

Region SWAP MEET

Sunday, April 2nd is the Region **SWAP MEET** at Napleton Chevrolet, 2015 E. Main St. (Rt. 64), St. Charles, IL. 8 am-1 pm. See pages 14 & 15 for details.

AACA PIZZA PARTY & MODEL CAR SHOW

Sunday, April 23rd is the **AACA PIZZA PARTY & MODEL CAR SHOW** at Moretti's Bartlett, 175 W. Lake St., Bartlett, IL. 11am-3pm. See page 16 for details.

EVENTS

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April 23 - AACA PIZZA PARTY & MODEL CAR SHOW - Moretti's Bartlett, Bartlett, IL 11am - 3pm. See page 16.

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. See pages 17 - 19.

May 28 - Silver Springs Chapter ANNUAL CAR SHOW AND SWAP MEET. See Page 20.

July 23 – Region **CAR SHOW** at Cantigny Park in Wheaton.

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

August 20 - Waukegan-North Shore SUMMER PICNIC. More information to come.

October TBD - Illinois Region Fall Tour. More information to come.

October 15 - Waukegan-North Shore PRE-WAR TOUR. More information to follow.

November 5 - Waukegan-North Shore RUN TO Brighton. More information to follow.

May is National Model A Youth Month.

To participate, the Salt Creek Chapter of MAFCA will conduct a Model A Youth Day – Saturday, May 20, 2023 – from 10am – 4pm, held at the Beller Museum. The event is designed to particularly encourage young (actually ALL) people to experience Model A's. So, bring your kids and grandkids! Available to see, ride in, learn from, hear, touch, etc. about 30 Model A's and 2 dozen club members to conduct, guide, teach, explain and demonstrate Model A's. Location: BELLER MUSEUM - 275 Rocbaar, Romeoville, IL 60446. 630-816-1932 or b1932@hotmail.com

NATIONAL NEWS

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

2023 Nationals & Tours

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.

July 16-22 - AACA Founders Tour - Norwich, NY.

August 10-12- 2023 AACA Grand Nationals, Bettendorf, IA. 16-19 AACA Vintage Tour – Aroostook County, ME.





ILLINOIS REGION

The Illinois Region serves northeastern Illinois. Meetings are held on the second Saturday of odd numbered months at various locations.

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All materials should be submitted by the 20th of the month or sooner.

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Through 2023 Bill Vroman Jo Ann Flynn Chris Schurrer

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Through 2025

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members,

The sun is shining and the birds are singing as I write this note. Spring is in the air. Hopefully, we will have the old cars on the road soon and enjoying our time together.

In the meantime, we have the Swap meet on this Sunday. At this point, workers are needed to assist with the meet. If you can make it, please do so. We need members to help early in the morning. The meet can only be a success if we all pitch in to help.

On Sunday April 23, we are going to have a car show. We don't have to worry about inclement weather with this show. It is going to be a scale model car show. What a different and unique idea! As you know, Humberto Garcia is a huge scale modeler and he had a great idea to have a party and show off your scale model vehicle. Many car guys are also scale modelers.

Monthly Recipe



Easter Cheese Ball

Ingredients

2 pkg., 8 oz. Cream Cheese, softened
4 slices cooked Bacon, crumbled
1/2 tsp garlic salt
1 TB Worcestershire Sauce
2 cups Finely Shredded Mild Cheddar
Cheese, divided
1 bunch of parsley

Instructions

Place cream cheese, bacon, garlic salt, Worcestershire sauce and 1 cup of shredded cheese into a mixing bowl. Blend together . Refrigerate for 30 mins.

Using parchment or wax paper, form cheese mixture into a carrot shape.

Cover with the remaining shredded cheese.

Top with a bunch of parsley, slightly pushing it into the cheese ball.



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued...)

The level of detail on some of these cars is incredible. Even if you don't do scale models, come for the pizza, fun and camaraderie and to enjoy the cars.

Lastly, we have the Spring Tour coming up. Chris has been hard at work lining up fascinating stops. Be sure to check for the information in this issue of SIDELIGHTS. If you plan on attending, make sure to make your hotel reservations ASAP. Good sights, good food and a good time are guaranteed to all who attend.

I would like to wish all of our members and their families a joyous Easter.

Until next month,

Dan



WELCOME NEW MEMBER! HELLO! New Members! Melanie & Robert Mauser melsbuick455@gmail.com



Illinois Region Board Meeting March 11, 2023 Location: Carpentersville Public Works Building Host: Fox Valley Chapter

- 1. Welcome—President Dan Sobczyk called the meeting to order at 10:40 am and welcomed all the members of the board and guests. He thanked Humberto and Bibiana for providing the venue for the meeting and asked the Secretary, Pat Markert to take the roll.
- 2. Attendance: Board Members present were: Jerry Bodden, Ed Flynn, Jo Ann Flynn, Bibana Garcia, Dan Helgren, Pat Markert, Al Matison, Lee Nelson, Nancy Nelson, Rose O'Halloran, Chris Schurrer, Jim Sikora, Dan Sobczyk, Andy Voss, Bill Vroman, and Bob Wenderski. Guests present were: Bob Markert, Joan Bodden, Andy Ibbatta, Ken Muellner who brought his cousin Terry Muellner and his friend Teresa Hall.
- 3. Secretary report— Pat Markert reported that she had received no additions, corrections or deletions to the minutes. Motion to accept was made by Rose O'Halloran and seconded by JoAnn Flynn. Passed.

Pat Markert reported that she had been in contact with Sue Eitner at National about an email that had been received that said that the Region and Chapters had failed to send in their annual Officer reporting form and list of members. Pat told the board that the email had been erroneous. The Region forms had been sent in, as well as the forms for the Fox Valley Chapter. Sue was still looking for the reports from Silver Springs, Des Plaines Valley and Waukegan-North /Shore. Pat said that Silver Springs had sent in a written copy and Sue admitted that she had a pile of unchecked mail on her desk. The other chapter Presidents got an Officer Reporting form from Pat and are in the process of getting these items taken care of. Sue Eitner stressed that the Officer reporting forms had to be sent to National (either in written or email form) by January 31. The actual rosters may be sent later, but the officer form does have a deadline.

4. **Treasurer's Report**: Bob Wenderski presented the treasurer's report telling us that since January 14, 2023, the Region had received dues from the various chapter members. Expenses werefor tour supplies, Region newsletter, chapter dues payments and meeting costs. A motion was made by Al Matison to accept the treasurer's report; second by Bill Vroman. Motion passed

Standing Committee:

1. **Membership**— Andy Voss reported that as of March 11, the Region has 145 memberships with 249 members and 24 Lifetime Members. He also told the board that the roster was done for 2023 and that the cost to publish hard copies was \$4.45 each. Andy passed out hard copies to the Board Members.

Bibiana Garcia mentioned that she had been contacted by a prospective member who felt that the requirement for sponsorship was off putting as he didn't know anyone in the club. Bill Vroman checked the National application and found that sponsorship is optional on it. The pros and cons of this was discussed.

Dan Sobczyk asked the board members to talk up the free memberships. Any applications we receive are then sent to the Board for approval. He also told Andy Voss that he had done a good job on the roster.

- 2. Publication Nothing to report
- 3. Legislative Lee Nelson said there was nothing new on the Legislative front.

4. **Website**- Bill Vroman reported that he has been updating the website regularly and has posted the Swap Meet flyer prominently. Unfortunately there is still no progress on being able to pay on line. Dan Sobczyk said he would talk to his contact and have him get in touch with Bill.

5. Archivist-Chris Schurrer told the board that he had nothing new to report except that he had donated some old trophies to an organization that refurbishes them to use for charity events. Chris mentioned that if you have old trophies that you no longer want or need, that this is a worthwhile organization. He would be happy to take any members are willing to donate and get them to the charity.

6. **Car Show Manager**—Jim Sikora reported that he and Bob Markert had met with Bryan from Cantigny and they had discussed the date for the car show. They decided on July 23 because our usual date had a big name coming in the afternoon and we would have to vacate at an earlier time. The July 23 date would afford us more time to hold the show. Jim also told the board that they had decided on the theme for the show. They chose "Full Size Chevies and Fords" in the hope of drawing a bigger crowd. Rose O'Halloran suggested that all the feature cars be parked together. Bob Markert said that they follow the National guidelines and so park cars by class. Jim mentioned that they are hoping to eliminate parking problems by using taller markers which should be easier to see.

Activities:

- Swap Meet—Bob Markert said that the Swap Meet is on its usual Sunday, the first Sunday of the month. The dealership has completed its remodeling and Bob showed pictures of the car bays after the remodel. Jerry Bodden let the board know that the BOP group had sent a letter to their vendors about our Swap Meet. Discussion ensued Bob mentioned that he would like to get more members involved as sellers. Some members of the board mentioned that they would take a table.
- 2. **Spring Tour**—Chris Schurrer reminded us that the Spring Tour is scheduled on May 18 to May 21 in the Freeport, Illinois area. He is finalizing the last of the tour stops. Generally, Thursday will tour out to Freeport; Friday will tour west toward Galena; Saturday will be centered in the Freeport area; and Sunday will be a tour back. Discussion ensued.

Chris mentioned that he hopes to have the registration form out by April 1. Also, the last day to book a room at the reduced rate is April 18.

3. Fall Tour—Lee Nelson told the board that the Fall tour will explore the area around Elkader, Iowa which is about 60 miles northwest of Dubuque. It is scheduled for the 3rd weekend of October.

Chapter Reports:

 Des Plaines Valley-Lee Nelson said the chapter was gearing up after its winter hibernation. One of the things they did was to attend the Chicago Auto Show where they met Alexi Giannoulias, the current Secretary of State. He asked for suggestions on how to make his office function better and Rose O'Halloran made a suggestion that they make it easier to do a title search for old cars.

2. Fox Valley-Dan Sobczyk reported that his chapter had their Christmas party on January 28 at Old Warsaw. The food was delicious and the turnout was good. They elected new officers at this meeting. President: Dan Sobczyk, Vice President: Chris Schurrer, Secretary, Pat Markert, and Treasurer, Bob Markert. The chapter is planning a pizza party soon and is working on the Spring Tour.

3. Silver Springs-Al Matison said the chapter moved its Christmas party into December last year which was a change from their usual January. Everyone had a good time. Other than that, the chapter is busy working on their car show and flea market set for May 28. They are looking forward to a big turnout again this year.

4. **Waukegan/ North Shore**-Dan Helgren reported that the chapter had its pizza party on February 12th where they celebrated Bob Markert's birthday and awarded the Lichtfeld trophy to James Rubenstein and Linda Jacobs. The food was excellent, the room was spacious, the conversation was interesting. The chapter has also scheduled a St. Patrick's Day party for March 19 at Hackney's in Glenview.

At their February chapter meeting, Bill Vroman gave a demonstration of 3D printing. It was very well attended and seemed to generate a lot of interest. At their next chapter meeting, Maurrer??????auto electric demonstration and Ed Flynn will have a display of his paintings. In April, JoAnn Flynn will be hosting a game night.

Dan told us that a Memorial Service for Tom Risley will be held on May 6.

Old Business:

 Business cards—Jim Sikora and Bill Vroman have been working on developing a card that could be given out when an antique car is seen in an attempt to recruit more members. Bill handed out an example. Comments included that the message was friendly but that the type was too small. It was suggested that the line containing the contact person and the website be increased in size. A motion was made by Ed Flynn to accept the card; second JoAnn Flynn. Motion passed. Jim Sikora will get some printed.

2. New Business—Jerry Bodden reported that the \$1000 donation to the building fund at National was used in the library in the rolling stacks. There is a plaque there saying "Donated by the Illinois Region."

Dan Sobczyk said that he has received a list of members who have joined since 2020. They will get a complimentary name tag. If any older members need to replace their tags, they should notify Dan; they will have to pay a replacement charge.

Andy Voss noted that he needs the new brochures.

- 3. Visitor input-None
- 4. Next Board Meeting—June 10 hosted by the Silver Springs Chapter at the Earl Township Building, 1506 E. Highway 34, Earlville, IL
- 5. Meeting adjourned: Motion to adjourn by Al Matison; second Jim Sikora; passed Meeting adjourned at noon.

Region Events:

Waukegan/North Shore Chapter Meeting March 10th, 2023

by Jo Ann Flynn, W/NS News Correspondent

There's lot of reasons to attend W/NS chapter meetings. You learn about the status of the club, the projects that are happening and upcoming events. The chapter has lots of events in process to look forward to. After the meeting adjourned, we had refreshments and a "Show and Tell" and a presentation. Here's what we learned:

First up, Ed Flynn displayed some of the Paint by Number paintings he has completed the last several years. If you did Paint by Number Kits as a kid, you will be totally surprised by what they are like now. Here's some examples of his paintings. Since many of them contained old trucks, there was a lot of discussion about art <u>and</u> trucks.







Next up, we switched gears from artistic to electronic endeavors as Paul Maurer presented "Multimeter Training, Troubleshooting Common Electrical Problems". Paul went through everything from the basics of electricity to how multimeters work, starter circuits, ignition system problems, generators, alternators... I think he spoke about everything electrical under the hood!



Region Events: (WNS Meeting cont...)









But the best part might have been when Paul demonstrated a volt meter. Sparks flew. Really, I saw sparks!!! If you'd like to see Paul's handout with the details of his presentation, check out the Region Website. And if you need to know about a Multimeter, just ask Paul!



Region Events:

Waukegan/North Shore St Patrick's Day Party

by Jo Ann Flynn, W/NS News Correspondent

Beannachtai na La Fheile Padraig Daoibh! Blessings of St Patrick's Day to you all.

The Waukegan/North Shore chapter celebrated a couple of days late on Sunday, March 19th, but they made up for the delay with a delightful event at Hackney's Restaurant in Glenview.



Region Events: (WNS St. Patrick's Day Party...)







One of the perks of being the News Correspondent is you get a kiss from the Region President!

Til next time, Happy Spring, Happy Travels!

Special Thanks to Mary Wisniewski for her photos and Ed Flynn for his copy editing.







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 and join a fun group for a fun outing to peruse other people's treasures.

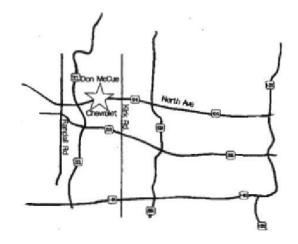
We need help on Saturday, April 1 probably in the late afternoon or early evening for set up and on Sunday, April 2 for the meet. Come one, come all and join the team.





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 630-852-9893 or rjmarkert42@aol.com To register for swap space, contact: Chris Schurrer 815-344-3775 or hpdog259962@gmail.com

Donation \$5.00 at the door Swap Spaces \$20.00 each Weather permitting, outside spaces available Car Parts for All Makes & Models

Please fill out the complete form and sign. Swap spaces cannot be reserved without payment.	NAME	ADDRESS:	CITY:	STATE: ZIP:	PHONE: ()	EMAIL:	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 connections 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 Schurrer/ 5502 W. Chasefield Circle/ McHenry, IL 60050-5133	
	44th Annual Swap Meet Registration Form Sunday April 2, 2023		NapletonChevrolet 2015 E. Main St. (Rt. 64) St. Charles, II		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	Swap Meet Hours April 2, 2023 8:00 am to 1:00 pm		Alcoholic beverages are prohibited	Local Motels	Super 8.4 mile west630-659-1163Best Western.2 mile west630-584-4550Holiday Inn Express.2 mile west630-587-6564	

AACA PIZZA PARTY AND MODEL CAR SHOW

APRIL 23RD 2023 11AM – 3PM MORETTI'S BARLETT 175 WEST LAKE ST 60103 BARLETT IL.

MODEL SCALES 16TH 25TH 24TH 32ND

\$32 BUFFET LUNCH AND CASH BAR

TROPHIES FOR EACH SCALE

Yes, I will be attending the April 23rd Inaugural model car show!

Name: _______ # of people attending: ______ \$32 Per Person. Amount of check: ______ Please include your check made out to AACA. Mail Check to Humberto Garcia, 3720 Rolling Hills Rd, Carpentersville IL 60110. For Questions Call 847-800-5124 Please submit payments by 4-17-2023.

Winter is Over Spring Tour Update

The Fox Valley Chapter is planning a wonderful tour to the Freeport area. Put the date on your calendar:



Dates: May 18—21, 2023 Hotel: Baymont Inn Hotel 1066 N. Riverside Dr. Freeport, Il 61052 815-656-4632



Price: UNBELIEVABLY ONY \$85 PER NIGHT!

Be sure you mention that you are with the AACA Vintage Car Club Block.

Amenities of the Hotel:

- 24-Hour Reception Desk
- Business Center
- Early Check-in Available
- Fitness Center
- Free Breakfast
- Free WiFi
- Hot Tub Onsite
- Laundry Facilities
- Pet Friendly
- Pool Indoor



Here are more sneak peeks at the SPRING TOUR stops.

One of the stops on this tour will be the Silver Creek Railroad Museum. The Silver Creek Museum of Freeport, Illinois is a not-for-profit educational organization,



preserving Freeport's and America's historical heritage. Come visit our wonderful 28 room Museum filled with memories from yesteryear.



Got milk? The museum has milk cans, cream separators, butter churns and more! It is only fitting that a museum that educates the public about history should show how the past looked.

The Cooper Corliss engine served the Matthiesen-Hegeler Zinc Company of Lasalle, Illinois from 1914 to 1965. One of six large engines, it powered a rolling mill and a line shaft that powered other equipment. This restoration has truly been a labor of love.





The museum also houses a wonderful railroad display.

There are also other displays to tweak your interest. Come join us!!!

Sneak peeks at the SPRING TOUR stops (cont...)

SPORT & SPECIALTY RESTORATION & VINTAGE RACING in Durand, IL.

This shop specializes in restoring some really spectacular vehicles. Their motto is **Preserving the Art and Soul of Vintage Sports Cars**.



"We are dedicated to preserving the art and fun of vintage sports cars and believe that people should enjoy driving their cars. We specialize in Austin

Healey and Jaguar cars, but have experience in many other marques."

FREEPORT ART MUSEUM:

The Freeport Art Museum works to create experiences that spark imagination and engagement in the arts for all people by presenting exhibitions and cultural events, advancing arts education and excelling in collection stewardship.



While we are in Freeport, the art museum is holding a Juried show of new and emerging artists. This annual competition offers to artists living in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin a chance to exhibit work created in the last two years. Opening on Saturday, May 6, 2023, the show runs through July 29, 2023. As FAM has gained a distinguished reputation for displaying a wide range of contemporary art, this exhibition has become a visitor's favorite.



- No Pets Allowed --AL MATISON • 815-414-1239 Do you have old trophies which you are not sure what to do with? The Illinois Region Archives has a pipeline for trophies to have a new lease on life and be used in charity car shows around Northern Illinois.

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The person who takes care of this is based out Princeton and is the DJ host for many shows in his area. He also hosts many free / fundraiser shows for different charities. For these shows, he takes old trophies and adds new badges to them to give at these charity events.

With the upcoming Spring Tour being in Freeport. There is an opportunity to get any trophies over that way easier from now until middle of May.

If you have been wondering what to do with excess trophies, please consider this an option and contact Christopher Schurrer at (815) 382 - 0238.

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FOR SALE!

1940 Ford Cnvt. DeLuxe Street Rod Dark Green, fuel injection Chevy engine, original stee body, auto trans, interior has been redone and new s frame and springs. 1940 original engine. Paul had this car done. \$40,000 obo. Call Jean Marcotte 815-472-3403



1950 Ford Custom Convertible Flathead V-8 overdrive fully restored. National 1st place winner; AACA 1st and senior awards. \$51,000; call Carl Nemec @ 1 (630) 323-9487







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



Wanted brass sidelights, stationary farm engines, gambling machines, Dave Kolzow 815 246 4545.



VINTAGE 1954 LINCOLN 2 DR HDTP CAPRI ON CHICAGO AUTO SHOW T-SHIRT SOUVENIR FROM 1954, NEVER WORN, ASKING \$75. PLEASE LEAVE MESSAGE. Don Peterson 630-553-2008.