SIDELIGHTS

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IMPORTANT EVENT INFORMATON…….

DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS AND THE CONTINUED "STAY AT HOME" DECLARATION BY OUR GOVENOR…

THE SPRING TOUR SCHEDULED FOR MAY 14TH - 17TH HAS BEEN CANCELLED!

Please see the Upcoming Events Calendar for additional events that have been cancelled.

Stay Safe and Stay Healthy!

Upcoming EVENTS

May 2 or 3 - Waukegan-North Shore **DUST OFF TOUR.** CANCELLED
May 14-17 - Region **SPRING TOUR** To Baraboo, WI hosted by Waukegan-North Shore Chapter. See page 5 for lodging information. CANCELLED
May 24 - Silver Springs Chapter annual **CAR SHOW AND FLEA MARKET.** CANCELLED
May 30 - Des Plaines Valley Chapter – **Nike Tour.** CANCELLED
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NATIONAL NEWS

For more information on National and other events see aaca.org

2020 Nationals & Tours

May 7-9 • Central Spring • Auburn, IN. CANCELLED
May 13-16 • East Div. Tour • East Shore of MD RESCHEDULED TO AUG 12-15.
June 7-12 • Sentimental Tour • Davis, WV CANCELLED
June 12-13 • SE Spring • Charlotte, NC
June 24-27 • Eastern Spring • Beckley, WV
July 19-24 • Reliability Tour • Lock Haven/Wellsboro, PA CANCELLED
July 23-25 • Grand Nationals • Allentown, PA
Aug 20-22 • SE Fall • Elizabeth, IN
Sept 13-18 • Glidden Tour (VMCCA Sponored) • Saratoga Springs, NY
Oct 7-10 • Eastern Fall • Hershey, PA
Oct 19-23 • Central Div Tour • Broken Arrow, OK

Other Events of Interest

May 9 - **Autobahn Driving School** – Hosted by CCCA CANCELLED
June 21 – **Father's Day Show** – Hosted by CCCA
July TBA - **Annual Picnic** – Hosted by CCCA
July 12 – **Cars Time Forgot Show** – Hosted by Delevan Chamber of Commerce. Delevan, WI.
Aug 23 – **Geneva Concours** – Geneva, IL

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear AACA Members,

I'm amazed at how quickly another month can pass. It seems like I did the March message a week ago.
Let's start with a list of events that have been cancelled:

- The Spring tour has been postponed and will take place next May.
- The Silver Springs Sandwich show (May 24) has been cancelled.
- The Silver Springs tour to Utica has been cancelled.
- The Fox Valley Pizza Party is tentatively scheduled for June 7.
- Lastly, If you were planning a trip to Pebble Beach, that to has been cancelled.

Looking on the bright side, Darlene and I have made airline reservations for Hershey.
I hope things are back to normal by October.
The airfares are cheap. Both of us will fly to Pittsburgh on American Airlines nonstop for under $100 per person. We rent a car and drive to Hershey. It's a beautiful part of the country.
I've been spending time on YOU TUBE. I'm a big fan of automotive history and YOU TUBE has some very interesting videos about automotive history. If you haven't checked it out, please do so. Next on YOU TUBE, I'll learn to start and drive a Model T.

Until next month.

Monthly Recipe

Here is an easy taco recipe for Cinco de Mayo – provided by Chris Schurrer

Grilled Fish Tacos

Ingredients

- 2 packages Grilled Tilapia (6.3 oz), or Grilled Salmon (6.3 oz).
- 1 package (10 ct) Flour Soft Tortillas, warmed (can also use 1 package (10 ct) Whole Wheat Soft Tortillas or 1 package (10 ct) Whole Grain Corn Taco Shells)

Suggested Toppings:

- 2 tomatoes, chopped
- 1 cup lettuce, shredded
- 1 avocado, sliced
- Taco Sauce
- Diced green chiles

Instructions

1. Prepare Fillets according to package directions.
2. While Fillets are cooking, prepare suggested toppings.
3. Place toppings in individual bowls.
4. Warm taco shells or tortillas according to package directions.
5. Cut each Grilled Fillet into 4 strips. Place fillet strips in taco shells or tortillas and serve with toppings.

Region News

Wanted for the Archives

Looking for information or documents pertaining to the 2003 Spring Tour which was hosted by the Waukegan - North Shore Chapter in Rockford, IL. Specifically looking for the Tour Sheet but will take anything else. Please contact Chris Schurrer @ 815-344-3775 or hpdog259962@gmail.com.

The Spring Tour hosted by the Waukegan North Shore Chapter of A.A.C.A. for May 14 - 17, 2020. has been CANCELLED! It will take place in Spring of 2021.

Vintage Photos & a bit of History:

By John Halloran

A Mothers' Day Tribute to Women

UPON BOARDING a flight home from Palm Springs, I noticed the pilot was a woman. That's not too unusual; when I was taking flying lessons one of my instructors was a girl named Jamie.

Shortly after takeoff, our captain thanked us for flying American. The elderly woman in the seat next to mine turned and asked if she heard correctly. "Is the pilot a *woman*?"

"Indeed, she is," I responded. "And so is the co-pilot." I then pointed out the misogynists' nightmare; the entire flight crew, including all three flight attendants, was female.

"It's about time you women started pulling your own weight," I tactfully refrained from voicing aloud.

At the point of being mistaken for a chauvinist lout, I should explain that I love women. They're *all* beautiful (even the ones who suffer an unfortunate resemblance to a 1950 Studebaker), generally smell good, and are chock full of 'femininity'. I took one on a date once. After dinner and a movie, we osculated. It was creepy and disgusting. For me, too. I didn't learn any important lesson from that. Until test tube cloning is perfected, women will remain an integral part in propagation of the species.

My sainted mother, God bless her soul, was a woman. She taught herself to drive on her brother Joe's black '38 Packard 120 sedan, scraping it against the garage posts, while Uncle Joe was off to war with the Tankers in Europe. Ma later had use of a dissonant green Bell System Stude Champion when she was a supervisor in the phone company athletic department. After their marriage, she taught Dad how to drive when they bought a new '56 Chevy 210 two-door post, from Ferrill-Hicks Chevrolet at 56th and Ashland.

In the early days of motoring it was unclear if women could handle the rigors of travel, keenly noted by obstetrician J. Clifton Edgar, who observed that for women, riding in a car was rougher than riding in a carriage. "Jars are greater," said the doctor, "in cars that have an overhanging rear seat, where the woman usually sits.

Vintage Photographs & History: (continued…)

"A speed of fifteen or twenty miles an hour in a motor car causes them acute mental suffering, nervous excitement, and circulatory disturbances extending into the night and causing insomnia. Such patients, while on the road, sit with tense muscles, rarely relaxing, which tenseness increases with the passage of an approaching car. They are constantly on the lookout for trouble, each curve in the road hides a disaster beyond, a grade crossing is nothing short of agony."

Clearly a message that pioneering motorist Alice Huyler Ramsey failed to get before she departed New York City in June 1909 in an open Maxwell touring car. Accompanying her on the trek were her sisters-in-law Margaret Atwood and Nettie Powell, and a younger lady friend, Hermine Jahns. In her book Veil, Duster and Tire Iron (an autographed copy which I gave to the Lincoln Highway Association in Franklin Grove) Alice describes the real start of the adventure west as the quartet departs Rochelle, Illinois bound for the Mississippi River. "The brick hotel at Rochelle took care of us nicely and we started out refreshed for our entrance into what we regarded as the Real West." The ladies arrived at San Francisco later that summer, escorted into the Golden Gate by a parade of Maxwell automobiles.

Should anyone ever tell you that a woman can't be as good as a man, purely scoff, and share these photos of early women motorists…

Vintage Photographs & History: (continued…)

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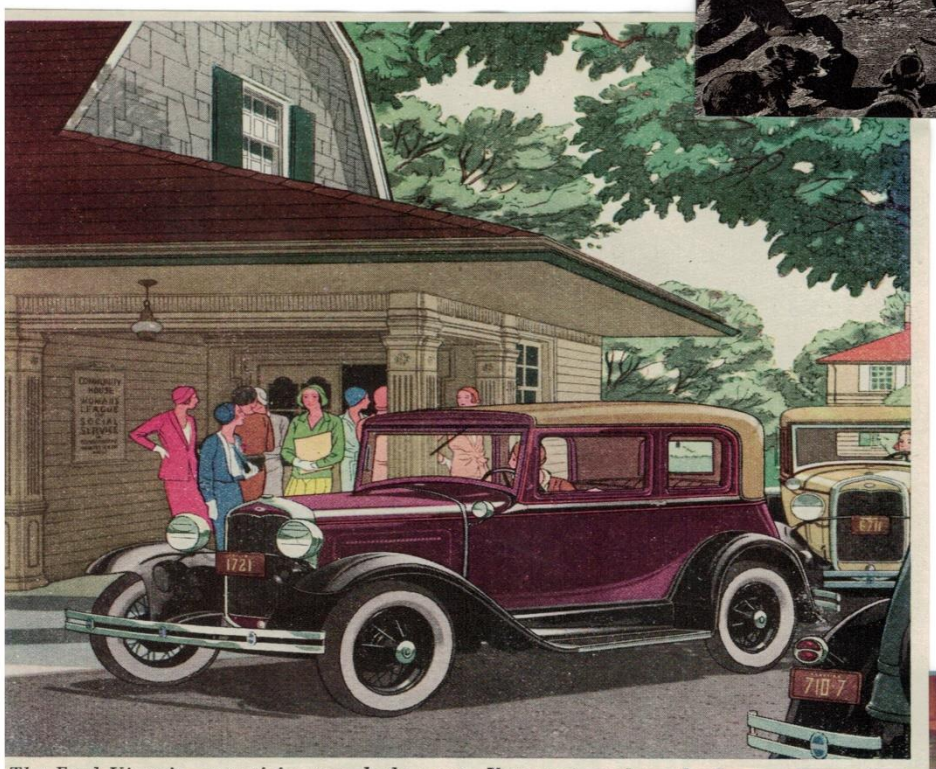
The woman has always figured prominently in automobile advertising. If she wasn't doing the actual purchasing, you can bet her hand was holding the checkbook.

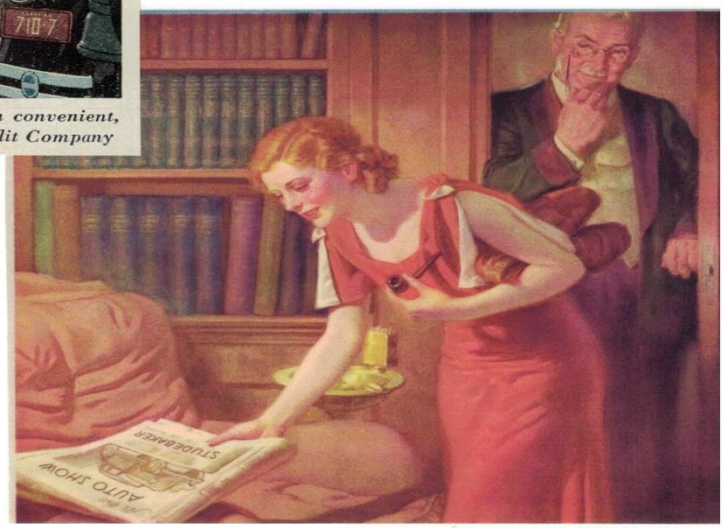
To the right, our inquisitive LaSalle owner and her husband are in for quite a 'nature lesson'.



The Ford Victoria—one of fourteen body types. You may purchase the Ford on convenient, economical terms through the Authorized Ford Finance Plans of the Universal Credit Company

Ford marketed heavily to women in the Model A era, but an assumption that social service workers could afford a new car might be a bit over-reaching.

Still, anyone pulling a paycheck in 1931 was fair game.



Hungry old letch, mature husband or beneficent employer;
This illustration doesn't say.
You may be certain, though, this young lady
Will be receiving
Something more than just a new Studebaker.

Happy Mother's Day

2020 AACA Illinois Region Calendar of Events

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September 5 - Fox Valley - R/C Fly - In Show
September 12 - Silver Springs - Iron Gate Condos Show
September 27 - Waukegan North-Shore - Lake County Heritage Show
October 3 and . or 4 – Waukegan North-Shore - Pre-War Tour
October 15 - 18 - Illinois Region Fall Tour - Yorkville, IL. Hosted by Silver Springs
October 26 - Fox Valley - Oktober Fall Color Tour
November 1 - Waukegan North-Shore - Brighton Run

FOR SALE!

New in the box: Torin Big Red 3.5 Gallon Model#T-10035 Bench Top Parts Washer. w/110v electric pump. Approved for use with mineral spirits or biodegradable cleaner. $60.00 or best offer. John at 847-370-6902. Email: palka@att.net.

One, new in the box Menards Performax Air Filtration system, table or ceiling mount 3 speeds w/remote control. perfect for woodworking area, traps 1 micro inner, 5 microns outer filters, w/timer. $125.00 OBO Contact John Palka cell 847-370-6902 or e mail palka@att.net

The following two for sale ads are Warren Lauridsen's Cars.

1989 Cadillac Sedan DeVille 75,700 miles

4 door, Beautiful cameo ivory (yellow), Newer tires, alternator, a/c compressor, dryer (converted to R/34), Runs well, very nice tour car. $9,000   Call: Ken Lauridsen: 847-226-5202

FOR SALE! (continued…)

1978 Cadillac Seville 47,200 miles

4 door, Bronze repaint (original color), matching vinyl top, Chrome removed, repaired, replated, like new leather interior, new starter, battery, fuel pumps, belts, a/c compressor, dryer, Cadillac C/B radio, like new condition! $14,950 Call: Ken Lauridsen 847-226-5202