



# SIDELIGHTS



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## HURRYING TO HASTINGS

### Fall Tour Heads to Gilmore in Michigan

The fall tour will again head into the wilds of Michigan. On the western end of that state, this will be a shorter trip, just over 200 miles.

**Tour will be October 19–22.**

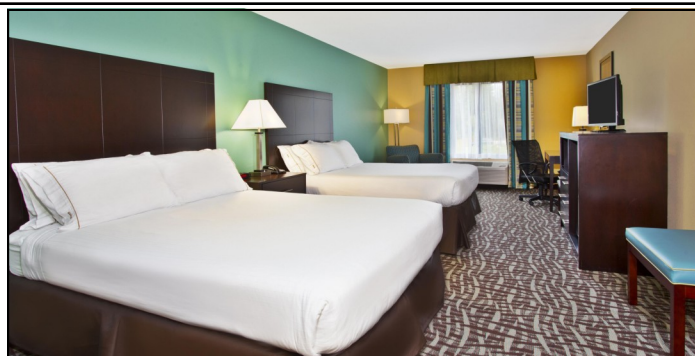
We will headquarter at Holiday Inn Express in Hastings, 1099 West M43 Highway, Hastings, Michigan 49058. 1 269 945 0000

Please call as soon as possible as they have a wedding booked that weekend and rooms are limited. They have set aside 20 rooms for us. Be



sure to mention the AACA. Do not say "car club" or "Illinois Region." King room with 1 bed will be **\$115** per night and a Queen room with 2 beds will be **\$120** per night. Rooms must be booked before October 9 and prices are only available till that time.

The bedrooms feature plush bedding, triple sheeting and a fluffy duvet, allowing rest and relaxation. Included is free high speed internet, mini refrigerator, microwave, flat screen TV and spacious well lit work desk. And, of course, a free buffet breakfast.



Room features include black-out shades, iron/ironing board, separate hanging closet, in-room heating & air conditioning controls, coffee pot with supplies and desk level electric outlet.



Hastings Michigan came into being in 1836 when three entrepreneurs named Dibble, Kingsbury and Kendall bought 480 acres along the Thornapple River from Detroit banker E.P. Hastings. The three divided the area into lots, and soon a small community arose.

In 1843, the state legislature designated Hastings as the County Seat of Barry County. The first paper, the *Barry County Pioneer*, began publishing in 1851, and a second paper, the *Republican*

# Upcoming EVENTS

**ALERT:** The **September Meeting of the Waukegan-North Shore Chapter** has been changed to **September 22**, at State Bank of the Lakes, 50 Commerce Dr., Grayslake, IL 60030. Meeting is at 7:30 pm.

**September 23 - ILLINOIS REGION BOARD MEETING** hosted by Waukegan-North Shore Chapter. Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St., Des Plaines. See page 6.

**October TBA - Fox Valley Chapter** will have a **FALL OUTING** instead of their Annual Potluck. More details to follow.

**October 13 - Waukegan-North Shore Chapter Meeting** at State Bank of the Lakes, 50 Commerce Dr., Grayslake, IL 60030. Meeting is at 7:30 pm.

**October 19-22 FALL TOUR** to Hastings Michigan area. Hosted by Des Plaines Valley Chapter. See pages 1 and 4.

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

**December 10—Waukegan-North Shore CHRISTMAS PARTY.** At Gary's On the Lake at 12:30 pm. More information to follow. Harold Flood 847-223-4186 is contact .

## Other Events of Interest

**September 22 - 24 — County Farm Heritage Show** at Lake County Fairgrounds. Don Schreiber will have old farm equipment there. Contact Don Schreiber 847-662-7502 or Wendell Stevenson 847-263-0324 for more information.

**October 1 - PRE-WAR CAR TOUR.** Contact Dan Helgren 847-623-9487 for more information.

## NATIONAL NEWS

For more information on National events see [aaca.org](http://aaca.org)

**September 17-22 Meet in the Middle AAA Glidden Tour (pre-'1943)**  
Hastings, Nebraska  
Hosted by Nebraska Region  
Registration: Myron Smith 402-428-0118

**October 4-7 - Eastern Fall Meet**  
Hosted by Hershey Region



**September 16 - 42nd Edgar Rohr Memorial Antique Car Show**  
Hosted by Manassas Bull Run Region



Manassas Museum, 9101 Prince William St.  
Experience this antique car show and flea market in the heart of Manassas within 2 blocks of unique shops, farmer's market, and the Old World Festival. Special display of unique commercial vehicles, Model-T Ford assembly demonstration, and FREE garage parking across from the show.  
Darryll Baker, Show Chairman- 571-294-7853 or Lenita Franklin, Registration- 703-494-6709.

## 2018

**February 8-10 AACA Annual Meeting**  
Philadelphia, PA.

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

**April 5-7 Southern Spring Meet**  
Charlotte, North Carolina

**April 20-21 AACA Western Spring Meet**  
Tucson, AZ.





## THE ACTING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A significant Illinois Region event will occur in the next few months - the election of the Board of Directors.

The present and future of the car club is determined greatly by your Illinois Region Board.

As current members leave the Board, it is of the utmost importance that new candidates bring with them enthusiasm for the club and new ideas that will help the club to move ahead and change so as to attract new and younger members for the future.

I had asked for volunteers for the Board in a previous issue of *Sidelights* and did not get any response. This is your opportunity to influence the club with your ideals and ideas.

Presently the Board meets 5 times a year. The results of these meetings show up in the activities we have and the rules that govern us.

Step up and help.

*Bob*



## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...



Hi All,

As I see it, the Illinois Region year is broken up into 3 parts:

**PART 1: WAITING FOR SPRING.** We do a few business things in the club, like elect new officers, but basically we are just waiting for the weather to clear so we can get out our cars. This phase lasts to about April when we start thinking about getting the car out.

**PART 2: FUN TIME.** This is our favorite time of the year. We drive our cars, we go on outings, we go on tours, we drive around with big smiles on our faces and joy in our hearts. We celebrate! This phase lasts till right around Labor Day.

**PART 3: DOWN TO BUSINESS.** Even though we may have an occasional outing (like the Fall Tour), we are beginning to negotiate the business of storing the baby for winter and the business of Illinois Region must haves. We have to elect new members to the board; we need to renew our membership; we need to find new people to fill positions vacated by the previous volunteers. This is more of a "no nonsense, let's get this done" mentality which brings us right back to Part 1.

We need members to volunteer to fill some vacated positions. I know it is hard, but please search your heart and offer a few hours or more to help the Region. Those of us holding the fort are getting tired. We need you.

*Pat*

### 1969 CADILLAC DE VILLE

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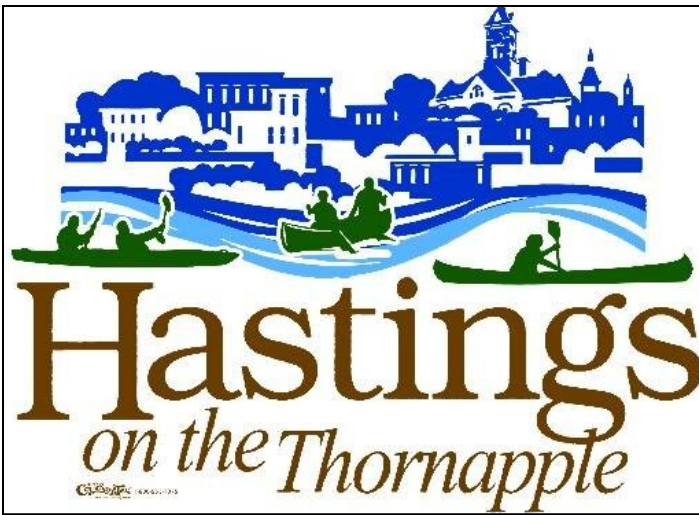
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# IMAGES OF HASTINGS

*Banner*, which began in 1856 as a weekly paper published on Thursdays, continues to be published today as the *Hastings Banner*.



Hastings was incorporated as a village in 1855, with a population of around 300, and on March 11, 1871, Hastings officially became a city. The Barry County Courthouse, which is still in use today, was built in 1893. The city grew slowly, reaching 6,500 people in 1960 and remaining nearly flat through 1990.



Barry County Courthouse in downtown Hastings.

## DO YOU KNOW?

1. What do "headers" replace?
2. What person successfully challenged the "Selden Patent"?
3. Name two functions of oil?



Answers on page 8.



Downtown Hastings



Linear Park walk-way in City Park.



**Editor's Note:** Couldn't resist including this picture of their Saturday Night Cruise Night. Obviously, there must be car lovers in this region too.





# DICK MURRAY INVITES MEMBERS TO SHOW AT DEL WEBB

BY Chris Schurrer

It was a gorgeous day this past Sunday, August 20th, for the **Cruisin' With The Classics Show** on the grounds of the Del Webb Grand Dominion Community in Mundelein. What a show it was!

By the show's start time of 11:00, the parking lot was completely full (I got the last spot, and the best spot too, next to the food vendor) with the car show parking overflowing to the nearby street which was cordoned off. The show had an impressive selection of automobiles, with several early models from the 1910's & 1920's.

There were 5 classes of peer judging and 1 class of people's choice (show car owners and spectators), raffles, music, and 3 different food vendors. The community also had a refreshment room for people who brought cars to the show. Very relaxing during the warm day!

The features for this year were cars designed by the late Richard "Dick" Teague of AMC, Studebaker, and GM fame. His wife is a resident of the community, and she was there with her daughters and two AMC prototypes owned by Teague. The show was well attended by chapter members whose cars could be found throughout the grounds. I was very impressed with how well the show was run and the number of cars there.

Thank you Dick Murray for bringing up the idea of the show and being the liaison between us and the show's organizers. It was a great time!



**Chuck Kelly's** 1947 Studebaker Commander. It is in very good condition - it even still has old vehicle registrations from Wisconsin pinned to the inside of the visors! ←

Just a small slice of what the show had to offer. What a variety!



A fine collection of Teague designed AMC's at the show



The 1970 AMC AMX / 3 Mid Engine Prototype and the 1971 AMC Prototype both owned by Richard Teague. The AMX / 3 is still owned by his granddaughter.



The other side of the "featured car" section was populated by Studebaker products, and one AMC Marlin on the end (Dig those horizontal headlights!).



← **Joe Passalacqua** with his Model A. It won first place in it's class!





## DON HENRY SHOW

By Chris Schurrer / pictures by Chris Schurrer & James Rubenstein

What a beautiful day for a show! Many region members from all chapters headed out to attend a car show hosted by Don Henry at his residence, Windsor Park in Carol Stream. What a wonderful location it was! The picturesque setting hosted a wide ranging show, from Chevrolets to Avantis, from Jeeps to Pierce Arrows; there was a nice mix to see.

Music filled the air as The Original Rockin' Fendershirts, played music from the origins of rock & roll. Lunch was offered inside, and scones were also available .

It was great to see the reaction of the residents and hear their stories and reminisces of cars from their past. Of course, any time is a good time for car people to come together and swap stories. It was a fantastic day, and we thank Don for putting it all together. Hats off to you!



The host of the day, **Don Henry** stops for a photo in front of Jerry Lechtenberg's Corvette.



Just behind the row of cars was this. What a view!!!!



A line of Chevrolet vehicle as far as the eye could see were at the show.



Many stopped to look at **Bill Morris'** Pierce Arrow. That car is a head - turner.

## SEPTEMBER BOARD AT DES PLAINES LIBRARY

BY Chris Schurrer

The next library board meeting, hosted by the Waukegan-North Shore Chapter, is being held on September 23 at 10:30 am at the Des Plaines Library, 1501 Ellinwood St., Des Plaines, IL.

As the chapter is providing lunch, please RSVP to me at 815-382-0238 or email me at [hpdog259962@gmail.com](mailto:hpdog259962@gmail.com) by September 16.





# ILLINOIS RAILWAY MUSEUM

Story by Chris Schurrer/ Photos by Chris Schurrer & Dejan Milutinovic

On a comfortably cool day, members of the Waukegan - North Shore Chapter met at McDonald's in Wauconda on August 6th for a short back road drive to the Vintage Transportation Extravaganza at the Illinois Railway Museum. After touring around Crystal Lake and rural Mc Henry County, the group arrived en masse to the show and set up camp in our usual section of Electric Park.

We had 10 vehicles parked in our section, as well as many Region members throughout the show. By noon, the clouds departed and the sun was out, but it stayed pleasantly cool. The highlight of the year was the return of the Burlington Zephyr engine, pulling the rest of the Zephyr train, the first time in several years. As the day drew to a close, we began to depart already looking ahead to next year for this must-go-to event.



Bob Grutza's Nash in "Rambler Corner".



A pristine 1956 Packard Super Clipper among the Studebaker's.



A 1941 Dodge Pickup in fantastic condition. Beautifully restored!



The Illinois Region AACA Group as it arrived.

L - R: **Chris Schurrer's** 1992 Cadillac and 1988 Ford, **Jim Wiltse & Mar Robinson's** 1978

Lincoln Mark V coupe, Chris "Again" Schurrer's 1956 Oldsmobile Super 88, Ed & Bev Armatys' 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air, Chris "There's a Pattern Here" Schurrer's 1967 Oldsmobile Super 88, **Dan & Darlene Sobczyk's** 1965 Cadillac Calais, and **Oleg Starshinov's** 1972 Loda 2101.





## IN FOR REPAIRS



I have found out that the following members are "in for repairs." Please take the time to send them some good well wishes.

As you know, **Paul Terhorst** recently suffered a stroke. He is better now, and was transferred to Transitional Care in Arlington Heights. He is in room 226 and the phone number is [224-248-9215 x2261](tel:224-248-9215). The address is 1200 N Arlington Heights Rd, Arlington Heights, IL 60004.

**UPDATE:** My dad did great in PT today. He walked 30 small steps with a walker

and one person helping him. I have been visiting him since Monday (from Denver) and he has made quite a bit of progress in four days. Thanks again for everyone's cards and well wishes.  
Laure T



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From the kitchen of

## HELEN HELGREN

I found this recipe in "Good Food—Good Times"/ A Booklet of Recipes and Glimpses of Another Time in Lake County" published by the Lake County Museum in Fall 1987/ Lakewood Forest Preserve/ Wauconda, IL.

### LOAVES AND FISHES MUFFINS



Helps to stretch a meal.

- 1 cup milk
- 2 tbs. shortening
- 1 cup quick cooking rolled oats
- 1 cup flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 3 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/3 cup brown sugar packed
- 1 egg well beaten

1. Heat milk to scalding. Stir in rolled oats and shortening, cool.
2. Sift and measure flour.
3. Resift with baking powder and salt.
4. Stir in brown sugar and raisins.
5. Add egg to lukewarm oatmeal mixture then stir into dry ingredients until just mixed.
6. Spoon batter into cupcake papers in muffin pan.
7. Bake at 425° for 18-20 minutes.

Makes 8-10 large muffins.

### DO YOU KNOW?



What do "headers" replace?  
Exhaust manifolds

What person successfully challenged the "Selden Patent"? Henry Ford

Name two functions of oil?  
Lubrication and cooling



# PICTURES FROM THE GENEVA CONCOURSE

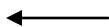
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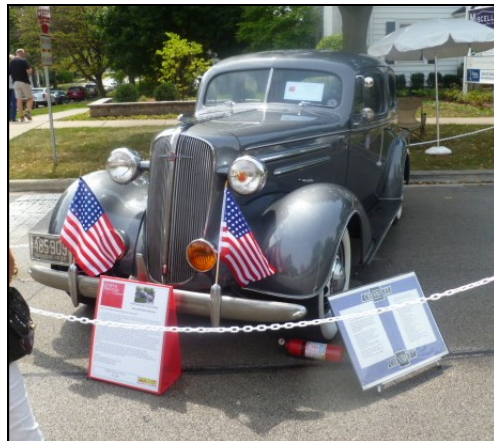
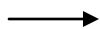
Dan & Darlene Sobczyk and their 1948 Pontiac.



Bob Wenderski and his 1957 Jaguar drop head coupe.



1964 Studebaker Hawk



←  
Bob & Renee Grutza's 1936 Nash

Below: an old "Rambler" and a Nash from the 20's. ↓



## Letters to the Editor



Hi Pat,  
I downloaded the Sidelights and it's an excellent issue. I can print it out here, my computer works again, though only in black and white.

I enjoy doing the IL Region tours when able, sometimes time off work is a critical issue. This year it doesn't look like I can afford Hershey as all my vacation time is driving to California for the HET convention in San Diego.

Rob and I were going to take the Green Hornet, but I had a very minor engine fire returning from Iola, and Rob is worried. Though I have no fear that the trip would be successful in the old car, instead we're driving Ackly, our 2000 Ford Explorer. I've driven both Hudsons to California in the past, but Ackly was a Nantucket car who has never been west. We are taking Route 66, and Ackly has Rt 66 license plates, so he should enjoy it.

Sorry we missed Cantigny, we had a big Hudson regional in Fort Wayne that weekend.

John O'Halloran

Editor: Thanks for the feedback, John. Enjoy your trip west.





# BETTING ON BETTENDORF

Story & Pictures by Dan Sobczyk, Bob Grutza & Bob Markert

The trip to the National meet in Bettendorf could not have been better. The weather was great and the show was well attended. On Friday evening, some members did a riverboat cruise and enjoyed a Prime Rib buffet aboard the riverboat. To say the weather for the cruise was perfect would be an understatement. We all had a great time as we cruised along the Mississippi, enjoying the sights and sounds of the river.

Saturday was the day of judging. Again, we had almost a perfect weather day. There was a great showing of cars - Packards, Nashes, Nash Healeys and a Hispano Suiza were among some of the cars in attendance. All stunning and brilliant on this sunny Saturday.



After the "work" was over, some members got together to chat: L to R Ed Armatys, Bob & Renee Grutza, Bob Markert and Bob Wenderski.

Attending the meet were the following Illinois Region Members: Ed & Bev Armatys, Jerry & Joan Boden, Humberto & Bibiana Garcia, Bob & Renee Grutza, Ed & Debby Leed, Bob Markert, Tom & Jean Roche, Dan & Darlene Sobczyk, Mike O'Toole and Bob Wenderski.

Many of us were involved with the show with Bev & Darlene working in Administration. Ed, Jerry, Bob Grutza, Bob Markert, Tom & Jean Roche, Dan Sobczyk and Bob Wenderski helped with judging.

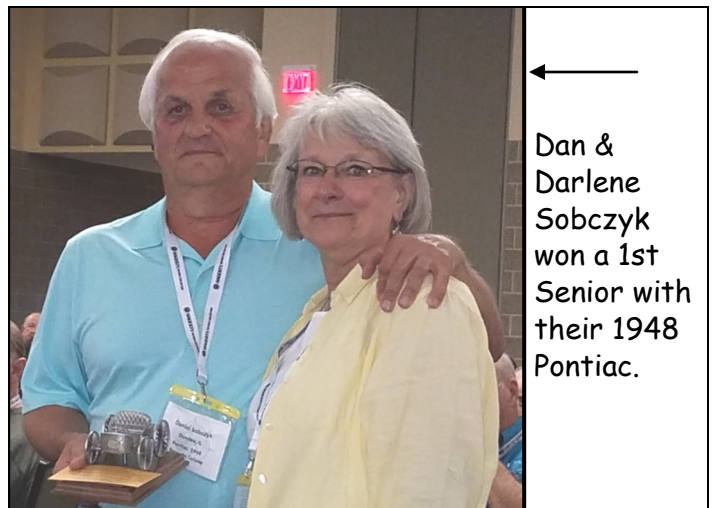


Joan & Jerry Boden

Overall, it was a great trip and we all had a great time. Participating in the AACA meets is not only a good time, but we also get to see some outstanding automobiles and make new friends from all around the country; friends who share the same interest and passion in this wonderful hobby.



Ed & Debby Leed won a 1st Senior for their 1964 Porsche



Dan & Darlene Sobczyk won a 1st Senior with their 1948 Pontiac.

## WHO DID WHAT AT THE BETTENDORF?

Ed & Beverly Armatys, Ed judge  
Jerry & Joan Boden, Jerry judge  
Bob Markert, judge

Humberto & Bibiana Garcia, showed a car  
Bob & Renee Grutza, showed a car  
Ed & Debby Leed, showed a car  
Dan & Darlene Sobczyk, showed a car; Dan also-judged & Darlene-judges admin.



## MORE BETTENDORF WINNERS



Bob & Renee Grutza won a 1st Junior for their 1936 Nash.

→  
Bibiana & Humberto Garcia won a 2nd Junior for their 1976 Lincoln Continental Mark IV



MIKE O'TOOLE ALSO WON A PRESERVATION AWARD FOR HIS 1966 MUSTANG



## Our History



### FROM JULY 1953 SIDELIGHTS

*The editor wrote a story about the annual car show at the Lake Forest College Field house. This is about the winner of the D. Cameron Peck Trophy for the "Best Car of the Meet."*

By Editor H.B. Willis

### LLOYD PARTRIDGE'S ISOTTA FRASCHINI

This car was the magnificent Isotta Fraschini speedster owned and exhibited by Mr. Lloyd C. Partridge of Chicago. Enrico Caruso, the famous opera star, was the original owner of this car and its speed of well over 100 miles per hour was very gratifying to the singer who loved to drive fast.

It was built in the famous Milan, Italy factory of Fabbrica Automobili Isotta Fraschini in the year 1913. This 120 HP car was known as the Type K-M and has a bore of 5.118 and stroke of 7.874. When Mr. Partridge found the car it was truly a 'basket case', and only a real enthusiast such as he is would have had the courage for the undertaking which lay before him.

After 4 years of work the completed car has to be seen to be believed. Mere description can not do this wonderful car justice, it is simply superb! Every last detail has been thought out. And the car's condition is as new. This great car is a lasting tribute to the Isotta Fraschini Company, and to the ingenuity and perseverance of Mr. Lloyd Partridge, its present owner. We are indeed fortunate to have such a man and such a car in our organization.



This is a picture of the ex-Cameron Peck, Lloyd Partridge 1913 Isotta Fraschini. Picture found online. 100-120 hp Tipo KM 4 Four-Seat Torpedo Tourer  
Registration no. (GB) SV-4139 Chassis no. 5646  
Engine no. AR1090



# AT THE DRIVE-IN

By Chris Schurrer/ Photo by Carroll Flood

Pictures: starting in the upper left corner and going around: Dan & Lizzie Helgren in their 1972 Triumph, Chris Schurrer in the 1967 Oldsmobile, Jack & Cheri Runnfeldt with their Cadillac Baritz and Harold & Carroll Flood with their 1966 Ford Mustang.

## STORY:

Saturday August 26th concluded seven consecutive weeks in which the Waukegan - North Shore Chapter had an event or a gathering of some sort. We concluded this string of events with a tour hosted by



Harold & Carroll Flood that ended at the Mc Henry Outdoor Theater with a double feature of "The Sandlot" and "The Outsiders."

The group met in Island Lake before dodging the raindrops to Mc Henry for dinner, and then on to the theater. It was "Classic Car Weekend" at the Theater with several clubs bringing their hot-rods and motorcycles to the venue. Our group were able to park (and find speakers that worked) just in time to grab some concessions and see the other cars before the movie started.

It was a great way to conclude this string of events. We thank everyone who was able to attend any of them, and are glad we could be a part of your weekend within the past three months. Don't fret though, there are still a handful of more events to attend before the close of the "car" season.

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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*





## WAUKEGAN/NORTH SHORE CHAPTER

Along with the Grayslake  
Historical Society

Would like to invite you to our  
October General Meeting

**Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**@ 7:30 pm**



Join us at our October club meeting for a very interesting program hosted by us and the Grayslake Historical Society about Ransom Olds - the founder of Oldsmobile

As portrayed by the actor RJ Lindsey.

He will be narrating a slide program with stories of the early auto inventors: Benz, Daimler, Olds, Duryea, Winton, Ford, and early auto races: Chicago to Evenston 1895, the 1903 cross country race including Bud the dog, the Elgin race track 1909; and the record setting people: in 1909 Alice Ramsey, the first woman to drive across the country and Harriet Fisher traveling around the world. Also from 1925 to 1963 the Burma Shave road signs.

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Downstairs Meeting Room