

SIDELIGHTS



The Official Publication of the Illinois Region
AACA's Oldest Region—established 1946



November 2017

Volume 69 Number 11

FALL TOUR REPORT

By Pat Markert/ pictures from Joan Murray,
John Palka and Chris Schurrer

We could not have asked for more perfect weather for a Fall Tour - it was in the 70's and sunny every day of the trip! How often does that happen? We had a small group of 22 members who braved the trip around the lake and the road construction in Indiana to join the tour. We all arrived at the hotel in Hastings at about the same time and decided to go out for dinner as a group. We arrived, unannounced, at the Seasonal Grille and asked to be seated together. The staff handled us really well; they had us seated in a group in short order and were ready to take our orders. Service was good; food was good and conversation was the best.

The next morning, we set out on the tour with a short trip to the Demming collection.



1957 Buick Caballero in the process of being restored.

Since 1957, Dick Deming took his passion for automobiles and turned it into a thriving business. Today his son, Rob, and his wife have taken over the business and continued the tradition.

His collection also includes some pedal cars as well as larger vehicles, like buses.



This 1953 Oldsmobile was beautifully restored.



The Lane Cooper tractor pedal car on the right was also one of their restoration projects.



We left the collection and, only a few miles away, we entered Charlton Park. This park is one man's dream for preservation of the past. In 1936 Irving Charlton donated the land to the county in honor of his parents. His collection of objects allowed the creation of a typical Michigan village of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.



Carpenter & Cooper Shop. The cooper made barrels and the carpenter repaired anything made of wood.

Continued page 4

Upcoming EVENTS

November 5 - Brighton Run. Hosted by Waukegan-North Shore Chapter. Contact Chris Schurrer 815-344-3775 for more information. FLYER ON PAGE 22.

November 11 - BOARD MEETING HOSTED by Des Plaines Valley. Meeting will be held at the Bourbonnais Public Library .

December 10—Waukegan-North Shore CHRISTMAS PARTY at Parkway on the Lake at 12:30 pm. Cost to members is \$14.00 Harold Flood 847-223-4186 is contact. More information on page 23.

December 31— BOARD BALLOTS DUE. Ballots for candidates running for the Region Board are due by December 31.

January 6- Silver Springs CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held at Village Courtyard Restaurant. More information to follow.

January 27, 2018 - Fox Valley CHRISTMAS PARTY at Bohemian Crystal Restaurant at 639 Blackhawk Dr, Westmont, IL 60559. More information to follow.

**BALLOTS
TO VOTE
FOR NEW
BOARD
MEMBERS**

will be arriving very soon in your mail box.. Please be sure to vote.



NATIONAL NEWS

For more information on National events see aaca.org

January 28 - Bradenton, FL.
Hosted by Sunshine Region
49th Annual Devereaux-Kaiser
Antique Car Meet
Contact Ed Smnith 941-924-0343/
eehs@msn.com



February 8-10 - AACA Annual Meeting
Philadelphia, PA

March 2-3 - Special Winter Meet
Annual Grand National
San Juan, Puerto Rico
CANCELLED

April 5-7 - Southeastern Spring Meet
Hosted by Hornet's Nest Region
Charlotte, North Carolina
Questions? citaaca@windstream.net



April 20-21 - Western Spring Meet
Hosted by Tucson Region
Meet Chair: Tom Mulligan
520-325-7247/ tmulligansr@aol.com



May 11-12 - Central Spring Meet
Auburn, IN.

May 31 -June 2 - Annual Grand National
Greensburg, PA.
Hosted by Western PA Region
For more information contact:
President John Kuhns
2552 Raymond Ave./ Latrobe, PA 15650
412-558-0994



**HAPPY
THANKS-
GIVING!**

THE ACTING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi All,

The Region Fall Tour was the last event of the Illinois Region for 2017 as many of our antiques are going into winter hibernation.

I especially enjoyed the visit to the Gilmore Car Museum. The 90 acre site consisted of buildings dedicated to cars, trucks, farm vehicles and motorcycles - most of which are for one specific car model, such as GM models, Ford motor cars, a great collection of Franklins and Pierce-Arrows, and classic models by the Classic Car Club. I loved the number of "old" antique models which I do not see at other collections, car shows and cruises.

These autos started the AACA National Club. Refer to other articles in this issue of Side-lights for further details and photos.

If you have not seen the present Gilmore Museum take the time to do so. It is a few hours away and it will take a day or two to really appreciate it. There are places to stay near the site.

I also liked the Kellogg Manor. You can spend a day or two viewing this multi-site attraction, now part of Michigan State University.

Bye for now and get your baby ready for winter.

Bob

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...



Hi All,

I have a friend who is retired and all she does is sit at home waiting to die. I have a cousin who recently retired and tells me he is bored to tears. I feel sorry for both of them. I advised them to get busy: to volunteer somewhere, to offer to help at the local school, the local library, the local hospital - to DO something.

I don't have to do that. Some 15+ years ago, Bob joined the Illinois Region and, in typical Bob fashion, got himself (and me) involved in helping out wherever he (and I) could.

So I find myself being busier now than when I worked full time. This is not just due to the car club. I also crochet hats & scarves for the homeless; I crochet baby blankets for the indigent; I babysit for my grandchildren; I get together with friends and family to have fun and keep in touch.

So, consider this column a "thank you" to my hubby and to the Illinois Region and its chapters for keeping me busy and interested in things outside my home.

Pay attention, hubby, I may not say this again. I am glad you joined this club. Thank you.

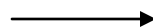
Pat

Autumn Pumpkin Mousse

Chris Schurrer found this recipe in his mother's collection.



- 1 "four-serving" size pkg. Jello butterscotch pudding
- 1 1/4 cup milk
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp. ground ginger
- 1 cup thawed Cool Whip



Mix first 6 ingredients.

Beat until well blended.

Fold in Cool Whip and spoon into dessert glasses.

Top with dollop of Cool Whip and garnish.

To garnish, you can use pecans, crumbled ginger snaps or just a sprinkle of cinnamon.

Makes 5 servings.

FALL TOUR continued

Church at Charlton Park: This 1885 Gothic Revival Church served as a Methodist Episcopal Church until 1972 when it was moved to the park. I couldn't help thinking what a beautiful place this would be for a wedding.



wonderful cars could be shared with the public. The museum opened on July 31, 1966.

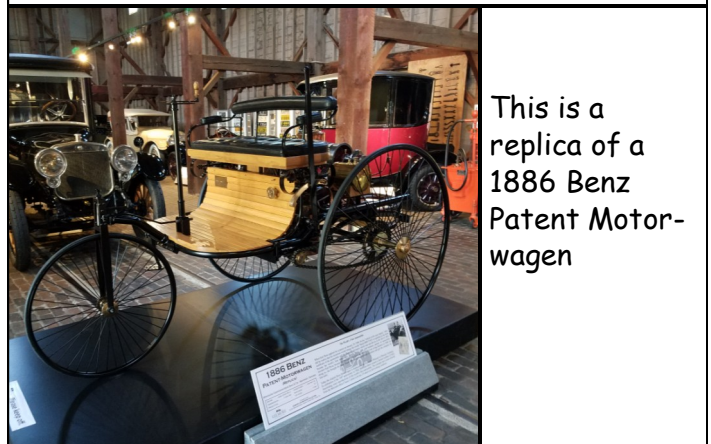
Today this museum is the largest car museum in North America with over 190,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space including a 1941 Silk City Diner, a replica 1931 Shell station and 6 other partner museums as well as 400 vehicles.



1903 Michigan Runabout — the first production vehicle built in Kalamazoo.



This is a 1937 Pierce Arrow Travelodge Model A. Their advertising motto was "Travel with Pierce Arrow luxury."



This is a replica of a 1886 Benz Patent Motorwagen



Dick Murray strolls through the lovely village at Charlton.

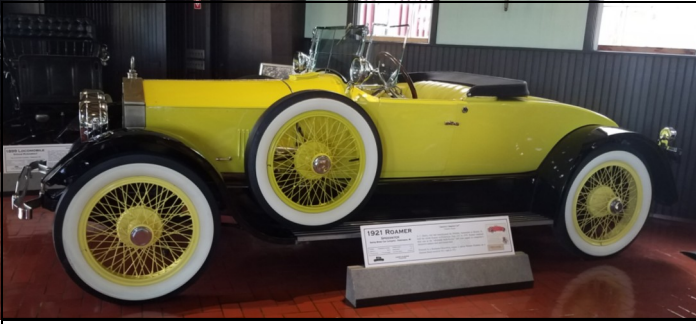
A short drive along lovely scenic roads brought us to the main event for Friday - the Gilmore Museum.



One of the beautiful scenes that greeted members on the tour.

The Gilmore Museum began in early 1960 when Donald Gilmore began collecting vintage automobiles. To accommodate his growing collection, he acquired a 90 acre site in Hickory Corners, MI. His wife, Genevieve, persuaded him to turn his collection into a museum so that these

FALL TOUR continued



This is a 1921 Roamer Speedster. Advertising slogan: "America's Smartest Car."



Above: This is a 1927 Model TT delivery truck.



Joan & Dick Murray in front of the old Shell station at the Gilmore Museum.



We started Saturday morning with a trip to the Kellogg Manor house. This home was built in the 1920's for W.K. to use as a summer retreat. Kellogg's company, headquartered in Battle Creek, is the largest producer of cereal in the world. They produce 1600 different types of cereal, sold in 180 countries and employ 30,000 employees in 18 countries.

The manor house includes a greenhouse, a rose garden and even an island with a windmill.

In 1951 when Kellogg died, the grounds were donated to Michigan State University as the Kellogg Gull Lake Biological Station.



The beautiful Kellogg Manor which was the "summer home" of the Kellogg family.



Much of the furniture in the living room has been replaced because it was used as a sanatorium during the war.



Tour guide, Chris Schurrer and Steve Kolish admire the morning room, complete with place settings and the (most important) box of Kellogg's Corn Flakes.

FALL TOUR continued

After another lovely drive through the countryside, we arrived at GoGo Classics.



Every where we went we were pleased to find good roads surrounded by glorious canyons of trees in their fall dress.



Nancy Nelson and Myrna Kolish head inside to see the GoGo Classic collection. This Ford stands outside the building to welcome visitors.

Below, Dan Helgren examines the engine of this Packard Hawk.



After lunch, we headed out to Bell's Brewery for a tour and a tasting. Bell's was started in 1985 by Larry Bell. While working in a bakery, he met a home brewer. He started brewing in a 15 gallon soup pot and the demand quickly grew until he was producing more than was legally allowed for home brewers.



Bell's Brewery houses this beautiful sculpture on the second floor where the brewery tours begin. It was carved out of a real tree and parts of the sculpture show all the plants used to make beer.

Bob Markert, Bev Armatys, Pres Helgren and Wendell Stevenson wait for the tour to begin.

We left the brewery and headed back to the hotel to get ready for the banquet which was held in the hotel's hospitality room. The caterer did a good job with cloth tablecloths, plates, silverware and a selection of yummy food.

Good job to Lee and Nancy Nelson and Chris Schurrer for a wonderful tour.

Sunday Tour by Chris Schurrer:

After a wonderful fall tour, several members decided to caravan home through the countryside of Michigan, stopping at the Heddon Museum in Dowagiac.

Dowagiac was home to the fishing lure company and the museum is in the original factory building. We knew we would see all types of fishing lures, but what we did not expect was what we saw when we first walked in. As we arrived, we noticed a roll up door open and the back of a 1932 Packard could be seen just inside. As we walked in, what a surprise! Several wonderful condition automobiles, in addition to the Packard, were

Continued next page

FALL TOUR continued

visible - a 1932 Auburn Boattail Speedster, a 1925 Dodge Panel Truck used by the Heddon Company, and two, yes, TWO 1910 Stoddard Dayton!



Lee Nelson, Vehicle Owner Don Lyons, John Palka, and Den Helgren discussing the engine on the restored 1910 Stoddard Dayton. This beautifully restored vehicle was the gem of the collection.

All of us attending were in awe at the collection before us which none of us expected. After collecting our jaws off the floor. We checked out the vehicles, all of them in great restored condition with one of the 1910 Stoddard Dayton about to leave for its own restoration.

The vehicles are from the collection of Don & Joan Lyons, who are the curators of the Heddon Museum. None of us expected to see this collection (and two Stoddard Dayton side by side!) here. After learning the history of all the vehicles (which all operate and go out for touring), we stepped into the actual Heddon Museum, the outdoorsman's paradise.

Here, cataloged and in display cases, are the Heddon products, as well as some artifacts from within the company itself; these started with the earliest formation of the company up to its last days in Dowagiac. We came to find out that when the Don & Joan received our request about visiting, they had thought we, being a car club, already knew about their collection of cars in the back of the building, and did not mention it when discussing our visit.

This little museum far exceeded our expectations and definitely had that "wow" factor. It was a great way to end the tour and I would highly suggest visiting if you are able. The Heddon Museum, the little museum that surprises.



It's not just about fishing. Lee Nelson and Dan Helgren read about the history of the Heddon Aviation Company, manufacturer of "flying fish" airplanes. Apart from the outdoor equipment Heddon is known for, they also made golf clubs, violin bows, radio antennas, and box kites.



The Sunday Gang in front of the 1925 Dodge Panel Truck: Pres Helgren, Dan Helgren, Nancy Nelson, Lee Nelson, and John Palka. Not Pictured : Christopher Schurrer (photographer).



The 1932 Packard that greeted us.

In for Repairs



Hi Pat & the rest of the Ill. Region AACA'ers

After some serious bouts with some serious diseases/illness (5-broken ribs, etc). in the hospital twice, and being subjected to every test known to man, the good news is that all tests were negative:

No diseases and NO STROKE!

After 2 months in a rehab center, I am back home with a 24/7 Nurse and receiving further therapy under the Visiting Nurse Program

I want to publically thank everyone for the get well cards and the many personal visits. The Sobczyk, Jack Bowser, Jim Manz, etc. (Hope I did not leave everyone out!) Your support really helps when your are getting 'beat up'

I guess that the Lord is not ready for me yet. HE IS PRACTICING!

See you soon,

Paul TerHorst

Just a note that **Cheri Runnfeldt** recently suffered a stroke and is recovering at Centegra Hospital in McHenry. Cards and visitors are welcome.

Her address is:

Cheri Runnfeldt

Centegra Hospital

420 Medial Center Dr. Room 653

McHenry, IL 60050

Also, note that **Cheryl Rissmann** is recovering from a bout with pneumonia and a battle with a blood virus. Send your good wishes to Cheryl at:

Cheryl Rissmann

1422 Snowberry Lane

Crystal Lake, IL. 60014

FOR SALE

1939 LaSalle 4 dr. model 51 convertible sedan with new upholstery, twin sidemounts, good motor

AND 1939 4 dr. sedan PARTS car

BOTH FOR \$12,500

CONTACT Lee Nelson 815-600-5311



WA-NS CHAPTER OFFERS HELP ON LICENSE PLATE CONFUSION

The Waukegan - North Shore Chapter wishes to provide information regarding the use of Year of Manufacture plates on vehicle registered with antique automobile plates. Each year, we hear about confusion in regard to the use of these plates on antique vehicles, with local authorities not knowing the specifics of the AV and EA License Plates.

We have copied the sections of the Illinois Compiled Statues which cover this topic verbatim. **We recommend printing out the page which is pertinent to you and keep it with your vehicle with your registration**, so it can be furnished at any time.

The first page is in regard to Antique Vehicle (AV) license plates, and the second page is in regard to Extended Use Antique Vehicle (EA) license plates. Note the section B on both pages discusses the use of Year of Manufacture plates.

We hope that with this form concerns about license plate use can be resolved quickly. See pages 24 and 25 for the quoted laws.

DV HOSTS NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

The November Board meeting will be held on November 11 at the Bourbonnais Public Library, 250 W. John Casey Rd, Bourbonnais, IL 60914. Phone is 815-933-1727.

Meeting will start at 10 am. After the board meeting, there will be a small good-bye to the

Momence Chapter with several of the Momence members attending. If you are coming to the meeting, contact Lee Nelson 815-729-0366. If you are coming to the Momence good-bye (at about 11:30 am) please notify Bob Markert 630-852-9893 and let him know as we are providing refreshments.





These are the last of the books that the Region has for sale. Prices have been reduced. Contact Bob Markert at rjmarkert42@aol.com or at 630-852-9893.

TITLE	AUTHOR	PRICE
Soft cover		
Classic Cars 1945-1976	Buckley, Martin	\$4.00
Mercedes Benz: Buyer Guide Identification and Collecting		\$4.00
HARD COVER		
The New Beetle: the Creation of a 21st Century Classic	Wood, Jonathan	\$7.00
Rolls-Royce 1904-1982	Bishop, George	\$7.00
Mercedes SL Evolution, Restoration Data	Meredith, Laurence	\$7.00
Ferrari Classics	Laban, Brian	\$7.00

In Memoriam:

JUDITH MINOR

Judy, 75, passed away on Monday, October 30, after an 18 year battle with cancer. She is survived by Terry, her husband of 55 years, by her children and grandchildren.

Judy and Terry joined the Illinois Region in 1981 and were active members of both the Silver Springs and Moemnce Chapters.

Our condolences to the family. Her cheerful smile will be missed.



OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

Eileen and Dennis Zecher on the death of Eileen's mother, Esther Schmohe, 102, who passed away on October 4.



Our condolences to Eileen, Dennis and the rest of the family.

In Memoriam:

TED GRIFFIN

A member of the Mommence Chapter for more than 20 years, Ted passed away on October 19. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, his 2 children and his many grandchildren.

He had taught for 37 years in the Steger School District as a music, choir and computer science teacher. Everyone who knew Ted, knew about his many interests, from genealogy to antiques.

Our condolences to Barbara and the family. His long beard, his big smile and his bigger laugh will be missed.



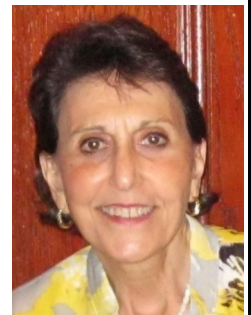
In Memoriam:

CORINNE BELLER

Corinne, 78, beloved wife of 55 years of Jordan passed away on Friday, October 27. Beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and cousin, Corinne was a well known, loved, respected and talented woman.

She and Jordan have been members of AACA since 1994 and have hosted many a chapter to their collection of cars and trucks in Romeoville.

Our condolences to the family.



PRE-WAR TOUR

By Christopher Schurrer. Photos by Jenny Risley & Jerry Bodden

On October 1st, the Waukegan - North Shore Chapter had their Pre - War Tour, and what a tour it was! The tour began at Stade's Farm in rural Mc Henry for Coffee and Hot Apple Cider.



Drivers' meeting at Stade's Farm



Stade's Farm coffee & donuts and time to sit and chat with friends before starting.



Leaving Stade's Farm



Stade's Farm with Tom Risley and friends from the Model A Club.

It was the first time that tour was opened to non - Pre War vehicles in several years, but that didn't hurt the turnout of Pre-War vehicles!

The tour then traveled along back roads only the locals knew about (and some forgot about) to the historic Woodstock Square to stop and visit the Old Courthouse Arts Center and the shops around the square.



Touring the back roads with Pres Helgren, Mike Roach and Mike Passalacqua.



Woodstock's Historic Square visited by our historic line-up of cars.



PRE-WAR TOUR continued



More views of the Woodstock Historic Square with member cars parked.



Dan & Pres Helgren, Ed Armatys, Dan & Darlene Sobczyk, Bev Armatys and Linda Jacobs enjoy the day.

From Woodstock, it was on to the Mc Henry County Historical Society in Union for the 40th Annual Cider Fest. On top of it being our lunch stop, the historical museum was open to visit, as was the one room schoolhouse. Inside one building, there was a white elephant sale that seemed to go one for miles, all with sounds of the accordion band playing wafting through the air. (Jenny's Note: no pictures were taken of the Cider Fest, I was having too much fun at the White Elephant Sale & going thru the Museum).

The afternoon found us back on the road going to Grace Farm Studios, a specialty farm specializing in raspberries and Icelandic wool. There is also a small art gallery specializing in a rustic motif.



Parked at Grace Farm studio.



Members learn all there is to know about raising Icelandic sheep for their wool.





Other members are fascinated by the sheep.



Protecting the raspberries.



Wendell Stevenson brought his 1955 Mercury.

From there it was up into Hebron to "The Dari" the locally famous ice cream stand in downtown Hebron. As the sun started to think about setting and after enjoying some wonderful dessert, members bid each other adieu and headed for home, while others headed back to Stade's for locally home grown produce.

This tour was skillfully crafted by Dan & Pres Helgren. It was a wonderful day of touring from start to finish.



In Hebron, a quick stop for ice cream.



In Hebron, Mike Roach, assisted by Dan Sobczyk, fills his Stanley Steamer with water.

