



SIDELIGHTS



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MOMENCE CHAPTER PARTIES IN STYLE

BY Ernie Hart

The Momence Chapter held their annual



(L-R) Rodger & Paula Johnston, Shirley Salm, Jeannie Blanchette, Colette Sullivan.

Christmas Party at the Jacob Henry Mansion Estate in Joliet. We started out with a self-guided tour of the beautiful Mansion, wonderfully



(L-R) Ted & Barb Griffin & Bev Mulroe

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WA-NS CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS

BY Bob Grutza

The Waukegan-North Shore Chapter celebrated its Christmas Party on Sunday December 11. The event was held at Parkway by the Lake in Ingleside.



Our hosts Carol and Harold Flood handled all the arrangements, the buffet was plentiful and the consensus was that the food was great too. The weather was a bit snowy the day before, but that did not stop our 46 members from helping us to celebrate.

We conducted a bit of business as Bob Grutza, President, and Bob Wenderski, Treasurer, stepped down from their positions on the board. Their replacements are Chris Schurrer as President and Don Schreiber as Treasurer.

Finally I want to thank all the members who hosted and participated in our 2016 events. We look forward to seeing all of you again at a future meeting. Next meeting will be held the second Friday of the month at Bank of the Lakes in Grayslake.

Upcoming EVENTS

January 14 — SILVER SPRINGS CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held at Village Courtyard Restaurant at 120 W. Market St., Somonauk, IL 60552

January 21 - REGION BOARD MEETING at Somonauk Public Library at 700 E. LaSalle St., Somonauk; 815-498-2440. Meeting will start at



11 am with lunch following. RSVP to Bob Markert 1/14/2017 at rjmarkert42@aol.com or call 630-852-9893.

January 28 — FOX VALLEY CHRISTMAS PARTY will be at the Bohemian Crystal, 639 Blackhawk Dr., Westmont. More info to follow.

FROM 1972 MARCH—APRIL SIDELIGHTS

Editor's Note: found this comment on the fashions of the 1970's and thought you would find it amusing.

POEM by Ambrose J. Weems

Topless suits and peekaboo hose
Mini-skirts and see through clothes;
If Lady Godiva made her ride today
Would anyone even glance her way?
Yes, I guess they would, of course,
"Cause darn few people ever saw a horse."

NATIONAL NEWS

For more information on National events see aaca.org

February 9-11 - AACA ANNUAL MEET • Philadelphia, PA. ; Michael Jones, Chairman/ PO Box 762/ Kimberton, PA 19442-0762. Deadline for registration is February 1

February 23-25 - WINTER MEET Hosted by the Sunshine State Regions & Chapters of the AACA (North Central Florida Region/ Ocala Region/ Kingdom of the Sun/ King of the Road Chapter/ The Villages Region)

Meet Chairman: Larry Galyean
352-538-1338

To register, go to: members.aaca.org/login.asp
Deadline is February 1

March 5 - Ontelaunee Region AACA Swap Meet/Car Corral. Hamburg, PA - Hamburg Field House. Lester Manwiller; 610-944-8619;
Ledgehog1@aol.com

March 23-26 - WESTERN SPRING MEET Palm Springs Region
Meet Chairman: Frank Wenzel; 760-774-3377
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Waukegan-North Shore

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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

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Last year, 2016, was a wonderful year. We had two tours filled with fun things to see and do, as well as time to visit with people who have become friends.



Both the April Swap Meet and the summer car show were not only fun, but profitable. The Silver Springs Chapter hosted another successful car show with close to 400 cars showing up. The Waukegan-North Shore Chapter had more than 150 cars driving in the Brighton Run. The Fox Valley Chapter hosted an overnight tour with the Chicago Map Society. Des Plaines Chapter again happily co-hosted the EAA Fly-In and Breakfast. The Mokena Chapter hosted several entertainments throughout the year.

To all those who helped out with both Region and Chapter activities - THANK YOU. All these shows, meets, events and parties could not happen without your help.

2017 will, I am sure, turn out to be even better. At January's board meeting, we will be announcing our new board members, electing our new officers and setting our agenda for this new year. Embrace changes that are coming, help maintain traditions and bring your ideas for both. We hope you come and join us for lunch and meet these board members and officers.

I am looking forward to 2017 being an even greater year for the Region and the Chapters. Be ready to participate and have FUN!

Bob

TRIVIA

1. Who was the first President to ride in an automobile?
2. This car has the distinction of highest sales ever in its first year.



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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...



Hi All,

Each Thanksgiving, Bob and I go down to Dallas to visit our son and his wife for the holiday. This year we stopped overnight in Lanoka AR where I had a pretty serious stroke.

The EMT's took me to the University of Arkansas Medical Center in Little Rock where they treated me with a TPA shot which lessens the severity of strokes. The stroke attacked my right side; I had weakness in the right leg, could not hold a pen in my right hand and the right side of my face drooped. I also had trouble speaking and swallowing. Two days later, they prepared me for the journey home; most of the weakness on my right side had dissipated by this time. We left Little Rock at 3 pm and arrive at the Good Samaritan ER at 1 am on Saturday morning.

On Tuesday, November 29, the doctors inserted a stent in my left carotid artery and they sent me home on Wednesday.

Now, the damage to the right side is gone, my trouble with swallowing is almost completely healed and my speech is slow but getting clearer every day.

I was really touched by the number of cards that were sent to my home. Here is the really FREAKY thing — they were all different! Yep, not one repeat.

I still have some challenges ahead of me; they want to stent the other carotid artery and they found some concerns in the heart area, which they are looking into.

Meanwhile, from the bottom of my heart, I want to say THANK YOU to all the people who sent those cards or facebook postings with messages of hope and prayers. I was very touched by this outpouring of affection. I can't tell you how much it helped to hear from each of you. In my lowest moments, your encouragement and kindness helped to cheer me.

Bless you.

Pat

MOMENCE PARTY (CONTINUED)

decorated for the holiday season.



(L-R) Betty Selhart, Jeanne Marcotte and Jim Sikora

After the tour, lunch was served in the Victoria Ballroom, followed by the delightful musical, *White Christmas*.



(L-R) Judy & Sam Houston and Jim Genotte and Jan Rome

It was a wonderful celebration of another year for the Momence Chapter

Board Meeting on January 21 at 11 am

Introduction of new board members!
Election of new officers!

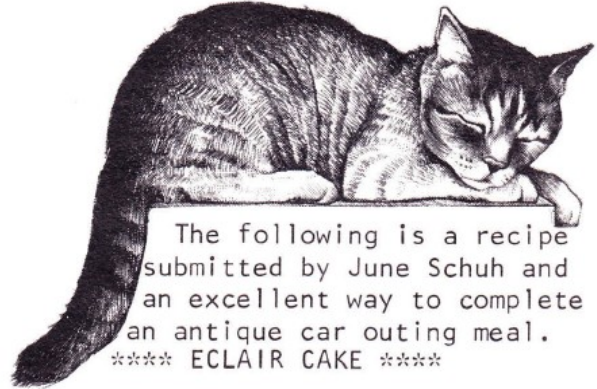
Come for lunch and meet the new officers. RSVP to Bob Markert by 1/14/2017 at rjmarkert42@aol.com or call 630-852-9893.

From the Kitchen of:

June Schuh



From May-June 1982 Sidelights



The following is a recipe submitted by June Schuh and an excellent way to complete an antique car outing meal.
**** ECLAIR CAKE ****

- 1 lb. box graham crackers
- 2 pkg. instant French Vanilla pudding
- 1 - 9 Oz. container Cool Whip

Butter the bottom of a 13 X 9 X 2 pan. Line with crackers. Mix pudding with $3\frac{1}{2}$ cups milk and beat at medium speed for two minutes, then blend in Cool Whip. Pour half of pudding over crackers, then another layer of crackers. Pour remaining pudding over crackers and cover again with crackers. Refrigerate two hours.

Frosting

- 2 pkg. Choco (Bakers) Red blend
- 2 tsp. white Karo corn syrup
- 3 Tbsp. softened butter
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 3 Tbsp. milk
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups powdered sugar

Beat all ingredients together and spread over cake. Refrigerate at least twenty-four hours.

**THE NEW YEAR IS HERE
AND, WITH IT COMES A
WHOLE NEW YEAR OF
ILLINOIS REGION FUN.**

DON'T MISS IT.

DES PLAINES VALLEY CHAPTER NEWS

By John O'Halloran

Following a lead from Mason Maynard, I drove down to Beecher in my 1981 F150 pulling an empty car trailer.

I hoped to bring home a 1928 Essex chassis. It was a complete chassis; engine, trans, drive shaft, rear end, and four wood wheels. Covered in dirt, it had been in barn storage for many decades.

The seller was asking \$1000; I offered \$400 after my initial \$200 bid was rejected. She came down to \$700 and I suggested they try selling the chassis on Craigslist.

Now the real interesting thing for our Illinois Region members is, in the barn laying on its side is a straight 8 overhead valve engine, and the photos show the disassembled parts are on the shelves. What is it? Buick? Nash? Some other make? It has a corrugated oil pan and looks fairly ancient.

There are also axles and brake drums, very old, possibly classic. Behind the straight 8 is a Ford flathead V8, laing on the floor.

The seller's rep is a man named Sherman—he and his wife are very pleasant. His home # is 708-946-9244 and his cell is 708-369-3892.



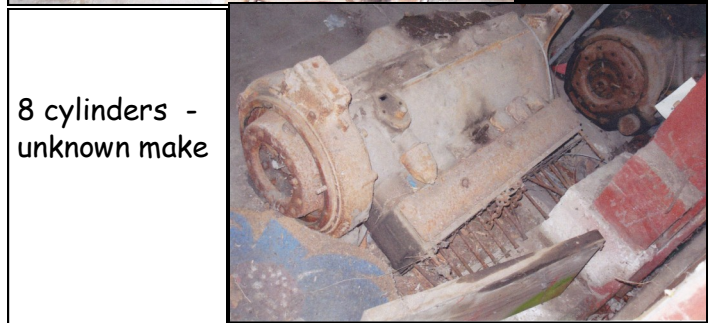
Straight 8, corrugated oil pan



Brake drums & etc.



1928 Essex




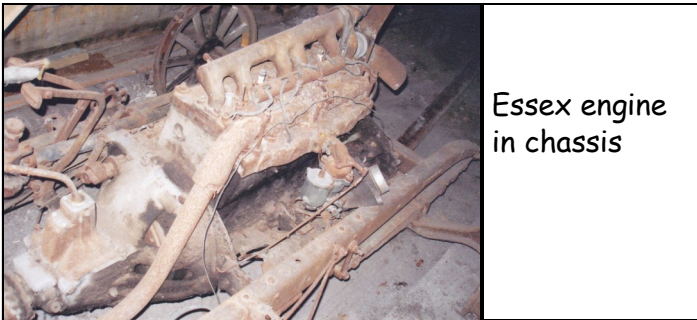
8 cylinders - unknown make



One of the parts sitting on shelves

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. President McKinley in 1900.
2. 1965 Ford Mustang. This model was also the first of the "pony cars" that were popular in the late 60s.

Essex engine in chassis



Axles



Illinois Region Board Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2016 Host Chapter: Foxe Valley
Elmhurst Library/ Elmhurst, Ill. IL

Welcome: President Bob Markert called the meeting to order at 11:32 am. He thanked Dan and Darlene Sobczyk, The Fox Valley Chapter and Diane & Al Benning for arranging the use of the meeting room at Elmhurst Library.

Roll Call: Present: Bob Markert, Dan Sobczyk, Darlene Sobczyk, Joe Dolezal, Lee Nelson, Nancy Nelson, Andy Voss for Al Matison, Bob Markert subbing for Bob Grutza, Carla Baxter, Linda Dolezal subbing for Pat Markert, Pat Hart subbing for Jeanne Marcotte, Andy Voss, Ernie Hart, Chris Schurrer, John Otto and Shirley Salm. Rick Shaw - Excused absent. Guest - Warren Lauridsen, Al & Diane Benning.

Secretary's Report: One correction - Omitted from the report: Chris Schurrer agreed to stay on for 2017 as Archivist. Shirley Salm moved to accept the report as corrected. Joe Dolezal seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Dolezal reported - beginning balance \$15,328.83. Income of \$352.00. Expenses of \$386.88 leaving an ending balance of \$15,293.95. Pat Hart moved to accept the report. Ernie Hart seconded. Motion passed.

Standing Committee Reports:

Membership - Carla Baxter stated she mailed out the renewal notices to the 199 members. She received 72 renewals and one returned as undeliverable from Molendy. Checks will be deposit by Carla into bank as they come in.

Publications - Linda Dolezal reported for Pat Markert that only one more month of Sidelights would be sent via U.S. Mail. In future, no hard copies will be mailed.

Website - Dan Sobczyk reported website was current and reported the website contain the past 15 months.

Legislation: Lee Nelson reported nothing new to report.

Archivist: Chris Schurrer reported he is currently working on 5 donations from members and past members. He is currently looking for some past dash plaques.

Region Activities:

Fall Tour 2016 - Silver Springs - Chris Schurrer reporting: The location of the tour was Princeton, IL. We had great weather, wonderful roads and lots of color. About 30 cars attended.;

Swap Meet 2017 - Bob Markert reporting: WA-NS is hosting this year. It will be in April.

Spring Tour 2017 - Dan Sobczyk reporting: tour will be June 3 & 4; overnighiter in Rockford; we will be working with the Studebaker Club; working on seeing a private collection.

Car Show 2017 - Bob Markert reporting: Cantigny cannot commit till January; he has had suggestions to change date to earlier in season due to heat, possibly June. This was tabled until January meeting.

Fall Tour 2017 - Lee Nelson reporting: tour will be the 3rd weekend of October; Chapter is looking at options for a location.

Chapter Reports:

Des Plaines Valley: They are working on the fall tour; Fly-in Breakfast is a on.

Fox Valley: Christmas party will be 1-28-17

Momence: Christmas party is 12-16-17 with dinner and a movie.

Silver Springs: Andy Voss reporting: Chapter went to see the Neverly Brothers musical groupos at the Sandwich Opera House; Christmas party will be 1-7-17. Group has already started working on the Chapter Car Show on Memorial Day weekend.

Waukegan/North Shore: Brighton Run had 150 cars in attendance; people were pleased with the new route along the lake shore; and working on Swap Meet

Old Business: Candidates for the board were discussed

New Business: None

Lichtfeld Memorial Sportsmanship Award: One candidate was nominated - board voted to accept the candidate.

Visiting Members Comments: None.

Next board meeting: January 21, 2017 at the Somonauk Library, Somonauk Illinois at 11:00 am with the annual meeting at 1:00pm.

Chris Schurrer moved to adjourn. Nancy Nelson seconded. Motion passed. Adjourned at 11:47 am for lunch.

Darlene Sobczyk, Secretary

JANUARY BOOKS

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

Help: Two members contacted me about buying one or more books from our collection in November. Unfortunately with all that has gone on with me lately, I have lost the names and list of books. Please contact me if you are still interested.

TITLE	FORMAT	AUTHOR	PRICE
Arnage (Bentley)	Hardcover	Printed in England for Bentley Motors	15.00
BMW Roadsters & Cabriolets	Softcover	Kittler, Eberhard	7.00
Rolls Royce 1983	Hardcover	Fenn, George	10.00
BMW	Hardcover 460 pages	Schlegelmich, Rainer Lehbrink, Hartmut Von Osteroth, Jochen	25.00
DNA of Bentley: Rich Heritage, Challenging Future	Hardcover	Feast, Richard	10.00
Beetle; creation of a twenty first century classic	Hardcover	Wood, Jonathan	10.00
Bentley; A Legend Reborn	Hardcover	Robson, Graham	10.00
Convertibles: History and Evolution of Dream Cars	Hardcover 350 pages	Guzzardi, G. Rizzo, L.	25.00
Original Mercedes SL; The Re- storers' Guide to 300SL, 190SL, and 230/ 250/ 280SL/ models to 1971	Hardcover	Meredith, Laurence	10.00
Packard	Hardcover	Adler, Dennis	15.00

RENEW FOR 2017!

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Momence	Ernie Hart	Dennis Zecher	Pat Hart	Jeaneete Marcotte
Silver Springs	Al Matison	Chris Schurrer	Andy Voss	John Baxter
Waukegan-North Shore	Chris Schurrer	Harold Flood	Dan Helgren	Don Schreiber

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