



SIDE LIGHTS



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COMING SOON.....

November 5th - Run to Brighton - Hosted by Waukegan North Shore.
(See page 20 for more information.)

November 11th - Board Meeting - more information to come.



Upcoming EVENTS

November 5 - Waukegan-North Shore **RUN TO Brighton**. See page 20 for more information.

November 11 - **REGION BOARD MEETING** hosted by Des Plaines Valley. More information to come.

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



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Vern Fagerberg
&

Iris Steinhoff

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NATIONAL NEWS

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

2024 Nationals & Tours

February

8-10-2024 AACA Annual Convention, Chantilly, VA.

Location: Chantilly, Virginia Hotel: Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles, 14750 Conference Center Drive, Chantilly, VA 20151
Room Rate: \$129 per night OR \$169 per night includes breakfast for two people
Reservation Link: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50584547>
Reservation Phone: (800) 266-9432 (mention Antique Automobile Club of America)
Reservation Deadline: January 16, 2024

March

17-23-AACA Founders Tour, Louisiana.

Host: Louisiana Region AACA Location: Acadiana Area, Louisiana
Chairman: Ronald Sonnier - rsonnier@cox.net

April

5-AACA Grand National, Concord, NC.

Host: Hornets Nest Region AACA Location: Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord, NC
Chairman: Mel Carson - melcarson@charlotte-autofair.com





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 2024

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Through 2025

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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,

As I write this article, the snow is falling on this Halloween Day. Hard to believe the snow is falling; where did the summer cruising days go.

As you probably know, the November board meeting is coming up on November 11. It is also Veteran's Day. A big salute to my fellow veterans and thank you for your service. I am very active in several veterans' organizations. I feel it was a special honor to serve our country and I continue to be involved with the veterans.

The reason I mention the upcoming board meeting is to remind everyone that the board meeting is open to all members. If you are interested in seeing what is happening, there is no better way than to attend one of these meetings.

This club belongs to all the members, but it appears that a select number of members seem to be carrying the load

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Monthly Recipe



Grammy's Go Further

Submitted by: Joanna Vroman

Ingredients:

- 1 large can Pears (diced)
- 1 large can Pineapple (diced) - Save pineapple juice.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Longhorn Cheese (grated)
- chopped nuts
- whipping cream

Drain fruit extra well - till dry - save pineapple juice. Add grated cheese.

Dressing:

- 1 egg, beaten
- 3 heaping tbs sugar
- 1 tsp vinegar
- 1 cup pineapple juice (we told you twice to save it)
- 2 heaping tbs flour

If pineapple was in natural juice, add an additional 2 tbs sugar.

Mix dressing ingredients together and cook over low heat stirring until boiling and real thick. Cool well. Mix in fruit and cheese and top with whipped cream and nuts.



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued...)

to ensure the club continues to function. The election for Board members will be coming up in the near future. At this point in time, we have only two names on the ballot. We need a member to step up and write their name in the third slot.

This club can only survive if we have members step up and offer their services. We need an influx of new ideas and new members on the board to continue the functioning of this club.

You can speak to any board member about the duties and responsibilities associated with the position. Their names and numbers are in the member's directory.

We need your help.

Until next month,

Dan



In Memoriam



Joe Dolezal

It is with deepest sympathy that we announce the passing of Joe on October 4th, 2023. Joe is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Linda F. Nee Hardin.

Loving father of Brian (Kathryn); cherished grandfather of Kyle and Logan; caring son of the late Frank and Bessie. Dear brother of the late Fran (Joyce); beloved brother-in-law of the late Dee (Don) Knight and Ray (Marsha) Hardin. Adored Uncle to Philip (Karen) Knight, Darlene (Lee) Horn, Matt and Ryan Hardin, Lynn (Hal) Murphy, and Karen Stark. Great Uncle to Brad (Daisy) Horn, Samantha Horn, Breanna (Danielle) Horn, Cullen and Erin Knight, Emma Stark, Jenna and Jake Murphy.

A car enthusiast since he first started working on them with his brother Fran. Joe served as membership and treasurer of the Chicagoland Avanti Owners Association for over 20 years following his purchase of his dream car, an Avanti. He was also treasurer and membership chair of the Illinois Antique Automobile Club.

Joe proudly served in the US Army National Guard from 1966-1972.

An avid fisherman and supporter of the Boy Scouts, Joe will be remembered for his kind loving nature, his smile, infectious laugh, and quick wit. A great husband, father, grandfather, and friend who will be dearly missed.

Our condolences go out to Linda and family.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Annual Dues

A 2024 IL Region Membership Renewal form is included in this issue of *Sidelights*. It was also sent in October to current members of the AACCA Illinois Region by email. You may use the attached form if you have not already returned it and a check for your dues to the Membership Chairperson (Andy Voss). He is eagerly waiting by his mailbox for your envelope!

2024 ILLINOIS REGION RENEWAL FORM



❖ Dear Region Members:

❖ **It is now time to renew your Illinois Region dues.** You must be a **PAID MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL** to belong to the Illinois Region. Please check inside the wrapper of the *AACA Antique Automobile* (Sept/Oct) magazine for the NATIONAL RENEWAL NOTICE.

Since this information is used to compile the *ILLINOIS REGION ROSTER*, please complete this form carefully and accurately.

Please check ONE below:

Illinois Region Dues – Sidelights received by email \$23.00 _____

Illinois Region Lifetime Membership \$300.00 _____
 (Must be National Lifetime Member – Dues for National
 Lifetime membership dues are now \$700.00)

Current paid Illinois Region Lifetime Member? Yes _____

Chapters:

Fox Valley Chapter \$5.00 _____

Waukegan-North Shore Chapter \$8.00 _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Make check payable to the *Illinois Region* and mail it to:

**Andy Voss
 2588-B Rock Creek Road
 Plano, IL 60545**

AACA NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP No. _____

LAST NAME _____ FIRST _____ SPOUSE/
 PARTNER _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

LANDLINE PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

SPOUSE/PARTNER CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESSES: Necessary to receive region mailings such a *Sidelights*

MEMBER EMAIL _____ SPOUSE/PARTNER EMAIL _____

Dues must be received by DECEMBER 31, 2023 to be included in the 2024 Roster.

Would you like the 2024 Roster sent to your e-mail address instead of by U.S. mail? Yes ___ No ___

Put a check mark in front of the chapters to which you belong:

_____ Des Plaines Valley _____ Silver Springs _____ Fox Valley _____ Waukegan/NS

PLEASE COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE OF FORM ONLY IF THERE ARE CHANGES!

ANTIQUUE VEHICLE INFORMATION

Check here if the vehicle information is the same as last year; then you do not need to fill in the chart below.

Classic Cars must be 25 or more years old

Add Cars Acquired Since Last Year

Year	Make	Model

Delete Cars that you no Longer Own

Year	Make	Model



Do you like talking to people?

Are you a wan-a-be salesperson?

Then We Need You!

Our Region Membership Team is Expanding. We are looking for a member to help recruit new classic car hobbyists. Duties include hosting a sign-up table at Illinois Region Events, such as Swap Meets and Car Shows.

Contact Andy Voss for more information.

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Silver Springs Chapter Tour to Utica, Illinois

by Andy Voss

The Silver Springs Chapter enjoyed a beautiful Fall Day while touring country roads to the Utica, Illinois area. Twelve of us departed Sandwich, IL on Saturday, September 30th for a 58-mile trip in a small caravan, enjoying the corn and soybean fields ready for harvest.

Our first destination (other than a Casey's pit stop) was the Illinois Waterway Visitor's Center that is home to the Starved Rock Lock & Dam. While there, we viewed a 10-minute film that featured the history of the installation and participated in a Q & A session hosted by an Army Corps of Engineers docent. Then we headed outside to the viewing area above the lock to await river traffic. From there we had a splendid view of the famous "Starved Rock" across the Illinois River.



We then motored into downtown Utica for a must-see visit to the multi-building La Salle County Historical Society's Museum along the Illinois & Michigan Canal. This museum is chock full of interesting artifacts of the vicinity from its earliest times to recent history.



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Region Chapter Events: (Utica Tour cont...)

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We broke for an outdoor lunch half-way through the tour. Our minds and bodies urgently needed rest & refueling!



Region Chapter Events: (Utica Tour cont...)

After refreshments, the entourage continued the tour. So much to see! Abraham Lincoln memorabilia, old home organs & pianos, vintage tools, a Billy the Kid jacket, horse-drawn carriages & sleighs, and much more.



We finished the tour in a building that housed an exhibit that told the sad story of the Radium Girls who worked at the nearby Westclox factory to paint radium on clock faces to make them glow. That was not a promising idea because radium is a very toxic radio-active material that caused severe illness and was fatal for many of the workers. There was also a display of famous local personalities, local businesses, and military exhibits.



There was even a nice Model-A Ford. Oops! That belonged to Rick and Terri Shaw, not the museum. Our thanks go to Chris Schurrer for another spectacular tour.

Region Chapter Events: (Utica Tour cont...)



Standing: Ray Hubbard, Michell Olson, Jim Olson, Bailey Olson, Andy Voss,
Al Matison, Rick Shaw, Jason Weymouth, and Chris Schurrer

Seated: Rose Hubbard, Terri Shaw, and Leann Steenwyk

Region Chapter Events:

2023 Joe Passalacqua Memorial Pre-War Tour

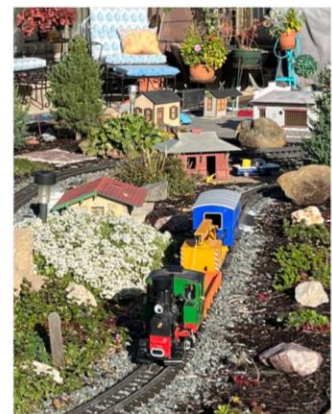
by Jo Ann Flynn, W/NS News Correspondent

After a week of very rainy weather, the clouds parted and the sun shown brightly on Sunday, October 15th as we enjoyed a beautiful drive in the country to honor the late Joe Passalacqua, a long time AACA member. Waukegan/North Shore members were joined by members from the Midwest Model T Club, Rockford Model T Club and the Illinois Brass Region.

A total of 55 participants in 28 cars (almost all pre-war) traveled through beautiful McHenry County. Those traveling in open touring cars were bundled up for the trip. A few were even dressed in costume!



The group started the day in Huntley, at the home of Scott and Sheryl Stier. Along with their car collection, the Stiers also have a great garden railroad setup in their back yard.



Region Chapter Events: (Pre-War Tour cont...)

Sheryl also treated us to delicious goodies such as her Whippersnapper cookies. Check out the recipe at the end of this article.

After leaving the Stiers home, we traveled east, passing Bigfoot on Hamilton Road - I'm sure he was waving as we drove past - and arrived at the home of Bob Hanselman in Woodstock.



Bob showed us his collection, including his damaged MG! He told us the frightening details of his car accident and we saw the results. Fortunately, Bob and his wife are OK. Not so much for his MG.



Our historic vehicles looked right at home in historic Woodstock Square where we made a brief stop for coffee, visiting with friends at the park and a walk around town. As far as I know, no one saw Elvira, the resident specter of the Woodstock Opera House. Or if they did, they might have been too afraid to mention it.....



Then we drove east again to Cherry Valley Road and one of the more unusual buildings in McHenry County - the Stickney house in the town of Bull Valley, now the home of the Bull Valley City Hall and Police Station. What's unusual about this house? The house was built without corners. George Stickney and his wife Sylvia, became practitioners of Spiritualism, probably due to the tragic loss of 7 of their 10 children before they reached adulthood. They believed that corners prevented ghosts from roaming freely and they didn't want the souls of their lost children to be trapped in this world. So, no corners in the house! The story is that George died in the one room in the house where the architect had erred and built a 90 degree corner. And George's ghost is said to be ensnared in the room to this day.

Region Chapter Events: (Pre-War Tour cont...)



We didn't see George's ghost but we did see the 1849 Terwilliger House and the round barn at Shamrock Farm before we arrived at Rusty Nail Saloon, our lunch stop in Ringwood. We were treated to a delicious and filling buffet lunch in charming surroundings.

After lunch, tour leader and Chapter President Dan Helgren talked about Joe Passalacqua and his impact on Dan and so many other members of the clubs represented there. Joe was an extremely knowledgeable expert on old cars and was always happy to share that knowledge with anyone who needed help. Joe's family was represented by his daughters Carol and Barb, son Mike and granddaughter Jenny. They shared fun stories of growing up with Joe. Dan presented them with unique reminders of Joe and his cars, created by Harold Flood.



Some of the group returned to Huntley and some traveled on to another historic village, Richmond, Illinois, where we did a little shopping and wandered about before heading for home. It was a lovely day in the country and a lovely way to honor a wonderful man.

Thanks to Dan Helgren for coordinating such a great event.

And thank you to my editor, Edward Flynn.



Region Chapter Events: (Pre-War Tour cont...)

Sheryl's cookie recipe. She says that any cake mix will work but lemon and chocolate are her favorites.

Game Day Get-together

Winona's Lemon Whippersnappers

Mel Wolk
St. Peters, MO

These have a nice lemon flavor and are so easy to make!

1 pkg. lemon cake mix
2 c. frozen whipped topping,
thawed

1 egg
1/2 c. powdered sugar, sifted

Grease cookie sheets. Combine cake mix, whipped topping and egg in large bowl and stir until well mixed. Drop by teaspoon into powdered sugar and roll to coat. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 15 minutes until golden brown. Remove from cookie sheet and cool. Makes 4 dozen cookies.



Other Events:

Lake Forest Car Show

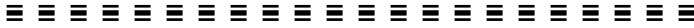
by Jo Ann Flynn, W/NS News Correspondent

Some of our members attended this show on October 1st and I thought I would share a few photos.



Other Events: (Lake Forest Show cont...)





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. \$45,000 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. **\$45,000**; call Carl Nemec @ 1 (630) 323-9487



For sale: set of 30 by 3 model T wheels, square fellows, all white tires. hold air that's about all. \$200. Dave 815 246 4545

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



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

