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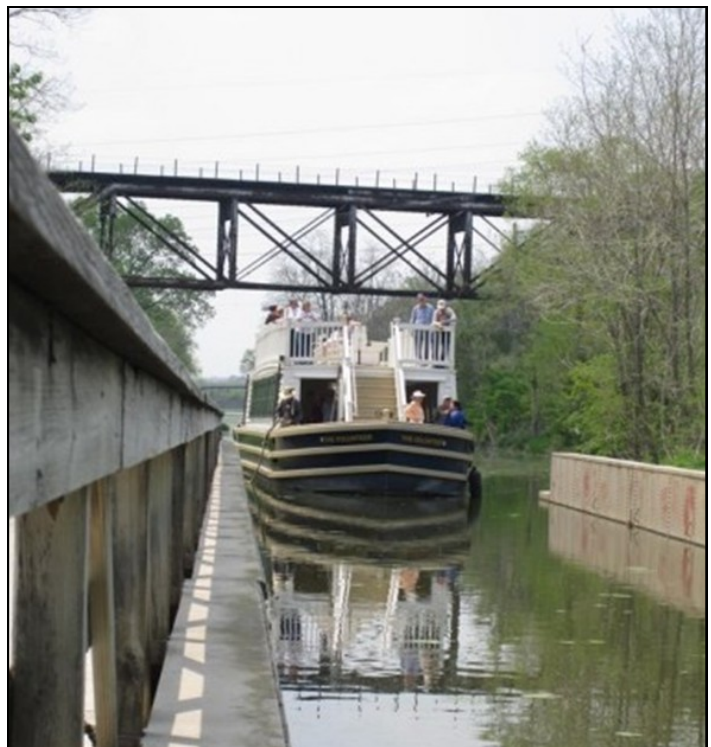
FALL TOUR READY TO GO!

The hotel has been booked; the routes have been checked; the food has been ordered. The Silver Springs Chapter is ready for the FALL TOUR to begin. Although they have many wonderful things to see and do, the thing that members are most excited about are how many beautiful back roads they were able to find.

The final stop I want to tell you about is the ride on the I&M Canal. The LaSalle Canal Boat is a mule-pulled, full-size replica of the 19th Century canal boats that once carried passengers on the I&M Canal, the hand-dug waterway that opened in 1848, extending from Chicago to LaSalle-Peru. The 76-by-15-foot boat is docked in downtown LaSalle, only five miles from Starved Rock State Park. The opening of the Illinois & Michigan made Chicago and northern Illinois the key crossroads of the American mid-continent. It was the final link in an all-water route connecting the Atlantic Ocean to the Mississippi River.

The dream of the canal was part of every

vision for Illinois for over 200 years. The canal commissioners saw a canal port that would grow into a great city, namely Chicago. The canal stretches 96 miles; it is designed to be 60 feet wide and 6 feet deep, drops 141.3 feet between Chicago and LaSalle and consists of 15 locks, 4 feeder canals (Calumet, Du Page, Kankakee, and Fox) and 4 aqueducts. It took 12 years of on-again, off-again labor to construct the canal, which finally opened in April of 1848.



Going through one of the locks.



Mule pulls the boat along the tow path.

A short distance from the LaSalle Canal Boat is the Lock 16 Center's Café & Gift Shop. The restored vintage building was once home to a

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Upcoming EVENTS

October 2 - Waukegan-North Shore & Gas and Brass Touring Region present the **Pre-War Tour** through Kenosha and Racine Counties in Wisconsin. If you are interested, contact Dan Helgren at 847-623-9487 or danhelgran@sbcglobal.net

October 15—Fox Valley Pot Luck and Auction & election of officers at Art & Marge Swansons.

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/ see flyer page 9

November 12—Board Meeting hosted by Fox Valley Chapter at Elmhurst Public Library, 125 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126/630- 279-8696 10:30 am with lunch following. See page 7.

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Waukegan-North Shore President: Bob Grutza
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Chapter meetings are held the second Friday of the month September through May (excepting December) at State Bank of the Lakes, 50 Commerce Dr., Grayslake, IL 60030

TRIVIA QUIZ

1. What manufacturer was the first to replace the tiller with a steering wheel?
2. What does N.O.S. stand for?

See answers on page 4



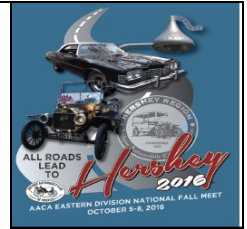
NATIONAL NEWS

For more information on National events see aaca.org

October 4-8, 2016

Eastern Fall Meet - Hershey, PA
Hosted by Hershey Region
Set up and Library Flea Market
start on the 4th.

For more info go to AACA.org



October 20 -22, 2016

Central Fall Meet ·
Galveston, TX ·
hosted by Gulf Coast
Region
Sandra Johnston
Registration Chair
713-340-0709 Home
713-542-9481 Cell

2016galvestonmeet@att.net



November 5-11, 2016

Reliability Tour ·
Savannah, GA ·
hosted by Savannah Region
AACA & Low Country Region
HCCA

For information:
Ralph Tolman, Chairman
rwtolman@aol.com

2016 Reliability Tour

of the Low Country • Nov 5-11, 2016
Hosted by the Savannah Region AACA

Tour is limited to 75 vehicles
manufactured prior to January 1, 1916
Tour will start on Hilton Head Island, SC, in
time for the Concours d'Elegance and move to
Savannah for 5 days of beautiful sightseeing,
fun motoring and, of course, great food!

For more information or a registration
form, please visit www.savaaca.org
or contact Ralph Tolman, Chairman, at
rwtolman@aol.com, (912) 313-0598.



November 25-26, 2016 -

Ormond Beach, FL -
59th Birthplace of Speed Antique
Car Show & Gaslight Parade.

For information contact
Volusia Region AACA -
Bud Pike - 386-677-9153 or email Rick D' Louhy -
rdlouhy@cfl.rr.com.



Coming in 2017

February 9-11 - AACA Annual Meeting · Philadelphia, PA

February 23-25 - AACA Winter Meet · hosted
by North Central Florida Region -



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The annual Hershey Fall Meet will take place in a few days. This is the AACA's most prestigious car show and swap meet.



There are a few members of the Illinois Region who are active AACA judges. As I am one of that group, I recommend to other members to become part of this company.

When you are a judge you have an opportunity to learn more about automobiles and come to appreciate the effort and expense of the restoration and maintenance of these treasures of our hobby. Best of all is the relationships you develop with the other AACA judges, car owners, other members and spectators. Take this suggestion and run with it; reap its rewards, excitement and education.

To become a judge, determine if there is a judging school at the next National Meet. If so, attend and tell the Chief Judge you wish to become a judge. He/she will walk you through the process. Come join us!

Bob

FALL TOUR *continued*

horse buggy maker and is now a hub for LaSalle Canal Boat rides and activities. All proceeds generated from the afé, gift shop and ticket sales are used to support preservation of the I&M National Heritage Area.



Lock 16 Center's Café & Gift Shop

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...



Hi All,

THANKS #1: Last month I asked my fellow members for recipes to refill my recipe file. Thanks to all who responded.

One member kindly sent an envelope with about 12 recipes. Unfortunately, there was no name, no return address and nothing explaining where the recipes came from. I do like to put the name of the person who has used these recipes and where they got them.

So-o-o-o if you are the one who sent that collection of recipes, would you please call me so I can get some background info. My number is 630-852-9893.

THANKS #2: To those who have sent in your fall tour registration, thank you. If you have not sent in your registration yet, please do so. If you are having trouble booking a room, please call me 630-852-9893 and I will try to help.

THANKS #3: To all those members who have purchased books from our book list. These books are like new with beautiful photos and interesting stories. Still you are buying them sight unseen, so we appreciate your purchase.

Pat

In Memoriam:

LAWRENCE RIZZO

Longtime member of the Illinois Region and both the Waukegan-North Shore and Fox Valley Chapters, Larry Rizzo, age 80, died on September 24, 2016. He and his wife of 60 years, Kay, were very active members. Larry always had a smile on his face and a friendly manner. He will be missed.



Our condolences to the family.

From the kitchen of:

CHERYL RISSMANN

Cheryl Rissmann made this for the Fox Valley Dinner and Auction. Everyone loved it.



PARMESAN BUTTERNUT SQUASH GRATIN

1 butternut squash about 2 1/2 lb.
 1/4 cup butter
 2 large cloves garlic, finely chopped
 1/4 cup panko bread crumbs
 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese
 1/4 tsp. salt
 1/8 tsp. pepper
 1/4 cup chopped parsley

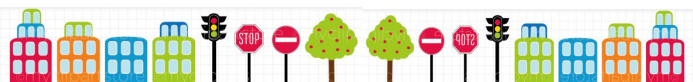
1. Heat oven to 375°. Spray 13 X 9 (3 quart) glass baking dish with cooking spray. Peel, halve lengthwise and see squash; cut into 1/2" thick slices. Arrange with slices overlapping slightly in bottom of baking dish.
2. In 2 quart saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Reduce heat to low. Add garlic, cook 2–3 minutes, stirring frequently, until garlic is soft and butter is infused with garlic flavor. Do not let butter brown.
3. In small bowl, mix bread crumbs, cheese and 1 Tbs. of the butter-garlic mixture.
4. Brush squash slices with remaining butter garlic mixture. Sprinkle with salt, pepper and bread crumb mixture.
5. Bake uncovered 30 to 40 minutes or until squash is tender when pierced with fork, increase oven temperature to 425°; bake 5 to 10 minutes longer or until lightly browned. Before serving, sprinkle parsley over top.

Makes 6 servings.

TRIVIA QUIZ ANSWERS:

From the AACA Library

1. Packard
2. New old stock

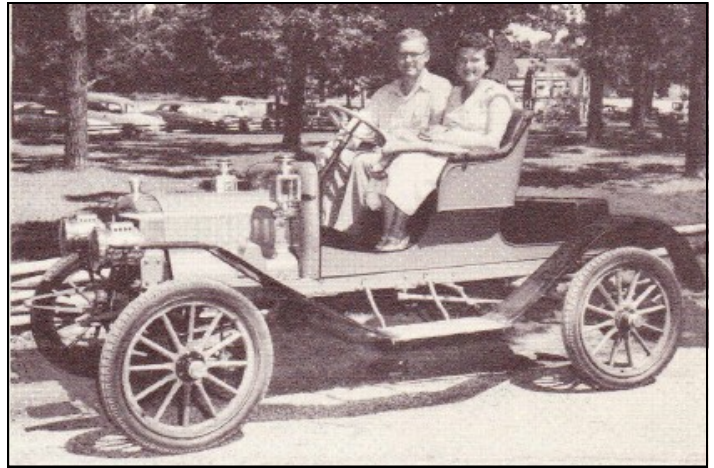


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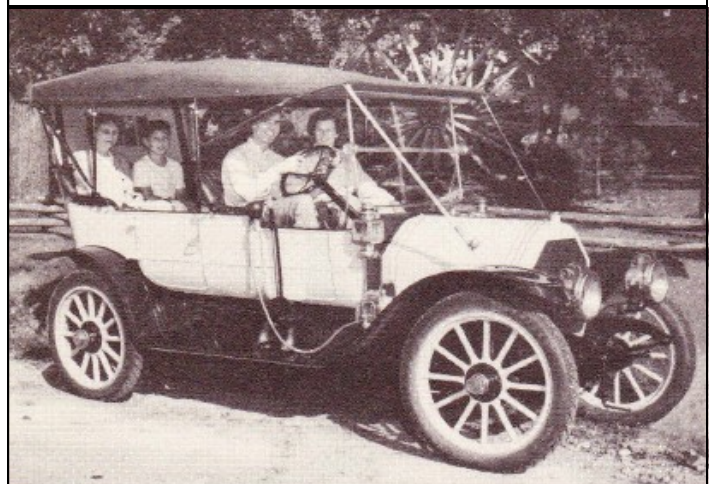
MIDWEST REGION AACA MID-SUMMER MEET August 5-6, 1950



The Burritts in their clean as a whistle 1911 Maxwell.



Mr. & Mrs. Tom Reese in the 1913 Ford they both restored.



Jack Hansberry and family in their bright and brassy 1911 Mitchell

Illinois Region Board Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2016

Host Chapter: Des Plaines Valley

Crest Hill Library

20670 Ken Kubinski Dr

Crest, Ill. IL 60403

Welcome: President Bob Markert called the meeting to order at 11:10am. He thanked Lee and Nancy Nelson and the Des Plaines Valley Chapter for arranging the use of the meeting room and lunch.

Roll Call: Bob Markert, Dan Sobczyk, Darlene Sobczyk, Joe Dolezal, Lee Nelson, Linda Dolezal, Pat Markert, Nancy Nelson, Pat Hart subbing for Jeanne Marcotte, Andy Voss, Ernie Hart, Rick Shaw, Chris Schurrer, and Shirley Salm - all present. Al Matison, Bob Grutza, and John Otto - absent. Guest - None.

Secretary's Report: No corrections or changes - Chris Schurrer moved to accept the report. Rick Shaw seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Dolezal reported - beginning balance \$15,100.86. Income of \$3,044.5. Expenses of \$2,816.53 leaving an ending balance of \$15,328.83. There was a discussion regarding selling the National Merchandise at the Cantigny Show and the profitability. A suggestion was made that perhaps we should rethink selling the merchandise next year. Pat Markert moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Pat Hart seconded. Motion passed.

Standing Committee Reports:

Membership - Linda Dolezal reported we had two new members; Garcia and Kehoe. The club has 199 members. Carla Baxter was voted in as Linda's replacement for 2017. Membership renewal forms will be processed mid-October. It was suggested that if there are any changes by the Chapters in dues for 2017 they be reported to Linda.

Publications - Pat Markert reported she had nothing new. Pat agreed to be publisher for 2017.

Website - Dan Sobczyk reported website was current. He reported the Region website linked to the National website could only be eliminated

by the person who posted it. Dan agreed to be webmaster in 2017.

Legislation: Lee Nelson reported nothing new with a discussion regarding license plate renewal form being mailed out again. Lee agreed to say on for 2017.

Archivist: Chris Schurrer reported things are quiet right now. He has two requests for the Lake Geneva books. There was discussion that the Pal literature, might sell at 2017 swap meet. There are 4 boxes remaining currently at Markert's residence and most of the literature is on foreign vehicles.

Region Activities:

Region Car Show 2016 - A profit and loss statement was distributed. Bob reported that we are waiting for a replacement check from a vendor for the final results. The cost of the dash plaques was higher along with trophies which was not expected.

Fall Tour 2016 - Silver Springs - Rick Shaw reported that the invites have been sent out. There will be a lot of back roads, only one main road which normally has very little traffic. Chris has been working on the tour and all is going well. The banquet facility is a short walk from the hotel across the parking lot.

Chapter Reports:

Des Plaines Valley: Lee Nelson reported the EAA is having health issues and he was not certain about having the breakfast/fly-in in 2017.

Fox Valley: Dan Sobczyk reported the pot luck will be October 15th at the same place as in the past—Art Sawson's place of business.

Momence: Ernie Hart reported he had nothing new to report. He mentioned Ted Griffin is on the mend. Ted should be on the fall tour and he is looking forward to it.

Silver Springs: Bob Markert reported since Al Matison was absent, that the Picnic was held. Andy Voss reported they held their meeting and Chris Schurrer reported they are planning an outing to White Pines.

Waukegan/North Shore: Bob Markert reported for Bob Grutza about the Pre-War tour being held with the Brass Club as well as other clubs.

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He also reported that November 6th is the Brighton Run and that all clubs and groups are being invited.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business: There was a discussion regarding the candidates for 2017. He mentioned 4 positions are ending: Bob Markert, Nancy Nelson, Jeanne Marcotte and Andy Voss.

Visiting Members Comments: No visiting members present.

Next meeting held by Fox Valley Chapter, November 12, 2016 at the Elmhurst Library. Pat Markert moved to adjourn. Chris Schurrer seconded. Motion passed.

Adjourned at 12:09 am for lunch.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Sobczyk, Secretary



CHERI & JACK TIE THE KNOT

By Pat Markert

After 25 years together, Cheri and Jack were married on Sept. 4, 2016. It was an absolutely lovely day for a lovely couple to tie the knot. Friends and family gathered to help them celebrate.

Cheri told me that the cake was a total surprise. Her niece made the cake and her daughter had the unique topper made.



OCTOBER BOOKS

The Region is selling these books left from their collection. If you are interested, contact Bob or Pat Markert at 630-852-9893.



TITLE	FORMAT	AUTHOR	PRICE
The New VW Beetle: The Creation of a Twenty-First Century Classic	Hardcover	Jonathan Wood	\$10.00
BMW Z Series: The Complete Story	Hardcover	Mick Walker	\$10.00
Original Mercedes SL: The Restorer's Guide 300SL, 190SL, and 230/250/280SL models to 1971	Hardcover	Laurence Meredith	\$10.00
Bentley: A Legend Reborn	Hardcover	Graham Robson	\$10.00
Les Grandes Routieres: France's Classic Grand Tourers	Hardcover	William Stobbs	\$10.00
Bentley Arnage	Hardcover		\$15.00
Thunderbird! An Illustrated History of the Ford T-Bird	Hard cover	Ray Miller	\$15.00
Essential BMW Roadsters & Cabriolets: The Cars and Their Story From 328 to Z3	Soft Cover	Eberhard Kittler	\$7.00
Ferrari: The Road Cars	Soft Cover	Keith Blumel	\$7.00
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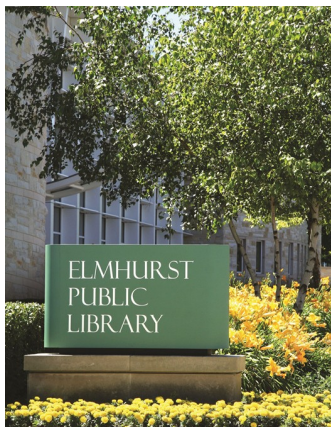
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BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Illinois Region
Board will be on November 12, 2016 at the
Elmhurst Public Library, 125 Prospect Ave.,
Elmhurst, IL 60126.
(630) 279-8696.

Meeting will
start at 10:30 am with
lunch following.

RSVP to Dan Sobczyk
at 847-428-0247 or
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by November 5.



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