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COMING SOON.....

June Region Board Meeting at Somonauk Public Library



The **AACA REGION BOARD MEETING** will be held on Saturday, June 10th at the Somonauk Library, 700 E Lasalle St, Somonauk, IL 60552. The meeting will start @ 10:30 A.M. Coffee & Donuts will be served. Members are welcome.



Upcoming EVENTS

June 10 - REGION BOARD MEETING
Somonauk Library, 700 E Lasalle St,
Somonauk, IL 60552. 10:30am. Everyone
Welcome. See front page.

July 23 - Region CAR SHOW at Cantigny Park
in Wheaton. - **CANCELLED!**

**August 6 - Waukegan-North Shore ILLINOIS
RR MUSEUM TRANSPORTATION
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.

NATIONAL NEWS

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

2023 Nationals & Tours

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.



Other Events of Interest

June 18 - 53rd Annual Father's Day Classic Car Show. Oak Brook Center, Oak Brook, IL.
11am - 6pm.

July 1 - FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION CAR SHOW, Carpenters Park,
Carpentersville, IL. 9am.

August 27 - Geneva Conocurs d' Elegance. Geneva, IL. - 10:00am - 4:00pm.
www.Genevaconcours.net



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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members,

Summertime weather is upon us and what a start. The Spring tour to Freeport happened and what a tour it was. I was able to attend the Saturday portion of the tour and it was fabulous. From a train ride to a performance by a ukulele band, what fun it was. Sunday, on the way home from Freeport, the group stopped for a riverboat ride in Oregon. The weather was phenomenal, near perfect. Many thanks to the Fox Valley Chapter for all the planning and hard work it takes to execute such a great tour.

As you have probably read or heard, regretfully, there will be no Cantigny show this year. Due to new management at the park, the time element prevented AACA to prepare and the cost of the show would have increased dramatically. The decision was made to find a new venue for the show. The show will return bigger and better next year.

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Monthly Recipe

Creamy Cucumber Pasta Salad



Ingredients

- 1 English Cucumber
- $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. med. sized pasta - rotini or penne
- 1 small white onion

Dressing

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup Sour Cream
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup Mayonnaise
- 2 Tbsp. Vinegar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. Salt
- 2 Tbsp. Fresh Dill
- Black pepper to taste



Instructions

1. Combine all dressing ingredients in a small bowl and mix well. Set aside.
2. Thinly slice onion and place in a bowl of cold water. (see note)
3. Cook pasta al dente according to package directions. Run under cold water to stop cooking.
4. Cut cucumber in half lengthwise and remove seeds using a spoon. Slice into thin slices.
5. Toss all ingredients in a large bowl. Let sit at least 40 minutes before serving.

Notes

Soaking the onions in cold water is optional but takes a bit of the "bite" out of the onion.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued...)

As an alternative to Cantigny, Carpentersville will be sponsoring a car show in Carpenters Park on Saturday, July 1 at 9 AM. The admission charge to the show will be waived for all AACA members. A goodwill donation will be accepted. All donations will go to support the VFW Post 2298 in West Dundee.

Many cruise nights have or will be starting shortly. If you know of a cruise night in the area that will be or has started, send me an email at dansobczyk@yahoo.com and I will be sure to mention it in the monthly column. This year the highly popular Rolling Meadows Cruise night will begin again on a bi-weekly schedule. Next show is June 9.

Also, the AACA board meeting will be taking place on June 10. All members are encouraged to attend the meetings.

Until Next Month,

Dan



Region Events:

Waukegan/North Shore May Meeting

by Jo Ann Flynn, W/NS News Correspondent

Mike and Nancy Roach were kind hosts for the monthly meeting of the chapter at their wonderful garage on May 12th.

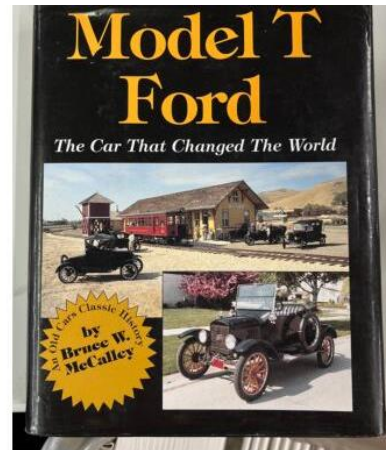
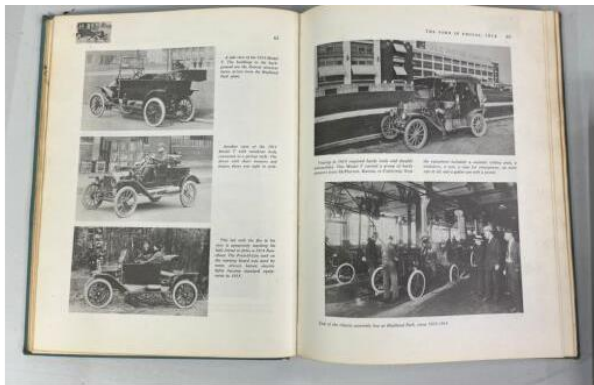
Our hard working board reviewed the chapter's status and past and upcoming activities. Don Schreiber was double checking our membership numbers. We are up to 73 paid members! Or maybe he was looking at pictures of the newest addition to the Schreiber family of classic cars - a 1923 Model T Runabout. Watch for pictures of that beauty in upcoming articles. Congratulations to Don!



After the business meeting, our group enjoyed treats brought by Ron and Mary Wisniewski and learned much about Model T's . Two of Mike's beautiful vehicles were on display and also his collection of Model T memorabilia.



Region Events: (WNS May Meeting cont...)



Did you know there was a Ford Motor Co. plant in Highland Park?
But it was Highland Park, Michigan, not Illinois.



Ah, the beauty of the Brass Era!

This was our last meeting until September 8th.

Happy Motoring and see you on the Road!

Region Events:

Waukegan/North Shore Chapter Dust Off Tour May 7th, 2023

by Jo Ann Flynn, W/NS News Correspondent

It's Spring! The grass is getting greener and the tulips are blooming and it's time to shake off the cobwebs and take our classics on the road. And that's just what the Waukegan/North Shore chapter members did on Sunday, May 7th. Forty members and friends in 21 cars met at McDonald's in Gurnee for a short drive to the first stop at McClure's Garage on Old Grand Avenue.



McClure's has been in existence since 1910, when it was opened by Rowley McClure as a Ford sales and service dealership. The McClure family has been in Lake County since at least 1836, as Thomas McClure, one of the early settlers, was one of 3 men who laid out the Milwaukee Road.

McClure's is now run by the fourth and fifth generation of McClures, Jack Fallos and his sons. Jack has an amazing collection of memorabilia displayed around the shop and also brought out much more for us to review.



Region Events: (WNS Dust Off Tour cont...)



Jack told me that the antique cash register on the counter is still used today to ring up sales!

After this historical stop, we took to some very picturesque roads, such as St Mary's Road and Portwine Road, two of my favorites, arriving at Long Grove for a coffee stop. Now refreshed, we traveled on to North Trail, Bridle Path and Chevy Chase Road among others.

Some of the member cars on the tour.



Our destination for lunch was the Crossroads of Ivanhoe Restaurant in Mundelein, where we dined alfresco on delicious food and chatted with friends.



Region Events: (WNS Dust Off Tour cont...)

Off to our final destination, we cut through the community of Grand Dominion, where you can enjoy a great car show in August.

Just a couple of miles away, we arrived at the Jim Manz Museum of Motoring Memories.



Jim has assembled an amazing collection of cars.....



and automotive memorabilia.....



Region Events: (WNS Dust Off Tour cont...)

a significant amount of which is AACA related!



And he has a very impressive collection of awards!



Jim gave us a wonderful talk on how he came to join AACA, as he is a founding member of the Waukegan/North Shore Chapter. We learned that Jim still owns the first classic car he ever bought, a 1919 Scripps Booth.

It was difficult to leave Jim's place as there were so many amazing things to look at. We're very lucky to have a member like Jim, who was willing to open his collection for us to enjoy. Thank you ,Jim Manz!

And thank you to our tour hosts, Don Schreiber and Dan Helgren, who put this wonderful event together for our enjoyment.



Region Events:

Spring tour SPRINGS into fun in Freeport

By Pat Markert

This was one of the most interesting and fun tours I have ever attended. I think several things explained this. First, we had four glorious days of beautiful spring weather. Second, we hit a variety of interesting and varied venues. Third, after a long and dreary winter, everyone on the tour was ready to have a good time.

The tour started at the McDonald's in Woodstock. We all managed not only to show up, but to get there on time. It was a good beginning to the day.

Off we went on our great adventure. First stop was at the Vintage Wings and Wheels Museum in Poplar Grove.



This museum is dedicated to the history of transportation from 1903 to 1957. This is a beautiful museum with exhibits spread over several buildings. As well as vehicles, this group has saved several buildings celebrating vehicle history



← This Sunoco Station was built in 1924 and was moved here from Dayton Ohio. Don Schreiber's 1931 Ford Model A looks right at home here.

→ Harold Flood's Mustang parked in front of this 1930 prefabricated steel building from the Green Lake area.



Region Events: (Spring Tour cont...)

The next stop was at Sport & Specialty Restorations which specialize in preserving vintage sports cars.

L to R: →

Paul Maurer, Carroll Flood, Jim Sikora and John Palka listen to an explanation of some of the techniques used in restoring these old cars.



Friday of the tour we started out with a lovely drive through Le-Aqua-Na State Recreation area which was acquired in 1948. The name is a combination of the nearby town of Lena and the Latin word for water, aqua. This beautiful park offered a lovely start to a busy day.



Region Events: (Spring Tour cont...)

Leaving the beauty of the state park, we drove over to Torkeleson's Cheese. Since Kraft Cheese company started in this area, it was mandatory to make a cheese stop and Torkelson's is considered one of the best cheese stores.



L to R



Dan Helgren's 1927 Ford Model T Touring car, Don Schriber's 1931 Ford Model A sedan, and Ed Flynn's 1941 Dodge WC 1/2 ton pick up truck.

After shopping for cheese and posing for pictures, we headed out to the Stockton Heritage Museum in downtown Stockton.



← Harold Flood examines a diorama done by a local artisan. The detail is amazing. The challenge is to find the mouse in the scene. Harold, did you find it?

→ Stockton is the home of Kraft Foods Corporation and is celebrated in this museum.



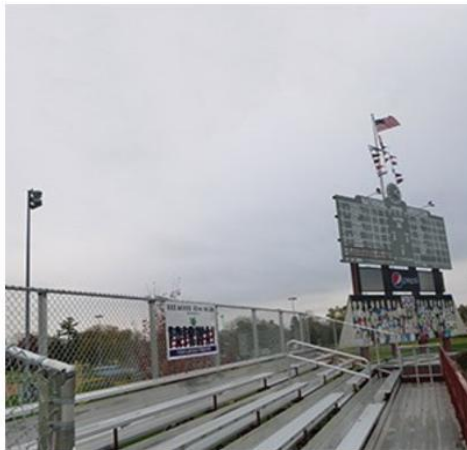
Region Events: (Spring Tour cont...)

Our next stop was a lot of fun. We went to Wrigley Field! Well, not the REAL Wrigley Field, but a miniature version of it.

Opened in 2008, this mini version of Wrigley field was approved by the Cubs organization and is open to the public. It can be rented for parties, etc.



Iconic Wrigley field sign/
Park at Addison and Clark/
Left field bleachers.



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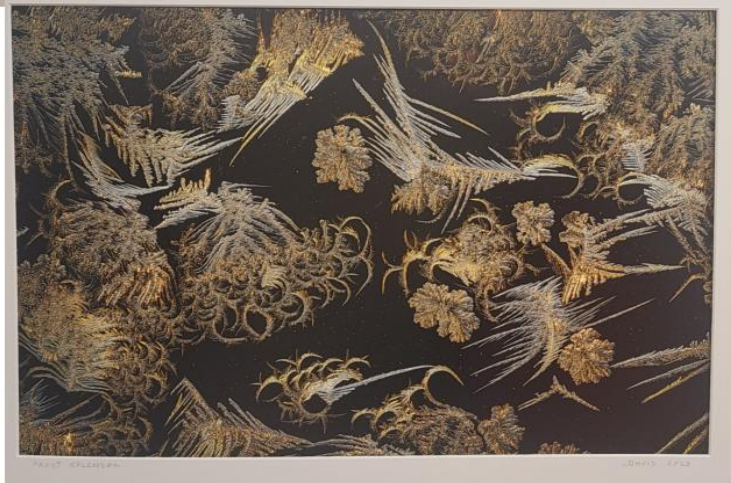
Jacki Doyle from the Chevy Club in front of her 1957 Bel Aire 2 dr/ sedan, next is Rick Nelson's 2006 Ford Mustang, then Ed Flynn's 1941 Dodge WC 1/2 ton pickup being checked out by Bibiana and Humberto Garcia, then Humberto's 1970 Mark III, next to Wendell Stevenson's 1955 Mercury, Harold Flood's 1966 Ford Mustang and then Don Schreiber's 1931 Ford Model A sedan. Good group!

Region Events: (Spring Tour cont...)

Last stop of the day was the Freeport Art Museum. This was an interesting stop as they do all kinds of workshops here to inspire budding artists. This meant the works shown were varied and wonderful.



Two of my favorites.



Saturday started out with a trip through one of the favorites of local residents—Krape Park. This is a truly lovely drive. The park has swan boats to ride, a carousel to thrill and an absolutely picturesque drive. This was my favorite. This alone is worth the drive.



Region Events: (Spring Tour cont...)

Next we went to the Silver Creek Train Museum for a train ride.



The first engine was purchased by this group in 1982 and these dedicated people have been working hard to preserve railroad memorabilia ever since, including actually laying the track for the train to run on. What an interesting stop. Not only a train ride, but a museum of items from various time periods and several buildings filled with engines and train parts in various stages of restoration. You could easily spend an entire day here. However, we had to move on.

Our next stop was American Garage Art where we got a surprise! They greeted us with a 5 piece band who serenaded us for over an hour while we perused the art and rummaged around in the work spaces.



They had a great collection of T-shirts including one that said "Pretzels Rock." I suggested that Chris Schurrer buy it to add to his growing collection of pretzel shirts. He did.

They also had a nice collection of antique toys.

Region Events: (Spring Tour cont...)



I met the artist who painted all these pictures. They were beautiful and I wound up buying a print of the waterfall in Krape Park that he had painted. He grew up in Freeport and told me that at one time you were allowed to climb up the rocks on the side of the waterfall. He did it several times as a kid. Of

course, you can no longer do that. But it must have been fun.

Leaving American Garage Art, we headed to Union Dairy for lunch. This was one of my favorite lunch stops. I loved the grilled cheese sandwich with bacon and, of course, the ice cream is spectacular. This little shop opened as a dairy in 1914 and has been in business ever since.



Some members sat in the front of the restaurant on the old fashioned stools. These included Jim and Laura McDonald, Linda Jacobs and Andy Voss.



Others went into the back room to gather.

I am not going to try to identify everyone in this picture but, let me tell you, we were loud and hungry. Food was yummy. Ice cream even better.



Region Events: (Spring Tour cont...)

Next door to the Dairy was the site of the second Lincoln-Douglas debate. It sits in a lovely little park and was a very lovely and relaxing pause in a hectic day.



Last stop of the day was the Stephenson County Museum. Set in a shady and peaceful park, they gave us tours of their collections.



Region Events: (Spring Tour cont...)

Last day of the tour meant a quick trip to Oregon, Illinois to Maxon's Restaurant and Paddle Wheel boat for brunch and boat.



BRUNCH: L to R: Table 1: Harold Flood, John Palka, Ann Nelson, Ed & JoAnn Flynn. Table 2: Donna Peterson, Marcia & Jim Sikora, Don Peterson, Humberto & Bibiana Garcia. Table 3: Paul Maurer and Don Schreiber.



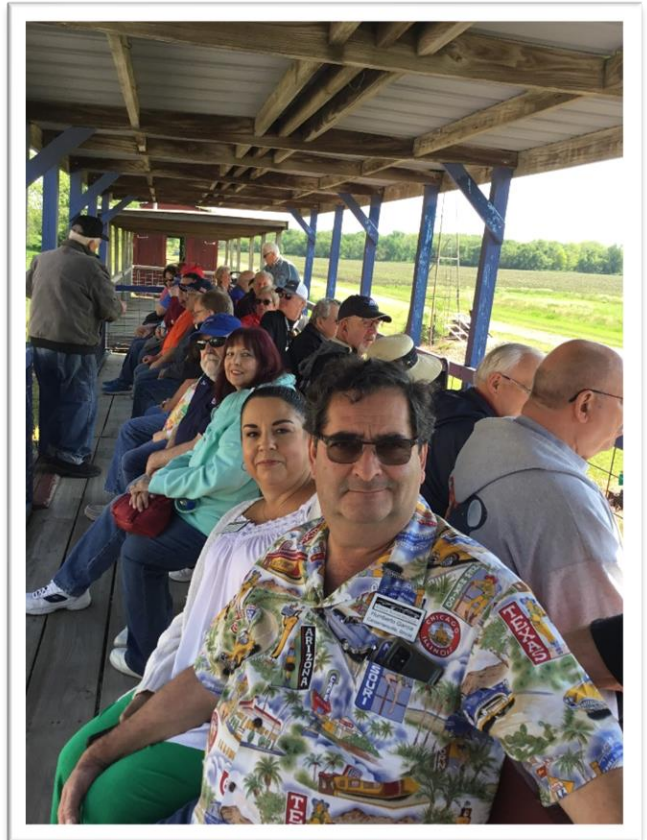
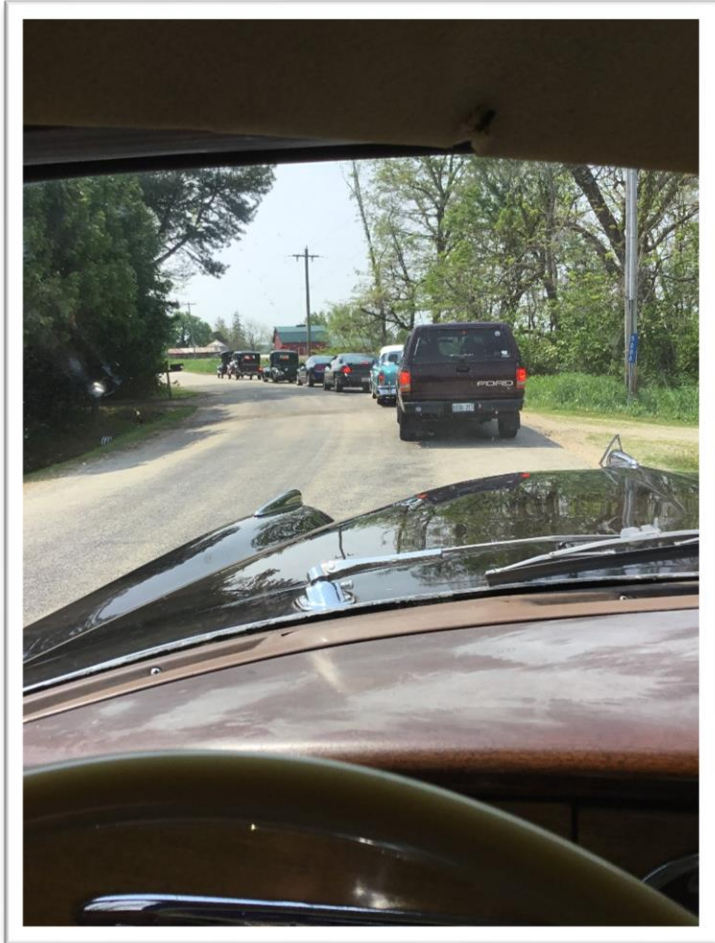
BOAT: Nope. I am not going to try to identify all these happy boaters. But, by the looks on their faces, they are obviously having a good time.

To me, the theme of this trip was HAPPY. All the locals we encountered were so accommodating and HAPPY to see and help us. We had four day of HAPPY beautiful weather. We went to lots of HAPPY and interesting places. We had a group of HAPPY people who were HAPPY to be sharing this adventure together.

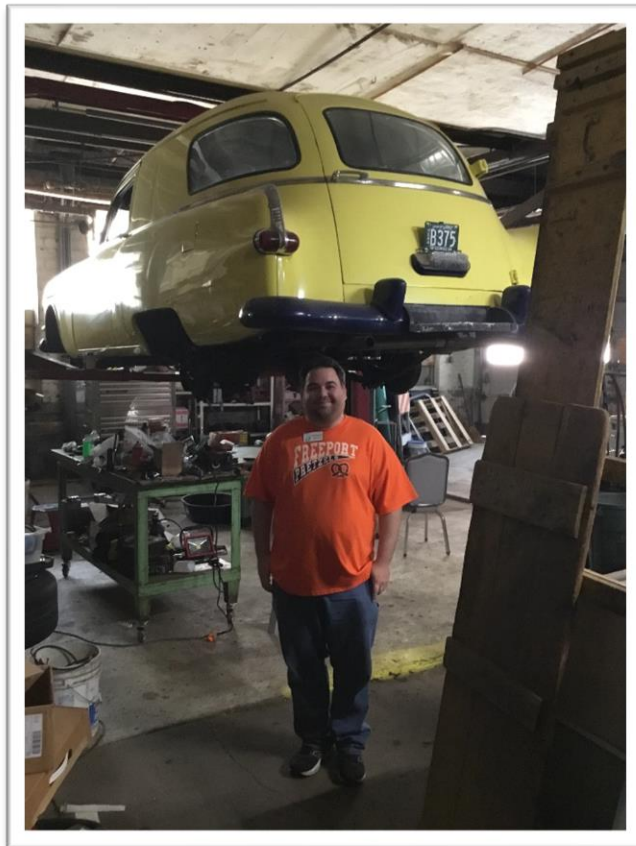
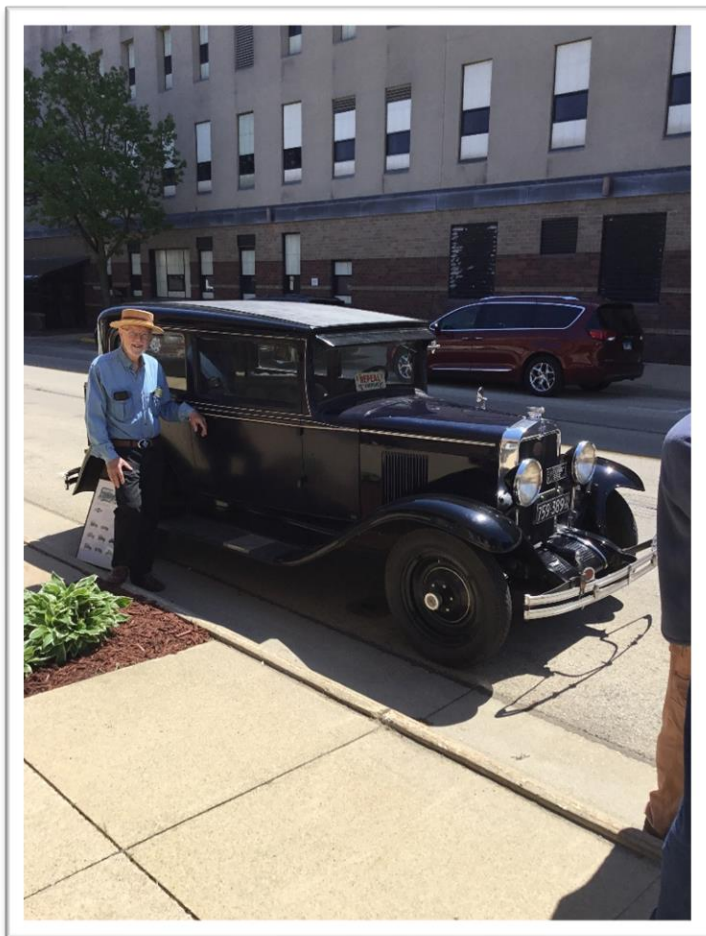
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Additional Photos of the Spring Tour submitted by Rose O'Halleran.



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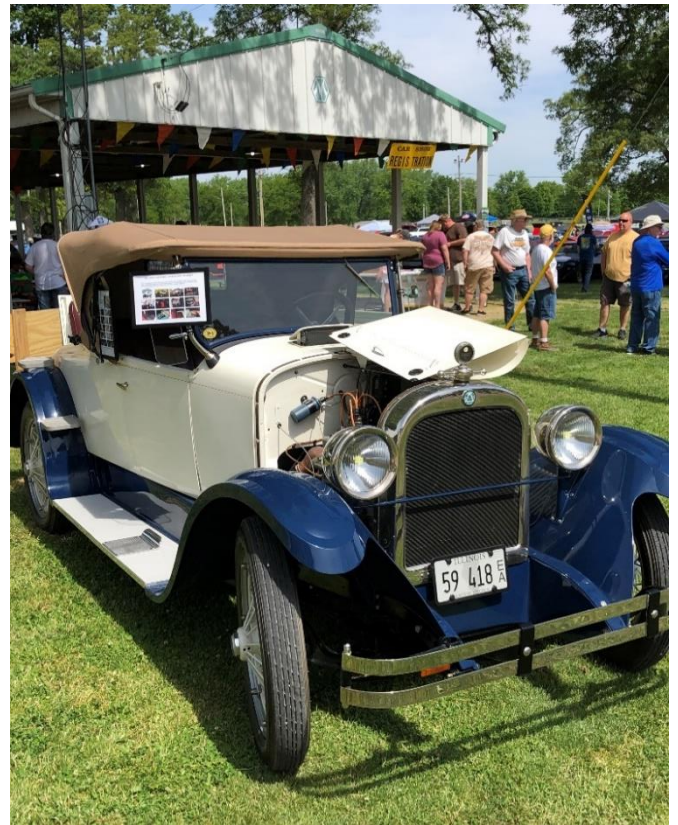
Region Events:

Auto Show at the Sandwich Fairgrounds

May 28, 2023

by Andy Voss

The 51st annual Silver Springs Chapter Auto Show and Flea Market is in the history books. And what a show it was! It was a huge success judging by the large number of show cars and trucks that arrived with a sizeable contingent of paid spectators. The weather cooperated nicely and no doubt contributed to the turnout. There were a record number of vendors exhibiting their wares as well. A Car Corral highlighted a number of antiques vehicles for sale. If spectators felt lucky, they could purchase raffle tickets from the Morris Lions Club to win a gorgeous 2009 Dodge Challenger.



Hubbards' 1927 Dodge Brothers Roadster

The featured show car this year was a beautiful 1927 Dodge Brothers Roadster owned by Ray and Rose Hubbard of the Silver Springs Club.

The antique vehicles started coming early in the day, a steady stream of classic beauties. They arrived into the early afternoon hours. The appearance of each car was met by a photographer and then announced to the crowd by personnel from the 3D-Sound Company along with tidbits of technical information. There were hourly announcements of raffle gift

Region Events: (Auto Show @ Sandwich Fairgrounds cont...)



Registration Table - Ray Hubbard with Al Matison and Chris Schurrer

winners. The main show field filled up midway through the morning necessitating the use of an overflow field.

There were several auto clubs in attendance in addition to individual owners - the Chrysler, Lincoln, and Chevy Clubs among them. A small engine club was present to demonstrate the operation of their machines. Numerous food and beverage vendors were on hand to feed the multitude and quench their thirst. It started with a Somonauk Haymakers 4-H Club breakfast.

The Silver Springs Club wishes to thank volunteers from other chapters of the Illinois Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America who helped with parking duties and other tasks. Our chapter is relatively small (and getting older!) and really appreciates help to accomplish this large undertaking each year.

Region Events: (Auto Show @ Sandwich Fairgrounds cont...)

Some Photos of the Auto Show at the Sandwich Fairgrounds. Pictures provided by Andy Voss.



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