

# SIDELIGHTS



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## You Are Invited . . .

To: January Board Meeting and  
Annual Members Meeting  
When: January 16, 2016  
Times: First Meeting: 10:30 a.m.  
Lunch: 12:00 Noon  
Second Meeting: 1:15 p.m. (or sooner)  
Where: **Colonnade Room of**  
Saint Louise de Marillac School,  
**Entrance at 1112 Raymond,**  
**LaGrange Park, IL**



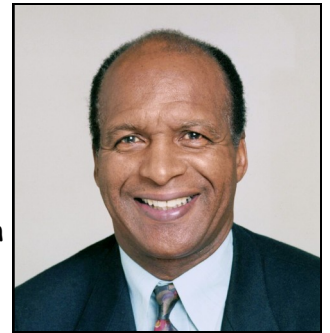
The handicapped friendly entrance is just around the corner and off of the parking lot. In fact, it is probably the best entrance for everyone to use.

RSVP: To Don or Nancy Juday at 708 354-5095 or [ncjdlj@aol.com](mailto:ncjdlj@aol.com) by January 9. **Reservations are a must!**

## LICENSE PLATE RENEWAL REMINDERS NO LONGER BEING MAILED

At the Board meeting on November 12, Lee Nelson reported that because of the budget crisis in Illinois, the Secretary of State's office will no longer send out a reminder that your license plates are expiring. This will save the state \$450,000 a month in postage.

The upshot of this is that **YOU NEED TO REMEMBER** when your license plates expire. Doug Finke, writing for the State Journal Register, said the suspension of renewal notices is immediate. "A lot of people have grown to rely on these notices so then they know when to come into a facility or register online," Henry Haupt, Jesse White spokesman, said.



People can still get notices by email if they register online. You may do that through the Secretary of State's site, [cyberdriveillinois.com](http://cyberdriveillinois.com). There is a link there for you to do that. It does ask for your registration number and PIN. If you don't have a renewal notice or a current registration card, please call the Public Inquiry Division at 800-252-8980 to obtain your Registration ID and PIN number.

So, go outside and check when your license plates expire, come in and mark it on your calendar. Start 2016 with a reminder because the state of Illinois will no longer help with this task.

# Upcoming EVENTS

**DECEMBER 13 CHRISTMAS PARTY** Waukegan-North Shore Chapter at Parkway on the Lake

**DECEMBER 13 - CHRISTMAS PARTY** Mokenca Chapter at Hilton Garden Inn in Kankakee.

**JANUARY 9, 2016 CHRISTMAS PARTY** Silver Springs Chapter at Village Courtyard Restaurant.

**JANUARY 16, 2016 REGION Board Meeting and Annual Members Meeting** hosted by Region Board

**JANUARY 30, 2016 CHRISTMAS PARTY.** Fox Valley at Bohemian Crystal in Westmont

**APRIL 3, 2016 Region Swap Meet** at Don McCue Chevrolet

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*Chapter meetings are held the second Friday of the month September through May (excepting December ) at the Gorton Community Center 400 E. Illinois Rd., Lake Forest, IL.*



# DUES ARE DUE!

## NATIONAL NEWS

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

February 11-13, 2016  
AACA Annual Meeting  
Philadelphia, PA  
717-534-1910



March 17-19, 2016  
Winter Meet  
Naples, Marco Island Region  
Naples, Florida



From the kitchen of:

**BONNIE STARCZYK**

Bonnie says this dish is versatile and can be used as a side dish or a main course if you add a salad.

### FARFALLE WITH MUSHROOMS & PEAS

5 slices of bacon cut in small pieces,  
1 large onion chopped,  
8 oz of white button mushroom or baby portabella, chopped,  
1 large bay leaf,  
1 large can of whole tomatoes (28 oz),  
¼ cup of mascarpone cheese (or cream cheese),  
1 box of frozen sweet peas,  
1 lb of farfalle pasta



1. Cook pasta according to directions.
2. In large sauté pan (or Dutch oven) fry bacon until crisp and fat is rendered, add chopped onion and fry until softened and is translucent.
3. Add chopped mushroom and bay leaf and cook for 5-7 minutes until all ingredients are soft.
4. Add tomatoes with juice and crush tomatoes with wooden spoon and simmer additional 10 minutes.
5. Turn off heat under sauce then add frozen peas and mascarpone cheese mixing gently till cheese is blended.
6. Add drained hot pasta to sauce, mix, and let it stand for few minutes before serving.



## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Although the Region Fall Tour hosted by the Des Plaines Valley Chapter and Waukegan-North Shore Chapter's Brighton Run were fantastic ways to bring the antique car "season" to a close, there are two very important Region responsibilities that all members need to take seriously and complete quickly.



Region members have already received membership renewal information from Linda and Joe Dolezal, Membership Chairs. It only takes a few minutes of your time to complete the form, write the check and return both to the Dolezals at your earliest convenience.

A group of talented and dedicated men and women committed to making the Region more practical, inclusive and enjoyable make up the Region Board. Any action they take is to further "interest in and preservation of antique automobiles" and to promote sportsmanship and fellowship among Region members. By now you should have received your ballot for the Region Board election. With the list of extremely qualified candidates that are on the ballot, voting is a difficult but necessary task. The talent and dedication represented on the ballot assures the Region that whoever is chosen to serve, will serve well.

November is traditionally the month when we reflect on life's blessings, large and small, for which we should be grateful. Among the many things for which I personally am grateful is the opportunity to work with the Region Board, the Chapters and all of the Region members. I wish you all an abundance of life's blessings including happiness, health and success in a New Year filled with peace and hope. Happy Holidays!

*Don*



## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK . . .



I was watching American Pickers last night. They were on the east coast driving down country roads when they spotted a yard filled with what I would term "junk." They, however, got very excited and turned into the yard.

The owner of the property, Bill, came out and started showing them around. He had building after building filled with cars, car parts, motorcycles, oil cans, gasoline signs and pumps, pedal cars, toy cars and other assorted "stuff."

I thought to myself, "Stuff or junk, it's all the same." Yet, as Bill started talking, he had a story for every piece of "stuff" picked up by Mike and Frank. So much "stuff" that is not made anymore. So much "stuff" that meant something special to the original owner and now to Bill.

Then I started thinking about my own "stuff." I have a sewing machine from the 1930's that Bob's Aunt Gertrude bought for her mother to make her quilt making easier. I have a set of china that my brothers and I bought for my Mom and Dad's 25th wedding anniversary. I have a quilt that Bob's Great-Great Aunties made sometime between the wars while listening to the radio in the evenings.

I guess we all have "stuff." I hope that when the time comes that some "American Picker" will come along and buy my "stuff" and love it as much as I do. I think that is the real wish of all junk collectors and stuff savers.

*Pat*

## DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

Be sure to fill out your choices and return the ballot. Let's have 100% participation this year.



# Our History



FROM JANUARY 1969 SIDELIGHTS



President Fey Orr (husband of June) presents the Lichtfeld Memorial Trophy to Jim and Gail Manz for their contributions to the Illinois Region.

In Memoriam

## TERRY J. STASICA

Terry J. Stasica, 66, passed away suddenly on November 18, 2015. He was very active in Junior Hockey and often took teams to National playoffs.

Terry joined the Illinois Region in 2012 and immediately volunteered to work on the Region Car Show. He was willing to do any job that was asked of him and twice ran for the Region Board in the hopes of doing even more. He will be missed by those who worked with him.

Our condolences to his son and mother.



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In Memoriam

## GAIL MANZ

Gail B. Manz, 80, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015 at Journey-care Hospice in Glenview, IL attended by her husband of 58 years, James G. Manz and her brother Kent Beauchamp of Iron River, MI. Gail was born July 13, 1935 in Waukegan, the daughter of the late Clifford and Frances (Rae) Beauchamp. In 1958, Gail and Jim were married and made their home in Lake Forest. They joined the Region in 1951 and received the prestigious Lichtfeld Memorial Trophy in 1969 for all their service to the Region.

Our condolences to Jim, her family and friends

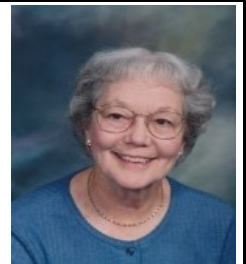


In Memoriam

## JUNE ORR

June Orr, 95, of Momence, died on Monday, November 2, 2015, at the Miller's Rehabilitation Center in Kankakee, IL. She was born on February 25, 1920, in Bethany, IL, the daughter of Philip and Nellie Dugan McCleary. She married Fey R. Orr on October 11, 1945, in Charleston, IL. She and her husband Fey were very active in the Region since 1964 when they were charter members of the new Momence Chapter. Beside being very active in that chapter, Fey, supported by June, served as President of the Region in 1969.

Our condolences to her family and friends.



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## Illinois Region Board Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2015 Host Chapter: Momence  
 Bourbonnais Library  
 250 John Casey Drive  
 Bourbonnais, IL 60914

**Welcome:** President Juday called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m. He thanked the Momence Chapter for hosting the meeting and Pat Hart, Jeanne Marcotte and Shirley Salm for serving breakfast before the meeting started.

**Roll Call:** Conducted by the Secretary. Board members present were Don Juday, Shirley Salm, Nancy Juday, Lee Nelson, Dan Sobczyk, Al Matison, Linda Dolezal, Pat Markert, Joe Dolezal, Bob Markert, Nancy Nelson, Jeanne Marcotte, Darlene Sobczyk, Rick Shaw and Chris Schurrer. Linda Dolezal was proxy for Bob Grutza and Sam Houston for Ernie Hart. John Otto was excused.

**Secretary's Report:** There were three corrections to the report. In the Fox Valley report, the Chicago Map Society tour should have read to Lake Geneva. In the New Business section, it should have read, Chris Schurrer is willing to set up a Region Facebook Page, but someone to maintain it is needed. The adjournment time should have been 12:12, not 2:12. Bob Markert moved to accept the report as corrected. Al Matison seconded, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nancy Juday reported that the beginning balance was \$10,311.25. Income was \$2595.00 which consisted of renewals coming in. Expenses were \$1,141.99 leaving a balance of \$11,764.26 as of November 14, 2015. There were no expenses for the Fall Tour from the Des Plaines Valley Chapter. She thanked the members for keeping the expenses down. Chris Schurrer moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Bob Markert seconded, motion passed.

**Vice President's Report:** There was no report due to Ernie Hart's absence.

**President's Report:** President Juday reported that the Fall Tour was very enjoyable and it was a beautiful day for the Brighton Run this year. Dues Renewal notices have been mailed out and encouraged all members to send them in soon. The ballot for the election of Board members has been sent out and he encouraged all members to be sure to vote. The National AACA is having a

contest for the Chapters and Regions to get more members. He feels our Region needs to pass on that contest. Please let him know when members are ill so that cards can be sent to them.

### Committee Reports:

**Membership** - Linda & Joe Dolezal reported that the renewals were sent out on October 16, and 99 have been received back. They are encouraged that half of the members have renewed and hopes that the remainder will return theirs soon.

**Publications** - Pat Markert reported that she will publish illnesses in *Sidelights* and encourage members to send cards to these members.

**Website** - Dan Sobczyk reported that he posts *Sidelights* on the website and he only lists the events for the Region, not the individual Chapters. Chapter Presidents should contact him if they want their events listed on the website.

**Legislation:** Lee Nelson reported that the State of Illinois will not send out notices for renewal of license plates. Darlene Sobczyk mentioned that the website has a number to call to get the pin number to renew your license through the internet.

**Archivist:** Chris Schurrer reported that he has 12 boxes of the Lenard Pal collection ready to go to Auburn. It was decided to try to sell this collection at the Swap Meet. We will need a person to be in charge of this at the Meet. Chris has several flyers of car shows and meets that are sponsored by organizations other than our Chapters and Region. He wants to know what he should do with them. A motion was made by Pat Markert for him to throw them away and seconded by Bob Markert. After a discussion, Pat Markert made a motion to rescind the first motion and let Chris use his discretion on what to do with them. Al Matison seconded, motion passed.

### Region Activities

**Fall Tour 2015 - Des Plaines Valley** - Lee Nelson reported that the weather was a bit nippy for the tour that included 18 cars and 30 members. The hard luck award went to Dennis and Eileen Zecher whose car had to be flat bedded home. John and Audrey Rosentreter received the farthest traveled award. Laura McDonald won the Cocoa Cola trivia contest and the Road Rally game. He thanked Chris Schurrer for doing the tour sheets and the Road Rally game.



**Swap Meet 2016 - Fox Valley** - Dan Sobczyk reported the meet will be April 3, and they want to feature Studebaker, Packard, Nash, Hudson and other orphan car parts. Appropriate car clubs have been contacted. The Chevy Club is not having a swap meet this year, so they hope to have a bigger crowd and more vendors. He will see if the dealership will allow them to have outside vendors this year.

**Spring Tour 2016 - Momence** - Jeanne Marcotte reported that they will probably have their headquarters in the Bourbonnais area. There are several interesting collections to visit locally.

**Region Car Show 2016** - Bob Markert reported it will be the same as last year. He can't make any final plans with Cantigny until after the first of the year.

**Fall Tour 2016 - Silver Springs** - Al Matison reported they are also considering staying local to encourage more members to attend.

#### Chapter Activities

**Des Plaines Valley:** Lee Nelson reported they are working on the Fly-In for 2016.

**Fox Valley:** Dan Sobczyk reported they had their Chapter Pot Luck at the Swanson's business in October. Their auction netted \$200.00 for the Salvation Army and the Chapter. Chapter officers for 2016 were also elected.

**Momence:** Shirley Salm reported they didn't have a tour in September and nine members attended the Fall Tour to Jackson, MI.

**Silver Springs:** Al Matison reported that the chapter had visited Ed Schoenthaler's car collection. He thanked Bob Markert for setting up the visit to this really great collection. He said the Christmas Party will be at the Courtyard Restaurant in Somonauk on January 9. The chapter is working on the Memorial Day weekend car show and the Fall Tour for 2016.

**Waukegan/North Shore:** Linda Dolezal reported for Bob Grutza that 84 cars were part of the Brighton Run. Panera worked very well for the driver's meeting and there was plenty of parking space. The Chapter Christmas Party will be December 13 in Ingleside. Nominations for Chapter Officers will be accepted at the Christmas Party. The election will take place at the January meeting. Bob Grutza is willing to accept the nomination

for President for another year.

#### Old Business

None

#### New Business

Ernie Hart suggested that the Region should consider sponsoring just one tour a year. President Juday asked that the Board think about this possibility. He also reminded the Board that election for officers will be at the second board meeting in January.

Nominations for the Richard Lichtfeld Memorial Award were accepted and voted on.

The January Board Meeting will be on January 16, 2016, in the Colonnade Room at St. Louise de Marillac School, 1112 Raymond, LaGrange Park, IL

Chris Schurrer moved to adjourn. Rick Shaw seconded, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Shirley Salm, Secretary

## GET WELL WISHES



*I have heard that some of our members are under the weather. Please drop them a card. If you know of any members who need cheering, let me know.*

**BILL BAKER** →

Bill Baker has been in the hospital since his heart attack on September 18. He is having multiple complications including internal bleeding. Please send him a card and Muriel asks for you to remember them both in your prayers.

Bill Baker  
1545 Sir Lancelot Drive  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914-1965

**JOE PASSALAUQUA** →

Joe was out shoveling snow and fell and broke his hip. Send him your warmest wishes at:

Joe Passalauqua  
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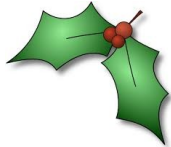
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A New Christmas Song

Deck the halls with boughs of holly,  
As salt trucks spread their destructive folly.  
Is this the season to be jolly,  
If we're forced to store old Molly?  
Peace on earth, good will to men.  
Spring is coming. Can you tell me when?



Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year from  
the Region Board.



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