

SIDELIGHTS



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THE WINNER IS . . .

The Illinois Region's 67th Annual Car Show brought out an eclectic collection of beautiful and unusual vehicles. From an AMC Javelin to a Volkswagen Camper Bus, this show had a little of everything.



Don Juday & Bob Markert congratulate Jerry Boddan on winning the BEST IN SHOW trophy.



Tom Kravcar brought this 1965 Volkswagen Van converted into a camper. This was fun to see.



Jerry Boddan's 1941 Buick



For the second year in a row, Hagerty Insurance sponsored a Youth Judging team. Above is Mike Maslowski, Hagerty Insurance representative, with this year's judges. AND for the second year in a row, the youth judges picked the same car as the adult judges for "Best in Show."

REGION NEWS



09/12 Board Meeting hosted by Fox Valley
 10/15-18 REGION Fall Tour to Michigan
 11/14 Board Meeting hosted by Momence
 01/16/16 January Board Meeting and Annual
 Members Meeting
 04/03/16 REGION Swap Meet

CHAPTER NEWS

DES PLAINES VALLEY:

10/15-18 Fall Tour to Michigan

FOX VALLEY:

9/12 Host Board Meeting
 9/19-20 Tour with Map Society
 10/24 Pot Luck & Auction

MOMENCE:

TBA Tour to Hoopston
 11/14 host Board Meeting

SILVER SPRINGS:

TBA Summer picnic & tour

WAUKEGAN-NORTH SHORE:

8/9 Summer picnic

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TRIVIA TEST

From AACA Library

In what year was the first driver's license required? *Answer: page 12*



NATIONAL NEWS

For more information on National events see aaca.org

August 25-27
 Western Divisional Tour
 Northern California
 Host: Redwood Empire Region



August 30-September 4
 Revival AAA Glidden Tour
 Chickasha, OK.
 Host: Okie Region
www.gliddentour.org
 Contact; Jeff Lytle 405-603-6150 x3

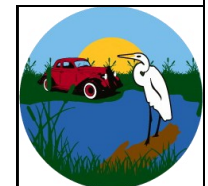
September 14-18
 Founders Tour (Post 1931 vehicles)
 Host: Canton & Meander Chapters/
 Ohio Region
 Contact: Darrin Troyer/
 330-760-2200
founders2015@aol.com



October 7-10
 Eastern Fall Meet
 Hershey, PA.
 Host: Hershey Region



November 5-7
 Central Fall Meet
 Houma, LA.
 Host: Lagniappe Chapter/ Louisiana
 Region
 Contact: Fred Duplechin
 985-803-0672
centralfall2015@gmail.com



FROM JAN—FEB 1972 SIDELIGHTS

JUST FOR LAUGHS

Courtesy of Ambrose J. Weems

We love the woodland songsters
 The busy, humming bees,
 The warble of the meadow lark,
 The breezes in the trees.

But the gentle lulling melody
 That meets our preference by far
 Is the sweetly humming motor
 Of a perfect running car.



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With over 20 "Independent Orphans" and numerous other "orphans," the 67th Annual Illinois Region Antique Car Show lived up to its announced theme. From a Rolls Royce Phantom III and Jaguar Mark IX to a Crosley Station Wagon and Volkswagen Camper Bus, the show field appealed to spectators with a wide variety of automotive interests and preferences.



The Hagerty Youth Judges chose two outstanding cars for their "Top Honors" Award, Jerry Bodden's 1941 Buick Super Convertible Coupe and Michael and Martha Belica's 1960 Jaguar Mark IX. For the second consecutive year the "Youth Judges" seemed to have the same automotive standards as the adult judges. Bodden's '41 Buick was also chosen as "Best of Show." Thanks to Mike Maslowski and Karen Waslawski of Hagerty Insurance for bringing the very special program to the show.

This exceptional event would not have happened without the hard work of a dedicated group of people who deserve recognition. Show Manager, Bob Markert; Show Registrar, Joe Dolezal; Chief Judge, Dan Helgren; and Field Marshall, Terry Stasica worked well in the leadership roles for the show. Committee Members, Ernie Hart, Don Juday, Mike O'Toole and Dan Sobczyk are to be commended for the job they did. In addition to the Committee, Linda Dolezal, Nancy Juday, Pat Markert, Nancy Nelson, Darlene Sobczyk, and Joanna Vroman tended to Registration, Membership, AACA Merchandise and Publicity. The group of men and women who served as judges are also to be applauded for a job well done. And there is no better MC for our Spotlight Feature than Lee Nelson.

Speaking personally, I went home feeling exhausted but very proud of what the team of people representing the Illinois Region had accomplished. As my granddaughter in London would say - "Brilliant!"

Don

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK . .



Ransom Eli Olds

Years ago I read a book about naming children. The book was written by a woman who grew up hating her name. She was named Agatha after a favorite aunt but hated being called Aggie, Ag or Agatha.

Finally, as an adult she took a new job and moved from New York to LA. She felt this was the perfect time to change her name - all new city, all new friends, all new co-workers - all new name. This book was the story of her journey to her new identity. It also contained dos and don'ts for parents.

For example, she told the story of a farmer in West Virginia who named his daughter Ima. Not bad, you say. Hmm, the last name was Hogg - Ima Hogg. Say it out loud.

She talked about "cutesy" names. You know the ones I am talking about. If your last name is Bush, do you really want to name your daughter Rose? While Candy Kane is cute at 3, it is less cute at 53 in a board room. My son-in-law realized that with the last name of Cann, he did not want to name his son Rusty.

Back when I was young and worked for the CTA, I had a co-worker named Mr. Christmas who had two daughters - Joyous and Merry. He thought it was so cute with his last name. I have often wondered if his daughters felt the same as they moved into adulthood.

So, you wonder, what caused this rumination? I was reading an article on Ransom Olds, founder of Oldsmobile and the REO, and it occurred to me to wonder why his parents named their son Ransom. Come on, Ransom? His siblings had fairly common names - Sarah, Wallace, Emory and Wilbur. Where did this moniker come from? I couldn't find out. It was suggested that the family was originally from Puritan New England and maybe the name came from there.

By the way, his father was named Pliny Fiske Olds. Wow.

Pat

JUMP FOR JACKSON

By Chris Schurrer

The Des Plaines Valley Chapter cordially invites you to the Fall Tour in Jackson, Michigan.



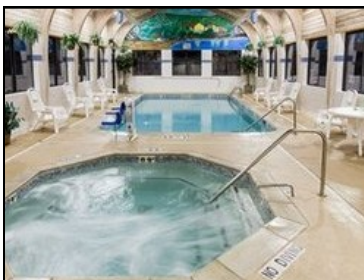
The Comfort Inn in Jackson, Michigan

Our base hotel is the Comfort Inn in Jackson at 2435 Shirley Dr., nestled into a quiet section at the northern edge of Jackson. The group rate is \$112.49 + tax per night. Reservations can be made by calling (517) 768 - 0088. Make sure to mention you are with the Illinois Region of the AACA. Trailer parking is available on site.



Breakfast room

In addition to a complimentary hot breakfast including eggs, waffles, meat, yogurt, and fresh fruit, the hotel provides a fitness center, an indoor heated pool, a business center, free Wifi & coffee, and a hospital-ity room reserved for us each evening.



Indoor pool



Sample room

Please make your reservations by September 15th to lock in the group rate.

We are excited to bring this tour to you and hope to see you there. Stay tuned for more information on the tour in future issues of Side-lights.

BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 12 AT EHPL

The Illinois Region Board will be holding its next meeting at the Elmhurst Public Library on September 12. The meeting will start at 10:30 am and is hosted by the Fox Valley Chapter .

The Elmhurst Library is located at 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst 60126/ (630) 279-8696.

We have much planning to do for next year, so please come and help the board make these decisions.

RSVP by September 5 to Dan Sobczyk at 847-428-0247 or email at dansobczyk@yahoo.com



CONGRATULATIONS TO CAR SHOW WINNERS

CLASS	OWNER	CAR
1	1 Jerry Bodden 2 Don Reinhardt 3 Swanson, Marge & Al	1941 Buick 1941 Lincoln 1942 Cadillac
2	1 Leigh Carlson	1925 Ford
3	1 Glenn Kushner 2 John Otto	1922 Rolls Royce 1937 Terraplane
4	1 Don Cuddihee 2 Dan Sobczyk 3 Doug & Kate Hodak	1953 Studebaker 1948 Pontiac 1953 Studebaker Champion
5	1 Rich Sacks 2 Jon Brannan 3 Mike Vacil	1955 Cadillac 1955 Volkswagen 1957 Chevrolet
6	1 Michael Belica 2 Tony Leidig 3 George Hansen	1960 Jaguar 1960 Ford 1962 Oldsmobile
7	1 Tom Kravcar 2 Eric Carlson 3 George Krzeszowski	1965 VW Camper 1966 Pontiac GTO 1969 Chevrolet Camaro
8	1 Lance McDonald 2 Debby & Ed Leed 3 Bob & Pat Markert	1973 VW 1974 AMX 1972 Ford Galaxie
9	1 Sidney Hurst 2 Bob Fornelli	1978 Cadillac 1977 Ford Thunderbird
10	1 Robert Groman 2 Josh Pena 3 Dennis Roxworth	1960 Triumph 1988 Mercedes Benz 1960 Ford Thunderbird



Jeffrey & Patrick Schilling of Gurnee won the trophy for "Best of Display" with their 1941 Nash Ambassador Slip Stream sedan.



This year the Region presented an award to the best of the theme cars. The winner of the BEST OF THE INDEPENDENT ORPHANS was Ron Pavlak with his 1963 Studebaker GT Hawk 2 door hard top.

MORE FROM THE CAR SHOW

Photos courtesy of Terri Shaw & Don Juday

One of the biggest draws at the show was a 1913 Stanley Steamer brought by Mike Roach. This car attracted a lot of attention from attendees who had a million questions for Mike. He was truly the "answer man." Seen in this picture with Lee Nelson who did such a wonderful job as the roving MC for our Spotlight Feature.



Leigh Carlson's 1925 Ford Model T Roadster is a beauty.



Sydney Hurst's 1978 Cadillac won first place in Class 9: Production Vehicles 1975-1990.



Dan Sobczyk & Chris Schurrer stop to admire Richard Sacks' 1957 Cadillac Eldorado convertible.



L to R: Doug Hodak's 1953 Studebaker Champion and Don Cuddihee's 1953 Studebaker Land Cruiser which won 3rd and 1st places in Class 4: Production Vehicles 1946 to 1954.



These men are looking over Dan Helgren's 1929 Ford Model T Speedster

MORE FROM THE CAR SHOW

Photos courtesy of Terri Shaw & Don Juday



Glenn Kushner's 1937 Rolls Royce Phantom III Sport Saloon drew a lot of attention.



This 1941 Lincoln Zephyr owned by Don Reinhardt took second place in Class 1: Pre-War through 1942



John Otto's 1937 Hudson Terraplane took a second place trophy.



Gail Wise tells Lee Nelson and all the car show attendees the story of how she wound up with the first 1964 Mustang on the road.



Sam & Judy Ann Houston brought their 1955 Dodge Comet 4 door Police Car.



Nancy Nelson, Nancy Juday and Darlene Sobczyk man the registration desk.



Art & Marge Swanson sit and enjoy the show behind their 1942 Cadillac Deluxe coupe

Momence Chapter Report

CLASS OF 1995 REMEMBERS

By Muriel Baker

Because of weather, sickness, graduations, weddings, etc our Momence Car Club will not have an activity for July. It seems like Old Father Time and other things are working double time with all of us, as well as, I'm sure, with some of the other clubs. At one time we were 60 people strong but.....I'm sorry to say there is just a limited amount of members now that can carry on and do the jobs needed.

Since I didn't have an activity to report I thought I'd write the following instead:

This year is our 20th year as members of Momence Antique Car Club. It was in early spring of 1995 that 4 couples joined at the same time. After talking to Shirley & Bob Salm, about what consisted of membership, Bill & I were accepted for membership. I don't know who sponsored the other three couples who are: Ted & Barb Griffin, Ray & Jan May, and Dennis & Eileen Zecher.

I remember it was a very joyful and exciting time in the club because they were getting ready for the Spring Illinois Region Tour for that year. It was to be held in Little Nashville, IN. And it was to be "THE REDNECK TOUR" with a cowboy & cowgirl clothes theme.

Well, that was right up Bill's and my alley! We had cowboy hats, boots denim shirts & jeans and red bandanas as did the others. Then the head of the committee, I think it was Jeanne Marcotte, asked me if I would be the food hostess for the Hospitality Room. Well, being young and excited to help I said yes! This job lasted for years & years, for anytime we had any occasion for food!! I LOVED IT (till I got too old) then I trained Mary Larsen & Bev Mulroe to do it.

The tour was a great success for everyone and it was one of my favorite memories as I reminisce. This tour and the "White Buffalo" Tour and "The Gangster Wedding Theme" of Jenny & Tom are favorites of mine.

Now I would like to add some special people to this report. It seems in the 20 years that we have been here we have lost some grand people They were not only long time members some of them, but very active volunteers for any job assigned to them and are really missed so much today. I would like to say they deserve this recognition.

The list is as follows (not in any special order - just missed a lot):

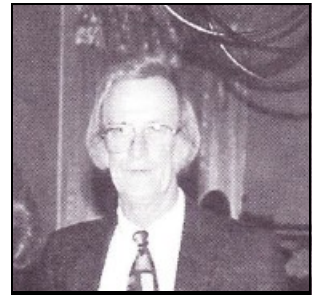
Ray & Peg Johnson
 Bob Salm
 Earl & Marian Schoenwald
 Don Larsen
 Don Sochinesen
 Bob Butterfield
 Ralph Baker
 Ray May
 Clarence & Ruth Marcotte
 Fey Orr
 Joyce Frayser
 Bev & Ron Pastori
 Gene Sullivan
 Norm Plagge and
 Big John Houston who was
 an Honorary Member.

I hope I haven't left any one out in these past 20 years. If I have, please accept my apology.

WE HONOR AND MISS EACH AND EVERYONE OF THE ABOVE MEMBERS!

At the last minute I have found out that Jeanne & Paul Marcotte will have an activity planned for August 2nd. Look for the fun and activity on this next month.

Editor's note: I went through old copies of Sidelights to find pictures of as many former Momence members as I could find. Hope you enjoy these.



Bob Salm in 1997 when he and Shirley received the McElroy Trophy.



Marion Schoenwald and Ralph Baker in 1995



Ruth & Clarence Marcotte in 1995



Ron & Beverly Pastori in 1995



← Fey Orr in 1995

CADILLAC GRAND NATIONAL

By Dan Sobczyk

Every year a region of the country sponsors a Cadillac Grand National. This year it was held in Brookfield, WI., a suburb of Milwaukee. Next year it will be in Las Vegas, NV.

The meet was held at the Brookfield Sheraton. During the week there were a number of very informative seminars and interesting tours.

A total of about 250 cars were on the field for judging and display - the oldest car was a 1915 Cadillac. The Cadillac Club allows cars of any age so some were only a few years old.

This was the first year of judging changes. Several judging changes were implemented to make judging more standardized. Each car is judged on appearance and also operation. All functions of the car are checked so it takes about 30 minutes per car. The weather was great for judging, bright and sunny, about 75 degrees

What a time it was, AACA members all won awards! Here is the list of winners:



Pres Helgren, Darlene Sobczyk & Renee Grutza enjoy the lovely weather.

1. Bob & Renee Grutza - 2nd Place Senior - 1957 Cadillac Eldorado Convertible
2. Pres Helgren - 2nd Place Touring - 1964 Coupe DeVille
3. Ed & Deb Leed - 1st Place Touring - 1954 Cadillac Sedan
4. Tom & Jean Roche - 3rd Place Primary - 1940 LaSalle Sedan
5. Richard Sachs - 2nd Place Senior - 1957 Cadillac Eldorado Convertible
6. Dan & Darlene Sobczyk - 3rd Place Primary - 1964 Cadillac



Some of the winners: Ed & Deb Leed, Renee & Bob Grutza and Darlene & Dan Sobczyk stand in front of ice sculpture.



A pair of 1957 Cadillac El Dorado winners. Red one owned by Richard Sachs, white by Bob Grutza.



John Looby's 1965 Cadillac

Our History



FROM JUN-JUL 1964 SIDELIGHTS

ALONG THE NORTH SHORE

BY Margaret Cole

The North Shore Chapter really likes picnics - they had TWO of them on June 20th - both being held at Mooseheart, IL. One group of six cars arrived at the chosen lakeside picnic



Mooseheart Lake

area, where they waited, awaited, bided and abided the expected arrival of five other carloads of merry picnickers . . . All search parties failed in their quest to find the strayed antique autos - so lunch baskets were opened, pop bottles uncorked, and a toast proposed to the missing persons.

Meanwhile, back at the entrance gate, the five misplaced autos had found another picnic spot next to a stadium where absolutely no sporting event was scheduled to take place before late September. Time l-a-p-s-e-d, e-l-a-p-s-e-d, p-a-s-s-e-d and p-a-s-t, and when THEIR scouts returned to report no signs of the other group, they too settled down to lunch. In the late afternoon, quite by accident the two groups found one another. It is still a moot question as to which group was lost.

NEW MEMBERS

We have new members to the Illinois Region. Please introduce yourself and welcome them to the Illinois Region.



NEW:

Petersen, Richard & Carin

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630-521-1540

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Cars: 1955 Chevrolet Bel Aire convt.

1969 Pontiac Bonneville convt.

1970 Chevrolet Chevelle Ht

1988 Mercury Marque 4 dr. sedan

RENEWED:

Busse, Mark & Susan

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Dave Arnswald

5153 N. Michigan Ave.

Schiller Park, IL 60176

Home: 847-671-1633

From the Kitchen of:

PAT HART

We had an early meeting with the Momence Chapter. They served breakfast and Pat Harte made this delicious casserole.

SUNRISE BREAKFAST CASSEROLE

2 pkgs. (12 oz. each)

breakfast sausage links

9 eggs

3 c. milk

1 1/2 tsp. ground mustard

tard

1 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. pepper

2 pkgs. (20 oz each) shredded hash browns

2 c. (8 oz) shredded cheddar cheese

1/2 c. diced sweet red pepper

1/3 c. thinly sliced green onions

2 c. salsa or picante sauce, optional



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Breakfast Sunrise Casserole *continued*

1. Place sausage on a baking pan. Bake at 375° for 15–20 minutes or until sausage is no longer pink, drain, cool and slice into 1/4" coins.
2. In a large bowl, combine the eggs, milk, mustard, salt and pepper. Beat to scramble eggs. Add the hash browns, sausage, cheese, peppers and onions. Mix well.
3. Pour into a greased 13 x 9 baking dish. Cover and refrigerate overnight.
4. Remove from refrigerator 30 minutes before baking.
5. Bake uncovered at 350° for 60-70 minutes or until set and golden brown.
6. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Serve with salsa or picante' sauce.

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