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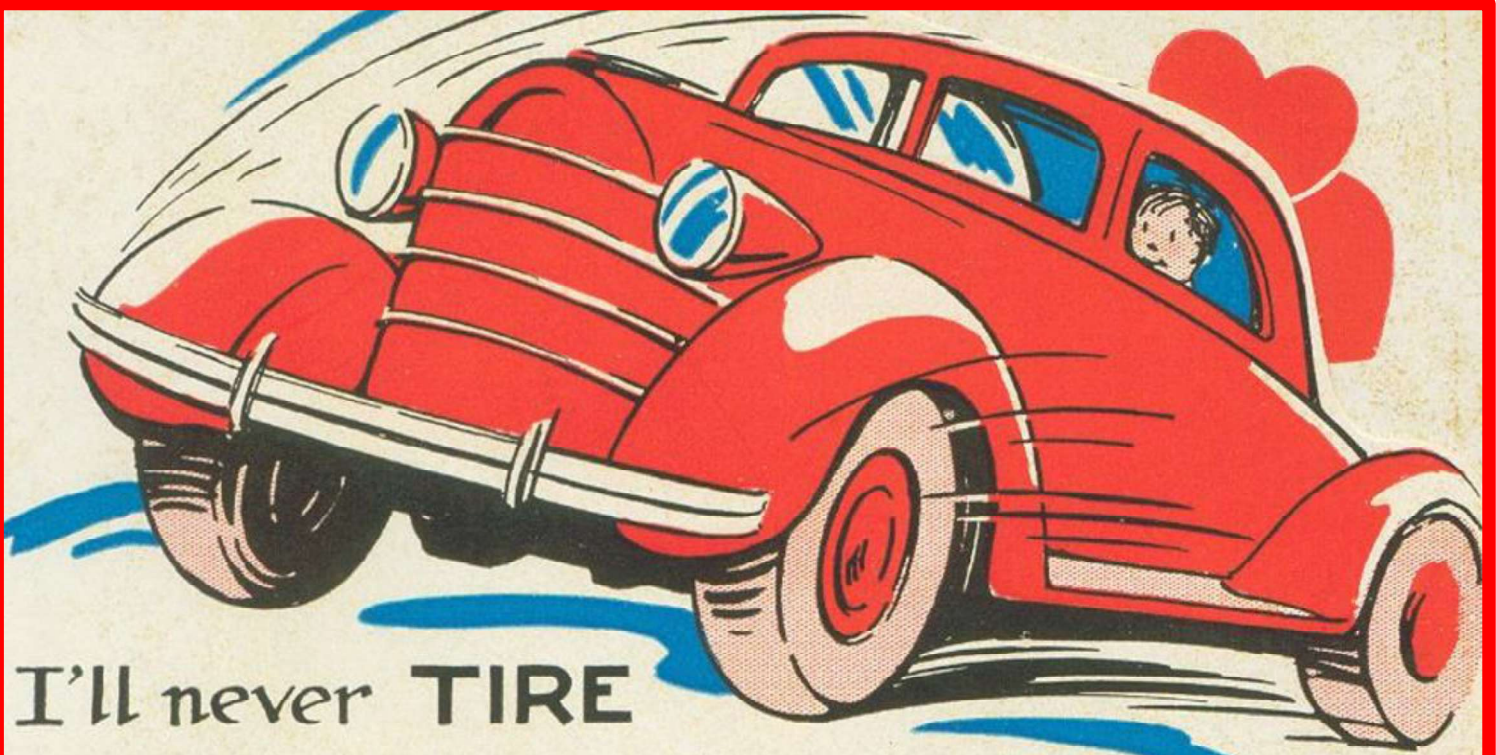


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I'll never **TIRE**

of you, **MY VALENTINE**

# Upcoming EVENTS

## NATIONAL NEWS

For more information on National and other events see [aaca.org](http://aaca.org)

**February 12** - Waukegan-North Shore - **VALENTINES DAY PARTY** at Mickey Finns Brewery, Libertyville, IL.

**March 19** - Waukegan-North Shore - **ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY** at Hackneys on the Lake.

**April 2** - Region **SWAP MEET** at Napleton Chevrolet, 2015 E. Main St. (Rt. 64), St. Charles, IL. 8 am to 1 pm/ See pages 20 & 21 for details. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT TO START SETTING UP AT 6am.** Please contact Bob Markert. See page 12.

**May 7** - Waukegan-North Shore **DUST OFF TOUR.** More information to come.

**May 18-21** - Region **SPRING TOUR** To Freeport, IL hosted by the Fox Valley Chapter. More information to come.

**May 28** - Silver Springs Chapter **ANNUAL CAR SHOW AND SWAP MEET.**

**July TBD** - Region **CAR SHOW** at Cantigny Park in Wheaton.

**August 6** - Waukegan-North Shore **ILLINOIS RR MUSEUM TRASPORATION EXTRAVAGANZA SHOW,** Union, Il.

### 2023 Nationals & Tours

#### February

**9-11** - Annual Convention - **Williamsburg, VA.**

#### April

**13-15** - **2023 AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals** - Concord, NC.

**April 30 - May 3** - **2023 Southeastern Divisional Tour** - Oakridge, TN.

#### May

**18-20** - **2023 Eastern Spring Nationals** - Gettysburg, PA.



## Other Events of Interest

**February 19th** 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Buick, OLDS, Pontiac & Cadillac Swap Meet & Car Corral. Kane County Fairgrounds 523 S. Randall Road, St. Charles. Open 8am-2pm. See Pages 18 & 19 for more information.





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*Chapter meetings are held the second Friday of the month September through May (excepting December ) at State Bank of the Lakes, 50 Commerce Dr., Grayslake, IL 60030*

# THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members,

The new year is upon us. This is going to be, hopefully, one of the best years in a long time. The chapters have plenty of tours and events either planned or in the planning stages.

The AACA swap meet will be returning this year. The flyer is in this issue of SIDELIGHTS. We will be looking for volunteers to help conduct the show. Swap meet date is April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Next up will be the Spring Tour and we will be doing the three-day tour. At this point in time, it appears that the Freeport area will be our focus. Plenty to see and do in that area. Mark your calendar for May 18 -21. It plans to be a fun filled and exciting tour.

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## Monthly Recipe



### Scones

Submitted by Chris Schurrer

### Ingredients

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1-3/4 cups flour  
1/4 cup sugar  
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/8 teaspoon salt  
5 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened  
1/2 cup dried currants  
1/2 cup chocolate chips  
1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon milk  
1/4 cup sour cream  
1 egg

### Instructions

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1. Heat the oven to 400 degrees. Sift the flour, sugar, baking powder, cinnamon, and salt into a large bowl. Cut in the butter using a pastry blender until it is in sizes similar to a pea. Stir in currants and chocolate chips.
2. Mix together 1/2 cup of the milk and the sour cream; pour into the dry ingredients. Stir mixture gently until ingredients are thoroughly combined.
3. Pat dough into an 8-inch circle on a floured board; cut with a pizza cutter into eight or more wedges (if you want, you could flatten the dough and cut out circles with a biscuit or cookie cutter). Place scones on a greased baking sheet at least 1 inch apart; set aside. Whisk together the egg and remaining 1 tablespoon of milk. Brush the tops of the scones with the egg wash; let rest 10 minutes. Bake until golden brown, about 15 minutes. Serve warm with butter or clotted cream and a selection of jams.

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued...)



A new program we will be installing this year will be a tag a long program on the tours held by the chapters and region. In essence, if you would like to participate on a tour and you don't have a ride, we will team you up with another tour participant. If you would like to ride with a driver and be the navigator, we will team you up. This would be a blessing to a lone driver. Reading tour directions while driving is a challenge. We will need your input if you are interested in participating in this program. Contact your chapter president to get involved.

There is plenty more that will be happening this year. It is going to be a great year.

Until next month,

Dan



### **WELCOME NEW MEMBER!**



Richard Kirschenbaum

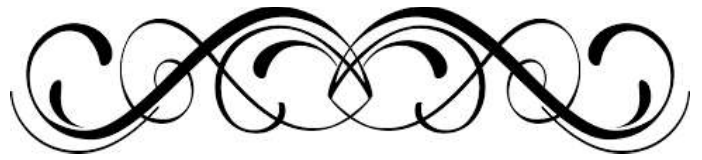
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### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**



John Hannon & Ju Pei

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## In Memoriam

### **Marilyn Alison**

**Marilyn J. Alison**, 78, passed away on April 8, 2022, at the Lightways Hospice home surrounded by her loving family.

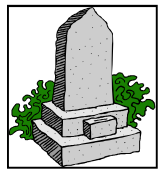
Retired from Argonne National Laboratory where she was an Administrative Assistant for many years. She was a member of the Lockport Moose Lodge #1557 and St. Joseph Church, Lockport. She was an avid seamstress who was very talented. She was a kind and loving soul and was always there for her friends and family.



## In Memoriam

### **Charles Carlson**

**Charles Leigh Carlson**, age 87, was born August 16, 1935 in Chicago, Illinois, the oldest child of Vern and Marion, nee Wilson, Carlson. He passed away in Downers Grove on September 13, 2022.



After graduating high school, Leigh joined the US Air Force and was stationed in Blue Knob, Pennsylvania, serving on top of the mountain as a radar operator. One day he and some fellow airmen were hitchhiking from town back to the air base. A car picked them up and drove them to the base. One person in that car was Catherine Shelley. Leigh and Catherine "Kitty" saw each other again not long after and a relationship was begun. The couple married in 1955 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania. They moved to the Morgan Park neighborhood of Chicago in 1957, then to Downers Grove in 1960 where they lived until Leigh's death. Through most of his working years, Leigh worked as a purchasing agent for manufacturing firms.

He was the beloved husband of 67 years of Catherine L. "Kitty", nee Shelley, Carlson. Leigh was always enthused by automobiles, and he owned several antique cars, including a fully restored Model T and an El Camino. He joined the Illinois Region in 1961 and was active for many years. He was also member of a Model T Club, The Illinois Region Board sends its condolences to the Carlson family. Leigh will be missed.



# Swap Meet

We need extra hands

to help at the  
Illinois Region  
Swap Meet.

You don't have to  
spend all day. We  
need helpers for  
2 hour shifts.



We have jobs  
that sit and  
jobs that stand and  
jobs to walk around. Hours are 6 to 1 pm.

Sign up with Bob Markert at 630-852-9893 or email him at [rjmarkert42@aol.com](mailto:rjmarkert42@aol.com) and join a fun group for a fun outing to peruse other people's treasures.

We need help on Saturday, April 1 probably in the late afternoon or early evening for set up and on Sunday, April 2 for the meet. Come one, come all and join the team.

# Region Events:

## Waukegan/North Shore Chapter January Meeting

by Jo Ann Flynn, News Correspondent

Our Chapter returned to its usual monthly meeting schedule on Fri. Jan 13th, where our newly installed board discussed the plans for 2023. We will be a very busy group.

Shown here: Secretary Jim Greenlee, President Dan Helgren, Vice President Chris Schurrer and Treasurer Don Schreiber.



At many meetings, we have a “Show and Tell” with items from our members collections. At this meeting, Dan Helgren brought his father’s collection of tour plaques. As you can see, the collection fascinated our members. There were plaques from Brighton Runs, Spring and Fall Club Tours, Lake Forest Shows and many other events, including unique ones like Scoop the Loop in Waukegan and the Mومence Gladiolus Festival. The earliest plaque I saw was from 1965! There were over 170 plaques, which tells you that Pres Helgren was a busy man. And Dan remembers being on a couple of the region tours with his parents. One was to Turkey Run State Park in Indiana and one was around Galena. He also remembered riding with his sister in the rumble seat of a Model A on I-94 in a caravan to Mومence for their show. What wonderful memories to have!











# Region Events:



## FOXY GENTS AND LADIES CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AND LUNAR NEW YEAR.

By Pat Markert

This year the ladies and gentlemen from Fox Valley had to find a new place to celebrate the holidays. After many years of celebrating at Bohemian Crystal, that restaurant closed its doors. The hunt was on for a new place with a private room and GREAT food. After an exhaustive search, President Dan Sobczyk settled on Sawa's Old Warsaw restaurant in Broadview. Not only did it have relatively easy access, plenty of parking, a private room, but an all you can eat buffet featuring food with a Polish flare.



Tom & Jean Roche enjoy the new party venue.

Everyone arrived in good time despite the snow and the cold to be greeted by a warm and friendly atmosphere,



L to R: Chris Schurrer, Bill Vroman and Bob Grutza discuss if they should go back for seconds.



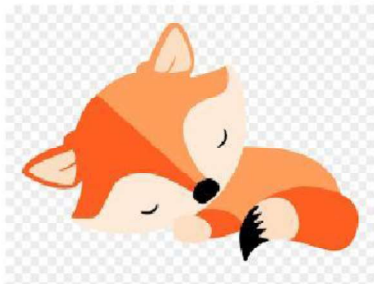
# Region Events: (Fox Valley Christmas Party cont...)

After the partying was done, Dan Sobczyk called the meeting to order. The last time we met was January of 2020.



The election of an executive board was held. Elected were: Dan Sobczyk, President; Chris Schurrer, Vic-President; Pat Markert, Secretary; and Bob Markert, Treasurer.

Chris Schurrer said that the board was working to get Fox Valley Chapter moving at full speed again. They discussed plans for the upcoming year including the March pizza party, the fall pot luck and auction and the Spring tour. They then had the gift exchange.



It was really lovely to get together again. Lousy weather, but good food and good friends make it a winner of an evening.



This is a picture of me taking a picture of Joanna Vroman and Renee Grutza who were, I am sure, thinking about hitting the dessert table.



Linda Dolezal, Bob Markert and Joe Dolezal wait for Dan to start the meeting.



Wayne and Cheryl Rissman were filled with good cheer.

# Buick OLDS

**31st Annual**

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## SWAP MEET & CAR CORRAL

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, 2023**

KANE County Fairgrounds,

525 S. Randall Rd.

St. Charles, Illinois

Open to Public 8 AM to 2 PM

Public Admission - \$7

Heated Indoor Spaces – Food – PAVED Outdoor Spots

Vendor fee :\$45 per indoor space (chairs, tables extra) - Jan 31st Deadline!

\$50 Fee STARTING FEBRUARY 1st - so reserve early !!

\$25 for LARGE Outdoor Spot

**VENDOR SETUP:** Saturday, Feb 18th 6-9 PM & Sunday, Feb 19th 6-8 AM

**QUESTIONS:** call **Tony at 847-521-3130**

Call before 9pm central time

email to:

bopcswap@gmail.com

[www.bopcswap.com](http://www.bopcswap.com)

Directions : On Randall Between RT 38  
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**RETURNING VENDORS** - Vendor reservations must be received by January 1<sup>st</sup> or you will be assigned a new space

**CANCELLATIONS** - There will be **no refund** for cancellations **after February 1**

Registration Chairman: Tony at 847-521-3130

Email : bopcswap@gmail.com

Call before 9pm central time, please

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

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**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

<i>QTY</i>	<i>DESCRIPTION</i>	<i>PRICE EACH</i>	<i>SUBTOTAL</i>
	10 ft by 10 ft indoor vendor space - for inside trailer or vehicle space, please call	\$45 \$50 starting FEB 1	
	8 ft Table rental	\$7	
	Chair rental, metal, folding	\$1	
	<b>OUTDOOR</b> vendor spot / Car corral spot - space for car or pickup plus trailer. Paved area. Sell a car or parts or both. Includes admission for 1 only. Spot at front entrance - highly visible to public	\$25	

**TOTAL ENCLOSED**

Make all checks payable to: CHICAGOLAND CHAPTER BCA  
mail to: BOPC SWAP  
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**WAIVER (required):** I understand that neither the Illinois Chapter of POCL, nor the Illinois Valley Oids Chapter, nor the Chicagoland Chapter of the Buick Club of America, nor the Kane County Fair Association will be responsible in any way for loss or damage to personal property or injury to myself or any person in my party

*Signature* \_\_\_\_\_



# 44th ANNUAL ILLINOIS REGION Auto Parts Swap Meet



On NEW DATE

Sunday, April 2, 2023

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

AT NEW DEALERSHIP:

Napleton Chevrolet  
2015 E. Main St. (Rt. 64)  
St. Charles, IL.  
West of Kirk Rd. on Rt. 64



For Information contact: Bob Markert  
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To register for swap space, contact:  
Chris Schurrer 815-344-3775 or  
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Donation \$5.00 at the door    Swap Spaces \$20.00 each  
Weather permitting, outside spaces available  
Car Parts for All Makes & Models

**44th Annual Swap Meet Registration Form**  
**Sunday**  
**April 2, 2023**

NapletonChevrolet  
 2015 E. Main St. (Rt. 64)  
 St. Charles, IL

**Vendor Set-Up**

Saturday, April 1, 2023  
 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
 Sunday, April 2, 2023  
 6:00 am to 8:00 am

**Swap Meet Hours**

April 2, 2023  
 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Food & drink are available to purchase  
 Alcoholic beverages are prohibited

**Local Motels**

Super 8	.4 mile west	630-659-1163
Best Western	.2 mile west	630-584-4550
Holiday Inn Express	.2 mile west	630-587-6564

Please fill out the complete form and sign.  
 Swap spaces cannot be reserved without payment.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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Release: I accept and assume full liability for any loss or injury to me or any property, family, agents, or employees at any time from any cause in connection with this event. I expressly release the Illinois Region and the Antique Automobile Club of America, and its operators and Napleton Chevrolet, INC. from any liability for loss or injury.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Swap spaces: Indoor & Outdoor spaces : building is heated.**

**Space size is 10' X 10'**

# of spaces \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Electricity needed? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your check in early. Spaces are limited and sell out quickly. Pre-registration is Highly recommended. Return this form with your check **payable to ILLINOIS REGION AACA** to:

Chris Schurreir/ 5502 W. Chasefield Circle/ McHenry, IL 60050-5133

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