



SIDELIGHTS



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR 2018 SPRING TOUR

By Chris Schurrer

The upcoming Illinois Region Spring Tour will be held on Saturday & Sunday, **June 2 - 3, 2018**. The host hotel is the Hampton Inn located at 1975 S. 18th Av., West Bend, WI 53095. Their phone number is (262) 438-1500.

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2018 RENEWALS: If you have not sent in your renewal, a copy of the form is on pages 10-11. Print it out, send it in for another year filled with antique car fun.

Upcoming EVENTS

January 6- Silver Springs **CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be held at Village Courtyard Restaurant, 120 W. Market St., Somonauk, IL 60552. Cocktails at 5:30 pm with dinner to follow.

January 20 - ANNUAL MEETING OF REGION BOARD. Come say "thank you" to the outgoing board and meet the new board for 2018. See page 3 for more details.

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

February 11 — Waukegan-North Shore Chapter will be having a **VALENTINE PARTY** at the Gino's East, 820 Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville. More information will follow.

March TBA—Fox Valley **PIZZA PARTY**. Fox Valley is planning a pizza party for the month of March. No other details available at this time.

March 18 - Waukegan-North Shore ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY in Glenview, pending confirmation of details.

Other Events of Interest

January 7 - The Great Lakes Region Chapter of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America will hold the 43rd. annual swap meet on January 7th, 2018, 8:00 am. to 1:00pm. at the Will County Fairgrounds(710 South West Street), Peotone, Illinois,

This is the former Bill Jacobs Chevrolet swap meet. It is the Great Lakes Region's only means of support. This is great way to beat the winter blues, buy some parts you really don't need but just can't live without and support a another car club.

For information contact Jim McDonald at (708) 485-3633 or oldcarswapmeet@aol.com

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

March 23-24 Sugarloaf Mountain Parts Meet
Host: Sugarloaf Mountain Region

Registration is open to Maryland's largest auto parts swap meet held inside the Carroll County Agriculture Center show pavilion. The information and registration flyer is on pages 12-13. Jack Gallagher /Parts Meet Registrar 301-674-5431 or smraaca@aol.com

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
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THE ACTING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Here we are off on a new and different year, 2018. Our Board of Directors will consist of some individuals who have not been on the Board before. They will, hopefully, bring new ideas and new ways of doing things to help the Board move into the future.

Unfortunately, our Region will move forward without the Mokence Chapter, who always had a big impact on the Region functions. Some of these members will remain in the Region and to those who will not, I say Thank you.

2018 will bring new changes as well as some old favorites. So Happy 2018.

Bob

JANUARY BOARD MEETING

The January Board meeting will be held on January 20 at Steven's Restaurant, 2393 - 63rd St., Woodridge, IL 60517. Phone 630-810-9812.

Come and see your Board at work.

- See the election of officers for 2018.
- See the installation of 3 new board members.
- See the awarding of the prestigious Lichtfeld trophy.
- See the formation of the 2018 calendar.

Lunch will be served, so be sure to let Bob Markert know if you are coming by 1/13. Phone: 630-852-9893

Email: rjmarkert42@aol.com



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...



Hi All,

Growing up, the holiday that immediately followed New Year's Eve was - **SPRING CLEANING!** My Mom liked to get a head start on the annual "clean up the house for Easter" ritual. After all, she worked full time and Sundays were "a day of rest," and that left only Saturdays.

So, starting with the first Saturday after New Year, she would roll us out of bed with a whole list of chores to be done. As I was the only daughter, I got the brunt of the list. What fun. We took each room and washed the ceiling and walls (if there was wallpaper, we got to use that Play-doh type cleaner that you rubbed all over the walls to clean that ugly red flocked paper). Then there was furniture to vacuum and dig down the sides to rescue any lost toys or coins. Every piece of bric-a-brac was taken into the kitchen and washed and dried.

Lastly there was my most hated task, washing the blinds! To this day, I will not have blinds in my home. Some scars never heal.

By Easter, the house was scrubbed and rubbed to a pristine shine, and every thing was sorted and stored in a neat and orderly manner.

So the cold of winter still brings on a flurry of "let's get rid of all this junk" mania. I am sure my Bob dreads when I get in this mood but he copes as well as he can until it passes.

So, I wish for you a Happy New Year and a flurry of junk removal so your life, too, can have everything sorted and stored in a neat and orderly manner.

Pat



WAUKEGAN-NORTH SHORE CELEBRATES HOLIDAYS

By Bill Vroman

On Dec 10th, about 60 members of the Waukegan/North Shore chapter came together to spread holiday cheer at their annual Holiday/Christmas party at Parkway by the Lake. This is the same site as last year and they did not disappoint. Delightful decorating, delicious dining



Delightful décor adds to the holiday feeling.



Harold Flood, host of the Christmas party, and Chris Schurrer, President, conduct the election of officers. Along with the delightful dining, the chapter held their annual elections where the current board was thanked for their year of support and a new board elected including the continued support of past officers along with filling in the vacant position of Sidelights reporter.

Electing to another term were Chris Schurrer, President; Harold Flood, Vice-President; Dan Helgren, Secretary; Don Schreiber, Treasurer. Bill Vroman was elected to fill the vacant position of Sidelights Reporter.



Chris Schurrer, Steve Kolish and Bob Grutza discuss what they want for Christmas while Rene' Grutza visits with one of the ladies.

and decadent desert was the story of the day.

The dusting of snow from Saturday perked up an otherwise grey and chilly day and added to the festive atmosphere. Many familiar friends and a few new ones all came together to make this another successful event for the chapter. Each couple went home with a full belly and a Holiday gift of a live Poinsettia.

A sign-up sheet for 2018 activities and tours had fantastic participation with most of them having one or more couples signing up to drive each event. This level of participation is significant and important, showing how the club members approve of and enjoy the activities enough to share the effort in keeping this very full list of activities on our calendars for 2018. There were even 2 write in activities with Harold and Carroll Flood adding a Drive-In tour and Chris Schurrer adding the Union Tour to the printed list.

The club has been so pleased with the venue and food from Parkway by the Lake as our Holiday party destination that a vote was held to confirm it as the 2018 destination.



Our History



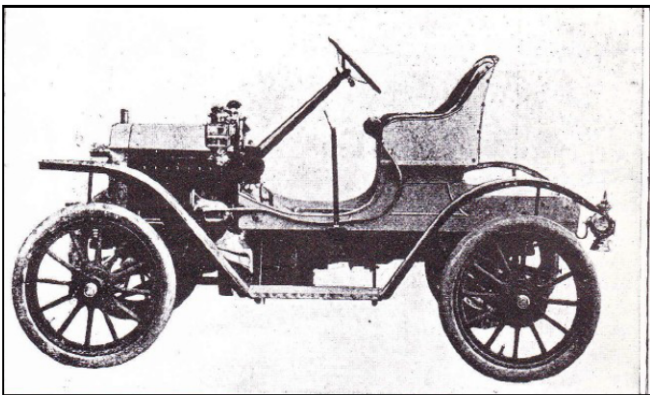
From September—October 1975
Sidelights

The Brass Corner

By Dave Kozlow



Your Brass Corner editor this issue travels to the northern part of our Region to visit with our Region Vice-President, Earl Young of Libertyville. Earl's 1906 Brush runabout is this issue's feature car.



As we go back in time to the year 1906, what was life like then? Well, most men worked a 12 hour day, six days a week for about \$12. The greatest American earthquake occurred that year in San Francisco, destroying nearly all of that city. President Theodore Roosevelt's daughter, Alice, was married in the White House to an Ohio Congressman.

In the automotive news for 1906, the United States became the largest manufacturer of horse-less carriages, overtaking France, and it's been that way ever since. A world's speed record was set by that fearless race car driver, Fred Marriott. Fred drove a Stanley Steamer to a record speed of 127 miles per hour!!! President Roosevelt gave his presidential approval of the use of a White Steamer. Maxwell was using a 12 cylinder race engine in 1906.

One of the most meteorically successful one-cylinder cars was the little Brush. Earl's

runabout is displayed at the Cabriolet Restaurant in Libertyville. Earl has owned this car for several years.

There are many interesting points about this car, from its wooden axles to its one-cylinder engine that you crank counterclockwise. Horsepower is a mere 6. Speed of the car is about 20 to 25 miles per hour. Because of this daredevil speed, the company had a compensating brake mechanism for making quick turns on a slippery pavement. One wonders as to how much slippery pavement there was in 1906.

Construction of the body was a simple piano box type and weight of the car was 800 pounds. The car was built and designed by Alanson P. Brush, who was designer of the one-cylinder Cadillac, which fact helped sell the Brush.

The car has a gear-less type of transmission with eight forward speeds. Friction tension is used. We mentioned the use of a wooden axle. This is possibly what is most remembered about the Brush today - solid white ash was used.

Cost of Earl's car was \$550 new. The pneumatic tires cost \$50 extra. The Brush Company lasted until 1913 when the little one-cylinder engine just couldn't compete with Henry's four cylinder Model T Ford.

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Ad for 1906 Brush from Sidelights

Editor's Note: Got these additional 1906 prices from the AACA website: bacon 20¢/lb., butter 30¢/lb., bread 50¢/loaf, milk 7¢/quart, gas 6¢/gallon, stamp 2¢, new car (average cost) \$500, new home (median price) \$4,500 and average yearly income \$879.

In for Repairs



Received the following message from Cheri through Darlene Sobczyk:

Dear Friends,

Thank you all for all the cards, they really cheered me up, I look at them every day, thank you for the well wishes and calls.

I am doing well with this stroke, but it will be a long journey for a few years. I will be going home on Christmas eve and will answer your emails then. I will have in-home therapy for a while, then going to RIC out patient therapy in Wheeling for a while.

Merry Christmas to all of you and thank you again.

Hugs
Cheri

Editor's Note: I talked to Cheri on New Year's Day. Although she is in good spirits she is fighting a long battle against the effects of this stroke. Please continue to send cards and letters.

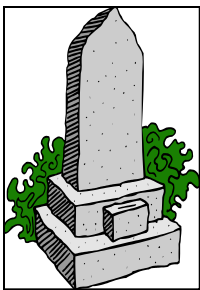
In Memoriam:

JANET KUHN

Janet H. Kuhn, age 92, beloved wife of 68 years to the late Philip. Loving mother of Illinois Region members Phil Kuhn III, and Charlie (Susan) Kuhn and four siblings. Proud grandma of fourteen grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Janet was born on January 12, 1925 and passed away on Wednesday, December 13, 2017. She and Phil were long time members of the Waukegan-North Shore Chapter.

A visitation will be held on Friday January 12, 2018 9:00 am until time of funeral mass 10:00 am at Immaculate Conception Church, 770 Deerfield Rd., Highland Park, IL. Inurnment will be at All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL.



From the kitchen of:

Debbie Smithe



BOHEMIAN FRUIT SQUARES

1 1/2 c. sugar
1 c. butter
4 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
2 c. flour
1 can pie filling
(cherry, apple,
etc.)



Mix ingredients together (except pie filling) and spread into an ungreased jelly roll pan.

With a knife lightly mark the batter into 24 squares. Then put a tablespoon of fruit in the center of each square.

Bake at 350° for 40 minutes. Cool completely, cut, sprinkle with powdered sugar and enjoy.

Happy New Year!





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		
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2018 ILLINOIS REGION RENEWAL FORM



❖ Dear Region Members:

❖ **It is now time to renew your Illinois Region dues.** You must be a **PAID MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL** to belong to the Illinois Region. Please check inside the wrapper of the *AACA Antique Automobile* (Sept/Oct) magazine for the NATIONAL RENEWAL NOTICE.

Since this information is used to compile the *ILLINOIS REGION ROSTER*, please complete this form carefully and accurately.

Please check ONE below:

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