



# SIDE LIGHTS



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## COMING SOON..



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**Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> - Waukegan/ North Shore AACA Summer Picnic & Drive Tour. Please call Bill or Joanna Vroman 847-587-9468, by August 13<sup>th</sup>, to let them know you will be attending. See Page 13.**

# Upcoming EVENTS

## NATIONAL NEWS

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

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**August 20** - Waukegan-North Shore **SUMMER PICNIC & TOUR**. See page 13 for more details.

**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.

### 2023 Nationals & Tours

#### August

**10-12-** **2023 AACA Grand Nationals**, Bettendorf, IA.

**16-19 AACA Vintage Tour** - Aroostook County, ME.



## Other Events of Interest

**August 26** - **Geneva Concours d' Elegance Driving Tour**. Geneva, IL. - 10:00am. Driving Tour to the Elgin Historical Museum / Elgin, Illinois Lunch / Classic Automobiles / Homes and History. For more information go to [Genevaconcours.net](http://Genevaconcours.net)

**August 27** - **Geneva Concours d' Elegance**. Geneva, IL. - 10:00am - 4:00pm. [Genevaconcours.net](http://Genevaconcours.net)



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

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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,

If we had better weather for our hobby, I really can't remember when.

The weather thus far this spring and summer has been all but incredible. We can only hope it continues.

There has been plenty going on this season and plenty more to come.

Coming up this next weekend, August 5, is the tour to the Sanfilippo estate.

The tickets are selling like hot cakes.

Other car clubs were invited to the tour and the response has been great.

We may reach the upper limit of the tour size.

The next day is the Union Train Show. Chris Schurrer will be leading a tour to the show. If you have not signed up, you better hurry. Chris always finds great ways to get to Union.

The following weekend is the AACA Grand National in the Quad Cities. If you have not attended a Grand National, this is your chance.

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## Monthly Recipe



### Garlic Ranch Pretzels

#### Ingredients

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2 -15-ounce bags of pretzel twists  
2 envelopes regular ranch dry  
1 tsp garlic powder  
1 tsp onion powder  
1 tsp dill weed  
1 cup popcorn oil or canola oil/coconut oil works

#### Instructions

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1. Place pretzels in a large bowl that has a sealed cover.
2. Sprinkle dry ingredients over pretzels.
3. Cover the bowl and shake well until pretzels are coated.
4. Pour oil over pretzels cover and shake well again.
5. Be sure to gently stir, scraping the seasonings from the bottom of the bowl.
6. Serve and enjoy.



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

The quality of cars competing for the awards is excellent plus it is so close to home.

The next weekend (August 20) is the club picnic. Always a great event full of food and fun. The Armatys' and the Vromans' always do a wonderful job of providing a great tour along with great food.

The last Sunday of the month hosts one of the finest shows around, The Geneva Concours. This is a must-see show. Do not miss it.

Lastly, it is with great anticipation I await the results of the photo contest. I understand we have some amazing pictures taken by our members. We will share the results with our members as soon as possible.

The month of August is filled with great and exciting things to do. Make sure you take advantage of all the activities.

Until next month.

Dan





# Region News:

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Richard & Cheryl Heissler  
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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Frank Kowalski & Linda Monsen  
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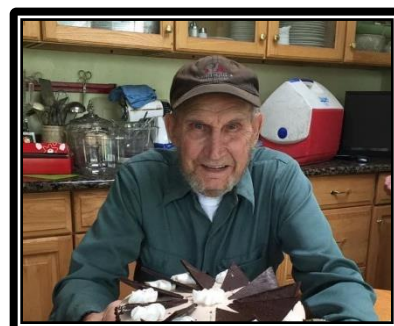
Bailey Olson & Leann Steenwyk  
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## In Memoriam

### *John Davidson*

It is with deepest sympathy that we announce the passing of John Davidson on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at the age of 91. John was one of two remaining charter members of the Waukegan Chapter of AACA. Our condolences go out to the Davidson family.



# Region Events:

## Happy Birthday America Classic Car Show

by Jo Ann Flynn, Waukegan/North Shore News Correspondent

One of my favorite ways to celebrate the 4th of July is to attend Humberto Garcia's Car Show in Carpentersville. This is the 3rd year for this great show that supports local organizations. This year's event supported the Lions Club, who also provided a food booth. Despite the not so celebratory weather, AACA members came out to enjoy the event and win a few trophies!



Award Winner - Bill Saylor's  
1972 Mach 1 Mustang



Award Winner - Russ Rodriguez and Mary  
Ellen Thielemann's 1981 DeLorean DMC 12

# Region Events: (Happy Birthday America Car Show cont...)



Award Winner - Dennis Roxworthy's 1960 Thunderbird



Dale and Cheryl Woolsey were awarded the Darlene Sobczyk Award for their contributions to the AACA membership.



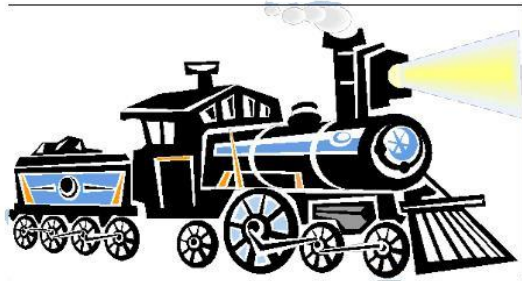
Ed and I were so happy to win the Village President's Award for our El Camino.



I couldn't resist adding this picture of old fashioned horse power- this beautiful American Quarter Horse!



# Tour To The ILLINOIS RAILWAY MUSEUM Transportation Extravaganza



When?: Sunday, August 6, 2023.

Where?: IHOP. 6606 W. Northwest Hwy., Crystal Lake, ILL  
Rte. 14 – Commons Shopping Center (Just West of Teckler Blvd.)

What Time?: Meet at 8:00 A.M. Depart at 9:15 A.M. SHARP

We will revisit travel a quick 21 miles along scenic roads  
between Crystal Lake and Union.

Cost: Tour is FREE!

(\$15 / car show charge if pre-registered by July 29, 2023 [see other flyer])  
(\$20 / car show charge if not already pre-registered)

## **ALL OF THE ILLINOIS REGION IS INVITED!**

We will park in a wooded section of the museum.

For more information or for any questions, contact:

Christopher Schurrer  
Cell: (815) 382-0238



# 32nd ANNUAL VINTAGE TRANSPORT EXTRAVAGANZA

Located at 7000 Olson Road, Union, Illinois, 5 miles off I-90 via Route 20, Marengo exit, follow the Railway Museum signs.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023  
8:00 AM UNTIL 5:00 PM

**\$15.00** OPEN TO VEHICLES 2003 AND OLDER **\$15.00**

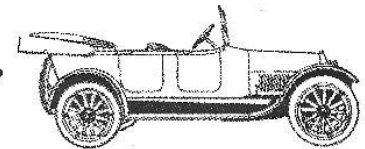
Send \$15.00 per vehicle, check or money order, payable to "ILLINOIS RAILWAY MUSEUM." Vehicle driver and all passengers in vehicle at time of entry only will get free admission, including train rides (an \$18.00 value each) valid only for the day of the show. Vehicle registration the day of the show will be \$20.00. Pre-register and save \$5.00 and time at the gate. Pre-registrations MUST be received by July 29 to be valid.

THE VINTAGE VEHICLE GATE CLOSSES AT NOON, NO FREE TICKETS AFTER GATE CLOSSES.

\*\*\*DISPLAY ONLY\*\*\* Dash Plaques  
Awarded to first 500 arrivals.



For more information contact Larry Claypool, (815) 603-8556 or vairshop@gmail.com or Dawn Castro, (630) 991-8601 or DawnCastro@comcast.net



ATTENTION: We request vehicles arrive before noon and remain until 4:00 PM. By submitting this application, applicant agrees to release Illinois Railway Museum and protect, indemnify and defend it from any and all claims for any losses, damages, or injuries whatsoever arising in whole or in part from operation, transportation, or display of applicant's vehicle. Said applicant and guest(s) also agree not to consume alcoholic beverages at the show.

For complete driving directions to the museum or additional information, go to [www.irm.org](http://www.irm.org)

>>> EACH VEHICLE REQUIRES A SEPARATE REGISTRATION FORM!!! <<<



Cut and send with payment made payable to: "IRM", IRM/VTE, P.O.Box 105, Elmhurst, Illinois 60126  
Pre-registrations MUST be received by July 29 to be valid.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

AREA CODE: ( \_\_\_\_ ) PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

VEHICLE YEAR 2003 OR OLDER: \_\_\_\_\_ MAKE: \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_

Assigned field parking is determined by the IRM (by vehicle make) or you may choose to park with a recognized car club affiliation:

\_\_ AACA \_\_ VCCA \_\_ CAATS \_\_ BUICK \_\_ MODEL T & A \_\_ STUDE/PACKARD (check one if applicable)

IRM operates the Vintage Transport Extravaganza, rain or shine. Please note when pre-registering, neither refunds nor exchange for other tickets will be issued due to inclement weather the day of the event.

THANK YOU for supporting us!

WAUKEGAN – NORTH SHORE CHAPTER A. A. C. A. 'S  
**AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup> FREE TOUR TO THE**



Steam Tractors, Gas Tractors, Garden Tractors, Hit & Miss Engines  
Steam Powered Sawmill, Power Shovel, Corn Sheller, Thresher,  
Bailer, Flour Mill, Silo Filling exhibits active all day!  
Tractor Parade, Flea Market, White Elephant Sale, & MUCH MORE

Especially, a CAR SHOW! Although it is small, if one brings an  
antique vehicle to the show, the driver gets in for **FREE!**  
(Admission is \$10 / person otherwise to the show)

Meeting at the Parking Lot to the **East** of The Freeze.  
131 Hawley St. Grayslake, ILL. Meet at 8:00 A. M.

Pickup Point can be arranged in Hampshire, ILL.  
Please contact for details

RSVP to Christopher Schurrer (815) 382 - 0238

# Sunday, August 13th, 2023

Grand Dominion in Mundelein is Proud to Present...

Free Spectator  
Admission

Food & Drink  
Vendors

Trophies

*Cruisin'*  
with the...

50/50  
Drawing

Raffle  
Prizes

DJ & Music



# CLASSICS

## Antiques, Classics, Muscle, Post-1980s Car Show

**Location:** 3555 Grand Dominion Circle  
Mundelein, IL 60060

**Show Date:** Sunday, August 13, 2023  
10:00 am - 2:30 pm  
(Rain date Sunday, August 20)

**Registration:** 8:00 am - 10:00 am



*This is an Annual  
Charity Event to  
support the Fremont  
Township Food Pantry.*



Please consider donating non-perishable food and household items at the event. Suggested Donation of \$10 to the Fremont Township Food Pantry at Exhibitor Check-In is greatly appreciated.

Grand Dominion  
*by Don Webb*

If you would like additional information, e-mail us at:  
[granddominioncarshowquestions@gmail.com](mailto:granddominioncarshowquestions@gmail.com)

# 2023 Waukegan/North Shore AACA Summer Picnic and Tour Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup>



You are cordially invited to participate in the 2023 AACA Waukegan / North Shore Summer Picnic and Tour.

Our tour will start at the McDonalds, 665 N. State Route 83, near Midlothian Rd.  
It will cover 52 leisurely miles of back roads in Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin ending at the Lake County Hastings Lake Forest Preserve Shelter A.  
Drivers Meeting at 10:30 AM.

The Picnic includes Burgers, Brats, Dogs, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Chips and Beverages.  
You are welcome to bring a dish to pass. Last names beginning in A-M bring deserts.  
Last names beginning in N-Z side dishes.  
The Forest Preserve allows alcohol in the pavilion so BYO if you're interested.

Please RSVP to Bill & Joanna Vroman 847-587-9468 with your head count by Aug 13th.





# FOR SALE!

1940 Ford Cnvt. DeLuxe Street Rod  
Dark Green, fuel injection Chevy engine, original steel body, auto trans, interior has been redone and new seat 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



**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](mailto:dansobczyk@yahoo.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](mailto:twjbrunner@aol.com)



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

# FOR SALE! (continued...)

1991 Corvette coupe for sale. Very good original condition, loaded, runs well, 102 k, meticulous maintenance, V8/auto/ac/ps/pb/ power antennae/radio/lift off top/ extras. Full Service records since new, Drive home. \$9999. Highland Park Il. James Rubenstein Message me through Facebook or email me @ [jrubensteinalert@aol.com](mailto:jrubensteinalert@aol.com)



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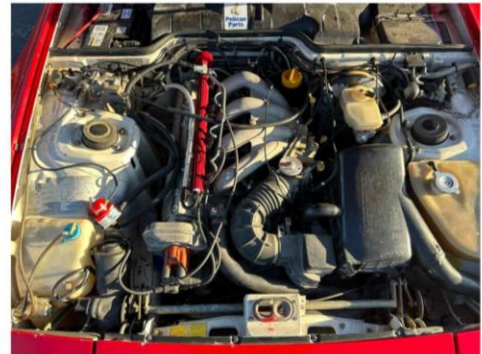
For Sale

## Red 1987 Porsche 944

New tires. New manual steering. Quick release steering wheel (sparkoo). New fuel rail with pleasure regulator. New partial fuel line. New fuel pump with filters. 944 style wheels. All new fluids and spark plugs. Everything is working!



Lots of other small stuff things done on car.



Asking \$8500. Please make an offer. Clean title on hand. Car is registered. Used as a daily driver. Available to see anytime.

Contact

Tom Debicki at 773-936-2428 (cell) or 847-495-0222 (office)

(Tom is a friend of AACA members Ed and Jo Ann Flynn)