



# SIDE LIGHTS



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# Upcoming EVENTS

**February 3, 2024 -REGION BOARD MEETING**  
@ the Carpentersville Public Works,  
Carpentersville, IL. See page 12.

**March 9 -REGION BOARD MEETING**

**April 7 - Region 47<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL REGION SWAP MEET.** Napleton Chevrolet, St. Charles. See pages 14 & 15.

**May 16-19 - Region SPRING TOUR to Galena.**

**May 26 - Silver Springs Chapter ANNUAL CAR SHOW AND SWAP MEET.**

**June 8 -REGION BOARD MEETING**

**July 21 -ILLINOIS REGION CAR SHOW.**  
Carpentersville, IL

**Sept 9 -REGION BOARD MEETING**

**Sept TBD - Illinois Region Fall Tour.**

**November 3 - Waukegan-North Shore RUN TO Brighton.**

**November 9 -REGION BOARD MEETING**



## NATIONAL NEWS

For more information on National and other events see [aaca.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:melcarson@charlotte-autofair.com)

## Other Events of Interest

**March 24 - GIRCCCA MID-WINTER OUTING TO VOLO AUTO MUSEUM. Volo, IL. 10am.** For more information please see page 13 or contact Russ Rodriguez @ [russarod@gmail.com](mailto:russarod@gmail.com) or 630-767-9000.



## 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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Plano, IL 60545  
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Please contact Andy with questions about membership and/or address corrections. Annual dues are \$23 for both individual and joint memberships. Membership in the National AACA is an absolute prerequisite for membership in the Illinois Region.

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

#### BOARD MEMBERS:

##### Through 2023

Bill Vroman  
Jo Ann Flynn  
Chris Schurrer

##### Through 2024

Ed Flynn  
Rose O'Halloran  
Nancy Nelson

##### Through 2025

Dan Sobczyk  
Jerry Bodden  
Bibiana Garcia

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*Chapter meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at member homes.*

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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,

Here we are at the start of a new year and of swap meets and car shows.

Here is a list of upcoming events that I would like to share with you. If you know of events not listed, please let me know of the event so I can keep our membership informed. Email me with the information at [dansobczyk@yahoo.com](mailto:dansobczyk@yahoo.com).

BOPC Swap meet- Kane County Fairgrounds- Feb 18, 2024

Winter Parts Swap Meet- Friendly Ford, Roselle - March 17, 2024.

AACA Swap Meet - Napleton Chevrolet, St Charles - April 7, 2024. (pg. 14 & 15)

AACA Illinois Region Spring Tour - Galena, IL - May 16-19, 2024

Packard Club National Meet - Brookfield, WI - June 9-15, 2024

Nash Car Club National Meet - Oregon, IL - June 26 - 29, 2024

AACA Illinois Region Car Show - Carpentersville, IL - July 21, 2024

Iola Car Show - Iola, WI - July 11-13, 2024

Copshaholm Concours - South Bend, IN - July 13, 2024

AACA Illinois Region Fall Tour - Greenfield Village, MI - September ????

Hershey Region Fall Meet - Hershey, PA. - October 8 - 11, 2024

Lastly, our deepest condolences to Lee & Nancy Nelson on the loss of Lee's brother and to Terri Shaw on the loss of her Mom. (see page 6)

Until next month,

Dan

# Monthly Recipe



## Valentine Hugs

Recipe provided by Laura Cielenski

### Ingredients

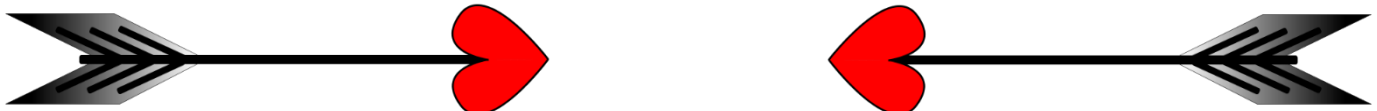
- 35 Hershey's Hugs
- 35 Pretzels Square or Small Pretzels
- 35 M&M's in seasonal colors
- Sprinkles if desired



### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 175°F and line a baking pan with parchment paper.
2. Lay out pretzels and top with unwrapped Hershey's Hugs.
3. Bake approximately 4-6 minutes or just until Hugs become soft and shiny (but not melted, they will continue to melt once removed from the oven). Remove from oven and immediately top with M&Ms.
4. Cool completely and serve.

- Note: Change the color of the M&Ms based on the holiday or occasion.



## SIDELIGHTS

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For **MARCH** issue:

How about sending in your favorite St. Pat's recipe? Everyone makes corned beef and cabbage, but you have a special something you always enjoy. Send it in and share with others.



## Region Member News:

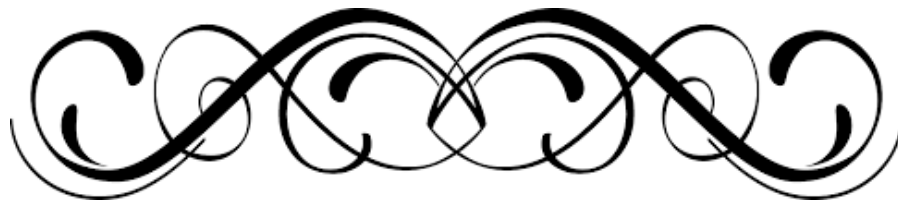
### In Memoriam

#### *Roy Walter Nelson*

Roy Nelson, 80, passed away on January 8, 2024.

Brother of club member Lee Nelson, Roy was an avid collector, he owned many old cars during his lifetime, specializing in Franklin and Studebaker, but also acquiring a Stanley Steamer. He was active in several antique car clubs.

The Illinois Region Board sends its condolences to the Nelson family.



### In Memoriam

#### *Barbara Jean Stahl*

Barbara Jean Stahl, age 90, mother of club member Terri (Rick) Shaw passed away on January 16, 2024.

The Illinois Region Board sends its condolences to Terri and the family.



**PAST DUE**



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**Don't Forget!**

**RENEWAL  
REMINDER**

## 2024 IL Region Dues Reminder

If you have not paid your IL Region dues, please take a moment to do so now. There is a 2024 renewal form attached to this issue of Sidelights. Simply print it, fill out the requested information, and mail it with a check for \$23 (plus payment for applicable chapter dues) to Andy Voss, Membership Chairman, at the address shown on the form.

If there are any questions or comments about this procedure, please contact Andy at 630-605-8392 or [andyjanevoss@aol.com](mailto:andyjanevoss@aol.com).

## 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!**



**ANTIQUE 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**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Make</b>	<b>Model</b>

**Delete Cars that you no Longer Own**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Make</b>	<b>Model</b>



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.

[andyjanevoss@aol.com](mailto:andyjanevoss@aol.com)

630-605-8392

## Region News:



### Archives Request - 1975 Galena Tour

As our cars are in hibernation, we at the Archives are working hard to bring you back to the future gathering data from the 1975 Fall Tour to Galena to use as the planned 2024 Spring Tour hosted by Waukegan - North Shore Chapter.

We thank both Jenny Risley & Dan Helgren for supplying data and we almost have pieced together the full tour from back then.

**If anyone has any information on the Friday tour (especially a tour sheet) from the 1975 event, please do not hesitate to pass it along, it is the remaining puzzle piece left.**

Looking forward to hitting the ground running in the New Year planning for a wonderful touring season!"

Thank you greatly!

Chris Schurrer  
[hpdog259962@gmail.com](mailto:hpdog259962@gmail.com)

### Illinois Region AACA Favorite Things

Music by Rodgers and Hammerstein  
Lyrics by Bill Vroman

Harleys and Corvettes and 36 Packards,  
Red Bugs and Auburns and wood sided Chryslers,  
The Plymouth Super Bird, the one with the wing.  
These are a few of my favorite things.

Bob's cream-colored Caddy with wide white wall tires,  
Our bright red Chrysler with factory wires,  
Humberto's Lincoln with plenty of Bling.  
These are a few of my favorite things.

If the carb coughs, when the breaks squeak,  
If the traffic's been mad  
I simply remember my favorite things.  
and then I don't feel so bad.

Bob's drop head Jaguar in burgundy livery,  
Ed's pickup truck and Phil's sedan delivery,  
Al's 68 Charger with horsepower to bring,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

Paul's hot rod pickup and Jim's Impala convertible,  
Johns Hudson Coupe and Jerry's Grand National,  
Bob's 36 Nash with the class that it brings,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

Mike's Stanley Steamers we all know so well,  
Wendell's Merc Monterey in spite of the smell,  
Anything Jim Manz is willing to bring,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

If the carb coughs, when the brakes squeak,  
If the traffic's been mad,  
I simply remember my favorite things.  
and then I don't feel so bad!

To read the story behind Bill writing this song for the [AACA Illinois Region](http://www.illinoisregion.aaca.com), visit the Region website @ [www.illinoisregion.aaca.com](http://www.illinoisregion.aaca.com)

# NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING

## January Board Meeting **postponed** to February will be at the Carpentersville Public Works



The January Annual Board Meeting will now be Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 10:30am. The location will be at the Carpentersville Public Works - 1075 Tamarac Drive, Carpentersville, IL 60110. This will be the last meeting of the 2023 Board. Lunch will be served at about noon.

The first meeting of the 2024 Board will begin about 1:30 pm. This meeting includes the election of the new board officers and the planning for 2024 activities. You absolutely want to be in on that.

If you are planning on coming, please let Pat Market know by January 31. As food is being served, we really need a head count on this meeting. Hope you will come and meet the newly elected board members and give us your ideas for activities this year. Let us think of some new and exciting things to do and places to go.

Again, If you plan on attending, please notify Pat Markert, our region secretary @ 630-852-9893 or email at [aacasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:aacasecretary@gmail.com)

# GIRCCCA MID-WINTER OUTING

Sunday March 24, 2024

## Let's Ditch Those Winter Blues

Meet at Volo at 10 am to see the Titanic Exhibit

<https://www.volocars.com/the-attraction/titanic>

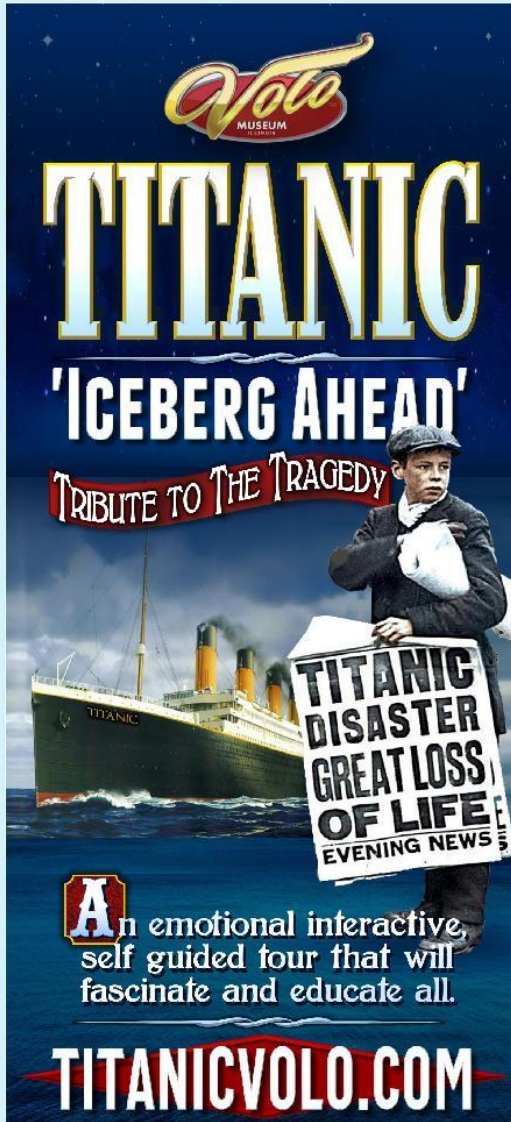
From there we'll visit the Car Museum from 11 am - 1 pm  
at 1 pm we will head over to Windhill Restaurant for lunch

<https://windhillmchenry.com/>

Lunch is optional and not included in the fee.

They will provide individual checks.

View the menu: <https://windhillmchenry.com/menu>



call or email Russ with any questions [russarod@gmail.com](mailto:russarod@gmail.com) 630-767-9000

Please RSVP by March 14th  
 Make checks payable to GIRCCCA  
 mail to  
 GIRCCCA  
 P.O. Box 55  
 ITASCA, IL 60143



# of persons attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 45 per person \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Names \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name & Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# 45th ANNUAL ILLINOIS REGION Auto Parts Swap Meet



On NEW DATE

Sunday, April 7, 2024

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](mailto:rjmarkert42@aol.com)  
To register for swap space, contact:  
Chris Schurrer 815-344-3775 or  
[hpdog259962@gmail.com](mailto:hpdog259962@gmail.com)

Donation \$8.00 at the door    Swap Spaces \$25.00 each  
Weather permitting, outside spaces available  
Car Parts for All Makes & Models

**44th Annual Swap Meet Registration Form**  
**Sunday**  
**April 7, 2024**

NapletonChevrolet  
2015 E. Main St. (Rt. 64)  
St. Charles, IL

**Vendor Set-Up**  
Saturday, April 6, 2024  
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
Sunday, April 7, 2024  
6:00 am to 8:00 am

**Swap Meet Hours**  
April 7, 2024  
8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Food & drink are available to purchase  
Alcoholic beverages are prohibited

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 connection 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 \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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



# 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 the 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](mailto:twjbrunner@aol.com)



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

## For Sale 2021 H&H 7500lb, Steel car hauler \$4,000. (Algonquin)

Less than 500 mi traveled •20 ft long dove tail •Steel Channel •crossmembers •Set-Back Jack •Treated #1 Grade Wood Deck •Full DOT Compliant •LED Lights •Sealed Wiring Harness •Radial Tires 15" •Steel Wheels •Stake Pockets • 2' Steel Tread Plate Dovetail •Spare Tire Mount • 3" x 5' Ramps (6,500lb Rating) • 2-5/16' Posi-Lock Coupler •Steel Tread Plate Fenders. Jim Erion: 224 241 6853 or [jerion@bac-online.com](mailto:jerion@bac-online.com)

