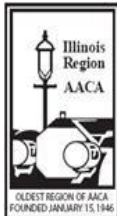




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Contact Dan Helgren or Mike Roach for more information on this event.

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And....Coming November 5th - Run to Brighton.

Hosted by Waukegan North Shore. (See page 14 for more information.)



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December TBD - Waukegan-North Shore CHRISTMAS PARTY at Parkway on the Lake, Ingleside. More information to follow.

NATIONAL NEWS

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

2023 Nationals & Tours

October

3-6- 2023 Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA.



Wife: If it doesn't fit, you have to sell it!!

Husband: 🤔.....





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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members,

The season is winding down to a close. What a great season it has been up to this point with a number of exciting tours and activities that were available to AACA members.

The great thing is there is more to come. We have the prewar tour coming up. The tour is being sponsored by Dan Helgren and Mike Roach. It sounds like it will be a wonderful tour. A number of clubs are involved with the activity so there will be a number of interesting cars on the tour. If you care to join the tour, contact Dan or Mike to see if there are any eligibility requirements for attending.

Also upcoming is the Fall Tour. The tour is being put on by the Des Plaines Valley Chapter. The tour will be going to Elkader, IA. Lee and Nancy always provide interesting tours with very interesting stops. Please save the date which is the last weekend in October.

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Monthly Recipe



What Kind of Apples are Best for Baking?

The best apples for baking are tart and tangy and they hold their shape:

- **Granny Smith:** a tart, almost sour apple that bakes beautifully.
- **Jonagold:** a cross between a Jonathan and a Golden Delicious.
- **Honeycrisp:** an apple with a name that speaks for itself. It is crispy and sweet like honey!
- **Pink Lady or Cripps Pink:** a crisp, sweet-tart apple that is a popular choice.
- **Braeburn** provides a more savory flavor and is firm, spicy-sweet.

Other apples to use when preparing meals are:

- **Cortland** with its snow-white colored flesh will hold up beautifully in [salads](#) or [kabobs](#).
- **Winesaps** are good for out-of-hand eating, or for making [cider](#) or [applesauce](#). And it's perfect on a cheese platter, too.
- **Rome Beauties or Romes** are One of the prettiest apples for simply decorating a holiday table with. These apples have a more mild flavor and will hold up well in lunchboxes and backpacks.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued...)

Lastly, is the Brighton Run that is being hosted by Harold Flood and Bob Wenderski. I understand the tour will include a stop at a very interesting location. Be sure not to miss it. As always, it is the first Sunday in November.

There are still plenty of good times ahead. Be sure to take advantage of the great activities that are upcoming.

Until next month,

Dan



A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



Hi Everyone,

I am writing to you all in this issue to ask for your participation in Sidelights.

Please consider sharing with others in the Illinois Region your adventures with your Vehicle (s). If it's a car show you went to or a cruise you went on email me your pictures and a little article. Let us know what you all are up to when not participating in club events. Or tell us the story of how you found your car, your interest in cars, etc.

Also, consider sharing your favorite recipes for all to enjoy.

Just email me your pictures, articles and recipes to:

Aaca.sidelights@gmail.com

And you could be in the next edition of Sidelights.

Safe cruising,

Laura

BOARD MEETING

Date: 9/9/23

Hosts: Waukegan—North Shore

Location: Gurnee Police Department

Time called to order: 10:45 am

1. Welcome—Chris Schurrer, Vice-President, called the meeting to order.

- Roll Call—Pat Markert, Secretary, took the roll call. Present: Chris Schurrer, Pat Markert, Bob Wenderski, Rose O'Halloran, Jerry Bodden, Ed Flynn, Jo Ann Flynn, Bill Vroman, Andy Voss, Al Matison, Lee Nelson, Nancy Nelson, Dan Helgren, Bibiana Garcia, Jim Sikora. Absent: Dan Sobczyk. Visitors: Joanna Vroman, Bob Markert, Joan Bodden, Humberto Garcia.
- Secretary report—Pat Markert said minutes had been published in Sidelights and she had received no feed back. Chris Schurrer said he knew of no corrections to the minutes. Al Matison made a motion to accept the minutes as written; second Andy Voss. Passed.
- Treasurer report— Bob Wenderski passed out new treasurer's report. He reported that the Region had received several new membership fees since June 10th. Expenses for Sidelights, meeting expenses, business cards, name badges, etc. were paid. This leaves a balance slightly lower than the balance on June 10th.

2. Standing Committee

- Membership— Andy Voss presented the report he compiled on the various tasks done by the membership person. He asked that a second and third person be added to the team. The second person would oversee promoting the AACA and Region at various events. This would include Region and non region events such as swap meets and car shows. Discussion of how this was to be done and of the money to be allocated to this was discussed.

On the topic of recruiting more members, Humberto Garcia asked if the National had a roster of members who live in Illinois but are not members of the Region. He suggested we could send them Sidelights for a specified length of time to see if they might want to join us.

Chris said he would look into it.

The third person on the membership team would update and have printed the Region brochure. This is currently being done by Jo Ann Flynn who said she was willing to keep doing it.

Al Matison made a motion to table the discussion. Second: Jim Sikora

Andy brought up the research being done to allow members to pay dues, etc on line. He wondered if we were at the point of instituting this plan. Discussion ensued. Nothing was decided. Bill Vroman is still gathering information.

Chris Schurrer asked for a motion to print up more of the "Nice Car" business cards. Jo Ann Flynn made a motion to print up 1000 more: second Rose O'Halloran. Passed.

Dan Helgren made a motion to printe up 250 more brochures after the upcoming election; second Bibiana Garcia. Passed.

Chris then asked Andy Voss if he would be willing to serve another year as the Membership Chair. He said yes.

- **Publication-** Chris Schurrer said he had no report from the Publication Committee as the editor of Sidelights is no longer a member. He asked if anyone was willing to act as Publication Chair. No takers.
- **Legislative-** Lee Nelson reported the the Secretary of State wants persons needing a driving test to make appointments before going to their nearest DMV. Other transaction can be done on a walk in basis, but driving tests need appointments.
Chris asked Lee if he would be willing to serve another year as Legislative Chair. Lee responded yes.
- **Website-** Bill Vroman reported that the website is up and running without problems. He is current on posting Sidelights and the Kalxon. He is working on finding out if it is feasible for us to collect funds online without a charity tax designation.
Chris asked Bill if he would be willing to be the website chair for another year. Bill said yes.
- **Archivist-** Chris Schurrer reported that one of the tours he had written and had in the archives had been passed on to another club who called and asked to use it. He also said the trophies which many years ago were given to the chapter who ran the spring or fall tours were now housed in the archives. Rose O'Halloran said she had a collection of Antique Automobile magazines dating back to 1975 and wondered if the National would be interested. Chris said yes.
Chris asked if anyone wanted to take over as Archivist. He said it only took up one big room in his house. No takers. He then said he is happy to serve another year.
- **Car Show Manager—**Jim Sikora reported that he and Bob Markert had been out exploring different venues for the Region Car Show. He said he had a new lead and that the two of them will be out checking out that one and checking out Triton College that someone had suggested. He said that part of the process is seeing if the venue was a good fit for them. Some sites that are fine for "cruise" type shows would not be good for ours. They also need to explore what the venue would need from us
Chris asked Jim if he would be willing to serve another year as Car Show Manager. He said yes.

3. Activities

A.) **Fall Tour—**Lee Nelson reported that because of the shortage of hotel rooms, the dates of the fall tour have been changed to October 26—29. We are staying at the Frontier Motel in Marquette, Iowa. It is a "old fashioned" motel that has recently been redone. We were able to book almost the whole hotel for our members. One of the places Lee wants to visit is an historic grist mill where, among the exhibits, is a 1902 Crestmobile. Lee's concern is that to get to the grist mill, we would have to traverse 1 1/2 miles of gravel road. Lee asked for a vote on how many board members would be okay with driving the gravel road. All members of the board seemed okay with driving it.

B.) **Swap Meet—**Bob Markert reported that things are currently on track for the April Swap Meet.

Chris Schurrer suggested we take a break. Meeting adjourn at 11:45 and resumed at 12 noon.

4. Chapter Reports

- Des Plaines Valley-Lee Nelson reported that the chapter is predominately concerned with working on the fall tour. Several members did attend the Geneva Concourse and the Will County Automotive Rebuilders show.
- Fox Valley-Chris Schurrer reported that the Fox Valley chapter hosted a trip to Sanfillipo Mansion on August 5th. We gathered at Humberto Garcia's business and took a short tour to the mansion. He also said that the chapter is working on a possible pot luck this October or November, but if not, they will be having their Christmas party the last Saturday of January and a pizza party in February.
- Silver Springs-Al Matison reported that they are having a tour on September 30th. Other than that, they are already planning for next year's car show.
- Waukegan-North Shore—Dan Helgren reported that the chapter had just had their annual tour and picnic. Bill and Joanna Vroman did a wonderful job on that. They had a good turnout and everyone seemed happy with the tour and the food.

The Joe Passalacqua Memorial Pre-War tour is on October 15 and because of the route will meet in Gurnee at 8 am. The Brighton Run is scheduled for the 5th of November. Bob Wenderski has an interesting stop scheduled at Hippie Tom's Serendipity Farm. Price is still \$10 per car.

5. Old Business— None

6. New Business:

*Board candidates—Chris reminded the board that we need candidates to run for the board. Candidates need to be submitted to the secretary by October 1. This date is right around the corner. He also reminded the board that there is no maximum number of candidates who can run for the board.

*Lichtfeld Award- Chris also reminded the board that candidates for the Lichtfeld Award are needed for the next meeting. This candidate should be a person who has been of great service to the Region and who exemplifies the spirit of the car club community. He reminded members that this can only be given to a member once so they need to check the list of previous winners in the latest issue of the roster.

7. Visitor input:

Humberto Garcia asked us to mention the Historically Haunted Car Show on Saturday, October 28 from 9 am to 3 pm. The show is located at 426 Highland Ave. in West Dundee. The cost is \$20 per car. All proceeds benefit the Dundee Township Historical Society.

8. Next Board Meeting—11/11/23 Hosted by Des Plaines Valley

9. Adjourn- Rose O'Halloran made a motion to adjourn: second Al Matison.

Meeting adjourned at 12:36 pm.

Region Events:

Wildwood Park District Harvest Fest

by Jo Ann Flynn, W/NS News Correspondent

The Wildwood Park District knows how to throw a fun party!! And that's what they did on Sept 23rd. This small community came together with a car show, hosted by the Gagewood Lions Club, a craft fair and kid's games at lovely Rule Park. Our own Harold and Carroll Flood and Anna and Richard Nelson were deeply involved in the event. And they all nicely arranged for a beautiful day for us to enjoy the festivities.



Region Events: (Wildwood Park Harvest Fest)



It's

FALL TOUR TIME!

Dates: October 26—29* This is a change from our usual weekend.

Where: Marquette, Iowa

Hotel: Frontier Hotel

101 S. 1st St.

Marquette, Iowa 52158

563-873-3497

Rate: Thursday \$80

Friday and Saturday \$130 each

Note: this motel does not offer a free breakfast. There is a really nice restaurant jus down the road that serves good breakfasts, but they only take cash.

Friday: We will start the day by visiting the **Tom Chandler collection**. Tom's collection is housed in two buildings with some pretty unusual cars including a beautiful Franklin and a 1953 Maverick Sportser.. Then we will go over to the **Elkader Opera House** for a guided tour of this 1903 building that is on the National Register of Historic Places. We will then stop at Tom Chandler's Project Shop so we can see what vehicles he is currently restoring. Lunch at Johnson's Restaurant famous buffet will fuel us up for the afternoon's adventure at the Earthmoving Legacy Center to see a **BIG** collection of all kinds of earthmoving machinery.

Saturday: After breakfast we will tour over to George Maier Farm Heritage Center. George spent his life collecting what other people were getting rid of. He kept these items because they were beautiful and/or nostalgic. Many items in his collection has a sign on it explaining why George kept that particular item. His comments are often interesting, humorous and thoughtful.

After leaving the Heritage Center we will be heading to Guttenberg to take a leisurely afternoon including lunch at the restaurant of your choice and time to shop and explore. We hear Kann's is having a **BIG SALE**. So be sure to check that out. We will also have a chance to visit the Lockmaster's Quarters. It is the only one left unmodified on the Upper Mississippi River.



Sunday: There will be an additional optional tour on Sunday to the Effigy Mounds in Harpers Ferry, IA. This National Monument preserves more than 200 prehistoric mounds built by pre-Columbian Mound Builder cultures, mostly in the first millennium and during the later part of the Woodland period of pre-Columbian North America. Numerous effigy mounds are shaped like animals, including bears and birds. If you intend to take this part of the weekend, please indicate that on the registration form.



We have some exciting things planned for this tour. This area of north-east Iowa is absolutely beautiful in the fall and we will spend time touring the lovely back roads.

Cut *****

Car registration\$ 25.00
 Elkader Opera House tour.....\$ 5.00 X _____ = \$ _____
 Friday buffet lunch at Johnson's Restaurant \$19.00 X _____ = \$ _____

This is an all you can eat buffet that is famous in the area. Included in the buffet are: broasted chicken, fried cod, mashed potatoes, vegetables, soup, salad bar, soda and water.

Earthmoving Center.....\$ 5.00 X _____ = \$ _____
 Farm Heritage Center.....\$ 5.00 X _____ = \$ _____
 TOTAL \$ _____

____ YES I intend to go to the Effigy Mounds.

Note: Saturday's banquet will be at Jones' Black Angus Supper Club. We will order off the menu and pay our own tabs. Prices are about \$15 to \$40. Attached Menu.

Deadline: October 15, 2023

Mail this form and check payable to **Des Plaines Valley Chapter** to Lee Nelson, 522 S. Washington St., Lockport, IL 60441-3039

Name _____

Car you will be bringing _____

Jones' Black Angus

Appetizers

- Shrimp Cocktail 12.99
- Duck Bacon Wontons 11.99
- Onion Rings 9.99
- Deep Fried Whole Mushrooms 9.99
- Crispy Buffalo Wings 12.99
- Wisconsin Cheese Curds 9.99
- Calamari 11.99
- Spinach & Artichoke dip 12.99
Served with homemade pita chips
- Golden Fried Bluegills 16.99

Hand-Cut Steaks

All steaks market price, ask server

- Filet Mignon "Our Finest Cut" 8 or 10 oz
- Angus Ribeye 16 oz
- Steak Oscar
Filet mignon topped with crab, asparagus,
& bearnaise
- New York Strip 12 oz

Fish and Seafood

- Shrimp Brochette 28.99
Grilled shrimp skewer topped with sauteed
mushrooms, onions & peppers
- Shrimp Scampi 28.99
sauteed in butter, garlic, and white wine
- Golden Fried Shrimp 28.99
- Golden Fried Walleye Filet 28.99
- Salmon Oscar 34.99
Topped with crab, asparagus, & bearnaise

All entrees served with choice of potato or vegetable (+2.5) and choice of Caesar Salad or Salad Bar
*additional plate sharing fee

- Grilled Salmon 29.99
Topped with a spicy honey garlic glaze
- Sea Scallops MP
Pan seared or panko deep fried
- Cold Water Lobster Tail
Single or double tails MP
- Alaskan King Crab Legs 1 or 2 lbs MP
- Seafood Platter MP
Cold water lobster, alaskan king crab, sea
scallops, jumbo shrimp

Surf and Turf

- 8 oz Filet Mignon or 12 oz Prime Rib
(when available) with your choice of
shrimp, scallops or cold water lobster tail
MP

Featured Selections

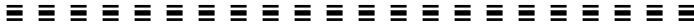
- Portobello Chicken Breast 24.99
Topped with housemade creamy parmesan sauce
and sauteed portobello mushrooms
- Grilled Chicken Alfredo 24.99
Homemade creamy parmesan sauce
- Smothered Iowa Pork Chop 25.99
Topped with a bourbon glaze, mushrooms, onions

Steak Enhancers

- Sauteed mushrooms 4.99
- Sauteed onions 3
- Oscar 9
- Grilled asparagus 4
- Parmesan garlic butter 2
- Blue cheese crust 3
- Peppercorn & Garlic Char 2

Save room for dessert!

Ask your server to see our dessert tray



FOR SALE!



1940 Ford Cnvt. DeLuxe Street Rod
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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

