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WA-NS CHAPTER REVS UP FOR THE SPRING SWAP MEET

Christopher Schurrer and the members of the Waukegan-North Shore Chapter are gearing up for the Illinois Region Swap meet on April 2.

They have already notified radio stations and newspapers of the meet, inviting everyone to attend. Several members have already distributed flyers at various shows hoping to attract more buyers and sellers..

Vendors from previous years have been notified by email or snail mail to remind them that the Swap Meet is on.

What Chris needs now is help on Saturday, April 1 for set up and on Sunday, April 2, to collect money at the gates and oversee the placement of vendors.

If you could help for even 2 hours, please call Chris and let him know. You can reach him at 815-344-3775 or hpdog259962@gmail.com. We have jobs both sitting and standing, so don't hesitate to call. The show ends at 1 pm, but we do need people to help with the clean up afterward.

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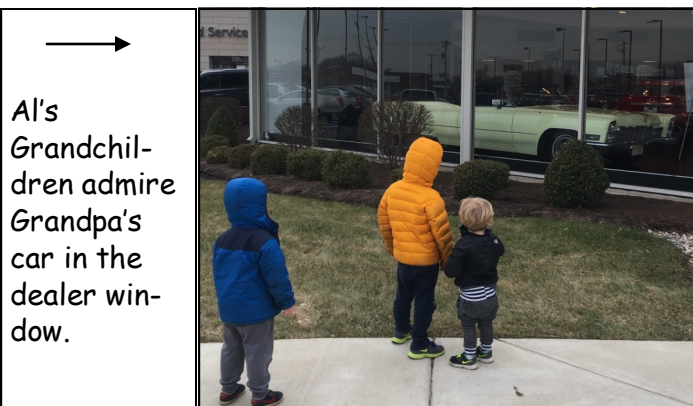
ALAN BENNING'S CADILLAC ON DISPLAY

Heritage Cadillac in Lombard opened their doors in 1967. To celebrate their 50 years in business, they decided to get some 1967 Cadillacs to put on display in their showroom.



Al Benning's Cadillac in the showroom of Heritage Cadillac.

The dealer found an original photo from when they first opened up 50 years ago. Al Benning's was put in the front Showroom window with the top up because in the original photo the showroom had an almost identical De Ville placed there; same color, Cashmere Ivory (yellow), with a black vinyl roof.



Al's Grandchildren admire Grandpa's car in the dealer window.



Upcoming EVENTS

March 18 - Waukegan-North Shore **ST. PAT'S PARTY**. Saturday at Hackney's on the Lake, 1514 E. Lake Ave., Glenview, IL Party will start about 6. More info to follow.

March 25 - Fox Valley **PIZZA PARTY**. 4 pm at Mellina's Trattoria & Nancy's Pizza, 940 N. York Rd, Elmhurst, IL. More info to come.

April 2 - Region **SWAP MEET** hosted by Waukegan-North Shore Chapter at Don Mc Cue Chevrolet, 205 E. Main St. (Rt. 64), St. Charles, IL. 8 am to 1 pm. See pages 9 & 10.

May 6 - Fox Valley **DUST OFF TOUR**. We will meet in Westmont, go to Argonne and then tour to Buffalo Grove for lunch. More info to follow.

May 21 - Des Plaines Valley **FLY-IN BREAK-FAST** at Lewis University Airport. Bring your antique car and join the fun. Starts at 8 am. More info to follow.

May 28 - Silver Springs **CAR SHOW & FLEA MARKET**. Sandwich Fairgrounds, 1401 Suydam Rd, Sandwich, IL. Vendor gate opens at 6 am/ show cars at 8 am. See page 11

June 3-4 - Region **SPRING TOUR**. Saturday & Sunday only tour. Leave West Dundee area on Saturday morning and tour to Rockford area. We hope this will make the tour more available to members who still work. More info coming.

July 23 - Region **ANNUAL CAR SHOW**; this year featuring 50 years of Camaro & Firebird. Cantigny Park in Wheaton, More info coming.

SWAP MEET
at Don McCue Chevrolet
205 E. Main St. (Rt. 64)
St. Charles, IL
April 2, 2017



NATIONAL NEWS

For more information on National events see aaca.org

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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Deadline is February 23

April 6-9 SOUTHWESTERN SPRING MEET

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Registration Deadline March 14, 2017



April 25-28 WESTERN DIVISIONAL TOUR

Host: Mother Lode Region
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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 ACTING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Spring is near. Some of you may have already taken your hobby cars out as the weather has had a touch of Spring.

The Region **Swap Meet** is only a month away (Sunday, April 2). Come and support your Region activity because without your support the **Swap Meet** would not be a success.

As I mentioned in last month's column, I strongly suggest changes or modifications to the by-laws. The officers of the Region Board currently serve a one year term with no limit to the number of terms they can serve. Tradition shows that some members have served in their positions for more years than they appreciated. What I want to have is term limits for the Executive Officers of the Board. It takes more than a year to understand and plan the requirements of a particular office. Term limits give new candidates set time frame in which to plan. In addition, it lessens the concern that any members of the Executive Board would not be able to gracefully leave an office.

If the Board agrees to these changes, the by-laws will then need to be modified. All members will be given an opportunity to comment on any changes to the by-laws.

These changes will be on the agenda at the upcoming March Board Meeting. Come and express your feelings on this and other Region items.

Happy Spring!

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...



Hi All,

I am sitting here by my computer looking out into our yard. The forsythia bush outside my window has hundreds of buds on it's branches and they have been there now for several weeks.

It certainly is ready to burst into bloom, perhaps fooled by the mild February weather. Every year, I watch for the flowering of this bush because, to me, it is the REAL harbinger of Spring.

This has been a tough winter for me and I am coming to the end of the procedures and surgeries the doctors have decided were needed. However, I, like the forsythia, am not yet ready to burst forth with the celebration of Spring.

The forsythia notices the 29° nights and the 32° days that tell it to be cautious— to hold off a little longer.

I have a calendar full of appointments for speech therapy and cardio rehab that tell me that I, too, am not yet ready to burst out of my "recovery" shell.

I am anxious for the Spring to come. I am anxious to be done with rehab and therapy and back to my "regular" life.

So each day I get up and peek out at my little forsythia bush and pray for the day that both of us will declare that Spring has come.

Pat

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In Memoriam:

SYLVIA LAURIDSEN

Sylvia Lauridsen, 90, passed away peacefully on Monday, February 26. Sylvia was born on August 23, 1926. She and her husband Warren were married on June 19 and celebrated 69 years of marriage last year. They have 3 children and four grandchildren with their first great grandchild due later this year.



She and Warren have been members of the Illinois Region since 1979. They both were very active and enjoyed tours, car shows and parties.

Sylvia also served the Region by editing Sidelights for more than 12 years, winning many certificates of excellence from the National for the work she did.

Her smiling face and pleasant demeanor graced many of the Region's events. She will be missed greatly.

Our condolences to Warren and the rest of her family.

The wake will be at Grace Lutheran Church, 950 York Rd., Bensenville, IL on Friday from 3-8 pm and on Saturday from 10 -11 followed by the funeral service.

Rest in peace, Sylvia.

WAUKEGAN-NORTH SHORE CHOWS DOWN ON PIZZA & CONVERSATION

By Chris Schurrer

This past Sunday, February 19, the Waukegan - North Shore Chapter met at Gino's East in Libertyville for food, fun, and an all-around good time.

In the early afternoon hours, members began to arrive and quickly the party room was filled with discussions, laughter, and stories galore. Wide selections of appetizers were followed by numerous varieties of pizzas. It is a common saying that you can tell how well people are enjoying their meal by how silent the crowd is while eating. That was definitely true here. With time, the meal had ended with cookies for dessert and the discussions resumed without skipping a beat. It was a great time and a big **Thank you** goes out to our very gracious hosts, Wayne and Cheryl Rissmann for putting this all together.

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SILVER SPRINGS VISITS THE PAST WITH THE DRIFTER'S CONCERT

The Silver Springs Chapter went to the Sandwich Opera House to attend a concert of the 50's and 60's group named The Drifters. They started off the evening by saying they knew why we had all come, "You want to hear music where you can actually understand the words", Charles Damien, leader of the group, said.

It was a wonderful evening. Every song they sang was familiar and reminiscent of our youth. The group invited the audience to get up and dance and many did. Jean Roche was up on stage doing the twist, while Pat & Bob Markert were dancing cheek to cheek in the aisles to "Only You."



After the concert, the group walked down to the Bull Moon Bar & Grille for a delightful evening of good food and pleasant company.

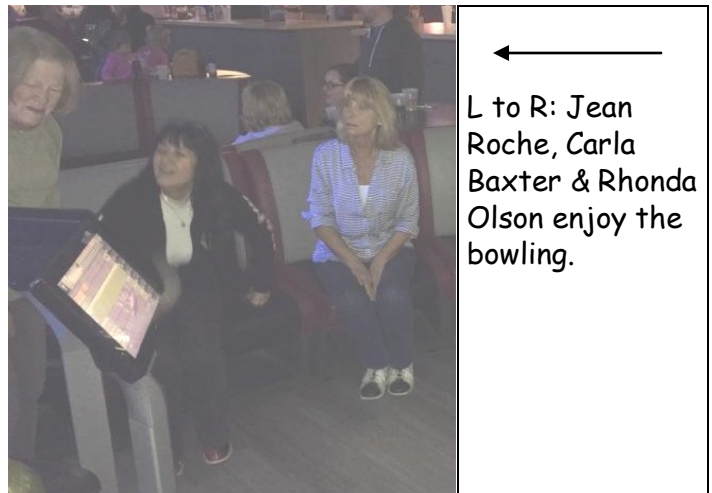
It was a great evening. Thanks to Tom & Jean Roche for organizing the event.

SILVER SPRINGS HITS THE ALLEYS

On February 25th the Silver Springs Chapter gathered together at the Yorkville Bowl, just south of Rte. 34 in Yorkville.

The group enjoyed some fun and exercise on the bowling alleys along with conversation and snacks. It was a good time.

Now the Chapter will get down to the business of getting ready for the Sandwich Car Show and Flea Market on May 28.



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L to R: Jean Roche, Carla Baxter & Rhonda Olson enjoy the bowling.



Taking a break from the rigors of bowling are L to R Tom Roche, Andy Voss, Alison & Steve Kaminski, Chris Schurrer, Rick Shaw & Al Mattison.

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MOMENCE CHAPTER CELEBRATES HEART DAY

BY Pat Hart

The Momence Chapter held it's annual Valentine Party at AURELIO'S PIZZA, in Crete, IL. It was again hosted by Rodger & Paula Johnston. The club was pleasantly surprised with the arrival of Bill & Muriel Baker. Bill has not been well enough to join in club activities for a long time and we were so happy to see them.



Muriel and Bill Baker were able to join the Chapter after a long absence because of illness.

During the party, plaques were handed out to the members of the chapter who helped put on the 2016 Spring Tour.

What a wonderful time we had getting together again.

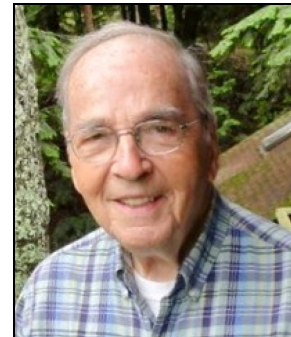


Awards were given to: L-R. Barb & Ted Griffin, Shirley Salm, and Judy & Sam Houston.



In Memoriam:

BILL BECHTLE



Bill Bechtle died peacefully in Augusta, GA on Sunday February 5th.

Bill was born on October 10, 1927 in Castle Shannon, PA. After serving in the Merchant Marine and US Army, Bill went to work for General Motors Oldsmobile Division where he met and married Sara Louise Dugan. He transferred to WV, WI and, in 1963, Chicago, with General Motors where he was Business Manager of the largest sales zone in the country. He was twice named Oldsmobile Man of the Year. Hard-working and driven, Bill won several contests over the years and he and Sara traveled the world enjoying the fruits of his success.

Bill was a member of the Waukegan-North Shore Chapter; he especially enjoyed touring and other activities.

In the 2 short years he lived in Augusta, GA, he touched the lives of many. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Our condolences to his family.

Next Board Meeting in Bourbonnais

The next meeting of the Illinois Region Board will take place on March 11 at 11 am at the Bourbonnais Public Library, 250 W. John Casey Road, Bourbonnais IL. 60914.



Please RSVP to Ernie Hart, 815-472-6207 or edgetown5@aol.com on or before March 4 as lunch will be served following the meeting.

Changes to the by-laws concerning election of officers will be discussed as well as changes to the cost of Sidelights ads.

MARCH BOOKS

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

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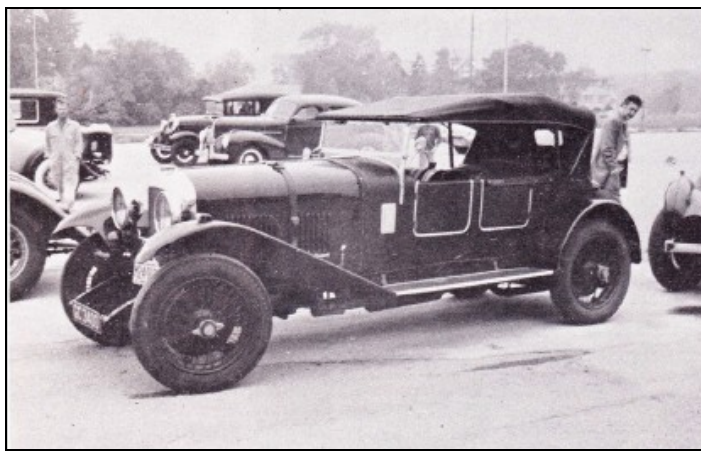
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This picture is from the 1971 Fall Tour to Illinois State Beach. Unfortunately, there were no captions on the pictures. Can anyone identify the car and owner?



Chuck Kelley says he thinks it is a 1929 Bentley owned by Bill Boone.



ILLINOIS REGION

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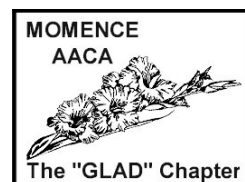
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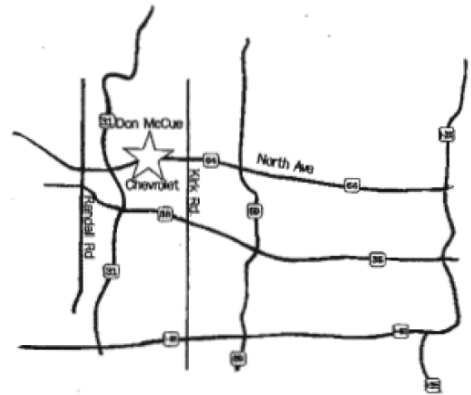


On

Sunday, April 2, 2017

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Don McCue Chevrolet
 2015 E. Main St. (Rt. 64)
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 West of Kirk Rd. on Rt. 64



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April 2, 2017

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