



# SIDELIGHTS



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### SWAP MEET



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# Upcoming EVENTS

**JANUARY 9, 2016 CHRISTMAS PARTY** Silver Springs Chapter at Village Courtyard Restaurant.

**JANUARY 16, 2016 REGION Board Meeting and Annual Members Meeting** hosted by Region Board see page 8

**JANUARY 30, 2016 CHRISTMAS PARTY.** Fox Valley at Bohemian Crystal in Westmont

**APRIL 3, 2016 Region Swap Meet** at Don McCue Chevrolet

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*Chapter meetings are held the second Friday of the month September through May (excepting December ) at the Gorton Community Center 400*

**CHEVY CLUB  
SWAP MEET  
CANCELLED**



## NATIONAL NEWS

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

February 11-13, 2016  
AACA Annual Meeting  
Philadelphia, PA  
717-534-1910



March 17-19, 2016  
Winter Meet  
Naples, Marco Island Region  
Naples, Florida



April 7-10, 2016  
Southeastern Spring Meet  
Hornets Nest Region  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
704-847-4215



## NEW MEMBERS



Be sure to say hello  
to new members.

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**AACA #: /15**

*Cars: 1941 Buick Super 4 dr. sedan  
1941 Ford Super Deluxe convt.  
1946 Plymouth Super Deluxe 4 dr. sedan*

### Malek, Kenneth & Dixie

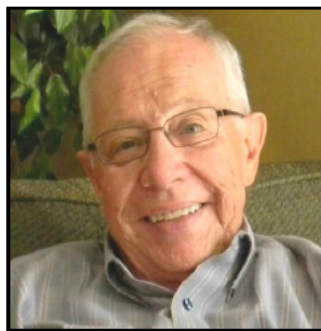
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*Cars: 1957 Studebaker Golden Hawk  
1967 Pontiac Bonneville  
1986 Lincoln Town Car  
1992 Porsche Targa C2*

# THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sitting on the patio next to the pool is a great setting for writing my last column as President of the Illinois Region. Thinking about the column brought back many memories which made it difficult to fight back a tear or two. The past three years as President have been troubling, rewarding, upsetting, gratifying, frustrating and fulfilling. That being said, the people with whom I have worked have made these three years enjoyable and "fun."



There is no better Executive Committee than the one with which I have worked . . . Ernie Hart, Vice President; Jeannette Morales, Secretary; Shirley Salm, Secretary; and Nancy Juday, Treasurer. The Standing Committee Chairs, Linda and Joe Dolezal, Membership; Pat Markert, *Sidelights* Editor; Dan Sobczyk, Webmaster; Lee Nelson, Legislation; Chris Schurrer, Archivist; and Bob Markert, Region Car Show Chair have all done outstanding work and have brought the Region to the point where it cannot only boast about being the "oldest" but also one of the best.

As is often the case, it was my privilege to have three excellent "behind the scenes" advisors. Past Presidents, Warren Lauridsen, Jim Manz and Art Swanson were always willing to spend time with me, share Region history and offer valued advice.

When asked to provide his take on the Phoenix Region, AACA Executive Secretary Steve Moskowitz's response was simply, "Don, they need you." In spite of Steve's response and what it may mean, Nancy and I are looking forward to our move to the Phoenix area, Sun City to be exact.

What we are not looking forward to is leaving the friends we have made at the Illinois Region. We already have friends in Sun City and there are several transplanted Region members in the area. But the people who sponsored our club membership aren't there; the couple who encouraged us to become active in Board activities isn't there; the people who spent most of their day helping Nancy and me when, while on a Region Tour, the Daytona



# FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK . . .



Whew! Another Christmas is in the history books. The ham has been eaten, the eggnog has been drunk, the carols have been sung and the stockings have been emptied. Oh yes, and the presents have been opened.

I was watching my grandson open his gifts. He is 2 and this is the first year he has really "gotten into" the whole Christmas thing. He had a huge pile of gifts that basically broke down into 3 categories—#1 cars, #2 trucks and, just for variety, #3 trains. Is this how car lovers are made? Do we push little boys into loving vehicles? Hmm.

Then I remembered an incident that happened when Mason was about 6 months old. He had just learned to crawl and was enjoying his freedom. Bob and I were babysitting and here was baby Mason heading into the toy closet - a toy closet filled with GIRL TOYS. After all I had two granddaughters.

Into the closet Mason crawled and I heard crashing and smashing and happy sounds. Out of the closet came a triumphant, smiling little boy with the ONE AND ONLY CAR in that closet.

Maybe car lovers are born that way.

Bob and I both hope you have a HAPPY AND (ESPECIALLY) HEALTHY NEW YEAR.



*Pat*

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broke down in the middle of downtown Lake Geneva aren't there; the couple we rely on when we need to "just talk" isn't there, and the "Darling" couple isn't there. All of them are here. All of them are Illinois Region members. All of them helped put the "fun" into our Region membership. We can only hope that we will find as much fun and as many friends in Arizona. Thank you all! Come and visit!

*Don*



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## ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING



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### Jean Roche Makes Illinois Region History



Herb Oakes, Vice-President of Class Judging, presents Jean with her Senior Master Judging award for accumulating more than 25 judging points.

On October 10, 2015 at the AACA Hershey Meet Jean Roche received her Senior Master Judging Award for obtaining more than 25 judging points. Jean is the first female to achieve this award in the Illinois Region.

Jean and her husband, Tom, believe that if you really want to understand and appreciate cars, you should learn to judge them. "I have to admit I do enjoy it," says Jean. "I have judged and seen some magnificent cars and the friendships that have developed with some of the other judges who have been so helpful in teaching me the finer points of judging are treasured memories. I would strongly encourage other women to try it."

Congratulations to Jean!



# A YEAR IN PICTURES

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## SPRING TOUR





# YEAR IN PICTURES continued CAR SHOW





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## FALL TOUR

