

SIDELIGHTS



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KANKAKEE TREASURES MAKE FOR A GREAT TOUR

By Pat Markert

The Momence Chapter hosted the Spring Tour to the Kankakee area.



LINDA DOLEZAL and JIM McDONALD peruse some of the treasures available at the Gathering Place, one of the first stops on Friday's tour.



The Gathering Place also had a wonderful array of antique furniture, dishes and glassware.

After leaving The Gathering Place, the group drove to Paxton, IL to the State Street Mall where we had a lovely buffet lunch.



This lovely store had a wide selection of hand made items, such as paintings, plaques and signs, and home made items, such as jams, jellies, coffees and floral arrangements.



Tour cars and members gathered outside the Mall before the gentlemen adjourned to look over Royce Baier's car collection, which was housed in three different buildings and the ladies attended a hat making demonstration at Pat's Hats Millinery Shop.

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Upcoming EVENTS

June 12— WA-NS Summer Tour to Arlington Race Track. Meet at Denny's, Rt 60 and Rt 21 at Hawthorn Mall at 9:30 am. Cost is \$10.00 per person for admission and the reserved table. Due by June 1, 2016

July 24—REGION CAR SHOW at Cantigny, this year featuring cars of the 1940's and 1980's. CARS OF ALL YEARS ARE WELCOME. 8 am to 1 pm/ admission is \$10 Additional information on flyer.

August 7 - Waukegan-North Shore Chapter / Illinois Railway Museum Transportation Extravaganza/ SAVE THE DATE/ more information next

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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.

1965 Corvair Convertible
Auto, 110HP
White, Red Interior, Black top
Nice Driver. \$6500 OBO.



1971 Corvette Roadster
4 Speed, A/C
Bridgelyhampton Blue / Medium
Blue interior
Nice Driver. \$20,500 OBO.

If you interested in either car, call Dan Sobczyk @
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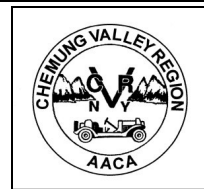
June 2-4, 2016
Annual Grand National -
Susquehannock Region
Williamsport, PA



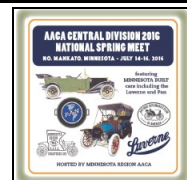
June 12-17, 2016
Sentimental Tour -
Salisbury, NC
Hosted by Hornet's Nest Region
Shirley Carson
9307-H Monroe Road
Charlotte, NC 28270



July 10, 2016
Arkport, NY.
Chemung Valley Region
60th Anniversary Car Show &
Summerfest
Contact: Jim Claire 607-324-4348
or Randy Guild 607-295-7327



July 14-16
Central Division Meet
North Mankato, MN
Hosted by Minnesota Region



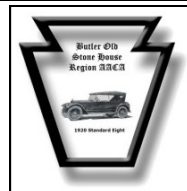
July 17
North Blenheim, NY
Schoharie Valley Region Antique
Show & Swap Meet
Contact: Ronald Davis 518-234-7495 or davis-
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July 17-21 - Founders Tour •
Huntingdon, PA •
hosted by Allegheny Mountain
Region
Contact Registrar: Gladys Guyer
814-667-3796 or gladys_guyer@yahoo.com



July 31—August 3
Eastern Divisional Tour •
Richmond, VA •
Hosted by Richmond Region



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Recently I received a note from Joe Cantore's wife, Angela. She said that "in the quiet of the evening", she thinks about how lucky she and Joe were to get involved in the hobby of antique cars.



Because it was such a fun hobby, they met lots of people who turned out to be life-long friends. These friends became a part of the family as her children were growing and so the love of the hobby passed to another generation. Now, she sees a third generation becoming interested and involved in antique cars.

Such good times she and her family shared - the driving, the showing of the cars, the pride of restoration, the racing and the history of the cars.

It was a lovely note and reminded me of all the reasons I, too, love the antique car hobby. I know people who have retired and stay home complaining of being bored. That has not been a problem for Pat and me. We got involved in this hobby and have been happily busy for more than 10 years.

So I echo Angela's closing line. "Thank you and all our other dear friends for being part of our family's treasured memories."

Bob

Thanks to the following photographers for sharing their pictures of the SPRING TOUR. You have been incredibly generous with your time and efforts. Thank you.

Thanks to TED GRIFFIN, ERNIE HART, BOB MARKERT, JENNY RISLEY, JAMES RUBENSTEIN and RICK SHAW.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK. . .



Hi All,

Last month I talked about changing to a two day tour in the spring. I asked for comments from you on what your feelings were. I received only a few answers, but all of those were positive about making such a change.

One comment said that it would certainly be easier for working members to make it to the tour, without having to take time off from work.

The most interesting email was from Richard Lichtfeld. I will let him speak for himself and just quote the email.

"You are right----but back then the cars that we toured in were much older than what you tour in today and it wasn't a rich mans sport; we all had jobs, kids, house payments, car payments and such. The only region three day tour that I can remember was the Fall Foliage Tour and that was set up so a lot of members that had to work Friday could join us on Saturday. We also did several one day tours and picnics that didn't cost much. Today when I look at the cost of some of these tours it's no wonder young people can't afford the old car hobby. I think today they try to do too much. I enjoy touring the back roads and the companionship of other members but it is probably me, but after 60 years there isn't much I haven't seen in museums and car collections, I would rather tour.

Old member from 1950----Richard H. Lichtfeld "

Thanks to the members who took the time to let me know what they think. I am taking copies of the comments to the next board meeting to present to the board a formal request to shorten the spring tour to 2 days and to start Saturday of the Fall tour later to allow members to join us.

The board meeting is June 11, so if you have any further comments or suggestions, contact me before then.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL.

Pat



KANKAKEE TREASURES *continued*



At the demo L to R: BARBARA GRIFFIN, EILEEN ZECHER, SHIRLEY DAVIDSON, RUTH FOWLER, JENNY RISLEY, SYLVIA LAURIDSEN, JUDY MINOR, SHIRLEY SALM, NANCY NELSON and LINDA DOLEZAL enjoy the show.



← DARLENE SOBCZYK models one of Pat's Hats.

Below: BARB GRIFFIN with owner Pat Milchuk, learning three different ways to wear a hat.



Meanwhile, the men toured the Royce Baier collection located in several buildings in the general area.

The Royce Baier collection actually started because, as an undertaker, he became interested in antique funeral vehicles. He has several old hearses, including a horse drawn carriage that still gets requested occasionally.



His collection then expanded to other old cars. He was particularly fond of Packards, Buicks and Cadillacs, although the collection includes a variety of other vehicles.



BOB MARKERT and RON PAVLAK talk over the collection.



RICK SHAW wanders through the second building of the collection.

KANKAKEE TREASURES *continued*

The Road to Trail's End

Trail's End was built by Dale Janssen over the last 20 years. He worked for an utility company and had access to used utility poles.



On the road to Trail's End



This beautiful church in the woods greets you as you come through the gates, It is named "The Old Rugged Cross" Chapel.



The cross from which the above chapel gets its name.

SAM & JUDY HOUSTON ,who brought their 1955 Dodge Coronet Squad car, dressed the part—police officer and prisoner.

The next morning, we headed from the hotel into Momence to visit the Ian Hellings collection. Ian has a really unusual collection of vehicles. He gets them from all over the world and ships them here to preserve vehicles that are disappearing.



RUTH FOWLER (Shirley Davidson's daughter) and DICK MURRAY race these antique wheel chairs. When men started returning from the Boer Wars, so many were missing limbs that inventors, doctors and blacksmiths started inventing wheeled chairs to help them get around. Both of these are from the late 1800's.



Ian Hellings (in the blue shirt on the right) talks about this little 3 wheeled vehicle. The French name for it is "No License" because you did not need a vehicle license to drive it on the street. Listening are (from left) RON PAVLAK, unknown, EILEEN & DENNIS ZECHER, SHIRLEY DAVIDSON, LEE NELSON, CHRIS SCHURRER (behind Ian) and NANCY NELSON. Peeking in the door of the car is JIM SIKORA.

We next headed to Lowell, Indiana to visit the Mike McIntyre collection. This was a beautiful drive ending on Chestnut Street and a lovely home sitting a hill. Green grass, chirping birds and a lovely soft breeze greeted us as we arrived.

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This wonderful Pontiac One Eighty was sitting outside waiting for inspection.



This is a 1902 Rambler which was one of Lowell Indiana's first cars. Original price \$750. Car had 4 owners before McIntyre.



This shows the inside of Mr. McIntyre's barn. Looking over the items are (L TO R) JEANNE MARCOTTE, JOAN MURRAY, COLLETTE SULLIVAN, SHIRLEY DAVIDSON, RUTH FOWLER, LINDA JACOBS, SHIRLEY SALM and JUDY MINER.

Next, we headed into Monee to see the Art Buhlman motorcycle collection. Art started collecting when he was just a child and has continued to this day. Here are pictures of his treasures.



Listening to Art Buhlman talk about his collection are: SAM & JUDY HOUSTON, EILEEN ZECHER, WARREN LAURIDSEN, SHIRLEY DAVIDSON, DENNIS ZECHER, Art, TED GRIFFIN, TOM RISLEY and JAMES RUBENSTEIN.



Bird's eye view of the Buhlman museum.

Last stop on the tour was Manteno, Illinois where we visited a couple of antique shops and Rad Rides by Troy. This shop has a country wide reputation for quality work. His cars have appeared on the cover of Hot Rod magazine more than any other. If you visit his website, you can see pictures of restored cars and lists of his awards. Very impressive place.



AL MATISON, JOE DOLEZAL & DAN SOBCHYK look over cars under restoration at "Rad Rides by Troy."

I thought it was a great tour. We had good weather, lots of people to chat with, pretty drives, good food and interesting things to see. Sounds perfect to me. Thanks to the Momence Chapter for another great experience.