

SIDE LIGHTS



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COMING SOON.....



Sunday, May 1st - Waukegan/NorthShore "Crank - 'Em Up & Dust off Tour" to the Covered Bridges in Racine, WI & a Small Trains Tour. Meet @ the McDonald's at Rt. 83 & Arlington Heights Road @ 8:30am. See page 17 for more information.

Thursday, May 19th - Saturday, May 21st. The Illinois Region Spring Tour - Hosted by Waukegan-North Shore. Tour to the Spring Green & Baraboo Wisconsin area. See pages 18 & 19 for details.



Upcoming EVENTS

May 1 - Waukegan-North Shore **DUST OFF TOUR**. See page 17 for more information.

May 19-21 - **ILLINOIS SPRING TOUR** to **Baraboo, WI** - Hosted by Waukegan-North Shore. See pages 18 & 19 for more information.

May 29 - Silver Springs Chapter annual **CAR SHOW AND FLEA MARKET**.

July 3 - **FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION CAR SHOW**, Carpenters Park, Carpentersville, IL. More information to come.

July 17 - Region **CAR SHOW** at Cantigny Park in Wheaton. More information to come.

August 7 - Waukegan-North Shore **ILLINOIS RR MUSEUM TRANSPORTATION EXTRAVAGANZA SHOW**, Union, IL.

August 14 - Waukegan-North Shore **GRAND DOMINION CAR SHOW**, Mundelein, IL. More information to come.

August 28 - Waukegan-North Shore **SUMMER PICNIC**. Hastings lake Pavillion. More information to come.

OCT TBD - Waukegan-North Shore **PRE-WAR TOUR**. More information to follow.

November 6 - Waukegan-North Shore **RUN TO Brighton**. More information to follow.

December 4 - Waukegan-North Shore **CHRISTMAS PARTY**.

NATIONAL NEWS

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

2022 Nationals & Tours

May

19-21 - Grand Nationals - Virginia Beach, VA - Tidewater Region

August

11-13 - Central Fall Nationals - East Moline, IL. Mississippi Valley Region



Other Events of Interest

May 29 - VFW Post 2298 in West Dundee, is sponsoring the **Memorial Day Parade**. It will take place on Sunday, May 29 in the afternoon. As co-chair of the parade I am looking for members who would like to participate in the parade with their antique vehicles. The parade route is about a mile long and will take place along RT 72 through East and West Dundee. If interested, please contact me at Dansobczyk@yahoo.com with the tag line PARADE.



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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members:

We have been teased by a number of days that show us what lies ahead. The weather is changing, and it will only get better. I saw my first daffodils in bloom, so spring is not far behind.

At the March Board meeting, the AACA Board held the election of officers for the upcoming year. All the directors of the board and the Committee chairs graciously agreed to continue in their positions for another year. To them, I would like to express my gratitude for the hard work and commitment they have shown.

We also installed the new board members for their 3-year term. Ed Flynn, John O'Halloran and Nancy Nelson are the new board members. I would like to thank the outgoing board members for their time and dedication. Jerry Bodden, Jim Sikora and Joanna Vroman.

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Monthly Recipe



Corn Bread

Submitted by: Chris Schurrer

Ingredients:

2 eggs
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 cups milk
3 teaspoons sugar
3/4 cup flour
Yellow corn meal (appr. 2 cups)
4 teaspoons baking powder



Directions:

Beat eggs well; add salt, milk and sugar. Beat in flour and baking powder, with enough yellow corn meal to make a soft batter, usually about 2 cups. Bake at 425 degrees until golden brown.



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued...)



Thank you for helping the club navigate through the difficult Covid times and for being there for the club.

We truly have a great group of members who dedicate their time and effort to insure the club is headed in the right direction. Thank you to all!!!

On a rather sad note, Dick Murray was the recipient of the Richard C. Litchfield Memorial award for Sportsmanship this year. The Board unanimously selected Dick to receive the award at the board meeting in November. Regretfully, Dick passed away in January. He will be missed for his helpfulness and assistance in many of the activities held by the club.

On a bright note, we have some very good news. There will be a Spring Tour this year. Thanks to the persistent efforts of Chris Schurrer we can happily say there will be a Spring Tour. Read about it in this newsletter. Thank you Chris !!!

Darlene and I attended the Waukegan-Northshore St. Pat's party. What a great time was had by all. The hosts, Steve and Myrna Kolish sure know how to throw a party. Great party and great attendance at the party.

Lastly, on a personal note, my VFW Post 2298, will be having a Memorial Day parade in East Dundee on May 29. If you can find the time, our post would appreciate your support by showing off your antique vehicle in our parade to honor our veterans. You can contact me for additional information.

The car season is here, let the good times roll !!!

Dan

Region News:

Welcome
New
Members



WELCOME NEW MEMBER!



Steven Hardy
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1951 Hudson 2 Door Coupe



1936 Dodge Brothers 4 Door Sedan



1946 Chevy Pick Up

Region News:

Fascinating Facts from the Waukegan/North Shore Chapter Meeting

by Jo Ann Flynn, W/NS News Correspondent

The Waukegan/North Shore Chapter held its monthly meeting on Friday, March 11th at State Bank of the Lakes in Grayslake. At each meeting, we review the status of the chapter and upcoming events. We are all looking forward to returning to a more normal schedule of events.

Also, at each meeting, the chapter board arranges some sort of “entertainment”. This month, Chapter Secretary, Dan Helgren, brought in a collection of antique toys that were collected by his father, Preston Helgren. Some of the toys were from the Tootsie Toy Company. Tootsie Toy is a manufacturer of die cast toy cars and other toy vehicles which started in Chicago. It originated about 1890 and is still in business today, still based in Chicago and making about 40 million cars a year (although sadly, the cars are made in Asia now).



Vehicles often had white rubber tires, which over time became brittle and didn't survive play time. Here's one of Dan's collection that did survive intact. He believes this one was from the 1930s.

The toys weren't just cars. There was construction equipment and semi trucks, such as the one in this picture with the marking Huber and Huber Motor Express. It was likely from the 50s or 60s.



The Tootsie Toy Dairy was well represented in the collection.

Not all the cars were TootsieToys. These 2 cars are later vintage Lesney toys, probably from the 60s. Lesney toys were distributed under the "Matchbox" name. Here's a Model T and a Thomas Flyer.



Wendell Stevenson identified this rubber race car as a toy made in Auburn, Indiana. It's barely visible but it does say "Auburn" on the side of the car.

My favorite of Dan's toys was the Century of Progress Greyhound Lines Tour Bus, which is a replica of the "bus" that transported fairgoers around in 1933. My grandmother talked about attending the Fair. Maybe she rode on this Tour Bus along with some of our member's parents and grandparents.



Dan wasn't done "entertaining" us at this meeting. After the business was concluded, we enjoyed a 1956 film, Hot Rod Girl, starring Chuck Connors, as a sympathetic police detective, Frank Gorshin and John Smith (you might remember him from the show "Laramie") and Lori Nelson. It was about teenagers drag-racing their hot rods on city streets and the tragedy that happened.

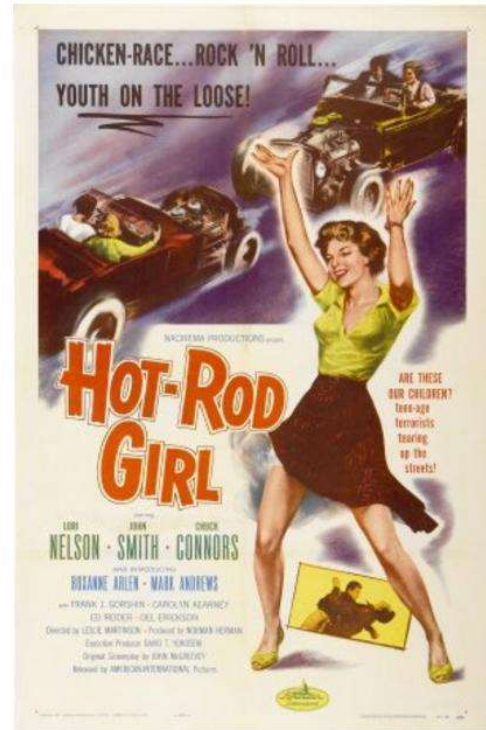
Unfortunately, we ran out of time and had to leave the building at intermission of the film. Hopefully, we'll finish this at a future meeting and find out....

did the Hot Rod Girl actually race her car or just drive around looking 1950s cool,

was the bad guy taught a lesson and pay for his arrogance

and did the police detective determine who was the real culprit????

Stay tuned!



You never know what fascinating facts you'll learn at an AACA meeting!



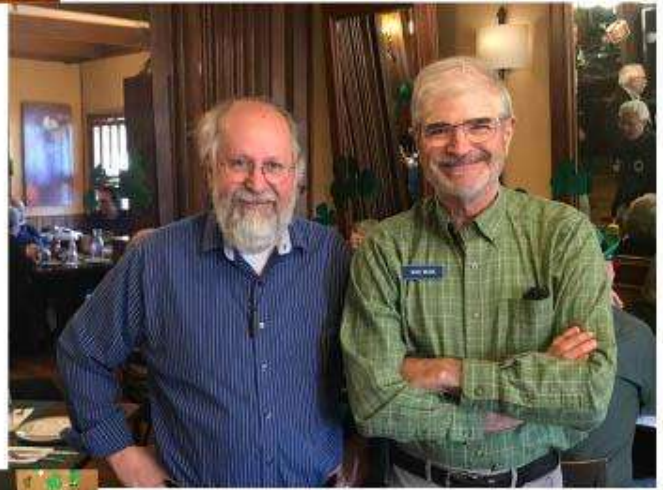
Region News:

Waukegan/North Shore's St. Patrick's Day Party March 20, 2022
by Jo Ann Flynn, W/NS News Correspondent

It was great to get together, enjoy each other's company and eat delicious food at Hackney's of Glenview. So good to see so many members coming out for this event.





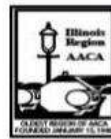




Luck of the Irish!



WAUKEGAN/NORTH SHORE CHAPTER



Presents

Crank – 'Em-Up Dust off Tour
Sunday, May 1, 2022 @ 8:30

Tour leaves at 9:30

From: McDonald's on Arlington Heights Rd & Rt. 83
1200 Arlington Heights Rd.

Covered Bridges & Small Trains Tour

Tri-county Model
Railroad Club



Established 1970
New Club Layout
Designed March 2008



Photos Taken
October 2014



Come join our first tour of the 2022 season. We will be driving though the back roads and some not so back roads of Lake County and southern Wisconsin. On the route we will be driving though Lake County's few covered bridges with a great photo op on the last one.

As we tour up to Kenosha and Racine County, we will have lunch and then on to our last stop which will be an amazing model train display.

This covers an entire full size retired grocery store.

\$5.00 per person donation covers entrance to the train exhibit, and \$2.00 per car for the tour.

Please RSVP with check made out to Waukegan/NorthShore AACA and registration form by April 24th.

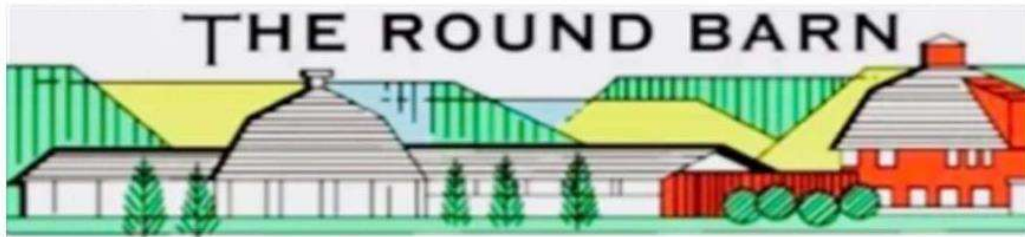
Name _____ Phone No. _____

\$5.00 PER PERSON for train museum entrance \$ _____

\$2.00 PER CAR for tour \$ _____

Please enclose check made out to **Waukegan/ NorthShore AACA** for registration per car and send to **Harold Flood, 33402 Lone Rock Rd., Wildwood, IL 60030**

THIS SPRING, REST AND RELAX AT



Take a step back in time for our lodging at this year's Spring Tour as our host hotel is the historic Round Barn Lodge in Spring Green, Wisconsin. The historic round barn, one of about 200 round or round-like standing in Wisconsin, was converted to a restaurant in 1952. In 1974, the lodge addition was built, designed by James Pfefferkorn, a Frank Lloyd Wright Associate and renovated in 2004. Frank Lloyd Wright said of the barn "they don't build them like that anymore."

We will use this 3rd Generation owned & operated lodging as the base hotel for this year's Spring Tour, which will be held from Thursday, May 19 – Saturday, May 21, 2022 hosted by the Waukegan – North Shore Chapter. We are pleased to announce our "inflation fighter" prices of \$94.50 per night plus tax for a room with a single king bed and \$112.50 per night plus tax for a room with two queen beds for our stays Thursday night through Sunday Morning. We have a block covering all the remaining available rooms in the hotel, 24 rooms, so ensure your room at the host hotel by calling (608) 588 – 2568 right away, and especially by April 30th to lock in these low rates.



What? : The Illinois Region Spring Tour (It's happening!!)

When? : May 19 – 21, 2022 (Hotel nights 19th, 20th, & 21st)

Where? : Round Barn Lodge. E4830 U.S. Rt. 14, Spring Green, WIS

**How Much For Lodging? : \$94.50+tx/night for 1 King Bed,
\$112.50+tx/night for 2 Queen Beds**

How To Reserve? : Call (608) 588 – 2568. These rates are held until April 30th, but call soon to ensure your room will be waiting for you.

CIRCUSES AND TRAINS AND ... EVERYTHING ELSE, OH MY!!!!

The Waukegan – Shore Chapter cordially invites you to this year's Illinois Region Spring Tour.

This year we are delving deep into the archives are revisiting a member favorite tour from 1989. We are happy to present this revised tour for May 19 – 21 2022, with all the great spots and picturesque roads which have stayed the same over time. As of this writing we have secured our three major attractions for the tour. One on day, we will “See Yoo in Baraboo” with a stop in Circus World Museum. Within the 1884 Ringing Brothers Winter Headquarters, the museum holds one of the largest collections of circus related materials in the world. Not just a static museum, there is always happenings on site, especially in their own Big Top.



Further west we will be treated to a scenic rail excursion through the Baraboo Range aboard the Mid-Continent Railway Museum's train. The museum itself has several very interesting locomotives and rolling stock on the grounds to peruse as well as the restored 1894 Chicago & Northwestern depot. The perfect way to close out a day of fine motoring!



The other day of festivities will keep us local to the host hotel, where we will “Be Seen in Spring Green.” The highlight of that day will be the fabled House in The Rock. Ask anyone who has gone to this only-place-like-it place, will be hard pressed to quickly explain it. “It’s a once in a lifetime experience” many will say, and indeed it is. Since opening in 1959, the house and its many distinct rooms of architecture and “artifacts” has spellbound visitors. A group of historic storefronts in The Streets of Yesterday, the audibly filled Music of Yesterday room, The Heritage of the Sea Room, the World’s Largest Indoor Carousel are some of the many favorites. Have fun enjoying all the sights and sounds, and the vintage artifacts sleuths can test their skills at what is replica and what is original. Although the answer will likely remain a secret. Everyone will not just find something, but many that get their attention.

Look for an official registration form soon, and we hope to be seen with you in Spring Green!

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FOR SALE!



Not for the faint of heart. Project vehicle, 1954 Ford F100 on a 1980 Ford Station Wagon Chassis. All Custom Alteration. 351cu.in. V8, Automatic - Overdrive, needs lots of work. Or buy a new Hot-Rod Frame for the Body. Located near Waukegan. \$3000 Call Tom Risley 847 662 7590 (please pass Info to others)



FOR SALE! (continued...)

For Sale- Servicar BOX from a Harley-Davidson. (1968-73) Complete BOX & Bumpers only. Fiber Glass construction with integrally cast fenders. Excellent shape with old primer paint. Make a light trailer to pull behind your classic car or create a motor-cycle for the Box \$500 Call Tom Risley 847 662 7590. Located near Waukegan, IL (please pass Info to others)



FOR SALE! (continued...)

1988 Mercury Grand Marquis LS Silver Gray 4-door sedan, 33,000 miles, air-conditioned with vent windows. The rear electric windows do not go down. The car is like-new and asking \$12,000. The car has always been stored inside. Contact: Joan Murray, 224-778-5066, Mundelein, Illinois.



FREE, FREE, FREE to a good home.

Matchbook Collection. Hundreds of Matchbooks spanning several decades. Packed and ready to go. Contact Dan Sobczyk at dansobczyk@yahoo.com.

Looking for a good home for an old ten-speed bike which had belonged to longtime member Don Henley. \$100 or best offer. Contact James Rubenstein @ jrubensteinalert@aol.com



Two (2) 1928-1929 Fenders. Asking \$150 for the pair. Pickup in Yorkville, IL. Please contact: Tom Baumgartner 630-209-0287 / twjbrunner@aol.com

