek's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
  - The volunteers to be on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee are: Steve Speakman, Nancy Cooney, Alice Nelson, & Ilene Schauer
  - The Bachman's volunteered to organize a Banquet for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- Annual Picnic
  - Ilene confirmed the August 25<sup>th</sup> date
  - She provided an update on the parking lot resurfacing (it has been cancelled) We won't have to worry about uneven surfaces for the picnic.
- Lemont Car Show – Jim Ruzicka
  - Jim sent an email and there is sign-up sheet going around. Need a minimum of 15 cars. July 13<sup>th</sup> 3-7pm. Same location of last few years (The location will be emailed). It would be great if we can have the Pie Wagon.
- Jerry Sund reported that the Western Springs Memorial Day parade and the LaGrange Pet Parade went well.

## New Business

- Bob Barr announced that this Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> is the first of the 3 Riverside summer car shows and we have a good spot in the post office parking lot.
- Mike Bernard announced details on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at the Woodridge picnic
- Bob Voves discussed the Westchester National Night Out event on Tuesday August 6<sup>th</sup>. It need only be an hour or so of your time. It's held at the community center. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. More details will be in **The Starter**.
- Jerry Sund discussed the tour to the traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial at the Queen of Heaven cemetery in Hillside. Dates were voted on and it was decided Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup> was best. Plans are to leave from PNC Bank lot at 11 and then have lunch together after visiting the Memorial.
- Jim Gonyo announced that the Village of Woodridge is planning a parade on Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the town's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the Park District's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We would like to be a part of the parade which will start around 10 or 11 a.m. More information to come.
- Jim Ruzicka announced this year's Lincoln Highway Association will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1919 U.S. Army cross-country convoy with a tour August 31 to Sept 16. There will be a pit stop in DuPage Fair Grounds & Cantigny. Would someone like to coordinate our participation in this? For details see [www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org/tour/2019/](http://www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org/tour/2019/)
- Jordon Beller thanked all those who volunteered to be docents at the Beller Museum during the flood of people that attended on June 8<sup>th</sup> with the Route 66 Association.
- Jim Ruzicka had an update on the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration planned by Alpine Banquet Haus, site of our Annual Banquet. Still no firm date and it has been pushed out to September or October.
- Al Bachman shared information about a recent trip to Dayton, TN. Recommends that you visit.
- Alice Nelson talked about going to a cool car show on a recent visit to Spain.
  - Recommended a book of you and a favorite photo of you and your car.
- Ken Dust discussed their recent trip to the Midwest Regional Meet in Des Moines and the various activities. Nate won the wet T-shirt toss.
- Ken Ehrenhofer was a guest this evening and he made a presentation on the 1931 AA bus that he and a team of volunteers are restoring for use at the Gilmore Museum.
  - The bus is now owned by the MAFFI Museum
  - The chassis is rolling now!!
  - He showed pictures of the AA bus used at Greenfield Village and discussed plans to make it very similar but in blue.
  - To help fund the restoration efforts, the group is having a raffle for tickets to go see the Jay Leno car collection. He happily sold a bunch of tickets to some of our members after the meeting. \$25/ticket

## Adjournment

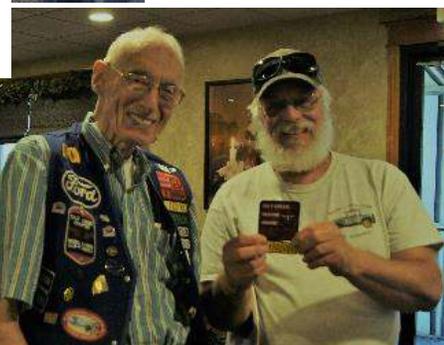
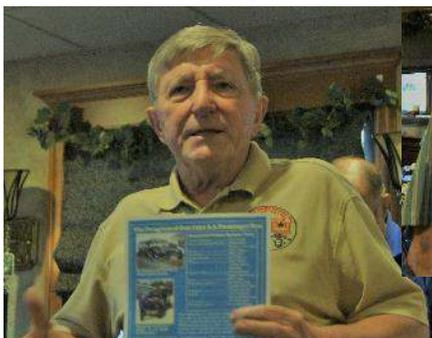
- Jim Tepper said there was no tech talk tonight because of the cookout.
- Attendance – 77 total; 48 men, 29 ladies, and 3 children
- Jerry Sund made a motion to adjourn; 2nd by Tom Suffecool, motion was carried at 8:19 pm.
- Minutes submitted by Ilene Schauer, Secretary

## Some pictures from June's meeting, courtesy of Barb Weiser



As soon as the grill-masters were done, the crowd lined up

at Right: Ron Dust presenting Steve Speakman with his mileage patches



at Left: Ken Ehrenhofer making his pitch



# FASHION "A" TING FACTS by MAXINE DUST

Spring 1931 fashions on display in Palm Beach



The South also attracts Mrs. Robert H. McAdoo and Mrs. Harrison Williams.

PHOTOGRAPH  
About to set out for her promenade at Palm Beach, Countess Edith di Zoppola, the former Edith Mortimer of New York.



PHOTOGRAPH  
In blue and white linen pyjamas, Miss Antoinette Johnson walks along the bright Palm Beach plage enjoying the vivid Southern sun.

PHOTOGRAPH  
Mrs. Frank Duff Frazier of New York is a devotee of Florida's fair and easeful days.

PHOTOGRAPH  
Miss Anne Storrs of New York tries her skill on the pleasant Sunnyside golf-course.

## Lou Heine Memorial Service

On Saturday June 15th, a bunch of our members gathered at the Riverside Presbyterian Church with their Model A's. The Heine family had a memorial service for Lou, who passed away back in March. Knowing Lou's fondness for the Model A, Martha Heine invited all our club members to participate and drive their Model A to help celebrate his life.



### *Some Jeep stuff I found interesting given Jim's upcoming Tech Talk*

#### Ford and the Jeep Grille

Willys made its MA series and the first 25,808 MB Jeeps with a welded flat iron "slat" radiator grille. It was Ford who first designed and implemented the familiar and distinctive stamped slotted steel grille, which was lighter and better suited to mass production. Ford was the expert in mass production so many of their design features, including the stamped grille, were adopted by Willys and implemented into the standard WWII Jeep by April 1942. The grille became such an iconic symbol for the rugged, reliable, and beloved Jeep that rights to the image are still a coveted corporate asset to this day.

#### Jeep Production

Bantam	0.4%
Willys	54.9%
Ford	44.7%

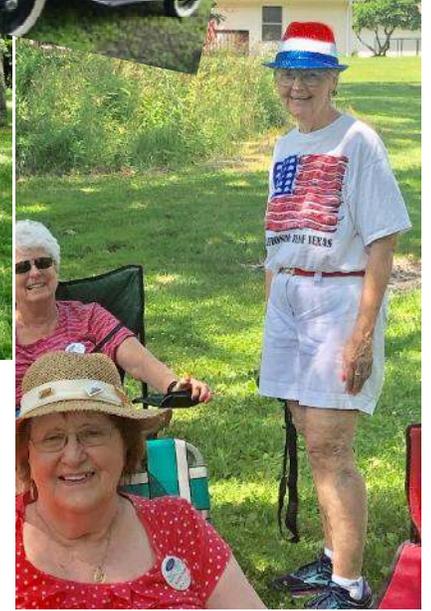
#### How Many WWII Jeeps were made?

Supplier/Model	Year(s)	Production
Bantam	1941	2,605
Ford GP	1941	4,456
Willys MA	1941	1,553
Willys MB	1942-1945	361,339
Ford GPW/GPA	1942-1945	290,674
<b>Total</b>	<b>1940-1945</b>	<b>660,703</b>

Source: World War II Database; Home » Equipment » Vehicles » Jeep

[https://ww2db.com/vehicle\\_spec.php?q=243](https://ww2db.com/vehicle_spec.php?q=243)

# Celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in Woodridge



## Riverside Cruise Night

The longest day of 2019 found a number of Salt Creek'ers enjoying the equinox in historic Riverside on Thursday June 20th for the first of the 3 cruise nights the downtown sponsors. Our club gets to be a focal point, enjoying the post office parking lot on the east end of the "strip".

The weather couldn't have been better, after a day of watching where the rain was going, we still had 9 Model A's on display plus Don Carter with his Model T, who encouraged all comers to give her a crank and start the engine. Then too there was Frank Vlazny and his T-top Corvette drawing glances from a good portion of the crowd.



Bob Barr had also invited a neighborhood associate to park with us, so we enjoyed Gregg "Skoda" Valek with 5 Starbucks cups precariously sitting on the roof of his Skoda without falling off. He says the trick is the exact amount of coffee in the cup; he can travel up to 45 MPH without one getting blown off the roof.



Bob says the organizer of the cruise night pulled him aside and expressed his appreciation for our strong showing. Thanks to all who attended, and we look forward to seeing you again on July 18th.



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As a "member" of the Hagerty Drivers Club (\$45/year), every couple of months I get the **Hagerty magazine** [www.hagerty.com/articles-videos/magazine](http://www.hagerty.com/articles-videos/magazine) in our home mailbox. One of my favorite sections of it is a regular column by former *Tonight Show* host Jay Leno. Coming from a background on the 1928-1931 Model A Ford, Jay's "Short Shifts" column in the July/August 2019 issue of the magazine had a line that really reverberated with me. Maybe it may offer some significance to you as well. — Ed.

Jay wrote, "My two favorite car years are 1932, when everyone realized the car was here to stay and larger engines and wilder paint schemes arrived, and 1966, the last year of true design freedom before federal regulations."

# THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL MOVING WALL TOUR

Sunday, September 29, 2019

- Depart from the PNC Bank (55th St just west of IL Rt 83) at 11:00 AM
- We will drive to the wall display at the Queen of Heaven Cemetery, 1400 South Wolf Road, Hillside
- After viewing the wall, we will have lunch at a nearby eatery.

Any Questions- call Jerry [REDACTED]

The Moving Wall ([www.themovingwall.org](http://www.themovingwall.org)) consists of a traveling half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial that travels the USA from April through November, spending



about a week at each site. Since 1984 this exhibit has been bringing The Wall home to communities throughout our country allowing the souls enshrined on the Memorial to exist once more among family and friends in the peace and comfort of familiar surroundings. The traveling exhibit provides thousands of veterans who have been unable to

cope with the prospect of facing The Wall to find the strength and courage to do so within their own communities, thus allowing the healing process to begin. The mission of this wall is to honor and preserve the legacy of service and educate all generations about the impact of the Vietnam War.

On the lighter side, some headstones to search for in **Queen of Heaven Cemetery** are:

- Celeste Lizio – the woman behind Mama Celeste pizza, 1962-1988
- George Kirby – comedian and impressionist 1963-1972
- James Michels - Marine corporal, part of contingent which raised that first flag on Iwo Jima
- Sam "Teets" Battaglia – Mobster associate of Al Capone
- Thomas O'Brien – Dean of Chicago democratic party, 1943-1964
- Tony "Big Tuna" Accardo – Chicago mobster, 1947-1972

And just across the street to the North in **Mount Carmel Cemetery** you can find:

- Cardinal Joseph Bernardin
- Dennis Farina – Chicago PD detective turned actor (born on Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> in 1944)
- Al Capone



Custom design trophy won by Nate Dust in the car games at the Des Moines Regional Meet



# Model A Stuff - For Sale or Wanted

## **1929 Model A Tudor For Sale**

Seanna Riedemann needs to sell their A now that Walter is under nursing care. Mostly all there according to Jordan B., thought it does need a good bit of work. Has Been licensed , comes with a good title. Call Jordan if you have questions at

2322. Best offer, Addison.



## **1929 Model A Standard Coupe For Sale**

Black, dual taillights, high-mount stoplight, windwings  
\$13,900

Glen Ellyn

He's moved into a retirement home, needs storage space



## **1931 Model A Tudor For Sale**

Runs great but want this car to get more usage; I'm too busy at present

[net](#)



## **1931 Model A Deluxe Roadster For Sale**

We are downsizing and moving to Georgia so need to sell. The engine runs great, lots of new parts; alternator, shocks, brakes, electrical wiring, and a water pump, radiator, and new tires on powder coated rims. Upholstery is leather and ok. Also have a second frame, many extra rims, and 10 Tires. It is very roadworthy, and I really want to find it a good home. \$15,000

Bill

[com](#)



## **FUTURE EVENTS** (continued)

### **AUGUST**

10<sup>th</sup> – Sycamore Steam Show & Threshing Bee Car Show, 9AM–2PM

10<sup>th</sup> – BankFinancial Classic Car Show, Orland Park, 10AM-2PM

15<sup>th</sup> – Thursday night car show in Riverside

15<sup>th</sup> – **Ford Night**—Westmont downtown car show

20<sup>th</sup> – Regular Meeting (7:30) at Buck's Pit Stop

25<sup>th</sup> – Salt Creek A's Annual Picnic and Phil Clark Auction

### **SEPTEMBER**

4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> – Lincoln Hi-way Military Convoy Centennial Tour stop in DuPage County

7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> - Automotive Heritage Tour of 5 auto museums in Michigan & Indiana

17<sup>th</sup> - Regular Meeting (7:30) at Buck's Pit Stop

20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> - Model A Day, MAFFI museum at the Gilmore, Hickory Corners MI



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**Jordon B**

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clubmember John Lorenzi recently used a tow service, was suitably impressed, and said he recommends:

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### **Every Week**

Model "A" lunch with Jerry Sund, et.al.  
"A" time to discuss what's ailing your "A"  
Wednesdays @ Noon  
Buck's Pit Stop

## FUTURE EVENTS

### **JULY**

- 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> – Iola Car Show, Iola WI
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Lemont Car Show, 3-7 PM — **we need 12 cars and Salt Creek A's gets \$\$**
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Regular Meeting (7:30) at Buck's Pit Stop
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Thursday night car show in Riverside
- 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> – Will County Threshermen's Show
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Cantigny Park 71st Annual AACA Car Show, judging at 10:30, \$20 registration fee

### **AUGUST**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Antique Ford Day—Prairie A's, I-74, Exit 192 from 9:30AM-3PM
- 4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> – MARC National Meet in Dearborn MI
- 6<sup>th</sup> – National Night Out, Westchester Community Park, 10330 Crestwood Ln 6-8:30PM

**more summer schedule events inside**