



# SIDELIGHTS



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The whole group posed in front of the entrance to the International Michigan Speedway. L to R: Ed & Bev Armatys, John Rosentreter & Audrey behind Dan & Darlene Sobczyk, Lee & Nancy Nelson with Betty Klafta in the blue hat hiding behind Lee's left shoulder and Tom Barosso behind Nancy Nelson, Chris Schurrer, Don & Nancy Juday in front with Alicia & Wendell Stevenson behind, Shirley Salm, Jim & Laura McDonald, Bob Markert, Ron Pavlak, Barb & Ted Griffin, and, finally, Jeanne & Paul Marcotte.

## FALL TOUR REPORT

By Pat Markert/pictures courtesy of Bob Markert, Don Juday and Dan Sobczyk

With cold noses and warm hearts, Region members met at the Comfort Inn in Jackson, MI to embark on this year's fall tour hosted by the Des Plaines Valley Chapter.

The weather was a little brisk, but it didn't stop us from having a wonderful time. The colors were beautiful, the roads were empty of traffic (except for us) and we got the full flavor of "Pure Michigan."

Here are some pictures to give you a flavor for what we saw and did.

Friday's tour began with a quick trip to the Leo Warren car collection. This little gem of a collection was housed in several buildings behind Warren's home.



← Don Juday and Ron Pavlak inspect this 1955 Oldsmobile Starfire.

# Upcoming EVENTS

**NOVEMBER 14 REGION Board Meeting**  
hosted by Momence chapter at Bourbonnais Public Library at 250 W. John Casey Road 10:30

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

**DECEMBER 19 - CHRISTMAS PARTY** Momence 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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HOLIDAY SEASON**  
Send in your dues!



## NATIONAL NEWS

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

November 5-7  
Central Fall Meet  
Houma, LA.  
Host: Lagniappe Chapter/  
Louisiana Region  
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February 11-13, 2016  
AACA Annual Meeting  
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March 17-19, 2016  
Winter Meet  
Naples, Marco Island Region  
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April 7-10, 2016  
Southeastern Spring Meet  
Hornets Nest Region  
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## TOUR OF ILLINOIS CAR COLLECTIONS

By Mike Miner

The Indiana Region CLC and the Indiana Lincoln & Continental Owners Club are having a tour on November 7 & 8 in the Urbana, IL area.

Illinois Region members have also been invited. We will visit the Frasca Air Field for their war birds exhibit. We are visiting 3 car collections: the Zumdahl collection, the Allen Strong collection and, just added, the Royce Baier collection.

If you are interested in joining the tour, contact Mike Miner at 815-473-4504 or John Madden at 312-543-4483.

The group hotel is the Eastland Suites Hotel, 1907 N. Cunningham Ave., Urbana, IL 61802. Phone: 217-367-8331/ \$89 plus tax is the group rate. Email: for more details, see page 13.



## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The obvious reasons for membership in the Illinois Region are the **Region Roster**, the website and the nationally recognized newsletter, **Sidelights**. The Swap Meet, Vintage Car Show and Spring and Fall Tours round off the list.



More important membership benefits may be the relationships we shape and the friendships we build - in many instances, relationships that we would not have had without Region membership. At the banquet of the Fall Tour in Jackson, MI there were members from Brookfield, LaGrange Park, Momence, Bourbonnais, Johnsburg, East Dundee, McHenry, Lockport, Wadsworth, Onarga, Willowbrook, Darien, and Glenview. Antique car enthusiasts from the Region's wide geographic range shared stories, renewed friendships and initiated new ones. Without the Region such an opportunity would be difficult to find. Our common interest seems to shrink the distance between us. That's what the Region is all about - sharing our hobby and building friendships.

By now everyone should have received their Illinois Region Membership Renewal Form from Membership Chairs Joe and Linda Dolezal. Some of you may have already completed the form and written the check. Thank you! For those of you who haven't, please consider doing so, and soon. You wouldn't want to miss any issues of the **Sidelights** and a current **Region Roster** provides a contact list that is always important for an "old car guy (or gal)" to have.

As the oldest of the Antique Automobile Club of America, the Region has a rich history and tradition that cannot be matched. That history and tradition are additional benefits of Region membership. From my point of view, the history, the tradition, the Swap Meet, the Vintage Car Show, the newsletter, the roster, the Tours, the friendships and, most certainly, the fun and enjoyment are all benefits received from membership. That's why I'll continue to support the Region and its activities by renewing my membership for 2016. Please do the same!

*Don*

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK . . .

In September's Speedster there were several stories about the upcoming show at Hershey. The one that caught my eye was a story about the HAGERTY CHALLENGE.

The premise is that 4 car nuts who work for Hagerty Insurance would take a 1946 1/2 ton



The Hagerty Insurance team: Davin, Tara, Brad and Matt.

Ford pickup body they found sitting behind a barn since 1962; they would bring it to Hershey, find all the parts needed to rebuild the truck at the swap meet so that not only would it run, but run well enough that they could drive it the 750 miles home. They would have 100 hours to accomplish this feat.

Now, as my readers know, I am not really a "car guy". But there was something about this challenge that caught my fancy.

So, during Hershey week, I checked in on this challenge to see how things were going. I found it interesting. If you think you might also, I encourage you to go to Hagerty.com, hover over the tab for articles and videos and then click on "Swap to Street Challenge." Enjoy!



The beginning truck.



The truck on the trip back to Traverse, Michigan.

# TOUR continued

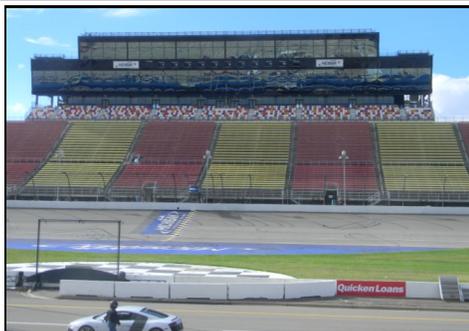


Also in the Leo Warren collection was this 1954 Kaiser Darrin Roadster. Only 435 production and 6 prototype vehicles were built.

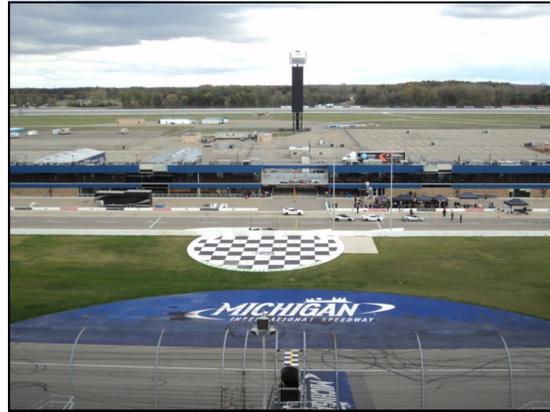


After leaving the Leo Warren collection, we toured into Tecumseh, MI. to ride the Western & Southern Railroad through the scenic Raisin River Valley. Here is Darlene Sobczyk hitching on the train engine.

A tour of the Michigan International Speedway took us through the pit area, to the grandstands, up to the suites and to the roof of



the grandstands. This view is from track level.



← View of track from roof of grandstands.

Leaving the Michigan International Speedway, Many of us stopped at The Parlour—an old fashioned ice cream parlor. YUMMY!!!



Old fashioned counter service gives a nice vibe to this ice



cream emporium. Now this is what I call a scoop! Lee Nelson ordered 2 scoops and we all enjoyed watching him try to eat the monstrous cone with-

knocking the ice cream on the floor. Full of yummy goodness, we headed back to the hotel to rest and prepare for the next day's tour.

Saturday's tour started with a driver's



meeting and breakfast at the hotel. Our first stop was at Timeless Treasures—an outdoor museum of antique farm equipment. It was a little drizzly but this did not stop our intrepid members from scrounging around to find all the treasures. We left this tractor graveyard and started on my favorite part of today's tour.

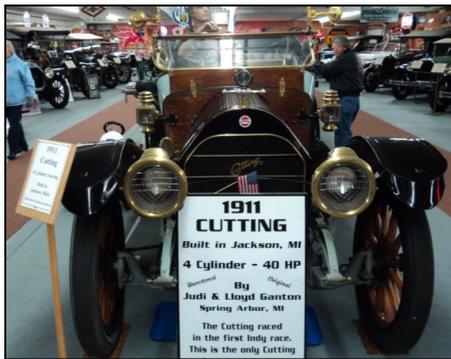


Ron Pavlak and Lee Nelson talk to one of the owners of Timeless Treasures about this antique Avery 25-50 tractor with the original plow.

We drove along truly beautiful and rural scenic back roads. Chris Schurrer had made a rally sheet asking questions about things along the route. Example: What picture is on the white barn? What year is on the red barn?

It was a lot of fun hunting down the answers to the questions and it forced us to drive slowly and really notice the scenery. The person who got the most right answers and turned it in fastest to Chris at the next stop won. The winner was announced at the banquet - Laura and Jim McDonald.

Next stop was Ye Ole Carriage House Museum owned by Lloyd Ganton. Mr. Ganton specializes in cars built in Jackson. Example: This is a 1911 Cutting, built in Jackson; In addition to automobiles, Mr. Ganton also had a marvelous collection of pedal cars as well as toys and Coca-Cola memorabilia. There was also a lovely 1950's kitchen just like the one Mr. Ganton's Mom had.



This is John & Audrey Rosentreter in front of Ganton's collection of Spartan radios. Special kudos go to them for coming more than 430 miles to join our tour.



Mr. Ganton's museum also housed a large room filled with a soda fountain, a jukebox and tons of Coca Cola ephemera.



Nancy Nelson, Betty Klafta, Laura McDonald, and Shirley Salm in Lloyd Ganton's Coca Cola room.

Leaving the Old Carriage Museum, we headed to the Reed Organ Museum which houses about 95 fully restored reed organs. We were treated to an impromptu concert when Barb Griffin sat down to play one of the antique organs.

Leaving the Organ Museum we headed back to the hotel and then to the banquet at Cascades Manor where we shared good food, great conversation and the best pie ever.



Barb Griffin plays while Eileen Zecher looks on.

**Thanks for a great tour.**

## 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.*



Ed Horn is currently battling AML (acute myeloid leukemia). He is undergoing chemotherapy and, so far, is doing well.

Donna Horn is also under the weather. She had three surgeries since July on her eyes. She had an artificial cornea implanted as well as a shunt for her glaucoma. She and Ed are hoping these treatments will help her recover her sight.

Send cards to: Ed & Donna Horn  
19 W 705 E. 13th St.  
Lombard, IL 60148-4540

Ernie Hart wishes to express his thanks for all the cards, good wishes and prayers sent to him from the Region members. He was very touched.



FROM THE KITCHEN OF . . .

### MARTHA ARNSEN

#### BACON WRAPPED ASPARAGUS

Preheat oven to 400°.

Wrap 3 or 4 spears in a bundle with one strip of raw bacon. Lay the bundles in a casserole dish.



In a saucepan melt:

1 stick of butter, 1/2 cup of brown sugar (light), 1 Tbs. soy sauce, 1/2 tsp. garlic salt, 1/4 tsp. black pepper.

Make sure there are no lumps of brown sugar and sugar has mixed with the butter. Bring to a slight boil, then pour over the bundles.

Bake for about 45 minutes. Baking time depends on the thickness of the asparagus. Thinner is better than thicker (about the size of a lead pencil).

ENJOY!!!

## Fox Valley Tales

By Don Juday

The Fox Valley Chapter gathered for its annual Pot Luck and Auction on October 24. Hosted by Art and Marge Swanson, the event brought Chapter members together for lively conversation, the delicacies of the buffet and the opportunity to spend money for a good cause.



At the conclusion of dinner, Chapter business meeting was called to order by Chapter President Dan Sobczyk. After approving the minutes of the last meeting, the Treasurer's Report and the Membership Report were presented and approved. The Chapter leadership team consisting of Dan Sobczyk, President; Chris Schurrer, Vice President; Darlene Sobczyk, Treasurer; and Don Juday, Secretary/Reporter was unanimously re-elected. The Secretary's term length will be determined by the Judays' move to AZ.

The election of officers was followed by the 2016 event calendar. The 2015 Chapter Christmas Part is scheduled for January 30, 2016 at the Bohemian Crystal in Westmont. March 5 is set for the annual Pizza Party and on April 3 Fox Valley hosts the annual Illinois Region Swap Meet. April 23 brings the **overnight** "Dust Off" Tour to Lake Geneva. The famous Pot Luck and Auction returns late in October again hosted by Art and Marge Swanson. The 2016 activities come to an end with the Chapter Christmas Party on January 28, 2017.

Before adjourning the meeting and beginning the auction, the members named the Salvation Army as the benefactor of the bidding wars to follow. With Herb Wehling as the return auctioneer and Dan Sobczyk and James Rubenstein as auction assistants, the evening was guaranteed to be successful and entertaining.

## BALLOTS ARE COMING/ DON'T FORGET TO VOTE



Ballots to elect new board members will be arriving in your mail box within the next week. Be sure to fill out your choices and return it. Let's have 100% participation this year.

Silver Springs Chapter

# TOUR OF SCHOENTHALER COLLECTION A HIT

By Pat Markert/ pictures by Bob Markert/ Terri Shaw & Carla Baxter

The Silver Springs Chapter visited the car collection of Ed Schoenthaler on Saturday, October 24. Ed, former member of the Illinois Region, has been collecting cars and "stuff" for more than 40 years.



What a beautiful display of beautifully restored vehicles.



← 1938 Horch originally belonged to Hermann Goering. This was his parade vehicle. Only 3 were made & 2 were destroyed in war.

→ 1919 Page Daytona speedster prototype. This was the "dream" car of the time.



← My favorite is this lovely 1931 GREEN & CREAM Cord L-29—first front wheel drive vehicle. A beauty!



I enjoyed the humor of much of the art on the walls. These were all designed by Ed's wife, Judy, and hand painted.



← In another room of the storage facility, Ed has set up a small soda fountain.

Terri Shaw, Carla Baxter and Rhonda Olson enjoy a break from touring.



This picture shows members of the chapter examining some of Ed's collection of trains and other toys.

This was a most impressive collection and if you have a chance to see it, don't walk - run.

Waukegan-North Shore

## 55th Brighton Run

By Pat Markert/ pictures by Carroll Flood and Bob Markert

We could not have ordered up a better day for this 55th run to Brighton - the sun was shining, the sky was cloudless and the temperature a brisk 60°.

We met at the Panera at Rt. 176 and Rt. 43 and filled the restaurant and parking lot. Almost 90 cars lined up for the beginning of the tour, a truly magnificent sight.



Region members spilled out onto the front porch of Panera's



As usual the cows across the street came to visit. They seem to enjoy the old cars as much as we do.



We toured the back roads of Illinois, stopping in Richmond for a coffee and antiquing break. Then back on tour, through Wisconsin's scenic by-ways to Jeddy's. Here are some of the vehicles that attended.



Bob Grutza on the left and Harold Flood on the right present a plaque to the current owners of Jeddy's to thank them for hosting the end of the Brighton Run for 55 years. They also presented the pair with the coveted Waukegan-North Shore Chapter mugs.



# Our History



From January 1954 Sidelights

## THE SAGA OF THE PAN

By Harold Glover

Minnesota, land of Sky Blue Waters, is nationally famous for many things. The ten thousand lakes are discussed wherever fishermen gather, the Mesabi Iron Range is the country's greatest source of iron ore. The Minnesota dairy herds have more than once produced the Champion Cow, the turkey supply is second only to California, while beef, butter and corn rank high in national production.

The State Fair ranks with the largest, as does the State University. The Golden Gophers have won more than their share of football honors, including two National Championships. The Lakers, Champions four out of five years, are known wherever basketball is played.



Samuel Pandolfo

Still, in one department, we are notably deficient, the production of automobiles! There have been only two major efforts to make them here, and one such effort is our subject. St. Cloud, a busy small city chiefly noted for its production of granite, had a promoter named Pandolfo, who sold the city on the idea of making its own automobile, in 1918. They decided not to start in the usual way, with small production, but to build a big factory, and begin rivaling Detroit right away.

Lots of money was needed, so crews of salesmen got busy, especially in the small towns and among the farmers loaded with war profits. The money rolled in, sparked with the sales point that a purchaser of stock could buy a car at wholesale. No one seemed to ask who was going to sell and service the cars!

The factory was built, including houses for the workmen and a water system complete with water-tower with the name Pan on it. So that everyone might remember where he was, the name of Pandolfo was printed in the cement walks in many places. The buildings included a huge

forge plant two blocks long, at that time the largest in the country. There was a central power plant with the various buildings were connected with underground passageways for use when snow might block outside roads.

At that time, most cars were built by assembling parts supplied by the various makers: Continental motors, Timken axles, Brow-Lipe transmissions, Ross steering gears, etc. But the Pan was to be built almost completely in the one plant.



1919 Pan

The car itself was well-designed with many interesting features: the front seat was hinged to make a bed; the gas tank was under the cowl, while the usual tank position in the rear was used to provide space for containers of spare oil, gas and water; and it had a tool compartment with a lock and provision for carrying ice!

The engine was unusually short, with but two main bearings, and these were of the ball type. The F-head location of the valves is still recognized as very efficient, and the crankshaft had counterbalances at a time when few cars did. Brakes were large, and the headlights were adjustable so that light might be turned back on the motor.

Just when everything was ready to go, the Federal Government cracked down on Pandolfo, claiming that too much of the money had gone to the salesmen and promoters and other claims of fraud. The government claimed that Pandolfo defrauded the 70,000 stockholders in his company by sending them misleading information. Among the charges was one that a company flier included a "plane's eye view" of the Pan Motor Car Company that wasn't actually drawn in an airplane.

Found guilty of mail fraud, Pandolfo received a three-year prison sentence in Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary and his company was ultimately closed in 1919.

Only 737 cars had been made. Some of the buildings were used by other firms for some years, but eventually all were abandoned, and vandalism took over. Windows were broken, everything movable carried away, birds built nests in dry corners. Only the water-tower and the tall forge building carried on with the name of "Pan", in fading letters along their sides.



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Bus. 630-231-3200  
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## NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

The November Meeting of the Illinois Region board, hosted by the Momence Chapter, will be held on Saturday, November 14 at the Bourbonnais Public Library at 250 W. John Casey Road Bourbonnais, IL 60914.



The meeting will begin at 10:30 am. RSVP by November 7 to Ernie Hart at 815-472-6207 or email him at [edgetown5@aol.com](mailto:edgetown5@aol.com)

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# Two day tour of collections in Urbana, Il.

When: Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

The Indiana Region CLC and the Indiana Lincoln & Continental Owners Club have planned a joint tour in and around Urbana, Il., for Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. We have also invited the Indiana Region CCA and the West of the Lakes Region CLC(Northern Illinois). The final details are not firm yet, but the current plan is:

**Saturday:** Leave 9:00am from the IHOP restaurant, 395 W. Northfield Dr., just off I74 in Brownsburg.

Travel to Frasca Air Field just north of Urbana for their war birds exhibit.

Then drive to the campus of the University of Illinois for lunch and visit the Rare Book collection and a short tour of the campus (there is no home football game that day)

From the University we will travel to the Zumdahl Collections.

We will then check into our hotel, the Eastland Suites on the east side of Urbana and then travel downtown for dinner at the Silver Creek Restaurant.

**Sunday:** visit the Allen Strong collections. This will be the highlight of the tour. He has two locations. After visiting the Strong Collection we are free to travel home.

Note that adverse weather could affect what we do at the U of I campus. It is possible we could move events from one day to the other to better fit the sites schedule.

The hotel is the Eastland Suites Hotel & Conference Center, 1907 N. Cunningham Ave., Urbana, Illinois 61802. Phone 217-367-8331, fax 217-384-3370. We have 20 rooms reserved. The hotel will be holding rooms until 10/7/15 for our group. Our group name is Lincoln/Cadillac Classic Car Club, type 4635/reunion. Individuals will pay for their own rooms. The rates are \$89, plus tax, for two double beds or \$99 for a king.

*Also Royce Bair Collection Added !!*

If you drive directly to Urbana we will most likely meet at Frasca Air Field, 1301 Airport Rd. Urbana, Il.

*512-543-4483*

John Madden has been working with these locations to set-up our tour. Many thanks to John!

Please contact Warner Young at [warneryoung@msn.com](mailto:warneryoung@msn.com) if you plan to attend.

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