



SIDELIGHTS



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68th ANNUAL CAR SHOW IN THE BOOKS

By Pat Markert/ pictures by Joan Bodden,
Charles Falk & Don Cuddihee

This year's Illinois Region Car Show, held on July 24, 2016 at Cantigny Park in Wheaton. The weatherman had threatened rain for Sunday morning all week long, but the day dawned sunny, hot and humid. Even so, almost 100 cars turned out for the show.

The list of winners is on page 6. Again this year we saw some truly beautiful and unusual cars. Enjoy these pictures taken by Joan, Charles and Don Cuddihee of the Studebaker Drivers Club



THE WINNER! Best of Show winner is Tom Kravcar with his 1965 Volkswagen Transporter Camper . Even the interior was fitted out with 1960's items. Love the metal glasses.



1947 Triumph 1800 Roadster Drop Head owned by Melvin Merzon won 1st Place in the Classic Cars Class.



Upcoming EVENTS

August 7 - Region presents tour to Union Railway Museum for the Vintage Transportation Extravaganza. For more info call Chris Schurrer 815-344-3775 or hpdog259962@gmail.com.

August 13—Silver Springs Chapter picnic at Shabbona Lake State Park.

August 21 - Waukegan-North Shore Chapter / Summer picnic hosted by Bob Grutza.

October 20—23 - Region Fall Tour headquartered in Princeton, IL. AmericInn Lodge & Suites/ 212 Claude Bailey Pkwy/ Princeton, IL. 815-872-5000. \$98.99 per night/ mention Car Club. Reservations should be made by September 20.

November 6—Waukegan-North Shore Chapter Run to Brighton

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SAVE THE DATE

FALL TOUR
OCTOBER 20—23
PRINCETON, IL.

NATIONAL NEWS

For more information on National events see aaca.org

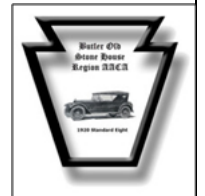
August 7 -
Chesapeake Region.
Annual Howard County Fair
Collector Car Show.
Gene Sauter 410-627-6765
West Friendship, MD.
www.chesapeakeaaca.org/



August 11-13
Southeastern Fall Meet
New Bern, NC
hosted by 1st Capital Chapter of
North Carolina Region



September 1-3
Western Fall Meet -
Cheyenne, WY-
Hosted by Butler Old Stone House
Region



For information call: 1-307-631-0625

September 11-16 -
Revival AAA Glidden Tour
North Conway, NH
Hosted by VMCCA
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September 17
41st Edgar Rohr Memorial
Antique Car Meet
Manassas, VA
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September 17
Local Judged Show
Cleveland, TN -
Hosted by Cherokee Valley Region
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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 68th Annual Car Show was a great success. Despite the hot, humid temperatures and the week long forecast of rain, the shade of Cantigny's beautiful old tress and an occasional breeze, allowed the show to be a true winner.



The show's success is accomplished by the Illinois Region members who work in planning, registering, judging, verifying results, selling AACA merchandise, attending to new memberships, announcing spotlight vehicles and sponsors, parking show cars and setting up and breaking down the show field. These members provided friendly help to participants and spectators alike. I, together with the show committee members, are proud to list (in the next column) all the members who worked this show. They deserve our appreciation and our thanks.

The purpose of Region activities is to bring together people from all different chapters, to give them an opportunity to meet and get to know members they might otherwise never encounter. A great example of this coming together and working together was the trophy awards ceremony at this year's car show:

Lee Nelson—**Des Plaines Valley** announced the awards ceremony

Chuck Falk—**Fox Valley** took pictures of the winners

Bob Grutza—**Waukegan/North Shore** announced the winners

Bob Markert—Region President presented the trophies

Jim Sikora—**Momence** and

Rick Shaw—**Silver Springs** made sure the correct trophy went to the correct winner.

Truly a Region activity.

Bob



WHO MAKES THE CAR SHOW RUN? HERE THEY ARE!

Here is a list of the men and women who worked to make this year's car show a success. They were there in the 90°+ heat to be sure that everyone who ventured out to the show had a good time.

Dave Arnswald
 Jerry & Joan Bodden
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 Joe & Linda Dolezal
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 Bob & Rene Grutza
 Ernie Hart
 Dan Helgren
 Sam & Judy Houston
 Pete Kramer
 Bob & Pat Markert
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 Dick Murray
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 John O'Halloran
 Michael O'Toole
 Chris Schurrer
 Rick Shaw
 Jim Sikora
 Dan & Darlene Sobczyk
 Frank Troost
 Andy Voss
 Bill & Joanna Vroman

SAVE THE DATE

BOARD MEETING
 SEPTEMBER 10
 Hosted by Des Plaines Valley
 More information to come

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...



What passes for nice weather in Chicago is half gone - May, June and July are history; August, September and October are yet to come.

It has already been a busy "good weather season" and it shows no signs of slowing down. Bob and I have at least one activity or event every weekend from now until September 19th. Some weekends we have 2 or 3 things going on - car club stuff, weddings, anniversaries and birthdays.

Sometimes I long for a moment to catch my breath. My kids laugh that they need to make an appointment to see us. I think to myself, I would rather be too busy than too bored.

Many of my days are filled with car club stuff. When I am rolling out of bed at 5:30 am, believe me, I am not saying, "Gosh I am so happy to be going to this swap meet (substitute car show, driving tour, etc.)" But when I have finished a day of chatting with car club friends, with engaging new people, with laughter, with hugs, with moving and meeting and greeting, I am glad.

I fall into bed tired and happy. If you haven't experienced this feeling, check the calendar on page 2 for club activities in August. Several chapters are having one day driving tours and picnics. Come along on one of them and see how much fun it is.

Happy Good Weather Season.

Pat

FROM THE KITCHEN OF: LINDA DOLEZAL

My family, from out of state, always asks me to make the BBQ beef when they come. This is a quick and easy family favorite.

BBQ SAUCE FOR BEEF

3-5 lb. rump roast
2 cups ketchup
2 cups water
1 clove garlic crushed



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*Cars: 1946 Lincoln Continental cpe
1956 Lincoln Continental Mk II
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1966 Lincoln Continental 4 door cnvt.
1971 Lincoln Continental Mk III
1972 Lincoln Continental Mk IV
1976 Lincoln Continental Mk IV
1979 Cadillac de Ville coupe
1979 Lincoln Continental Mk V
1979 Lincoln Continental Mk V
1979 Lincoln Tour Car
1981 Lincoln Continental Mk VI
1986 Lincoln Continental Mk VII
1987 Cadillac Allanta cnvt.
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Car: 1964 Studebaker Lark Cruiser

1 Tbsp. chili powder
2 Tbsp. Worcestershire
1 cup sugar
2 Tbsp. dry mustard

Mix all ingredients together & simmer slowly 1 hour.
Makes 3 cups.



Use a 3-5 rump roast. Roast according to your favorite recipe. Cool, slice thin & place in the sauce.

Serve on a nice big bakery roll.

FALL TOUR REMINDER

Just a reminder that the Fall Tour to Princeton, IL is coming up quickly. This year we will headquarter in Princeton, IL at the AmericInn Lodge & Suites.



View of lobby at the AmericInn in Princeton.

The tour will be October 20 to October 23. The hotel is located at 2120 Claude Bailey Parkway, Princeton, IL 61356 at the intersection of Interstate 80 (exit 56) and Route 26 right across the street from Super Wal-Mart and in the same parking lot as Wise Guys Bar & Grill.

The hotel has given us a terrific rate of **\$98.99** per night plus tax. Call **815-872-5000** and be sure to mention that you are with the AACA car club. Reservations should be made by **September 20th** to receive this rate.

One of the places we will be visiting is the Hornbaker Gardens which is a family owned and operated nursery.

Their large collection of various plants is dominated by their extensive collection of hostas and daylilies. They carry over 500 varieties of hostas and 400 varieties of daylilies.



Welcome to Hornbaker Gardens

The Hornbakers try to plant, in their own gardens, as many of the varieties of the plants that they sell as possible. Over the years, the



display gardens and plantings of trees and shrubs have turned Hornbaker Gardens into a botanical garden and arboretum that attracts gardening enthusiasts from all over the Midwest and beyond.



At the garden center called "The Shop", you'll find Melissa & Doug for the kids, solar lanterns, Isabel Bloom sculptures, metal barn quilts, miniature gardening accessories, home decor, outdoor rugs, pottery, flags, floor mats, and much more. This is a great place to find unique gifts for birthdays or Christmas.



← This is an example of a barn quilt locally designed & crafted from heavy-weight, powder-coated steel.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!

CLASS	OWNER	CAR
1 Pre-1940	1. Angelo Bocchieri	1935 Dodge
2 Ford Model T and A	1. Leigh Carlson 2. Rick Shaw	1925 Ford Model T 1930 Ford Model A
3 Classic Vehicles	1. Melvin Merzon	1947 Triumph 1800 Roadster Drop Head
4 Production Vehicles 1940-1949	1. Frank Troost 2. Ken Macal	1948 Studebaker Champion convt. 1940 Mercury coupe
5 Production Vehicles 1950-1959	1. Cody Vacik 2. Don Cuddihee 3. Dennis Terdy	1957 Chevrolet Bel-Air 1953 Studebaker Land Cruiser 1952 Crosley
6 Production Vehicles 1960-1964	1. Ron Pavlak 2. Doug Hodak 3. Michael Turner	1964 Studebaker Hawk GT 1963 Studebaker Avanti coupe 1961 Chevrolet Impala SS convt.
7 Production Vehicles 1965-1969	1. Tom Kravcar 2. Dennis Roxworths 3. Chris Albrecht	1965 Volkswagen Transporter Camper 1965 Ford Fairlane 1968 Pontiac Grand Prix
8 Production Vehicles 1970-1979	1. Fred Onesto 2. Jerry Janes 3. Lance McDonald	1970 Buick 1971 Ford Mustang 1973 Volkswagen type 3 Squareback
9 Production Vehicles 1980-1991	1. Kip Costenaro 2. Jerry Bodden 3. Grant Sabo	1986 Chevrolet Monte Carlo 1987 Buick Grand National 1989 Pontiac Trans Am
10 Sport Cars thru 1991	1. Joshua Pena 2. Patrick Hurd 3. George Hansen	1988 Mercedes Benz 560 SEC-AMG 1963 Porsche 356B 1957 Ford Thunderbird convt.
11 Trucks thru 1991	1. Tom Bjorklund 2. Peter Kramer	1974 GMC Sierra Grande Pickup 1986 GMC Cabellero Amarrilo
12 Non-classified ve- hicles (non-judged) thru 1991	1. Allan Nichols	1950 Pontiac Sedan Delivery



Paul Terhorst's 1935 Auburn



Don Cuddihee's 1953 Studebaker Land Cruiser





Robert Joynt's 1932 Packard Phaeton by any other name is a beauty. The Hagerty Junior Judges chose this as the **Junior Best of Show**.



←
Bob Markert presents Frank Troost the first place award in the Production Vehicles 1940-1949 for his 1948 Studebaker Champion convertible.



This 1971 Ford Mustang Mach I was brought by John McConnaughey.



←
Leigh Carlson being presented the first place award in the Model T and A class for his 1925 Model T. ↓



Love the colors of both these beauties.

Above: John Adamek brought this 1956 Mercury Medalist and

Below: 1957 Ford Fairlane 500 was brought by Ray Thon



Patrick Martin brought his 1980 Cadillac Fleetwood Hearse.



Our History



FROM 1975 MAY—JUNE

HOW I FOUND MY 1922 COLE - THE "COLE" FACTS

By George Campbell

One Saturday morning in the summer of '49, I stopped to see a mechanic friend in Evanston. He said, "Ain't you the guy who was looking for a big old touring car?"

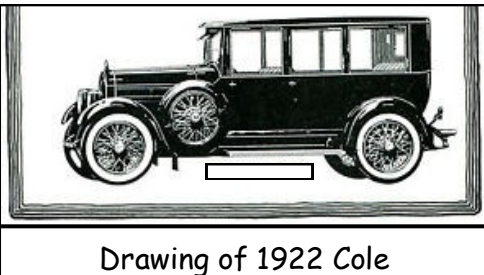
Seems he'd spotted one that morning on a used car lot in Chicago. He ventured that it seemed unusually clean for its age. Cars weren't so scarce in those days; so I managed to get around to looking at the car the following Wednesday.

Sure enough, it was a very clean '22 Cole touring with everything on it but the tail light. The odometer read "1,634" and having heard that used car dealers have been known to set back the mileage, I dug a little deeper. I got the name of the previous owner and called her.

Seems that she and her husband had bought the car new in 1922. Due to his suffering arthritis in the shoulders he had never driven the car very much. Then, about 1924, he lost his eyesight and never parted with the Cole. His widow said he used to go out to the garage and sit in the car, wishing he could drive it again. In 1948 he died. The car and the house sold. The car dealer bought the car for \$25 and was asking \$225. It ran like a clock and had a new paint job.

So Campbell bought a car.

This was Wednesday, remember? On the following Saturday a few of us were leaving for Minneapolis to join a VMCCA tour from Michigan to the Minnesota Aqua-Centennial. We met our group at Stevens Point, and proceeded across Wisconsin in one of the finest tours we've ever



Drawing of 1922 Cole

been on. (But that's another tale - maybe Side-lights can persuade Fred Benson or Thurm Kuiper to describe that tour).

Well, I wanted this Cole in shape for that tour; so I got in touch with Art O'Leary of the Firestone Company in Chicago, seeking a set of tires. His inventory showed that his company had four of them in Elkhart, IN. He couldn't raise Elkhart since the smaller town dealers closed on Wednesday afternoons. The next day the Elkhart dealer put the tires on the New York Central train. I met the train at the LaSalle Street station, grabbed the tires and took them to Brother O'Leary who was waiting to mount them on the wheels.

Since I couldn't spend any more time on the car that day, I had the mechanic give the car a fast tune-up (plugs and points) and put on a new tail light.

On Saturday morning, son Dick and I started for Madison, where we were to stay overnight at Ed Hansen's house. This portion of the trip was the real test. The car hadn't run since 1924, but we arrived at Ed's house on schedule. The Cole heated up a bit, but water was cheap! Anyway, the temperature that day was up around 95°. One makes allowances.

Letter to the Editor

From Richard Lichtfeld:

Your history articles are interesting and bring back some memories.



Back in the 50's I was a judge at the Lake Forest meet. I was one of the judges for the Brass Model T class. We had so many T's that we split the class into Brass or Black radiator, I believe we had around 100 T's. We didn't use the point system then; it was 1st, 2nd and 3rd and based on quality of restoration and originality.

Well, we came down to two cars and we couldn't decide which one should take first, so we had the owners park them next to each other and the other two judges and myself went over them with a fine tooth comb. Finally, we found something that made the difference— on one of the cars the owner used a hex nut on a spring clip and it should have been a square nut.

Those were the days when the losers didn't like the Judges.

NATIONAL MANKATO MEET

By Dan Sobczyk

Darlene and I made the trip to Mankato, MN. to volunteer for judging. We arrived a few days early to do some sightseeing and attend the tour sponsored by the Minnesota Region.

The tour took us to New Ulm, a wonderful German town. We visited the statue of "Herman the German" who saved Germany from the Roman Empire and went to see the performance of the glockenspiel located in the town square. We

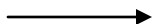


Darlene checking out a 1911 Laverne



stopped at Turner Hall for lunch and went for a tour of the Schell beer Brewery which is the second oldest brewery in the country. We enjoyed a great sampling of their beers as well as the tour.

This is a 1929 Packard.
What a stunning car!



We attended the judges meeting on Saturday morning where I received a plaque for having 10 judging credits and Darlene joined the apprentice program for judging.

The weather was sunny and warm, quite perfect. There were about 135 cars at the meet and about 12 were Brass Era cars. All were stunning. Also at the meet were two automobiles built in Minnesota. - a 1919 Pan and a 1911 Laverne.

The Pan was rather unique in the fact that the seats folded down to form a flat area for sleeping. There really were some very unique and interesting cars at the meet.

It was a well organized meet and we met some old friends and made some new ones.

What a great experience !!!!



This is a 1919 Pan automobile.

The interior folds flat for sleeping.



Another unusual car is this 1950 Holden.

ILLNESS I have just found out that Ted Griffin has been diagnosed with Mantle Cell Lymphoma. He is in the University of Illinois Hospital in Chicago. Barb is at the hospital all the time, except when their children (who live out of state) can come to stay at the hospital to give her a break . Please don't call them, but your prayers are needed at this trying time. Cards and good wishes can be sent to them at their home address: 2256 W. Wolpers Rd./ Park Forest, IL 60466



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Letter to the Editor

From Dave Arnswald:



Wanted to share with other AACA members a place I found that has been very helpful in finding parts for my restorations. It is called Restoration Specialties & Supply Inc. located at 148 Minnow Creek Lane/ Windber Pa 15963. Their email is info@restorationspecialties.com. If you search on the Internet, you can find their web site which shows many of their projects. If you are missing a part and having a hard time locating it, I would recommend this company.

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